



# WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to the Citizens of Westtown Township - Winter Issue #40

The Westtown Holiday Lights Contest was very merry & bright!



## Greetings Westtown Friends and Neighbors,

Let's begin with a big shout-out to the many residents who have served over the past year on Township committees, to our staff, police officers, EMS crews, consultants, and residents who attend our meetings ensuring Westtown's bright future - thank you for sharing your incredible talents. We had a robust year of deliverables, a balanced budget, and begin the New Year in a superb financial position.

**Public Infrastructure** - Last November, the Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection approved the Township's Act 537 Plan, which outlines the Township's present and future sewage disposal needs. The South New Street Bridge was repaired last summer. Sixty-eight stormwater basins were inspected. In 2022, the Township will restore the Sage Road basin, and provide financial support for a project to restore a section of Radley Run to improve water quality in our watersheds.

**Commissions** - Our volunteer commissions have done excellent work this year. An energy audit of Township facilities spearheaded by the Environmental Advisory Council will guide action for a cleaner energy future. The Taylor Memorial

Stones project, long championed by the Historical Commission, found a home in Township open space at 1047 S. Concord Road, and will be installed in 2022. Finally, the Parks and Recreation Commission's new Holiday Lights Contest and Driving Tour was a tremendous event. Kudos to all!

**Oakbourne Park** - The Board and staff walked the Oakbourne Park trail system and discussed installing a paved trail through the athletic facility area and a circuit around the Mansion, with crushed stone trails installed elsewhere. Improvements to the trails, interpretive signage, and the athletic facilities are currently in the design stage.

**Crebilly Farm** - In December, an opportunity was lifted to the Board by Natural Lands on behalf of the Robinson Family to collectively protect Crebilly Farm. The Board authorized Natural Lands to seek grants from the Pennsylvania Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) and Chester County's Preservation Partnership Program (PPP). An independent appraisal of the property by Natural Lands is in process. The effort

would create conservation easements on areas with existing privately owned structures and a substantial portion in open space, thereby protecting the entire property from development. While this effort is ongoing, the landowners have also placed the land for sale. A next step in 2022 could be an agreement between the Township, landowner, and Natural Lands. Further details will become known upon receipt of the appraisal. Stay tuned as the new Board weighs resident input and considers the choices before them.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to all the many folks I've had the pleasure of working with and serving for the past 18 years on the Board of Supervisors. This has been a journey together — one of grit, grace, and optimism in our success together. I wish the next Board well as they undertake their work moving forward.

May we reflect on the important things around us as we begin the New Year.

*Carol De Wolf*  
Carol De Wolf  
Supervisor

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# Westtown Township, County of Chester

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### BULLETIN BOARD

#### Full Time Public Works Skilled Laborer

This position is responsible for maintenance and repair of roadways, trails, parks, right-of-ways, Township maintained properties, snow removal, stormwater, and sanitary sewer. The desired applicant must have a HS diploma or GED, basic knowledge of operations of a municipal Public Works Dept., and applicable construction, mechanical, and trade experience. Valid PA driver's license required, and CDL Class B driver's license with air brake endorsement required within 6 months of hire. Must have the physical ability necessary to perform Public Works related duties. Physical and drug testing is required. Starting salary DOE. Excellent benefits package. Submit a brief statement of interest and resume to [pw@westtown.org](mailto:pw@westtown.org).

#### Board and Commission Vacancies

There are vacancies on the Planning Commission, Historical Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, and the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). For more information on what each of these advisory groups do, please visit their respective pages of the Township website. 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.

#### 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 Township staff, I'd like to wish all Westtown residents a very happy holiday season! With the new year comes a lot of change to the Township.

First, please join me in welcoming Tom Foster back to the Board of Supervisors. Tom previously served on the Board between 2006 and 2011, and will bring a wealth of experience to bear on the various issues facing the Township. Tom replaces Carol De Wolf, who served the Township with tremendous distinction for the past 18 years. As always, if you ever have a concern that you'd like to raise to the Board, please do not hesitate to email [supervisors@westtown.org](mailto:supervisors@westtown.org).

