

# WEST GOSHEN



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## Keep Cool this Summer while Reducing Air Conditioning Costs



During the summer, air conditioners can become expensive to operate and a drain on local energy suppliers. You can keep cool and minimize the use of air conditioning by following these tips:

- 1 Open windows at night, and close before departing for work. This will allow the cool evening air to enter the house, and prevent the hot day air from entering during peak temperatures.
- 2 Close drapes/blinds and windows during the daytime. In addition to hot air, you want to prevent a greenhouse effect from light heating the cooler inside air. For extra insulation, you may want to hang winter blankets, which are designed to trap heat, over windows as well.
- 3 When closing blinds, make sure slats face up, not down. Sunlight enters a building obliquely from the top down, so adjusting correctly will block the maximum amount of sunlight from entering.
- 4 Cross ventilate. Where possible, open windows and doors at opposite ends of the room.
- 5 Keep lights off as much as possible.

6 Use fluorescent lights. They are not only more efficient than traditional incandescent bulbs, but they also give off less heat.

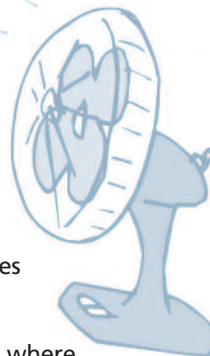
7 Keep your house clean. A cluttered house retains more heat.

8 Avoid running appliances in the daytime. Do laundry and dishwashing in the early morning or late evening. If you can, make meals in advance that you can microwave so you won't have to use your oven or stovetop during the hottest times of the day.

9 Serve cold foods like salads and sandwiches, and drink cool beverages; avoid alcohol. Not only will this keep appliances like stoves and ovens cooler, but cold foods make people feel cooler inside when compared to hot meals.

10 Line dry clothes.

11 Invest in fans. Window fans provide the best ventilation. Ceiling fans can make a room feel six or seven degrees cooler. Attic fans help keep the whole house cool by removing heat where it gathers in the home's highest point—the attic.



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## Ordinances Updated

The Township Board of Supervisors recently enacted three ordinance changes:

The Board amended Chapter 36, Section 3 of the West Goshen Township Code to require that dogs must be on a leash and under control when on public property such as streets, sidewalks, parks, alleys, etc. This is a change in the Township Code that previously allowed dogs on public property to be "under reasonable control" and not necessarily on a leash. The revised ordinance reads:

- A. *It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to permit such dog to run at large in West Goshen Township. Any such dog found to be running at large, whether licensed or unlicensed, shall be subject to seizure, detention and disposition by the West Goshen Township Police Department or agency employed by the Township to carry out such seizure, detention or disposition in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Dog Law, EN as amended from time to time.*
- B. *"Running at large" shall be defined as being upon any public highway, street, alley, park or other public land, and not being on a leash and accompanied by or under the control of the owner or any other person having custody of said dog.*

The new Code does not affect dogs on private property.

The Board also amended Chapter 84, "Zoning," and amended Chapter 59, "Peace and Good Order," to more clearly define noise. The Noise Ordinance was relocated from the "Zoning" Ordinance to the "Peace and Good Order" Code Chapter to allow for swifter enforcement of noise

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# Subdivision and Land Development Report

*The following plan has been approved for development:*

## **209 Carter Drive – Deco Sales (Amended)**

*Location: 209 Carter Drive*

A previously approved plan called for a 3,002 square foot office/warehouse addition. This plan approved an additional 150 square foot of additional office warehouse space.

*The following plans remain under review:*

## **West Goshen Shopping Center**

*Location: 900 Paoli Pike*

A 46,000 square foot health club and spa facility is proposed within the existing shopping center site.

## **Baxter – Age Restricted Apartments**

*Location: 1015 Andrew Drive – East of Andrew Drive*

The plan proposes the construction of a 114 unit apartment complex for the 55+ age group.

## **Pottstown Pike Subdivision**

*Location: East Side of Pottstown Pike, South of Greenhill Road*

The plan will create a fourteen-lot single family detached dwelling subdivision.

