

# WEST GOSHEN



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## Keeping the Community Connected



West Goshen Township has recently implemented **Connect-CTY** service to provide Township officials the ability to communicate with all residents regarding time-sensitive incidents that may include planned and unforeseen public safety matters. West Chester Borough and the West Chester Area School District currently utilize the same service.

The **Connect-CTY** service allows Township officials to record, send, and track personalized voice messages to thousands of residents, businesses, and local agencies in just minutes, through a single phone call. The Township can also send text messages to cell phones, PDAs, e-mail accounts, and TTY/TDD receiving devices for the hearing impaired. The service requires no additional hardware; it can be used from any computer with internet access or just a telephone, ensuring that officials can send vital messages from wherever they are located.

Having the ability to quickly communicate with all members of the West Goshen community is of utmost importance to Township officials. Whether we want to send a message about important issues in the public interest under discussion at an upcoming Township event or inform residents of important roadway closures, the **Connect-CTY** service helps us keep residents safe and informed.

Township administrators can target messages to an unlimited number of groups—everything from mobilizing emergency response teams to coordinating efforts with necessary agencies or volunteers. Authorized users also can use a map on the **Connect-CTY** system to contact specific geographical locations, sending messages only to the residents within select neighborhoods when needed.

The West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to have the new capabilities under the **Connect-CTY** service to provide our community with important information in a timely manner.

It is strongly urged that all residents register their contact information into the secure database to make sure that they can be reached should an unforeseen event occur.

Publicly available primary residential and business phones in West Goshen will automatically be included in the system. However, residents can opt to provide their complete information (up to three phone numbers and two e-mail addresses) into the secure database and indicate if they have a TTY/TDD device by visiting the West Goshen Web site ([www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org)) and clicking on the link that says “SIGN UP NOW—SERVICES BY CONNECT-CTY”. Those without Internet access can have their information added into the system by calling 610-696-5266. Residents with unlisted phone numbers need to register to be included on the notification list. Residents with call blocking services can make sure to receive the town’s time-sensitive calls by adding 610-696-5266 to their approved number list.

The best way to keep residents informed and, therefore safe, is through communication. **Connect-CTY** service makes it easy. With the **Connect-CTY** service, Township officials have a powerful tool for mass communication without having to purchase new computers, software and telephone lines. ★

**SIGN UP NOW**  
NOTIFICATION SERVICES BY  
**Connect-CTY™**

You can provide up to three phone numbers and two e-mail addresses for the **Connect-CTY** system to notify. To sign up, visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) and look for the link shown above. Those without Internet access can have their information added into the system by calling 610-696-5266.

# SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

## The following plans have been approved for development:

- The American Helicopter Museum proposes a 2,400 square foot maintenance building located at 1220 American Boulevard.

- A 3,000 square foot building expansion and lot consolidation for property located on the east side of Pottstown Pike, opposite Taylor's Mill Road (1001 Pottstown Pike).
- Land development for a 24,000 square foot building intended for vehicular

sales and service with an accessory use of an automobile repair shop located at 312, 318, and 429 Westtown Road.

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

- A lot consolidation to provide for athletic fields (soccer field with natural turf, soccer field with synthetic turf, and tennis courts), parking facilities, and a field house with restrooms for West Chester Area School District located at 101, 401, 501, and 505 Montgomery Avenue and 790 Lincoln Avenue.

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

## Recent Zoning Changes

- On February 27, 2008, Ordinance 03-2008 was approved which amended the West Goshen Township Code, Chapter 84, Section 84-40, Subsection B (2) to alter the area and bulk regulations applicable to apartments; and by amending Section 84-55 to add a new Subsection E (1)(f) to establish drive aisle widths for privately owned and operated parking garages accessory to principal multifamily residential buildings.
- On February 27, 2008, JPI Development Services, L.P. received Conditional Use approval from the Board of Supervisors to develop the property located at 890 South Matlack Street for apartment use. The property is located in the I-2-R Zoning District.
- On February 27, 2008, the West Chester Area School District received Conditional Use approval to develop property located at 101, 401, 501, and 505 Montgomery Avenue, and 790 Lincoln Avenue for educational purposes. The applicant proposes to utilize the property for athletic fields, tennis courts, a field house, and required parking. ★

## township information

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6 year elected term

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police@westgoshen.org  
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John M. Scott, *Sewer Plant Manager*

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

*Non-profit group assisting the Park and Recreation Board; meets bimonthly*  
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Ryan Kelly, *Secretary*  
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### 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 Road*  
Lambert Park  
*1145 Pottstown Pike*  
West Goshen Community Park  
*Fern Hill & North Five Points Roads*

# Do Your Part to Promote Clean Streams and Safe Drinking Water

Stormwater pollutants find their way into where we fish, where we swim, and what we drink. Everything that goes into our storm drains—grass clippings, soap, pesticides, pet waste—makes its way to our streams. **Stormwater pollution is our biggest source of water pollution.** It all adds up.

You can help reduce stormwater pollution by picking up and properly disposing of pet waste, using a commercial car wash, composting yard trimmings,

picking up litter, maintaining your vehicle so it does not leak oil, and redirecting your downspouts to grassy areas or a rain barrel to lessen the amount of stormwater leaving your property and making its way, either directly or through nearby storm drains, to local streams.

