

WEST GOSHEN



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Leaf Collection!

Leaves will be collected in West Goshen Township on the following Saturdays this fall:

November 13, 2010
December 4, 2010
December 18, 2010

See page 7 for important details.

West Goshen Residents and Businesses Recycling More Than Ever

Through the efforts of West Goshen Township residents and business owners, the Township's recycling efforts have significantly improved over the last several years. In 2009, the Township doubled the amount of recycled materials collected. West Goshen Township collects residential recycling at curbside, in addition to the annual Christmas tree collection and yard waste and leaf collections each year. West Goshen businesses and apartments contract for recycling collections through private haulers, but report their recycling efforts to the Township.

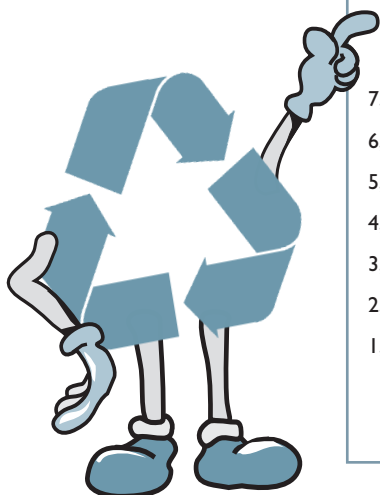
Four initiatives have greatly improved the Township's recycling numbers. First

is the switch to automated trash collection. The Township only allows one 96-gallon trash toter, so residents are encouraged to recycle materials that they may have previously thrown away. Second, the Township now collects yard and leaf waste on a monthly basis, again giving residents a recycling alternative and diverting yard and leaf waste away from the trash stream. Third, the Township participates in the annual Household Hazardous Waste Disposal days sponsored by Chester County. Diversion of these hazardous wastes also contributes to our increased recycling efforts. And finally, implementation of the single-stream recycling collection process has

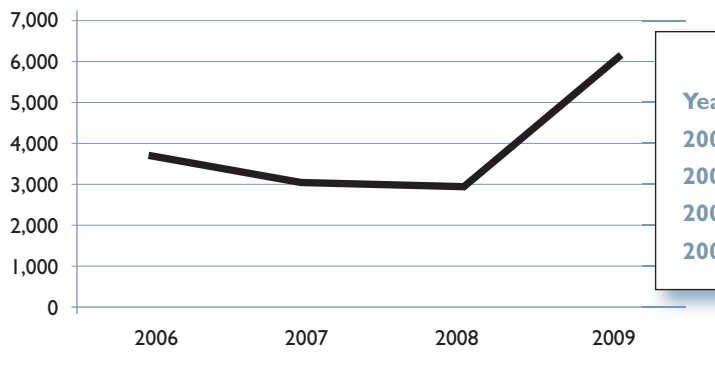
simplified the Township's recycling program. Single-stream recycling means that all recyclable materials may be placed in your recycling container without separating paper from plastics, etc. These four initiatives have greatly increased Township recycling collections.

Township residents and business owners can be proud that their recycling efforts are showing significant increases in our recycling rate.

To learn more about recycling in West Goshen Township, see the Waste and Recycling Guide on Page 6. ★



Congratulations West Goshen! Your total recycling tonnage has increased significantly.



Total Recycling Tonnage			
Year	Residential	Commercial	Total
2009	3,316	2,719	6,035
2008	1,769	1,138	2,907
2007	1,247	1,781	3,028
2006	1,688	1,952	3,640

Subdivision and Land Development Report

The following plans have been approved for development:

Hickman Land Development – Land development for property located at 352 Snyder Avenue which proposes to add a roof to a 2,048 square foot partially completed garage, and construct an additional 3,200 square foot garage. Both garages are to be used for the storage of vehicles for a septic cleaning business.

South Concord Road – A proposed subdivision for 23 lots, including 20 single family dwellings and 3 open space lots. The site is located at the rear portion of Rolling Green Memorial Park, zoned R-3 Residential.

Spaz Beverage Land Development – The plan provides for the consolidation of three nonconforming lots into one lot to add an additional seven parking spaces for Spaz Beverage located at 1015 West Chester Pike.

