

# WEST GOSHEN



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## West Goshen Township Recognized by *Money* and *Main Line Today* Magazines



West Goshen Township recently received recognition by two magazines, one national and one local, which cited the Township as an outstanding place to live and Community Park as a great place to bring the family.

*Money Magazine* listed West Goshen as the twelfth best place to live in the country in its annual listing. Among the factors cited for the ranking by the magazine are West Goshen's high quality of life, educated populace, access to health care, and proximity to cultural and educational institutions.

According to *Money Magazine*, "Within 30 miles of both Wilmington, Delaware, and Philadelphia, West Goshen is within commuting distance of two major business hubs, but far enough removed from metropolis life to offer residents peace and quiet." The magazine refers to summer concerts and the Decorated Bike Parade at Community Park as the kind of events in the Township that enhance the quality of life.

Dr. Robert S. White, Chairman of the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors, offers his own reasons why West Goshen is a great place to live.

"West Goshen has been able to provide real quality of life issues," he said. "In the last 15 years, we have provided a great deal for our residents."

The Township also benefits from being part of a thriving region.

"We have, without a doubt, the best school district in Chester County, and the County government has been above average in the services it offers for the 42 years I have lived here," said Dr. White. "We just happen to be the gem in the middle of the brooch."

Township Manager Casey LaLonde adds that West Goshen benefits from "the close proximity to the bustling neighbor of West Chester, and being so close to Wilmington and Philadelphia." He notes

that *Money Magazine* was impressed with "the friendly business atmosphere of the Township with over 600 businesses here, including the headquarters of QVC and the American Helicopter Museum."

LaLonde takes pride in West Goshen's "responsive and efficient government, the wonderful parks programs, and the real community feeling, through concerts in the park and other recreational amenities offered."

Another publication, *Main Line Today*, recognized the importance of West Goshen Community Park to the region, naming it the "Best Park for Families" in Philadelphia's western suburbs in the magazine's July 2007 issue.

According to Park and Recreation Board Chairman Jerry Napiecek, Community Park stands out for its aesthetic appeal. "I think first and foremost, it's a beautiful park from a landscaping and upkeep standpoint. I believe it's second to none. It's just gorgeous."

Napiecek also cites the variety of recreation opportunities Community Park



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# SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

## The following plans have been approved for development:

- Residential subdivision at 804 South New Street, creating one additional lot for Single Family Dwelling use.
- Henderson Sports Complex, located at Garfield & Lincoln Avenue inter-

section. This land development proposes to convert a natural turf athletic field with a synthetic turf with minor improvements.

- Land development for the construction of five office/warehouse buildings totaling 136,575 square feet. The site is located on the east

side of Hagerty Boulevard, northeast of Matlack Street in the I-2 Light Industrial District.

- Land development plan for the construction of a 90-foot telecommunications monopole tower and equipment cabinets for T-Mobile, located in the rear of Pembroke Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 1130 West Chester Pike.
- Commercial Subdivision of a 47,503 square foot office/warehouse building for deAntonio Group of Delaware, located at 1041 Andrew Drive.

## township information

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

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### WEST GOSHEN POLICE

1025 Paoli Pike, W.C., 19380  
Police 911 or 610.696.7400  
Fax 610.696.3935  
police@westgoshen.org  
Michael J. Carroll, *Chief of Police*

### SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

848 S. Concord Rd., W.C., 19382  
610.696.0900  
Fax 610.429.9360  
John M. Scott, *Sewer Plant Manager*

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Paul D. Spiegel, *Member*  
Frank J. Biasi, *Alternate*  
Kenneth W. Fuller, *Alternate*

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

*Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets quarterly*  
Lee McFadden, *President*  
Patricia Ryan Kelly, *Vice-President*  
Ryan Kelly, *Secretary*  
Megan Zug, *Treasurer*

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Louis J. Mayer, *Chairman*  
Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., *Secretary*  
William Gale, *Member*

### TAX COLLECTOR

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 Rd.*  
Lambert Park, *1145 Pottstown Pike*  
West Goshen Community Park  
Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads

## The following plan is currently in the review process:

- A 3,000 square foot building expansion and lot consolidation for property located at 1001 Pottstown Pike.

