

# WEST GOSHEN



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## Harvest Festival Moves to Community Park



West Goshen's Harvest Festival will move to West Goshen Community Park (Fern Hill and N. Five Points Roads) on Saturday, October 29th, between 2:00 and 4:00 PM.

The annual celebration features a hayride to a pumpkin patch, seasonal snacks and beverages, children's music by members of "Makin' Music", and prizes for the adult and child who come closest to guessing the weight of the Township's largest pumpkin. Join the fun of the scarecrow-making contest—you provide the clothes, we'll provide the straw.

As always, the Harvest Festival is **FREE OF CHARGE** and is limited to residents of West Goshen Township. Preregister at [www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Harvest\\_Festival/harvest\\_festival.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Harvest_Festival/harvest_festival.html). Guests are encouraged to bring a dry good donation of soap, diapers, toilet paper, laundry detergent, toothpaste, or shampoo for Chester County Cares. The Harvest Festival will be held in rain or shine conditions. ★

### Supervisors Approve Cable Competition in West Goshen, Ban Smoking in Township Parks

At their August 9, 2006 public meeting, the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to approve Ordinance 10-2006, which amends the West Goshen Township Code's Chapter 57, entitled "Park and Recreation Areas." The ordinance **bans smoking** in all Township parks, and formally adopts the skatepark and dogpark rules as spelled out in the Summer 2006 issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter.



Skatepark and dogpark rules are available on the West Goshen website at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org).

The West Goshen Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a cable franchise agreement with Verizon at their June 28, 2006 public meeting, making West Goshen the first municipality to approve cable competition.

The ten year agreement with an automatic five year renewal provides for a 5% franchise fee to be paid to the Township. Terms of the agreement were negotiated with Verizon through the West Chester Area Council of Governments.

Verizon will join Comcast as cable connection providers in West Goshen Township. Verizon cable service should be ready to West Goshen residents in early 2007. ★



# SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

## The following plans have been approved for development:

- 17,576 square foot addition to the Scott Honda Dealership building located at 706 Autopark Blvd.
- Shopping center improvements including landscaping, parking, and reconfiguration of space currently occupied by the Downingtown National Bank for the West Goshen Town Center at 1115 West Chester Pike.

## The following plans are currently in the review process:

- Two lot subdivision at the intersection of Maple Lane and Westtown Road
- A land development for a 24,000 square foot auto dealership building to be located at 312, 318, and 439 Westtown Road. ★

## township information

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

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Police 911 or 610.696.7400  
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police@westgoshe.org  
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### SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

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### THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets quarterly  
Lee McFadden, *President*  
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### AUDITORS

Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Chairman*  
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William R. Keenan

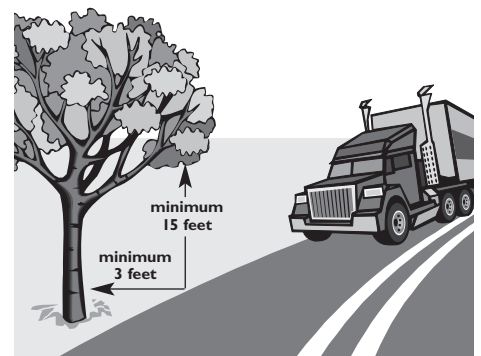
### TOWNSHIP PARKS

Barker Park  
Falcon Lane by Westtown Way  
Coopersmith Park  
Spring Lane, off West Chester Pike  
Hallowell Park  
404 North Five Points Road  
Lambert Park  
1145 Pottstown Pike  
West Goshen Community Park  
Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads

## Help Keep Our Roads Safe

West Goshen Township employees will continue to survey roadways this fall and winter to identify trees and bushes posing traffic hazards. The Township will send notices to property owners whose trees or bushes project onto the roadway.

Property owners are responsible for maintaining their trees and shrubs that may impede with roadways. Trees and bushes must be trimmed back from the edge of the roadway or curb to a minimum of three feet, and at least fifteen feet above the roadway surface to allow for safe passage of vehicles and to improve visibility along the roadways.