For more information about how to protect your local streams, visit the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association website at [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).



## Public Township Meetings

**Board of Supervisors** (4:00 PM, second and fourth Wednesday of each month, except where otherwise noted): May 21; June 11; July 23.

**Park and Recreation Board** (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month): May 21; June 18; July 16.

**Planning Commission** (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): May 20; June 17; July 15.

**Sewer Authority** (7:30 PM, second Wednesday of each month): May 14; June 11; July 9.

**Zoning Hearing Board** (7:00 PM, Thursday after first Board of Supervisors' Meeting each month, except where otherwise noted): May 15; June 12; July 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](http://www.westgoshen.org) for updates.

## 2007 District Court Cases

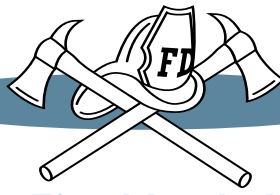
Pennsylvania's Magisterial District Court 15-2-03 encompasses West Goshen Township and the townships of Westtown and Thornbury. In 2007, Magisterial District Judge William Kraut handled 5,910 cases:

- 424 criminal cases
- 1,184 summary cases
- 3,674 traffic cases
- 628 civil cases

The Magisterial District Court collected \$895,969.83 in fines. Of that, West Goshen Township received \$131,072.34.

More than 90% of all litigation in Pennsylvania occurs in the courtrooms of Magisterial District Judges. Chester County has nineteen Magisterial Courts. All summary misdemeanor and felony cases originate at the Magisterial District Court level. Magisterial District Courts are also the venue for lawsuits in civil cases for amounts up to \$8,000 as well as the filing and disposition of minor criminal cases such as traffic violations, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, truancy, game law violations, and parking tickets. Magisterial District Judges are responsible for conducting preliminary hearings for all serious criminal offenders to determine which cases should be held for trial at the Court of Common Pleas, and for setting and accepting bail and arraigning defendants after arrest.

Judge Kraut encourages suggestions on making the court run more efficiently and feedback on ways to better serve the public. However, his office can not offer comment on any cases to be heard by the District, and he and his staff may not give legal advice to the public. For more information about Magisterial District Court 15-2-03, visit the new webpage [www.chesco.org/judgekraut](http://www.chesco.org/judgekraut) in the early summer. ★



## Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa Guidelines for Controlled Yard Waste Burns

If you are planning to burn, make sure you do so in a safe and legal manner. Chapter 31 of the West Goshen Township Code mandates the following guidelines for controlled yard waste burns:



- With the exception of twigs and tree limbs, it is unlawful to burn any materials, natural or man-made, including but not limited to leaves, grass trimmings, lumber, construction waste, and any commercial or industrial by-product waste material of any kind.
- Burning shall be permitted between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM only.
- Fire must be attended at all times by a responsible adult.
- Proper extinguishing equipment (hose or fire extinguisher) must be present during burning.
- Burning in an enclosed container, incinerator or fireplace must be kept at least ten feet from any structure.
- Open burning (not contained) must

be kept at least twenty feet from any structure.

- Burning is prohibited when high winds exceed fifteen miles per hour and during periods of droughts.

Any fire on public or private property may be extinguished by the local fire company having jurisdiction, either with or without the property owners consent if, in the opinion of the Fire Marshal, Police Officer, or Codes Enforcement Officer, such fire constitutes a danger to persons or property or is in violation of the West Goshen Township Code, Chapter 31.

The Chester County 911 call center recommends notifying them of any planned burns by calling their non-emergency number. West Goshen residents would call 610-436-4700. ★



### ROONIE SAYS...

*Become a WatchDog and help Rooney's Canine Corner remain a safe destination for dogs and their human friends...*

Rooney's Canine Corner reopened on April 1st after being closed for the winter due to maintenance issues. During that time, members of the Parks Department and Park and Recreation Department joined Public Works Director Raymond Halvorsen and Township Manager Casey LaLonde to visit other dogparks and consider ways to address excessive maintenance.

Some improvements have been made to the grounds of Rooney's Canine Corner to remediate drainage issues in the park. But the biggest improvements to the maintenance of the dogpark can come from its visitors.

Guests to Rooney's Canine Corner are required to pick up after their canine friends. This rule applies to the enclosed area of the dogpark, the area outside of the fence, and any public space in West Goshen Township. The park has disposal bags and trash cans for proper disposition of dog waste.

Additionally, dog owners must prevent dogs from digging potentially dangerous holes at the dogpark, and fill in any areas their dogs may have started to dig up.

**The West Goshen Board of Supervisors and the West Goshen Park and Recreation Board have determined that in order for Rooney's Canine Corner to remain open beyond 2008, park visitors must consistently follow posted rules.**

West Goshen Township is looking for regular visitors to Rooney's Canine Corner to volunteer as "WatchDogs" to make sure that

the dogpark remains a safe destination. The "WatchDogs" would notify visitors of park rules and standards of courtesy, and serve as liaisons with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department.

