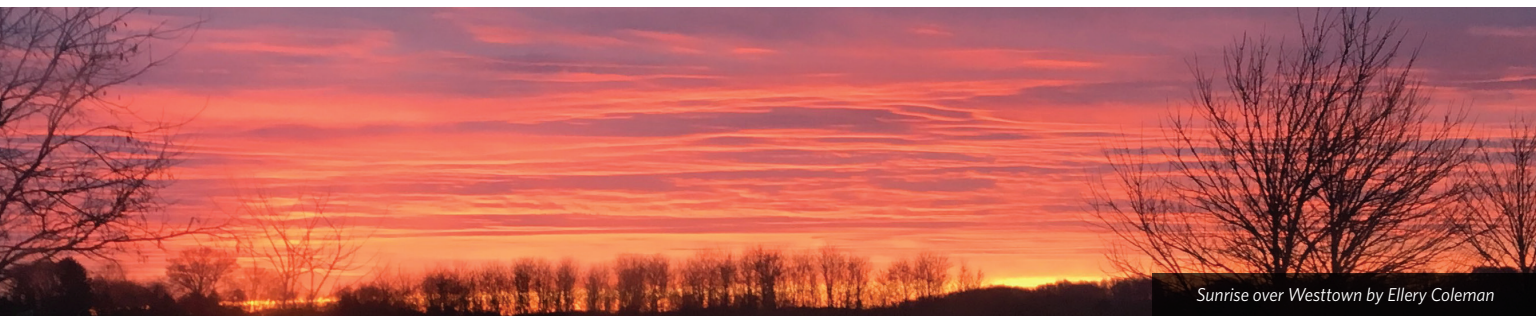




# WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to the Citizens of Westtown Township - Winter Issue #24



*Sunrise over Westtown by Ellery Coleman*

## GREETINGS WESTTOWN FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The new year brings some new faces, most notably Westtown's recently elected Supervisor - Scott Yaw. Scott replaced Tom Haws, who served for six years. We bid Tom a fond farewell and wish him the best. Before being elected as a supervisor, Scott served on the Planning Commission. The township also welcomes several new people to our administrative staff. Will Ethridge is Westtown's Director of Planning & Zoning, Mila Robinson is our Sewage Management Program Coordinator, and Bridget Stockmal is our new receptionist. We are pleased to have Will, Mila, and Bridget on the Westtown team; you will find them to be very competent, courteous, and respectful. Bios on all our new faces can be found on page 8.

Now for a few not-so-random thoughts. **Snow Plowing & Salting.** Throughout the winter months, the township Public Works Department does a stellar job dealing with Mother Nature, often working all night during

weather events to keep our roads safe. When snow or ice is forecast, we request that all vehicles be parked off-street to facilitate efficient plowing and salting operations with less risk to our drivers, trucks, and to your vehicles. **Trash & Recycling Collection.** Winter weather can also present a challenge to the township's trash and recycling hauler, A.J. Blosenski, sometimes impacting their ability to safely complete their route, as was the case over the New Year holiday weekend. Should this occur again, we ask for the community's patience and understanding. Please leave your trash and recyclables at the curb. The township will post the revised collection schedule on the township website, and send an email with revised collection information as soon as possible. To subscribe to email notifications, go to the township website ([www.westtownpa.org](http://www.westtownpa.org)) and click on the blue "GET EMAIL ALERTS" button at the top of the page.

**On-lot Sewage Management Program (SMP).** Routine inspections are required every three years for every property with a septic system. More information on the SMP program requirements can be found on page 10. **Parks & Recreation Commission.** The seven-member commission has one open seat. Residents who are interested in planning and running family-friendly events at Oakbourne Park are encouraged to email their letter of interest and resume to [rpingar@westtown.org](mailto:rpingar@westtown.org).

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable 2018. As always, I invite you to stop by the township building for a visit. I welcome the opportunity to meet you, hear your concerns, and answer any questions about Westtown Township.

Best Regards,

*Rob Pingar*

Rob Pingar, *Township Manager*

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 License Bureau (Dog, Fishing, Hunting): 610-344-6370  
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 Recorder of Deeds: 610-344-6330  
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 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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William Kraut (District Court 15-2-03): 610-436-5757

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**For Police, Fire, & Medical Emergencies, DIAL 911.**

#### For Non-Emergencies:

610-692-5100

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### Parks & Recreation Vacancy

The Commission meets once a month at the Oakbourne Mansion to discuss and plan township events. If you would like to become involved, please send your letter of interest and resume to the Township Manager, Rob Pingar at [rpingar@westtown.org](mailto:rpingar@westtown.org).

