



WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to the Citizens of Westtown Township - Spring Issue #41



Creeping Phlox - Ruby Coleman

Westtown's Future is in Your Hands

It is wonderful to be back as a Westtown supervisor. During the recent election cycle, I had the pleasure of speaking with over 2,000 people from all over the Township. It was clear that these Westtown residents love living here, and are eager to become more engaged in making our Township an even better community.

People raved about what a great job our Public Works team does, how the police keep us safe, and the pleasure they take in just walking around the Township and watching the beauty of our countryside. Everyone also recognized the challenges that we face. The priorities I heard about include protecting open space, managing growth, and keeping down taxes. The good news is that there is widespread public interest in Township issues, and this attention is especially important now as major issues are coming to the forefront.

For instance, the Township has been presented with the possibility of acquiring much of the Crebilly Farm open space. Natural Lands is well underway with negotiating the purchase and conservation of the entire farm, while also seeking as many grant opportunities as possible to

finance such a deal. Ultimately, however, the Township still will have to borrow millions of dollars to acquire the land, and much more to manage and operate the more than 200 acres of open space. Through a referendum probably on Election Day November 8, Westtown residents will have to decide if they want to raise property taxes and/or earned income taxes necessary to finance the debt to acquire such a wonderful property. The decision is entirely in the hands of the people, which is how it should be.

The supervisors have already committed the Township to funding major athletic improvements at Oakbourne Park, including enhancements to the trail system. The long-term plan calls for millions more to be spent on other improvements at Oakbourne. Grants will help pay for some of these ambitious plans, but not all. Our tax dollars will have to fund the rest. Fortunately, our Township is in good financial shape to take on these projects if we spend our funds wisely. I will be looking for input from all our residents to decide which projects are worthy of our tax dollars and which can be put on the back burner.

It is also clear that people want to participate more in the decision process for Westtown's future. I invite you to apply for one of the vacancies on the Parks & Recreation or Historical Commissions, or other commissions as openings become available.

If you have issues you believe need Township attention, please attend one of our semi-monthly Board of Supervisor meetings. Some of the best ideas have stemmed from public comments at these meetings. To further gather public input, I am proposing "listening sessions" that would be held periodically over the next year to allow residents to voice their opinions and ideas on specific topics. The topics would be announced well in advance, and interested residents would have an opportunity to sign up to attend. Westtown is truly a great community, and we are counting on you to help make it even better.

Thomas Foster

Thomas Foster
Supervisor

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BULLETIN BOARD

Full-Time Public Works Skilled Laborer

This position is responsible for maintenance and repair of roadways, trails, parks, right-of-ways, Township maintained properties, snow removal, stormwater, and sanitary sewer. The desired applicant must have a HS diploma or GED, basic knowledge of operations of a municipal Public Works Dept., and applicable construction, mechanical, and trade experience. Valid PA driver's license required, and CDL Class B driver's license with air brake endorsement required within 6 months of hire. Must have the physical ability necessary to perform Public Works related duties. Physical and drug testing is required. Starting salary DOE. Excellent benefits package. Submit a brief statement of interest and resume to pw@westtown.org.

Board and Commission Vacancies

There are vacancies on the Historical and the Parks & Recreation Commission. For more information on what these advisory groups do, please visit their respective pages of the Township website. Interested residents should submit their resume and brief letter of interest to administration@westtown.org. 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/ or to learn more about CRIMEWATCH Pennsylvania visit 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. There is no fee for this service.

Save paper!

If you would like to receive the *Westtown Gazette* electronically, send an email to info@westtown.org and request to be put on the electronic delivery list.

Manager's Message

As the crocuses start to break through last year's mulch beds, early spring is a nice opportunity to take stock of everything going on in Westtown. In addition to the Township's potential acquisition of Crebilly Farm and the ongoing design work for the improvements to Oakbourne Park described in Tom Foster's cover letter, the Township is hard at work on a number of other initiatives.

On April 9 from 10 AM to noon, the Parks & Recreation Commission will host its annual "Egg Hike" at Oakbourne Park. If you've never been, this is a great family-friendly event that is part nature walk, part scavenger hunt. It also puts a unique spin on BYOB, as you will need to "bring your own basket."