## Recent Zoning Changes

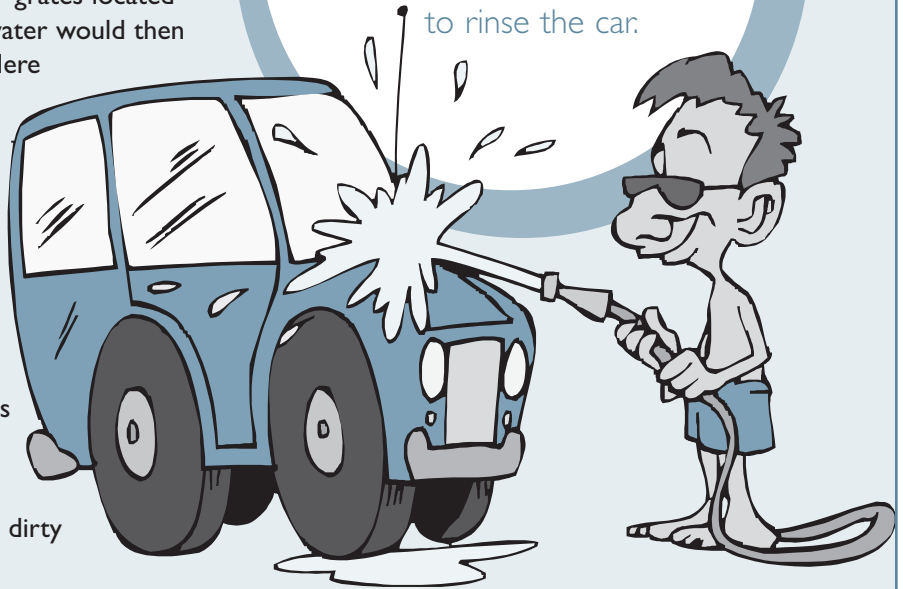
- On May 9, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance 10-07 which would amend the West Goshen Township Code, Chapter 70, titled "Streets and Sidewalks", by adding a new Article II, titled "Sidewalk Maintenance" to require owners of property abutting a sidewalk to keep the sidewalk free and clear of all obstructions including snow and ice.
- On May 23, 2007, Conditional Use approval was granted in regards to property located at 901 North New Street to develop the 6.4 acre property with twelve townhomes. The property is located in the R-3A Zoning District which permits townhomes by conditional use approval by the Board of Supervisors.

A copy of any ordinance can be obtained by contacting West Goshen Township. The West Goshen Township Code is available in its entirety at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). ★

# More Ways to Keep Our Streams Clean While Cleaning Your Car

In the Spring 2007 issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter, we advised that water from organized carwashes may not flow into stormwater inlets or sewer grates located in parking lots or other paved areas, as this water would then be fed untreated directly into our streams. Here are some other tips for washing your car while keeping our streamwaters clean:

- Use soap sparingly. Or better yet, use biodegradable, phosphate-free, water-based cleaners.
- Use a trigger nozzle to save water.
- Do not pour used washwater into the street where it can enter stormwater drains that flow directly into streams.
- Take your car to a commercial car wash, which uses up to 60% less water and treats dirty water before discharging it.



The average homeowner uses 116 gallons of water to wash a car! Most commercial car washes use 60% less water for the entire process than a homeowner uses just to rinse the car.

## Township Holidays

Township offices will be closed on **Monday, September 3rd** in observance of **Labor Day**.

Trash will be picked up on **Tuesday, September 4th** and on **Friday, September 7th**.

On **Monday, October 8th**, Township offices will be closed for **Columbus Day**. Trash will be picked up on **Monday and Thursday** that week as regularly scheduled. ★

## Online Bill Payers

Remember to reference your bill numbers for payments!

## Public Township Meetings

**Board of Supervisors** (4:00 PM, second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except when otherwise noted): August 22; September 26; October 10 and October 24.

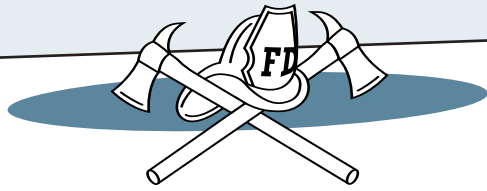
**Park and Recreation Board** (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): August 15; September 19; October 17.