Anyone interested in serving as a "WatchDog" is encouraged to contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266 or via email at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org), and to come to a meeting at the Public Meeting Room of the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

*Rooney, the West Goshen Township Westie and namesake of Rooney's Canine Corner at Robert E. Lambert Park, offers advice for dog owners and users of the dogpark. ★*



## Spring and Summer Activity Guide

# At a Glance



April 26	Teen Scene
April 29	Yoga-Pilates Fusion session begins
May 4	Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium
May 10	Summer Recreation Program registration
May 10	Battle of the Bands
May 17	Summer Recreation Program registration
May 27	Yoga-Pilates Fusion session ends
June 21	Bus trip to New York City
June 21	International Go Skateboarding Day Celebration at Robert E. Lambert Park
June 22	Summer Concert: Children's performers Yosi and the Superdads
June 23	Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program begin
June 29	Summer Concert: Party band <b>Goodfellas</b>
July 4	Decorated Bike Parade (Raindate: July 5)
July 13	Summer Concert: <b>Special Blendz</b>
July 19	Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company presents Shakespeare in the Park: "The Taming of the Shrew" (Raindate: July 20)
July 27	Summer Concert: Country-Western sound of <b>Straight Shooter</b>
Aug. 10	Summer Concert: <b>West Chester Band</b>
Aug. 15	Summer Recreation Program and Summer Teen Program end
Aug. 16	Skateboarding Competition at Robert E. Lambert Park (Raindate: August 17)
Aug. 17	Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium
Sept. 6	Bus Trip to Shea Stadium
Sept. 14	West Goshen Community Day (Raindate: September 28)
Oct. 2-6	Bus Trip to Cape Cod

Look for information about the Fall Movie Series, Harvest Festival, Holiday Events, and Fall Bus Trips in future issues of **The West Goshen Township Newsletter**.

**FOR ALL EVENTS:**  
**The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department is committed to providing high-quality free or low-cost recreational events to residents of West Goshen Township. Guests to these**

**events are encouraged to bring a dry good item (i.e., soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo, etc.) for Chester County Cares, a local non-profit organization assisting low-income families in the county.**

**To find out if an event is moved to an alternate location or changed to a raindate, visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) or call 610-696-5266 within the two hours preceding the event. ★**

## e-zine!

*The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department sends out a monthly electronic magazine with information about upcoming trips and events. If you do not currently receive email updates from the Park and Recreation Department and would like to be added to the list for the e-zine, just send your name and email address to Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).*

## Baseball in the Big Apple

This is the final year for New York's two Major League baseball stadiums. Don't miss your last chance to visit Yankee Stadium or the Mets' Shea Stadium with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department.

West Goshen will send buses to Yankee Stadium **Sunday, August 17th**. See "The House that Ruth Built" and some of the greatest stars of today in Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez. \$50 per person includes round-trip transportation, a ticket to the game, and bus driver tip.

Cheer on the Phillies as they take on the Mets at Shea Stadium, or root for the home team on **Saturday, September 6th**. \$59 per person includes round-trip transportation, a ticket to the game, a snack and a beverage for the ride, and bus driver tip.

Information and registration forms for these trips are available at [www.west-goshen.org](http://www.west-goshen.org), or by calling the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266. ★



- Space is still available for the June 21st "New York on Your Own" trip.
- Look for information this summer about an October trip to Cape Cod, or call 610-696-5266 for details!

For more information about these or any West Goshen bus trips, visit the West Goshen website or contact the Park and Recreation Office.

## THE FRIENDS OF WEST GOSHEN PARKS: Committed to Improving Your Parks

This spring, The Friends of West Goshen Parks donated a playground "school bus" at Coopersmith Park. The school bus replaces the outdated "stagecoach" playground equipment that had occupied Coopersmith. Donations given in memory of former West Goshen Park and Recreation Board member Robert McCardell help support this project.

This gift of playground equipment marks the second donation The Friends of West Goshen Parks have made to West Goshen Parks this year. In the winter, The Friends of West Goshen Parks donated bulletin boards to the skatepark and the dog-park at Robert E. Lambert Park.

In past years, The Friends of West Goshen Parks raised money to bring new swings and playground equipment to West Goshen Community Park, and purchased a tennis practice backboard and the J. Arnold Bair Gazebo at Community Park.

Anyone interested in supporting fundraising efforts to improve West Goshen's parks can send contributions to: The Friends of West Goshen Parks, Inc., P.O. Box 441, West Chester, PA 19381.

In addition to park improvements, The Friends of West Goshen Parks also raises funds for the Township's Summer Concert Series and for

Community Day entertainment. The Friends of West Goshen Parks welcomes suggestions for future projects. Anyone interested in volunteering to join The Friends of West Goshen Parks for strategic planning or on an event-by-event basis can call The Friends of West Goshen Parks at 610-692-2550.

*Note that in the Winter 2008 Issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter, Shop-Rite of West Chester and The Painted Plate should have been included in the list of businesses that contributed to West Goshen events during the course of the year 2007. Also, Jane Chalfant was mistakenly listed as "Jane Chalfont." ★*

## Five Times the Music

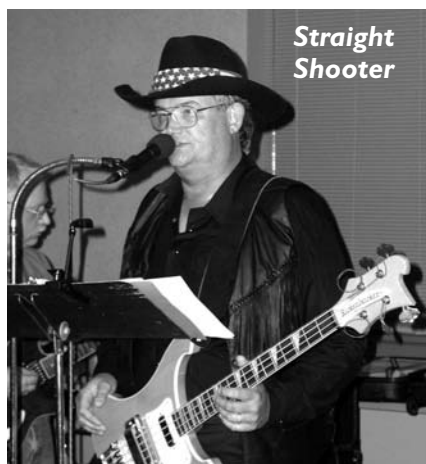
This year's West Goshen Summer Concert Series will feature five concerts promising fun for the whole family.

