



WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to the Citizens of Westtown Township - Fall Issue #35



Hello Westtown Neighbors,

Fall 2020 is upon us. For many, the fact that 2020 is 3/4 of the way in the rearview mirror is good news as, for all of us, the year has been full of unique challenges. The falling leaves and colder evenings, though, remind us that life continues --- albeit in a more “virtual” fashion.

Typically, late summer and early fall means the return to school for our kids. This year, while many children did return to school “in person,” most did not, and they are participating in more Zoom conference lessons than they (or their parents) can and probably want to count. That changed in late October, when most West Chester Area School District students returned to school on a staggered basis. Of course, this means more school buses on our Township’s roads and more children at bus stops. Please be mindful of the buses and particularly the kids who are waiting for them.

Township staff has continued to serve our residents ably, and met the challenges thrown at them along the way this year. Our Boards and Commissions are meeting virtually to do

the Township’s business and as permitted by the change in the law arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. Please remember that the Township’s website has a calendar for upcoming meetings and hearings plus instructions for how to participate. If you ever have any questions about a meeting or hearing or the way to participate, please contact the Township office with your question or concern. And, if you have not already, please sign up for electronic notices from the Township via the Township’s “Listserv” service. This is a great way to stay current on meeting schedules, trash pick-up, road closures, and the like.

As many of you know, the Township is creating a master plan for Oakbourne Park. As I have stated often, Oakbourne Park and the Oakbourne Mansion are jewels. There simply is no other public park in the West Chester area with so many differing uses and features, from the open space, to the wooded trails and pond, to the active recreation facilities, to the Mansion itself. We are now into Phase II of restoring the buildings with work having been completed on Oakbourne

Mansion itself earlier in the year. Restoration work has begun on the water tower and hopefully will be concluded prior to the onset of the cold weather. However, completion of the long overdue restoration work is not enough; the master park plan will lay out the pathway over the next decade for the Township to update and revamp park facilities and make Oakbourne not only more user friendly but a place every Westtown resident will take pride in.

This may sound a little premature, but Happy Holidays (including Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year 2021) to you all. Celebrations of all kinds this year will be very different, but nonetheless, I hope you all enjoy them in your own and maybe even new ways. Remember, too, we are in the fourth quarter of 2020, and I don’t think any of us are looking for any 2020 “overtime” at this point.

Scott Yaw

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Board of Supervisors

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BULLETIN BOARD

Commission/Board Vacancies

There are terms expiring on the Historical Commission, as well as a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board for an alternate. Information on these positions is available on the township website. Applicants must be in good standing with all municipal bills. Residents interested in being considered for appointment should send a letter and brief resume to administration@westtown.org.

Property Tax Deadline Extension

In response to the COVID-19 disaster emergency, at their May 4, 2020 virtual meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Resolution 2020-07 extending the date to collect the 2020 real property tax at the Township's prescribed discount rate through August 31, 2020, and waiving any fee or penalty otherwise associated with the late payment of the 2020 real property tax if paid in full by December 31, 2020.

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. There is no fee for this service.

Save paper!

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

Westtown Township Welcomes Jon Altshul as Township Manager

The Westtown Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce that Jon Altshul has been selected and will be appointed as the next Township Manager. "After an extensive thorough executive search process where interest in the position was high and the field of candidates was competitive, the Board of Supervisors is pleased to have hired Jon to lead the organization while continuing to enjoy the trajectory of sound fiscal management and to secure the health, safety, and welfare of the Township's citizens. We are fortunate to have found someone of Jon's caliber, where he brings a resident-focused, can-do attitude to municipal management," said Richard Pomerantz, Chair of the Westtown Township Board of Supervisors. Jon began his employment on Monday, November 9, 2020 and will be formally introduced at the November 16, 2020 Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Vice Chair Carol DeWolf said, "Jon's extensive public administration experience, coupled with his proven track record as an effective, highly ethical leader made him by far the most qualified candidate to execute the Board's policies in an even-handed, non-partisan manner and provide daily oversight of the Township's operations."