**Planning Commission** (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): August 21; September 18; October 16.

**Sewer Authority** (7:30 PM, second Wednesday of each month): August 8; September 12; October 10.

**Zoning Hearing Board** (7:00 PM, Thursday after first Board of Supervisors' Meeting each month, unless otherwise advertised): August 9; September 13; October 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.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) for updates.



## Emergency Management Information Request

We are required to continually review and update our Township Emergency Operations Plan. Some information is required from our residents to help us better prepare for a major emergency in our community.

We need to know if anyone in your household requires special assistance in the event of any emergency. Special needs include the following: difficulty walking, hearing or vision impairment, a constant need for oxygen, non-English speaking, or any other problems a resident may have that would make it difficult to evacuate their residence during an emergency.

This information is strictly confidential. This special needs list is maintained in the Chester County Emergency Services Dispatch Center, and the Township's Emergency Management files. This information allows us to quickly direct assistance to persons with special needs during any emergency.

If you have a special need, please complete the form below and return it to the Township Office. You may also contact the Township Office and provide this information by telephone at (610) 696-5266, or complete this form online at [www.westgoshen.org/Forms/forms.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Forms/forms.html).

Thank you in advance for your assistance providing this important information.

Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal  
Emergency Management Coordinator

*This information will be used only to assist those with special needs in case of an emergency.*

### Return form to:

West Goshen Township  
ATTN: Emergency Management  
1025 Paoli Pike  
West Chester, PA 19380

610-696-5266  
Fax 610-429-0616

## Emergency Management Information Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name & relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone - Home: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

I have the following special needs:

I am on Oxygen       I am unable to walk or have difficulty walking

I am Blind       I am Deaf       I cannot speak / read English

Other special needs: \_\_\_\_\_



# Can't Get Enough of New York?

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is sponsoring four opportunities to visit New York City this fall:

■ **Shea Stadium**  
**Saturday, September 15, 2007**  
*\$45 per person includes round-trip transportation, a ticket to the game, and driver tip.*

Shea Stadium, the home of the New York Mets since 1964, will be torn down after the 2008 season. See the Phillies play against the divisional rival Mets in the home of Tom Seaver, Jerry Koosman, Nolan Ryan, Dwight Gooden, Darryl Strawberry, Lenny Dykstra, Gary Carter, Keith Hernandez, Mike Piazza, Pedro Martinez, and Tug McGraw.

■ **Yankee Stadium**  
**Saturday, September 22, 2007**  
*\$45 per person includes round-trip transportation, at ticket to the game, and driver tip*

Don't miss your chance to see historic Yankee Stadium before it closes for good. The Yankees take on the Toronto Blue Jays in this American League East matchup in the home of more World Series games than any other ballpark!

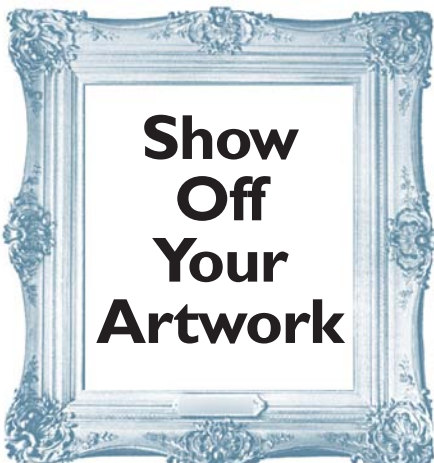
■ **New York on Your Own**  
**Saturday, December 1, 2007**  
*\$30 per person for round-trip transportation and driver tip.*

Go shopping, sightseeing, or just enjoying the Big Apple during the holidays.

■ **Radio City Music Hall**  
**Monday, December 3, 2007**  
*\$125 per person includes round-trip transportation, a ticket to the show, dinner at One Fish, Two Fish, and driver and server tips.*

Enjoy the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, featuring the world-famous Rockettes. Then spend time in New York City on your own, before rejoining the group for dinner prior to returning home.

**Information and registration forms for any of these trips are available at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org), or by calling the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. Seats are filled on a first-come first-served basis, so don't delay! ★**



West Goshen Township is seeking artwork for the annual Resident Art Exhibit to be displayed in the Galleries at West Goshen Township in September and October 2007.