#### Routine On-Lot Inspections

Routine inspections and pumping are due every three years after your previous inspection or waiver, by October 31 of that year. Additional information on the SMP is provided on page 10 and on the township website at [westtownpa.org/onlot](http://westtownpa.org/onlot).

#### 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.

#### Ready Chesco

To sign up for Chester County's electronic notification system for emergency information go to [readychesco.org](http://readychesco.org).

#### Pay Sewer and Trash Bills Online

Westtown residents can use Visa, Master Card, and Discover to pay their utility bills online at [westtownpa.org](http://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](mailto:info@westtown.org) and request to be put on the electronic delivery list.

For Police, Fire, & Medical EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911.  
 For NON-EMERGENCIES, dial 610-692-5100.



# Planning Commission News

*by William Ethridge, Planning & Zoning Director*

The update of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan for the Township continues. The Comprehensive Plan Task Force (CPTF) hopes to receive a draft of the plan from the Township's consultants to review prior to their next meeting on February 22. On March 21, the Planning Commission and CPTF will hold a joint meeting to discuss and finalize the draft plan. The draft will then be provided to the Westtown Board of Supervisors for their review and comment. The final draft eventually will be sent to Chester County Planning Commission, neighboring municipalities, and the West Chester Area School District for review. The review period is 45 days. Once the review period is complete, a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors.

Renovation of Marketplace at Westtown Shopping Center is nearing completion. After more than ten months, Giant Food reopened their expanded store on November 10. Finishing touches are being made to the façade, and individual tenants are applying to the Township for new signage. The standalone Burger King restaurant is also undergoing improvements, both inside and outside. A new tenant, Sport Clips, plans to open in the spring.

Immediately east of the Westtown Marketplace, Jaguar/Land Rover has applied for a permit to expand their existing facility by almost 2,000 sq ft. The application should be reviewed by the Planning Commission sometime in the spring of 2018.

An application was submitted in November to subdivide the 4.1-acre lot at the northwest corner of Westbourne Road and E. Street Road (SR 926), into three lots, for the purpose of constructing a new single-family dwelling on each. The application is currently under review by the Planning Commission.

Development of the Westtown Woods community is underway. The developer, Southdown Homes LP, has cleared the land west of SR 202 for construction 15 new single-family dwellings. A new road, Piper Lane, will provide access to the development off Jacqueline Drive. The community will be served by public water and sewer.

In ordinance related matters, the Planning Commission has forwarded recommended changes to the Township's Open Space regulations to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. One of the recommendations is to raise the fee-in-lieu option available to developers who opt not to dedicate open space as a part of their proposal. The Planning Commission would like to raise the current fee of \$1,100 per dwelling.

The Planning Commission is also considering the following:

- Language that would change the setback requirement for an accessory structure (such as a storage shed) to match its height to simplify permitting (ex: An 8' tall shed would need to be 8' from the property line). The current setback in the A/C, R1, and R2 zones is 15' from the side and rear property line.
- Language that would permit the conversion of Accessory Dwelling Units into rental dwellings by Special Exception (a public hearing would be required and various conditions would have to be met).
- Updating building code requirements that call for emergency responder radio coverage signal strength within buildings. The proposed regulations would call for 95% signal reception within new buildings with certain exceptions.

Finally, on December 28 the Board of Supervisors voted to deny the Conditional Use application by Toll Brothers for a 300+ homes residential development of Crebilly Farm. A written decision is expected on or before February 12.

# Every Property Has a Story: Sleepy Hollow Farms, now part of Sts. Simon & Jude Church, was an idyllic place to grow up

by Gail O. Guterl, Westtown Township Historical Commission

The snow began falling early on the morning of February 3, 1961. By the time it stopped, 24 hours later, the area was blanketed with 17 inches. Thomas A. "Buck" Riley and neighbors who helped on the farm leapt into action, working in the barns on their property on South Chester Road (Rt. 352) and Rt. 3 (West Chester Pike) putting chains on the back wheels and plows on the front of their John Deere tractors, while the snow fell fast and heavy.