During Jon's employment as East Goshen Township's Assistant Township Manager and Director of Finance, East Goshen became the seventh municipality in Pennsylvania to earn a AAA credit rating from Moody's Investor Services. Jon also coordinated Township communications during his tenure, deploying social media platforms and revamping the Township newsletter to ensure that residents remained aware of the key issues facing the community.

"As Police Commissioner, I have had the pleasure of getting to know Jon through his thoughtful, level-headed analysis of the financial issues facing the Westtown East Goshen Regional Police Department. He brings the exact skill set and demeanor that we were looking for to lead Westtown in the years ahead," Supervisor Scott Yaw stated.

It is a homecoming of sorts for Jon, who is a native of New Haven, Connecticut. Jon first came to Westtown in the summer of 1986 for a sleepaway sports camp at the Westtown School. He remembers that experience as one of his fondest childhood memories. When he relocated to West Chester from the Washington D.C. area in 2010, he realized that he had moved only miles from where he had gone to camp 24 years earlier.

Prior to joining East Goshen Township, Jon worked as a public policy analyst for the United States Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, and as a financial analyst and manager for Arlington County, Virginia. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor in West Chester University's Masters of Public Administration program, where he has taught several semesters of Budgeting and Finance. Nittany Lion fans should be forewarned that he holds a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, and that, depending on the sport, he's not afraid to wear either maize and blue or cream and crimson on game day.

A resident of West Chester Borough, Jon has three children, ages 14, 13, and 8, two of whom attend schools in the West Chester Area School District. "Westtown Township is a special place, and I am honored that the Board of Supervisors have placed their trust and confidence in me as their next Township Manager. Thomas Jefferson famously said that the government closest to the people serves the people best. Local government is still a place where people can come together and work out their issues in a civil, thoughtful manner," Jon stated. "I view the Township Manager as a facilitator, as a listener and as a communicator," Jon explained. He further expounded, "It is important for municipal managers to always remember that the largest investment that most of us will ever make is in our homes. In that sense, our residents are literally invested in Westtown Township and need to be treated accordingly. Therefore, promoting an open dialogue between residents and the Township will help ensure the best possible outcome."

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Board Chair Richard Pomerantz said, "Jon is an effective and pragmatic leader, who embraces open government and transparency. His wealth of knowledge, skills, abilities, experiences, and professionalism will serve the Township well. My colleagues and I look forward to working with Jon into an exciting and rewarding future."

Questions regarding this announcement can be directed to supervisors@westtown.org



Friends of Oakbourne News

By Tom Bare, President, Friends of Oakbourne

After several months of inactivity due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Friends of Oakbourne (FoO) is back in business catching up on planting dedicated trees that had been ordered in February of this year. Fortunately for us, the Spring, Summer and Fall (so far) were kind to our previous plantings and additional watering was not necessary to keep our plantings thriving.

You'll recall that part of FoO's remit for the arboretum area of the park is to plan our tree plantings not only to enhance the beauty of our park, but also to replace dead and dying trees with similar species to maintain the legacy of previous plantings. A recent example of this was the sudden toppling (on a clear, non-windy day!) of a large white oak tree located in a grove of a variety of oaks that were probably planted about 100 - 150 years ago. This grouping of oaks is located next to the walking trail adjacent to the multi-purpose field. The tree fell across the walking path, but fortunately no one was injured. In planning for plantings in the park, FoO, over 15 years ago, decided that this aging group of oaks, needed to be considered for a legacy planting. To that end, FoO began to plant a variety of oak trees adjacent to the old oak grove, anticipating that in the coming years, the original oak trees would begin to degrade and/or die. In the accompanying photo of the tree stump remaining from the fallen white oak, the replacement oak tree grove of 5 trees can be seen in the background.



Looking across the stump of recently fallen "legacy" oak to the "new" oak tree grove.

Thanks to the assistance provided by Westtown's Public Works Department (Mike, Dave, Joe and, very importantly, a backhoe), FoO was able to plant 5 dedicated trees and a tree donated by FoO in the Oakbourne Park's arboretum area on September 24. The trees planted included:

A Weeping Serbian Spruce (*Picea omorika 'Pendula'*) was planted in memory of Lawrence K Smith. This tree is located in the triangular island between the mansion and carriage house. An evergreen with dark green needles with silver undersides and a strong central leader, the tree has a rounded shape and graceful weeping branches. It may reach a height of 30 feet at maturity.

