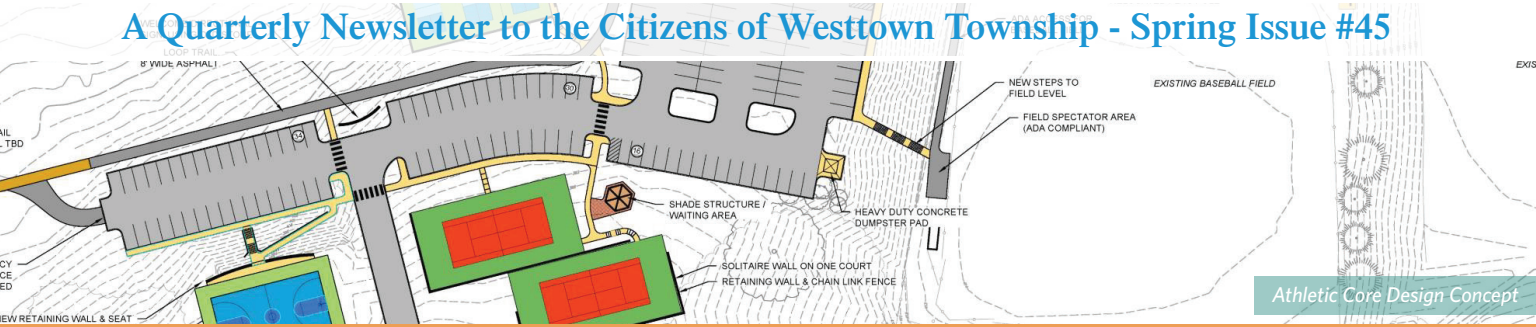




# WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to the Citizens of Westtown Township - Spring Issue #45



Athletic Core Design Concept

## Hello Westtown Neighbors!

In early February, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, predicting six more weeks of winter. Since then, we have experienced days with temperatures in the 60's and nights with temperatures in the 20's. Still, signs of spring are beginning to show up everywhere.

With the coming spring, we will see the start of construction for the much-needed improvements to the Oakbourne Park athletic area off East Pleasant Grove Road. This season will be a little different for young baseball and soccer players and for those who use the Oakbourne basketball and tennis courts, but, ultimately, the completion of the long overdue, upgraded facilities will prove to be a welcome addition to our community. The Township's plans include new tennis courts, a new basketball court, pickleball courts, restrooms, a pavilion, a playground, and new parking facilities, among other things. Please check the Township website for the current plans, with construction hopefully being completed by the end of 2023.

The other areas of Oakbourne Park, including the Oakbourne Mansion, pavilion, playground, community garden, scout fire circle, and most trails will remain open and available for use while construction is underway. I also will take this opportunity to remind everyone of the availability of two smaller Township parks: Tyson Park, which has a small pavilion, playground, paved walking circuit, and natural meadow; and the recently improved Larchbourne Park, which has a climbing structure, swings, open space for creative play, and picnic tables.

Any discussion of parks at this time would not be complete without a brief update regarding Crebilly Farm. At the time of writing, the Township has received significant commitments for grant awards toward the agreed upon purchase price, and based upon the results of the Open Space Referendum during the last general election, the Township is in a position to fund its required portion of the purchase price. The parties all remain committed to

fulfilling their respective obligations under the various agreements with the hope that one day our Township residents and our community, in general, will have another 200+ acres to use for trails, passive recreation, and open space.

As always, if you have questions or any suggestions regarding any matter within the Township, please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Supervisors or Township administration at 610-692-1930 or [supervisors@westtown.org](mailto:supervisors@westtown.org). Or better yet, please attend a Board meeting or meetings of our Township's commissions to express your views in person.

