



WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to the Citizens of Westtown Township - Summer Issue #42



Luck favors those who don't depend on it.

Hello Westtown Neighbors!

Summer is almost upon us. For kids, that means a well-earned summer vacation. For all of us, it means warm weather, cookouts, yard work, and much more outdoor activity.

Last year, the Board of Supervisors approved the master plan for Oakbourne Park. Over the past 12 months, the Township has moved forward with submitting applications for (and being awarded) multiple grants, retaining design consultants, and designing the improved facilities for the recreation area off East Pleasant Grove Road and the trail improvements throughout the Park. We are hopeful that final design and the public bidding process will be completed by the end of the calendar year or early 2023 with shovels in the ground later in 2023. Needless to say, these anticipated improvements are long overdue, and the Township remains committed to their completion in a fiscally prudent manner.

Of course, a brief update regarding Crebilly Farm is in order. In early April, the Township and the Robinson family entered into an agreement for the Township to purchase 208 acres of the farm for passive recreation, trails, and open space. The remaining 100+ acres are to remain privately owned and subdivided into 4 large parcels with restrictions, known as conservation easements, precluding further development of those lands. For the Township to raise its anticipated portion of the required purchase funds, the Board of Supervisors anticipates considering for approval by Township residents a referendum, at November's general election, to impose a dedicated tax increase to raise funds for open space. The Board of Supervisors will be reviewing at public meetings the required ordinance to direct that the referendum question be placed on November's ballot. Information regarding the proposed ordinance and anticipated referendum will be available

on the Township's website and further published in advance of the public meetings at which the ordinance is being considered.

Like prior years, the Township will be offering recreational and community events this summer and into the fall. Please visit the Township website for the schedule of events.

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. Better yet, please attend a Board meeting or meetings of our Township's commissions to express your views in person.

Happy Summer to all!

Scott E. Yaw, Esq.
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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- Emergency Services: 610-344-5000
- Health Department: 610-344-6225
 - Septic Systems: 610-344-6526
 - Recycling/Hazardous Waste: 610-273-3771
- License Bureau (Dog, Fishing, Hunting): 610-344-6370
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- Tax Assessment: 610-344-6105
- Tax Claim/Lien Bureau: 610-344-6360
- Voters Services: 610-344-6410

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610-692-5100

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.

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

On behalf of Township staff, I'd like to wish all Westtown residents a very happy summer! As highlighted in Scott Yaw's cover article, the Township is hard at work designing the proposed improvements at Oakbourne Park, including to the revamped athletic complex, and preparing for a referendum on the November 8 general election that would authorize tax increases for the purpose of acquiring open space, including 208 acres of Crebilly Farm.

I anticipate that the Township will start to provide more details about the referendum, including specific information on the tax rate increases, in late June or early July, after the Board of Supervisors has formally approved the ordinance authorizing the referendum. Meanwhile, information on the Oakbourne Park design can be found on the Township's website at <https://www.westtownpa.org/parks-trails/>. Please continue to check our website for more information. In addition, residents are always encouraged to sign up for the Township listserv to get the latest information on everything going on in Westtown by clicking on the "Get Email Alerts" icon at top of the Township website.



There's a lot more going on this summer in Westtown that I'd like to mention:

Aqua will be replacing its water main on Johnny's Way this summer. In order to ensure that the project is completed as quickly as possible, it will be necessary for Aqua to close sections of Johnny's Way. While residents living on Johnny's Way and adjacent streets will be allowed to access their homes while the work is ongoing, you should expect some delays during regular working hours. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

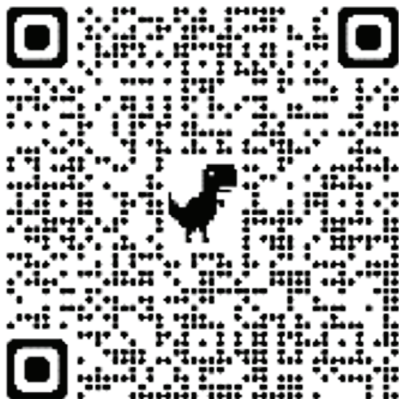
The Township recently awarded the 2022 Road Maintenance contract to Innovative Construction Services. A listing of the roads included in this year's contract is posted on the Public Works page of the Township website. The Board also awarded a contract to install new playground equipment at Larchbourne Park. Thanks to all residents who provided feedback on this project. We hope that the improvements will be completed later this year.