The Series debuts on Sunday, June 22nd, with a children's concert featuring **Yosi and the Superdads**. The following Sunday, June 29th, **Goodfellas** will bring Big Band and swing favorites, classic party music, and contemporary hits to the stage of the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater.

**Special Blendz** returns on Sunday, July 13th to perform Motown tunes from the 60's, 70's, and beyond. On Sunday, July 27th, put on your boots and hat and show off your best line-dancing moves as country-western musicians **Straight Shooter** come to Community Park. The Summer Concert Series concludes on Sunday, August 10th with a performance by the **West Chester Band**.

All concerts begin at 6:00 PM at the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater at the West

Goshen Community Park (N. Five Points and Fern Hill Roads). **Concerts are free of charge.** In case of rain, concerts will be moved to the West Chester East High School Auditorium on Ellils Lane. Rain determination will be made after 3:00 PM on the date of the concert. Visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) for directions and rain determination. ★



## Shakespeare Returns to West Goshen Community Park

The Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company continues its tradition of bringing FREE theatrical performances to West Goshen Community Park this year, with the production of William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" on **Saturday, July 19th at 7:00 PM.**

This classic comedy tells the story of two sets of lovers. Lucentio wants to marry the beautiful Bianca, but her father has decreed that she can not marry until her ill-tempered older sister Katherine finds a husband. Lucentio's friend Petruccio agrees to marry Katherine, in spite of the less-than-cordial treatment he receives when meeting her.

Will Lucentio receive permission to marry Bianca? ...Will Petruccio be able to tame Katherine's incorrigible behavior? ...Can the two sets of lovers live happily ever after?

Shakespeare's play, full of plotting, deception, and romance, questions family roles and personal identity, as the young lovers must lose their own identities in the pursuit of love.

In the event of rain, the performance would be postponed to Sunday, July 20th at 7:00 PM. Check [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) after 5:00 PM on the date of the performance for rain determination. ★



### NEW HOURS FOR WEST GOSHEN COMMUNITY DAY!

West Goshen Community Day will begin at 1:00 PM on Sunday, September 14, 2008. Look for new activities this year, along with favorites such as pony rides, moonbounces, the giant rock climbing wall, and a headline concert at 3:00.

Check out the Summer 2008 issue of the **West Goshen Township Newsletter** for more new Community Day features.

## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS: AGES 5-12

### Get Your Children Out in the Parks this Summer

Come September, when your 5-12 year old is asked how he or she spent the summer, what will (s)he say? Children in the West Goshen Summer Recreation program will be able to point to a summer spent with sports, games, crafts, special activities, and field trips.

This year's West Goshen Summer Recreation Program begins on Monday, June 23rd, and continue each weekday (except Friday, July 4th) through Friday, August 15th. Children five (by September 1, 2008) through twelve years old are eligible to participate in the program. Parents have the option of signing their children up for West Goshen Community Park, Barker Park, or Coopersmith Park. The Summer Recreation Program begins at 9:00 each morning, and runs until noon.

West Goshen residents with one child pay \$130 for the eight week program. West Goshen families with two children pay \$250, and families with three children pay \$360. The registration fee for each additional child in a family household is \$110. The registration fee for non-residents of West Goshen Township is \$250 per child.

Each week, the Summer Recreation Program will include a field trip. Four of the eight field trips are included with the registration fee. The other four field trips typically have a fee of \$5 to \$10. Field trips include ice skating, roller skating, bowling, movies, water slides, and more!

Registration forms for the Summer Recreation Program must be completed in person at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Registration dates for the Summer Recreation Program are Saturday, May 10th between 8:00 and 11:00 AM, and Saturday, May 17th between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. If space is still available, registrations may be completed any business day between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM after May 17th. **Parents must bring their children's birth certificates at registration. ★**



### Sports Clinics

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department also offers Summer Sports Clinics for children five through twelve years old. Each of these clinics meets once per week, and is intended to introduce the beginner to new sports. Clinics begin the week of June 30th and run through the week of August 11th. All clinics take place at West Goshen Community Park except the skateboarding clinics which will take place at Robert E. Lambert Park on Pottstown Pike.

#### The following sports are scheduled for Summer 2008:

##### MONDAYS

**Skateboarding** 5-8 years old  
**Field Hockey** 6-10 years old  
**Tennis** 9-10 years old

##### TUESDAYS

**Tennis** 11-12 years old  
**Soccer** 5-8 years old  
**Basketball** 8-11 years old

##### THURSDAYS

**Tee-Ball** 5-8 years old  
**Lacrosse** 6-10 years old  
**Skateboarding** 9-12 years old

Whenever possible, cancellations due to inclement weather will be made up at a later date.