Second, I am very pleased to announce that the Township was recently awarded two \$100,000 grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The first grant will be used to improve a storm water detention basin on Sage Road. This project will reduce sediment levels in the Chester/Ridley Creek area by more than 4,000 pounds annually, and help the Township comply with our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit with the PA Department of Environmental Protection. The second grant will help offset the costs of planned improvements to the athletic facilities and walking trails at Oakbourne Park. This project will ensure that the Park remains the crown jewel of Westtown Township for generations to come. We look forward to undertaking the

storm water improvements in 2022. The Park improvements are currently in the design stage, and we are hopeful that construction will be underway in 2023.

Third, Conditional Use hearings continue for the Stokes Estate at 1013 Shiloh Road, where Keystone Custom Homes has submitted an application to construct up to 70 homes. The first hearing in 2022 is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25 at 7:00pm at the Township Building.

Fourth, as of the time that I am writing this message, there are a number of vacancies on the various Township Commissions. The Township relies on an army of volunteers to advise on everything from land use planning to environmental sustainability to historic preservation. Please consider giving back to your community! For more information, please visit our website or give me a call at 610-692-1930.

And, last but not least, I hope that everyone can enjoy the majesty of the winter. Whether you're a skier, sledder, snowball fighter, snow angel maker, or simply a hot cocoa drinker, this is a wonderful time of year!

Happy Holidays!



Jon Altshul, Township Manager



The Reagoso Family - 1st place winner

## Parks & Recreation

### Holiday Lights Contest and Driving Tour

We had 30 entries in the Holiday Lights Contest! There were some wonderful displays, which made selecting the winners a deLIGHTful decision!

- 1st place** - The Reagoso family - 1190 Fielding Drive
- 2nd place** - The Healy family - 1541 Pennsbury Drive
- 3rd place** - The Weaver family - 103 Lockerbie Lane

#### Honorable Mentions:

- The Schweikert family - 925 Tyson Drive
- The Montgomery/Lewis family - 1100 Station Way
- The Hassinger family - 1539 Woodland Road

On Dec. 18, over 125 families began their tour at the Oakbourne Mansion with hot cocoa and treats from Santa. P & R was overwhelmed by the response to this event. Thanks to all the participants for their festive spirit. We wish everyone a very happy holiday season!



# Friends of Oakbourne

By Tom Bare, President, Friends of Oakbourne

You may recall that the Friends of Oakbourne (FoO) planted 5 trees in the arboretum in the spring of 2021 (Westtown Gazette, Summer Issue, #38). This fall FoO was able to plant three more dedicated trees, 1 replacement tree, and the first tree in the newly planned rear entrance Water Tower Garden.

A cucumber magnolia (*Magnolia acuminata*) was dedicated by Tim, Gail, and Heather Brien in loving memory and celebration of Matt Brien, who made this world a brighter and better place. This large tree was planted in an open area near the two huge copper beech trees located next to the park's entry drive. The cucumber magnolia is a superb shade/specimen tree that is native to eastern North America and produces greenish-yellow tulip-like flowers in the spring; these flowers turn into red cucumber-like fruits in late summer which release red coated seeds that are used as forage for ground feeding birds and small mammals. This magnolia can reach 40 - 70 feet in height and mature trees have furrowed dark gray-brown bark. Leaves are large (up to 10 inches long), shaped as ovals and turn a golden yellow in the fall.

The Bark Woodlet area (adjacent to the Gaudenzia property and the Oakbourne walking path) is home to trees that have interesting and unusual bark. Continuing this theme, a Firespire American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana* 'Firespire') was planted along the north side of the walking path; this tree was dedicated by friends of the LaFave family in memory of the family of Scott LaFave. This hornbeam variety, in contrast to other native hornbeams, has a narrower more upright form as well as beautiful red-orange fall color. While it produces spring flowers that are not ornamentally significant, these turn into tan hop-like fruit in the early fall. A nickname for this tree is Musclewood, which refers to the characteristic fluted trunk and branches that look like muscle tissue as the tree matures. The silver-blue bark of this hornbeam further provides a nice contrast to the landscape, especially in the winter when snow is on the ground.

