



# WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to the Citizens of Westtown Township - Spring Issue #33



Flowering quince (*Chaenomeles speciosa*) - Ruby Coleman

## A NEW WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP TRADITION: "FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS"

In each future Westtown Gazette, this new column will be authored by one of the three township supervisors.

Originally, it seemed like a pretty facile undertaking. The public would get a different perspective on what Board members are dealing with, acted on, are thinking about...

And by doing so, readers would become better up-to-date with what's been happening. Get a look at what the future might hold in store for Westtown, in addition to its accomplishments, challenges, opportunities, surprises. Even a few personal observations. Said differently, this column will keep you more informed about what your elected officials actually do.

As the newest member of the BOS, I looked forward being the first to take on this new task. Why? Simply put, from the moment of my swearing in on January 6th to now, I'm reminded every day of the very first words, uttered on the first evening of "boot camp" that newly elected township officials from many municipalities heard from our instructor: "YOUR LIFE HAS CHANGED!"

More accurate words have never been spoken. Not just for me in my new capacity, but as it happens for my BOS colleagues, Carol De Wolf, Vice Chair, and Scott Yaw, Police Commissioner, as well.

You see, in "usual times" a new Supervisor comes into this endeavor imbued with ambitions of what motivated one's decision to run for office in the first place. (To be sure, I have not forgotten mine.) Then within minutes of asserting the oath of office, one is immediately thrown into a different new world. With tons to learn "on the fly" legislatively, operationally, fiscally (just for starters), whilst simultaneously becoming acquainted with the wide range of "stakeholders" the BOS relies on. And already responding to township resident observations, complaints, requests. AND not inconsequentially, seeking to find effective working relationships with the other Board members, each with differing philosophical, political, and working styles. Since January 6th, here is sampling of what has already crossed my desk: Crebilly/Toll, Westtown School (lights), Quakers Ice Hockey (noise), open space, traffic,

police, personnel, consultant appointments, residential/ commercial disputes, stormwater management, Oakbourne. I'm not complaining. Per a good friend, "this is what you signed up for."

That being said, these are NOT "usual times." Coronavirus (COVID-19)! Social distancing! Wash your hands! Please, take it seriously. Nothing better galvanizes the need for collegial, thoughtful leadership than a human crisis of potentially incalculable destructive repercussion.

It gives me pride knowing that Westtown's Board, management, and staff are working together, albeit remotely from our homes, committed to do whatever we can to be prepared to respond however we must to serve you, including keeping you fully updated. Please help us to help you by signing up for listserv if you have not already done so.

Kindest personal regards,

*Richard Pomerantz*

Richard Pomerantz, Chair

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# Westtown Township, County of Chester

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### CHESTER COUNTY USEFUL CONTACTS & PHONE NUMBERS

#### Chester County Government Services Center:

601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19382  
 Information: 610-344-6000  
 Aging Services: 610-344-6350  
 Children, Youth, & Families: 610-344-5800  
 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  
 Marriage License Bureau: 610-344-6335  
 Passports: 610-344-6310  
 Recorder of Deeds: 610-344-6330  
 Tax Assessment: 610-344-6105  
 Tax Claim/Lien Bureau: 610-344-6360  
 Voters Services: 610-344-6410

#### Chester County Court House:

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

#### District Justice for Westtown:

Marty Goch (District Court 15-2-03): 610-436-5757

#### Chester County Conservation District:

610-925-4920

#### West Chester Area School District:

782 Springdale Drive, Exton, PA 19341  
 Main Number: 484-266-1000 / School Tax: 484-266-1035

#### State Senate - 9th District:

Tom Killion: Local: 610-436-3320 / State: 717-787-4712  
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#### State House - 156th District:

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[www.pahouse.com/Comitta](http://www.pahouse.com/Comitta)

#### U. S. Senators:

Robert Casey: Local: 215-405-9660 / Federal: 202-224-6324  
[www.casey.senate.gov](http://www.casey.senate.gov)  
 Pat Toomey: Local: 215-241-1090 / Federal 202-224-4254  
[www.toomey.senate.gov](http://www.toomey.senate.gov)

#### Congress - 6th District:

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[www.houlahan.house.gov](http://www.houlahan.house.gov)