*Scott E. Yaw, Esq.*

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Westtown Township Supervisor

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#### Chester County Government Services Center:

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 Information: 610-344-6000  
 Aging Services: 610-344-6350  
 Children, Youth, & Families: 610-344-5800  
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 License Bureau (Dog, Fishing, Hunting): 610-344-6370  
 Marriage License Bureau: 610-344-6335  
 Passports: 610-344-6310  
 Recorder of Deeds: 610-344-6330  
 Tax Assessment: 610-344-6105  
 Tax Claim/Lien Bureau: 610-344-6360  
 Voters Services: 610-344-6410

#### Chester County Court House:

313 W. Market Street, West Chester Borough, PA 19380

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610-925-4920

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#### For Non-Emergencies:

610-692-5100

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### Full-Time Skilled Laborer

This position is responsible for maintenance and repair of roadways, trails, parks, right-of-ways, Township maintained properties, snow removal, storm and sanitary sewer. Additional job requirements, and application information can be found on the Township website.

#### Parks & Recreation Commission Vacancies

If you enjoy P&R programs, please consider volunteering your time to help plan and run events at Oakbourne Park. Interested residents should submit their resume and brief letter of interest to [jaltshul@westtown.org](mailto:jaltshul@westtown.org). Commission applicants must be current in all municipal obligations.

#### Crimewatch

This online tool gives the public direct access to crime and public safety related information happening in their community. Residents are encouraged to download the CRIMEWATCH mobile app. For more information visit [www.chester.crimewatchpa.com/wegopd/](http://www.chester.crimewatchpa.com/wegopd/) or to learn more about CRIMEWATCH Pennsylvania visit [www.CrimeWatchPA.com](http://www.CrimeWatchPA.com).

#### Ready Chesco

This service is used to notify you during a major crisis or emergency, and delivers important emergency alerts, such as weather, road closures, health, or community alerts. To sign up for Chester County's electronic notification system for emergency information go to <http://www.readychesco.org>.



#### Stay Informed

To receive information about meetings, special events, and public service announcements via email, please go to the Township website and click on the blue Get Email Alerts button at the top of any page.

#### Pay Sewer and Trash Bills Online

Residents can use Visa, Master Card, or Discover to pay utility bills online at [www.westtownpa.org](http://www.westtownpa.org). There is no fee for this service.

#### Save paper!

If you would like to receive the *Westtown Gazette* electronically, send an email to [administration@westtown.org](mailto:administration@westtown.org) and we will remove you from the mailing list. Newsletters are archived on the Township website.

## Manager's Message

On behalf of all Township staff, I'd like to wish all Westtown residents a very happy spring! There's a lot going on in the Township that I'd like to bring you up to speed on.

On March 6, the Board of Supervisors awarded the construction contract for improvements in Oakbourne Park to MECO Construction. The project calls for a substantial renovation of the Athletic Complex off East Pleasant Grove Road, including adding a comfort station, pavilion, playground, three pickleball courts, and a paved parking lot, and upgrading the basketball and tennis courts. The project will also improve the trail system throughout the Park. More detailed project plans can be found on the Township website on the Parks, Trails, and Open Space page.

The work will get underway this spring and is expected to be completed prior to the end of the year. We have notified East Side Little League and West Chester United Soccer Club that, unfortunately, the sports fields will not be available for use once the work gets underway. While this year-long interruption will certainly create logistical challenges, we are confident that the improvements, once complete, will benefit Township residents and our youth sport league partners for decades to come.

There is also a lot to report about developments with Township staff! First, I am pleased to report that Liudmila (Mila) Carter has been appointed as the Township's new Assistant Township Manager and Director of Planning and Zoning, replacing Maggie Dobbs. In this role, Mila is the Township's main point of contact for all property owners wishing to make improvements to their properties. Mila is a Westtown resident who brings a wealth of experience to her role, including having served as the Township's Planner from 2017 to 2021. She has previously worked in progressively responsible positions with the Lycoming County Planning Commission, the Delaware Department of Transportation, and Brandywine Conservancy. Welcome Mila!



Mila Carter



Cindi King

I am also delighted to report that Cindi King has been promoted to the position of Director of Finance, replacing long-time Finance Director JoAnne Grube, who has served the Township with remarkable distinction since 2002. Cindi joined the Township's Finance Department in February 2020 and brings 21 years of accounting experience, with 13 of those years in a local government setting. Please join me in wishing JoAnne a very happy retirement, and Cindi great success as she transitions into her new role.