An Akebono Yoshino Cherry (*Prunus x yedoensis 'Akebono'*) tree was planted in memory of Thomas J. Maiale. It was dedicated by his wife and son, Carolyn and Kyle, and is located next to the walking path in the grove of established cherry trees that you can see while driving by the park on S. Concord Road. In the spring, it will have a beautiful display of large pink semi-double flowers.



Weeping Serbian Spruce

A Nordmann Fir (*Abies Nordmanniana*) was planted on the west side of the park drive just before reaching the mansion in an area containing some mature conifers. This evergreen is native to the Caucasian Mountains and is a dense pyramidal tree with glossy flattened dark green needles that have two white bands underneath. It may reach a height of 50' at maturity.

A Concolor Fir (*Abies concolor*) was planted near the walking path that emerges from the Gaudenzia property near the park entrance. This tree is a native North American evergreen with soft flat blue-green needles that curve outward and upward on their stems and can grow to 50' in height. The tree becomes rounded as it matures and can sometimes form multiple trunks. Both the Nordmann and Concolor Firs were dedicated by Pam and John McGillian to the memory of Paul A. and Carol Ann Rolfe, the parents of Pam McGillian.

An Oriental Spruce (*Picea orientalis* 'Skylands') was planted next to the walking path on the right side of the Park's entry drive just beyond the grove of cherry trees as you enter the park. This spruce is a slow growing evergreen with exterior bright yellow colored needles and green interior needles. In the spring, showy red pollen cones that develop provide an interesting contrast to the yellow needles. This tree is dedicated to the memory of Aram Avesyan by the family of Dr. Sara Bekyan.

A Blue China Fir (*Cunninghamia lanceolate glauca*) was planted on the left side of the park entry road near the two remaining large Copper Beech trees. This tree is native to forested areas of China and Taiwan and the tree's green to blue-green needles are sharply-pointed and finely-toothed. While it may be slow to form a leader, this fir will eventually become an upright cone-shaped tree growing up to 70' in height. This tree was donated by the Friends of Oakbourne to Jon Pennington. Jon recently retired from his job as a Public Works employee with Westtown Township for over 40 years. Jon and his wife lived on the second floor of Oakbourne Mansion. In addition to being the caretaker of the mansion, Jon often assisted FoO in caring for our gardens in the park as well as pruning many of the trees and shrubs that we planted over the years. We wish Jon the best in his retirement!

And finally, you might recall that one of the dedicated trees that FoO planted last year, a Seven-Sons-Flower tree (*Heptacodium miconioides*), blooms with beautiful white flowers in late summer. After the petals from these flowers fall, the remaining pink sepals (modified leaves that encase the developing flower) give the impression that the plant is in flower again. This is a lovely tree that has, in addition to its unusual flowers and sepals, unusual whitish-tan bark that peels in strips. This tree is planted in the Bark Woodlet area of the arboretum which contains trees with striking and unusual bark.



Concolor Fir



Oriental Spruce 'Skylands'



Seven-Sons-Flower tree in mid-October

Public Works Department Spotlight

The Public Works Department is managed by the Director of Public Works, Mark Gross, who brings 20 years of experience working for the Township to his leadership role. The Road Crew (Joe Barr, Dave Brown, Steve Spranger, and Mike Fitzsimmons) handles the maintenance and repair of Township buildings and vehicles, parks and open space, roads, and stormwater facilities. In addition to routine maintenance such as grounds keeping, the Road Crew tackle specialized projects like repairs to the stormwater infrastructure. Two wastewater operators (Chris Culberson and Mike King) run the Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and six pump stations, as well as support the Road Crew when needed.

Unlike other Township staff, the Public Works Department is on call 24/7. They handle afterhours issues such as clearing downed trees from roadways, snow and ice events, and assisting the Westtown East Goshen Regional Police (WEGO) with emergency road closures. Public Works also manage a variety of outside contracts including the Oakbourne Mansion exterior restoration, annual road paving and line painting, sludge hauling, traffic signal maintenance, roofing, tree trimming, etc. That is a lot of ground for seven men (and one administrative assistant) to cover! Several major projects completed this year are highlighted below.