The Resident Art Exhibit features the works of amateur, professional, and aspiring artists living in West Goshen Township. West Goshen residents are encouraged to submit paintings, photographs, sculptures, wood carvings, quilts, needlepoints, and other works of art for display. All residents of the Township are welcome to participate regardless of age or level or art education.

Anyone interested in participating in the exhibit may submit an original work of art (which has not previously been exhibited in the Township Administration Building) with an entry form by Friday, August 31, at 3:00 PM.

Exhibit entry forms may be obtained from the Township website at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) or by calling 610.696.5266, ext. 4104.

The exhibit will run from September 4th through November 2nd at the Galleries at West Goshen Township, in the Township Administration Building. The Township will host a public reception to meet the artists on Wednesday, September 26th between 7:00 and 8:00 PM. Visitors are welcome to the reception, or to observe the artwork during regular Township business hours, 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. ★

# Fun and Fitness in West Goshen

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is offering the following opportunities for residents to participate in fitness programs in a fun, social environment:



## “America on the Move” Week

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department continues its involvement in Activate Chester County by participating in the “America on the Move” week between September 23rd and September 29th. The purpose of this week is to make people aware of the importance of exercise, and simple steps individuals can take to improve their health.

### Walk at Work Day

Studies have shown that employees who participate in regular exercise are more productive and take fewer sick days than workers not engaged in active exercise. According to the November 1997 issue of *The Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, partici-

pation in physical fitness activities can lead to significant savings in the health care expenses of employees.

To help bring awareness to the benefits of healthy employees, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is encouraging local businesses to participate in Chester County Walk at Work Day on Wednesday, September 26th. The goal of this program is for local businesses to provide employees with the opportunity to walk for 30 minutes at some point during the day.

Between noon and 1:00 PM on that day, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department will give out FREE West Goshen water bottles and fitness information at the West Goshen

Community Park picnic pavilion to anyone stopping by to walk during their lunch break.

For more information about getting your business involved in Walk at Work Day, contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266.

### Chester County “Can” Walk

As a member of Activate Chester County, the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department encourages Township residents to partake in Chester County “Can” Walk at East Goshen Township Park on Saturday, September 29th between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Participants can learn the latest health and fitness ideas, join in a community walk, enter the jumprope, hula hoop, and dance contests, get blood pressure and body fat testing, and take home information and goodies for the family. Children’s activities include face painting and a moonbounce. This event is free of charge. Guests are encouraged to bring a canned or packaged healthy food item for Chester County Cares.



## Yoga-Pilates Fusion Class

Take some time each week to treat your mind and body to the benefits of yoga and pilates. The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department will offer a class fusing these two fitness disciplines at the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Tuesday evenings between 7:30 PM and 8:30 PM this fall. Each session meets five times and costs \$50 for West Goshen residents or \$60 for non-residents. Session dates are:

#### Session 1

Tuesday, September 11  
Tuesday, September 18  
Tuesday, September 25  
Tuesday, October 2  
Tuesday, October 9

#### Session 2

Tuesday, October 16  
Tuesday, October 23  
Tuesday, October 30  
Tuesday, November 6  
Tuesday, November 13

For more information including a registration form, contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org).

### What is “Activate Chester County?”

Activate Chester County is an initiative to improve the health of Chester County residents through public awareness and fitness opportunities. Participating members include YMCAs, municipal park and recreation departments, school districts, local hospitals, the County Health and Parks and Recreation Departments, Citadel Credit Union, and the West Chester University College of Health Sciences. Residents of Chester County can find out more about Activate Chester County, learn valuable health and fitness ideas, or register to track their own progress towards fitness goals at [www.activatechestercounty.org](http://www.activatechestercounty.org)



## Senior Water Walking

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department continues its most popular fitness program this fall, teaming up with ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center to offer water walking for seniors. Learn about the health benefits of water-resistance in ACAC's heated pool. Each session meets for four weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1:00 PM and 1:45 PM. Session dates are:

### September Session

Tuesday, September 4	Thursday, September 6
Tuesday, September 11	Thursday, September 13
Tuesday, September 18	Thursday, September 20
Tuesday, September 25	Thursday, September 27

### October Session

Tuesday, October 2	Thursday, October 4
Tuesday, October 9	Thursday, October 11
Tuesday, October 16	Thursday, October 18
Tuesday, October 23	Thursday, October 25

### November Session

Tuesday, November 6	Thursday, November 1
Tuesday, November 13	Thursday, November 8
Tuesday, November 20	Thursday, November 15 (No session on Thanksgiving)
Tuesday, November 27	Thursday, November 29



To register or request additional information, contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org).