Summer Sports Clinic registration fees are \$50 per sport (for each seven week session) for West Goshen residents, and \$60 per sport for residents of other municipalities. ★



## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS: TEENS

### Summer Fun for Teens (13-15 years old)

The West Goshen Summer Teen Program for 13-15 year olds at West Goshen Community Park begins on June 23rd and runs through Friday, August 15th. Members of the Summer Teen Program will enjoy sports, games, and special activities at the park, join in community service projects, and participate in weekly field trips. This year's field trips will include:

- Bowling
- Hershey Park
- Dorney Park
- Brandywine Picnic Park
- Waterworld
- Whitewater rafting

The Summer Teen Program runs from 9:00 AM through noon most days. However, some field trips will run until later in the day. The Summer Teen Program will not meet on Friday, July 4th.

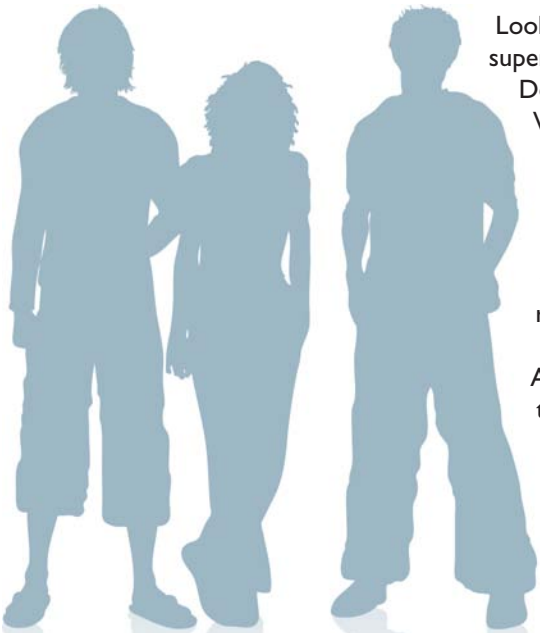
West Goshen residents interested in the Summer Teen Program pay \$130 for one child, \$250 for two children, \$360 for three children, and \$110 per additional child. Non-residents pay \$250 per child. Families with children in both the Summer Recreation Program and the Summer Teen Program receive the discounted price for multiple children. There is an additional charge

for each field trip, typically \$10 to \$30 per trip.

Registration forms for the Summer Teen Program must be completed in person at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Registration dates for the Summer Teen Program are Saturday, May 10th between 8:00 and 11:00 AM, and Saturday, May 17th between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. If space is still available, registrations may be completed any business day between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM after May 17th.

**Parents must bring their children's birth certificates at registration. ★**

### Teen Scene: Saturday, April 26th



Looking for something fun for your 7th, 8th, or 9th grader to do in a safe, supervised environment? The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department teams up again with the ACAC Health and Wellness Center, West Chester Recreation, and the East Goshen Park and Recreation Department to sponsor a "Teen Scene" evening on Saturday, April 26th between 8:00 and 10:00 PM at ACAC's West Goshen facility on McDermott Drive. For a fee of \$5 per person, teens can enjoy an evening of sports, swimming, dancing, pizza, and beverages. The event will be staffed by ACAC and by members of the participating 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**. Information and registration forms available at [www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Teen\\_Scene/teen\\_scene.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Teen_Scene/teen_scene.html), or may be obtained by contacting the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. Completed registration forms and payments must be returned to the Park and Recreation Office by Friday, April 25, 2008. ★

# Skatepark Updates

## Hours

The skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park is open on weekdays from 4:00 PM through sunset, and on weekends from 10:00 AM through sunset through Friday, June 20th. The skatepark will also open at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 20th and on Monday, May 26th.

Beginning on Saturday, June 21st, the skatepark will open from 10:00 AM through sunset every day through Monday, September 1st. The skatepark will close at 5:00 PM on Friday, July 4th.

Visitors to the skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park are reminded that skatepark hours are subject to weather conditions. The skatepark will be closed in the event of rain or wet ground. To check whether or not the skatepark is open, call West Goshen Township at 610-696-5266. If you are calling after business hours or during the weekend, dial 5001 when receiving the standard Township voicemail message. This will take you to the skatepark voicemail recording, which will notify you of the skatepark's status.

## Go Skateboarding Day

To kick off summer hours and to celebrate International Go Skateboarding Day, West Goshen Township will waive the \$5 daily entry fee on Saturday, June 21st. From 1:00 PM through 3:00 PM that day, Fairman's Skate, Snow, and Surf Shop will provide raffle prizes and experts will be on hand to help participants master their latest moves.

Please note that participants will still be required to complete daily registration and waiver forms. Parents or legal guardians of participants under 18 years old will need to sign before entry will be permitted.

## First Thursdays with Fairman's

Experts from Fairman's Skate, Snow, and Surf Shop will also visit Lambert Park on the first Thursday of each month between 5:00 and 7:00 PM through October 2008. Meet the pros and get valuable pointers on improving your skateboarding skills.

## Skateboarding Contest

Join the first-ever skateboarding contest at Lambert Park on Saturday, August 16th, or stop by to watch some of the best skateboarders in the area compete. Registration forms may be completed at Fairman's Skate, Snow, and Surf Shop, at the West Goshen Township Administration Building, or at Lambert Park.

