



# WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to the Citizens of Westtown Township - Fall Issue #39



## *Hello Westtown Neighbors,*

The damaging remnants of Hurricane Ida with its massive flooding and tornados... Record breaking forest fires out west...High rise buildings collapsing...The pandemic with its seemingly ever evolving implications including controversies over mask mandates, vaccinations, and resultant aberrational behavior at school board meetings...Numerous ambushes of law enforcement officers around the country, including a knife attack of one of our most respected retired police officers...The increasing number of municipalities held up for ransomware...The unforgettable maddeningly sad surreal events in Afghanistan...

It is fair to say that the period from the most recent Westtown Gazette to this edition has been the most consequential since my election almost two years ago. Which is why this column touches not just on issues closest to the Township, as is the norm, but on the even more "macro" concerns, as well. Those which at one point in time may have been viewed remote from the daily lives of Westtown residents. And beyond the immediate purview of a Supervisor's responsibilities. But the reality is, they are no longer the case.

As for issues and concerns closest to the Township itself: Our volunteer Commissions and Councils (Planning, Historical, Parks & Rec, and the Environmental Advisory Council) continue to push forward on their ongoing

initiatives. Whilst the proposed housing development (the former Stokes farm) is in Conditional Use proceedings, another, Sawmill Court, continues to move forward.

Decisions made and to be made by the Board of Supervisors include maximizing the benefit of the first \$500K in Federal funds from the American Rescue Act. Next steps with the ambitious Oakbourne Master Plan. Restructuring our bond financing to take advantage of attractive interest rates whilst simultaneously thoughtfully preparing next year's budget. All the while continued effectuating of a responsive resident-centric service culture...just to name a few.

Oh yes! CREBILLY!!! After five years of twists and turns like a country road, likely the most consequential decision this BOS will ever make!

All that said, as important as these are to our Township, what's clear is this BOS and those to follow will confront challenges forecastable and those not. Challenges that already do—and will—command our attention. Answers to questions already self-evident. Others to be. These are but a small sampling:

Whatever its causality, the weather is already changing. The severity of storms is greater and more frequent. To think otherwise is self-delusional. How can Westtown best prepare?

According to experts, ransomware attacks will increase manifold on smaller municipalities perceived to be easier, softer targets.

Westtown has fared well to date. To assume the status quo will not suffice. What more preemptive actions will need to be taken?

It's no secret law enforcement agencies nationwide are experiencing serious recruiting challenges. Westtown residents are well served by its WEGO regional police force, renowned for its training acumen, and community-policing approach. The oversight of which will require thoughtful strategic deliberation.

Whatever becomes of the raging debate over masks and vaccinations, Westtown will need to be prepared to respond proactively to ensure the health of our employees is protected, and our residents are kept as safe as possible.

Each of these and more will demand the thoughtful attention of this Township's leadership.

In the interim, stay well...stay healthy.

*Dick Pomerantz*

Dick Pomerantz  
Supervisor, Police Commissioner

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# Westtown Township, County of Chester

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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  
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 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:

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

#### Chester County Conservation District:

610-925-4920

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 Pat Toomey: Local: 215-241-1090 / Federal 202-224-4254  
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#### For Police, Fire, & Medical Emergencies, DIAL 911.

#### For Non-Emergencies:

610-692-5100

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### Parks & Recreation Commission Vacancies

There are two vacancies for unexpired terms on the P&R Commission. If you would like to help plan and run programs and events at Oakbourne Park, then please consider volunteering your time and talent on the P&R 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.

#### Electronic Waste Event

The Township will be hosting an E-Waste collection event at the Township Building on Saturday, October 9 from 9 AM to 12 PM. Fees apply for TVs, computer monitors, and items containing Freon. Visit the Township website for additional information: <https://www.westtownpa.org/trash-recycling>.

#### 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).

#### 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 Message

On behalf of all Township staff, I want to wish all Westtown residents a very happy fall! Whether you spend your time cheering on the Eagles or peeping foliage in Oakbourne Park, there's a lot going on in the Township.