During Tropical Storm Isaias, a stormwater pipe near the Kirwood Business complex off Green Lane collapsed. Public Works replaced 160' of stormwater pipe, dodging underlying sewer, water, and telecommunication lines.



This fall, a stormwater pipe in the Penn Wood Open Space also needed replacement. The Kirkwood job made this project seem like a walk in the park!



At Oakbourne Park, the crew demonstrated their prowess with both machines and hand tools when they installed water service to the Community Garden, so the gardeners no longer have to run a long hose from the Oakbourne Pavilion. The ramp into the mansion was also replaced this summer.



Reconstruction of a stormwater inlet.



Roadside mowing will soon give way to salting and plowing, but Public Works is hoping for another mild winter!

Whatever Happened to Henry Whale?

By Jonathan L. Hoppe, guest contributor & former Historical Commissioner

Seventy-five-year-old Henry Whale didn't stir in his little frame house off the Wilmington Plank Road the morning of January 9, 1879. This wasn't too unusual; he had been living a hermit's life for many years and always had kept odd hours. But when there were no signs of life whatsoever within by late afternoon, his neighbors grew concerned. Two teenage boys, Frank Coburn and Wilfred Cheever, took it upon themselves to check on the recluse. Finding his windows locked and doors barred, they took a ladder and entered the home through a second-story window. There they found him collapsed, dead on the threshold of his bedroom; he suffered a heart attack in the night.

At a public auction of his estate after his death, Ebenezer Faucett purchased a violin that belonged to the old man for \$1.06. Faucett would spend a great deal more than that putting the fiddle back into good repair, for it was said to be the favorite instrument of its departed owner—a former child star, musical prodigy, and at one time the most famous teacher and master of dance in the United States.

How could a man of such renown meet such a lonely and ignominious end in Westtown Township?

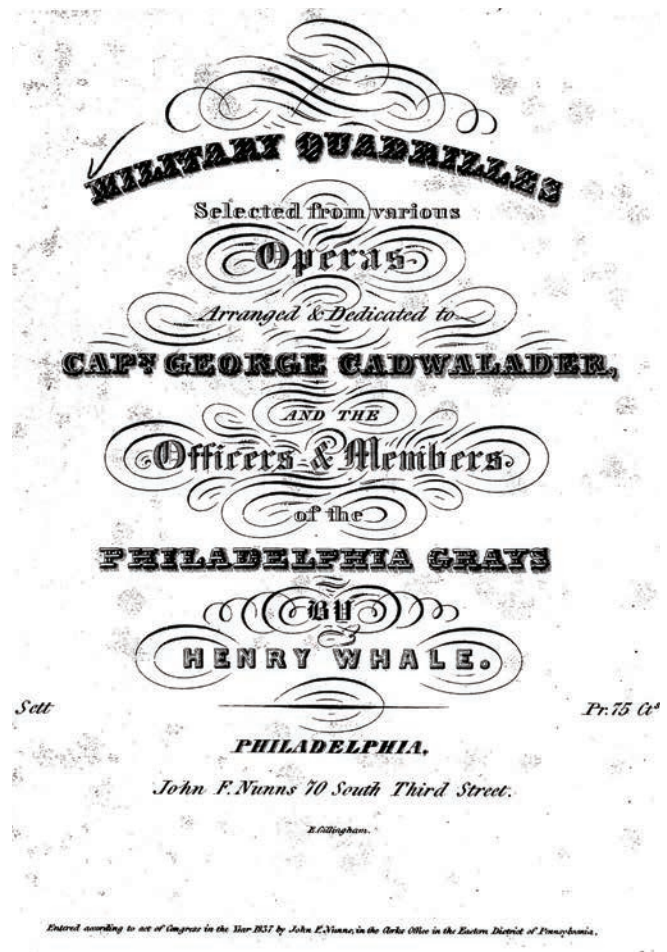
Henry Whale was born on July 14, 1803 near Bath, England, son of dancing master Thomas Whale. When Henry was a young child, his father moved his family to Philadelphia, then the second-largest city in the United States, in search of better opportunities. There, Thomas opened up his own dancing school. Shortly after their arrival, Henry was attached to the New Theater on Chestnut Street—one of the largest and most elegant theaters in the country—as a dancer. He was given the stage name "The Infant Vestris," after the famed French ballet dancer Gaétan Vestris who had died the previous year. Henry became an overnight sensation after his debut. A popular theatrical tabloid, *The Tangram*, said of the young prodigy,

