



# WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to the Citizens of Westtown Township - Summer Issue #30



Oakbourne Road bridge force main relocation project

## GREETINGS WESTTOWN FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS.

2019 will be the single busiest year of infrastructure construction in Westtown's history and it is important that the community be aware of the many scheduled public and private projects. A summary of each project is provided below:

### Annual Road Program -

Continuing with our long-term road restoration schedule, nearly \$1M will again be invested in road paving and drainage improvements. In 2019 the roads include General Howe Drive, E. Niels Lane, Westwood Drive, Dalmally Drive, Sage Road (north and south of Oakbourne Road), E. Sage Road & Sassafras Circle, and Carter Place. Drainage improvements will be made on Woodland Road and General Howe Drive. Last winter and this spring, Aqua PA replaced water mains in Sage Road and General Howe Drive. In the spirit of inter-agency cooperation, Aqua contributed \$112,561 to complete the pavement restoration on these roads as part of the township's 2019 Road Program.

### Oakbourne Road Bridge Replacement -

Construction on this project will begin when school recesses in June. Due to the complexity of the project and inter-agency coordination required to relocate utilities that run under the bridge, the project is not

expected to be completed until November 2019, so the road closure and detour will remain through the first few months of the 2019/2020 school year.

### Tyson Park Phase II Improvements -

With a project budget of \$150K, Phase II improvements consist of an ADA accessible parking lot, port-a-john, and walking trail, as well as supplemental landscaping. This project is scheduled for completion by autumn.

### Oakbourne Mansion Exterior Restoration-

The exterior wood on the mansion and carriage house is in dire need of repair and painting. This very specialized carpentry work will ensure these unique historic structures are protected from the elements, so they can be used and enjoyed by future generations. It is expected the needed repairs will exceed the \$200K budgeted in 2019. Completing this initial project will enable the township to budget for the remaining work.

### Oakbourne Park Entrance Sign -

Bringing Westtown into the 21st century, an illuminated sign with electronic message capability will replace the wooden sign at the main entrance to Oakbourne Park. The sign foundation will use salvaged

stone from the property to compliment the architecture of Oakbourne Mansion. It will promote park events and meetings of the Board of Supervisors, Parks & Recreation Commission, Historic Commission and Planning Commission. The estimated cost is \$36K. This project will be completed over the summer.

### Veterans Memorial-

This memorial was conceived after the rejected attempt to honor Taylor family veterans of the America's war of independence with five memorial stones in township open-space in Pleasant Grove. Instead, the Board of Supervisors decided to build a respectful memorial to all Westtown veterans, including the memorial stones honoring these Quaker patriots. This elegant and respectful memorial will be located in Oakbourne Park along the entrance drive, doubling as a "gateway" to the park. It can also be observed when driving by the park on S. Concord Road. The existing walking path will be incorporated into the memorial's design, which will include an illuminated flagpole.

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#### Chester County Court House:

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### BULLETIN BOARD

#### Ready ChesCo

ReadyChesCo 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>.

#### Parks & Recreation Commission Vacancy

The Commission meets once a month at the Oakbourne Mansion to plan community events in Westtown parks. If you would like to become involved, please send your letter of interest and resume to the Township Manager, Rob Pingar ([rpingar@westtown.org](mailto:rpingar@westtown.org)). Candidates must be current in all municipal obligations.

#### 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 the township website [www.westtownpa.org/onlot/](http://www.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.

#### 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!

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### **New Collector Rd. between Stetson Jughandle & W. Pleasant Grove Rd. -**

Conceived nearly 20 years ago as part of the Arborview development, the construction of this road is being undertaken by TAG Builders, with a \$750K grant from PennDOT. This project is part of the township's approval of the Ducklings Early Learning Center land development project described below. When completed, this road will facilitate travel to Rt. 202 N from areas west of Rt. 202. Equally important, the existence of this collector road and the reconfigured Stetson jughandle will allow motorists heading further west of Stetson and Starkweather to avoid Rt. 202. Along with the addition of a separate right turn lane on Stetson Driveway, the road will greatly reduce the morning school-rush traffic through the Skiles Boulevard/Rt. 202/Stetson Drive intersection. This project is scheduled to be completed in time for the start of the 2019/2020 school year.