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

#### For Non-Emergencies:

610-692-5100

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### 2020 Census

Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task: counting all the people residing in the United States. This count affects the allocation of funding for our community's public resources (roads, hospitals, schools, etc.), how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. To learn more about the importance of the 2020 Census and how easy it is to respond to the short survey online, by mail, or by phone visit: <https://2020census.gov>



#### Coronavirus Covid-19

For information and prevention tips on the Coronavirus, please visit the PA Health Dept. website at <https://www.health.pa.gov> or the Chester County Health Department website: <https://www.chesco.org/4376/Coronavirus-COVID-19>. A 24/7 call center has also been established: (610) 344-6225.



#### 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

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

#### Save paper!

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



# COVID-19: Need Help or Want to Help?

The public health emergency caused by COVID-19 has impacted everyone. Whether you are in need of assistance, or you are looking for ways to assist those in need, below are some agencies you can turn to.

## For free confidential help:

Call or text 2-1-1, or visit the

### Chester County Community Resource Directory:

<https://www.referweb.net/chesco/>

## For Business Owners:

### Chester County Economic Development Council:

<https://ccedcpa.com/cwca/>

## Volunteer opportunities:

### The American Red Cross:

<https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer/urgent-need-for-volunteers.html>

### Chester County:

<https://www.chesco.org/4437/Coronavirus-COVID-19-How-to-Help>

### Chester County Medical Reserves Corps:

<https://www.serv.pa.gov/>

## Help is one call or text away!

# Call or Text 211

2-1-1

Free • Confidential

24/7 • Speak to a live person • 150+ Languages

Text your zip code to 898211

An expert navigator will lead you to the help you need:

	Crisis Services		Clothing / Household Items		Family
	Food / Meals		Substance Use Disorder Services		Mental Health
	Housing / Shelter		Disability Services		Older Adults
	Health / Dental		Employment / Income / Financial Assistance		Transportation

You can also visit:  
[referweb.net/chesco](https://www.referweb.net/chesco/)

## Sewer System Maintenance

With the increase in the use of disinfecting wipes due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are cautioning residents not to flush wipes of any kind. Whether you have an on-lot septic system or are served by public sewer, wipes can wreak havoc on your system. Despite being marketed as “flushable,” baby wipes, sanitary wipes, disinfecting wipes, sunscreen and bug repellent wipes, and wipes used for makeup removal do NOT break down in water. Instead, wipes can tangle into clogs that block residential pipes, public sewer lines, and jam machinery in public sewage treatment facilities AND on-lot septic systems. Other common bath products such as facial tissues, feminine hygiene products, cotton balls, Q-tips, dental floss, and paper towels can also clog your sewer pipes.

Fats, oils, and grease (FOGs) such as salad dressing, meat fats, and cooking oil should also never be poured down the drain. Let FOGs harden and dispose of them in your trash. FOGs cool and harden in the pipes, causing problems for residential and municipal systems. FOGs are not broken down by the bacteria in the septic tank, but instead float to the top of the tank to form the scum layer. If the scum gets too thick, it will rise to the outlet and start forcing some of the FOGs out of the tank and into the leach field where it inhibits the aerobic stage of effluent treatment. FOGs in the public sewer system build up over time and can block your sewer lateral (the line from your house to

the street) and in the public sewer mains. Removing FOGs can be costly to the homeowner and the township, which can affect public sewer rates. In addition, the following items should never be flushed:

- Cat litter
- Coffee grounds
- Medicines (prescription and over the counter)
- Cigarettes
- Hair

Residents on public sewer are responsible for backups or clogs from your house to the connection in the street, and residents with on-lot systems are responsible for the maintenance of their entire private system. To avoid costly repairs, please only flush toilet paper and human waste!



# The Road Ahead Derives from the Path Behind

By Robert Kodosky, Westtown Township Historical Commissioner

**Why preserve the past?** Others routinely ask this of historians. And it is, after all, a fair question. Societal progress derives from looking ahead. **Why then look back?** The answer is simple. Imagine driving a car which lacks rearview mirrors. Moving forward depends on knowing what resides behind.