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is working on various initiatives, and is seeking resident feedback to help guide their efforts. A link to the survey is provided below and also on the Township website.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at jaltshul@westtown.org or 610-692-1930 if you have questions about anything going on in the Township. The open space referendum, in particular, is a complicated issue, and I am happy to answer any questions that you may have about it.

Have a wonderful summer and go Phillies!

Jon Altshul
Jon Altshul,
Township Manager



Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Survey

Gardens are blooming, grass is greening, and it's time to renew the conversation about our local environment. Please remember that environmental protection begins in each of our own homes.

To support this effort, the EAC requests that residents complete our "Westtown Environmental Survey" via the QR code to the left. This survey will only take about 5 minutes, and will help to shape the activities that the EAC pursues in the future. Your input is of critical importance. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Summer Tips for Stormwater Management

Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground. As the runoff flows over streets, parking lots, and roofs it accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment, and other pollutants that can adversely affect water quality.

Stormwater infrastructure such as basins, swales, and storm sewer systems are designed to manage runoff, but severe weather events can overwhelm these systems. Below are several simple tips to 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.

Raise your mower height to 3 - 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 the property. Leave an unmowed edge (three feet or more in width) along streams, ponds, and drainage channels to prevent erosion.

Do not blow grass clippings or leaves into the street.

Grass and other yard debris clog storm sewer inlets, and also contain nitrogen and phosphorus which are pollutants. The Public Works crew routinely cleans these inlets, but if your property is adjacent to a storm drain, please consider helping to keep it clear of debris.

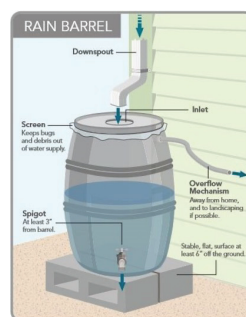


Plant flowering plants to attract pollinators and beneficial predators.

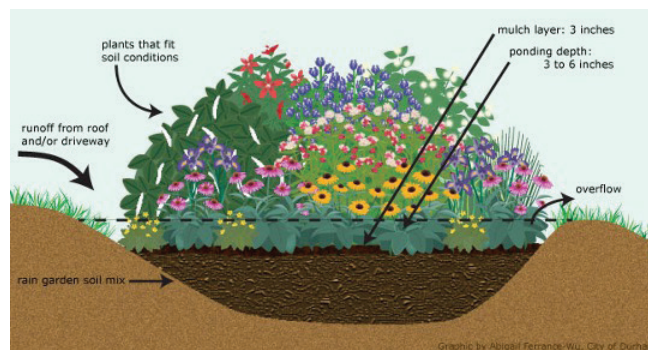
Plants of all kinds help reduce stormwater runoff from residential properties. Their roots absorb water and break up and aerate the soil as they grow. Flowering native perennials will attract beneficial predators and pollinator birds, butterflies, and other insects. Perennials also develop extensive root systems to hold and enrich the soil. Monitor plants for pests and control them with environmentally friendly applications or use plain water to avoid contaminating water runoff with chemicals that endanger streams.

Redirect roof runoff.

Consider landscape modifications to help your yard retain excess rainwater and prevent runoff. Redirect all downspouts



which drain onto paved surfaces and storm sewers to flow into a rain barrels or cisterns, rain garden, mulched bed, or grassy area located downgrade from your house. You can use the non-potable water collected in barrels and cisterns to water your garden.