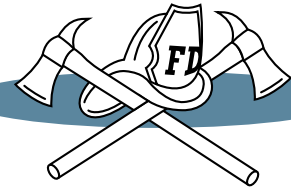


Obstructions by trees and bushes may cause large vehicles such as fire engines, school buses, delivery vehicles, and some sport utility vehicles to travel closer to the center of the roadway, creating an unnecessary hazard to everyone traveling our Township's roadways. ★

# Have a Happy and Safe Halloween

West Goshen does not designate a Halloween celebration date for children residing in the Township. Residents are encouraged to use their discretion about the date and time for trick-or-treating, and to keep their children safe by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Walk; don't run.
- Avoid any mask that obstructs a child's view.
- Choose flame-retardant costumes and accessories.
- Approach only houses that are well lit.
- Stay in a familiar neighborhood.
- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries or a glow stick while trick-or-treating.
- Avoid costumes that can not be seen by drivers at night. Reflective tape helps make costumes more visible.
- Make sure costumes do not pose a tripping hazard. High heels, floppy shoes, and long dresses should be avoided.
- An adult should always accompany young children. Older children should not go outside alone.
- Do not eat any treats until a parent or guardian inspects them.
- Carry a reflective bag for treats.



## Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

### Microwave Safety

The microwave oven is now an essential part of most kitchens. When properly used, the microwave oven is safe and convenient for heating a variety of foods in a short time, but the microwave can cause serious scald burns and fire if it is used improperly or unsafely.

Here are some safety tips to follow:

- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Be sure everyone in the home is aware of the risks associated with using a microwave.
- Food will be very hot when removed from the oven, so use oven pads and be careful.
- If the food is covered during cooking, make sure to leave a small portion vented, or uncovered, so steam doesn't build up and burn you when the covering is removed.
- Don't operate the oven while it is empty. This can cause arcing and start a fire.
- Never place metal items such as aluminum foil, steel or aluminum containers, utensils, or wire ties in the microwave. It can damage the oven and cause arcing and start a fire.
- If something in your microwave catches on fire, don't open it or throw water on it. Hit the stop button, unplug it quickly, and call 911. Never use your microwave after a fire. ★

## Public Township Meetings

**Board of Supervisors** (4:00 PM, second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except where otherwise noted):

October 25; November 8 and 15; December 13; January 10 and 24.

The Board of Supervisors will hold the Annual Township Organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 5:00 PM. The Board of Supervisors will only meet once in the month of December.

**Park and Recreation Board**

(7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month, except December):

October 18; November 15; January 17.

**Planning Commission**

(7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month):

October 17; November 14; December 19; January 16.

**Sewer Authority**

(7:30 PM, second Wednesday of each month):

October 11; November 8; December 13; January 10.

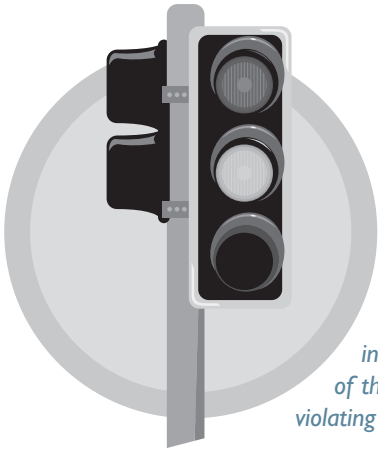
**Zoning Hearing Board** (7:00 PM, Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, unless otherwise advertised):

October 12; November 9; December 14; January 11.

All meetings are held in the Township Administration building except the Sewer Authority, which is conducted 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.westgoshe.org](http://www.westgoshe.org) for updates.

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# ROAD RULES



*In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code that may inform readers on the requirements of these sections and the penalties for violating these sections.*

Stopping at a red light and proceeding on green is one of the most basic principles of traffic safety, taught to children at an early age. Section 3112 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code details specific rules for vehicular and pedestrian traffic at intersections with signals.