"In those days Westtown Township had no snow removal equipment," remembers Buck. "So we put snow plows on our tractors, drove across our fields to Johnny's Way, and plowed all the local roads. The township roadmaster, Chester Supplee, agreed to pay us \$5/hour to plow local roads. Eventually it went up to \$7/hour. Once the snow stopped, the state would plow the main roads - Routes 3, 926, 352, and 202." These tractors had no enclosed cabs. The drivers were exposed to the elements and the cold. "We'd come home every so often, warm up, eat and drink something hot, put on all the warm dry clothes we could find, and go back out and plow," Buck said. "We'd plow all the way to Rt. 202. But, I tell you, the local roads were plowed and cleared well before the state roads."

This scene was one of many of life on a Westtown Township farm in the 1950s and '60s, where farming was the main occupation for most township residents until the mid-1970s. The Riley family, headed by their step-grandfather David McDaniel and their grandmother, Gertrude Riley McDaniel, owned 235 acres along Rt. 3 (a two-lane road with a trolley down the middle) and Rt. 352 in the township. This area is now home to Sts. Simon & Jude Church and School and the developments of Westtown Farms and houses on Johnny's Way and McDaniel Drive.

## Death & Re-marriage

Gertrude M. Conley married Howard A. Riley, a successful stockbroker, who began his career working in a bowling alley. They lived in Germantown, PA, and had three children: Thomas A., Howard F., and Doris. (Buck

Riley is the son of Thomas A; he and Judge Howard F. "Tuck" Riley Jr., son of Howard F., shared reminiscences of their life on the farm.)

During this happy time of starting a family and being a successful businessman, tragedy struck in 1919. Howard A. died of tuberculosis in March, and two-year-old Doris died in November. Howard's widow inherited about \$500,000 (equivalent to more than \$7 million in 2018 dollars).

For a time, the family lived in the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, where at some point she met David McDaniel, a Missourian, who had become a Philadelphia motorcycle cop. "He was movie-star handsome, like Clark Gable," Buck remembers.



It is not known how they met, but it is known they got along well. However, there was an impediment to the relationship; Gertrude was a devout Catholic and David was not. "Unbeknownst to my grandmother," Tuck said, "David began instructions to become a Catholic. One day he told my grandmother they needed to go to church at a specific time. It was for his baptism." Soon after, David McDaniel and Gertrude married.

### Down on the Farm

David's dream was to own a farm and raise horses and Angus beef. They began to look around for land and finally purchased two properties in Westtown, combining them into Sleepy Hollow Farms. "They made a deal that they would live on the farm in the summer and in the city in the winter," Buck remembers from family stories. "The first two years she lived out here full-time, she cried most of the time. But then she really began to like it. She began driving horses and raking hay."

Now this was a surprising reversal for a woman, her grandson's say, who loved beautiful things; she played piano by ear, had delicate china, fine glassware, silverware, and original paintings in her house. "She was elegant, but she was a down-to-earth person," Buck said.

### Building a Home

Around 1939, Gertrude and David, who had no children from this marriage, built a stone house on Rt. 3. "My grandmother built and owned several other houses, which are still standing, along S. Chester Road and what would become Johnny's Way and Woodcrest Road," Buck said. "As the family grew and had their own children, they occupied the other houses."

Both men describe living on the farm as idyllic. "There's nothing more wonderful than to grow up on a farm, plant crops, raise horses and cattle. We worked hard all summer long. In fact, once school let out for summer, we'd take our shirts off to work in the fields and, except for church on Sunday, we'd hardly wear a shirt all summer," Buck recalled. Tuck remembers looking out the window of his grandmother's house and "all you'd see is rolling fields, farm buildings, and trees. The stars were much brighter then."

During these years, the Riley's phone number (and everyone else's) was only 5 digits "502R5." Not everyone had a telephone, and they were strictly manual. "I had a friend, Larry Gallagher, and his older sister was a telephone operator," Tuck remembered. "When I'd pick up the phone and hear 'number please' and recognize Joni's voice, I'd say 'Joni, I want to talk to Larry,' and she'd connect me."

Despite the idyllic farm life, several men in the Riley family remember running away from home; home being one of the houses on the family farm. They never went far. "We'd go up the hill to Nana's (Gertrude's) house.

We'd stay with her a few days and then go back down the hill to home," Tuck said.