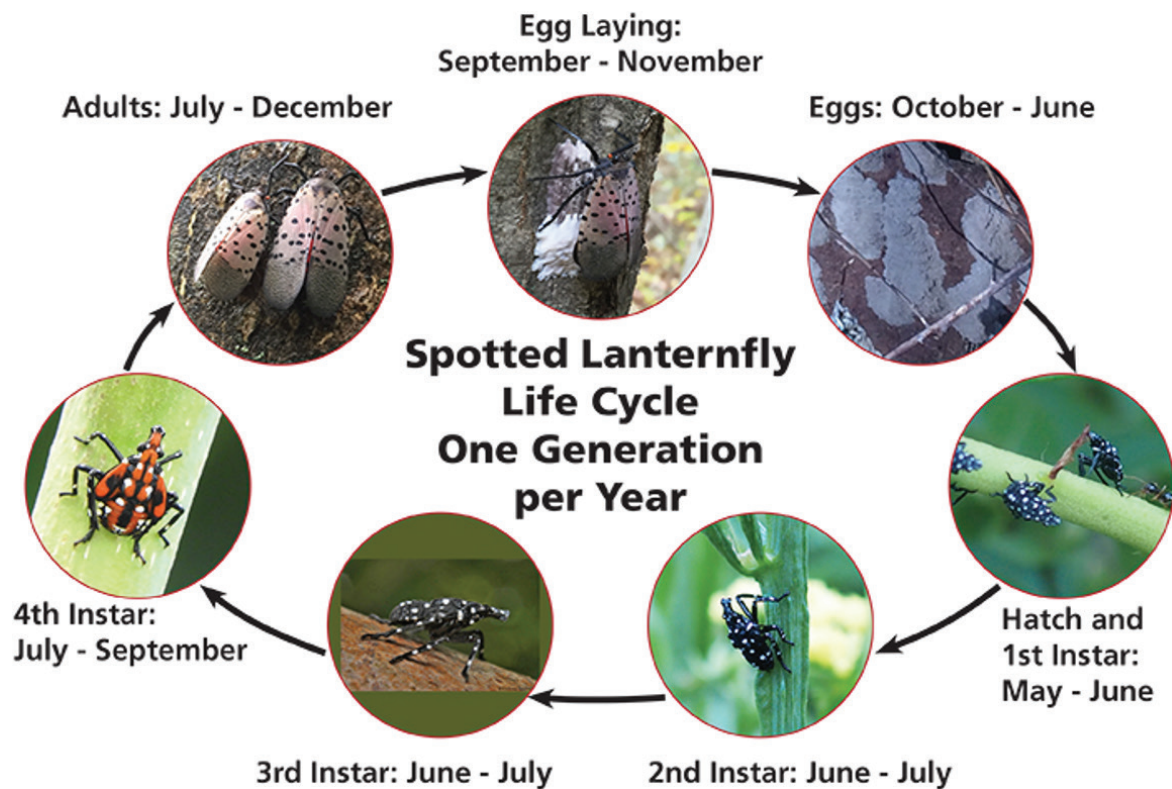
▶ We encourage residents to visit the Stormwater Management page of the Township website, which provides information and resources to assist residents with stormwater management. Together we can help reduce stormwater runoff, and help keep our streams and drinking water clean.

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Management

Tips for Homeowners

Spotted Lanternflies (*Lycorma delicatula*) are invasive planthoppers from Asia that use bark-piercing mouthparts to feed on sap from a wide variety of economically important trees, shrubs, and vines. As SLFs feed, they excrete honeydew (a sugary substance) that can attract bees, wasps, and other insects. The honeydew also builds up and promotes the growth for sooty mold (fungi), which can cover the plant, forest understories, patio furniture, cars, and anything else found below SLF feeding.

- Kill the eggs.** The easiest way to kill large numbers of these insects is to find them at the egg stage and squish them. This can be done by applying enough force with a hard, flat object to create a popping noise as you progress from one side of the case to the other. You should see juices being exuded. An alternative is to scrape the eggs into a container filled with alcohol or hand sanitizer, or into a container that can be sealed and thrown in the trash. The important consideration here is that simply scraping them off the tree onto the ground will not kill the eggs/larvae that are inside.
- Kill the nymphs and adults.** Various methods can be used to kill SLF nymphs and adults including:
 - Vacuuming using a cordless stick vacuum.
 - Placing sticky tape bands around trees.
 - Using bag traps.
 - Fill a container with soapy water and scare the nymphs into the container using the lid. Nymphs almost always launch themselves forward to escape the lid.
- Eliminate host vegetation.** Tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) is an invasive plant and the preferred host for SLFs. One tree can attract thousands of adults. To kill a tree-of-heaven you need to chop it down and treat the stump with herbicide.



