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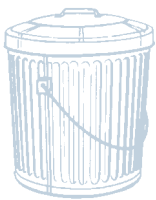
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Fall 2004

2005 Holiday Trash Schedule

HOLIDAY	TRASH PICKUP DATES
Monday, May 30th	Tuesday, May 31st and Friday, June 3rd*
Monday, July 4th	Tuesday, July 5th and Friday, July 8th*
Monday, Sept. 5th	Tuesday, Sept. 6th and Friday, Sept. 9th
Thursday, Nov. 24th	Friday, Nov. 25th

* Friday, June 3rd and Friday, July 8th are also bulk trash pickup dates.



The West Goshen Board of Supervisors is committed to providing residents with affordable, convenient, timely trash pickup.

In West Goshen Township, residential trash is picked up on Mondays and Thursdays.

Since 2003, West Goshen Township has instituted residential trash pickup on the day after a Monday or Thursday holiday. That is to say, when a holiday falls on a Monday, (such as Memorial Day or Labor Day) trash would be picked up on Tuesday. Likewise, for a Thursday holiday, such as Thanksgiving, trash would be picked up on Friday.

To make up for the shortened work week and ensure timely trash pickup when a Township holiday falls on a

Monday, West Goshen Township will begin collecting residential garbage on Tuesday and Friday of each week with a Monday holiday beginning in 2005. Save this handy guide to keep track of your 2005 holiday trash schedule.

Holiday pickups will be posted on the Township's website, www.westgoshen.org.

As always, a maximum of four 32 gallon cans or its equivalent in trash bags will be picked up. Place your garbage curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before.

More trash and recycling information is available in the Waste and Recycling Guide inside. ★

Attention All Businesses

This fall, West Goshen businesses will receive "A Good Housekeeping Guide to Help Businesses Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution," a publication by the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary. Further stormwater information can be obtained at www.DelawareEstuary.org, www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater, or by calling the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary at 1-800-445-4935, or by contacting West Goshen Stormwater Inspector John Beswick at 610-696-5266. Look for stormwater best management practices in future West Goshen Township Newsletters!



West Goshen Residents Can Now Recycle Corrugated Cardboard! See page 5 for details.

township information

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*Non-profit group assisting the Park and
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TOWNSHIP PARKS

Barker Park

Falcon Lane by Westtown Way

Coopersmith Park

Spring Lane, off West Chester Pike

Hallowell Park

404 North Five Points Road

West Goshen Community Park

Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads

Legal Briefs

■ West Goshen Township will be considering amendments to its Sign Ordinance, including but not limited to definitions and regulations for balloons, banners, billboards, flags, freestanding signs, real estate signs, etc. Before you erect ANY SIGN, call the Township to see if a sign permit is required.

■ If you are selling your personal vehicle, you may post a "For Sale" sign on the property and/or vehicle on your property. If the vehicle is being sold on property you do not own, the vehicle may be towed by the Township after 24 hours.

■ West Goshen Township prohibits the burning of leaves. We suggest that you mulch the leaves as you mow or bag them for leaf pickup. Burning of limbs and twigs is permitted between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM in an enclosed container with someone in attendance with a hose. Any smoldering from the fire must be extinguished by 4:00 PM.

■ Commercial vehicles over 8,000 pounds or over 18 feet in length may not be stored on residential property in West Goshen.

"Legal Briefs" are compiled by Zoning Officer Nancy Rodgers who will be retiring this fall after 23 years of service to West Goshen Township! ★

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

Is holiday shopping overwhelming you? Are you having a hard time getting that ho-ho-ho feeling? Are you looking to take a break to enjoy the holidays?

West Goshen Township offers the following opportunities to get into the fa-la-la-la spirit:

Visit by Santa, Saturday, December 11, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at West Goshen Community Park. Santa arrives by helicopter bringing special surprises for all kids courtesy of Mr. Kringle and the West Goshen Police Department. (FREE ADMISSION)

Holiday Decorations Workshop:

Thursday, December 16, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Design your own wreath or centerpiece to take home. (\$10 per wreath or centerpiece)

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, December 18, 9:00 to 10:30 AM at The Stadium Grille. For those who want some close-up quality time with the Big Guy. Enjoy breakfast and design your own gingerbread person. (\$5 per person)

For more information about any of these events, visit www.westgoshen.org ★

Each issue, we will bring you safety tips from West Goshen Township's own Officer Friendly, Corporal Robert Holland.

