

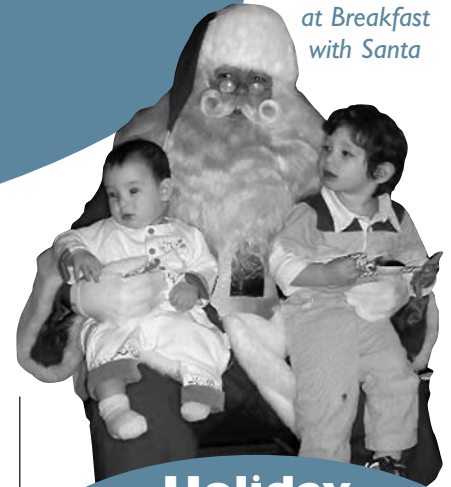
WEST GOSHEN



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*Santa and friends
at Breakfast
with Santa*



Holiday Happenings at West Goshen Township

A Message from the West Goshen Board of Supervisors

The West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors intends to keep taxes as low as possible while maintaining the services and recreational and cultural activities you, our citizens, have come to expect.

We have expanded our Summer Concert Series, maintained and expanded our Summer Recreation Program to include teens, and built a new park on Pottstown Pike honoring former longtime Supervisor Robert E. Lambert. We have expanded our bus trips to New York, Washington, and other popular destinations. West Goshen Community Park was named the best family park in the western suburbs by *Main Line Today Magazine*.

Our wastewater treatment plant has been expanded and modernized and is rated as one of the best facilities of its kind in Southeastern Pennsylvania. It is the regional sewer plant for our area, treating wastewater from East Goshen, West Whiteland, and Westtown, as well as West Goshen. Our sewer rates are the lowest in the area, despite state regulations requiring a greater purity of treated wastewater.

We are starting the last year of a five-year contract with Allied Trash Removal (formerly BFI) and do not see any increase in our waste and recycling rate at this time.



*The West Goshen Board of Supervisors:
(from left to right) Chairman Dr. Robert S. White, Member Edward G. Meakim, Jr., and Vice-Chairman Patricia B. McIlvaine*

Our outstanding Police Department under Chief Michael Carroll is still considered the best in the area, and the Board of Supervisors has given him the personnel and equipment to accomplish their mission to keep us safe.

West Goshen is almost built-out with about 750 acres of open space remaining. The Board approved several small developments of fifteen homes or less and the larger developments of

December is fast approaching, and the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department offers numerous ways to help you get into the holiday spirit!

On December 3rd, take a **bus trip to Radio City Music Hall** to see the Rockettes' Christmas Spectacular, spend free time in Manhattan, and then enjoy dinner at One Fish Two Fish. \$125 per person includes a ticket to the show, dinner, and server and driver tips. Only a limited number of seats remain for this trip.

Make your own holiday wreaths and centerpieces at the **Annual Holiday Decorations Workshop** at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Due to popular demand, a second workshop date has been added. Choose to come Wednesday, December 12th or Thursday, December 13th between 7:00 and 8:00 PM. Wreaths cost \$15 each, and centerpieces are \$10 each. We'll provide the wreaths, greens, decorations, and craft supplies.

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SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The following plans have been approved for development:

- The merging of four adjacent lots into one totaling 2.55 acres to construct a 23,400 square foot self-storage facility with five structures located at 815-821 Paoli Pike.

- Land development plan for the construction of a 4,200 square foot bank building with drive through facilities, and a 24,320 square foot office/retail/restaurant building, with 155 parking spaces located on the north side of Paoli Pike and the east side of Turner Lane. The 4.4 acre

site adjoins the West Goshen Shopping Center to the east. The existing commercial building (formerly Frank's Nursery) will be removed.

- Subdivision plan for 12 townhomes situated on the east side of North New Street, adjacent to the Route 322 West Chester Bypass and the Route 100 on-ramp to the bypass on an existing 6.40 acre parcel (901 North New Street). The proposed development to be named "The Links".
- Subdivision plan involving the creation of eight single-family residential parcels (seven in West Goshen, one in West Whiteland) from an existing 4.92 acre parcel, to be entitled "Wexford Mews".

township information

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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
Lambert Park
1145 Pottstown Pike
West Goshen Community Park
Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads

The following plans are currently in the review process:

- The Jefferson at Matlack Street – a land development plan for the creation of a 68,034 square foot apartment complex with a 24,500 square foot parking garage located at the northwest corner of the intersection of the West Chester Bypass (Route 202) and Matlack Street (current Spaz Beverage site).
- The Chester County Hospital – West Pavilion land development plan that encompasses a three lot hospital expansion.
- A residential subdivision/lot line change located at the intersection of South Five Points Road and Westtown Road.