In the event of rain, the contest would be held on Sunday, August 17th. Check [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) after 9:00 AM on August 16th for rain determination.

## Annual Memberships

Annual memberships to the skatepark may be purchased at the West Goshen Township Administration Building at Paoli Pike and N. Five Points Road. The cost for an annual membership is \$50 for West Goshen residents, or \$100 for residents of other municipalities. Daily passes may be purchased at the skatepark for \$5. The skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park is restricted exclusively for use by skateboarders and inline skaters. For more information about skatepark memberships, call the West Goshen Park and Recreation Office at 610-696-5266.

## Email Updates

Want to know the latest about skatepark hours, employment opportunities, and events? The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department sends out periodical updates via email to notify users of all the most recent information. To be included on the email list, contact Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). ★



## Remember

- Helmets, kneepads, and elbow pads must be worn at all times in the skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park.
- For participants under 18 years old, a parent or legal guardian must sign the registration and waiver before the minor may enter the skatepark.

### Your Passport for Fun and Health

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department is proud to participate in the Chester County Keystone Active Zone Summer Passport Program.

The Keystone Active Zone campaign helps foster county-level partnerships with recreation, health, and education professionals to promote local parks and trails as great places for physical activity across Pennsylvania. The goal of the Keystone Active Zone is to empower these partners to work with media and other groups to increase awareness and usage of community trails, and for residents to get the benefit of a great family workout close to home.

The Chester County Keystone Active Zone, coordinated by the Chester County Health Department in collabo-

ration with county and municipal park and recreation departments and supported by

Pennsylvania Advocates for Nutrition and Activity (PANA) in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society, encourages youth of all ages and families to explore parks and trails during the spring and summer months through the Keystone Active Zone Passport Program.

The passport will include an information-packed folder and a wallet-sized punch card. At designated Keystone Active Zone events, a host will stamp the punch card. Once participants have visited five Keystone Active Zone events and received five stamps, they can redeem their cards for free Subway Fresh Fit for Kids meals at participating Subway stores.

Keystone Active Zone Passports will be stamped at each of the West Goshen

Summer Concerts at West Goshen Community Park and at the International Go Skateboarding Day celebration at Robert E. Lambert Park. Additional Keystone Active Zone events and a list of participating Subway locations can be found at the Chester County Health Department website at [www.chesco.org/health](http://www.chesco.org/health). Events, park listings, news and other fitness information can be found on the Keystone Active Zone website at <http://www.keystoneactivezone.com/consumer/index.php>.

For additional information about local fitness initiatives or to track your own progress, you can visit the Activate Chester County website at [www.activatechestercounty.org](http://www.activatechestercounty.org).

Contact Irene Shetron at the Chester County Health Department at 610-344-6441 or via email at [ishetron@chesco.org](mailto:ishetron@chesco.org) for more information about the Chester County Keystone Active Zone Summer Passport Program. ★

### ■ Adventure Boot Camp for Women

The popular nationally accredited Adventure Boot Camp for women continues at West Goshen Community Park.

Sessions will run from 5:30 AM through 6:30 AM Mondays through Fridays. A four-week session will be offered between May 19th and June 13th, with a two-week session to follow beginning June 23rd. The cost for the four-week session 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 \$200 for West Goshen residents or \$210 for non-residents, participants can join three sessions per week of the four-week program, or sign up for each day of the two-week session.

### ■ Yoga-Pilates

This program combines the two fitness disciplines for a complete body conditioning regiment. The Yoga-Pilates program meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in the West Goshen Township Administration Building from April 29th through

## Stay Fit with West Goshen Park and Recreation

May 27th. Cost for the five sessions is \$50 for West Goshen residents, or \$60 for residents of other municipalities.

### ■ Stretch, Strength, and S'myelin' with M.S.

This exercise program designed specifically for people with multiple sclerosis is offered on the second, third, and

fourth Thursday of each month (and sometimes the fifth Thursday, too!) between 7:00 and 7:45 PM at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Myelin in your body not working as it should? This class, brought to you by the Greater Delaware Valley M.S. Society, the West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department, and Ageless Exercise will teach you the latest exercise techniques adapted to your own ability as you stretch, smile, relax, and breathe. For just \$25 per year, participants can attend as many or as few sessions as they like!

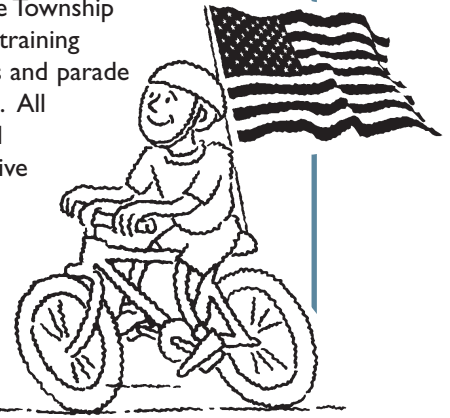
For more information about fitness programs, visit [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org), or contact the Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. ★

### A July 4th Tradition Continues

Join a favorite West Goshen July 4th tradition, as children throughout the Township celebrate America's independence by decorating their bicycles, tricycles, training wheels, big wheels, strollers, wagons, and wheelchairs in patriotic themes and parade through West Goshen Community Park. The parade begins at 10:00 AM. All children living in West Goshen Township are welcome to participate, and everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun! All participants will receive commemorative medals, and top winners will receive prizes.