Public Works will also be losing two extraordinary long-term employees after decades of tireless service. Please join us in wishing Road Crewman Dave Brown and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Chris Cullerson very long and relaxing retirements after 35 and 21 years of service, respectively. Dave and Chris have both left indelible marks on the smooth operation of the Township and will be missed by all!

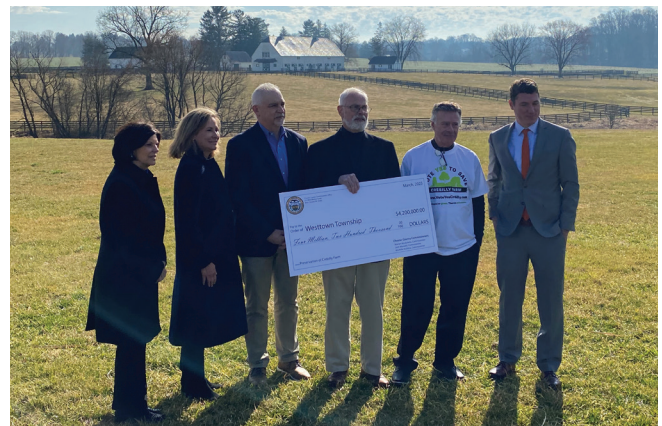
As always, I am happy to discuss anything going on in the Township. Please don't hesitate to give me a call or drop me a line!

Sincerely,

*Jonathan Altshul*  
Township Manager

## Crebilly Farm Update

As of early March, the Township has received \$10.2 million in grant commitments for the acquisition of Crebilly Farm. \$6 million has been awarded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and another \$4.2 million has been awarded by the Chester County Commissioners. In addition, the County Commissioners have also awarded Natural Lands \$2.15 million to pay for conservation easements over 102 acres along the southwestern section of the property. These conservation easements will prevent the parcels that will remain under private ownership from being subdivided or developed in the future. Westtown Township is extraordinarily grateful to our County and state partners who see the value in protecting and preserving Crebilly Farm!



Chester County Commissioners present grant awards to the Westtown Board of Supervisors.



# Documenting a Former Slave's Life

## Westtown Resident, First Black Person In The County To Have A Will Probated

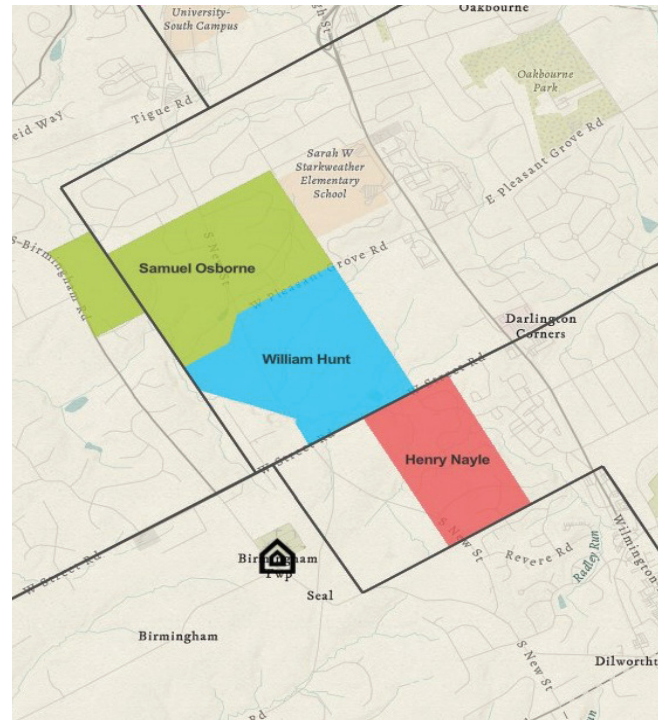
By Gail O. Guterl, Former Member, Westtown Township Historical Commission

When we think of historic events and Crebilly Farm, we think of it as the place where action occurred before and during the Battle of Brandywine. But Crebilly Farm has what one could call "small" history, everyday events that are just as interesting and significant. The story of Bilha, a freed slave from Thornbury Township, is significant for what we have learned about her life, and for the fact this Westtown resident was the first identified Black person in Chester County to have a will probated, way back in 1769.