## **3-Lot Subdivision**

*Location: East Side of Pottstown Pike, South of Greenhill Road*

The proposed plan will create a three-lot single family detached dwelling subdivision. An existing house is to remain on one of the lots.

## **The Woodlands at Greystone**

*Location: Northwest corner of the Route 322 By-Pass and Phoenixville Pike*

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).

## **Goshen Leisure Development II**

*Location: 21 Hagerty Boulevard: East of Route 202, North of Hagerty Boulevard*

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**

*Location: 701 East Marshal Street*

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**

*Location: 415 Goshen Road*

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

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

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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### **TOWNSHIP PARKS**

Barker Park  
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



# Open House Highlights

The West Goshen Municipal Complex hosted an Open House on Saturday, June 23rd. Highlights included (left to right, top to bottom) a presentation of the West Chester Area Emergency Response Team's robot, a crime scene demonstration by the West Goshen Police Department, an inside look at the Police dispatch center, a chance to learn about West Goshen's de-icing techniques, maintenance equipment for large vehicles, a sewer video inspection truck, and West Goshen's fleet of trucks and heavy-duty equipment. ★



## Public Township Meetings

**Board of Supervisors** (7:00 PM, second Wednesday of each month): August 8; September 12; October 10.

**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, first Wednesday of each month): August 1; September 5; October 3.

**Zoning Hearing Board** (7:00 PM, first Thursday after the second Wednesday each month, except where otherwise noted): 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.

# Greening West Goshen

"Greening West Goshen" offers environmentally sound practices for homeowners, businesses, gardeners, and property managers. If you have a green tip you would like to share, forward it to Newsletter Editor Ken Lehr at [klehr@westgoshen.org](mailto:klehr@westgoshen.org).



▲ On April 21, 2012, 49 volunteers, including employees from ING, Animas, Aqua, members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and West Goshen Lions Club, as well as students from the West Chester East Environmental Club, joined Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association members in removing 10,420 pounds of trash from along a one mile section of Goose Creek in West Goshen. ★

## Raise Your Mower Blade to Three Inches

Turfgrass, like other plants, must manufacture sugars through photosynthesis in their leaves if they are to develop into a high quality lawn. Closely mowed lawns have limited leaf area to take in the sunlight to produce the food they need to be healthy. In addition to leaf area, a direct relationship exists between the height of turfgrass plants and the depth and total mass of their root system.



**Kentucky blue grass and tall fescue lawns mowed at the recommended summer height of three inches have roots more than twice as deep as those of closely cropped lawns.** The shallow, weak roots of closely mowed lawns exhibit stress first and loss of grass plants to competing weeds is more likely, particularly during the summer. Raising mower heights during the summer will keep soil temperatures cooler, preserve soil moisture and help maintain turfgrass quality. Thicker lawns are more weed resistant, absorb more stormwater, lose less sediment during storms, and need less fertilizer. ★

## Keep Cool this Summer *continued from cover...*

**12** Keep fan blades clean of dirt.

**13** Keep the doors to rooms you wish to keep cool open.

**14** Close doors and vents for rooms you do not need to cool.

**15** Plant shade trees around the house. However, you may want to avoid planting on the south side if you want to benefit from passive solar heating in the winter. Instead, you may opt to install awnings on south facing windows where there's insufficient roof overhang to provide shade.



**16** Install screens or bamboo shades outside windows. This can stop

60% to 80% of the sun's heat from getting to the windows.

**17** Apply low-e or other heat control films to windows.

**18** Add insulation to your attic and/or crawlspace to help keep cool air in during the summer as well as retaining hot air in the winter.

**19** Minimize the number of times you have to open and close the refrigerator and freezer doors. The more the doors open, the harder the motor has to work and the more heat is generated.

**20** Turn the water heater down or off during the day. Instead of keeping water hot all day, turn it on one hour before you need hot water. ★

## Ordinances Updated

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complaints and to allow the Police Department and Township Codes Department to write non-traffic citations for noise violations.

And finally, the Board amended Chapter 84, "Zoning," to more clearly define "Alternative Energy Systems" for residential, commercial and industrial districts in West Goshen Township. The amended Code allows for and defines various alternative energy systems, such as solar, geothermal and wind energy.