Jones Subdivision – The subdivision is situated on the northeast side of Grove Road, south of it's intersection with

Pennsylvania Avenue and involves the creation of two residential lots from a 2.24 acre site. The existing dwelling will remain on lot one (1.26 acres). Both lots will be serviced by on-site water and public sewer. The site location is 1127 Grove Road, zoned R-3 Residential.

The following plans remain under review:

Liberty Tool – Land development plan for a 26,000 square foot industrial supply warehouse facility with associated parking and stormwater management facilities, located at 1005 Saunders Lane.

Goshen Leisure Development II – The proposed plan reflects 164,150 square feet of flex office and warehouse buildings to be located at 21 Hagerty Boulevard.

Chester County Hospital: West Pavilion – The land development proposes a 71,715 square foot hospital addition for the Chester County Hospital located at 701 East Marshall Street.

415 Goshen Road Subdivision – The proposed plan will subdivide the property located at 415 Goshen Road into five single family lots.

The Woodlands at Greystone – The submitted plan proposes for the development of 598 dwelling units pursuant to the Flexible Design Conservation District regulations for a 446+ acre property located along Pottstown Pike, Phoenixville Pike, and the Route 322 Bypass (commonly referred to as the Jerrehian tract).

Roslyn Swim Club – Land development proposing to convert the existing 1,200 square foot roofed deck into a locker room/ bath house facility, construct a new 1,200 square foot roofed deck, install sidewalk access to the new facilities, including a handicap accessible sidewalk to further enhance and make more useable the existing facility

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

township information

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

ROAD RULES

In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information for drivers, focusing on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code or on other traffic safety issues.

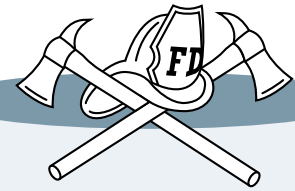
Construction Zones

With the many roadway improvement projects being conducted on area roadways, drivers are reminded to use caution in active work zones. An "Active Work Zone" is defined by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code as the portion of a work zone where construction, maintenance, or utility workers are located on the roadway, berm, or shoulder. Section 3326 of the Vehicle Code further defines (in part) the duties of drivers when approaching these areas to include "yield(ing) the right-of-



way to any authorized vehicle or pedestrian actually engaged in work upon a highway within any highway or utility construction or maintenance area indicated by official traffic-control devices placed in accordance with department regulations, including advanced warning signs or a vehicle having flashing or revolving yellow lights." In other words, not only must traffic slow down to posted reduced speed limits in construction areas, but drivers must give right-of-way to construction personnel working on the road.

Fines are doubled and operating privileges may be suspended for certain offenses when committed in an active work zone. Please use extreme caution in these areas. ★



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

Would you have guessed that there are over 490 fire hydrants in West Goshen Township?



Although the fire companies have maps showing the location of each of these hydrants, winter storms and snow plowing sometimes bury these hydrants under a mountain of snow which makes them impossible to find quickly.

With winter upon us and snow sure to come, we are asking you to help. If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, please take a few moments and clear the snow away. Clearing the snow away from a fire hydrant increases its visibility and can save precious time saving lives and property when firefighters need to hook up to the hydrant in a hurry.

When it comes to fighting fires, every second counts.

Also, make sure all exit doors from your home remain clear of snow and ice. Clearing only one door may impede your escape during an emergency. You should always have at least two ways out of your home. ★

Public Township Meetings

Board of Supervisors (4:00 PM, first and third Wednesday of each month, except when otherwise noted): November 10 (at 7:00 PM); December 15; January 19. Annual Organization Meeting—Monday, January 3.

Park and Recreation Board (7:00 PM, third Wednesday of each month except December): November 17; January 19.

Planning Commission (7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month): November 16; December 21; January 18.

Sewer Authority (7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month): November 3; December 1; January 5.

Zoning Hearing Board (7:00 PM, Thursday after second Wednesday each month, or as needed. Check Township website or call 610-696-5266 for hearing confirmations): November 12; December 10; January 14.

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.westgosheh.org for updates.

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



Part of Our Community

The Chester County Hospital has been serving area residents since 1892. Housed in its original location on the north side of West Chester Borough's Marshall Square, the hospital was the first in Chester County. Expanding need for medical services due to a growing population and a generous gift from Pierre S. du Pont led to the hospital's move down the street to its current

location on the West Goshen/West Chester border in 1923.