For more information on SLF management, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

Westtown's Tribe Of "Red Men"

by Dave Walter, Township Historical Commissioner

Secret handshakes. Weird rituals. Elaborate regalia. Comical officer titles. Welcome to the wide world of fraternal beneficial societies in America in the 1800s and early 1900s. Writing in the "American Journal of Sociology" in 1901, B. H. Meyer observed: "These societies constitute a complex of organizations which embraces in its scope the most diverse elements with respect to race affinity, material possessions, religious beliefs, political affiliations, intellectual attainment, and social position. The thread of fraternity joins them all in one great roundtable of equality and democracy." Westtown men were part of this pervasive phenomenon which combined all of the above in service to the community, welfare for the unfortunate (most typically, their own members), political influence, and fellowship for all ranks of society.

By the latter third of the 19th century, fraternal societies were springing up in communities all over America. Some, such as the Freemasons, had long lineages. Dozens of others - the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of Pythias, the Grange, the Elks - were of more recent establishment. The Odd Fellows, by 1900, had more than 1 million members, and it is thought that up to 40% of adult males had belonged to one of these fraternities.

The fraternal societies served a role comparable to the urban areas' saloons; however, saloons were public while fraternal societies admitted only those they deemed suitable. It was an age before radio, television, movies, the automobile, and modern entertainments. The clubhouse was a place for men in rural and suburban areas to meet after the farm chores were done or the shop swept. They got away from the family to review the events of the day, discuss the weather and crops, network, gossip, and plan political gambits. Some societies permitted drinking and gambling. The Red Men appear to have been very sober.

The "Improved Order of Red Men" (I.O.R.M.) was established in 1834; however, they claimed descent from the Sons of Liberty and the Boston Tea Party "Indians." Another predecessor was the post-Revolutionary War Tammany Societies, named for the peace-loving Lenni-Lenape Chief Tammany. The corrupt Tammany Hall political machine in New York City evolved from one of these groups too. I.O.R.M. pushed temperance and patriotism and grew to about 500,000 members by the 1930s. Local units were called "tribes" and their meeting places were "wigwams." Their officers used Native American titles. Native American regalia was worn in private settings.

Unfortunately, no known photos of the Westtown tribe have been located, but photos of other tribes show members wearing feather headdresses, fringed buckskin jackets, and holding war clubs. In 1886, tribes typically collected dues of 12 cents per

week which went into a fund from which a member who became disabled could draw \$3 per week for six months. Members would wear a lapel pin, "T.O.T.E." ("Totem of the Eagle"), to be identified by fellow Red Men all across the nation.

A news clipping, dated Dec. 21, 1872, announces, "New Tribe of Red Men—Chester County is to have a new Tribe of this order at Tanguy's Store. It will be instituted next week, when the wild men of that vicinity will smoke the pipe of peace." It was officially "Tamed Tribe No. 192, I.O.R.M" and their "wigwam" was established in the new Union School on the northeast corner of Street (Rte. 926) and S. Chester (Rte. 352) Roads. Within a year, they bade farewell to a charter member, Marshall J. Taylor, whose funeral was "25th Sun, Beaver Moon, at 2d Run-Setting of the Sun" (2pm, Nov. 25, 1873). Taylor was just one of the familiar local names associated with the Tribe over the years; Yarnall, Eachus, Osborne, Darlington, Cheney, Hoopes, Faucett, and Hickman being others.

There are 78 newspaper clippings, spanning the years 1872 to 1924, in the Chester County History Center files about Westtown's Improved Order of Red Men. Nearly every clipping concerns election of officers and initiation of "palefaces," picnics and socials, and the annual Oyster Supper. Not one clipping mentions any charitable assistance to fellow members or to the community. Of course, this isn't to say there wasn't such assistance: perhaps the Red Men didn't brag about such works, and privacy concerns kept them from publicizing them.

Various clippings enlighten us about the titles of the Tribe's officers: Prophet, Sachem, Senior Sagamore, Junior Sagamore, Chief of Records, Keeper of Wampum. In July 1873, their first of many picnics was reported as "(T)he big and little 'Injuns'... together with their squaws and papposes, will spend the day in the Fair Grounds of the Chester County Agricultural Society, on which occasion they will indulge in dancing, feasting, etc." Such events, including the annual Oyster Suppers at various West Chester hotels, regularly drew 150 or more people.