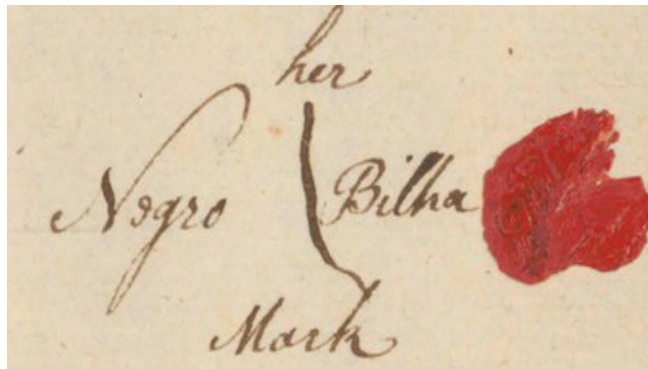
To learn more, let's go back to the 1700s. Slavery was legal in Pennsylvania until 1780 when it was abolished by the Gradual Abolition Act. You would think that because Pennsylvania abolished slavery in 1780, we would know about any slaves freed by the act who lived in Westtown Township. We know very little.

So, it is notable that because she left a will, we know about one former slave named Bilha (sometimes referred to as Bella) who lived on the Hunt property, now part of Crebilly Farm. We know things about her through implications or interpretation of her will, according to research conducted by the Chester County Archives and Record Services. We know what property she owned during her lifetime and who her neighbors and friends were. We also know she was literate because she owned several books. However, we also know that rather than sign her name to her will just before her death, instead she made her mark.

We know Bilha stayed in the area, possibly because her brother, Jack - who it is believed was free - and her cousin Jacob and his wife Sarah (owned by Joseph Hunt, who lived on 60 acres of what is now part of Crebilly Farm) were local. The 60 acres Joseph Hunt lived on was owned by his son, William.



This map shows the location of the Nayle, Hunt and Osborne properties. After Bilha was freed, she lived on the Hunt property, which is now part of what we know of as Crebilly Farm, on the western end of Westtown Township. Map, courtesy Chester County Archives & Records Services.



It is believed Bilha was literate, but because she was so ill at the time of her death, she made her mark on her will, rather than sign her name. Document, courtesy of Chester County Archives & Records Services.

Bilha belonged to Henry and Deborah Nayle of Thornbury Township, just south of what is Route 926 today. Henry died in June 1726 and left Bilha, whose age we do not know, to his wife. His will specified that when Deborah died Bilha was to be sold and proceeds from that sale were to become part of the estate. Bilha remained Deborah's slave for the next 24 years, but when Deborah, a Quaker who belonged to nearby Birmingham Meetinghouse, died in 1750 her will freed Bilha.

Bilha lived in a small cottage on William Hunt's property (also part of what is now Crebilly Farm) and because she did not bequeath anything to children, it is believed she may have been widowed but childless. It is notable that the executors of her will when she died in 1768 were, "Trusty friends William Hunt & Peter Osborn," two Quakers. Osborn (modern-day maps list the name as Osborne) owned the property just north of Crebilly Farm, where Dunvegan Road, Niels Lane, and John Anthony Drive are now.

It is believed that Bilha came to know Peter Osborn because of Peter's frequent visits to the property to court Joseph Hunt's daughter Elizabeth, whom he married in 1767.

Again, the will tells us things in a roundabout way. In this case, we know two things about Bilha: that she had friends in the community, and that she probably attended Birmingham Meetinghouse. Her first bequests in the will are not to her

brother, cousin, or cousin's wife. They are to 7-year-old Deborah Darlington and her 11-year-old sister Elizabeth. Deborah received a green "grazatt" apron (grazet is a silk or worsted lightweight dress material, often with a warp of one color and a weft of another), Bilha's best pair of silk mittens and a pair of small silver shoe buckles. Elizabeth was bequeathed another green "grazatt" apron and another pair of silk mittens. The Darlington's lived just north of the stadium and sports fields that are now West Chester University. They attended Birmingham Meetinghouse and that's probably how they knew Bilha. It is thought that Bilha attended Birmingham Meeting with Deborah Nayle and continued to attend when Deborah died. She would not have been a full member of the meetinghouse, probably because she was Black.