Safety Tips from Officer Friendly

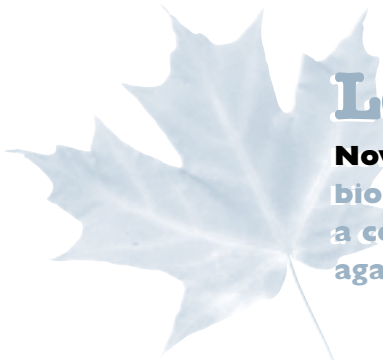
The 2004-2005 school year has started. With ever-increasing dual-income families, many children come home from school before their parents arrive from work. Make sure your children know how to keep themselves safe when home alone by reminding them of the following precautions:

- Do not talk to strangers.
- Keep the house key out of sight until arriving at home.
- Do not enter the house if something about the home looks unexpectedly different.

- Lock the door after entering the house.
- Call a parent after arriving home.
- Never tell a caller if no one else is home.

Parents are encouraged to keep a list near the telephone with the parents' work phone numbers, cellular phone numbers, phone numbers of neighbors or nearby relatives, and emergency numbers. Children should be taught to call 9-1-1 for emergency services requiring a fire truck, ambulance, or police response. ★

WASTE & RECYCLING



Leaf Pick-up Leaves will be picked up on the following Saturdays: **November 6, November 20, and December 11.** Leaves can be placed in biodegradable bags or trash cans. If using plastic bags, provide a container in which bags may be left so they could be used again. There is no limit to the number of bags. ★

West Goshen Residential Trash Pickup

This waste and recycling guide contains information about West Goshen Township's residential trash and recycling pick-up. Residential establishments with four or more units and commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments shall contract at their sole cost and expense for the collection of waste and recyclables. Such establishments may select any collector/hauler licensed by West Goshen Township. Information about recycling can be found on the following page.

BULK TRASH (1st Thursday of month): A bulk item is an item which two people can lift. Households are limited to one bulk trash item per month. Refrigerators, air conditioners, and other freon containing items must be tagged that freon has been removed. No building materials, railroad ties, automotive parts, or tires will be picked up. If unsure whether or not your bulk trash item will be collected, call the trash hauler, BFI, at 610-869-2222.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE items listed below may not be disposed of with household garbage, but may be brought to hazardous waste disposal sites which will be listed in the Spring 2005 Township Newsletter. Commercial and industrial entities are excluded from this program.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS			UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS
<u>PAINT PRODUCTS</u>	<u>OUTDOOR</u>	<u>AUTOMOTIVE</u>	Infectious/Medical Waste Explosives/Ammunition Dioxin Latex/Water Based Paints Pressurized CFAs & HCFs Commercial/Industrial Waste Unidentified Waste *Tires *Car Batteries *Used Motor Oil
Oil-Based Paints	Pool Chemicals	Grease/Rust	
Paint Thinners/Stains	Weed Killers	Fuel Additives	
Varnish/Shellac	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	
Strippers/Removers	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	
Adhesives/Solvents	Caulking Compounds	Antifreeze	
	Joint Compounds	Gasoline	
	Roof Cements	Empty Motor Oil Bottles	
<u>HOUSEHOLD</u>	<u>OTHER</u>		
Drain Openers	Gas Cylinders max. 20#s		
Rug/Wood/Metal Cleaners	Acids/Caustics/Solvents		
Mothballs/Flakes	Flammable Oxidizers		
Spot Remover	Lead/Mercury/Asbestos		
Household Batteries	Pesticides/Poisons		
Kerosene	Organic Peroxide		
Smoke Alarms	Reactive Metals		

Don't Throw Out That Christmas Tree...

Christmas trees will be accepted to be mulched at the West Goshen Municipal Complex from **January 3 through January 14.** Remove all tinsel, decorations, and plastic bags from trees. Wreaths will not be accepted. Remember—mulching your tree saves valuable landfill space and takes advantage of a natural, renewable resource. ★

*Call 610-344-6692 for recycling locations for automotive related materials or visit the Chester County web site, www.chesco.org/health/recycling.html. ★

Recycling: It's Not Just a Good Idea — It's the Law

Who must recycle?