Register to enter at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). Please note that anyone entering a bike in the parade MUST wear a bicycle helmet.

In the event of rain, the Decorated Bike Parade would be postponed to Saturday, July 5th at 10:00 AM. Rain notification will be posted on the Township website by 9:00 AM on July 4th. ★



### The Battle is On — Are You Up for It?

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department invites local music groups to

join the seventh annual Battle of the Bands on Saturday, May 10th between 4:00 and 7:00 PM at the J. Leon Hagerty Amphitheater at West Goshen Community Park. (Rainsite: Pierce Middle School Auditorium.) The winning band will receive a \$300 prize and the opportunity to perform at a future West Goshen event.

Don't have a band? Then come see local young talent on display and cheer on your favorites at this FREE event.

Band registration forms are available at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org), or may be obtained by contacting Park and Recreation Director Ken Lehr at 610-696-5266 or via email at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org). Registration is free. The first ten eligible groups to register will perform on May 10th.

#### The rules:

- Participating bands must have at least one member who is a West Goshen resident.
- Each band member must be between 12 and 21 years of age.
- Each band is responsible for its own instruments (including guitar amps). Sound system will be provided by West Goshen Township.
- Bands will have five minutes to set up and five minutes to break down.
- Each band will have up to 15 minutes to perform three songs.
- Bands must complete and return a registration by 4:00 PM on May 5, 2008. Remember, space is limited—only the first ten registrants are guaranteed to perform.

**Win a \$300 prize and the chance to perform at a future West Goshen event.**

A panel of judges selected by the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department will decide the winning band and honorable mentions at the end of the show. All decisions by the panel of judges are final and irreversible. ★

### It's Happening at the Library

The West Chester Public Library invites all ages to join the Summer Reading Club from June 14th through August 9th. To celebrate the summer reading season, the Library will host the Reading Club Kick-Off with balloons, face painting, and more on Saturday, June 14th between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

The West Chester Public Library is located on 415 N. Church Street in West Chester Borough. For more information about the Summer Reading Program or other offerings by the West Chester Public Library, call 610-696-7985 or visit [www.wcpubliclibrary.org](http://www.wcpubliclibrary.org).

*“Part of Our Community” highlights local businesses, organizations, and people who make a difference in the community. In 2008, the West Goshen Township Newsletter highlights the Township’s emergency service providers. To submit ideas for future columns, please email Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).*



## Part of Our Community

In West Goshen Township, the West Chester Fire Department provides fire protection service to areas west of Route 202 and north of Westtown Road.

The West Chester Fire Department is made up of three fire companies: The First West Chester Fire Company, Good Will Fire Company, and Fame Fire Company. Each one of the three companies serves the western part of West Goshen Township.



*First West Chester's Engine 51-1*

First West Chester Fire Company, founded in 1799, is the oldest of the three. It was located on Church Street in West Chester Borough until 1986. Currently, First West Chester Fire Company is located on 70 S. Bradford Avenue in East Bradford Township. Its fire engines are easily recognizable by their red and black colors.

The Neptune Fire Company formed in 1833. In 1837, Neptune would change its name to Good Will after purchasing an engine from the Good Will Fire Company of Philadelphia.



*Good Will's Engine 52-2*

Good Will operated out of stations on Church Street and Gay Street, including a site on East Gay Street from 1897 until 2004, before moving to its current location at 552 E. Union Street. Good Will's fire engines are white and green.

The Independence Fire Company was formed in 1837 and would change its name to Fame Fire Company the following year. The company was first located in the alleyway at the current county courthouse location. In 1846, the construction of the courthouse necessitated a move by Fame to a new location on East Market Street. Fame would build a new firehouse at this location in 1853, and remain there until 1974 when the fire company moved to its current home at 200 E. Rosedale Avenue in West Goshen Township. In addition to serving as homebase for Fame's firefighting operations, the Fame Fire Company building also houses a banquet facility and a "Hall of Fame" museum. Fame's fire engines sport yellow with white trim.

All three fire companies are composed entirely of volunteers, and rely upon fundraising efforts of the members. According to Kim Norsoph, president of the Fame Fire Company, members are drawn to service by the sense of camaraderie among members.

The most significant source of income for the fire companies is a letter campaign to local residents and businesses who benefit from their services. The fire companies also raise revenues from various activities such as bringing fire trucks to birthday parties to Fame Fire Company renting out its on-site banquet hall.

In addition to responding to fire calls, the companies of the West Chester Fire Department are also active in the community by visiting schools for fire prevention week and participating in community festivals such as West Chester Borough's Touch-a-Truck Festival and West Goshen Community Day.

In addition to West Goshen Township and the Borough of West Chester, the companies of the West Chester Fire Department also service Birmingham, East Bradford, Thornbury, and Westtown Townships. The portion of West Goshen Township not serviced by the West Chester Fire Department is handled by Goshen Fire Company.