### **Upgraded Traffic Signal at the W. Chester Pk./N. Chester Rd. (Rt. 352) intersection -**

Since its inception, the traffic signals at this intersection have been mounted on a single span-wire. This arrangement has been less than ideal given the acute angle of the approach roads which allows some signals to be visible when they shouldn't be, and the signals frequently become misaligned from high winds. Westtown received a \$180,000 PennDOT grant to replace this outdated traffic signal support system with conventional signal poles and mast arms, which will significantly reduce maintenance costs. It was expected that this project was to be completed over the summer, but is now delayed due to a potential conflict with one of the two Sunoco pipelines beneath Rt. 352 which necessitates the acquisition of a permanent traffic signal easement from an adjacent property.

### **Kirkwood Sewage Pump Station Upgrade -**

Completed in May, this project included the installation of new pumps, wet-well, valve vault, and electrical control panel. It had a construction cost of \$316K, which was offset by a \$220K grant from PADEP.

### **Ducklings Early Learning Center -**

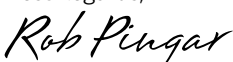
This is a private daycare/preschool development associated with the new collector road referenced above. It will be located at the intersection of the new collector road and the Stetson jughandle. Ducklings Early Learning Center is scheduled for completion by the end of 2019.

### **The Malvern School -**

This is a private daycare/preschool similar to Ducklings. It will be located at the northeast corner of the Rt. 202/E. Pleasant Grove intersection, next to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and School. Ironically, this is where a public school once stood, which eventually became the first Westtown Township municipal building. The Malvern School is scheduled for completion in 2019.

It is an exciting time in Westtown. The Board of Supervisors and I appreciate the community's support as we complete these vital public works projects. Hope your summer is filled with fun-filled, memorable and rewarding time with family and friends.

Best Regards,



Rob Pingar, Township Manager

## **Code Corner - Ordinance Updates**

*by Will Ethridge, Director of Planning & Zoning*

### **Below is an update on recently adopted Zoning Ordinance Amendments and those currently under consideration by the Board of Supervisors:**

**On July 16, 2018, the Township Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 2018-01, adding "Medical Services" as a permitted use, by-right, in the Planned Office Campus (POC) zoning district, and providing a definition for the term. All POC zoned properties in Westtown Township now permit healthcare, healing, and related support facilities (e.g., medical doctors, dentists, orthodontists, etc.)**

**On May 6, 2019, the Board adopted Ordinance 2019-02, creating a process for converting an approved accessory dwelling unit into a rental dwelling unit via the Zoning Hearing Board (special exception application) with certain restrictions. Anyone who has in the past been granted an accessory dwelling unit by the Zoning Hearing Board, may reapply to the ZHB to convert their ADU into a rental unit, with certain restrictions.**

**On June 3, 2019, the Board adopted Ordinance 2019-01, allowing for reduced side and rear yard setbacks for the installation of certain accessory structures. Where before the minimum side and rear yard setbacks in the A/C, R-1, and R-2 zoning districts was 15', certain accessory structures may now be placed as close to the side and rear property lines as their height. (eg. An 8' tall storage shed may now be placed 8' from the rear and side lot line, instead of 15'.)**

**Signs:** On May 20, 2019, the Board authorized Act 247 review of Ordinance 2019-03, Signs. Act 247 review is the process by which the Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC) reviews and makes comments or recommendations on a proposed amendment, prior to any official action by the Board. This proposed ordinance amendment is a comprehensive update of the Township's sign regulations, removing all content based scrutiny with (some exceptions) based on the Supreme Court's Reed vs. Town of Gilbert decision, which clarified when municipalities can impose content-based restrictions on signage. Some minor changes were also made to the restrictions on billboards, as well as to allow LED lighting as an element of signage. After comments have been received from the CCPC, the Township Planning Commission may change the proposed amendment before forwarding it to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