A plan may be viewed, by request, by contacting West Goshen Township. ★

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.

School's back in session! Now is a good time to grab a #2 pencil and take the following test on Section 3345 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code regarding stopping for school buses.



- 1 What distance must drivers keep from a stopped school bus with red lights flashing?
 - a. 5 feet
 - b. 10 feet
 - c. 15 feet
 - d. 20 feet
- 2 Who must stop while a school bus has red lights flashing at an intersection?
 - a. Any drivers behind the bus
 - b. Any drivers approaching the bus
 - c. Any drivers approaching the intersection from the cross street
 - d. All of the above

- 3 When may a driver pass a school bus that has stopped with red lights flashing?
 - a. When the red lights stop flashing
 - b. When children exiting the bus have reached a place of safety from the roadway
 - c. Both of the above
 - d. Neither of the above
- 4 Typically, how far before a bus stop will the amber lights start flashing?
 - a. 25 – 50 feet
 - b. 100 – 200 feet
 - c. 150 – 300 feet
 - d. 300 – 500 feet
- 5 Amber and red lights may be used on buses loading and unloading what groups of people?
 - a. School students or disabled persons

- b. School students or prisoners
- c. School students or senior citizens
- d. School students or emergency service providers

- 6 Even if a driver is not immediately pulled over for passing a stopped school bus with red lights flashing, the bus driver may report the offending driver in what period of time?
 - a. 12 hours
 - b. 24 hours
 - c. 48 hours
 - d. 1 week
- 7 What is the fine for passing a stopped school bus with red lights flashing?
 - a. \$100
 - b. \$250
 - c. \$500
 - d. \$1,000
- 8 How long may a driver's license be suspended for passing a school bus with red lights flashing?
 - a. 7 days
 - b. 10 days
 - c. 30 days
 - d. 60 days

Answers on page 8. ★

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (4:00 PM, second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except when otherwise noted): November 14; December 12; Annual Organizational Meeting—Monday, January 7.

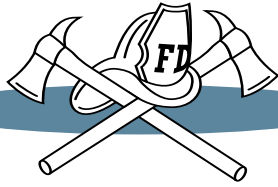
Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month, except when otherwise noted. No meeting in December.): November 14; January 16.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): November 20; December 18; January 15.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, second Wednesday of each month): November 14; December 12; January 9.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, Thursday after first Board of Supervisors' Meeting each month, unless otherwise advertised): November 15; December 13; January 10.

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.westgoshen.org for updates.



Safety Tips from Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

Extension Cord Safety

You should never use an extension cord to power an electric space heater.

Electrical appliances that generate heat or utilize a motor, such as a space heater, an air conditioner, or a refrigerator are designed to be plugged directly into an electrical outlet. If you use an extension cord for a light or other small appliance, consider the electrical extension cord as a temporary solution. While in use:

- Check the extension cord frequently for problems such as heating, fraying, exposed wires or loose plugs.
- Use only three wire extension cords for appliances with three-prong plugs.
- Don't coil or pinch the extension cord in any way.
- Don't attach the extension cord to a wall or baseboard with staples or nails.
- Don't place extension cords under rugs or where they may be crushed by furniture.
- Look for extension cords with self-closing outlets to cover unused receptacles, or with a single outlet if that is all that is required.

Eliminate the need for extension cords in your home. Have a licensed electrician install a sufficient number of electrical outlets, with the proper wiring and circuit protection, to meet your family's electrical needs.★

Keep Your Pool's Water From Damaging Streams

As part of fall maintenance, residents and property managers who drain water from swimming pools need to be aware of ways to minimize environmental impact from pool water which contains chemicals that may be harmful to the environment.

- Leave the water in the pool at least one week without chlorinating prior to draining.
- Drain the pool only when a test kit indicates no detectable chlorine levels, and a pH level between 6.5 and 7.8.
- If your pool contains algae or a black film of organic matter, collect it and flush it down the toilet.



- Pump pool water out over an open area, such as a lawn. Avoid drainage paths that may spill water onto neighbors' properties. If you do not have an open area to drain the water, hire a professional company to remove your pool water and dispose of it offsite.
- Never drain pool water directly into a stream, pond, or other body of water, or into a storm drain.
- Properly store pool chemicals to prevent leaks and spills, and follow the instructions on labels for disposal. Pool chemicals must be disposed of at a County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal. (See page 6 for more information.)