However, things changed in 1956 with the death of their grandfather of a massive heart attack, when Buck was 16 and Tuck 14. "We took over running the farm," Buck said. "We'd come home from school, tend to the 30 Angus cows and horses, clean out the stalls, and ensure we had enough feed for cows and horses for the week because we'd do all this work before and after school."

Soon after his death, Gertrude moved to another house on the property. Around that time, she deeded 13.5 acres to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. "She wanted them to build a church on the property and name it St. David's in honor of my step-grandfather," said Buck. "Turned out there was already a St. David's in the archdiocese, so in 1961 they built Sts. Simon & Jude Church."

When Gertrude died in 1971, death duties and estate taxes forced the sale of the rest of the property, which was managed by Buck and Tuck. The last parcel was sold in the 1980s. Several housing developments sit on what was the 100-acre farm. The main house of the farm is now the rectory for Sts. Simon & Jude Church. Several old specimen trees, a cedar and a copper beech, planted by David McDaniel still grace the church property. Family members continue to live in some of the houses on S. Chester Road that were part of the original farm created by Gertrude and David.



McDaniel property before Saints Simon & Jude

# Friends of Oakbourne News

by Tom Bare, President, Friends of Oakbourne

In the last Gazette, I described The Friends of Oakbourne (FoO) planting the final groupings of lavender in the renovated Clock Garden in front of Oakbourne Mansion. These plantings finished the “growing” part of the garden plans. Conditions were ideal for the lavender for the remainder of the summer/fall, and the plants thrived.

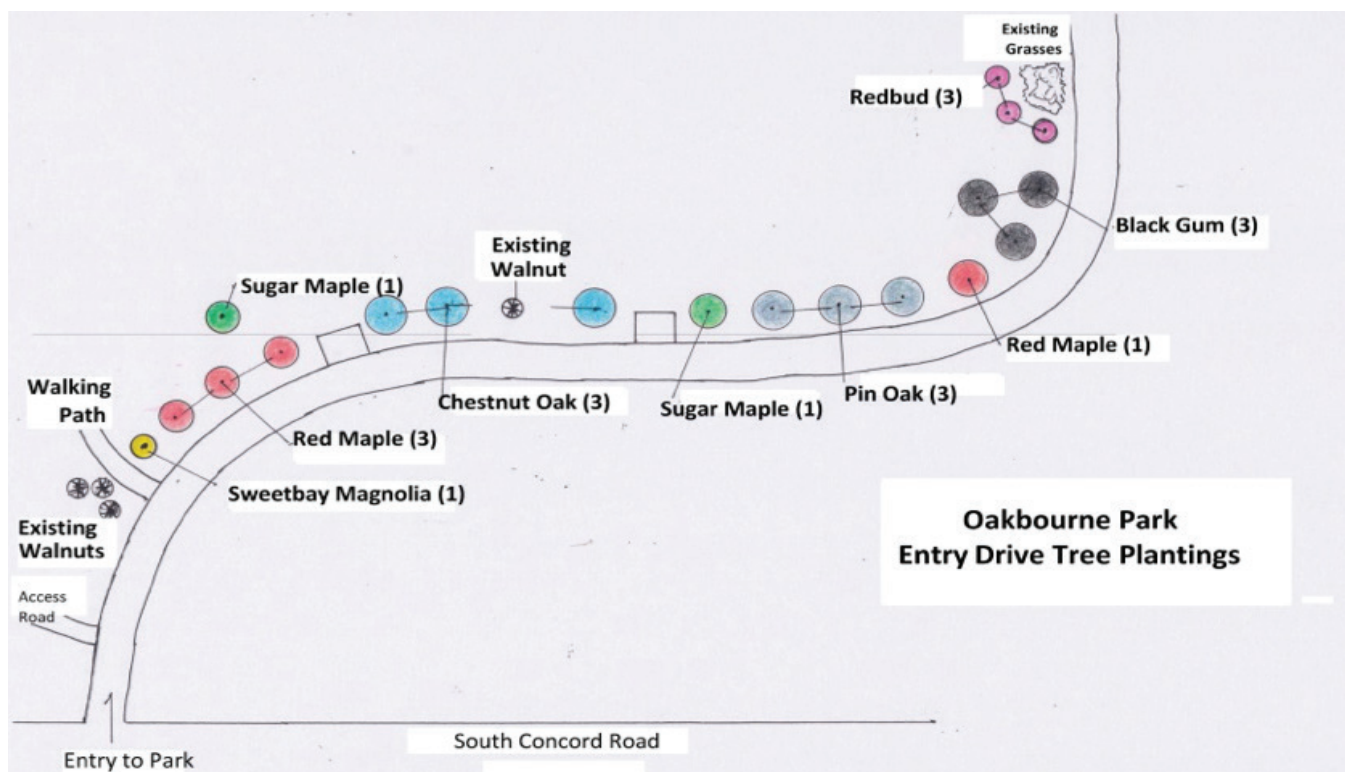
This year FoO is hoping to install a commemorative stone bench into each quadrant of the Clock Garden. The benches will be placed on flagstone pads in the middle of each of the quadrants, and will provide inviting places to sit and observe the beauty of the mansion, surrounding gardens, and park. If you are interested in dedicating one of these benches which will be fitted with a small personalized commemorative plaque, please contact Tom Bare for details on pricing and installation.