In all cases, pedestrians legally crossing as indicated by a steady green light or a pedestrian signal have the right of way in a designated crosswalk over vehicular traffic. Vehicles turning onto a roadway must wait until pedestrians have crossed before proceeding.

Vehicles must stop at a red light at the designated white

stripe, or, if such a stripe is not present, before entering the intersection. Drivers wishing to turn right on red may do so only after coming to a complete stop, and after ceding right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection. Drivers may turn left on red when on a one-way street and turning onto another one-way street. Again, these drivers must cede right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic on the street after coming to a complete stop.

Pedestrians may only enter a signaled crosswalk during a green light, or when the pedestrian signal indicates it is safe to walk.

In locations with traffic signals other than intersections (such as a construction zone), drivers at a red light must stop at the spot indicated by a stripe on the road, a sign, or at the signal itself when a stripe or sign are not present.

If a traffic signal has a flashing yellow or green light, drivers may advance into the intersection with caution. If a traffic signal is flashing red or is not lighted, drivers must stop in the same manner as a stop sign. ★

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## Honoring Our Veterans

The private road adjacent to VFW Post #106 will be renamed “Veterans Way” at a dedication ceremony on Friday, November 10, 2006 at 11:00 AM. The ceremony will feature a sign unveiling, refreshments at the VFW Post, and an address by keynote speaker Carol Aichele, Chester County Commissioner and proud wife and mother of naval veterans. Members of the public are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Senya D. Isayeff at 610-701-9000.

The dedication of “Veterans Way” is part of a larger effort to enhance Lincoln Avenue west of Turner Lane. Other improvements in the vicinity of VFW Post #106 include the addition of new flags, lights, and landscaping. ★

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## Stormwater is Everybody’s Business

Stormwater picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, manure, and other pollutants as it flows over surfaces such as driveways, roads, and lawns. Without proper stormwater management, this polluted runoff flows untreated into our streams, rivers and wetlands. Polluted stormwater runoff is the greatest threat to clean water for drinking, swimming, fishing, canoeing and boating, and wildlife.

Residents, municipalities, businesses, and developers need to work together to prevent stormwater pollution. You can do your part by adopting healthy outside habits.

- Pick up pet waste. Left on the ground, pet waste increases public health risk by washing bacteria into the nearest storm drain and stream.
- Wash your car on the lawn so the water will infiltrate into the ground

keeping dirty, soapy water out of the storm drain and stream.

- Repair oil or engine coolant leaks and dispose of used auto fluids at a local repair shop. For a location of authorized dropoff sites, call the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 610-273-3771.
- If you have a swimming pool, drain the pool only when a test kit indicates no chlorine levels, and properly store pool chemicals to prevent leaks and spills.
- Keep storm drains near your property clear of debris and litter. Avoid clogging storm drains by making sure not to blow grass clippings or leaves into the street.

For more information, contact the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association at 610-892-8731. ★



**T**his waste and recycling guide contains information about West Goshen Township's residential trash and recycling pickup. 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.

Each owner, operator, or administrator of a property which is required to contract with a recycling service

must also 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.

The recycling containers must be easily accessible and suitable for the type of material that is being collected. Educational facilities must provide for separation and collection of recyclable materials in classrooms, administrative offices, cafeterias, and dormitories.



# West Goshen Recycles!

Recycling is not only good for the environment by reducing solid wastes, but it also makes economic sense by removing the cost to landfill these materials. Recycling is easy when you know the rules!

## RECYCLING REQUIRED BY:

- Students and 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 industry
- Owners of restaurants, shopping centers, stores, office buildings, and factories
- Persons living in single family homes, condominiums, townhouses, or apartments

## RECYCLING PROGRAMS REQUIRED FOR:

**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 mentioned 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. The owner, operator, or administrator must provide for collection of the recyclable materials 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 must provide for separation and collection of recyclable materials in classrooms, administrative offices, cafeterias, and dormitories.

