



# WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to the Citizens of Westtown Township - Spring Issue #37



## Hello Westtown Neighbors,

One thing that many individuals have needed during the pandemic is recreation, and this led to a surge in use of parks, preserves, and open space for personal health and well-being. Oakbourne Park is remarkable not only for its history and natural beauty, but also for its potential to reach new people to get outdoors and exercise at this high-profile park.

The Board is advancing new active recreation facilities to enhance Oakbourne for all ages. Implementation is planned for the athletic core off East Pleasant Grove Road, an interconnected trail network, and professionally designed interpretive trail signage for the main park site. The athletic core includes new facilities for tennis, pickleball, baseball, basketball, tot lot, a building with restrooms and storage, and ADA parking. A site survey, design, and the green infrastructure stormwater design will be completed this year. Construction of new facilities and the trail system will begin in 2022, with an expected two year build-out. The Cope tract will remain

as open space. A special thanks to the committee volunteers who helped plan the Oakbourne Park Master Plan with our consultants.

Grants are being sought from PA DCNR, PA DCED, and other sources to leverage Township funds. The Township has the financial capacity to pay for the park improvements being undertaken through unreserved funds or borrowing to the Township's advantage given current low rates, either without any tax increase. Westtown has remained stable in its revenues through the pandemic. Westtown will also receive federal stimulus funds of over \$1MM. The Board will decide how to use the funds, which must be spent by 2024. To note, our WEGO police building debt will be paid off in 2023.

Kudos to the Historical Commission for preserving Westtown's history. The Board approved a new Brandywine Battlefield marker to be placed in the proposed parking area on the Church of the Loving

Shepherd property on South New Street. This marker is part of a driving tour of the Battle of Brandywine throughout Chester County. The Board also hired a consultant to create a design plan for the AME burial ground on Little Shiloh Road in Westtown, which holds approximately 124 graves, including 10 African American Civil War veterans. This design plan will assist in negotiations to purchase a portion of the site to honor the site's history.

We will transition to a new email platform for more visual and fresh enhanced communications. Look for further information forthcoming. Streaming Board meetings on YouTube will continue even when we return to in-person meetings. We will continue to host meetings using Zoom through this phase of vaccinations.

Be safe and remain healthy.

Best regards,

Carol De Wolf  
Board of Supervisors, Chair

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# Westtown Township, County of Chester

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#### 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:

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610-925-4920

#### West Chester Area School District:

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

#### For Non-Emergencies:

610-692-5100

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### Crimewatch

This online tool gives the public direct access to crime and public safety related information happening in their community. Residents are encouraged to download the CRIMEWATCH mobile app. For more information visit [www.chester.crimewatchpa.com/wegopd/](http://www.chester.crimewatchpa.com/wegopd/) or to learn more about CRIMEWATCH Pennsylvania visit [www.CrimeWatchPA.com](http://www.CrimeWatchPA.com).

#### Full-Time Job Opportunities

Westtown is seeking a Planner/Building Permit Coordinator and a Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. Check the Township website for detailed job descriptions and application instructions. Westtown is an equal opportunity employer.

#### 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

Residents can use Visa, Master Card, or Discover to pay 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.



# Manager's Corner

On behalf of Township staff, I'd like to wish all Westtown residents a very happy spring!

As you may have heard, in response to an increase in noise complaints, the Township recently amended the noise standards in our Zoning Ordinance to prohibit noises greater than 63 A-level decibels before 7am. Previously, this level of sound was prohibited before 6am. We have communicated this change to all businesses within the Township. However, we respectfully ask that you let any contractors working at your house, including landscapers, know about this change.



S. New Street Bridge over Radley Run

Because warmer weather corresponds with more outdoor projects, Westtown Township recognized April as "Safe Digging Month." Township residents are reminded to call 811 before they dig, whether they are gardening, installing mailbox posts, or undertaking any other digging projects to avoid hitting underground utilities and risking serious injury and/or property damage. More information can be found on the Township website.

The Township will be undertaking two notable capital projects this summer to improve Township infrastructure. The first project involves sliplining a 1,900 foot stretch of cement sanitary sewer line beneath Ponds Edge Road in order to substantially extend the useful life of that line. The second project involves rehabilitating the bridge on South New Street across Radley Run. The bridge improvements will include maintenance of the top deck and wing walls, as well as a stronger and longer guide rail system to increase safety. We will notify nearby homeowners as both projects get underway in order to minimize any inconvenience during construction.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about Township operations, please don't hesitate to send me an email or give me a call!