By 1888, Tamed Tribe could boast "We have 120 members, and there is not a sick one among us." Tamed's "wampum" was estimated to be about \$4,000 in 1887, making it "as rich as any other in this section of the country."

In January 1882, the Red Men purchased for \$3,200 the Tanguy Store at the northwest corner of Street and S. Chester Roads, leasing out the first floor store operation and setting up their "wigwam" on the second floor. In August 1894, the Red Men removed the pitched attic and built a new full third floor with a Mansard-style roof. The present owner of this property, Steve Maguire, has described the layout of the third floor when he acquired it in 1972: "The third floor 'meeting hall' was finished



Red Men Lodge (1549 E. Street Road)

with one very large room, for meetings and for dancing, and several smaller 'meeting' rooms. All rooms had doors with 'peep' holes and hinged covers that could be opened to see who was on the other side. The large room has a raised floor on two sides, where I assume chairs for seating would be placed, and then an even higher floor, or 'stage' centered at one end. This stage sits about 14 inches higher than the 'dance' floor. This entire third floor was accessible only by a single outside stairway, which is still there, a covered stairway, rising from the outside porch... there are 31 steps to the top with no landings."

The History Center files contain no newspaper clippings about the Westtown Red Men dated after 1924. Arthur James, in his 1973 history of Westtown, "From Farmland to Suburbia," wrote, "In 1937, the lodge was in debt and owed back taxes. It was sold

to a succession of owners, including the National Bank of Chester County and Trust Co...."

Three principal factors led to the decline in fraternal societies. The Depression of the 1930s made participation a financial burden for many men. Then, New Deal welfare programs, such as Social Security, decreased the need for private beneficial help. Finally, after World War II, young men established families and their spare time focused on their children and programs like Scouts and Little League.

Today, the Red Men have only 15,000 members nationwide. The nearest tribe to Westtown is in Tuckerton, New Jersey. No longer do their war whoops echo around the former wigwam at Street and S. Chester Roads.

Code Corner

SOLICITING

Most transient retail merchants soliciting business to individual households are required to have a solicitor's license as issued by the Township. These licenses are available at the Township office, and are issued only after the applicant pays the proper fee and passes a background check. Every person to whom a solicitor's license has been issued is subject to the regulations for their conduct of business as follows:

- The solicitor shall carry their license card at all times and exhibit it upon request to any officer or person upon whom they call or talk to in carrying on licensed activities.
- The solicitor shall not permit any other person to have possession of his license card and shall immediately report its loss to the Westtown-East Goshen (WEGO) Police. Further, the solicitor shall not cause or permit his license card to be altered or defaced.
- The solicitor shall not enter or attempt to enter any dwelling without invitation or permission of the occupant and shall immediately leave any premises upon request.
- The solicitor shall not represent his license card to be an endorsement of himself or of his goods or services or of the goods or services of their principal or employer.
- The solicitor shall immediately surrender their license card upon revocation of their license by an officer.
- The solicitor shall conduct their business between the hours of 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

NOTE: Political canvassing is not soliciting.

Political canvassers are legally permitted to knock on doors any day of the week to interact with voters and distribute literature without a solicitor's permit.

The only types of solicitors exempt from having to obtain a permit are:

- Persons soliciting contributions on behalf of organizations or nonprofit corporations exempted from the provisions of the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act.
- Farmers engaged in selling only the produce of their own farms from a truck or other vehicle.
- Persons who have been licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to engage in regulated activities, when so engaged; including, without limitation, real estate, insurance or securities, brokers and salesmen.
- Persons engaged in the sale of goods, wares and merchandise donated by the owner thereof, the proceeds whereof are to be applied to any charitable or philanthropic purpose.

Any resident who is approached by a solicitor who violates any of the aforementioned criteria should contact the Westtown-East Goshen (WEGO) Police at their non-emergency number (610-692-5100).