### **Building Code and Bi-directional Antennas:**

The building code for Westtown references the International Building Code (IBC). Later this summer, the Township plans to update Chapter 57 to reference the current version of the IBC. The current IBC includes bi-directional antenna regulations that the Township will then improve upon with additional regulations, as opposed to adopting a stand-alone ordinance. The importance of bi directional amplifiers is further explained by Westtown-East Goshen (WEGO) Police Chief Brenda Bernot on page 8.

**The Township Code can be found on the township website under Resident Resources.**

# Saving the Master Mason's Headstone

*By David Walter, Westtown Township Historical Commissioner*

Rest in Peace." That's what we expect when a loved one passes away and is put to rest in a cemetery. This expectation was not met for one of Westtown's most accomplished citizens. However, the Westtown Township Historical Commission has done what it could to remedy this oversight.

The accomplished citizen was Valentine Kirgan, born in Bradford Township, Chester County on August 7, 1771, to Hugh Kirgan, a weaver, and Mary Hawley Kirgan. Valentine became a master mason and settled in Westtown, where he built houses and other structures for a time.

In 1810, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania decided to move the state capital from Lancaster to Harrisburg. A number of buildings were erected between 1810 and 1812 to house government offices. Kirgan worked on the construction; disbursements from the contractor, Stephen Hills, show \$2,623.34 paid him for brickwork.

Between 1819 and 1822, the first Capitol building was constructed. Stephen Hills won the architectural contract and designed a red brick, Federal-style building. Having previously worked with Valentine Kirgan, Hills hired him as the lead mason on the construction job. Kirgan's role was prominent enough that he, as well as one other mason, is mentioned in the parchment documents recovered from the cornerstone in 1897.

Abraham Lincoln walked its halls. Then, on February 2, 1897, fire erupted in the Lieutenant Governor's office, and the edifice burned to the ground. A new Capitol building was started, but abandoned in 1899 when funding ran out. Today's Capitol was constructed between 1902 and 1906. It would not surprise any Pennsylvanian to learn that construction costs were three times the original estimate, and that several people were sent to jail for graft connected to the construction.

When the first Capitol building was completed, Kirgan returned to Westtown, resuming his mason trade. It is likely he had a hand in building Thomas Darlington's Westtown Inn or Darlington's Inn, dated 1823, which still stands at the corner of Street Road (Rt. 926) and Wilmington Pike (U.S. 202).

In February 1823, Kirgan married Deborah Taylor Hawley, the young widow of William Hawley, Jr. Deborah was the daughter of Capt. Thomas Taylor, Jr. and granddaughter of Col. Thomas Taylor, of the Revolutionary War-era Chester County Militia. The Kirgans welcomed a daughter, Deborah (Debbe) H. Kirgan, November 1, 1824. Sixteen days later, Valentine was widowed when his wife died from complications of childbirth.

Young Debbe was orphaned seven years later when Valentine died July 22, 1831, and was laid to rest next to his wife in the Taylor Family Burying Ground, in what is now the Pleasant Grove neighborhood. Generations of the Taylor family were buried in the family cemetery up the hill from their farm house. Other relatives and neighbors were also buried there until 1864 when the Taylors sold the large farm to Isaac Cochran. The property deed included a restriction that the cemetery would always be accessible to the public.

The property then went through a succession of owners (Rhoads, Fox, Jones) over the next 100 years. The deed restriction was still in place in a 1917 sale, but cannot be found after that. The abandoned cemetery, enclosed by a low wall, was neglected; headstones were removed or repurposed. Early in the 20th century, the Faucett family moved their loved ones' headstones to Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery, though the mortal remains were left at Taylors.