Speaking of park developments, in February, the Township was awarded a \$10,000 grant from PECO to build a new playground at Larchbourne Park in the northwestern part of the Township. We are hopeful that this work will be underway later this year.

2022 promises to be a very busy year for sanitary sewer capital maintenance work. A contractor has been repainting the Township's sewer plant on Westtown Road since late February. This is a critical project to ensure that vital Township infrastructure continues to be properly maintained for decades to come. Needless to say, this project is substantially more complicated than a standard house painting job, as the work needs to be performed in stages so that the plant can continue to be operational, while every pipe, valve, and tank is cleaned and painted. In addition, we expect that work will be underway soon to make "spot repairs" to various parts of the Township's underground sewer infrastructure, which will ensure that our sewer lines outlive all of us, while minimizing the amount of groundwater that infiltrates into our sewer system.

As was previously reported in the winter Gazette, the storm water basin at the end of the Sage Road cul-de-sac on the south side of Oakbourne Road will be rehabilitated over the summer. This project, for which the Township was awarded \$100,000 in state grant funds, will reduce sediment levels in our waterways, while helping the Township comply with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection storm water requirements.

The Township hopes to go out to bid in the spring for the 2022 road maintenance program. A list of roads that are scheduled to be repaved will be available on the Public Works website after the bid is awarded at <https://www.westtownpa.org/roads-public-works/>.

As of early March, there have been no further conditional use hearings on the development of the Stokes Estate at 1013 Shiloh Road, since the first hearing was held in late 2021, at the request of the developer. The Township will make residents aware if and when a new hearing is scheduled.

Finally, if you've visited or called the Township recently, you may have been greeted by the Township's new receptionist, Katherine Archibald, also known as our "Director of First Impressions." Kathey brings a wealth of township experience to Westtown and has already proven to be a great addition to the office.

On behalf of the entire Township staff, we look forward to seeing you out and about this spring!

Jon Altshul
Jon Altshul,
Township Manager



Parks & Recreation

Egg Hike at Oakbourne Park

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022
(raindate April 10)

10:00 a.m. to noon

BYO basket, grab a map at the park pavilion, and hit the trails to locate egg pick up stations. All ages are welcome. Keep your eyes peeled along the way for hidden golden eggs with special prizes!

Pre-registration for this popular event will be required.
Visit the Township website or Facebook page for details.

What Lies Beneath?

An Update on Archaeology at the Huey House

by Ray Sarnacki and Paul Mullin, former Historical Commission members

In the spring 2019 issue of the Westtown Gazette, former Historical Commissioner Ray Sarnacki described the history of the ruins at the corner of South New Street and General Howe. A partial recap of the article stated: "The ruins are on a ½-acre parcel now owned by Westtown Township, that was once part of a 125-acre farm owned by William and Gemet (a.k.a. Jane) Huey, who purchased the land from Mordecai Maddock according to a deed dated April 22, 1730."

The ruins of what we believe to be the original farmhouse are all that remain. Constructed of fieldstone and wood, it looks to have been two stories high. The cellar contains a spring, likely used for cold storage of milk and dairy products produced on the farm. Historic maps show that another farm building of framed construction stood on this property, which may have been a barn.

The Westtown Township Historical Commission hopes to learn more about the property and the lives of the Huey family through continuing historical research and an archaeological survey of the site, conducted by Dr. Heather Wholey and students at West Chester University (WCU). What follows is a summary of the work that has been accomplished between members of the Historical Commission and Dr. Wholey and her students.



Ceramic sherds found in the foundation trenches

In April of 2019, Rick Brown of Friends of Oakbourne volunteered his time and his metal detector to attempt to locate the foundation of what may have been the barn shown on the historical map. Some cut nails from as early as the 19th century and a pottery sherd were found. The sherd appeared to be more modern, but it had not been dated by a pottery expert. Location flags were placed wherever the metal detector indicated something below the surface.