## ROONIE SAYS...

According to Chapter 36 of the West Goshen Township Code, all dogs must be under control of their owners by being on a leash or in an enclosed area such as a building or fenced-in yard. At **Roonie's Canine Corner** at **Robert E. Lambert Park**, dogs may run off leash in the fenced-in dogpark. However, dog owners are responsible for making sure dogs are leashed or carried from the car to the entrance gate of the park. This is for the safety of the dogs as well as human visitors to **Lambert Park**, as dogs running free in the parking lot can create a traffic hazard for arriving or departing cars.

*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.*



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

# West Goshen Community Day

See what makes West Goshen Community Park the area's best park for families at West Goshen Community Day on Sunday, September 9, 2007 between noon and 5:00 PM.

The day's activities include pony rides, children's crafts sponsored by Commerce Bank, a moonbounce, giant slide, obstacle course, and a rock-climbing wall. Battle of the Bands winners **Durant** will perform at 12:30. This year's headline performers, **The**

**Chester County Lawmen**, are sponsored by ACAC Health and Wellness Center and will perform at 4:00 PM. The Lawmen consist of public safety and emergency service personnel, and will play party favorites at this memorable performance. Don't forget to bring your wallets for food and beverages, and for Crafters' Row, featuring handcrafted goods by local artisans.



All activities are free of charge. This year, the Park and Recreation Board encourages guests to bring items to be donated to the Coatesville Veterans' Administration Medical Center's "Welcome Home Day" on Saturday, October 27th. These items will be given to veterans who have returned from service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Needed donations include personal care items, stationery supplies, phone cards, socks, shirts, underwear, and gym bags or backpacks.

*Free pony rides are a popular attraction at Community Day!*

In the event of rain, Community Day would be held on Sunday, September 23, 2007. For rain determination or more information about Community Day, visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). ★

## Movies in the Park MAKING YOUR VOTE COUNT

Vote online at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) to select the Fall Movies in the Park!  
Votes must be in by Monday, September 3, 2007.

The dates for the West Goshen Fall Movie Series are set. The Park and Recreation Department will debut its new digital rear-projections system, assuring the highest quality picture and sound. There's only one thing missing: the movies!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department will show movies in the park on Saturday, September 29th, Saturday, October 6th, and Saturday, October 13th beginning at 7:00 PM each date.

This year, the Park and Recreation Department will run an online poll to determine which movies will be shown. Movies must meet the following criteria: They must be appropriate for

families, although not necessarily children's movies. They must be available on DVD, as movie studios no longer release 16 mm movies for second-run showings before they reach home video. They can not be released by Walt Disney Pictures or any of Disney's subsidiaries, since Disney will not license their movies for free showing to groups of 200 or more people.

With those criteria in mind, the nominees for the Fall Movie Series are:

- **Charlotte's Web (2006 version)**
- **The Corpse Bride**
- **Flushed Away**
- **Happy Feet**
- **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**

- **Jaws**
- **Rocky**

West Goshen residents can vote for their choice of up to three movies through Monday, September 3, 2007 at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). Only one ballot will be accepted per email address. If your three movies are selected by popular vote, you will be entered to win a full-sized movie poster from one of the movies. The Fall Movie Series schedule will be announced on the Township website in September.