By following these simple steps, you can help ensure that your pool will not only provide months of summer fun in 2008, but will also leave minimal pollution to our precious natural water supplies. ★

Attention All Condo/Homeowners Associations in West Goshen Township

In an effort to update the Township's database the Zoning Department requests that each condo/homeowner association contact West Goshen Township to provide the name of the development that you represent and the name, address, telephone number, and email of a contact person for that development. If possible, please provide a copy of the current bylaws for the association. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Information may be mailed to the Township, or sent via email to rmckeeman@westgoshen.org. ★

Holiday Happenings at West Goshen Township

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The Park and Recreation Department has also added a second session for another popular holiday event: **Breakfast with Santa**. Now, West Goshen residents can choose to have a hot buffet breakfast with the big guy on Saturday, December 15th or Sunday, December 16th between 9:00 and 10:30 AM. Children can decorate their own gingerbread men. The cost is \$10 per person.

Preregistration is required for each of these events. For more information or registration forms, visit www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/events.html, or contact the Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org. ★

About the West Goshen Township Waste & Recycling Guide

Why does West Goshen Township keep publishing the same Waste and Recycling information in the Township Newsletter?

Pennsylvania's Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101) requires municipalities to regularly educate residents and businesses about recycling laws and services.

Is recycling required in West Goshen Township?

Recycling is mandatory for all residents, businesses, and institutions.

Does West Goshen Township provide curbside pickup?

West Goshen Township provides curbside pickup of trash and recyclables for single family homes as described in this Waste and Recycling Guide.

Who is responsible for the collection of waste and recyclables in businesses, apartments, and other institutions?

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. ★



Reduce Valuable Landfill Space, and Put that Christmas Tree to Good Use by taking it to the West Goshen Municipal Complex to be chipped between December 26, 2007 through January 20, 2008. Make sure to remove all tinsel, decorations, and plastic bags from trees. Wreaths will not be accepted. ★

Recycling Requirements in West Goshen Township

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/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.

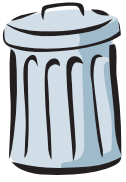
Check with your apartment complex or condominium association to determine which materials to recycle.

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

Residential Trash Service



Trash (Mondays/Thursdays): Maximum of (4) 32 gallon cans per pick-up or its equivalent in trash bags. **Place at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before. Trash will not be picked up if it is put out after the truck has arrived.**



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.

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 (\$9 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.



Leaf Pick-up: Leaves will be picked up on the following Saturdays: November 17th, December 1st, and December 15th. Leaves should be placed in biodegradable bags or trash cans. If using plastic bags, provide a container in which the bags may be left. The 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. Upcoming holiday pickup dates are listed on the back cover of this newsletter. ★

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:

Paint Products

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

Outdoor

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

Automotive

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

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

Unacceptable materials:

Infectious/Medical Waste	Pressurized CFAs & HCFSs
Appliances	Explosives/Ammunition
Commercial/Industrial Waste	*Tires
Dioxin	Radioactive Waste
*Car Batteries	Latex/Water Based Paints
Unidentified Waste	*Used Motor Oil

*Call 610-273-3771, ext. 228 for recycling locations for automotive related materials.

Check back in the Spring 2008 Issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter for 2008 household hazardous waste dropoff dates and locations. ★

“Part of Our Community” highlights local businesses, organizations, and people who make a difference in the community. To submit ideas for this column, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.



Part of Our Community

The Arc of Chester County, formally known as The Association for Retarded Children of Chester County, is dedicated to ensuring that children and adults with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities have quality of life and the help they need while meeting life's challenges.

The Arc of Chester County, one of the first local chapters of The Arc-U.S., was founded in 1952 by local parents who wanted to make lives better for their children. The Arc of Chester County moved among church basements, school buildings, an office on New Street in West Chester Borough, and the Oaklands Corporate Center in Exton, before settling in its current location next to West Goshen Community Park in 2001. The 16,500 square foot building houses a First Step classroom for children three to five years old, administrative offices to supervise 125 part-time and full-time staff members, adult recreation programs, and meeting space for employment counseling, advocacy, and group meetings.

When The Arc was founded, there were few programs and services for the special needs population they

served. The founders of The Arc defied the convention of institutionalizing people with developmental disabilities, instead advocating and working for public education and community inclusion for their children.