Take the case of Salem Poor. He exhibited valor fighting at Bunker Hill where he mortally wounded British Lieutenant Colonel James Abercrombie. He unwaveringly served with Patriot forces until his discharge in 1780. This included spending the winter of 1777 encamped with George Washington and the Continental Army at Valley Forge, PA.

After the war, Poor faded into obscurity. It required a national bicentennial to locate him. In 1975, on the eve of America's 200th birthday, the United States Postal Service issued a commemorative series of stamps that identified Poor as a "Contributor to the Cause." Such belated recognition as afforded to Salem Poor is not atypical. It stands as the rule, rather than the exception, concerning African Americans who served their nation.

It necessitated the Hollywood film *Glory* (1989) to affirm widely the combat roles performed by African Americans during the Civil War that the Union and Confederacy waged over one hundred years earlier. Until then, history largely lost sight of the efforts exerted by African Americans in a war that secured their freedom. So too, history long neglected the Harlem Hellfighters (369th Infantry).

The all black unit spent more time in Europe's trenches during the First World War than did any other from the United States. One of its members, Private Henry Johnson, performed exceptionally well in helping to "make the world safe for democracy." This earned him a Purple Heart, only awarded in 1996, and a Medal of Honor granted by President Barack H. Obama in 2015, one hundred years after the United States entered the Great War.

By 1925, seven years after World War I concluded, Private Johnson's heroics became ones that history forgot. That year the United States Army War College in Carlisle, PA issued a report about the prospects of African Americans serving in combat. It found that the "American negro is inferior to our white population in mental capacity." Moreover, the report suggested that an African American soldier constituted an "inferior technician" and "and as a fighter he has been inferior to the white man."

This apparent memory lapse resulted in the need for African Americans to continue to fight for the right to fight for their country. The Second World War, one that the United States entered following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, afforded them that opportunity. African Americans seized on it to wage a campaign for "Double Victory," one that defeated fascism abroad and racism at home. It proved successful. President Harry S. Truman issued executive order 9981 on 26 July 1948. This abolished discrimination in the armed forces and eventually resulted in their desegregation.

No unit featured more prominently in initiating these changes than did the Tuskegee Airmen. The group played a crucial role in escorting American bombers in North Africa and Europe. This history, nearly lost after the war ended, came to be salvaged decades later by television, *The Tuskegee Airmen* (1996), theater, *Fly* (2009) and film, *Red Tails* (2012). These contributed to a widespread appreciation of the unit's exemplary wartime performance, but they remain limited. This stood as evident in working with the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen to publish *Tuskegee in Philadelphia: Rising to the Challenge* (The History Press, 2020).

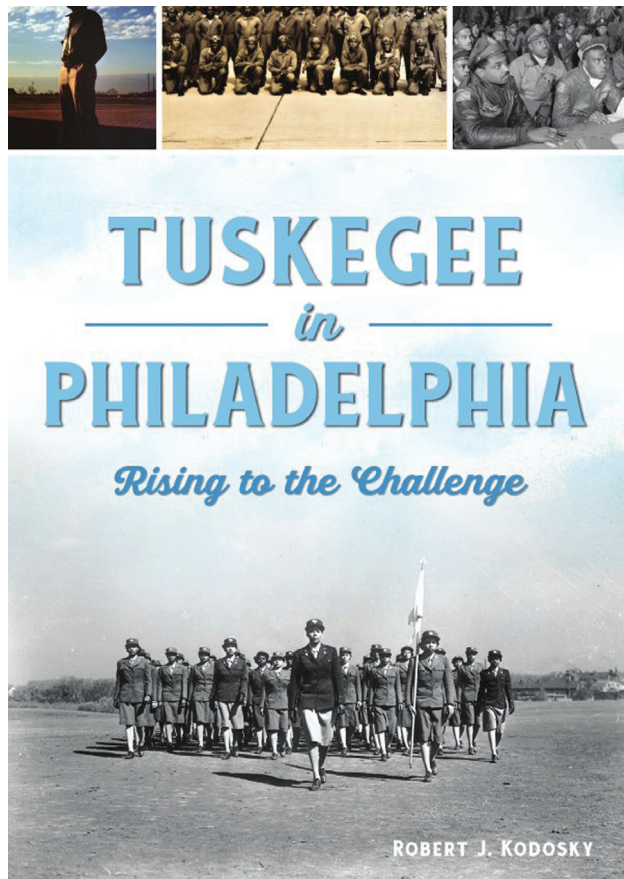
The book's title serves to counter the notion that the unit's membership originated from Tuskegee. Not a single pilot came from the entire state of Alabama. Most came from Chicago, Illinois (66), the only place that contributed more than the Philadelphia area (48). Regardless of where trainees originated, they likely learned how to fly from Roscoe "Coach" Draper, a native of Haverford, PA. Draper had trained under Bryn Mawr's Charles Alfred "The Chief" Anderson, Tuskegee's first chief flight instructor. The Chief and the Coach that he trained, both Philadelphia area natives, provided Tuskegee's Airmen with their wings.