In those days, when a person died every single possession was inventoried. Clothing, bedding, pillows, tools, livestock; everything had value. They were itemized, and all were bequeathed to someone. Bilha's will, filed March 26, 1768, listed linens, a side saddle, pottery, books, furniture, a spinning wheel, iron pot hooks, blankets, knives, spoons, silver buckles, and much more. Her will tells us that she lived a domestic lifestyle.

Her will also shows her care of her possessions. In 1750 when Deborah died, Bilha inherited £55 and an assortment of household goods and clothing, such as books, a bed bolster, armchair, chest, spinning wheel, clock reel, round table, tea kettle, teapot, dough trough, and a mare. Bilha still owned some of these items upon her death 18 years later, including six books. The fact that she kept the books, which had value, implies she knew how to read. If she couldn't read, she probably would have sold them.

The final record of Bilha's estate was filed in 1769, when all her debts were settled. This too tells us a lot about Bilha. Her brother received 10 shillings for four days' travel to the doctor for Bilha. Also, a Catherine Pain received 1 pound 5 shillings for nursing. These two payments tell us that Bilha must have been sick at the time of her death, probably too sick to sign her name to her will, so therefore she made a mark. From this final record, we know Bilha was buried in a coffin because William Johnson was paid for constructing that coffin, and William Dilworth for digging her grave.

What is known makes any lover of history want to know more. Who were Bilha's parents? Who gave her the name Bilha and was it significant? Was she born into the Nayle's household or was she purchased? Was she well treated during her lifetime? Where exactly was her dwelling on what is now Crebilly Farm? What did she do during the 18 years of her freedom? So many questions.



The Township Historical Commission recently placed an interpretive sign along the walking trail at the site of the historic Maple Shade Farm. Now the site of Bayard Rustin High School and Rustin Walk residential community, the farm had a prominent place in Township history.

## Memorial Monument Dedication

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 | 10 A.M.

1147 S. Concord Road

Mark your calendar to attend Westtown Township's dedication of a memorial monument to Westtown's Revolutionary War Militia soldiers. The new monument is located on Township property at the pumping station at 1147 S. Concord Road. The public is cordially invited to the brief ceremony. The monument is sponsored by Westtown Township and the Historical Commission, local businesses, descendants of the Taylor family, patriotic and veterans' organizations, and citizen donations.

# Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

The EAC would like to thank those who took part in our Environmental Survey conducted last year. Close to 200 households responded to the survey. Below are the Top 10 environmental issues that respondents would like to see the Township pursue in the coming year:

1. Cleaning and Protecting Waterways
2. Tree Preservation for Shade and Carbon Capture
3. Protecting Open Space and Natural Resources
4. Environmentally Managing Storm Water Runoff
5. Roadside Cleanup
6. Community and Backyard Flower and Vegetable Gardens
7. Environmental Home Landscaping
8. Extreme Weather Preparedness
9. Reducing Single Use Plastics
10. Improving Residential Recycling

Thank you to those that participated in the survey. We will use these recommendations to guide our work in 2023 and beyond.

## Considering a New or Used Electric Vehicle?

New federal legislation is making subsidies and tax credits available for both. To see if the car you are interested in qualifies, visit the IRS website. Look under the heading Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

## CRC Tree Planting in Pleasant Grove

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is excited to be partnering with the Chester Ridley Crum Watershed Association (CRC) on a tree planting event in Westtown Township on the morning of Saturday, April 22, also known as Earth Day! CRC will be providing 75 native trees, at no expense to the Township, to be planted by volunteers along the southern bank of the creek in the Township open space between Blenheim Road and South Concord Road in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood. Planting native shrubs and trees helps stabilize streambanks, improve water quality, add habitat for creatures near the streams, and provide shade to cool the water in the creeks.

To learn more about the CRC or how you can register to volunteer for this event (or other CRC tree plantings), please visit [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).



## Stormwater Management Tips

In addition to municipal and commercial stormwater management efforts, Township residents can take steps to improve water quality in our community. Although many properties are under 1/2 acre, collectively they can produce significant stormwater runoff. Below are several simple yard care practices that encourage the absorption of rainfall and water runoff into the soil in residential landscapes. These actions benefit your community by preventing flooding, soil erosion, and polluted runoff that threaten our streams, drinking water, and ecosystems.