The final memorial tree, a tricolor beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea Tricolor'), was dedicated by an anonymous donor(s) and was planted on the north side of the arboretum's dogwood grove which is situated southeast of the mansion. This beech cultivar of the European beech provides stunning variegated leaf foliage (green, purple/pink mixed with white) in the spring and summer months which combine to give the tree a rose colored appearance when viewed from a distance. The leaves are oval and wavy in appearance and turn a burnished bronze color in the fall. Non-showy yellow green flowers appear in the spring which give way to triangular nuts (beechnuts) which ripen in the fall and provide food for birds and mammals. The tricolor beech will grow to a mature size of about 40 feet tall and 30 feet wide.



Cucumber magnolia (*Magnolia acuminata*) dedicated to Matt Brien



Firespire American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana* 'Firespire') dedicated to the family of Scott LaFave



Tricolor beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea Tricolor') dedicated anonymously



A weeping Serbian spruce tree that FoO planted in the fall of 2020 did not survive the winter and was replaced by another weeping Serbian spruce variety, *Picea omorika* 'Pendula Bruns'; this is a very narrow (about 2 feet wide at maturity) columnar evergreen with weeping closely held branches which will prove a striking feature in our arboretum's landscape as it matures. The terminal leader of this tree does not grow straight up but twists and meanders so that no two mature specimens of this variety look alike.



*Weeping Serbian Spruce (Picea omorika 'Pendula Bruns')*  
Note the twisted terminal leader at the tree top



*Serviceberry (Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance')*  
donated by Friends of Oakbourne

The final tree planted this fall was a serviceberry (*Amelanchier x grandiflora* 'Autumn Brilliance', donated by the Friends of Oakbourne) which was located as the first planting in a planned garden at the rear entrance of the water tower. Serviceberries are native to North America and will grow to a height of about 15 - 20 feet. In the spring, pink buds open to provide masses of white flowers on bare branches; the flowers are followed by edible purple berries in June which provide a wonderful food source for birds. The leaves which emerge in the spring are bronze tinted and they gradually mature to a beautiful blue-green fine-toothed oval shape for the summer. Fall color is spectacular with a mix of red and orange tones. The blooming of "serviceberry" flowers were used by early Pennsylvania settlers to mark the time when the ground was due to thaw so that those who had died over the harsh winter could be properly buried with a religious service (hence, the name serviceberry).

Unfortunately, all of the deciduous trees that we planted this fall were past their prime as far as fall colors were concerned so there was little color (or few or no leaves) present on these trees. Next fall should be quite different!

Some park patrons have asked me if it is necessary to keep our newly planted trees and shrubs fenced for years. The answer to this question is most definitely "YES." Deer pressure is very high in the park and over the years (including this year!) we've learned that if the fencing is removed too early, the trees can be damaged not only by deer eating low-hanging foliage, but also by bucks rubbing their antlers on the tree trunks and stripping the bark from the trunk. Once the bark is removed completely around a section of the trunk, the tree will most likely not recover. FoO has experimented over the years with different types of fencing and has settled on metal fence posts fitted with plastic deer netting (4 feet in height).

## FRIENDS OF OAKBOURNE

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 and Arboretum to honor a special person or loved one or to commemorate an important occasion.

# Preserving Historic Buildings in New Development

by Daniel Campbell, AIA, Historical Commissioner

On January 14, 1982, *West Chester Citizen*, a 20th century weekly newspaper, ran a 6-page article on development in Westtown Township. Then-current Supervisors A. Pierson Sill, Charles Scipione, and Milton Stokes are quoted as lamenting the “continuing growth in residential development” in the Township and as being committed to “maintaining a community that is a nice place to live.” Publications then and now often describe Westtown as a place of open space and farm land, yet having increasing growth in residential and commercial development.