Of course, as *Tuskegee in Philadelphia* chronicles, only a fraction of the unit's members performed as pilots. The bulk of individuals served as medical, mechanical, and support staff. This included a number of women who confronted sexism as well as racism. The very name Airmen, of course, resists gender inclusiveness. The women of Tuskegee, including Philadelphia resident Miss Alma Bailey, one who trained as a nurse, earned scant recognition for their service. While this remains the case, the first chapter of *Tuskegee in Philadelphia* is entitled "Ladies First."

Understanding the unit's diversity enables one to grasp the totality of the contributions made by the men and women of Tuskegee. It also reveals the challenges they faced during the war and after. While the 332nd Fighter Group earned respect from the bomber crews they escorted, Tuskegee's own Bombardment Group, the 477th, never deployed. Its members instead battled against the racism that grounded them. In doing so, they contributed to achieving a "Double Victory." This campaign, one that entailed defeating racism at home, continued long after the war overseas ended.

*Tuskegee in Philadelphia* tells this story. Confronted by postwar racism, the men and women of Tuskegee continued their service to the nation by working to attain civil rights. They did this with great dignity and success. Luther H. Smith, for example, flew more than 130 combat missions during the war. He earned numerous medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. As a prisoner of war, however, Smith received more respect from his Nazi captors than he did back home. That failed to deter him. Smith's work after the war as a mechanical engineer in General Electric's aerospace division in Philadelphia earned two U.S. patents.

Smith's story, and the others contained in *Tuskegee in Philadelphia*, suggest the importance of preserving the past. It inspires ways to negotiate successfully the obstacles that remain for all on the road ahead.

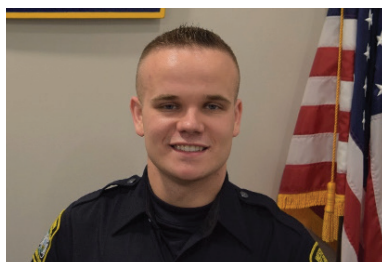


## Westtown East Goshen (WEGO) Police News

Meet the newest officers serving our community:



Prior to being hired with WEGO, Officer Jeff Hagan was employed as a Deputy Sheriff with the Chester County Sheriff's Office. Officer Hagan graduated from Penn State University in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in Criminology and a minor in Sociology. After graduating, Officer Hagan attended the Delaware County Community College (DCCC) Municipal Police Academy. In his spare time, Officer Hagan enjoys playing ice hockey and baseball.



Officer Mitch Holobowicz graduated with his associate's degree in General Studies and Applied Science from Delaware County Community College (DCCC), and then from the DCCC Municipal Police Academy in 2015. Officer Holobowicz also serves as a part-time police officer with the Trainer Borough Police Department in Delaware County. Officer Holobowicz enjoys travelling, snowboarding, and volunteering at his local firehouse as firefighter/EMT.