At the July 2017 meeting of the Friends of Oakbourne, we were joined by John O'Brien, a member of the Westtown-Goshen (WEGO) Rotary Club. John explained Rotarians worldwide strive to plant trees with the aim of increasing sustainability and alleviating the effects of global climate change.

Needless to say, FoO was delighted to receive their generous proposal to donate 19 trees, and we began to brainstorm on how best to use and locate these trees. FoO called upon Craig Rybinski of Creative Garden Solutions in Avondale. Craig was familiar with Oakbourne Park since he was responsible for the redesign of the Oakbourne Clock Garden this past summer. After a number of discussions with Craig, we decided to plant the trees along the park entry drive. This plan dovetailed nicely with recommendations in The Forest and Tree Stewardship Plan for Oakbourne Park that was commissioned by Westtown in 2002. Our plan was presented to and approved by the Westtown supervisors.



Stone bench to be installed in Clock Garden



Oakbourne Park entry drive tree planting diagram

One of the main goals of the entry drive design was to add an elegant and stately approach to the park and mansion. Native tree varieties were selected, offering various assets including blooms, fall color, bark interest, as well as the potential to develop into a size that is fitting to the scale of the existing trees and grandeur of the site. The 19 trees that were planted are listed along with their approximate heights and widths at maturity.

- 4 - Acer rubrum- Red Maple, 40-60'T x 40'W
- 2 - Acer saccharum - Sugar Maple, 60-70'T x 40'W
- 3 - Cercis canadensis - Redbud, 25'T x 20'W
- 1 - Magnolia virginiana - Sweetbay Magnolia, 25-30'T x 20'W
- 3 - Nyssa sylvatica - Black Gum, 30-40'T x 25'W
- 3 - Quercus prinus - Chestnut Oak, 60-70'T x 50'W
- 3 - Quercus palustris - Pin Oak, 50-60'T x 40'W

Because of very dry weather last fall, the ground was like concrete, but that problem was solved thanks to township Director of Public Works Mark Gross and his crew, who prepped the site using a backhoe. Early on a beautiful Saturday morning in October, a few days after the holes had been dug and pre-watered, volunteers from WEGO Rotary joined FoO for the tree planting. Fortunately, the moist soil in the pre-dug holes was very workable, and the crew was able to plant and mulch the 19 trees in about two hours. To protect the young trees from deer, each sapling was surrounded with 4' tall fencing placed on metal garden stakes.



View of some trees planted near Oakbourne Park entrance

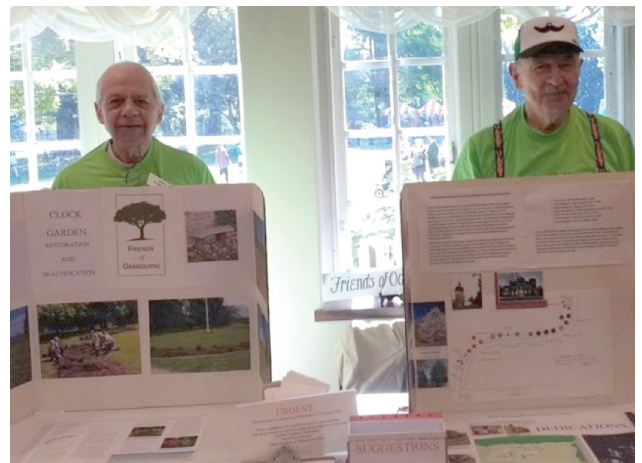
The next time you visit Oakbourne, have a look at the trees on the left as you're driving into the park and imagine what they will look like in 10 - 15 years.