"Considering that Englishmen are not reputed for the elegance and grace of their movements, he promises fair to be the head of his profession, for, laying aside the gentility of his address and the politeness of his phraseology, he powders his hair, which is at least respectably, if not elegantly, done."

In a short time, the child prodigy became a smash hit in the City of Brotherly Love. "Master Whale" would become such a sensation that publishers would print music from the shows in which he had danced, such as "The Shawl Dance, as danced at the New Theater by Master Whale, the infant Vestris."

By 1810, he and his dancing brother had made his father one of the highest-paid performers in the city; by January 1812, Henry had his own starring ballet solo in a production of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* performed at the Olympic Theater. He would continue to perform on the theater circuit throughout his teenage years in New York City.

In September 1825, notice was given in the Philadelphia papers that "Henry Whale, known some twenty years ago as the Infant Vestris, - having danced on the Philadelphia stage with much e'clat, though very young then, - now proposes to open a dancing academy." That he did, and it would continue for over two decades. So great was he in the arts that he was said to have inspired his pupils with a sense of pride that they had been accepted as his students.



Henry Whale Sheet Music

Such was his popularity and talent he grew quite rich. Like many wealthy Philadelphians, fearing the annual yellow fever epidemics the warmer months brought to the City, he built his own summer house in West Chester on Miner Street (today known as Fontgarth Hall). During the summer season, he gave dances and recitals in the borough and taught classes to local residents.

But then, something broke in him. Some blamed a lost love; perhaps years in the spotlight had finally taken their toll. No one could say for certain. He sold his home and worldly possessions and disappeared from the public eye into a small frame house in Westtown. The formerly trim and polished man who many had once known became unkempt and slovenly - recognizable, it was said, only by his polite and impeccable manners. He lived the last 25 years of his life in that simple way.

Today, the Westminster Presbyterian Church sits where his little house once stood. All that is left to mark Henry Whale is a simple stone monument in Oaklands Cemetery that belies the heights of fame he once attained.

Oakbourne Park Master Plan

Since June 2020, Westtown Township has been working with JMT Consulting and Toole Recreation Planning to develop the Oakbourne Park Master Plan. The Master Plan will make recommendations on how to improve the park, while preserving its unique historic characteristics, including the High Victorian/Queen Anne Revival style mansion, magnificent 65-foot water tower adopted as an official symbol of the Township, carriage house, accredited arboretum, and secluded pond. The goal is to create a plan through public participation that will guide future investment in Oakbourne Park.

To that end, the Board of Supervisors appointed a Master Plan Study Committee (MPSC) to work closely with the consultants and Township staff. The MPSC consists of thirteen members, including Township residents, representatives from the Historical Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Friends of Oakbourne, and members of various youth and sports groups who have been meeting on a monthly basis. The MPSC reviews the information presented by the planning team, provides feedback and guidance, participates in exercises aimed to create priorities for recommendations, and oversees the development of an overall draft plan. In addition to these meetings, the planning team interviewed key stakeholders, held focus group sessions, performed site analysis, conducted background research, and developed a community survey to identify goals and objectives for the Plan.

Virtual public input meetings occurred in September and November, 2020. The consulting team provided an overview of the existing conditions and limitations of Oakbourne Park, educated the public about the planning process and goals of the Master Plan, pointed out weaknesses and strengths of the Park, and highlighted the importance of preserving its historical aspects and cultural landscape. The consultants gathered feedback from participants to guide in the development of design concepts for improvements to the Oakbourne Park athletic complex, Oakbourne Mansion area, and the agricultural space on the east side of S. Concord Road, also known as the Cope Tract.