By 1970, Westtown landowners were being approached by developers to sell their property for housing developments. With the thought of selling part of his farm, then Taylor farm's



*The Pennsylvania Capitol (1822-1897) constructed by architect Stephen Hills*

Over the years, such distinguished visitors as the Marquis de Lafayette, the Prince of Wales (King Edward VII), and

owner, Marshall Jones Jr., was curious about the old cemetery on his property. In 1969, he turned to Dr. Marshall Becker, archaeology professor at West Chester University (WCU), to conduct a professional archaeological recovery excavation in the burial ground. Over a period of years, Dr. Becker and his students, recovered remains of some 30 individuals (out of perhaps 100 buried there) and made valuable observations on Colonial burial customs. Recovered remains are now in storage at the University of Pennsylvania; the rest are still interred at the site of the Taylor Family Burial Ground.

In the course of recovering artifacts, Dr. Becker found Valentine Kirgan's intact headstone cemented face down and being used as a doorstep in the basement of the original Taylor stone house. With permission, he removed it to storage at WCU. Dr. Becker had to end his project in 1973, when Jones sold the farm to a developer. The large Pleasant Grove neighborhood now sits on the former Taylor farm, and the cemetery was covered over and lies under private property.

The Westtown Township Historical Commission secured Kirgan's stone from West Chester University in 2016, intending to place it near the site of the Taylor Family Burial Ground. When that proved impracticable, the Historical Commission launched a genealogical search for any living descendants of Valentine and Deborah Kirgan. It was learned their daughter, Debbe, married Joseph Hunt in 1842 and had four children. Two daughters, Aurelia (1856-1933) and Bessie (1860-1934) never married. A son, James Hunt, married Emma Bovard, and had one child, Helen. Helen taught music at West Chester High School, never married, and died in 1976. The fourth child, Estelle, married Ralph Wilson, of Bel Air, MD and had three children. Because "Wilson" is a common name, it has been impossible to trace that family branch beyond the children.

The Historical Commission's research revealed that Valentine Kirgan's daughter Debbe, son-in-law Joseph, and granddaughters Aurelia and Bessie are buried in a plot at Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery. Grandson James and great granddaughter Helen are also buried in a separate plot there. With the kind permission of Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery, a pro bono stone cleaning by Old Philadelphia Inc., and funding from Westtown Township, Valentine Kirgan's stone now rests on the plot with his only child and several granddaughters.

A brief ceremony commemorating the placement of the stone was held May 4. The stone reads: "In Memory of Valentine Kirgan died July 22nd 1831 in the 60th year of his age."

Perhaps now an accomplished Westtown resident can truly Rest in Peace.

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1831 in the 60th  
year of his age."*



*Westtown Township Historical Commissioners (from left) Gail Guterl, Dave Walter, and former commissioner Jonathan Hoppe, at the dedication ceremony at Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery.*

*Photo by Jim Guterl*

# Friends of Oakbourne News

*by Tom Bare, President, Friends of Oakbourne*

Oakbourne Park and ARBORETUM! How does that sound? After almost a year of collecting data and information on the arboretum area of Oakbourne Park and ensuring that the arboretum met required rigorous standards, I am very pleased to report that Oakbourne Park's arboretum has just been awarded Level 1 Accreditation by the ArbNet Accreditation Program and the world famous Morton Arboretum (visit: <http://arbnet.org/morton-register/oakbourne-park-and-arboretum>). This accreditation verifies that our arboretum has achieved particular standards of professional practices that are deemed important for arboreta and botanic gardens. The ArbNet Program is the only global initiative to officially recognize arboreta at various levels of development, capacity, and professionalism. Oakbourne Arboretum is also now recognized as an accredited arboretum in the Morton Register of Arboreta, a database of the world's arboreta and gardens dedicated to woody plants.