- **Spring is a great time to plant a tree.** At maturity, a large tree can intercept over 1000 gallons of rainwater each year. Their foliage reduces runoff by intercepting rain, and their canopies reduce the force of rain hitting the soil, reducing erosion.
- **Consider creating new focal points in your yard.** Replace grass with a rain garden or pocket meadow. Learn more at [www.westtownpa.org/storm-water](http://www.westtownpa.org/storm-water)
- **Leave grass clippings.** Mow often enough so that clippings are not longer than one-third (1/3) of the grass blade, so they can decompose easily into the soil. Grass clippings supply up to 50% of nitrogen and phosphorus needs, reducing the need for fertilizer which can pollute streams.
- **Mulch properly.** Mulch beds help retain water and prevent weeds, but avoid volcano mulching. Remove old excess mulch before adding fresh mulch. Too much mulch prevents roots from getting sufficient oxygen, and underlying roots can rot or girdle. Wet mulch against the tree bark can damage the bark and underlying tissue, leading to fungus, disease, and eventual death of the tree.
- **Test your soil.** Healthy soil grows healthy turf, which can absorb more rainwater. Visit the Penn State Agricultural Sciences website for soil fertility testing information and fees: <https://agsci.psu.edu/aasl/soil-testing/fertility>

**Thank you for helping to protect clean water!**



# Parks & Recreation Commission (P&R)

Parks & Rec has a great lineup of events and activities planned in 2023. We kicked off the new year with a chilly Owl Prowl at Oakbourne Park in January, led by Township resident and naturalist, Lon Myers. Although we were not successful in seeing any of these elusive creatures, we learned a lot about their behavior! Upcoming events include:

## Egg Hike

Sat, April 8, 10 AM to noon. Register for this popular event on the Township website.

## West Chester Swing Kings

Wed, June 14 (raindate June 15), 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

## Movie Night

Thurs, August 24 at dusk - feature TBD.

Email [parkrec@westtown.org](mailto:parkrec@westtown.org) with movie suggestions!

## West Chester Community Band

Wed, September 13 (raindate Sept. 14), 6-7:30 PM.

## Westtown Day

Sunday, October 8, 11 AM to 3 PM.

P&R is also planning an amateur photography contest this summer. Pictures must be taken in Westtown Township. Winners will be recognized on Westtown Day, and their work will be featured in Township media. More information will be posted on the Township website.



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## Resident Input Sought on Adult Recreation

Spring has sprung, so it's time to liven up your routine. Want to start a running group that meets at Oakbourne Park? How about a hiking group? Interested in more cerebral activities such as local history lectures by noted authors and speakers? The list of activities and topics is limited only by your imagination.

Your Township wants to support resident interest groups to bring the community together and encourage residents to use our wonderful facilities. These interest groups would be self-operated. Once the affiliation group is formed, it is up to them to make it work.

Join your Westtown neighbors for an open discussion about adult recreation activities you would like to participate in.

**We will be hosting two meetings in the Stokes Hall at the Township Building to hear your ideas:**



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**Saturday, April 1 at 10 AM &  
Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 PM**

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## Eagle Scout Recognition

The next time you walk the yellow trail at Oakbourne Park you will appreciate the hard work of Troop 222 Eagle Scout Kevin Brink. Kevin and his team built and installed a 100' bog bridge along the creek, several benches, and additional trail signage.





# Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department News

## Meet Rustin High School's School Resource Officer, Kenneth Frascella

As the West Chester Area School District (WCASD) continues to prioritize the safety and security of their staff and students and looks for ways to strengthen our community, we are excited to share the hiring of Officer Kenneth Frascella as Rustin High School's first full-time School Resource Officer (SRO). This role is in addition to the existing Campus Security Officers employed in the WCASD. Officer Frascella has been a police officer with the Westtown East Goshen Regional Police Department for the past 10 years. During that time, Officer Frascella has served as a patrol officer and a Community Service Officer (CSO). As a CSO, Officer Frascella taught the Life Skills program in local parochial schools and assisted the WCASD with many special events.