These recent Ordinance amendments may be viewed at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org). For more information, contact Township Manager Casey LaLonde at [clalonde@westgoshen.org](mailto:clalonde@westgoshen.org) or at 610-696-5266. ★



**ROONIE SAYS...**

# Top Mistakes made by Pet Owners

*In 2012, Roonie's Canine Corner is focusing on the most risky mistakes by pet owners according to WebMD. The series continues with six more common mistakes.*

**Not Socializing Young Pets:** It's important to provide puppies and kittens with positive human interaction during their first seven weeks of life. This includes handling and play that fosters trust in people. Reputable breeders will begin this interaction, and you can continue the process when you bring your pet home. To develop a strong bond, play with your new puppy or kitten every day.



**Leaving a Dog Alone Too Long:** Spending 8-10 hours alone in a crate, tiny laundry closet, or even outdoors is too much for most dogs. It can lead to separation anxiety and destructive behaviors including chewing, soiling, digging, and nonstop barking or howling—even depression in a timid dog. Better choices are doggie day care, a mid-day visit from a pet sitter, or a canine companion. Adult dogs can go 4-5 hours in a crate but need exercise before and after.

**Setting No Rules:** Some people expect their pets to know right from wrong without being told. But human etiquette

does not come naturally to dogs and cats. You need to make it clear that jumping up on people, scratching the furniture, and peeing on the carpet are unacceptable. Be consistent about the house rules, and reward your pets for good behavior. If you need guidance, consult a trainer promptly.

**Scolding Pets for "Accidents:"** If you come home to find a puddle of pee on the floor, you may have the urge to yell at your pet. But animal behavior experts say this will do no good at all. The transgression took place in the past, and your dog or cat won't know why you are yelling. A better strategy is to praise your pets immediately when they do their business where they are supposed to.

**Leaving Young Kids Unsupervised:** Most children adore animals, but sometimes their enthusiasm can lead to someone getting hurt. Young kids may play too rough, pushing a dog or cat to strike out in self-defense. Be sure to supervise play time when a new pet joins the family. Set rules for how children should treat the pet and teach them to recognize the signs that a dog or cat wants to be left alone.

**Giving Milk to Cats:** The idea that cats thrive on milk is a myth. In fact, the opposite is often true. Most cats are lactose intolerant, meaning that they can't properly digest the sugars in milk. This can result in diarrhea and vomiting. While some cats can digest milk with no problems, they don't need it. So most vets recommend skipping the milk.

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*The series listing WebMD's risky mistakes pet owners make will conclude in the Fall 2012 issue of the West Goshen Township Newsletter. ★*

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*“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

*“When women are fully involved, the benefits can be seen immediately; families are healthier; they are better fed; their income, savings, and reinvestment go up. And what is true of families is true of communities and eventually, of whole countries.”*

The 2010 Blueprint Report by the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls begins with these words by Kofi Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations. The Blueprint Report then presents some somber findings about the challenges facing women in Chester County:

- 1 in 4 single women with related children under 18 live below the federal poverty threshold.
- Rates of forcible rape and sex offenses against women are higher in Chester County than in Bucks, Delaware, or Montgomery Counties or in Pennsylvania as a whole.
- 90% of families served by county-funded emergency shelters consist of single women with children.
- Recreational drug use for high-school aged girls has increased across all ethnic groups since the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls’ 2005 Blueprint Report.

“There are issues here in Chester County,” stresses Heidi McPherson, President and one of the founding members of the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls.

According to McPherson, there are numerous nonprofits that do an admirable job of serving the needs of the County’s female population. However, these organizations frequently lack public awareness of their services and adequate resources in addressing their missions.

The Chester County Fund for Women and Girls was created in 1996 to improve the lives of women and girls in the County through education, grantmaking, and community collaboration. The Chester County Fund for Women and Girls has worked to

make the community aware of the issues affecting women and girls and has awarded over \$1.6 million in grants to 52 organizations in an effort to address those issues.