We are busily preparing for Westtown Day on Sunday, October 10 from 11 AM to 3 PM at Oakbourne Park. This is a great day of family-friendly fun that celebrates both our rich history and strong community bonds. There will be live music, carnival games, food trucks, historical re-enactors, fire trucks, local artisans, and even adult beverages served by Deer Creek Malthouse, plus much, much more. We look forward to seeing you there!

As you may have heard, on September 8, the Board voted to deny the Toll Brothers Conditional Use application for the development of Crebilly Farm. Specifically, the Board ruled that the application was moot as Toll Brothers is no longer the equitable owner of the property, and therefore lacks standing to bring the conditional use application forward. Almost as soon as that decision was rendered, the Planning Commission began deliberations on a new conditional use application for development of the Stokes Estate, a 65-acre parcel located between Shiloh Road and Westtown Road. We tentatively expect the Board of Supervisors to begin to consider this application later in the fall. More information about

all active land development applications in Westtown Township can be found on the Planning Commission webpage: <https://www.westtownpa.org/planning-commission/>.

The Township continues to discuss its budget priorities for 2022, and we welcome feedback from all of you. After all, it is your budget! One of the top priorities for the Township in 2022 will be engineering and designing proposed upgrades to Oakbourne Park, including improvements to the Athletic Core area off E. Pleasant Grove Road and an improved trail system. We look forward to that work starting to take shape. The Township is also actively applying for grants to offset the cost of these projects.

Fortunately, Westtown's financial position continues to be very strong. In August, Moody's Investor Services, which rates the credit-worthiness of cities, states and towns, affirmed the Township's Aa2 credit rating, one of the highest ratings available. In its report, Moody's highlighted Westtown's strong reserve levels, prudent budget management, and affluent tax base, all of which bode very well for the community that you call home!

Happy fall!



Jon Altshul, Township Manager

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## Westtown East Goshen Regional Police

### Joins Neighbors by Ring

The Westtown-East Goshen (WEGO) Regional Police Department is excited to announce they have officially joined Neighbors by Ring in an effort to further connect with residents to improve the safety of our communities. Neighbors is a mobile device app that allows the user to share photos, videos, or just information related to local crime and safety incidents so fellow neighbors, community members, and your local law enforcement can stay informed - a type of digital "Town Watch." Users do not need a Ring device to join Neighbors. Anyone with a smartphone can download the Neighbors app to receive updates and have the option to post photos, videos, or information from any mobile device.

WEGO Police can also use Neighbors to send out requests to the community to check their home video systems and voluntarily provide any relevant video, images, or information to assist law enforcement with investigating local criminal activity or address safety concerns. For further information and to sign up, residents can go to <https://help.publicsafety.ring.com/Neighbors-App-Sign-Up-Guide-for-Residents>. Neighbors is not an alternative for reporting crime. Residents should still report crime and safety concerns directly to WEGO.



Neighbors by Ring





# Friends of Oakbourne

*By Tom Bare, President, Friends of Oakbourne*

In the Fall of 2019, on the advice of Scott Wade of Longwood Gardens and Harvey Lerman of Bartlett Tree Experts, Rick Brown and I “operated” on the euonymus vine that had encircled and taken over a large section of the trunk on Oakbourne Arboretum’s record holding (2nd largest in the state) London Plane tree. The “operation” consisted of cutting out a 4 foot wide section of the stems supplying water and nutrients to the euonymus plant. After cutting the stems, our plan was to allow the euonymus to die and dry out for at least a year. Then, once the euonymus was completely desiccated, we hoped to essentially peel it from the tree, anticipating that it would be brittle and easily removed. After waiting almost 2 years, Westtown Public Works workers, from a mobile elevated platform, were able to remove the entire dried euonymus remains from the tree this summer. Our magnificent London Plane is now free of the plant that had obscured its main trunk for so many years.