In May of 2019, work continued at the Huey Property site with Professor Wholey and a group of eight students. Several test pits were dug revealing several pieces of glass, pottery, and minerals, along with several pieces of slate (quarter of an inch thick). The items will be taken to the lab at WCU for further analysis to determine their age. Also, a projectile point was found, indicating that Native Americans were using the site approximately 5,000 years ago, most likely taking advantage of the spring currently running through the ruins.

George Csete, Principal Engineer and founder of Stream Bend, LLC, supported the project by capturing the dimensions and detail of the restored structure. George, through the use of a laser scanner, digitally recorded the entire stone building and surrounding site in 3-D. The scan took a total of six hours to complete. There were 34 scans in total. The images provided the ability to measure distances and give an idea of potential height of the building.

Digging at the site continued in October where an 8' by 12' stone section that may be a fairly intact collapsed wall was found along with more glass, nails, and other artifacts. In November, the Board of Supervisors approved a two-phase plan to stabilize the ruins. Bann Valley Construction was contracted to do the stone masonry work in two phases. Phase 1 involved partially rebuilding the gable wall in order to stabilize it and prevent further deterioration. Phase 2 involved pointing all exposed surfaces of the existing stone walls and parging the top of the walls to prevent any water penetration. Both phases of the stabilization work were completed by December of 2020.

In 2020, Covid hit and work at the site was suspended. By October work at the site was restarted with everyone following COVID-19 protocols. The work included mapping of the flags that were placed in April 2019 using a total station and ground penetrating radar (GPR) and following up with test pits in the area where we believed there was a separate wooden structure. A total station (TS) is an electronic/optical instrument used for surveying and building construction. It is an electronic transit

theodolite integrated with electronic distance measurement (EDM) to measure both vertical and horizontal angles and the slope distance from the instrument to a particular point, and an on-board computer to collect data and perform triangulation calculations. Thanks to Westtown East Goshen Police Department for their help mapping the flags with their TS and to Dr. Wholey and her students for their work with the GPR.

In the spring of 2021, an analysis of the GPR results indicated a possible foundation in the area where we thought the previously mentioned structure may have been. In May, test pits were dug and a stone foundation was found measuring approximately

20x15 feet. Further excavations turned up a spoon, three keys, locks, slate, nails, ceramics, unidentified iron work, bottles, and other artifacts. The artifacts are currently in possession of WCU team for lab analysis.

In the fall, the team dug another test pit at the north wall of the house. No artifacts have yet been excavated in this pit, but a 20-to-24-inch rock was found on the surface, with what appears to be the number "4" etched in to the surface. Future work in 2022 will include further excavation of the foundation, as well as the stone structure of the house, hopefully to determine what the etched rock represents.



One of the trenches showing a corner of the excavated foundation. Photos for this article were provided by Taria Montes-Rivera.

Township Receives AED



The Township recently received an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) from Aidan's Heart Foundation (AHF). The mission of AHF is to create heart-safe communities for youth through prevention and response to Sudden Cardiac Arrest. The AED will be housed temporarily at the Township building until it can be installed at Oakbourne Park.

To find out more about Aidan's Heart Foundation, or to become an AHF volunteer, visit <https://aidansheart.org/>.



Township Manager, Jon Altshul, accepts AED.

Do I Need A Permit For That?

Check this list before you get started on the project of your dreams!

Permits are required for certain projects to ensure that construction activities follow all building code guidelines and local ordinances. This helps protect your home's integrity and safety. The following list represents common residential projects that REQUIRE permits but is not a complete list of every activity requiring a permit. Permits must be approved prior to commencement of work.

Building

- Any interior or exterior structural modifications or repairs. Includes additions or demolitions of any exterior walls and interior changes to walls, doors, windows, or creation of new rooms/bedrooms.
- Replacement or repair of siding and/or roofing that impact 25% or more of the façade or roof area.

Kitchen and Bathrooms

- Remodels that include changes to any gas or electrical components (including outlets and recessed lighting), and plumbing (like relocation or addition of sinks, showers/tubs, and dishwashers).
- Changes to layout, including addition or modification of kitchen islands or peninsulas.
- NO permits are required for replacement cabinets/ countertops that are the same size as existing.