“The Arc of Chester County has been a premier provider of programs and services for people with disabilities in Chester County for more than 55 years,” said Diane Carey, executive director of The Arc of Chester County.



Today, The Arc of Chester County serves nearly 2,000 county residents from their facility next to Community Park. Programs and services offered include advocacy, autism services, camp programs, early intervention, educational advocacy, life skills, housing services, recreation opportunities, a fun club, TLC (Teens Linked to the Community) Club, and respite programs

for families and caregivers. The Arc strives to build better lives among its clientele by preparing individuals with the skills and support they need for community living, empowering them to reach their full potential, helping families cope with the present and plan for the future, speaking up for individual rights and speaking out for change, promoting understanding, acceptance, and inclusion for those with disabilities, offering education in the prevention of disabling conditions throughout the community, and creating opportunities for friendships to form and grow.

“We are dedicated to improving the quality of life of our most vulnerable residents,” says Carey.

The Arc of Chester County receives funding for services from the Chester County Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Chester County Intermediate Unit. Additional private funding supports improved staff/client ratio, on-site nurses, music therapy, transportation, and camp scholarships. Fundraising efforts include a phonathon, a letter campaign, Christmas card and print sales, a black tie dinner dance, and grantwriting. Anyone interested in helping The Arc of Chester County can become a member by donating \$25 or more.

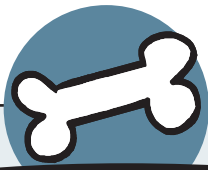
For more information about The Arc of Chester County, visit www.arcofchester-county.org, or call 610-696-8090. ★

Left: Casey the Kangaroo, mascot for The Arc of Chester County, with a friend at West Goshen Community Park

Below: An Arc of Chester County client and staff member enjoying West Goshen Community Park



The Arc of Chester County
Building better lives for people with disabilities.



ROONIE SAYS...

According to the Chester County Health Department, dog bites accounted for two-thirds of all domestic and wild animal bites in the county between 2001 and 2005. There were 31 confirmed cases of rabies in Chester County in 2006. Anyone bitten by a dog or other animal may be in danger of contracting rabies. To ensure your safety, we recommend taking the following precautions in cases of dog bites:

- Wash the area of the dog bite immediately with soap and water.
- Find out from the dog's owner if the dog is current with rabies vaccina-

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tions. If bitten, you have the right to see the dogtag or paperwork verifying vaccination information.

- Exchange contact information with the dog's owner, as you would for an automobile accident, in case you develop health problems from the dog bite or if insurance needs to follow up. Note that rabies vaccinations are not 100% effective. To ensure against rabies, a dog would have to be observed for ten days after the bite to make sure it is not displaying symptoms.
- In the event you are not able to locate the dog's owner or gather information from the dog's tags, contact your health care provider immediately. If rabies shots are necessary, time is of the essence in receiving treatment.
- Your health care provider must report any animal bites to the Chester County Health Department.

Of course, the best way to reduce your risk of contracting rabies is to reduce your risk of being bitten. Following these steps when approaching dogs or when

in the presence of dogs in a public setting will decrease the likelihood of being bitten:

- Make sure you have the dog owner's permission before approaching or touching another dog. Some dogs may be friendly in sight and voice contact with people, but are threatened by even friendly attempts to touch them.
- The unnatural motion of bicycles and skateboards can spook dogs. Avoid using these items around dogs. Strollers, bicycles, skateboards, and wagons are forbidden in Roonie's Canine Corner. Skateboarding is only permitted in the skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park, and is not allowed on the path outside the fence of the dogpark.
- Avoid running, screaming, or engaging in other behavior that may be upsetting to dogs.
- According to the Chester County Health Department, the age group most likely to be bitten by a dog is children 10 years old and younger. Make sure children are under strict supervision in the presence of dogs. Children under six years old must be within arm's reach of parents at Roonie's Canine Corner, while those six through eleven years old must be under adult supervision at all times.



Remember: In Pennsylvania, all dogs and cats over three months old are required to have current vaccination against rabies. All dogs at Roonie's Canine Corner must be vaccinated before they enter the park. A copy of the rules for Roonie's Canine Corner is available at www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Dogpark_Rules/dogpark_rules.html. More information about rabies prevention is available on the Chester County Health Department's website at <http://dsf.chesco.org/health/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=621477>.