To learn more about the fire companies of the West Chester Fire Department, visit [www.firstwestchester.org](http://www.firstwestchester.org), [www.goodwillfireco.org](http://www.goodwillfireco.org), and [www.famefireco.org](http://www.famefireco.org).



*Fame's Ladder 53*

This 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 as described in the following Recycling Primer.

## West Goshen Residential Trash Service Guide

**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.

**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. Place at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before.

**Bulk Trash (Thursdays):** A bulk item is an object which two people can lift. Households are limited to one bulk item per week. 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.

**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. Township trash holidays for 2008 are:

- Memorial Day – Pickup dates: Tuesday, May 27th and Friday, May 30th
- Labor Day – Pickup dates: Tuesday, September 2nd and Friday, September 5th
- Thanksgiving – Pickup date: Friday, November 28th
- Christmas – Pickup date: Friday, December 26th

## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Bring unwanted household hazardous products to the following Chester County collection sites:

**May 17, 2008:** Owen J. Roberts High School, 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465.

**September 13, 2008:** New Garden Township Building, 8934 Gap Newport Road, Landenberg, PA 19350.

**October 11, 2008:** Chester County Government Service Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380. Computer components will also be accepted at this collection.

Household hazardous wastes are identified by the following words: CAUTION,

TOXIC, DANGER, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, CORROSIVE, EXPLOSIVE, REACTIVE, COMBUSTIBLE, POISONOUS, or HAZARDOUS. The following items will not be accepted: explosive, ammunition, appliances, radioactive waste, tires, infectious waste, or unidentified waste. Latex paints will not be accepted—they may be air dried and disposed of with your regular trash pickup. Motor oil, tires, and antifreeze will not be accepted, but may be brought to your local service station. Call (610)273-3771 for locations for automotive related materials.

Please pack all household hazardous wastes safely in original containers for transport.

For a complete list of household hazardous waste items accepted and additional information, visit [www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Trash\\_and\\_Recycling/Hazardous\\_Waste/hazardous\\_waste.html](http://www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Trash_and_Recycling/Hazardous_Waste/hazardous_waste.html) or [www.chestercountyswa.org/HHW.asp](http://www.chestercountyswa.org/HHW.asp).

# A Recycling Primer

One of the simplest and most important ways you can help the environment is to recycle. Pennsylvania law requires families, businesses, and most major institutions to recycle. Here is what you need to know about recycling in West Goshen Township:

## Why is recycling so important?

- The reuse of bottles, cans, boxes, paper, and other items reduces the needs for new sources of natural and synthetic raw materials in the manufacturing process. This means lower prices for manufacturers and consumers.
- Preventing recyclable items from entering the trash stream means less pollution.
- Recycling prevents items from needlessly occupying landfill space, thus keeping West Goshen's trash fees reasonable.

## Who must recycle?

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

## Who must have a Recycling Program?

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

## What is required of a Recycling Program?

- Trash and recycling hauler must be licensed by West Goshen Township.
- Each occupant, employee, patron, or resident must be provided with written material describing the recycling program, what materials are to be recycled, how the materials are to be prepared, and how the collection system works.
- Recycling containers must be easily accessible and suitable for the type of

material being collected.

- Education facilities must provide for separation and collection of recyclable materials in classrooms, administrative offices, cafeterias, and dormitories.
- At a minimum, the materials listed below must be collected for recycling.

## What materials must be recycled?

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

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

Multi-unit Residences (apartment buildings and condominiums) must provide for the separation of and recycling of at least 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 visit [www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Trash\\_and\\_Recycling/Recycling/recycling.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Trash_and_Recycling/Recycling/recycling.html).

Recycle stickers are free and may be obtained from the Township. If you have moved into a new construction, you may obtain recycle buckets at no cost at the Township Administration Building. These containers must remain with the property. If a recycling bucket is lost or destroyed, a new twenty-gallon recycling container may be purchased for \$9.00. The Township suggests that you put your street name and house number on each container.

## Attention Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens in West Goshen Township may be eligible to participate in the Township's Trash Rebate Program. To qualify, registrants for the program must meet the following requirements:

1. Qualified applicants must be 65 or older as of December 31, 2007.
2. Applicants' 2007 household income, including 50% of Social Security payments, must equal \$35,000 or less.
3. Applicants need to receive a Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate check for the year 2007. The deadline for the 2007 Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is June 30, 2008. Applications for the Pennsylvania

Tax/Rent Rebate Program may be obtained from the Chester County Department of Aging Services, 601 Westtown Road, Suite 320, West Chester, PA 19382 (610-344-6350), or from West Goshen Township (610-696-5266, ext. 4107). When you receive the Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate, please make a copy of that check and retain it for your records, as you will need to attach it to your West Goshen Township Trash Rebate Program Application.

4. Applicants must submit a completed Trash Rebate Program application to West Goshen Township by **October 31, 2008**.

Applications for the Township Trash Rebate Program may be obtained by calling the Township at 610-696-5266, ext. 4107.

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## Holiday Trash Pickup Dates

Township offices will be closed on Monday, May 26th and on Friday, July 4th. The Township holiday trash pickup schedule will be in effect the week of May 26th with trash and recyclables pickup on Tuesday, May 27th, and trash and bulk items picked up on Friday, May 30th. The July 4th holiday will not affect the trash collection schedule.