## MATERIALS TO 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 four 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, flattened boxes which do not come in direct contact with food, and non-corrugated cardboard

For more information on recycling requirements, contact 610-696-5266, ext. 4304 or [twp@westgoshen.org](mailto:twp@westgoshen.org). ★

# Residential Trash Service

**Trash (Mondays/Thursdays):** Maximum of four 32 gallon cans per pick-up or its equivalent in trash bags. Place at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before.

**Recyclables (Mondays):** There is no maximum limit. Paper products must be tied or bundled in paper bags. Corrugated cardboard must be cut into pieces no larger than one foot by one foot, and bundled together in stacks no thicker than one foot. Other items must be placed in a West Goshen Township plastic recycling bucket or a trash can with a Township recycling sticker affixed to it. Recycling stickers are free and may be obtained from the Township. If you have moved into new construction, you may obtain a recycling bucket at no cost at the Township Administration Building. Twenty gallon recycling buckets are available for purchase (\$7 each) at the Township Administration Building. Mark each bucket with your street and house number. Place at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before.

For a detailed list of recycling requirements for commercial, municipal, and institutional establishments or for multi-unit or single-unit residences, please see the article on page 5.

**Bulk Trash (Thursdays):** A bulk item is an object which two people can lift. 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, Allied Waste, at 610-869-2222.

**Leaf Pick-up:** Leaves will be picked up on the following Saturdays: November 11th, December 2nd, and December 16th. Leaves should be placed in biodegradable bags or trash cans. If using plastic bags, provide a container in which the bags may be left. Trash hauler will not rip open untied bags. Therefore, they could be used again. There is no limit to the number of bags.

Leaves may not be burned, raked into streets, or deposited onto stream beds.

**No Trash Service:** If a collection day for regular trash, recycling, or bulk pickup falls on a holiday, collection will occur on **the very next day**. If the holiday falls on a Monday, the second pickup that week will also be postponed to the following Friday. Midweek holidays may affect the regularly scheduled Thursday trash collection.

## Residential Household Hazardous Waste

**Materials:** Commercial and industrial entities are excluded from this program. The following materials may be taken to Household Hazardous Waste dropoff sites:

### ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

#### PAINT PRODUCTS

Oil-Based Paints  
Turpentine/Thinners  
Stains/Varnish/Shellac  
Strippers/Removers  
Adhesives/Solvents

#### HOUSEHOLD

Drain Openers  
Rug/Wood/Metal Cleaners  
Mothballs/Flakes  
Spot Remover  
Household Batteries  
Kerosene  
Smoke Alarms  
Toilet Bowl Cleaners  
Adhesives/Solvents

#### OTHER

Acids/Caustics/Solvents  
Flammables/Oxidizers  
Lead/Mercury  
Pesticides  
Organic Peroxide  
Reactive Metals  
Gas Cylinders max. 20#s

#### AUTOMOTIVE

Grease/Rust Solvents  
Fuel Additives  
Carburetor Cleaners  
Transmission/Brake Fluid  
Antifreeze  
Gasoline

#### OUTDOOR

Pool Chemicals  
Weed Killers  
Septic Tank Degreasers  
Asphalt Sealers  
Caulking Compounds  
Joint Compounds  
Roof Cements

Check back in the Spring 2007 Issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter for 2007 household hazardous waste dropoff dates and locations.

### UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Infectious/Medical Waste  
Explosives/Ammunition  
Dioxin  
Latex/Water Based Paints  
Pressurized CFAs & HCFs  
Commercial/Industrial Waste

Radioactive Waste  
Unidentified Waste  
Appliances  
\*Tires  
\*Car Batteries  
\*Used Motor Oil

\*Call 610-344-6692 for recycling locations for automotive related materials or visit the Chester County web site, [www.chesco.org/health/recycling.html](http://www.chesco.org/health/recycling.html)

*"Part of Our Community" highlights local businesses, organizations, and people who make a difference in the community. "Serving with Honor" profiles military personnel from West Goshen Township serving at home or overseas. To submit ideas for these columns, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).*



## Part of Our Community

West Goshen resident Elinor Z. Taylor will retire this fall after serving in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for nearly thirty years.