Sincerely,  
*Jon Altshul*  
Jon Altshul  
Township Manager

## Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

The Westtown Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was created in February, 2021 by Ordinance 2021-02. The purpose of the EAC is to advise the Board of Supervisors on matters dealing with protection, conservation, management, promotion, and use of natural resources located within the Township. Congratulations to the appointees:

- Jeff Jackson
- Taylor Anderson
- Ray D'Andrea
- Tom Sennett
- Paula Kline
- Adam Kapp
- Meghan Hanney

We have no doubt that this group of engaged, talented residents will do an excellent job in this exciting new role. The EAC will meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning April 27, 2021. Meeting information will be posted on the Township website: <https://www.westtownpa.org/eac/>

# A History of the Circa 1760 Few Property on Street Road

*By Paul Mullin, Westtown Township Historical Commission*

If you drive west on Street Road towards the Westtown Amish Market for your Saturday doughnuts and fresh meats for the week, you may have noticed an old 1760s farmhouse and barn on your right just as you pass the Pleasant Grove development. This property has a long history of hosting small businesses to the surrounding community.

## Early Colonial Period

Richard Whitpain purchased a large amount of land in Pennsylvania. Some of his land was in Westtown and stretched from what is now the Westtown School property to today's Crebilly Farm.

After Richard's death, his wife divided the land and sold it to other settlers. Philip Taylor purchased 200 acres which included the property on Street Road. Philip's son, John Taylor, inherited the property around 1732. After John's death, his son Colonel Thomas Taylor inherited the property, on part of which the Pleasant Grove Development now occupies.

After Col. Taylor's death, his son John Taylor inherited the southwestern section of the Taylor farm.

## Deed Information

On April 1, 1792 John Taylor of Westtown sold the property (5 acres) which he inherited from his father Thomas Taylor (when John was 21, circa 1788) to Richard Few of Birmingham Township for 5 pounds.

From this point until the early 20th century, the property, now 131 Street Road, has had a rich history of being owned by several craftsmen and businessmen. They conducted various businesses at the property, which was located on the busy Street Road (originally Marlborough Street Road). This was an essential route used by farmers and drovers to get their goods to Philadelphia.

In the 1800 Federal Censuses, Richard Few is listed in the "Other Free Persons" column. The 1799 and 1807 tax records indicate that Richard was a cooper or barrel maker. It was rare in that time for people of color to own such a large property and business. Richard's son Jacob was born in 1790 and by 1807 was likely helping his father make barrels.

The house and property had obviously been modified by 1792 or soon after. The Westtown Township Historical Commission lists the original core part of the property as circa 1760.

According to a deed in 1822, Richard Few had died. The house and 5 acres were auctioned to the highest bidder to settle a debt Richard owed to Henry Taylor. The high bidder was Richard Few's son Jacob Few for \$340. In the Septennial Census of 1821, Jacob was listed as a farmer. He likely leased additional land in the area

to farm in addition to the Street Road property. In the Septennial Census of 1828 and 1835, Jacob is listed as a butcher.

In 1826, Jacob purchased an additional 16 acres from Benedict Darlington for \$518. The 16 acres formerly belonged to Job Taylor. The property was now a 21-acre lot.

Jacob died in 1838 and was buried in the Taylor Family Burial Ground that now lies between the driveways of two houses located in Pleasant Grove. Jacob's wife Elizabeth died in 1852 and is also buried in the Taylor Burial Ground. Her children, Mary, Jane, Elizabeth, and Simeon had inherited the property from Elizabeth. The 1860 Federal Census lists Simeon Few and family as free persons of color and Simeon as a farmer.

A deed dated November 12, 1856, indicates that the children sold the property to their brother, Ephraim Few for \$3,200.

Three years later in 1859, a deed documents that Ephraim had died without a wife, children, or a will. His brother Simeon and his wife Ann, and his sisters Mary and Elizabeth had become the owners by law. Simeon and his wife as well as Jane were selling their shares of the 21-acre property to sisters Mary and Elizabeth Few for \$1750. The 1860 Federal Census lists Simeon and family as free persons of color. Simeon is listed as a butcher with an estate worth \$635. An 1862 IRS Tax Assessment states that Simeon paid taxes of \$2.50 for 5 cattle and 10 sheep.