Three years ago, the Fund’s moved its headquarters into West Goshen Township.

As part of its education efforts, the Fund commissions periodic Blueprint Reports providing a comprehensive needs assessment for women and girls in Chester County. Data are analyzed by the West Chester University Research Center, and research is funded independent of political input. The Blueprint Report not only helps guide the funding objectives of the Fund for



## Chester County Fund for Women and Girls

Women and Girls, but it is available on the Fund’s website for anyone to study and use. The Chester County Fund for Women and Girls also hosts workshops and informational sessions and makes speakers available to address the needs of women and girls in the County.

The Fund awards grants in three core service areas to County nonprofits:

- Girls’ positive development
- Women and girls’ economic security
- Women and girls’ health and safety

The Fund’s Grants Allocation Committee, made up of Chester County community volunteers, helps evaluate grant applications and make recommendations to the Fund’s Board of Directors. In addition, a Girls Advisory Board, consisting of tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade girls from all over the County, award grants to programs that specifically address girls’ needs. Participants in the Girls Advisory Board learn about community needs, visit nonprofit organizations, review grant

applications, and come to consensus about how to allocate grants.

“They know how hard it is to interview, select, and even handle rejection,” says McPherson. “The girls learn a lot about philanthropy, community needs and decision making.”

The Girls Advisory Board is one of ten such programs in the whole country. Based on the program’s success in developing girls as future leaders, the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls will co-chair the first National Conference on Girls’ Grantmaking with Bryn Mawr College, offering educational and social opportunities for 50 – 60 high school girls from across the country.

While The Chester County Fund for Women and Girls receives some funding from businesses and other foundations, the bulk of the Fund’s financial support comes from individual donors.

“Anybody can be a philanthropist,” points out McPherson. “Everyone can give. It’s not just about the big donors. Democratization of philanthropy is important to us. Everybody can make a difference.”

Grant guidelines are made available on December 1st for agencies in Chester County serving women and girls. Grant applications must be received by the end of January. Funding awards are announced in the spring. The Fund contributed over \$225,000 to local nonprofits this year, and plans to award \$250,000 in grants in 2013.

“Agencies know us. The general public doesn’t know us,” says McPherson. “However, we’re not a household name.”

“We’re probably the best kept secret in Chester County.”

McPherson doesn’t mind the Fund’s anonymity, as long as Chester County residents learn about the needs facing women and girls and take steps to make a difference.

“It’s more about getting the message out than getting our name out.”

*To learn more about the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls, visit [www.ccwomenandgirls.com](http://www.ccwomenandgirls.com). ★*

## Park and Recreation Department Returns to

## Yankee Stadium



The West Goshen Township Park and Recreation Department returns to Yankee Stadium on Friday, September 21st. See A-Rod, Jeter, and the rest of the Bronx Bombers take on the Oakland Athletics. Cost is \$59 per person and includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, a LOWER-LEVEL seat for the game, and bus driver tip. Information and registration forms are available at [www.westgoshe.org](http://www.westgoshe.org). ★

This year's Harvest Day will be celebrated on Sunday, October 21st between 2:00 and 4:00 PM at West Goshen Community Park. Harvest Day is one of West Goshen's largest annual celebrations, with hayrides, a pumpkin patch for kids, a scarecrow contest, prizes, and seasonal snacks and beverages. The day's activities are FREE OF CHARGE. Guests are encouraged to bring donations of toiletries (soap, toilet paper, deodorant, laundry detergent, etc.) or new clean clothes (especially needed: socks and underwear) for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Coatesville. Children must live in West Goshen Township to receive a pumpkin or participate in any of the contests

For more information or to register online, visit [www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Harvest\\_Festival/harvest\\_festival.html](http://www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Harvest_Festival/harvest_festival.html). Anyone interested in volunteering to help at the event can contact The Friends of West Goshen Parks at 610-692-2550. ★



## Don't Forget to **VOTE** This Election Year

### —For Your Favorite Movies!

The West Goshen Park and Recreation Department welcomes autumn with the return of the Fall Movie Series on September 22nd, September 29th, October 6th, and October 13th. The popular Saturday evening movies are shown FREE OF CHARGE at West Goshen Community Park beginning at 7:30 PM. The movie series is again sponsored by Fred Beans Ford Lincoln of West Chester.