The family of the former Elinor Zimmerman moved to the West Chester area in 1925, when Elinor was just four years old. Her education included attending West Chester Senior (now Henderson) High School and graduating from West Chester State Teachers College (now West Chester University). She taught for three years at Ridley Park High School before returning to West Chester Senior High School to teach.

From 1956 through 1976, Mrs. Taylor served a variety of roles at West Chester State College, including Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education, Assistant



Dean of Women, Dean of Student Services, and Dean of Administration. She once claimed, "Nothing qualified me more for politics than the politics on a local college campus."

Mrs. Taylor first ran for elected office in 1974, when she became the first woman ever elected to the West Chester Borough Council. She served on the council until 1978.

In 1977, Taylor ran for, and won, a seat in Pennsylvania's 156th Legislative District, representing West Chester Borough, West Goshen Township, East Goshen Township, Easttown Township, Willistown Township, and Malvern Borough. (Due to redistricting, the District's borders have changed over the years to its present inclusion of West Chester Borough, West Goshen Township, East Goshen Township, and southern East Bradford Township.)

During her nearly thirty years in Harrisburg, Representative Taylor has become known for her advocacy of education. She has chaired the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and

the Tuition Account Program Advisory Board. She serves on the West Chester University Council of Trustees, is a member of the University's Act 101-Academic Development Council, and works on the Board of Directors for the West Chester University Foundation. She has also served on boards and committees for numerous educational institutions, including Bishop Shanahan High School, Immaculata College, the Chester County Educational Foundation, the American Association of University Women, the West Chester Area School District, and the Henderson High School Hall of Fame. In recognition of Representative Taylor's devotion to higher education, the Pennsylvania Legislature voted in 2003 to name the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency office building in her honor.

Other causes championed by Representative Taylor in recent legislative sessions include funding childhood immunizations, making laws stronger to facilitate organ donation, setting safety standards for tanning facilities, and providing financial aid for nursing students to address the state's shortage of qualified nurses.

Elinor Taylor has established a visible community presence throughout her district. She can be seen at numerous ribbon-cutting ceremonies, parades, and public events. Her annual Senior Expo brings together nearly 500 senior members of the community with over 75 service providers. Her Children's Expo draws 200-300 people and 75-80 service providers. And on November 9, 2005, she hosted a luncheon for World War II veterans, welcoming 100 Chester County residents who served in the great war.

Her nearly thirty years in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives makes Elinor Taylor the third most senior member of the House and the longest tenured female representative in state history. When Elinor Taylor entered the State Legislature in 1978, there were only 9 female representatives, compared with 25 today.

Elinor Z. Taylor will retire from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on November 30, 2006, the final day of the current legislative session. She is currently writing a book about her life experiences, and plans to write another book about great women. She will also spend more time with her family. ★



## Serving with Honor

Airman Apprentice Michael Miceli couldn't wait to join the Navy. According to his parents, Pam and Russ Miceli of West Goshen, Michael knew he wanted to enlist the moment in high school when he first met a recruiter



at the West Chester YMCA. After graduating from Henderson High School in 2005, Miceli fulfilled his wish, and on August 31<sup>st</sup> that year he left for nine weeks of boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois. He then spent the rest of the year honing his Airman Apprentice job skills at A School Training in Pensacola, Florida.

On January 9, 2006, Airman Apprentice Miceli left for assignment with Strike Fighter Squadron 192 in Atsugi, Japan, working with FA18 Hornet fighter jets.