Currently, the hospital has four major service areas, according to Lauren Speakman, Marketing and Public Relations specialist for the hospital. Heart and blood vessel care, including a heart surgical team up to date with the latest medical developments thanks to an affiliation with the Cleveland Clinic, is handled through the hospital's cardiovascular center. Experts affiliated with the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania make The Chester County Hospital's Cancer Program one of the top cancer care centers in the area. Services for women

and children include an obstetrics/gynecology department responsible for over 2,500 births per year, a Level 3 certified (highest certification level in Chester County) neonatal intensive care unit, and the CHOP Connection at The Chester County Hospital, a joint pediatric service with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The orthopedic center treats a full range of bone and joint issues, and has been recognized with Gold Seals of Approval from the Joint Commission for hip and knee replacements.

Educational opportunities are available to the public through the hospital's wellness programming. Reaching out to the community with health fairs, lectures, and health screenings (including the Heart Tracks Program, a comprehensive screening of factors affecting heart health), the hospital's

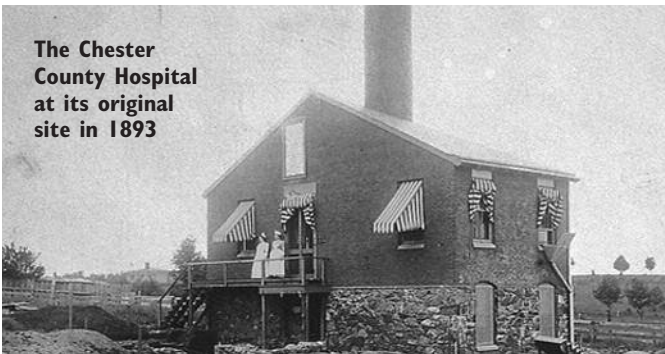
wellness programs promote healthy living through prevention, identification, and treatment of illness. County residents can visit www.cchosp.com to learn how to take advantage of a wide variety of courses, support groups, and other services geared towards a healthy life.

“Our mission is to be recognized as the leading provider of care in the region and a national model for quality, service excellence, and fiscal stewardship,” explains Speakman.

Until 1999, Chester County Hospital also housed its own School of Nursing. Nurses have been trained at the hospital since 1894, and had been housed there since 1899. The School of Nursing grew with the hospital. Yearly enrollment increased from five students in its first class to over 100 in the late 1970s. Hospital-based training has included lessons in patient care, sanitation, anatomy, administering medication, central supply, and physiotherapy. Outside of the hospital, students benefited from partnerships formed over the years with the Pennsylvania Hospital Department for Mental and Nervous Diseases, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Immaculata College. Since 1997, the hospital has engaged in its current partnership with Delaware County Community College to offer an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing Degree through The Center for Nursing and Allied Health Education at the hospital's Rhoads Education Building.

Presently, the hospital has over 2,000 staff members, including nearly 500 doctors on staff. In 2009, the hospital had 44,439 emergency department visits, and admitted 14,999 patients. The Chester County Hospital currently also has eight medical office locations across the county, including two in West Goshen Township: the North Hills Medical Office Building next to the hospital, and the Fern Hill Medical Campus.

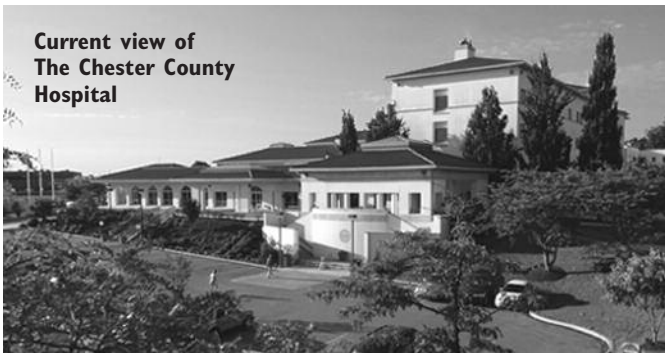
The Chester County Hospital at its original site in 1893