Political Signage

Per section 170-1804A(1)(c) of the Township Code, temporary political campaign signs are permitted, provided they are posted only with the permission of the property owner, are not placed within any street right-of-way, and are removed within 14 days after the election. Such signs shall not be posted more than 60 days before an election. No such sign shall exceed six square feet, and only one such sign shall be allowed per candidate or issue.

KEEPING OF CHICKENS

More and more residents are considering keeping chickens, and it's no surprise why – they provide an abundant supply of delicious eggs, and are fun for kids and families! While the Township does not regulate the number of chickens that may be kept, or a minimum lot size to keep chickens, the following regulations do apply:

- Permanent shelter shall be provided for all animals. Chicken coops are considered accessory structures, and require a permit for their construction and installation. Coops may only be located in side and rear yards and - at a minimum - must be set back from property lines a distance equivalent to the height of the coop.

- A fence or designated chicken run must be provided to prevent chickens from leaving your property.
- All animals shall be kept in clean and sanitary conditions. Animal waste and soiled bedding materials must be disposed of properly, and may be bagged for household waste collection or composted. Burning of waste and bedding is NOT permitted.

While roosters are not prohibited, we strongly recommend households refrain from keeping roosters, particularly for smaller lot sizes. Contrary to popular belief, they crow all day long! If you have any additional questions, please call the Township office.

Parks and Recreation News and Events

For the first time in many months, Parks and Recreation (P&R) has a full commission! Our group consists of three seasoned commissioners, Jennifer Jacobs (Chair), Susan Alloway, and Carrie Stare, and four enthusiastic newcomers who have been on the commission fewer than four months: Isaac Thomas, Andrew Schiavello, Ken Leidheiser, and Nithya Narayan.

We kicked off our 2022 schedule of events on April 9 with the return of the hugely popular Egg Hike. Rainy skies cleared, allowing over 175 kids to enjoy a walk through the Oakbourne Park to collect eggs at stations along the park trails. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this event possible!



Egg Hike participants enjoy the trails at Oakbourne.



The Sweatman family volunteered at Egg Station #6.

HERE'S THE SUMMER LINEUP OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS AT OAKBOURNE PARK:

June 15 - Summer Concert

Enjoy a free performance by the West Chester Band from 6:30-8:30 PM.

July 13 - Night Hike

Join naturalist Lon Myers for a family-friendly program to explore nature from dusk to darkness.

Garden Lecture Series

Various lectures by Master Gardeners and industry professionals on topics such as vegetable growing and flower gardens to attract bees. Dates, times, and topics TBA.

Check the Township website for updates on these events, and for all your Township information!

Important Dates

JUNE, 2022

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

JULY, 2022

4 - Office Closed
5, 18 - Board of Supervisors
6, 20 - Planning Commission
12 - Historical Commission
13 - P&R Night Hike
16 - Yard Waste Collection
19 - Parks & Recreation
26 - EAC

AUGUST, 2022

1, 15 - Board of Supervisors
3, 17 - Planning Commission
9 - Historical Commission
13 - Yard Waste Collection
16 - Parks & Recreation
23 - EAC

SEPTEMBER, 2022

5 - Office Closed
6, 19 - Board of Supervisors
7, 21 - Planning Commission
10 - Yard Waste Collection
13 - Historical Commission
17 - E-Waste Collection Event
20 - Parks & Recreation
27 - 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

Outdoor Cooking Fire Safety

With summer grilling season just around the corner, please take precautions when cooking outdoors.

General

- Check for burn bans prior to grilling/cooking outdoors.
- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- Place the grill away from your home, deck, eaves, and overhead branches.
- Never leave any fire unattended.
- Remove any buildup of fats or grease from grills.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Have a connected water hose uncoiled and ready to turn on at a moment's notice, and a bucket of water nearby.
- Use long-handled tools made specifically for grilling.

Gas Grills

- Check for leaks on gas grills prior to use.
- Make sure the gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off, and wait at least five minutes before re-lighting.
- If you smell gas while cooking, get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.
- Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages.

Charcoal Grills

- Consider using a charcoal chimney starter that allows firing up charcoal without the use of starter fluid. There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire.
- If using starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add starter fluid or any other flammable liquids to an ongoing fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- Let coals cool completely and dispose of them in a metal container.



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 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.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!

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 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!

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