- Students/staff of both public and private primary, secondary, and post-secondary schools
- Residents of hospitals, dormitories, and nursing homes
- Employees of institutions, public agencies, commercial entities, and industries
- Owners of restaurants, shopping centers, stores, office buildings, and factories
- Persons living in single family homes, condominiums, townhouses, or apartments

Who must have a Recycle Program?

- Commercial Properties: stores, markets, office buildings, restaurants, and shopping centers
- Industrial Properties: factories, foundries, processing plants, and warehouses
- Institutions: hospitals, nursing homes, private and public schools and universities
- Public agencies: government agencies, authorities and councils
- Multi-unit residences: apartment buildings with four or more units and condominium associations

Each owner, operator, or administrator of one of the above categories is required to provide to each occupant, employee, patron, or resident written material describing its recycling program. Written instructions should clearly describe what materials are to be recycled, how the materials are to be prepared, and how the collection system works. Collection of the recyclable materials must be provided at least once per month.

The recycling containers must be easily accessible and suitable for the type of material that is being collected. Educational facilities should provide

for separation and collection of recyclable materials in classrooms, administrative offices, cafeterias, and dormitories.

What materials must be recycled?

■ **Commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments** must provide, at a minimum, for the separation and recycling of the following materials:

- Computer paper and white bond/copier/letterhead paper
- Corrugated paper
- Aluminum, steel, and bimetallic cans

■ **Multi-unit Residences** (apartment buildings and condominiums) must provide for the separation of and recycling of at least three of the following materials:

- Clear and colored glass
- Aluminum, steel, and bimetallic cans
- #1 and #2 plastics
- Mixed paper including newspaper, junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, magazines, flattened boxes which do not come in direct contact with food, and non-corrugated cardboard.

Check with your apartment complex or condominium association to determine which materials to recycle.

■ **Single Unit Residences** must recycle, at a minimum:

- Green, brown, and clear glass
- Aluminum, steel, and bimetallic cans
- #1 and #2 plastics
- Mixed paper including newspaper, junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, magazines, and flattened boxes which do not come in direct contact with food.

Paper products must be tied or bundled in paper bags. Corrugated cardboard (optional for recycling)

West Goshen Residents Can Now Recycle Corrugated Cardboard

West Goshen's recycling service now accepts corrugated cardboard. Boxes and other corrugated items must be cut into pieces no larger than 1 foot by 1 foot. Please bundle these items for recycling.

In 2003 alone, 7.5 million tons of corrugated cardboard which could have been recycled was instead discarded into U.S. landfills. (Source: American Forestry and Paper Association) Although West Goshen residents are not required by law to recycle corrugated cardboard, they can help reduce the waste stream by separating these items for recycling. ★

must be bundled into one foot by one foot units. All other items must be placed in a West Goshen Township plastic recycle bucket or a trash can with a Township recycle sticker attached to it. Recycle stickers are free and may be obtained from the Township. If you have moved into a new construction, you may obtain a recycle bucket at no cost at the Township Administration Building. Twenty gallon recycling buckets may also be purchased for \$6 each from the Township. Mark each bucket with your street and house number. Place at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before. Residential recycling is collected on Mondays, or the following Tuesday if Monday is a holiday.

For more information on the recycling requirements, contact 610-696-5266, ext. 4304 or twp@westgoshen.org. ★

Pumpkins Galore and Much, Much More

Children who complete the puzzle below and bring it to the Harvest Festival will receive a special prize.

West Goshen's annual Harvest Festival takes place at Coopersmith Park on Sunday, October 24 between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. The Harvest Festival is FREE OF CHARGE and is limited to residents of West Goshen Township. Preregister at www.westgoshe.org. Guests are encouraged to bring a donation for Chester County Cares in the form of soap, diapers, toilet paper, feminine products, toothpaste, or shampoo. This event occurs rain or shine.



Fire Safety Tips from Fire Marshal Ralph Brown

Remember before the weather gets colder to have your fireplace and chimney cleaned. Soot buildup in the chimney can create a severe fire hazard.

The Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township wishes to thank Ralph Brown, who will retire this fall after 25 years of service as the Township's Fire Marshal! ★

- 1) Children and parents can take a _____ through the woods to the pumpkin patch.
- 2) There will be _____ and hot chocolate for everyone to drink.
- 3) This event is FREE OF CHARGE to all _____ of West Goshen Township.
- 4) In the pumpkin patch, children can choose their favorite pumpkin fresh off the _____.
- 5) A musical group will _____ you while you wait in line for the hayride.
- 6) Bring your old clothes, stuff them with straw (supplied at the event), and enter the _____-making contest.
- 7) The adult and child who come closest to guessing the weight of the largest pumpkin in West Goshen _____ will win a prize.