The Friends of Oakbourne has been designing and planning a low maintenance garden to install at the back side of Oakbourne Park’s beautiful water tower. To prepare the garden, we intend to remove all of the vegetation (mostly grass and a small bed of pachysandra) within the new garden’s boundary during September. Once the vegetation is removed, we hope to plant two small trees and several groupings of deer resistant shrubs by mid-Fall; additional perennials will be planted next spring. More on this garden will be in the next Gazette.



*Monarch butterfly on Seven Sons Flower blooms on 8/26/2021 in The Bark Woodlet area of the Arboretum*



*London Plane Tree with Euonymus (2019)*

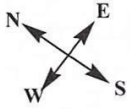


*London Plane Tree - Euonymus Removed (2021)*

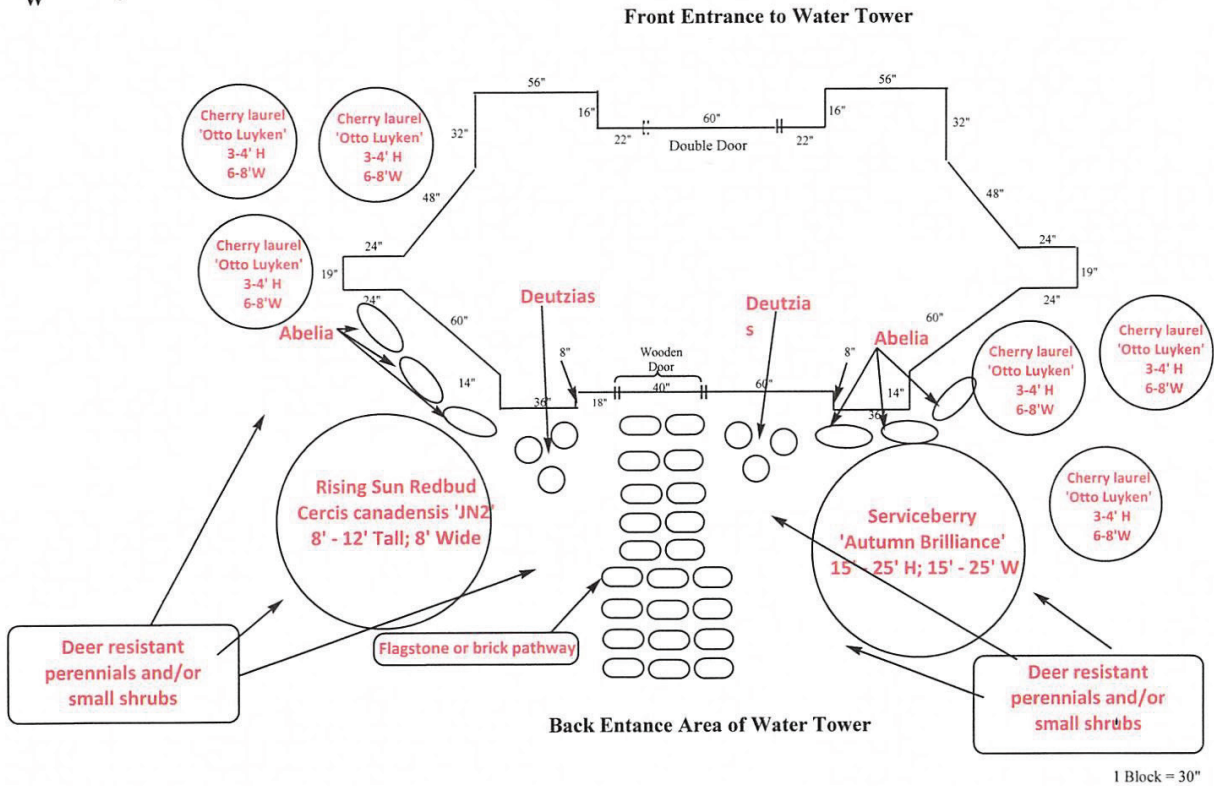
## FRIENDS OF OAKBOURNE

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





## Diagram to Approximate Scale of Oakbourne Water Tower Proposed Back Entrance Garden Plantings



## Westtown Day

The Township Historical and Parks and Recreation Commissions are making final preparations for Westtown Day.