Officer Frascella is a resident of the WCASD community and a parent to two recent graduates of Rustin High School and two children currently in the district. In his role as Rustin's SRO, Officer Frascella hopes to accomplish the following:

- Ensure all students and staff feel safe and protected at school
- Help students understand the role of police in the community
- Show students how the police can help them if they are ever the victim of a crime
- Teach lessons on driver safety, the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol, and understanding the judicial system
- Provide an example to students of the importance of being a good citizen and giving back to their community

## New Hires

Please join WEGO in welcoming their newest part-time officers, Devon Hindman and Nicholas Ruggeri. Both officers have master's degrees in criminal justice from West Chester University, and received certifications from the Delaware County Municipal Policy Academy in December 2022.



Officer Frascella is looking forward to this new opportunity as Rustin's SRO to work with students, families, and staff.



Devon Hindman

Nicholas Ruggeri



## Handicap Parking Reminder

The white-striped section located next to a signed handicapped parking spot is not for parking. **This includes those with handicapped parking permits.** This area is designated to allow more room for those who need assistance getting in and out of vehicles, such as handicapped vans.



## Safe Trade Zone

WEGO offers a Safe Trade Zone for residents at 1041 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA.



# SAFE TRADE ZONE

Residents are encouraged to conduct transactions for online sales that were completed through websites such as Facebook Market Place, Craigslist, and eBay at the police department.

The police department has designated two parking spaces in front of the building as "Safe Trade" locations. These marked spaces are subject to twenty-four-hour video recording.

Additionally, the lobby of the police department, which is also under 24-hour video recording, will be open to persons wishing to conduct online transactions Monday - Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm.

610-692-9600



## Safe Digging Awareness Month

Digging into some home improvement projects this summer such as installing a fence or building a deck, replacing your mailbox post, or rebuilding your retaining wall? All of these projects require you to notify utility companies of your intent to dig.

8-1-1 is the PA One Call System (POCS) telephone number. The call is toll-free and the service is no cost for homeowners digging on their property. Dial 8-1-1 or submit your request online at [www.pa1call.org](http://www.pa1call.org). The 8-1-1 call center is available 24/7.

The person who is doing the digging should place the PA One Call notification. If you are a homeowner and you've hired a contractor to do the work, the contractor is required by law to call to have lines located. Each utility company with underground lines nearby will send a professional locator to your home to mark the approximate location of buried utilities with colored paint, flags, or stakes.

The color of the marking indicates the type of utility.

- **White** - proposed excavation
- **Pink** - survey marks
- **Red** - electric
- **Yellow** - gas/oil
- **Orange** - communications
- **Blue** - water
- **Green** - sewer

The call before you dig process helps to prevent injuries, property damage, and inconvenient utility outages.

[Call811.com](http://Call811.com)



# Important Dates

## APRIL, 2023

1, 6 - Adult Recreation Input Meeting  
3, 17 - Board of Supervisors  
5, 19 - Planning Commission  
7 - Office Closed  
8 - Yard Waste Collection  
8 - P&R Egg Hike  
11 - Historical Commission  
18 - Parks & Recreation  
20 - Friends of Oakbourne  
22 - Pleasant Grove Tree Planting  
25 - EAC

## MAY, 2023

1, 15 - Board of Supervisors  
3, 17 - Planning Commission  
9 - Historical Commission  
13 - Yard Waste Collection  
16 - Parks & Rec Commission  
20 - Monument Dedication  
24 - EAC  
29 - Office Closed

## JUNE, 2023

5, 19 - Board of Supervisors  
7, 21 - Planning Commission  
10 - Yard Waste Collection  
13 - Historical Commission  
14 - P&R Summer Concert  
20 - Parks & Recreation  
27 - EAC

## JULY, 2023

3, 17 - Board of Supervisors  
5, 19 - Planning Commission  
11 - Historical Commission  
15 - Yard Waste Collection  
18 - Parks & Recreation  
25 - EAC

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** – 7:30 pm  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY** - 7:00 pm  
**PLANNING COMMISSION** – 7:00 pm  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION** – 7:00 pm  
Township Municipal Building  
1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown