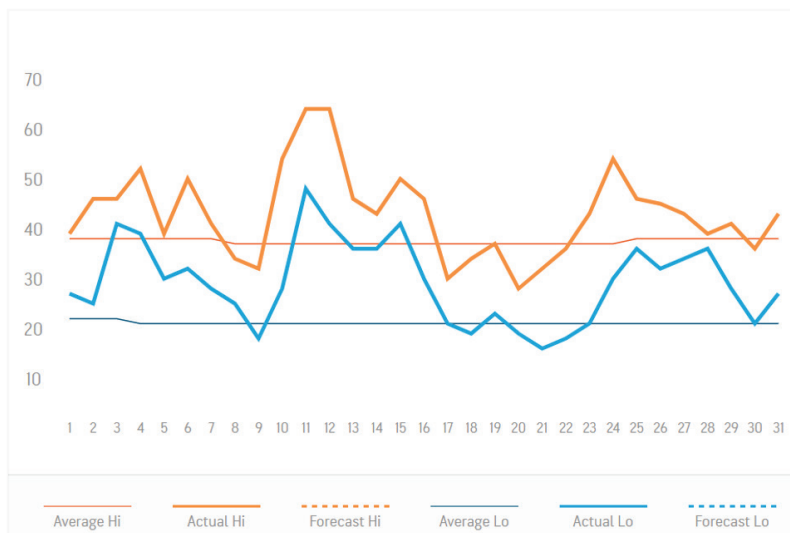


Officer Colin Vannicolo graduated with his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from West Chester University and then went on to graduate from the DCCC Municipal Police Academy in 2018. Officer Vannicolo is also employed as a part-time police officer with the Kennett Square Borough Police Department. Officer Vannicolo enjoys following all of the Philadelphia sports teams, along with mechanical work, and woodworking.

# Friends of Oakbourne News

By Tom Bare, President, Friends of Oakbourne

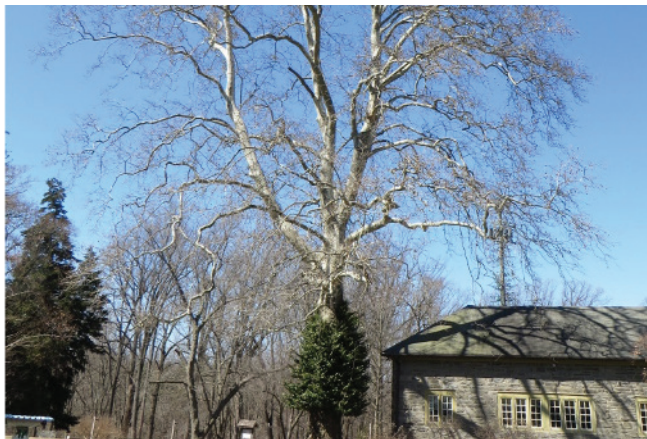
It's spring and the daffodils, crocuses, and hellebores in our yard are blooming or are close to it. And my snow blower was not used (so far, at least) one time this "winter." In the accompanying diagram, have a look at the January 2020 actual highs (heavy orange line) and lows (heavy blue line) temperatures for West Chester. There were only 5 days where the average low temperature was exceeded and 21 days where the average high temperature was exceeded for the month - a very decisive warming trend indeed!



Actual high and low temperature compared to the Average high and low temperature for January 2020 in West Chester, PA.

You may remember from a previous FoO article that Oakbourne Arboretum is home to the second largest London Plane tree in Pennsylvania. In the picture of this magnificent London Plane tree, you will notice what appears to be a bushy evergreen tree-like structure around the main trunk of the tree. This green plant is mainly a euonymus vine interspersed with some poison ivy and bittersweet vines. Deer love to eat euonymus leaves, hence the vine's leaves start about 5-6 feet above the ground. While this cluster of greenery provides an unusual look to the tree, it has bothered me for many years because of the potential damage it could cause to the tree; damage could be caused by the possible introduction of disease and the eventual creeping of the vines to the side branches of the tree.

Consultation with Scott Wade, curator of the Pierce tree collection at Longwood Gardens, and with Harvey Lerman of Bartlett Tree Experts, led to recommendations from both that the euonymus and other vines be removed from the tree. So on a beautiful fall day last year, Rick Brown and I used some large loppers to cut the stems of the vines at ground level and again at about 4 feet above the ground. We then carefully removed the 3-4 foot sections of stems from the tree so that the greenery no longer could obtain nourishment from the plant's roots. Allowing the euonymus to slowly dry out should lead to the leaves falling and to the gradual exposure of the London Plane trunk to the sun and weather. Once the euonymus dries out, the vines will eventually become brittle and we should be able to easily remove them from the tree.