The extreme wet weather we've been experiencing over the past year has not been kind to the lavender and roses that we planted in the Oakbourne Mansion's Clock Garden during our recent renovation. Virtually all of the lavender and roses did not survive the winter. In my home garden, every single plant of my rudbeckia (Black-Eyed Susans) that have thrived for 15 years did not survive last winter, most likely because of the prolonged wet conditions. The Friends of Oakbourne (FoO) have removed all of the lavender and rose plants from the Clock Garden and will be replacing them with plants more robust and tolerant of wet conditions.

This spring, FoO planted three dedicated trees in the arboretum. A Snow Fountain Weeping Cherry (*Prunus* x 'Snofozam' White; GPS Coordinates: 39.937275643, -75.57147589) was planted in the Cherry Grove area (adjacent to S. Concord Rd) to replace a similar tree that suffered damage by deer. This tree was dedicated to the memory of Beth Ann Larson Heath by Harriet Carroll, Ingrid & Moe Tomlinson, and Stella & Jay Birkmire. Snow Fountain is a good name for this tree since during its spring bloom, the tree looks like a beautiful white cascading waterfall. When I was watering the tree recently (6/7/2019), the branches were loaded with deep reddish-purple berries which were being devoured by a resident mocking bird. At maturity the tree will reach a height of about 12 - 15 feet and a width of 6 - 8 feet.

A Blue Atlas Cedar tree (*Cedrus atlantica* 'glauca'; GPS: 39.93831002, -75.57300004) dedicated to Milton B. Helmuth by his family was planted in the first grouping of conifers encountered on the right side of the drive as you enter the park. Milton served the township in several capacities and was especially fond of the Oakbourne Mansion. Right now the tree is a gangly youngster about 13 feet high, but it will increase in character as it ages, with beautiful silvery blue foliage and a pyramidal shape that can reach a height of 60 feet and a width of 30 to 40 feet.



*Blue Atlas Cedar Dedicated to Milton B Helmuth*

A Seven-Son Flower Tree (*Heptacodium miconioides*; GPS: 39.93618412, -75.57247333) was planted in the Bark Woodlet area for Rich DiTeodoro by his family in honor of him and his love of nature, which he instilled in his three sons at Oakbourne Park. The heptacodium is a rare and not widely used tree/shrub and was reintroduced to horticulture in the 1980's which helped to save it from extinction. This tree or large multi-stemmed shrub is endemic to China and blooms in late summer/early autumn with creamy white flowers on an arching vase-like framework. Once pollinated (the flowers attract many pollinators!), the white flowers form small cherry-red capsules each crowned by five very showy, flower-like red sepals which last into late fall. When the leaves drop in the fall, the heptacodium's tan exfoliating (peeling) bark is revealed which makes this a plant with four-season interest. FoO planted the multi-stemmed vase-like type of heptacodium which should eventually reach a height of 15 - 20 feet and a spread of 10 feet.



*Heptacodium Miconioides dedicated to Rich DiTeodoro*



*Snow Fountain Weeping Cherry dedicated to Beth Ann Larson Heath*

All of these dedicated trees were all obtained from a nursery that uses the "grow bag" method of growing trees. This is the first time FoO has experienced this type of nursery stock and we will be interested to see how these trees grow compared to all of our previously obtained trees that were grown in plastic containers or obtained with a balled & burlapped root ball. The grow bag method involves growing trees in fabric containers in the ground or in plastic containers. This method of growing produces relatively small, uniformly sized root balls with thousands of fine root tips supposedly enabling higher transplant success and grow rates. Grow bag trees are easier to handle compared to balled & burlapped trees which can weigh 400 -500 pounds, and also usually do not have circling roots often observed in plastic container grown trees. Stay tuned for updates on the growth of these trees.