In April of 1864, a deed states that Mary and Elizabeth Few sold the 21-acre complex to Eli Bullock of Thornbury Township for \$4,500. Thus, the property left the ownership of the Few families. They had continued the butcher business on the property up to this time. Simeon moved to West Chester (28 N. New Street) and had a meat business there for many years. Eli Bullock was in the mercantile business.

Two years later in April of 1866, Eli Bullock and his wife sold the property to Stephen Taylor, a retired farmer, for \$4,500. Stephen and his family became millwrights and carpenters after retiring from farming.

On April 1, 1892, the 21-acre property was owned by Stephen M. Taylor, Amos N. Taylor, and Rachel Taylor Woodward and her husband, Pierce. In the will left by their father Stephen Taylor Sr., the property was left to his brother Moses, and then after Moses' death, his children would inherit the land and buildings. Stephen Sr. died in 1876 and Moses became the owner. Moses Taylor is listed as the property owner on the 1883 Breou Farm Atlas. Moses was a farmer and he died in 1891. This deed documents Rachel Taylor Woodward and her husband selling their share to Rachel's brothers Stephen M. and Amos for \$1,000.

In May of 1903, Stephen M. Taylor and Amos N. Taylor, now of West Chester, sold the 21-acre parcel to Benjamin Bradley of Westtown for \$3,000. This ended the property's 100+ years of providing services to the surrounding community as it began its residence only status and marks the beginning of several families enjoying its bucolic setting, raising children, and becoming caretakers of this wonderful home and historic property.

*Sources:*

*Ancestry.com, US Federal Census: Westtown, Chester, Pennsylvania (various years)*

*U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current*

*[http://www.chesco.org/1402/Deeds-1688-1865 Deed Indices](http://www.chesco.org/1402/Deeds-1688-1865%20Deed%20Indices)*

*Chester County Archives*



Close up of house



131 East Street Road looking south

# Planning & Zoning

*By Maggie Dobbs, Director of Planning & Zoning*

As springtime leads to longer days and warmer temperatures, the Planning & Zoning Department is busy processing all of the permits submitted by residents! We are excited to see all of the home improvement projects you will be completing this year.

## Building Permits

The following common projects require a permit prior to commencement of any work relating to that project:

- Installation of patios or decks, or driveway expansions.  
Note: all patios or decks, regardless of material type used, are considered impervious surfaces.
- Installation or construction of garden sheds, detached garages, and other similar structures.
- Installation of new fencing or replacement of an existing fence.
- Construction or installation of a pool, spa, or hot tub.
- Installation of a temporary or portable generator.
- Building additions and/or interior remodels.
- All demolition work of buildings and structures.
- Earth disturbance or regrading. Note: Greater than 5,000 sq. ft. or a change of 6 in. of elevation.

When in doubt, please call us to verify if your project will require a permit or not. Application forms can be picked up at the Administration building or downloaded from our website. Fees for permits are dependent upon the scope of work, and payment is requested upon issuance of the permit, not when the permit is submitted. We would like to remind all residents that you can call the Township office any time if you have questions about how to go about submitting a building or grading permit, or if you need any clarification on where certain improvements are permitted to be located on your property.

## Home Occupations

Starting a new business at home? Congratulations! Please notify us if you plan on operating a business from your residence, and fill out a permit application for a Home Occupation, which can be found under Resident Resources on our website. If you are not sure if your business falls under a minor or a major home occupation, please give us a call and we'd be happy to help you make that determination. This only applies if you are operating your own full- or part-time business out of your residence, NOT if you are working from home for your company or employer.

## New Ordinances

In Planning Commission news, our dedicated commissioners have been hard at work drafting and reviewing language to update our Zoning Ordinance. Recent work has been focused on the regulatory requirements for outdoor storage, along with other administrative and clerical updates. Recently adopted legislation includes an update to our noise ordinance, which delays the start time for noise-generating activities from 6 am to 7 am, and a dog ordinance, which prohibits dogs from running at large and establishes timeline restrictions for barking dogs. We will be continuing these efforts to modernize our code over the coming months.