This annual community celebration will take place:

<p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Sunday, <b>OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup></b></p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em;">11:00 AM - 3:00 PM OAKBOURNE PARK</p>
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The event will feature carnival games, food trucks, live bands, Civil and Revolutionary War re-enactors, local vendors, crafts for the kids, and more!

Take a tour of the historic Oakbourne Mansion. Let the kids "dig" for archaeological artifacts. Shop from local businesses and artisans. Tour a police car, ambulance, and fire truck. There's something for all ages.

For more information, visit [www.westtownday.com](http://www.westtownday.com). If you are interested in sponsoring this event, or volunteering to assist the day of the event, please contact Pam Boulos at [PBoulos@cvmprofessional.com](mailto:PBoulos@cvmprofessional.com).



# 9/11 and “The Lessons of Westtown”

by *Robert Kodosky, Historical Commissioner*

The day began serenely. A cloudless blue sky. The early autumn air, chilly, felt crisp and refreshing. An ideal day for a run out to Oakbourne Park. Upon return, it became apparent that this had constituted a calm before a storm of unprecedented proportion. Beginning at 8:46am in New York City on September 11, 2001, all turned unimaginably dark. The transition proved jarring.

At Westtown School, teachers and students struggled to “get a sense of the magnitude of what had happened.” By evening, hundreds gathered at the campus meeting house. They sought to comfort one another, to make sense of the surreal images televised throughout the day. The burning buildings. The collapsed towers. The gaping hole in the Pentagon. The smoking debris in western Pennsylvania.

A student rose from the bench to address her high school community. Struggling to hold back tears, she said, “Yesterday my life was perfect. Today everything changed.” That became evident to many. “We have a life changing event here,” observed Chester County Controller Carol Aichele, “Nothing is going to be the same after this...like Kennedy’s assassination, you’re going to be asked where you were when this happened.”

Westtown Township supervisor Dick Pomerantz remembers well. On a getaway to Jupiter, Florida with his wife Bobbie, he watched his television in horror as American Airlines Flight 11 smashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center Complex. Pomerantz knew the North Tower well. Only five weeks earlier, he had attended a business meeting convened on its high upper floors.

Pomerantz recalls saying to himself, “That’s where we were.” On television, a debate ensued about the size of the plane, the cause of the crash. Bobbie then walked into the room. She asked Dick if he saw what happened. As a former investigative journalist, Pomerantz instinctually donned his old “analytical hat.” He answered, “I think we are at war.”

Whatever ambiguity remained about what had transpired dissipated seventeen minutes later. With television cameras fixed on the smoke pouring from the North Tower and news personalities speculating about the cause of the devastation, United Airlines Flight 175 slammed into the South Tower. Its co-pilot, First Officer Michael Horrocks, a retired Marine and former quarterback at West Chester University, joined the growing number of casualties.

Back in Chester County, government administrators congregated around the television in the Commissioners’ meeting room. Anxious not to miss anything, Commission Chair Colin Hanna flipped from one network to another. At 9:37 AM, five hijackers flew American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon. Twenty-six

minutes later, United Airlines Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, PA after its passengers contested the plane’s hijacking.

During the struggle on Flight 93, the truly unfathomable happened in New York. The South Tower collapsed. Thirty minutes later, the North Tower fell. This caused the thousands watching from nearby to flee the asphyxiating dust generated by the wreckage. 2,606 people died in New York, while 2,996 individuals, including the hijackers, perished overall. Over 6,000 more were injured.

Communication grew difficult as phones, email and the internet quickly clogged. Moreover, the prospect of air travel, suddenly became impossible. Five minutes after Flight 77 hit the Pentagon, the Federal Aviation Administration instructed all aircraft to land at the nearest airport. Planes remained grounded for days as airports implemented increased security measures. Rental cars became nonexistent, snatched up by travelers anxious to get home.