Thanks again to WEGO Rotary for sponsoring this wonderful project!



WEGO Rotary (W) & FoO (F) entry drive planting crew, l to r: Tom Corcoran (W), Howard Cuerel (W), Vince Durante (F), Dawn DeFuria (W), David Moldoff (W), John O'Brien (W), Tom Bare (F), Rick Brown (F), Sean Brown (F), Travis Olszewski (W), John Spellman (W). Photographer: Ann Bare (F)

Finally, we hope that many Westtown residents stopped by our display at Westtown Day last fall to see some of FoO's plans for future projects at our beautiful park.



Jim Cokonis & Walt Pavelchek at Westtown Day

## INTERESTED IN IMPROVING YOUR BEAUTIFUL TOWNSHIP PARK?

Please join us at the Friends of Oakbourne's upcoming meeting at 7:00 pm on April, 19 and July 19, 2018 at Oakbourne Mansion. 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 to honor a special person or loved one or to commemorate an important occasion.

# Introducing Our New Township Supervisor and Staff

## Township Supervisor - Scott E. Yaw, Esq.

Scott was sworn into the Board of Supervisors in January, 2018. Prior to his election, he served on the Township Planning Commission and previously as an elected Auditor for the Township. Scott works for a Malvern-based law firm and has been practicing law in Chester County and Southeastern Pennsylvania since 1991. His commitment to our community and sense of public service are evident from his years of service as a volunteer for numerous community and youth organizations as well as his prior service to Westtown Township. A small business owner for over 20 years, Scott is a firm believer in responsive, fiscally prudent government at all levels and, most importantly, at the local level. Scott and his wife, Tracey, have lived in Westtown Township since 1998. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Sam and Syd, who attend school in the West Chester Area School District.



*Supervisor Scott Yaw is joined by his daughters as he is sworn in by Judge Kraut.*

## Director of Planning & Zoning - Will Ethridge, AICP

Will joined the Township staff in June, 2017. He started his career as a Planner Intern in Stafford County, VA, and also worked in North Carolina and Maryland as a professional planner before spending the last four years as an Emergency Preparedness Planner for the state of Delaware. He has been a certified professional planner (AICP) since 2010. Will serves as Township Zoning Officer and secretary to the Township Planning Commission. Will places a strong emphasis on communication, participation, and ethics in his daily work and hopes to exceed the expectations of the residents of Westtown. Will and his wife, Alyssa, live in Wilmington, DE.

## Township Planner - Mila Robinson

Mila was hired in November, 2013. She obtained her degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the West Chester University. Before coming to the Township, she worked in a variety of planning fields, including hazard

mitigation, stormwater and floodplain management, environmental and transportation planning, and community development. Mila's responsibilities include oversight of the township's On-Lot Sewage Management Program and assistance with other township planning and zoning projects. Mila resides in the Township with her son.

## Township Receptionist - Bridget Stockmal

Bridget began working for the Township part-time in August, 2017, and recently transitioned to full time. She graduated from Dickinson College in 2015 with majors in Political Science and French. She spent the next two years in the District of Columbia working in high-level donor events and stewardship for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. There, she had the opportunity to meet and partner with preservationists and public officials from across the country to make a difference in their communities. She is eager to continue learning the inner workings of local government.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY - STAFF ACCOUNTANT

The township is seeking a full time employee to assist with payroll, bank reconciliations, budget preparation, audits, and other related duties. Applicant must be detail oriented, possess excellent communication, organizational, and follow up skills. Prefer candidate with knowledge of municipal accounting/ finance/payroll. A bachelor's degree or equivalent accounting experience is required. EOE. Salary DOQ. Interested candidates should submit their letter of interest and resume with salary history to [staffaccountant@westtown.org](mailto:staffaccountant@westtown.org) by March 31, 2018.