## Development

The PC has also been reviewing a land development plan known as Sawmill Court. This proposal is for a 20-unit residential twin housing development located off of S. Concord Road, adjacent to the Wild Goose Farm neighborhood. This plan was first introduced to the PC at its first January meeting, and has been revised over the past few months in response to feedback from Township staff, consultants, and the Planning Commission. We anticipate this land development will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in May for its consideration.

The Township anticipates that we will receive a land development plan for the Stokes property, located between Shiloh Hill Drive and Shiloh Road. In addition, the second round of conditional use hearings continue for Crebilly Farm.

Residents are also welcome to attend Planning Commission meetings and provide feedback on on-going projects. Meetings are held the Wednesdays after BOS meetings, starting at 7:30 pm. Agendas, meeting materials, and links to attend the virtual meetings are posted on the Township website.

## A FOND FAREWELL!

Please join us in thanking Bridget Cadden for her service to the Township. In addition to her role as Building Permit Coordinator, Bridget also handled Accounts Payable. Anyone who has called or visited the Township over the past few years will almost certainly remember Bridget's professionalism and resident-focused demeanor.

As the Township's unofficial "Director of First Impressions," she ensured that Westtown remained one of the premier communities in Chester County. Good luck in your next adventure, Bridget!

# Stormwater Management Tips for Homeowners

Spring has arrived, and many residents are focusing on their yards. Although many properties are under 1/2 acre, collectively they can produce significant stormwater runoff. Below are several simple yard care practices that encourage the absorption of rainfall and water runoff into the soil in residential landscapes. These actions benefit your community by preventing flooding, soil erosion, and polluted runoff that threaten our streams, drinking water, and ecosystems.

## APRIL : Leave grass clippings; mulch properly

- Cut grass at 3 to 3.5 inches tall. Mow often enough so that clippings are not longer than one-third (1/3) of the grass blade, so they can decompose easily into the soil.
- Excess nitrogen and phosphorus from lawn fertilization is frequently a pollutant to streams, fostering the growth of algae which deplete oxygen levels, harming fish. Spare your stream by avoiding spring fertilization, and leave your grass clippings on your lawn instead. Grass clippings supply between 25% and 50% of nitrogen and phosphorus needs.
- Mulched beds help retain water, insulate the soil, and prevent weeds, but avoid volcano mulching. Remove excess mulch before adding fresh mulch. Spread mulch away from the base of trees and shrubs to a depth of not more than 4", making sure the root flare is exposed. Too much mulch blocks the roots from getting sufficient oxygen, and underlying roots can rot or girdle. Wet mulch holds moisture against the bark, which can damage the bark and underlying tissue, leading to fungus, disease, and eventual death of the tree.

### Improper Mulching



### Proper Mulching



THE WASHINGTON POST

## MAY: Replace some turf with mulched beds, a rain garden, or pocket meadow

- Consider creating new focal points in your yard. Start a flower or vegetable patch, build a rain garden, or establish a pocket meadow to absorb rainwater from downspouts and paved areas. Mulch all bare soil in planted beds and under trees and shrubs with composted leaf mulch.
- Learn more by downloading the Rain Garden Brochure at: [www.westtownpa.org/storm-water](http://www.westtownpa.org/storm-water)

Volcano mulching suffocates surface roots of trees.



## JUNE: Raise mower height; judiciously control weeds and pests

- Raise your mower height to 4 inches for summer months. Taller grass grows deeper roots, shades and protects the soil, is less prone to disease, pests, and weeds, and captures more excess rainwater on your property.
- Leave an unmowed edge (three feet or more in width) along streams, ponds, and drainage channels to prevent erosion.
- Late May or early June is a good time to spread biological controls on your lawn or garden, such as beneficial nematodes to control Japanese beetle grubs. Avoid use of chemical pesticides and herbicides if possible. They damage beneficial insects and soil structures. If weed problems develop, spot treat specific weed patches rather than treating your entire lawn or garden.



# Westtown East Goshen (WEGO) Police Department News

Jonathan C. Stafford was interviewed after his recent promotion to Lieutenant of the Criminal Investigation Division/Traffic Safety Unit of the Westtown East Goshen Regional Police Department.