The current hospital location, shortly after opening in 1925



Current view of The Chester County Hospital





Greening West Goshen

Assisting hospital staff is a corps of 450 volunteers. Lauren Speakman speaks with pride when discussing the hospital's volunteers. "We have an amazing volunteer force both in and out of the hospital." Examples of volunteer services include offering direct assistance to patients, transporting supplies, and participating in programs and special events. Since 1893, the Women's Auxiliary to The Chester County Hospital has assisted with fundraising and hospital outreach throughout the county. The members of this group help make some of the hospital's most popular and successful events possible, including Chester County Day, the Dilworthtown Inn Wine Festival, Beef-Beer-Boogie, the May Festival, and, since 2007, the Polo Cup. Golfers can support women's and children's health services in the FORE Health Invitational or the cancer program in the Gordon S. Bowker Memorial Golf Outing, cyclists can join the Challenge for Cancer Bike Tour, and runners can participate in the Dash 4 Diabetes. On Saturday, November 6th, SHINE, a gala at Mercedes-Benz of West Chester, will benefit the cancer center.

Since its founding in 1892, The Chester County Hospital continues to strive to be recognized as the leader in health care for the county. Helping with that goal, the hospital has been recognized with Gold Seal certifications for treatment of stroke, acute myocardial infraction (heart attack), heart failure, wound care, along with hip replacement and knee replacement. Excellence in health care service is summed up in the hospital's vision statement, "To provide each patient and their family with an outstanding experience, improve the health of our community, and attract, retain, and educate the best and brightest health care professionals."

News about upcoming events and information about hospital services, programs, history, and volunteer opportunities can be found at www.cchosps.com. ★

Since 2004, the West Goshen Township Newsletter has contained information about stormwater management for businesses and homeowners in compliance with Township, state, and federal laws requiring public information about stormwater reduction. Information for these articles has come largely from the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association, a nonprofit association dedicated to the preservation of the local watersheds. West Goshen Township is a proud member and supporter of the mission of the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association, and appreciative of the Association's efforts to educate the public about stormwater management issues.

Beginning with this issue, stormwater information can be found in a new section of the Newsletter called "Greening West Goshen." This

section will continue to offer best practices in stormwater management, and will also include tips on organic gardening, reducing energy usage, and other ideas to help us all make more environmentally-sound decisions. This section of the Newsletter is part of West Goshen's continued commitment to make the Township a healthy, environmentally-friendly place to live in, work in, and visit. *(For more information about some of the green efforts by West Goshen Township, see the Summer 2010 issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter at www.westgoshen.org/Newsletter/WGTSummer10.pdf.)*

If you have any green tips you would like to share, questions you would like to address, or environmental challenges that we can help with, feel free to contact Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at klehr@westgoshen.org.

Now Is the Time to Plant

Fall is the best time for planting most trees and shrubs. Trees and shrubs control stormwater by preventing flooding, soil erosion, and polluted runoff that threaten our streams, drinking water, and ecosystems.



Fall is also the perfect time to apply a slow-release, organic fertilizer to encourage root development, which will create a healthier, more resilient lawn next year. It's also a good time to have your soil tested, and to spread lime if your soil is too acidic for turf grass.

Remember to compost your leaves either with a home compost bin, or by placing your leaves in biodegradable bags or trash cans for municipal leaf collection. Collection dates this year are on the following Saturdays: November 13th, December 4th, and December 18th.



Information for this article was provided by the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association. ★

How to Dispose of Recyclables, Trash, and Hazardous Waste

Not sure if that plastic yogurt bottle is recyclable, how to dispose of a refrigerator, or what to do with tree branches that came down in the most recent storm? Look to West Goshen Township to help answer your questions in this semiannual Waste and Recycling Guide. Guidelines are divided into three property categories:

Single family homes: Houses that receive municipal trash collection from West Goshen Township's trash hauling contract with Allied Waste.

Multi-unit residences: Includes apartment buildings with four or more units and condominium associations. Trash for multi-unit residences is collected by private haulers contracted by the apartment or condominium association.

Businesses: Includes commercial business properties such as stores, markets, office buildings, restaurants, and shopping centers; industrial properties such as factories, foundries, processing plants, and warehouses; institutions such as hospitals, nursing homes, private and public schools, and universities; and public agencies including government agencies, authorities, and councils. Trash for businesses is collected by private haulers contracted by the property owners.