Basement

- Full or partially finished basements that add flooring, framing/walls, ceilings, electric, and other utilities.

Electrical, Plumbing, and Mechanical

- New or relocated electric, including installation of recessed lighting, ceiling fans, and other fixtures.
- Plumbing including new supply, drain, waste, or vent lines, and replacement of hot water heaters.
- New/replacement HVAC systems, including furnaces, AC units, heat pumps, tanks, and boilers.
- Emergency generators.

Detached Garages, Sheds, and Greenhouses

(Accessory Structures)

- Structures 250 ft² or smaller require Zoning permits, and must meet yard setback requirements.
- Accessory structures over 250 ft² AND those that include utilities require building permit approval.

Fences

- Installation of new fencing over 40' in total linear length, or any pool enclosure fencing.

Patios, Driveways, and Walkways

- Exterior improvements that add impervious cover includes pavers, concrete, asphalt, and gravel.
- Driveways that change the width of the entrance apron may also require additional roadway permits.

Decks

- New decks and deck repairs, including replacement decking, stairs, and railings.

Swimming Pools

- All above-ground (water depth of 24"+) and in-ground pools, spas, and hot tubs.

Stormwater Drainage and Grading:

- Installation of drainage pipes, swales, rain gardens, or other means to manage water runoff in yard areas, and/or change of grade of 6 inches or more.

When in doubt, give us a call! We're happy to discuss your project and provide guidance on the permit process. Permit applications can be found online at: <https://www.westtownpa.org/permits-applications/>

Stormwater Management Tips for Homeowners

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.

APRIL : Leave grass clippings; mulch properly

- Cut grass at 3 to 3.5 inches tall. 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.
- Excess nitrogen and phosphorus from lawn fertilization is frequently a pollutant to streams, fostering the growth of algae which deplete oxygen levels, harming fish. Spare your stream by avoiding spring fertilization, and leave your grass clippings on your lawn instead. Grass clippings supply between 25% and 50% of nitrogen and phosphorus needs.
- Mulched beds help retain water, insulate the soil, and prevent weeds, but avoid volcano mulching. Remove excess mulch before adding fresh mulch. Spread mulch away from the base of trees and shrubs to a depth of not more than 4", making sure the root flare is exposed. Too much mulch blocks the roots from getting sufficient oxygen, and underlying roots can rot or girdle. Wet mulch holds moisture against the bark, which can damage the bark and underlying tissue, leading to fungus, disease, and eventual death of the tree.

Improper Mulching



Proper Mulching



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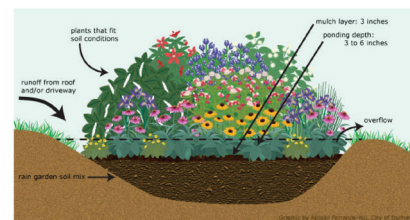
MAY: Replace some turf with mulched beds, a rain garden, or pocket meadow

- Consider creating new focal points in your yard. Start a flower or vegetable patch, build a rain garden, or establish a pocket meadow to absorb rainwater from downspouts and paved areas. Mulch all bare soil in planted beds and under trees and shrubs with composted leaf mulch.
- Learn more by downloading the Rain Garden Brochure at: www.westtownpa.org/storm-water

Volcano mulching suffocates surface roots of trees.

JUNE: Raise mower height; judiciously control weeds and pests

- Raise your mower height to 4 inches for summer months. Taller grass grows deeper roots, shades and protects the soil, is less prone to disease, pests, and weeds, and captures more excess rainwater on your property.
- Leave an unmowed edge (three feet or more in width) along streams, ponds, and drainage channels to prevent erosion.
- Late May or early June is a good time to spread biological controls on your lawn or garden, such as beneficial nematodes to control Japanese beetle grubs. Avoid use of chemical pesticides and herbicides if possible. They damage beneficial insects and soil structures. If weed problems develop, spot treat specific weed patches rather than treating your entire lawn or garden.