## Can you give a brief timeline of your career progression?

*I've served on the WEGO PD since 1999. I was promoted to full time in 2003 and served in the Patrol Division. In 2013, I was promoted to detective and worked in the Criminal Investigation Division. In 2016, I was promoted to Sergeant and worked in the Patrol Division again. This year, I was promoted to Lieutenant and I supervise the Criminal Investigation Division and Traffic Safety Unit. I am also the liaison with the Chester County Municipal Drug Task Force and the West Chester Emergency Response Team.*

## Where did you go to college?

*I graduated from Immaculata University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts in Management. In 2008 I received my law degree from Temple University and I am a member of the bar in both PA and NJ. My legal education and experience helps me bring a greater understanding of legal issues in all aspects of police work.*

## What made you decide to pursue this industry?

*I liked the idea of a job that gives you the opportunity to help the community while, at the same time, not being stuck behind a desk. Every day brings new challenges and is fast-paced.*

## When did you initially get involved with a local fire department and how has your role there evolved?

*I spent the past 27 years with the Good Will Fire Company, one of three stations that make up the West Chester Fire Department. I started as a junior fireman when I was 17 and worked my way up through the ranks. I served as Chief of the Department from 2018-2020.*

## What does your work-life balance look like as a husband and father?

*It takes effort to find that balance. The nature of police work and, especially shift work, means missed holidays, birthdays, sporting events, etc. My wife and kids do a great job of making things work and have been very understanding through the years.*

## What measures work best to promote a collaborative relationship between police departments and the communities they serve?

*The best way to bring people together is through meaningful communication and education. Our Citizen's Police Academy was one example of an opportunity to educate the public and help them understand the challenges faced by law enforcement. The entertainment industry portrays many unrealistic scenarios involving law enforcement. Without communication and education, perception becomes reality, and the public has unrealistic expectations that cannot be met.*

## What do you hope to accomplish as a Lieutenant in the department?

*CID and TSU are two successful and well respected units, not only within the department, but also in the greater law enforcement community. I look forward to helping the officer's progress and advance in their careers and to continue to enhance our ability to provide the best service to our community.*

## What are some long-term goals you have within law enforcement?

*I continue to seek opportunities for professional development through training and education to help me succeed in my new role and allow me to assist those I serve. One thing about Law Enforcement is you never know what tomorrow will bring!*



**Jonathan C. Stafford**  
Lieutenant of the  
Criminal Investigation  
Division/Traffic Safety  
Unit of the Westtown  
East Goshen Regional  
Police Department

## CRIMEWATCH

WEGO is part of the CRIMEWATCH Network, a communications platform developed specifically for Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies that allows for geographically targeted information sharing and intelligence gathering. For more information and to sign up for crime and public safety email alerts, visit [www.chester.crimewatchpa.com/wegopd/](http://www.chester.crimewatchpa.com/wegopd/)





# Parks & Recreation Programs At Oakbourne Park

## SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

After a year of cancelled programs, the Parks & Recreation Commission had high hopes of hosting their popular Egg Hike and the Summer Children's Programs, but the pandemic continues to thwart those plans. P&R still plans to present free Summer Movies Nights at Oakbourne Park. Participants will be asked to distance from other family groups. Free popcorn is provided. Movies begin at dusk. NO RAINDATES.

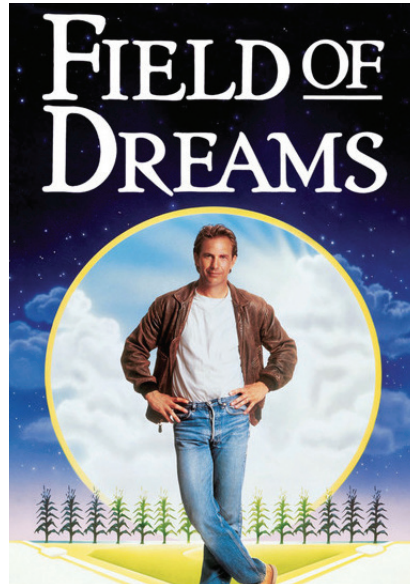
**JUNE 25**



### **E.T.**

Children help a friendly alien escape Earth and return to his home planet. **(PG)**

**JULY 30**



### **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. **(PG)**

**AUGUST 27**



### **Up**

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

## **Parks & Recreation Commission Vacancy**

If you would like to help plan and run programs and events at Oakbourne Park, then consider joining the Parks & Recreation Commission. Interested residents should submit their resume and brief letter of interest to [administration@westtown.org](mailto:administration@westtown.org). Applicants must be current in all municipal obligations.