London Plane Tree with Euonymus



Details of the vine stems on the London Plane's trunk which were cut and removed

This winter a park bench was installed and dedicated by the DiTeodoro Family to the loving memory of Rich DiTeodoro who walked the park trails on an almost daily basis with his dog, Chula. The bench is located in a quiet grove of trees adjacent to and slightly north of the mansion's Clock Garden.

And finally, some close-up pictures of trees in the Bark Woodlet area (between the walking trail and the Gaudenzia border) of the park. These trees are notable for their interesting bark, especially visible during the winter months.



*Park bench dedicated to the memory of Rich DiTeodoro*



*Dawn Redwood*



*Japanese Coral Maple*



*Japanese Stewartia*



*River Birch*

## Interested in Improving The Arboretum and Surrounding Area in Your Beautiful Township Park?

Please join us at the Friends of Oakbourne's upcoming meeting at 7:00 pm on July 16, 2020 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.

# WESTTOWN SCHOOL CONDITIONAL USE - Athletic Fields with Lighting

Many Westtown residents are quite familiar with Westtown School, the 600-acre private educational institution, centrally located in the Township. In 2018, Westtown School submitted a Conditional Use application to construct two artificial surface athletic fields, six poles with lights for the night time use of both fields, spectator seating, parking lot, and an athletic clubhouse with concession facilities, restrooms, and classroom space. As part of this application, the existing softball field, baseball field, and greenhouse would be relocated. Westtown School's desire was to utilize both artificial surface fields for the school's athletic program for practices and games, including several annual night games. In addition, for financial reasons, Westtown School desired to lease both fields to youth sports organizations (soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey) for evening-hour practices.

Westtown School initially proposed to illuminate the two synthetic turf athletic fields for outside youth sports organization practices annually about 240 nights between August 15 and June 15, from 6:00 pm to 9:45 pm, Mondays through Saturdays. The lights would utilize LED lighting technology with intelligent controls and adjustability for minimal impact on surrounding neighborhoods, according to Westtown School. As required by the Township Code along with other supplemental documentation, Westtown School's Conditional Use Application included analyses from their consultants which concluded this new use would not result in adverse noise, light, or traffic impacts and that the proposed parking spaces would be more than adequate.

Westtown Township's current Zoning Ordinance permits an annual maximum of 30 illuminated outdoor nighttime events at a secondary school athletic field. Therefore, Westtown School's Conditional Use application was accompanied by a separate application to amend the ordinance to allow for a much greater number of events per their proposal. The process for conditional use approval generally includes legally required public notice prior to a review of the application by both the Chester Co. Planning Commission and the Township Planning Commission, along with written recommendations from both, followed by a similar process before the Board of Supervisors. Opportunities for public comment were held during both the local Planning Commission and Board of Supervisor meetings, and the Township heard many concerns as well as support from residents and non-residents alike for this proposal. Typically, the Board of Supervisors must render a decision on a Conditional Use application within 45 days of the conclusion of the public hearing process. However, since Westtown School's application was for an improvement that needed a simultaneous ordinance amendment, there is no time limit to Board's decision.

The application was reviewed by the Township staff and appropriate consultants and was presented, together with the findings, to the Planning Commission. The Township traffic consultant concluded that the school's proposal would significantly increase traffic between 6pm and 10pm when practices would be held; however, it would not contribute to congestion, nor create a traffic hazard along the relevant section of Westtown Road. This engineer recommended that improvements be made to the Westtown Road/Oak Lane intersection as a condition of approval. The Township lighting consultant concluded the amount of light reflection from the athletic fields would be significant, and recommended superior shielding for the luminaires. The Township planning consultant recommended amendments to a few key sections of the outdoor lighting ordinance, including the number of lights, days, and fields, and wording to give the Board of Supervisors the ability to waive or modify the requirement of an annual permit for the lighted events and to require additional landscape screening in appropriate places.