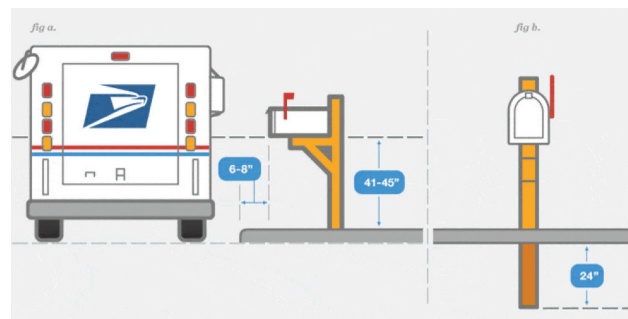
# Winter Weather Procedures & Tips

The Township Public Works Department begins salting operations at the beginning of a winter storm to keep the snow and ice from bonding with the paved surface, which makes it difficult to remove. Snow removal begins when snow has accumulated on the road surface, and continues for the duration of the storm. The initial focus is to open and clear heavily traveled collector roads, and then low volume roads and developments. After initial clearance is made on the roads, the drivers will work on pushing snow back. Depending on the timing and duration of a storm, it may take up to six hours after the snow has stopped to clear the roads.

**To avoid having your driveway plowed shut, leave the last 10 feet of your driveway un-shoveled until we are finished. Another method is to clear 15 feet of the shoulder to the left of your driveway (when facing the street). That will allow a snowplow blade full of snow to unload and deposit the snow before it reaches your driveway. Do not place shoveled, blown, or plowed snow from driveways or sidewalks onto public streets.**

The 90+ cul-de-sacs within the Township are the most challenging and time consuming areas to plow. In a cul-de-sac the area where the plowed snow can be placed is limited due to the short distance between driveway openings, mailboxes, and stormwater drains. Cars parked in cul-de-sacs exacerbate the problem. Due to these constraints and safety issues, the Township may not plow cul-de-sacs if cars are parked in them.

The Public Works Department would like to remind residents of the policy regarding mailboxes damaged during snowplowing operations. Most often, damage to mailboxes is sustained from snow as it comes off of the plow. A sound post and securely attached mailbox will not be knocked over by snow coming off the plow. It is helpful to use a reflector to make your mailbox more visible to plow drivers. Also check that the placement of your mailbox in the right-of-way follows the US Postal Service Standards for Residential Mailboxes shown in the diagram.



Plow drivers are instructed to drive as slowly as realistically possible in order to minimize problems with mailboxes. However, mailboxes are considered an encroaching, albeit official, structure in the right-of-way and the township is not responsible for damage. The township will not replace mailboxes damaged by snow coming off the plow. Please do your part to help the township safely and efficiently remove snow this winter!

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual  
CRC Streams Cleanup**

**April 21, 2018  
9:00 - 11:00**

A photograph showing a group of people, including children and adults, participating in a stream cleanup activity. They are standing near a stream and holding bags of trash.

## Save the Date: The Annual Streams Cleanup

The annual streams cleanup is a fun way for individuals and groups such as Girl and Boy Scouts to get involved with keeping our community clean.



For more information, visit [crcwatersheds.org](http://crcwatersheds.org).

# Important Dates

## FEBRUARY, 2018

- 3 - Yard Waste Collection
- 5,20 - Board of Supervisors
- 7,21 - Planning Commission
- 13 - Parks & Recreation
- 15 - Historical Commission
- 22 - Comp Plan Update Task Force

## MARCH, 2018

- 3 - Yard Waste Collection
- 5,19 - Board of Supervisors
- 7,21 - Planning Commission & Comp Plan Update Task Force
- 13 - Parks & Recreation
- 15 - Historical Commission

## APRIL, 2018

- 2,16 - Board of Supervisors
- 4,18 - Planning Commission
- 7 - Yard Waste Collection
- 10 - Parks & Recreation
- 19 - Historical Commission
- 19 - Friends of Oakbourne
- 28 - Township Yard Sale

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** - 7:30 pm

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION** - 6:00 pm

**PLANNING COMMISSION** - 7:30 pm

Township Municipal Building  
1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown

**FRIENDS OF OAKBOURNE** - 7:00 pm

**PARKS AND RECREATION** - 7:00 pm

Oakbourne Mansion  
1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown

**APRIL**

**28**

## SAVE THE DATE

Township Yard Sale  
April 28, 2018  
Oakbourne Park

# Sewage Management Program (SMP) at a glance

The purpose of Westtown's **On-Lot Sewage Management Program (SMP)** is to minimize groundwater pollution and environmental degradation that result from a malfunctioning sewage system by ensuring that all systems are well maintained. Routine inspections and system pumping must be performed at least every 3 years in **perpetuity**.