All movies are free of charge. Guests are encouraged to bring donations of dry good items (e.g., toilet paper, soap, shampoo, etc.) for Chester County Cares. ★



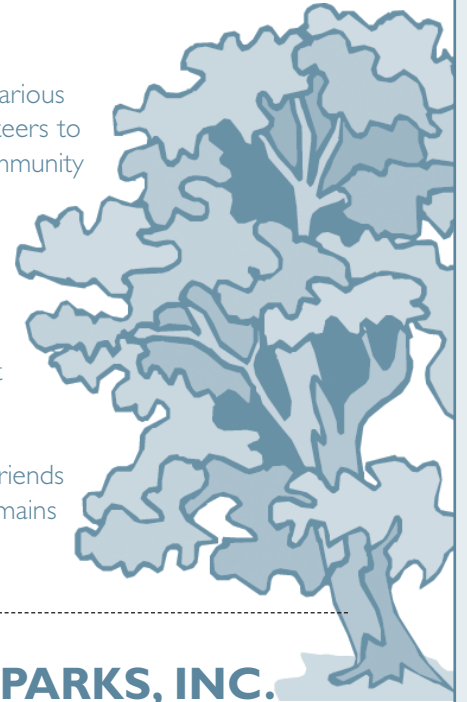
# Become Active in Your Community

The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department thanks the volunteer members of The Friends of West Goshen Parks who have raised over \$9,000 to make the West Goshen Summer Concert Series possible. In addition, this year The Friends of West Goshen Parks have purchased "Scarlet" and "Nectar", the bouncing ladybug and bumblebee in the playground at West Goshen Community Park. Past improvements to West Goshen Community Park sponsored by The Friends of West Goshen Parks include the J. Arnold Bair Gazebo, additional swingsets, and the tennis practice backboard. The Friends of West Goshen Parks have also contributed towards the construction of Robert E. Lambert Park.

Besides fundraising, members of The Friends of West Goshen Parks volunteer at various events throughout the year. The Friends of West Goshen Parks are seeking volunteers to staff the children's crafts and the raffle and information table at West Goshen Community Day on Sunday, September 9th.

You can help the Friends of West Goshen Parks by joining and volunteering. Businesses can help The Friends of West Goshen Parks through sponsorships, donating prizes for children's events or Community Day raffles, or by helping distribute fliers for upcoming events. Call 610-692-2550 for more information about becoming involved in The Friends of West Goshen Parks.

Together, the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department and The Friends of West Goshen Parks are committed to ensuring that West Goshen Township remains a wonderful place to live, work, and play, today and for generations to come.



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## THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS, INC.

### Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate email address if you would like to receive information about upcoming events:

\_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you are interested in volunteer opportunities:

Mail completed application and \$10.00 check payable to:

**"The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc.", P.O. Box 441, West Chester, PA 19381**

*"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@westgoshe.org.*



## Part of Our Community

Chester County has its own pops orchestra.

Having been founded in 2005, the Chester County Pops Orchestra has performed at various locations throughout the County, including at West Goshen Community Park on July 8th this summer.

Ever since his retirement in 2004 as a professor of keyboards and conducting at West Chester University, Jacques Voois, DMA, focused his attention on forming a professional group of musicians from Chester County to bring top-quality orchestral performances to County residents. So, Mr. Voois, with the encouragement and assistance of Eugene Buglio, former owner of Taylor's Music Store in West Chester, began assembling a Board of Directors for his new venture in January 2005, held a startup meeting in March of that year, and prepared the new orchestra for its first public performance in September 2005.

The mission statement of the orchestra states, "The Chester County Pops Orchestra, hereinafter referred to as 'Chesco Pops,' is to provide the citizens of Chester County, Pennsylvania, with the musical, cultural, educational, and entertainment benefits that derive from a resident pops orchestra."

East of Chester County, you would have had to go to Philadelphia to enjoy an orchestra dedicated to pops music. Reading was the closest point west of Chester County with a pops orchestra. Chester County residents did not have a local pops option until 2005.

"Our orchestra is made up of Chester County musicians, with a Chester County conductor, playing at Chester County sites," says musician, Chesco Pops board member, and West Goshen resident Virginia Schawacker. "University students, music instructors, top high school musicians, and members of the community make up the orchestra. Numerous members come from the West Chester and West Goshen area."

"There aren't many pops orchestras in Pennsylvania," says Voois. "You could hear the Immaculata Symphony Orchestra, the West Chester University Symphony, or the Kennett Professional Orchestra, but until the Chesco Pops, there really wasn't a pops group in Chester County."