The Planning Commission viewed the Conditional Use application and proposed ordinance amendment in three parts: 1) Whether the ordinance should be amended; 2) If amended, how it would read; and 3) If amended, what conditions of approval should be imposed to address the impacts of the permanent lighting. At their November 28, 2019 meeting, the Planning Commission adopted three motions to recommend to the Board of Supervisors: 1) The denial of Westtown School's application regarding permanent recreational and sports lighting and nighttime events; 2) If the Board approves the application, to adopt the draft lighting ordinance amendments presented by the Planning Commission (last revised as of November 28, 2018); and 3) The Board consider 32 approval conditions.

On February 13, 2019, the Board of Supervisors conducted the first of what would be nine total Conditional Use hearings to review the CU application, the last of which was held August 20, 2019 when the hearings were closed. At the last hearing, Westtown School offered that if the Board approved the application to permit a greater number of lighted evening practices for youth leagues, they would agree to reduce the number of these events to the current ordinance maximum of 30 nights, if they ever developed more than 10 acres of the southernmost 195 acres of their overall 600 acre tract. The Board of Supervisors has been considering this Conditional Use application ever since.



# PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

## at Oakbourne Park

### SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a movie under the stars at Oakbourne Park (1014 S. Concord Road). Movies begin at dusk (around 8pm). Free popcorn is provided. NO RAINDATES. **This schedule is subject to change in accordance with the governor's Stay At Home Order.** Questions? Please email: [parkrec@westtown.org](mailto:parkrec@westtown.org).

**MAY 29**

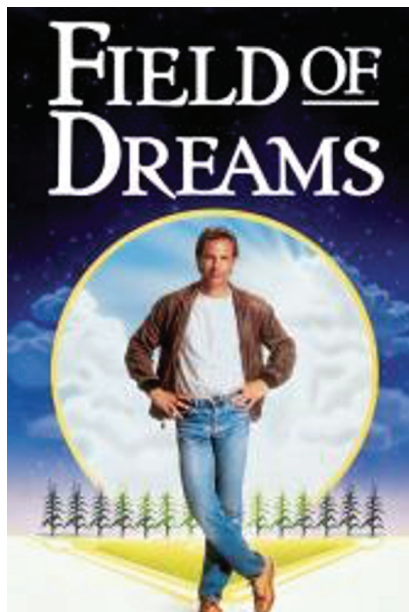


#### **E.T.**

Children help a friendly alien escape Earth and return to his home planet.

*Rated PG*

**JUNE 12**



#### **Field of Dreams**

An Iowa corn farmer interprets voices as a command to build a baseball diamond in his fields. He does, and the 1919 Chicago White Sox come.

*Rated PG*

**JULY 17**



#### **Up**

A 78-year-old balloon salesman travels to Paradise Falls in his house equipped with balloons, inadvertently taking a young stowaway.

*Rated PG*

### 2020 FREE CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS

**JUNE 17** - Eddy Ray the Magician - Oakbourne Pavilion

**JULY 22** - Environmental Education - Tyson Park

**AUGUST 19** - McChords Duo - Oakbourne Pavilion

#### **Wednesday mornings**

Shows start at 10AM. Tickets are free, but due to the popularity of these programs, pre-registration is required. Visit [www.westtownpa.org](http://www.westtownpa.org) for registration link or find us on Facebook.

# Meetings & Events

Due to the public health emergency, this schedule is subject to change.

## APRIL, 2020

- 6, 20 – Board of Supervisors
- 8, 22 – Planning Commission
- 13 – Yard Waste Collection
- 14 – Parks & Recreation
- 16 – Historical Commission
- 16 – Friends of Oakbourne

## MAY, 2020

- 4 – Board of Supervisors
- 9 – Yard Waste Collection
- 12 – Parks & Recreation
- 18 – Board of Supervisors
- 20 – Planning Commission
- 21 – Historical Commission
- 29 – Movie Night

## JUNE, 2020

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

## JULY, 2020

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- 8, 22 – Planning Commission
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**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

# Ready Chesco

The COVID-19 outbreak highlights the need to stay informed during emergencies.



ReadyChesco was created to keep you informed during an emergency. It provides important emergency information, such as public health, weather, road closures, and community alerts. You can choose to sign up by county, municipality, or by topic.

Receive notifications on all your devices:

- email (work, home, other)
- phone (cell via SMS, or home)
- you can establish “do not disturb” times if you do not want to receive alerts during certain hours

It is free to sign up. (Your wireless carrier may charge you to get messages on your device, so check your plan to see what is covered.) You can choose to stop getting alerts at any time.