## INTERESTED IN IMPROVING YOUR BEAUTIFUL TOWNSHIP PARK?

Please join us at the Friends of Oakbourne's upcoming meetings at 7:00 pm on July 18, 2019 at Oakbourne mansion. Contact Tom Bare ([tmbare@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

# Bi-Directional Amplifiers

*by Chief Brenda Bernot, Westtown East Goshen Regional Police Department*

Many municipalities in Chester County have recently enacted ordinances that require certain testing of certain structures to ensure that public safety radios operate satisfactorily inside the structure. If the radio signal is insufficient, the ordinances require the installation of bi-directional amplifiers to enhance the radio signal. Most municipalities are requiring that the testing be conducted only when a new structure is built or when an existing structure undergoes a major renovation. The purpose of this article is to provide some basic information on bi-directional amplifiers and their importance to emergency responders.

Most citizens are already aware that cell phone service is severely diminished in basements, elevators, tunnels, and parking garages. Although public safety radios operate on a different frequency, they encounter the same difficulties. Bi-directional amplifiers strengthen, magnify, and repeat the signal of radios utilized by emergency responders such as police, fire fighters, and emergency personnel to ensure that communication can occur regardless of their location.

When emergency responders respond to a call for service, they rely very heavily on their radios to enable them to communicate with dispatch personnel and other responders to effectively locate the incident, handle it, and request additional resources if necessary. For example, ambulance personnel might be dispatched to a report that a student is having a severe asthma attack somewhere on school property. Since the initial call may not provide a specific location for the student, the responders may have difficulty locating the student. As a result, they would utilize their radios to try to obtain additional information that would assist them. If their radio signal is weak or blocked by the structure of the building, this communication problem could ultimately endanger the student's life.

The strength of radio signals is impacted by several factors such as building construction (e.g. cement and steel tend to inhibit signal transmission), geographical location of the building (e.g. buildings located in a valley frequently have signal issues), and size of the building. Most municipalities require schools, hospitals, high-rise buildings, hotels, large business structures, and warehouses to test radio strength in their structures and if necessary to ensure adequate communication, install bi-directional amplifiers.

Although the ordinances will have a financial impact on contractors and developers due to the need to conduct testing and potentially install bi-directional amplifiers, the risk to public safety without the amplifiers far outweighs the cost. The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department is deeply appreciative of the support from our Township officials to implement ordinances of this type in each of the Townships we serve.

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## 2019 Citizens Police Academy

Classes start Tuesday, September 3, 2019



WEGO will be hosting the Citizens Police Academy to give participants a better understanding of the operations of the department and its officers. Topics covered during the 12-week academy include: Police Patrol Operations, Criminal Investigations and Crime Scene Processing, CPR & First Aid Certification, the Court System and Mock Preliminary Hearing, Traffic Enforcement, Accident Investigation & Reconstruction, Commercial Vehicle Traffic Safety, Community Policing and Safe Schools, 911 Operations Center, and Drug Law Enforcement and the Opioid Crisis.

Class size is limited. Applicants must be 18 or older, and submit to a complete background check. There is a nominal fee to cover the cost of CPR/First Aid certification. For information and to register, visit the WEGO website: [www.wegopd.org](http://www.wegopd.org)



# Stormwater Management

With the record rainfall we have been experiencing, the importance of stormwater management is gaining attention. Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation from rain (and snowmelt) flows over land or impervious surfaces, such as roofs, patios, driveways, parking lots, and roads, but does not percolate into the ground. In addition to potential damage caused by the sheer volume of water that cannot infiltrate the ground in a short time during heavy rain, another adverse impact of stormwater runoff is the pollution of waterways by sediment, fertilizer, motor oil, trash, and anything else deposited on the ground.

There are approximately 50 privately owned and permitted stormwater management systems in the township, mostly located in residential subdivisions and commercial areas. Over the coming months, Westtown Township will be contacting these property owners to educate them on their maintenance responsibilities. These structural systems, also known as Best Management Practices or BMPs, are designed to collect stormwater and slowly discharge it into local waterways or infiltrate the soil. Rain gardens, ponds, retention and detention basins, swales, and underground pipes are all types of BMPs. One thing these systems all have in common is that they require regular maintenance, inspections, and perhaps repairs. That responsibility falls on the landowner and Homeowners Associations.