Recyclables

Single family homes: Recyclables are collected on Mondays, and must be placed in a recycling bucket or a trash can with a Township recycling sticker attached to it by 6:00 Monday morning or the night before. Twenty gallon recycling buckets (\$10) and free recycling stickers are available at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Please mark each bucket with your street and house

number, and place it to the left or right of your trash can, with at least three feet of clearance between the containers. In the event of a Monday holiday, recyclables would be collected the following day. There is no maximum limit to the amount of household recyclables accepted. The following items are recyclable: Cans, including aluminum, steel, or tin; clear, brown, or green glass bottles and jars; #1 through #7 plastics; paper, including junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, white paper, wrapping paper, magazines, and newspapers; corrugated cardboard; and flattened boxes, including cereal boxes, and other cardboard boxes. Please note that all items must fit into your recycle bucket. Corrugated cardboard must be cut into pieces no larger than two feet by two feet, and bagged or bundled into stacks no larger than one foot thick.

The following items are **NOT** recyclable, and should be disposed of with regular trash: tissues, paper towels, and napkins; food wrappers; wax or plastic coated boxes; tyvek envelopes; styrofoam; boxes that have come into contact with food including pizza boxes; metallic wrapping paper; light bulbs; plate glass, window glass, drinking glasses, and mirrors; crystal; ceramics; aerosol paint cans; ovenware; plastics without identifying recycling numbers; and empty oil cans or bottles.

Multi-unit residences: Must provide written recycling program materials to occupants with instructions about 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 following recycling materials at least once per month: 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 into direct contact with food, and non-corrugated cardboard; and any

other recyclables determined by the apartment complex or condominium association. Recycling containers must be easily accessible and suitable for the type of material that is being collected.

Businesses: Must provide written recycling program materials to occupants and employees with instructions about what materials are to be recycled, how the materials are to be prepared, and how the collection system works. The owner, operator, or administrator of business properties must provide for collection of the following recycling materials at least once per month: Computer paper and white bond/copier/letterhead paper; corrugated paper; and aluminum and steel or bimetallic cans. 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.



Trash

Single family homes: Trash collections are on Mondays and Thursdays. In the event of a Monday holiday, trash will be collected on Tuesday and Friday that week. In the event of a Thursday holiday, trash will be collected that Friday.

All trash (except bulk items) must be placed inside the Township-provided 96 gallon container, and the container must be placed at curbside before 6:00 AM or the night before with the front wheels against the curb and the handle facing away from the street. The container must be at least four feet away from mailboxes, cars, or any other obstacles, and at least three feet to the left or right of any recycling containers. Trash will not be picked up if it is put out after the truck has arrived. We recommend that you write your address

Collection Dates for Fall Leaves in 2010 and Yard Waste in 2011

West Goshen Township arranges for leaves of Township homeowners to be collected and composted each year, and for yard waste to be collected monthly from April through October (with one additional collection in April), thus avoiding needlessly dumping natural, renewable resources into additional landfill space.

LEAVES

Leaves will be collected in West Goshen Township on the following Saturdays this fall:

November 13, 2010
December 4, 2010
December 18, 2010

Leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags or trash cans. Small twigs or branches that fit into a paper yard waste bag may be included. Leaves will not be collected from plastic bags.

YARD WASTE

The 2011 yard waste collections will take place on the following Saturdays:

April 9, 2011	July 16, 2011
April 23, 2011	August 13, 2011
May 14, 2011	September 17, 2011
June 11, 2011	October 15, 2011

Branches, twigs, leaves, and other yard wastes may be placed curbside the night before a collection date in trash cans, biodegradable paper yard waste bags, or in bundles no more than four feet in length.

There is no limit to the number of bags, cans, or bundles for leaf or yard waste collections. Leaves and yard wastes are not permitted to be disposed of by burning in West Goshen Township in compliance with Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, and may not be raked into streets or deposited into streams, ponds, or stream beds. **Leaves and yard waste will not be collected from plastic trash bags.** Grass clippings and logs will not be accepted with leaf or yard waste collections. ★

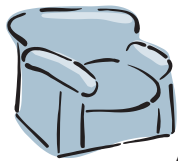
in permanent black marker on the trash container, and make note of its unique identification number (indicated on the trash container) assigned to your home, to avoid any confusion with neighbors' trash containers.

Multi-unit residences and businesses: Please consult your property owner for trash disposal locations.