Roonie, the West Goshen Township Westie and namesake of Roonie's Canine Corner at Robert E. Lambert Park, offers advice for dog owners and users of the dogpark in each issue of the Township Newsletter. ★

Fast Facts about the West Goshen Harvest Festival

To register online or for more information, visit www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Harvest_Festival/harvest_festival.html

- 2007 marks the tenth year of the Annual Harvest Festival.
- Prior to 1998, West Goshen Township held an annual pumpkin decorating contest at the old West Goshen Township Building.
- The first Harvest Festival in 1998 was the first West Goshen event at which donations were collected for charity. Beginning in 1999, the Park and Recreation Board has requested that participants of free Township events bring dry good items (soap, toilet paper, shampoo, diapers, deodorant, laundry detergent, etc.) for Chester County Cares.
- Each year, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department purchases over 600 pumpkins from Lancaster County farmers for the Harvest Festival.
- Beginning in 2005, the Harvest Festival was moved to West Goshen Community Park to facility parking needs of participants.
- Members of "Makin' Music" have performed at each West Goshen Harvest Festival.
- The Harvest Festival is one of only three events the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department sponsors which is restricted to residents of West Goshen Township. The other events are the Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade and Breakfast with Santa.
- Highlights of the Harvest Festival include a hayride, pumpkin patch, a scarecrow decorating contest, and snacks and beverages. All activities are FREE OF CHARGE!
- **This year's Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday, October 21st between 2:00 and 4:00 PM at West Goshen Community Park.**
- The Eagles play at 4:15 on October 21st, so you can enjoy the Harvest Festival and still make it home in time for the game! ★

Park and Recreation Department Focuses on Women's Fitness

West Goshen Township's Park and Recreation Department offers a new fitness program just for women. The nationally accredited Adventure Boot Camp will run from 6:30 AM through 7:30 AM Mondays through Fridays at West Goshen Community Park. The five-week program runs from November 5th through November 16th, then, after a week off for Thanksgiving, continues November 26th through December 14th. The cost for the program is \$300 for West Goshen residents, or \$320 for non-residents. For women who may not be able to make every session, a partial session option is available. For a cost of \$190 for West Goshen residents or \$200 for non-residents, participants can join three sessions per week of the program. For more information, visit www.westgoshen.org, or contact the Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. ★

Skatepark Hours

The skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park will be open from 4:00 PM through sunset on weekdays, and 10:00 AM through sunset on weekends and school holidays through Daylight Savings Time, which ends on Sunday, November 4th. After that time, the skatepark will close on weekdays, but remain open on weekends and school holidays from 10:00 AM through 4:00 PM, with the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas days. The skatepark may close in the event of inclement weather, wet surface, or if temperatures are below freezing. ★

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Westtown Chase and Shadeland Woods at Phoenixville Pike and Boot Road. The big one, the Jerrehian Tract consisting of 450 acres, has been given Conditional Use approval for 190 homes for age restricted (over 55) use and 348 single family homes. The project includes 114 acres for Township parkland and will afford the residents of the Township approximately \$3,000,000 worth of offsite traffic improvements.

Our Township has 90 miles of roads, and we have stepped up our repaving

program to include five miles of roads a year. You know how good the Roads Department is in removing snow. They do a great job.

The Board of Supervisors has hired a new Township Manager since the retirement of Sharon Lynn. Casey LaLonde has been on the job for six months now and he appears to have the drive, attention to detail, and great public relations that West Goshen residents have come to expect.

We believe that the six years that this Board of Supervisors—Patricia McIlvaine, Edward Meakim, Jr., and Dr. Robert S. White—has governed our Township have been very good for the quality of life for our citizens. This is one of the reasons *Money Magazine* named us the twelfth best place to live in the United States. We have kept taxes and the cost of user services as low as possible. This Board will continue to strive to make West Goshen a great place to live, at a reasonable cost. ★

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Have a Happy and Safe Halloween



West Goshen Township does not designate a Halloween celebration date for children residing in the Township. Although most residents celebrate Halloween on October 31st, the Township encourages residents with children to talk to neighbors and use discretion about the date and time for trick-or-treating, and to make sure trick-or-treaters wear costumes that are visible at night and do not impede vision or create a tripping hazard. ★

West Goshen Township offices will be closed on the following holidays:

Thanksgiving Day:	Thursday, November 22nd
Thanksgiving Friday:	Friday, November 23rd
Christmas:	Tuesday, December 25th
New Year’s Day:	Tuesday, January 1st

Trash and recyclables will be picked up on the Monday of each week. During these weeks, the second trash pickup will take place on Friday instead of Thursday. ★