The township is required to comply with federal and state stormwater management requirements and report annually to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) through the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems Program, or MS4. Under the MS4 program, Westtown is mandated by PADEP to ensure that publicly and privately owned structural stormwater management facilities within the township are inspected and maintained to meet pollutant reduction standards.

For more information about stormwater management, including what individual homeowners can do to manage stormwater runoff, visit the Stormwater page on the township website: <http://www.westtownpa.org/storm-water/>.



The West Chester Area Council of Governments is pleased to announce that another year of Neighborhood University is set to begin in September. This free program offers the opportunity to learn about local government, tour public facilities, and better understand available municipal services and resources. The goal is to provide area residents with the tools necessary to be better advocates for their community.

Neighborhood University of Greater West Chester is open to any resident or business owner, age 16 or older, from one of the participating communities: East Bradford Township, East Goshen Township, Thornbury Township (Chester County), West Chester Borough, West Goshen Township, West Whiteland Township, and Westtown Township.

Local officials will cover topics including the structure of local government in Pennsylvania, public safety, zoning and land development, stormwater management, transportation, Public Works infrastructure, and public finance.

Registration deadline is September 11. Class size is limited. Sessions will be held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in various locations throughout the greater West Chester area. Once enrollment is confirmed the course schedule and session locations will be distributed to participants. More information can be found at [www.nugwc.org](http://www.nugwc.org).

# Meetings & Events

## JULY 2019

1, 15 - Board of Supervisors  
3, 17 - Planning Commission  
9 - Parks & Recreation  
13 - Yard Waste Collection  
18 - Historical Commission  
18 - Friends of Oakbourne  
19 - Movie Night

## AUGUST 2019

5, 19 - Board of Supervisors  
7, 21 - Planning Commission  
10 - Yard Waste Collection  
13 - Parks & Recreation  
15 - Historical Commission  
16 - Movie Night

## SEPTEMBER 2019

3 (T), 16 - Board of Supervisors  
4, 18 - Planning Commission  
14 - Yard Waste Collection  
10 - Parks & Recreation  
19 - Historical Commission  
28 - E-Waste Collection  
29 - Westtown Day

**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

# E-waste Recycling Day



**SEPTEMBER 28, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Westtown Township Building | 1039 Wilmington Pike**

This e-waste collection event is open to all township residents. Electronics will be recycled by eForce Compliance, Philadelphia's first Certified Responsible Recycler. We will accept all electronic devices with a plug. NO SMOKE DETECTORS, LARGE APPLIANCES, or PROJECTION TVs will be accepted.

### ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

Laptops • Peripherals • Typewriters • Telephones  
Cameras • Cell Phones • Computers • Mice • Calculators  
Small Appliances • Fax Machines • Keyboards • Printers

- \$30 fee per TV or computer monitor
- \$100 per wooden console TV
- \$10 per microwave, dehumidifier, air conditioner

**All Data Media Will Be Destroyed or Wiped!**



**SAVE THE DATE  
WINTER FESTIVAL**

**Oakbourne Park | 1014 S. Concord Road**

Visit [www.westtownpa.org](http://www.westtownpa.org) for more info.



# When Recycling – Think Quality, Not Quantity

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 or takeaway cup lids
- Plastic utensils
- 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!



# General Trash Information

**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.** 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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# SPOTTED LANTERNFLY



ACTUAL SIZE: 1"

Adult (with wings closed) can be found July–December

PA Department of Agriculture



ACTUAL SIZE: 1/4"

Nymph (early stage) can be found late April–July

PA Department of Agriculture



Egg mass (fresh) can be found October–December

PA Department of Agriculture



Adult (with wings open) can be found July–December

PA Department of Agriculture



ACTUAL SIZE: 1/2"

Nymph (late stage) can be found July–September

PA Department of Agriculture



Egg mass (older) can be found January–June

Emilia Sawchenko