Clues on back cover. ★

Bus Trips DON'T MISS OUT!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department still has space remaining for the following fall bus trips:

Saturday, November 6: Lancaster. Visit Lancaster's outlet centers and get a jump on your holiday shopping. Conclude the day with a buffet dinner at Miller's Restaurant. \$45 per person includes round-trip transportation, dinner, and tips.

Saturday, December 11: Longwood Gardens. Enjoy the most elegant holiday tradition in Chester County! Have dinner at Longwood's Terrace Restaurant, then see Longwood Gardens decorated in lights for the holiday. \$60 per person includes round-trip transportation, dinner, admission, and tips.

Saturday, December 18: New York City. Shopping? Sightseeing? Dining? You decide, as you spend an afternoon on your own in New York City. \$25 per person includes round-trip transportation, a map of New York City, and driver tip. ★

View the Eclipse at West Goshen Community Park

Join the Chester County Astronomical Society at West Goshen Community Park on Wednesday, October 27 to see the total lunar eclipse.

A lunar eclipse occurs when the moon passes directly behind the Earth relative to the sun, causing the moon to be dimmed by Earth's shadow.

A full moon will be visible in the early evening on October 27. As our planet's shadow creeps across the surface of the moon, the full moon will appear to shrink into a crescent. The period of time when the moon is completely covered by the Earth's

shadow is the total lunar eclipse. During this time, the moon appears as a dark reddish-brown color. Unlike solar eclipses, in which the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, lunar eclipses are completely safe to watch with the naked eye.

The last total lunar eclipse visible in the northeastern United States occurred on November 9, 2003. The next total lunar eclipse will be visible at moonrise (nightfall) on March 3, 2007. The next total lunar eclipse visible through all its phases will occur in this area on August 28, 2007.

The Astronomical Society will set up telescopes for an 8:30 PM sky-viewing. The total lunar eclipse begins at

9:14 PM. Everyone is invited to come to this free viewing. Members of the Astronomical Society will be on hand to answer any questions related to the eclipse or to any other aspect of sky-gazing.

The public viewing at Community Park would be cancelled in the event of rain or heavy cloud cover. For more information, visit www.westgoshen.org or call the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★

BONUS MOVIE ADDED

SPIDER-MAN 2

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department has added **Spiderman 2** to its fall movie lineup. This movie will be shown on Saturday, October 23 at 7:00 PM on the big screen at West Goshen Community Park (N. Five Points and Fern Hill Roads). Please note that this movie is rated PG-13; it may not be appropriate for children under 13. Like all of the films featured in the West Goshen Fall Movie Series, this movie is FREE OF CHARGE. Guests are encouraged to bring a dry good item such as soap, deodorant, diapers, etc. for Chester County Cares.

In the event of rain, excessive wind, or unseasonably cold weather, movies may be moved to the West Goshen Township Administration Building (Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road). Indoor seating is limited, so come early. To check on the location determination, visit www.westgoshen.org or call 610-696-5266 after 5:00 PM on the date of the movie. ★

Harry Potter Don't forget
—Harry
Potter and
the Prisoner of Azkaban will
be shown at West Goshen
Community Park at 7:00 PM on
Saturday, October 16.

*Saturday,
October 23
at 7:00 PM*

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Happy Halloween!

West Goshen Township does not set the date and hours of trick-or-treating. Please use your discretion with regard to this activity.

Township offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 and on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31. In addition, Township offices will close at noon on Thursday, December 23.

There will be no trash pickup on Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 25). Trash will be picked up the next day: Friday, November 26.

Bulk Trash pick-up dates are November 4, December 2, and January 6.

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PUBLIC TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

	Board of Supervisors	Park and Recreation	Planning Commission	Sewer Authority	Zoning Hearing
	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:00 PM
November	10 and 17	17	18	10	11
December	8	none	16	8	9
January	12 and 26	19	20	12	13

All meetings are held in the Township Administration Building except the Sewer Authority, which meets at the Sewer Treatment Plant at 848 South Concord Road. There is a public comment period at each meeting. Additional Zoning Hearing Board Meetings may be added as needed. Check www.westgoshen.org for updates.