Luckily for Dick and Bobbie Pomerantz, they had a car in Florida. As soon as the second plane hit the South Tower, Dick told Bobbie, “I think we should get out of here.” They soon began their long drive back to Westtown, a journey that remains “embedded” in Dick’s head, “almost like a fictional story, but it was in real life.” On every radio station, he remembers, “didn’t matter if it was AM or FM, there were these warnings” to report sightings of a “silver Toyota suspected of carrying chemical warfare.”

At the height of this anxiety, confronted by bottle neck traffic, Bobbie suggested to Dick that they get off the road and spend the night at a favorite hotel in Amelia, FL. There, they found the unexpected. Dick recalls, “the parking lot was empty, there’s nothing. It was so weird.” In the lobby, the clerk shared the breaking news that the hijackers had trained at nearby Vero Beach. She then said, “By the way...everything in the hotel is free and we’re going to give you a suite, not a room, and all food is free.” Dick looked at her like, “is there a catch?” She replied simply, “We Americans need to stand together.” Dick remembers taking a “brief introspective walk” later that evening, “trying to put together the varied, scarily eerie, surreally sad pieces of a day never to be forgotten.

Dick and Bobbie resumed their drive the next day. They made it safely home, experiencing similar hospitality along the way. Repeatedly, they heard “what was almost the same line, we Americans need to stick together, that we need to make something positive out of this.” The sentiment proved widespread. Through gestures small and large, people sought to provide one another with a sense of community.



James Diluzio led a group at the Chester County Courthouse in singing "America the Beautiful." At Westtown School, faculty advisors met with advisees, "on the lookout for students from New York and others" who needed "a different sort of space" to get "beyond the numbing effects of the news." As parents, teachers, students, and administrators gathered on the school's campus, alumni/ae/x "came together quickly...meeting in cyberspace," determined that "the lessons of [the Westtown School] be placed at the service of humankind."

The Chester County Contingent did just that. A group of five first responders from Upper Uwchlan's and Westtown-East Goshen's police departments headed to the Twin Towers in response to the

distress call issued by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. They arrived hours after the attack and joined in the search for survivors. They dug through the rubble by hand, working overnight and into the following day.

Twenty years later, in confronting contemporary challenges, the lessons provided by those who responded to the attacks of September 11, 2001, ones that emphasized the importance of service and community, remain vital.

Special thanks to Westtown Township Supervisor Richard (Dick) Pomerantz, Westtown School Archivist Mary Brooks, and Dean of Communications Anne Burns.



*Westtown School Meeting House where students gathered to contemplate the 9/11 attacks*



# Stormwater Management in Westtown

The most common and visible form of Stormwater Management are the storm drains you see on the side of the road; these drains and the pipes they feed make up our Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4). Beyond these more traditional solutions, there are over 80 different facilities in Westtown known as Post-Construction Stormwater Management Best Management Practices, or PCSM BMPs for short, that were required due to land development projects like building new neighborhoods. These are facilities, such as rain gardens, large detention basins, and infiltration trenches, help minimize stormwater flows, contain them, and even de-contaminate them before the stormwater enters the MS4, natural waterways, or our groundwater. In addition, in response to federal and state legal requirements, the Township passed an ordinance in 2013 that requires any property owner to install a BMP if they add more than 1,000 square feet of impervious surface to their property. As time goes on and residents continue to create their dream properties, more of these BMPs may be installed across the Township. The goal of the ordinance is to allow property owners to develop their land as they want, but to mitigate any changes to stormwater flow that could harm neighboring properties or our community as a whole.