He recently embarked on his second sea tour onboard the venerable aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kitty Hawk (CV 63). His responsibilities include signaling jets, performing preflights, and working watch duty. He received a commendation from his commanding officer "For outstanding performance while serving as Plane Captain Trainee in Strike Fighter Squadron ONE NINE TWO, from June to July 2006, while deployed to the Western Pacific Ocean."

Miceli's travels with the Kitty Hawk have taken him to Singapore, Australia, and Thailand.

In June, Miceli participated in Exercise Valiant Shield 2006, a multi-service war game involving three carrier strike groups, 22,000 personnel, and 280 aircraft. This represented the largest military exercise conducted by the United States in Pacific waters since the Vietnam War.

Airman Apprentice Miceli has earned his plane captain qualification, and is working towards his aviation warfare qualification. He plans to continue with the Navy after completing his four-year enlistment. ★



# Activities

## Get Into the Holiday Spirit

Get ready for the holiday season by building your own wreath or centerpiece at the Annual Holiday Decorations Workshop on Thursday, December 7th between 7:00 and 8:00 PM at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. We provide all the supplies for just \$10 per wreath or centerpiece. Register by contacting the Park and Recreation office at 610-696-5266 or via email at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org), or find out more information at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). ★

## Breakfast with Santa

Through special arrangement, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department has been able to arrange for Santa to take time from his busy schedule to join West Goshen residents for breakfast at the Stadium Grille on Turner Lane on Saturday, December 16, 2006 between 9:00 and 10:30 AM. Meet the big guy, have a hot buffet breakfast, and decorate your own gingerbread men. Cost is \$8 per person. Space is limited so sign up early by contacting the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266, or by visiting the West Goshen Township website at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). ★

The West Goshen Police Department sponsors Santa's visit to Community Park in early December. Look to [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) in November for the date, time, and additional information.

## Don't Miss These Bus Trips

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for two of its most popular trips, and for a trip to one of the most spectacular exhibits ever to visit Philadelphia!

■ **Spend a Day in the Big Apple:** Visit New York City on your own. Check out the sites, work on your holiday shopping, or take in a show. The motorcoach leaves West Goshen Community Park at 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 2nd for a dropoff at Times Square between 11:00 AM and noon. Spend the afternoon following your own agenda, and meet the bus at 6:00 PM for a return. Cost of this trip is \$29 per person and includes transportation and driver tip.

■ **Christmas Spectacular and Dinner:** Make the Rockettes part of your holiday tradition! On Monday, December 11th, see the world-renowned Radio City Music Hall

Christmas Spectacular, spend free time in New York City, and have dinner at Charley O's at Times Square. \$125 per person includes round-trip transportation, a ticket to the show, dinner, and server and driver tips.

■ **King Tut Exhibit:** Join the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 to see the King Tut exhibit as it comes to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. This exhibit will not travel to New York or Washington, making this the most sought-after ticket of the year! Cost of this trip is \$50 per person and includes transportation, a ticket to the King Tut Exhibit, access to the general exhibits at the Franklin Institute, and driver tip.

For information and registration forms for any of these trips, contact the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation office at 610-696-5266 or visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). ★

## Teen Scene Returns

West Goshen Township, the Borough of West Chester, and ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center team up again to offer 7th, 8th, and 9th graders an evening of fun on Saturday, November 18th between 6:00 and 9:30 PM. Join a night of sports, food, and entertainment including:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Use of ACAC's indoor pool
- DJ and dance floor
- Pizza party
- More games and fun!

The event will take place at ACAC's newly expanded center on McDermott Drive (off of Greenhill Road) and will be staffed by ACAC and by members of the West Goshen and West Chester Park and

Recreation Departments.