Pops music, according to Voois, typically consists of Broadway show tunes, Sousa marches, musical theater, movie soundtracks, American jazz, and other Americana. Orchestras such as the Chesco Pops can be distinguished from traditional symphony orchestras by the presence of saxophones and a large percussion complement for almost every piece.

Pops music, as the name implies, is more familiar to the typical audience, according to Schawacker. "Since everyone knows the music, it involves the

audience in the performance."

Organizationally, the Chesco Pops is an incorporated IRS 501(c)3 designated nonprofit. Recruiting members, organizing rehearsals, scheduling performances, and fundraising occupy much of Mr. Voois' and the Board's time when not performing. Concerts are scheduled in all parts of the county, including the West Chester area, Phoenixville, Coatesville, and southern Chester County. Helping make all this possible is a dedicated Board of Directors and a team of top-level local musicians.

"Every single time, we put a good orchestra on the stage," proclaims Mr. Voois.

Schawacker attributes the musical success of the orchestra to having members who excel at cooperating with one another. Teamwork, she points out, is as critical in music as it is in theater, dance, or sports.

Residents of Chester County wishing to learn more about the Chesco Pops can visit the orchestra's website. At [www.chescopops.org](http://www.chescopops.org), find out information for musicians interested in joining, schedules for upcoming concerts, or ways for businesses, foundations, and individuals to become involved with the Chester County Pops Orchestra.



# 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.

## HEADLIGHT REMINDERS



Drivers are reminded that headlights must be turned on in the following conditions, according to Section 4302 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code:

- Between sunset and sunrise.
- Any time a driver can not discern a person or vehicle from a distance of 1,000 feet due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, including rain, snow, sleet, hail, fog, smoke, or smog.
- Any time the vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to precipitation or atmospheric moisture.

Make sure all headlights, taillights, and brake lights are properly working. Drivers can be ticketed for nonworking equipment during the conditions listed above. ★

## West Goshen Township Recognized...

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offers to visitors, including ballfields, volleyball, basketball, and tennis courts, a walking trail, a playground, an amphitheater, and a picnic pavilion.

"There's something for everyone to do," said Napiecek. "Hopefully, the recognition will open the eyes of more people to take advantage of what Community Park has to offer." ★

## Skatepark Hours

The skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park will be open from 10:00 AM through sunset through Labor Day (September 3, 2007).

Beginning September 4, 2007, the skatepark will be open from 4:00 PM through sunset on weekdays, and 10:00 AM through sunset on weekends and school holidays.

The skatepark may close in the event of inclement weather or a wet surface.

## Sgt. Boland Remembered

On April 25, 2007, longtime police officer Sgt. Stephen Edward Boland lost his battle with cancer. He was 67 years old.

"Ed" Boland joined the West Goshen Police Department in March 1975 after previous stops at the Philadelphia and Caln Township Police Departments. He was assigned as a detective in 1976, and senior detective in 1980. In 1983, he achieved the rank of Sergeant. From 1987 until 1988, he served as West Goshen's acting Chief of Police. By the time of Sgt. Boland's retirement from the Police Department earlier this year, he had demonstrat-

ed experience in all aspects of police work: patrol, criminal investigation, traffic safety, and administration. Perhaps most remarkably, Sgt. Boland had worked 20 1/2 years without taking a single sick day!



Sgt. Boland will be remembered for his warm, engaging personality, his dry wit, his love of family, and his enthusiasm for Corvettes and horses. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, two granddaughters, twin sister, and his horse, Norman.

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## Blood Drive at West Goshen Township Administration Building

West Goshen Township is partnering with the American Red Cross for a blood drive on Tuesday, August 14th between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM at the West Goshen Township Administration Building.

In an effort to boost blood collections, donors at all southeastern Pennsylvania blood drives or donor centers throughout the summer will qualify to be entered into two grand prize drawings with a chance to win \$3,500 worth of gas for one year. In addition, the Red Cross will enter donors into a daily drawing for a chance to win a \$25 gas card. To learn more about giving blood or the chance to win a gasoline gift card, visit [www.pleasegiveblood.org](http://www.pleasegiveblood.org).

Anyone interested in participating in the West Goshen Township blood drive should contact Sandy Turley, Assistant to the Township Manager, at 610-696-5266 to arrange an appointment.

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blood can save  
up to three  
lives.