## BMP Maintenance Responsibility

All stormwater BMPs in Westtown are maintained by property owners, who sign an Operations & Maintenance (O&M) agreement with the Township. Beginning in 2020, the Township has committed to annual inspections of the larger PCSM BMPs to ensure each facility is properly maintained. Their function is important as they handle large volumes of stormwater runoff. Property owners are notified of upcoming inspections, the results of these inspections, and given a timeline to fix any violations. Smaller-scale BMPs, ones that result from the 2013 Stormwater Management Ordinance, are also maintained by property owners and are subject to Township inspection. An important aspect of these O&M agreements is that property owners take full responsibility for ensuring their facilities are working properly and for informing future buyers of their existence and needs. In order to do this the right way, property owners should be as informed as possible about their systems and how to care for them.

The goal for property owners in maintaining BMPs is to continually recreate the conditions in which they were installed. Actions typically include maintaining plant and soil varieties and density along with structural components like pipes and drains. Over time, issues such as sediment build-up, vegetation overgrowth, and broken pipes can drastically reduce the effectiveness of your facility. One easy way to check on your facility is to observe conditions 72 hours after rain events. If you notice the facility and/or surrounding area has not properly drained water, there is a good chance it is

malfunctioning. It is important to fix any issues as soon as possible, as excessive stormwater can not only cause an issue for you, but also your neighbors.



*A typical stormwater basin.*

## QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

The Township is always a resource for any questions or concerns you have regarding stormwater management in Westtown. The Stormwater Management webpage on the Township website ([westtown.org/storm-water](http://westtown.org/storm-water)) provides a plethora of educational resources that can help residents better manage their own BMPs, and become more conscious stewards of the natural resources we all love in Westtown.



# Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

by Tom Sennett, EAC Member

I moved to Westtown over thirty years ago. I think the only spotlight on Route 926 back then was at Route 352. Westtown has changed a lot since that time. More housing, more people, more traffic, more schools. Change can beget challenges, and the Board of Supervisors, rising to meet those challenges, took advantage of enabling legislation in the General Local Government Code, and created the Westtown Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).

Here is short description of the EAC from the Township website (<http://www.westtownpa.org> - if you haven't already, take a look at it for lots of helpful info on what is happening in our Township):

*The Westtown Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was created in February, 2021 by Ordinance 2021-02, and consists of seven residents appointed by the Board of Supervisors. 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 including air, land, and water resources, located within the Township.*

More specifically, here are the itemized functions of the EAC from the ordinance:

The Environmental Advisory Council shall have the following powers:

- A. Identify environmental problems, issues, or matters of concern.
- B. Recommend plans and programs to the appropriate agencies for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within the area of the Township.
- C. Make recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas of the Township.
- D. Promote a community environmental program.
- E. Keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including, but not limited to, flood prone areas, wetlands, swamps, and other unique natural areas, including but not limited to areas of steep slope and wooded areas.
- F. Advise the appropriate agencies of the Township in the acquisition of property, both real and personal.
- G. To undertake such environmental tasks as requested by the Township Board of Supervisors.

All decision making remains with the Board of Supervisors, and the EAC, as its name specifies, is an advisory body only.

Below are a few examples of the kinds of initiatives the EAC is undertaking to begin fulfilling its mission as mandated by the ordinance.

The advent of electric vehicles is a recent enough development that most of us remember when seeing one was rare enough to be remarked on, "Did you see that car?", to now being so common place that many of us know someone who owns one. The EAC has undertaken an evaluation of what position the Township should take on supporting electric vehicles (if at all). For instance, should there be a charging station at Oakbourne Park? Should new housing be built with the necessary wiring for a charging station already in place? This initiative is a work in progress, and like anything else, will demand constant revisiting in light of changing circumstances. The Council encourages your input on all these issues.

As the Township has grown, once abundant open space has become more precious. The EAC has taken inventory of available open space, both public and private, which should benefit the Planning Commission when it reviews applications for development.

The EAC has already made a recommendation to the Board on transitioning to 100% renewable energy suppliers. This recommendation grew out of a large study done at the behest of the West Chester Area Council of Governments (WCACOG) by the Cadmus Group. The Township's website has much more information about the EAC's recommendation and the Board's actions, and a link to the Cadmus study.