Anyone interested in attending must live in a municipality serviced by the West Chester Area School District, and **MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE**. The cost for the evening, including food and entertainment, is \$5.00 per person. West Goshen residents can register by contacting the Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or via email at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). Information and registration forms are also available at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). Completed registration forms and payments must be returned to the Park and Recreation Office by Monday, November 12, 2006. ★





# More Senior Water Walking

Due to popular request, West Goshen Township is collaborating with the ACAC Health and Fitness Center again to offer more Senior Water Walking Sessions this fall and winter. Take advantage of ACAC's heated pool, and learn low-impact water exercises with the natural resistance of water. Sign up for sessions which meet twice per week for four weeks (eight total sessions) in November, February, March, or April. The cost is \$25 per month. Space is limited to six participants per month.

All sessions begin at 1:00 PM and run until 1:45 PM.

## November 2006 sessions

Tuesday, November 7	Thursday, November 2
Tuesday, November 14	Thursday, November 9
Tuesday, November 21	Thursday, November 16
Tuesday, November 28	(No session on November 23)
	Thursday, November 30

## February 2007 sessions

Tuesday, February 6	Thursday, February 8
Tuesday, February 13	Thursday, February 15
Tuesday, February 20	Thursday, February 22
Tuesday, February 27	Thursday, March 1

## March 2007 sessions

Tuesday, March 6	Thursday, March 8
Tuesday, March 13	Thursday, March 15
Tuesday, March 20	Thursday, March 22
Tuesday, March 27	Thursday, March 29

## April 2007 sessions

Tuesday, April 3	Thursday, April 5
Tuesday, April 10	Thursday, April 12
Tuesday, April 17	Thursday, April 19
Tuesday, April 24	Thursday, April 26

Information and registration forms for the Water Walking Program are available at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) or by contacting the Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266 or via email at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). ★



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## — LEARN — COMPOSTING FROM GARDENING EXPERT MIKE McGRATH



Mike McGrath, organic gardening guru and host of National Public Radio's "You Bet Your Garden," returns to offer

advice on effective composting at the East Goshen Township Building (1580 Paoli Pike) on Sunday, October 22nd at 8:00 PM. Learn how to easily turn your fall leaves into garden gold, and how to make sure any compost you buy or get from the garden center is the best stuff.

Compost makes a much better and more attractive landscape mulch than wood chips or shredded bark, while feeding lawns and gardens, improving soil structure, and fighting plant diseases. Get tips on making your own perfect compost from leaves (with or without green kitchen waste or spent garden plants) or find out what to look for from your local garden center.

This marks McGrath's second visit to the area. He also conducted a popular workshop aimed at getting gardens off of chemicals this spring at the East Goshen Township Building.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the West Goshen, East Goshen, and Willistown Park and Recreation Departments, and costs \$5 per person. Registration information is available online at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org), or by contacting the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or via email at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). ★

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## Holiday Schedule

**Township offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, Friday, November 24th, Monday, December 25th, and Monday, January 1st. Additionally, Township offices will close at 11:30 AM on Friday, December 22nd.**

Trash and recyclables will not be collected on Thursday, November 23rd, Monday, December 25th, or Monday, January 1st. Trash will be collected on Friday, November 24th. The holiday collection schedule will be in effect during the weeks of December 25th and January 1st. Trash and recyclables will be collected on Tuesdays of those weeks. The second trash pickup, including bulk trash, will be on Friday, replacing usual Thursday pickup. ★



## Great Gift Idea

Looking for the perfect holiday gift for the skateboarder in your life? An annual membership to the skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park costs just \$50 for West Goshen residents. Your skateboarder or inline skater would have unlimited access to the skatepark at Lambert Park through December 31, 2007. For more information, contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266, or email Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).

## Put your Christmas Tree to Good Use...

*by taking it to the West Goshen Municipal Complex between December 26, 2006 through January 19, 2007. Trees will be chipped to save valuable landfill space and to take advantage of a natural, renewable resource. By reducing the number of trees removed by trash haulers, you can also help avoid excessive increases in trash hauling fees.*

*Make sure to remove all tinsel, decorations, and plastic bags from trees. Wreaths will not be accepted. ★*