Friends of Oakbourne

By Tom Bare, President, Friends of Oakbourne

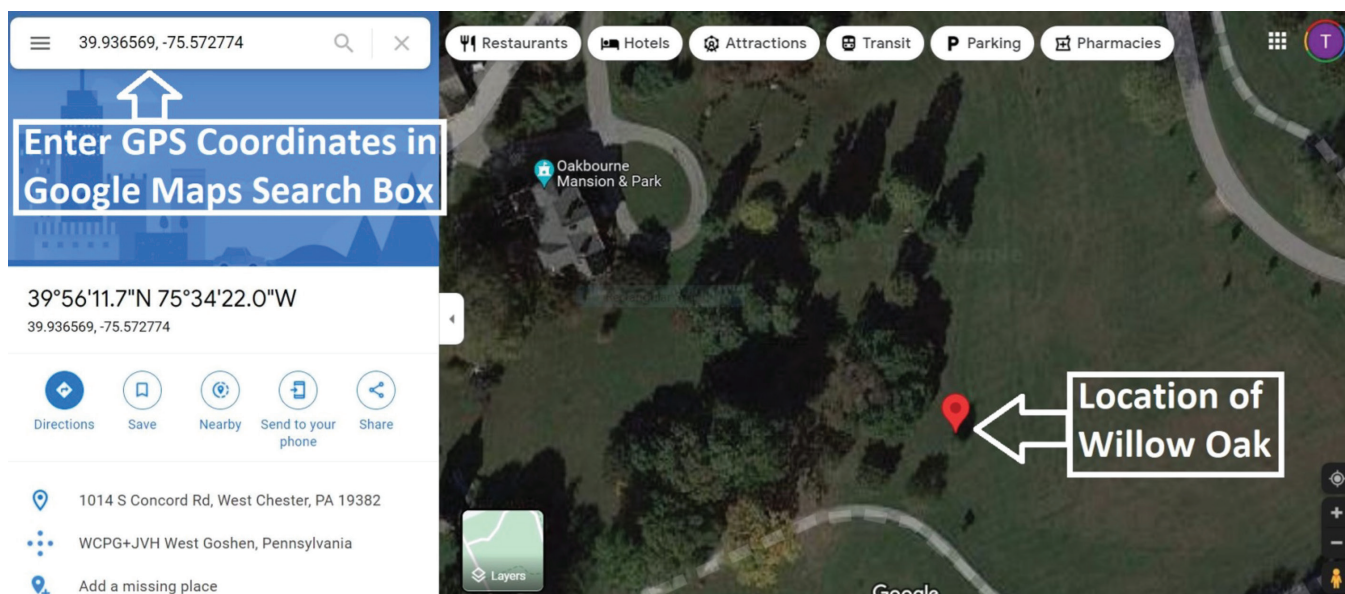
While the winter months are a slow time for outside activity for the Friends of Oakbourne (FoO), a memorial bench was installed (thanks to the Westtown Public Works crew) beneath the large magnolia tree adjacent to the Water Tower. Dedicated to Ted and Marion Creager by Mark and Elizabeth Creager, the bench is situated to give users a beautiful view of the open expanse of lawn stretching from the Water Tower to the Mansion, and of the arboretum trees surrounding this area.

As you may know, FoO has a kiosk adjacent to the paved parking area by the Mansion; the kiosk contains a map showing the location in the arboretum of all of the memorial trees and benches that have been planted and installed since we began this program in 2005. Accompanying the map is a key describing to whom the tree or bench was dedicated, the date of the planting or installation, the name of the tree, and the GPS coordinates of the trees and benches. The list of dedicated trees & benches is also available on the Friends of Oakbourne page on the Westtown Township website: (<https://www.westtownpa.org/friends-of-oakbourne/>)