The EAC has seven members, but many more than that expressed interest in being involved when the Board of Supervisors was looking for EAC members. The EAC foresees the need for active volunteers as the Council undertakes more initiatives to fulfill its mission. As an example, one environmental concern is invasive species. (Seen any lantern flies lately?) Cataloguing infestations of invasive plants in Oakbourne Park would be an example of an endeavor where the Council could use volunteers. If you are interested in contributing, whether it be with time or talent, keep an eye on the website, and feel free to pass along contact information to our staff liaison, Jon Altshul. Also, look for the EAC presence at Westtown Day at Oakbourne Park on October 10, 2021, where we are hoping to get feedback from Township residents on their concerns and ideas.

**The EAC meets at 7:00 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public.**

# Important Dates

## OCTOBER, 2021

4, 18 – Board of Supervisors  
6, 20 – Planning Commission  
9 – E-Waste Collection  
9 – Yard Waste Collection  
10 – Westtown Day  
19 – Parks & Recreation  
21 – Historical Commission  
21 – Friends of Oakbourne  
26 – Environmental Advisory Council

## NOVEMBER, 2021

1, 15 – Board of Supervisors  
3, 17 – Planning Commission  
6, 20 – Yard Waste Collections  
16 – Parks & Recreation  
18 – Historical Commission  
23 – Environmental Advisory Council  
25, 26 – Office Closed (Thanksgiving)

## DECEMBER, 2021

6, 20 – Board of Supervisors  
8, 22 – Planning Commission  
4, 18 – Yard Waste Collections  
16 – Historical Commission  
21 – Parks & Recreation  
28 – Environmental Advisory Council  
23, 24 – Office Closed (Christmas)  
31 – Office Closed (New Year observed)

## JANUARY, 2021

3, 18 (T) – Board of Supervisors  
5, 19 – Planning Commission  
15 – Yard Waste  
18 – Parks & Recreation  
20 – Historical Commission  
20 – Friends of Oakbourne  
25 – Environmental Advisory Council

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION AND FRIENDS OF OAKBOURNE** – 7:00 pm  
Oakbourne Mansion  
1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown

# School Bus Safety

With school back in session, we would like to remind residents that the School Bus Stopping Law requires motorists approaching a school bus with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended to stop at least 10 feet from the bus. Motorists approaching from all directions are required to stop. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

The penalties if convicted of disobeying the law are steep: \$250 fine, five points on your driving record, and a 60-day license suspension. Much worse than these penalties, a tragedy could strike if either a driver or a student is not paying attention.

Some safety tips for students to remember while waiting for, or loading and unloading the bus include:

- Get to the school bus stop early, so you won't have to run across the road to catch the bus.
- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic.
- Line up at least five giant steps away from the curb or the roadway to wait for the bus.
- Never run after the school bus if it has already left the bus stop.
- Never push when getting on or off the school bus.



► **For more information on school bus safety visit:**

<https://www.penndot.gov/TravelInPA/Safety/TrafficSafetyAndDriverTopics/Pages/School-Bus-Safety.aspx>



# 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 visit, including one TV (no projection TV's). Retailers and E-Waste collection events charge for TV's 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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# Recycling Day

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October 9, 2021

Westtown Township | 1039 Wilmington Pike

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

### WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP

is proud to offer township residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics.

This service is available to all residents and small businesses with fewer than 50 employees.

Electronics will be recycled by eForce Compliance, Philadelphia's first Certified Responsible Recycler.

We will accept all electronic devices with a plug, **NO SMOKE DETECTORS, LARGE APPLIANCES or PROJECTION TVs** will be accepted.

**Coupon of equal or greater value provided for all TVs or monitors charged.**

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

### ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

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

**\$30 fee per TV or computer monitor**

**\$100 per wooden console TV**

**\$10 per microwave, dehumidifier, air conditioner**