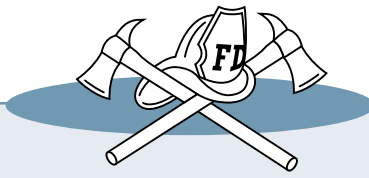
Each year, West Goshen residents decide the films to be shown in the Fall Movie Series. This year, the choices are:

- The Adventures of Tin Tin** (PG)
- The Avengers** (PG-13)
- The Lorax** (PG)
- Mirror Mirror** (PG)
- The Pirates—Band of Misfits** (PG)
- Puss in Boots** (PG)

Township residents can choose the movies they want to see by voting online at [www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Movies/movies.html](http://www.westgoshe.org/Departments/Events/Movies/movies.html) or by completing a ballot at the West Goshen Township Administration Building or at one of the remaining summer concerts. Votes will be accepted until noon on August 30, 2012. Only one ballot will be accepted per email address. The final schedule for the Fall Movie Series will be posted on the West Goshen Township website beginning September 4, 2012.

Guests are encouraged to bring dry good items (e.g., soap, toilet paper, shampoo, diapers, laundry detergent, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.) for the West Chester Food Cupboard.

In the event of rain, movies would be shown in the West Goshen Township Administration Building. ★



Safety Tips by Fire Marshal Andrea Testa

## Teach Your Children About Fire Safety

Every day Americans experience the tragedy of fire. Each year more than 4,000 Americans die in fires and 20,000 are injured. Figures show that each year about 150 people are killed and \$200 million in property is destroyed in fires attributed to children playing with fire.

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) encourages parents to teach children at an early age about the dangers of fire play in an effort to prevent child injuries, fire deaths, and fire setting behavior in the future. Below are some facts about children and fire safety.

Children under five are curious about fire. Often what begins as a natural exploration of the unknown can lead to tragedy.

- Children of all ages set over 35,000 fires annually. Approximately 8,000 of those fires are set in homes.
- Children make up 15-20% of all fire deaths.

- Children are under the false impression that they can control the fire they set.
- Young children love to imitate adults who light cigarettes, candles, or fireplaces.
- At home, younger children usually play with fire in bedrooms, in closets, and under beds. These are "secret" places where there are a lot of things that catch fire easily.
- Older children frequently play with fire outside of the home.

The Chester County Fire Marshal's Office in coordination with the West Goshen Fire Marshal has an educational program for juveniles involved in fire setting.

For more information, contact Fire Marshal Andrea Testa at 610-696-5266 or the Chester County Fire Marshals at 610-344-5000. ★

GIVE BLOOD

## Don't Miss Your Chance to Save a Life

The need for blood is constant. West Goshen Township will team up again with the American Red Cross for a blood drive the West Goshen Township Administration Building on Wednesday, August 1st between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. To schedule a donation appointment, contact Kate Meinhart at 610-696-5266, or visit [www.membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=8510](http://www.membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=8510). ★

## West Goshen Township Administration Building Welcomes Artists



In September and October, the walls of the West Goshen Township Administration Building will be filled with paintings, photographs, drawings, and other artwork from Township residents, as West Goshen celebrates its thirteenth annual Resident Art Exhibit. This exhibition is open to all residents of West Goshen Township, amateur or professional. Participating artists would need to complete a registration form (available at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org)) for each work of art to be displayed, and submit artwork by August 30, 2012 at 3:00 PM. Artwork from past exhibits have included oil paints, watercolors, digital photography, black and white photography, pencil, ink, and charcoal drawings, jewelry, quilts, sculptures, clothing, and more!