We urge residents to participate in this important planning process by completing the online survey. The materials presented at the public meetings and other information about the Master Plan is available on the Parks, Trails, and Open Space page of the Township website. We encourage residents to review the materials before completing the survey. The link to the survey is available on the Township website and Facebook page.



Oakbourne Park Mansion

Important Dates

NOVEMBER, 2020

2, 16 - Board of Supervisors
3 - Election Day
4, 18 - Planning Commission
7, 21 - Yard Waste Collection
10 - Oakbourne Park Plan Input
19 - Historical Commission
26, 27 - Office Closed

DECEMBER, 2020

5, 19 - Yard Waste Collection
7, 21 - Board of Supervisors
8 - Parks & Recreation
9, 23 - Planning Commission
16 - Toll Bros/Crebilly CU Hearing
17 - Historical Commission
24, 25 - Office Closed

JANUARY, 2021

1 - Office Closed
4, 19 - Board of Supervisors
6, 20 - Planning Commission
9 - Christmas Tree Collection
12 - Parks & Recreation
18 - Office Closed
21 - Historical Commission
26 - Toll Bros/Crebilly CU Hearing

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - 7:30 pm
HISTORICAL COMMISSION - 6:00 pm
PLANNING COMMISSION - 7:30 pm
Township Municipal Building
1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown

PARKS AND RECREATION - 7:00 pm
Oakbourne Mansion
1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown

Due to the pandemic, township meetings are being held virtually via Zoom. Meeting information is posted on the Township website. Meetings and events are subject to change.



U.S. Flag Disposal

After observing a neighbor dispose of a U.S. flag in the trash, a resident recently contacted the Township to request that we would provide information on the appropriate way to retire a U.S. flag.

In 1976, Congress amended the Flag Code to state that the U.S. flag is a living entity, and as such, has the right to exist and expire with dignity.

When a flag becomes soiled or damaged, there are several options to respectfully retire the flag. Burning is one method, but because many flags are now made from nylon or polyester and can release dangerous chemicals when burned, it is not the preferred method. Other options include:

- Burial ceremony. Fold the flag in the ceremonial triangle, place it in a box, and bury it several feet below ground.
- Flag disposal drop off locations. In West Chester area, both the American Legion and the VFW accept flags.

Whichever method you choose, please handle the flag with respect, and consider that it represents all of us, including those who have worked, fought, and sacrificed their lives for the rights and freedoms we enjoy.



Household Waste Disposal

Due to the pandemic, our hauler is 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 are not accepted.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

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

ELECTRONIC WASTE

TV's, computer monitors, appliances, and other electronics may be disposed of at the Lanchester Landfill for FREE (7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA). Residents may bring up to three items per day. 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

On the last pick up of each month, A.J. Blosenski will collect up to three bulk items per house. If your collection day is Monday, bulk pickup is the last Monday of the month; if your collection day is Thursday, bulk items will be collected on the last Thursday of the month. Holiday collection make-ups include bulk items. A mattress and/or box spring are accepted on bulk item day. Construction debris, TV's, safes, and auto parts cannot be accepted for collection.

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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A.J. Blosenski Inc.
www.ajblosenski.com
610.942.2707

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22ft long / 8ft wide / 6ft high

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Stormwater Pollution and Yard Waste

tips for stormwater management on your property

DID YOU KNOW:

- Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant material like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution. This debris can clog culverts, storm drains, and pipes, causing flooding.
- Debris can carry fertilizers and pesticides from your yard and deposit them in streams and ponds.
- Piles of leaves and grass clippings will overload a stream's ability to process leaf litter, causing nutrient pollution and oxygen depletion.

It is easy to do your part to protect our streams and the drainage systems leading to our waterways:



- 1 Do not pile leaves or other yard waste near streams or drainage channels** where they can blow or wash into creeks. Use designated leaf collection bags for curbside leaf recycling.

- 2 Do not blow leaves or grass clippings off your property** into streets, streams, ponds, or drainage swales.



- 3 Recycle grass clippings and their nutrients on your lawn.** Use a mulching lawnmower to recycle remaining leaves into your lawn in the fall!



- 4 Compost leaves and grass clippings along with yard waste.** Select a location removed from streams, ponds, and wetlands.