Memorial bench for Ted & Marion Creager

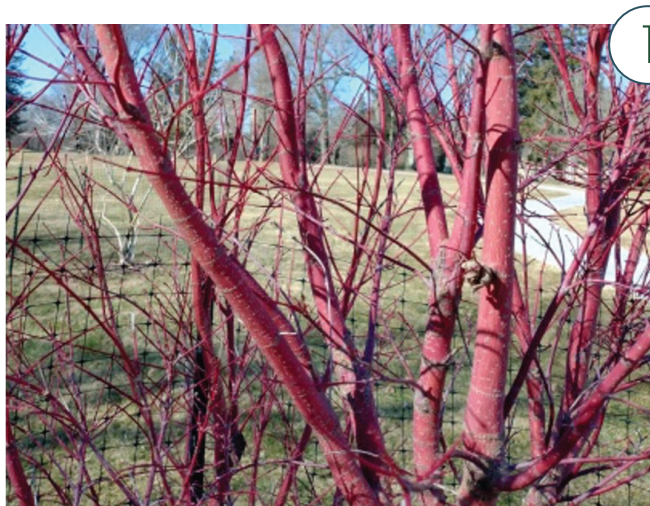
For those who are not familiar with using GPS coordinates to locate a memorial tree or bench, here's how you do it. Let's use the GPS coordinates of a memorial Willow Oak tree that was planted in 2015. The GPS coordinates for this tree are: 39.936569, -75.572774. On your cell phone or computer go to Google Maps and enter the GPS coordinates in the search field; make sure that the two coordinate numbers are separated by a comma (see Oakbourne Map picture, left side top). Click on the search button and the location of the tree will be indicated by a red teardrop on the map (see Oakbourne Map, right side bottom).



Oakbourne Map

In order to maintain our status as an Accredited Level 1 Arboretum with ArbNet (created and administered by The Morton Arboretum), FoO has to demonstrate every 5 years that the Oakbourne Arboretum continues to be maintained, improved, and updated. In addition to planting trees, installing benches and designing and planting new gardens, FoO is considering a project to identify, label, and locate (GPS coordinates) all trees in the arboretum. Our ultimate goal would be to have this information contained in a web-based database accessible to anyone interested in using this data, whether for general information or educational purposes. Needless to say, this would be a major project for our small all-volunteer organization, and we welcome all who might be interested in helping us.

Below are photos of interesting tree bark from our arboretum trees.



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Can you match the tree's name to its bark?

- a) River Birch
- b) Japanese Coral Maple
- c) Copper Beech
- d) Japanese Sawara

FRIENDS OF OAKBOURNE

Contact Tom Bare (tmbare@hotmail.com or 610-399-1572) if you are interested in donating a park bench or tree to be planted in Oakbourne Park and Arboretum to honor a special person or loved one or to commemorate an important occasion.

Important Dates

APRIL, 2022

4, 18 - Board of Supervisors
6, 20 - Planning Commission
9 - P&R Egg Hike
9 - Yard Waste Collection
15 - Office Closed (Good Friday)
12 - Historical Commission
19 - Parks & Recreation
21 - Friends of Oakbourne
26 - EAC

MAY, 2022

2, 16 - Board of Supervisors
4, 18 - Planning Commission
10 - Historical Commission
14 - Yard Waste Collection
17 - Parks & Recreation
24 - EAC
30 - Office Closed

JUNE, 2022

6, 20 - Board of Supervisors
8, 22 - Planning Commission
11 - Yard Waste Collection
14 - Historical Commission
21 - Parks & Recreation
28 - EAC

JULY, 2022

4 - Office Closed
5, 18 - Board of Supervisors
6, 20 - Planning Commission
9 - Yard Waste Collection
12 - Historical Commission
19 - Parks & Recreation
26 - 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



Safe Digging Awareness

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. The 8-1-1 call center is available 24/7.



State law requires notice 3 -10 business days (does not include state holidays or weekends), prior to the start of excavation. 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.

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 #1-6, aluminum, steel, paper, and cardboard) must be in the recycle bin, or other clearly marked recycling container. **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. 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. Yard waste pick up dates are posted on the Township website. 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 are accepted on bulk item day. Construction debris, TV's, safes, and auto parts cannot be accepted for collection.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Visit <http://www.chestercountyswa.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!

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. "Aspirational recycling" is severely limiting the marketability of material worldwide. Most notably, China is no longer accepting U.S. recyclables due to the high rate of contamination.

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 down time. 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 help 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

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

AJB Trash & Recycling Service
A.J. Blosenski Inc.
www.ajblosenski.com
610.942.2707

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