## STEPS TO COMPLY WITH THE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SMP)

### SMP Inspection and Routine Inspection Report

1

**Check the date** of your previous SMP inspection report or the program's waiver, and **add 3 years** – that's the year your next **SMP Routine Inspection Report is Due.\***

2

**Find a PSMA certified inspector** and schedule the inspection.

3

**Ensure the inspector fills out** a Westtown Township SMP Routine Inspection Report during the inspection.

4

**Submit a completed inspection report and a copy of your pumping receipt** to the Township (*if pumped at the time of your SMP inspection*).

### Sewage Disposal System Pumping and Pumping Receipts

1

**Check the date** of your system's previous pumping.

2

**Determine the date** of your next pumping. The accepted standard in PA is a *maximum of 3-year interval*, unless you have a large family, an undersized tank, or use a garbage disposal, in which cases *more frequent schedule might be necessary*.

3

**Find a licensed Liquid Waste Hauler** to perform pumping at least once every 3 years OR more frequently as recommended.

4

**Submit a copy of your pumping receipt** to the Township.

Report and pumping receipts **MUST** be submitted by **October 31**

**P: 610-692-1930**

[www.westtownpa.org/onlot/](http://www.westtownpa.org/onlot/)

# Recycling Information

## How To Prepare Items For Recycling:

**Glass, plastic (#1-7), aluminum, and metal recyclables** should be rinsed. This reduces the likelihood of attracting mice, rats, birds, insects, and other pests. All lids should be removed and discarded, as they are too small to make it through the sorting process. Cans and plastic may be flattened

**Mixed paper** may be co-mingled with other recyclables or in a paper bag. Please do not put plastic bags or plastic wrapping film in your recycling bin as they get tangled in the conveyors at the recycling plant. Plastic bags and film can be recycled at your local grocery store.

**Corrugated cardboard boxes** must be flattened and cut into approximately 3-4 foot squares, tied, and placed beside the recycling bin. This is necessary because of the compacting system of the recycling truck.

## Recycle Right!

### ACCEPTED

Aluminum cans, pie plates, and clean foil

Metal food, beverage, and aerosol cans

Green, brown, blue, clear glass bottles and jars

Mixed paper - magazines, newspapers, junk mail, paperback books, phone books, box board (cereal, crackers, toilet paper rolls, etc.), paper egg cartons, clean pizza boxes

Milk, juice, and broth cartons

Plastic bottles and jars (#1-7) recycling plant.

### NOT ACCEPTED

Oil or antifreeze cans or bottles, aluminum cookware, aluminum siding

Paint cans, metal cookware

Window glass, drinking glasses, ceramics, flower pots, mirrors, light bulbs, ovenware

Tissues, paper towels, napkins, metallic wrapping paper, dirty paper plates/cups

Juice pouches

Styrofoam, plastic bags, Tyvek envelopes, plastic toys

# General Trash Information

## 2018 Holiday Pickup Schedule

Trash will not be collected on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. For **Monday pickups**, trash and recycling will be collected the **Saturday before** the holiday; **Thursday pickups** will be collected the **Saturday after** the holiday.

## Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection

**Pennsylvania law prohibits the disposal of hazardous waste or E-waste in the regular trash.** Visit [chestercountyswa.org](http://chestercountyswa.org) for hazardous waste collection events scheduled throughout the county.

Tube TV's, computer monitors, appliances, and other electronics can be disposed of at the Lanchester Landfill for FREE through the end of the year (7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA 17555). Residents can bring up to 3 items per day. Retailers and e-waste collection events are now charging for TVs and computer monitors, so take advantage of this service!

## Bulk Items

Large items will be taken on the last collection date of the month. You may put out 3 large items, such as appliances (without Freon) and furniture. **Construction debris (shingles, drywall, lumber, etc.) will not be collected.** If you are unsure about the disposal of a bulk item, please contact the Township.

## Yard Waste

**Collected on scheduled days (see back cover of this issue).**

Must be in paper bags or a container that can be dumped. Branches no more than 3" in diameter & 3' in length must be bundled & tied. Yard waste collection dates are posted on the Township website [westtownpa.org](http://westtownpa.org), and on your utility bills. Pickup reminders are emailed to residents who subscribe to the township listserv. Subscribe on the website.

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