Single family homes and multi-unit residences: Check back in the Spring 2011 issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter for dates and locations to dispose of the following items with the Chester County Solid Waste Authority:

- **PAINT PRODUCTS:** Oil-based paints; turpentine and thinners; stains, varnishes, and shellacs; strippers and removers; and adhesives and solvents
- **OUTDOOR PRODUCTS:** Pool chemicals; weed killers; septic tank degreasers; asphalt sealers; caulking compounds; joint compounds; and roof cements
- **AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS:** Grease and rust solvents; fuel additives; carburetor cleaners; transmission and brake fluid; antifreeze; and gasoline
- **HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS:** Drain openers; rug, wool, and metal cleaners; mothballs/flakes; spot remover; rechargeable or nickel cadmium (NiCad) batteries; kerosene; smoke alarms; toilet bowl cleaners; and adhesives and solvents
- **OTHER PRODUCTS:** Acids, caustics, and solvents; flammables and oxidizers; lead and mercury products; pesticides; organic peroxide; reactive metals; gas cylinders (maximum twenty pounds)

The following materials will not be accepted: Infectious and medical waste; explosives and ammunitions; dioxin; latex and water based paints; pressurized CFAs and HCFs; commercial and industrial waste; radioactive waste; household batteries; appliances; and unidentified waste. Tires, car batteries, and used motor oils are not accepted at household hazardous waste collections, but may be recycled at select automotive businesses. Call the Chester County Solid Waste Authority at 610-283-3771, ext. 228 for recycling locations of automotive-related materials. ★



Bulk Trash

Single family homes:

A maximum of one bulk item will be collected per week on Thursdays (or Fridays during holiday weeks). A bulk item is an object which two people can lift. Refrigerators, air conditioners, and other cooling units must be tagged that freon has been removed. No building materials, railroad ties, automotive parts, or tires will be accepted. A maximum of four carpet rolls, each no longer than four feet in length, will be collected. If you are unsure whether or not your bulk trash item will be collected, call Allied Waste service at 610-869-2222.

Multi-unit residences and businesses: Please consult your property owner for bulk trash disposal procedures.



Household Hazardous Waste

Single family homes, multi-unit residences, and businesses: Items labeled with any of the following words can not be disposed of with regular trash: CAUTION, TOXIC, DANGER, FLAMMABLE, WARNING, CORROSIVE, EXPLOSIVE, REACTIVE, COMBUSTIBLE, POISONOUS, or HAZARDOUS.



New Admission Procedures to be Introduced at Skatepark

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department has announced new procedures for those using the skatepark at Robert E. Lambert Park. Beginning on January 1st, anyone registering for daily skatepark use will receive a uniquely numbered wristband which must be worn while in the skatepark. Annual skatepark pass holders must have their passes in possession at the time of entering for admission. Starting January 1st, annual passes will be valid for the calendar year in which they are issued, regardless of when they are purchased during that year. For example, an annual pass purchased in January 2011 would be valid through December 31, 2011. An annual pass purchased in September 2011 would be valid through December 31, 2011. Obviously, those wishing to maximize the use of an annual pass would benefit from purchasing it early in the year. The fee for annual passes will increase from \$50 to \$60 for West Goshen residents, and from \$100 to

\$120 for non-residents. This will constitute the first increase in annual pass fees since the skatepark opened in 2006.

Skatepark hours will be from 3:00 PM through sunset on weekdays through the Thanksgiving holiday. Weekend and school holiday hours will continue to be 10:00 AM through sunset. The skatepark may close in the event of rain, snow, or extreme cold temperatures. For closure information, call West Goshen Township at 610-696-5266. If Township offices are closed, use the phone menu for the skatepark information line.

Will I need to wear the new wristband to skate in the skatepark?

Beginning January 1, 2011, anyone who signs up for the daily pass at the skatepark must wear the wristband while in the skatepark.

Will I be able to reenter the skatepark if I leave?

Anyone who has a wristband may reenter the skatepark on the date of the wristband's issuance.

Will I need to wear the new wristband if I have an annual skatepark pass?

Anyone having an annual pass to the skatepark will not be required to wear a wristband. However, an annual pass holder **must** have his pass on his possession when at the skatepark in order to gain admission.

Are there any other changes to admission procedures for annual skatepark pass holders?

Anyone having an annual pass to the skatepark will have to sign a register upon entering and leaving the skatepark.

How much is an annual skatepark pass?