**PARKS AND RECREATION AND  
FRIENDS OF OAKBOURNE** – 7:00 pm  
Oakbourne Mansion  
1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown

# Community Warehouse Project

Do you have gently used furniture and/or housewares you no longer need or use? Do you want to avoid throwing these things in the trash? Community Warehouse Project might be the place for you. We collect gently used furniture items and housewares at our warehouse in West Chester. Working with other local agencies that identify clients in need, we help families and veterans affected by homelessness, domestic violence, and other crises

We believe our mission is to turn empty houses into homes of hope. We give furniture and housewares to an average of 6 to 10 Chester County households each week. We need more help than ever before and you can help by simply donating a piece of furniture.

What are families need most right now:

- Dressers
- Kitchen tables & chairs
- Sofas
- Coffee tables & end tables
- Lamps
- Microwaves
- Mattresses & box springs with no stains
- Sheets & blankets



Donations must be pre-approved by sending photos to [donations@communitywarehouseproject.com](mailto:donations@communitywarehouseproject.com) or to our phone at 484-473-4360.





# Household Waste Disposal

Please follow these guidelines on the preparation and disposal of household waste and recyclables:

## TRASH

**Household trash must be securely contained in plastic bags or lidded receptacles.** Construction debris, hazardous waste, and electronics are not accepted.

## RECYCLING

Recyclable materials (glass, plastics #1-7, aluminum, steel, paper, and cardboard) must be in the recycle bin, or other clearly marked recycling containers. **Do not put recyclables in plastic bags.** Rinse food debris and dispose of lids. Flatten cardboard boxes and place in the recycle bin or another cardboard box, or bundle with twine or string (do not use duct tape) and place beside the bin. **Loose cardboard will not be collected.**

## YARD WASTE

Yard waste is collected on scheduled days posted on the Township website. It must be in paper bags or containers that can be dumped. Branches no more than 3" in diameter and 3' in length must be bundled & tied. Logs, stumps, rocks, dirt, and ashes will not be collected. Pickup reminders are emailed to residents who subscribe to the Township listserv. The Township strongly encourages residents to compost yard waste and mulch grass clippings.

## BULK ITEMS

On the last pick up of each month, A.J. Blosenski will collect up to three bulk items per house. Holiday collection make-ups include bulk items. A mattress and/or box spring is accepted on bulk item day. Construction debris, TV's, safes, and auto parts cannot be accepted for collection.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Visit <http://www.chestercountywa.org> for hazardous waste collection events scheduled throughout the county.

## MEDICAL WASTE

There is a medication return box at the Westtown East Goshen Police Dept. Additional information on the disposal of home healthcare waste is available on the Township website.

## ELECTRONIC WASTE

TV's, computer monitors, appliances, and other electronics may be disposed of at the Lanchester Landfill for FREE (7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA). Residents may bring up to three items per day visit, including one TV (no projection TV's). Retailers and E-Waste collection events charge for TV's and computer monitors, so take advantage of this service.

# Recycle Right. When in Doubt, Throw it Out!

Recycling RIGHT is more important than recycling MORE. Many people are still operating under the misconception that recycling every possible scrap of paper, metal, plastic, and glass is the most environmentally sound practice. Clean, uncontaminated recyclable material improves marketability.

Here's a guide for what **NOT** to put in the recycling bin:

- Anything with food waste in it - You don't have to wash containers, but rinse to remove food scraps and residue.
- Plastic bags and film - These items get stuck in the processing machinery, resulting in expensive repairs and downtime. Recycle CLEAN plastic bags and plastic film packaging at the grocery store.
- Empty snack bags
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Used paper plates, napkins, paper towels, tissues, or diapers
- Paper cups (e.g. coffee cups, fast food drink cups) - The thin plastic lining that helps prevent cups from leaking makes it difficult to process.
- Plastic straws, plastic utensils, or takeaway cup lids
- Shredded paper
- Styrofoam
- Scrap metal, hangers, aluminum siding, or metal cookware
- Mirrors, ovenware, flower pots, and window glass
- Oil cans or bottles, aerosol, or paint cans
- Drinking glasses, ceramic dishware

**If you want to do something positive for the planet by recycling, then do it right. When in doubt, throw it out!**





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