## **FRIENDS OF OAKBOURNE**

The Friends of Oakbourne continue to enhance the grounds at Oakbourne Park, and will concentrate their efforts this spring on the west side of the water tower. 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.

# Important Dates

## APRIL, 2021

- 2 - Office Closed
- 5, 19 - Board of Supervisors
- 7 - Planning Commission
- 10, 24 - Yard Waste Collection
- 13 - Parks & Recreation
- 15 - Historical Commission
- 15 - Friends of Oakbourne
- 21 - Toll Bros/Crebilly CU Hearing
- 27 - Environmental Advisory Council

## MAY, 2021

- 3, 17 - Board of Supervisors
- 5, 19 - Planning Commission
- 8 - Yard Waste Collection
- 11 - Parks & Recreation
- 20 - Historical Commission
- 25 - Environmental Advisory Council
- 26 - Toll Bros/Crebilly CU Hearing
- 31 - Office Closed

## JUNE, 2021

- 7, 21 - Board of Supervisors
- 8 - Parks & Recreation
- 9, 23 - Planning Commission
- 12 - Yard Waste Collection
- 15 - Office Closed
- 17 - Historical Commission
- 22 - Environmental Advisory Council

## JULY, 2021

- 5 - Office Closed
- 6, 19 - Board of Supervisors
- 7, 21 - Planning Commission
- 10 - Yard Waste Collection
- 13 - Parks & Recreation
- 15 - Historical Commission
- 27 - Environmental Advisory Council

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION** - 6:00 pm

**EAC** - 7:00 pm

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

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION** - 7:30 pm

Due to the pandemic, Township meetings are being held virtually via Zoom. Meetings and events are subject to change.

# Safe Digging Awareness

Digging into some home improvement projects this summer such as installing a fence or building a deck, replacing your mailbox post, or rebuilding your retaining wall? All of these projects require you to notify utility companies of your intent to dig.

8-1-1 is the PA One Call System (POCS) telephone number. The call is toll free and the service is no cost for homeowners digging on their property. Dial 8-1-1 or submit your request online at [www.pa1call.org](http://www.pa1call.org). The 8-1-1 call center is available 24/7.



## Know what's below. Call before you dig.

State law requires notice 3 -10 business days (does not include state holidays or weekends), prior to the start of excavation. The person who is doing the digging should place the PA One Call notification. If you are a homeowner and you've hired a contractor to do the work, the contractor is required by law to call to have lines located. Each utility company with underground lines nearby will send a professional locator to your home to mark the approximate location of buried utilities with colored paint, flags, or stakes. The color of the marking indicates the type of utility.

- **White** - proposed excavation
- **Pink** - survey marks
- **Red** - electric
- **Yellow** - gas/oil
- **Orange** - communications
- **Blue** - water
- **Green** - sewer

The call before you dig process helps to prevent injuries, property damage, and inconvenient utility outages.

# Household Waste Disposal

Please follow these guidelines on the preparation and disposal of household waste and recyclables:

## TRASH

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

## RECYCLING

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

## YARD WASTE

Yard waste is collected on scheduled days. It must be in paper bags or containers that can be dumped. Branches no more than 3" in diameter and 3' in length must be bundled & tied. Logs, stumps, rocks, dirt, and ashes will not be collected. 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. 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.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

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

## MEDICAL WASTE

There is a medication return box at the Westtown East Goshen Police Dept. Additional information on the disposal of home healthcare waste is available on the Township website.

## ELECTRONIC WASTE

TV's, computer monitors, appliances, and other electronics may be disposed of at the Lanchester Landfill for FREE (7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA). Residents may bring up to three items per day. Retailers and E-Waste collection events charge for TVs and computer monitors, so take advantage of this service.

# 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, plastic utensils, or takeaway cup lids
- Shredded paper
- Styrofoam
- Scrap metal, hangers, aluminum siding, or metal cookware

**If you want to do something positive for the planet by recycling, then do it right. When in doubt, throw it out!**

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