Registration takes only a few minutes.  
Enroll today at [www.readychesco.org](http://www.readychesco.org).



OCT

4<sup>th</sup>

**SAVE THE DATE  
WESTTOWN DAY**

We are planning and looking forward to hosting this annual community gathering at Oakbourne Park. Visit [www.westtownday.com](http://www.westtownday.com) for more info.

# Household Waste Disposal

Due to the recent public health emergency, our hauler will be strictly enforcing the proper preparation of household waste outlined below. Your cooperation is necessary to help protect the health of their employees, so that they are able to continue to provide this essential service to our community.

## TRASH

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

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

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

## ELECTRONIC WASTE

The township has one E-waste event annually (September 26, 2020). In addition, TV's, computer monitors, appliances, and other electronics may be disposed of at the Lanchester Landfill for FREE (7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA). Residents can bring up to three items per day. Retailers and E-Waste collection events charge for TVs and computer monitors, so take advantage of this service.

## RECYCLING

Recyclable materials (glass, plastics #1-6, aluminum, steel, paper, and cardboard) must be in the recycle bin, or other clearly marked recycling container. **Do not put recyclables in plastic bags.** Rinse food debris and dispose of lids. Flatten cardboard boxes and place in the recycle bin or another cardboard box, or bundle with twine or string (do not use duct tape) and place beside the bin. **Loose cardboard will not be collected.**

## YARD WASTE

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

## BULK ITEMS

Due to state ordered social distancing protocol to minimize the spread of COVID-19, **bulk item collection has been suspended until further notice.** Disposal of bulky waste requires two men to work in close proximity, which is inconsistent with COVID-19 mitigation protocol. Bulk items may be taken to the Lanchester Landfill.

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

Many people are still operating under the misconception that recycling every possible scrap of paper, metal, plastic, and glass is the most environmentally sound practice. "Aspirational recycling" is severely limiting the marketability of material worldwide. Most notably, China is no longer accepting U.S. recyclables due to the high rate of contamination.

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

- Anything with food waste in it - You don't have to wash containers, but rinse to remove food scraps and residue.
- Plastic bags and film - These items get stuck in the processing machinery, resulting in expensive repairs and down time. Recycle CLEAN plastic bags, and plastic film packaging at the grocery store.
- Empty snack bags
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Used paper plates, napkins, paper towels, tissues, or diapers
- Paper cups (e.g. coffee cups, fast food drink cups) - The thin plastic lining that help prevent cups from leaking makes it difficult to process.
- Plastic straws 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!**

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## The Census Bureau will contact every household by mail or in person in spring 2020.

**March 12-20** Every house and apartment will be mailed a letter with instructions for filling out the census online.  
 If you fill out the online form, **YOU'RE DONE!**

**March 16-April 3** You will be sent a reminder letter.  
 If you fill out the online form, **YOU'RE DONE!**

**April 8-16** If you did not fill out the census online, you will be sent a reminder letter and a paper census form.  
 If you fill out the paper form, **YOU'RE DONE!**

**April 20-27** If you did not fill out a paper form, you will be mailed a notice that a census worker will visit.  
 If you fill out the paper form, **YOU'RE DONE!**

**May-July** If you did not fill out a paper form, a census worker will visit your address and help you fill out the form.  
 If you fill out the paper form, **YOU'RE DONE!**

In April 2020, every mailing address in the United States will receive a letter from the U.S. Census requesting that you provide the following information:

- How many people are living in your home on April 1, 2020
- Whether your home is owned or rented
- Gender, race, age, ethnic group, and relationship status

Every person in the U.S., both citizens and non-citizens, is required by law to fill out the 2020 Census form, which you can do using a mailed-in form, the U.S. Census webpage, or phoning the Census Bureau. **You will not be asked if you are a U.S. citizen.**



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For more information, go to [www.chesco.org/planning/ccccc](http://www.chesco.org/planning/ccccc)  
 or contact the Chester County Planning Commission at [chescocensus@chesco.org](mailto:chescocensus@chesco.org) or 610-344-6285.