A free public reception will be held on Wednesday, September 5th between 7:00 and 8:00 PM to meet the artists. All are welcome to attend! ★

## Theater in the Park

The Commonwealth Classic Theater Company returns to West Goshen Community Park with a FREE performance of Thornton Wilder's classic American drama "Our Town" on Saturday, July 28th at 7:00 PM. For more information, visit [www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Theater/theater.html](http://www.westgoshen.org/Departments/Events/Theater/theater.html). ★





# Property Owners Must Register Rentals

The number of rental properties in West Goshen Township has increased over the past few years. Many property owners may not realize that all rental properties must be registered with the Township yearly, and there are penalties involved for those property owners who choose to ignore the rental registration. The West Goshen Township Code, Chapter 75 states, "It shall be the duty of the owner of every rental unit located within West Goshen Township to prepare and file an annual report with the Township Secretary which shall contain the complete name and address of each person eighteen years of age and older who is currently residing or

who during the preceding calendar year resided in each rental unit owned by the person required to file the report."

West Goshen Township is trying to update its rental information list. If you are not registered with the Township, please call 610-696-5266 for a Rental Registration Form. If your property is listed, please continue to update the Township with any changes to the property.

Remember: West Goshen Township may penalize property owners who choose to ignore the rental registration. ★

# Police Officers Recognized

Members of the West Goshen Township Police Department have recently been recognized for their service to the community and their commitment to police work.

On May 17, 2012, the Delaware Valley Citizens Crime Commission recognized **Detective Darren Sedlak** for "Outstanding Police Performance" for his coordination of a multi-state/multi-jurisdictional task force that cleared hundreds of thefts of catalytic converters, worth over \$1,000,000, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland, resulting in numerous federal indictments.

**Sergeant Justin DiMedio** has been accepted and invited to attend the 251st session of the FBI National Academy, an elite training program that accepts fewer than 1% of law enforcement professionals. During the ten-week training session at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, middle and upper management law enforcement officials receive training from a curriculum which focuses on leadership and management. Sgt. DiMedio becomes the fifth active officer and the eleventh overall from West Goshen Township to enroll in the prestigious program. ★

# Beware of "Curb Painting" Solicitations

West Goshen residents are warned that a company providing "house number curb painting" has been soliciting business in the Township for the last several months. Its advertising flyer is deceiving some Township residents, as the house number curb painting service appears to be sponsored or sanctioned by the Township. West Goshen Township does not require the painting of house numbers on curbs. If you receive a flyer, please disregard. If a salesperson knocks on your door, please ask to see his or her Solicitor's Permit, as one is required to make sales calls door to door in the Township. If the salesperson cannot produce a Solicitor's Permit, please call Township Police at 610-696-7400. ★

## 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 other traffic safety issues.

As of April 2, 2012 the Four Foot Safe Passing Law went into effect.

The law requires that:

- Bicycles must be operated in the right hand lane, or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of roadway.
- This does not apply to a bicycle using any portion of the road due to unsafe surface conditions.
- Motorists must overtake a bicycle with no less than **four feet** between the vehicle and the bicycle and at a "prudent reduced speed".
- No turn by a motorist may interfere with a bicycle proceeding straight.
- Bicycles may be operated at a

safe and reasonable speed appropriate for bicycles.

This further codifies the rights of bicyclists to be present in the roadway. It also makes it safer for bicyclists to be on the roadway. Of course, the law itself will only act as a catalyst for changing the habits of motorists; both the motoring and bicycling community must

be sure to act responsibly and follow all the laws governing our roadways to ensure a safe environment for all roadway uses. ★



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## Township Holidays

Township offices will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day. Trash will be collected on Tuesday, September 4th and Friday, September 7th that week.

## Make Sure You Receive Important Notices



In 2008, West Goshen Township implemented Connect-CTY service to notify residents of important information via telephone and texts. If you have a new phone number since that time and would like to receive emergency notifications, please visit the West Goshen Township website at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org) and click on the link for Connect-CTY shown above. Those without internet access can have their information added into the system by calling 610-696-5266. More information about Connect-CTY can be found in the Spring 2008 issue of The West Goshen Township Newsletter at [www.westgoshen.org/Newsletter/Newsletters/WGTSpring08.pdf](http://www.westgoshen.org/Newsletter/Newsletters/WGTSpring08.pdf). ★

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