An annual skatepark pass is \$50.00 for West Goshen residents and \$100.00 for non-residents through December 30, 2010. Beginning January 1, 2011, the fee for an annual skatepark pass will be \$60.00 for residents and \$120.00 for non-residents.

How long is a skatepark pass good for?

Skatepark passes purchased before December 31, 2010 will be valid for one year from the date of issuance. Beginning on January 1, 2011, annual passes will only be valid for the calendar year in which they are issued, regardless of when they are purchased during that year.

Will daily skatepark fees increase in 2011?

No. The cost of daily admission will continue to be \$5.00.

If I have multiple members of my family skating at once, can I register them all on one form?

No. A separate registration form must be completed and separate wristband issued for each person registering for daily skatepark use regardless of whether or not they are members of the same family.

What safety equipment will be required to enter the skatepark?

A helmet with properly fitting strap, kneepads, and elbow pads will continue to be needed for admission to the skatepark. ★

Take a Break This Holiday Season with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department

The Holiday Season can be a busy time. Shopping, gift-wrapping, decorating, writing and sending cards, and preparing for parties can become overwhelming.

Take a break from your busy holiday season with the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department.

■ On Monday, December 6th, treat yourself to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes, followed by free time in New York and a memorable dinner at Carmine's, all for just \$149 per person. Or, if you feel the need to get shopping done in the Big Apple, spend the afternoon touring the city on your own with a bus trip to New York on Saturday, December 11th for \$35 per person.

■ Are you looking for the perfect finishing touch to your house this holiday? Join the holiday decorations workshop on either Wednesday, December 8th or Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 PM at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. For \$10 you can design and create your own centerpiece, or for \$15 you can decorate a wreath to bring home.

■ If you are looking for an opportunity to spend a little quality time making holiday memories with your family (and a

special guest from the North Pole), then West Goshen's Annual Holiday Breakfast is for you! Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the Stadium Grille, meet Santa and take



your children's picture with the big guy, and take home gingerbread men that children can decorate at the restaurant. Choose to attend on Saturday, December 18th or Sunday, December 19th between 9:00 and 10:30 AM. The holiday breakfast costs \$12 per person and is limited to West Goshen residents.

Advance registration is required for each of these events. Additional information and registration forms are available at www.westgoshen.org. You may contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266 or via email at klehr@westgoshen.org. ★

Don't Miss the Last Boot Camps of the Year

The final 2010 sessions of the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department's popular Adventure Boot Camp for Women will take place from October 20th through November 16th, and from November 29th through December 24th between 6:00 and 7:00 AM. Cost is \$299 per person for West Goshen residents or \$309 for non-residents. For a cost of \$210 for West Goshen residents, or \$220 for non-residents, participants can join three mornings per week. For more information and to register, visit www.westgoshen.org, or contact the West Goshen Park and Recreation Department at 610-696-5266. ★



ROONIE SAYS...

Don't take chances with rabies. State law requires all dogs to be vaccinated, but do not work under the assumption that all dogs are protected from this dangerous disease. If you or your pet are bitten by a dog severely enough to cause bleeding, you should ask the owner of the dog for proof of rabies vaccination and contact information in case any future problems develop as a result of the dog bite. If the owner does not cooperate, contact the police immediately, and copy the owner's license plate number for identification purposes if possible. Remember, dog bites are a potential health and safety matter. Do not hesitate to report them to the proper authorities, and consult a physician with any concerns.

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. ★



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TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY

Township offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25th in celebration of Thanksgiving. Trash will be collected on Friday, November 26th that week.

Because Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Saturdays, these holidays will not affect hours of operations for Township offices. Trash and recyclables will be collected on their regularly scheduled days those weeks. ★



Christmas Tree Dropoff and Curbside Collection Dates

Christmas trees will be accepted at West Goshen Community Park's lower parking lot from December 26, 2010, through January 17, 2011. This service is provided for West Goshen residents—Anyone illegally dumping additional trees or other items will be prosecuted. The trees will be shredded into mulch instead of occupying valuable landfill space.

Homeowners receiving residential trash service will also have the option of having their trees collected curbside on Saturday, January 22, 2011. Trees from this collection will also be composted.

For both dropoff and curbside disposal, please make sure to remove all tinsel, decorations, and plastic bags from trees. Wreaths will not be accepted. ★