The 1982 article states that “Developments containing approximately 723 homes have been approved. These include: Pleasant Grove, about 50 of 314 have been completed. Cuddeback, approved but on ‘hold.’ Westmount, 18 of 80 completed; and Plumly, roughly one-third of the approved 30 have been completed. Coventry Village on South Matlack Street is to contain 162 condominium units upon completion, about 30 are in.”

Supervisor Sill noted “There was a heavy development stage from 1977 to 1980 when construction was at a peak. Interest costs have now caused a slow-down, but we’re anticipating a pick-up.” So it’s obvious that for at least the past 40 years, the pressure of increased development has been felt on Westtown’s former farmlands.

John Snook, a Supervisor in East Bradford Township, is retired from the Brandywine Conservancy, and is now a land planning and preservation consultant. He has authored several local ordinances and reviewed many development plans in Chester and adjacent counties. John made a presentation for the Chester County Historic Preservation Network 2021 Spring Workshop called “Historic Places in Open Spaces.” You may have also heard his testimony at the Crebilly Farm hearings over the past few years.

Mr. Snook makes the following points. First, public consensus is needed for conservation – we have to want to do it. Ask people what they like about Chester County and why they moved here – a strong majority will say “for the history.” Next, an inventory of historic buildings, sites, and landscapes must be developed. The Westtown Historical Commission has done that in a list that counts every building or site, built 1900 or before. Soon the Historical Commission will be adding those built prior to 1920, i.e. structures over 100 years old. These are the “historic resources” that should be protected and remain visible to maintain the Township’s historic character, which the 1982 Supervisors had hoped to keep.

Then, land development ordinances are needed to review and approve development plans and mitigate the impacts that new development can have on historic resources. The Township Planning Commission serves this role in Westtown and the Historical Commission advises, regarding the listed buildings.

Mr. Snook is an advocate of placing new structures so as to minimize impacts to scenic roadside views and historical settings. An example of this technique is the Cherry Creek neighborhood in Thornbury Township, Delaware Co, on Dilworthtown Road near Rt. 202.



*The Cherry Creek Barn was retained and renovated into 2 residences in a technique known as adaptive reuse*

Although this is the most-dense development in Thornbury Township, the buildings are back from Dilworthtown Road, so that they can’t be seen when driving by. The front of the lot is left open and is wooded in a natural manner. The new residences are behind the wooded area, out of view. The retention of mature trees is an important mitigation technique that requires careful siting of the new buildings, which can also be incentivized into ordinances.



*The Cherry Creek farmhouse was renovated and modernized, keeping the historic exterior and adding a compatibly designed garage at the rear*



Furthermore, Mr. Snook observes that ordinances can create incentives for preserving historical resources. Many townships in Pennsylvania, including Westtown, offer “density bonuses” as an incentive to keep historic buildings on a site. For instance, in a new development design, a builder might be allowed an additional home site or two for each historic resource that they save and incorporate into their design. However, in many cases, it is important not to overcrowd a site with buildings, but rather to have a limited number of lots, with larger homes of greater value. Therefore, property values can be higher for the buyers of the new residences by maintaining open space, and historic resources, combined. You can see John Snook’s entire presentation on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaJ8Nqh4P3A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaJ8Nqh4P3A)

In another example, a Victorian Period historic building on the crest of a hill, was retained and incorporated into the Metropolitan Townhomes on West Chester Pike in East Goshen. The historic building became the focal point of the new development.

As a last resort, in some cases an historic building can be moved to another part of the site, or off-site as a method of saving the architecture. For historical purposes, it is always best to keep a building “in-situ;” however, if and when the alternative will be demolition, it is preferable to move it. In a development on West Chester Pike at Manley Road, a small farmhouse was moved to the edge of the development and became office space, another adaptive reuse method, by relocation.



*The circa 1880 Mansard style house at Metropolitan Townhomes was incorporated into the new development as office spaces, including the rental office*

Through a combination of desire and will, and ordinances and incentives, the inventory of historic resources in our Township can be preserved. Thus, we will maintain the historic appearance and attraction of our community, for those who appreciate it and desire it.



*The Manley House was moved and became offices. The development has some stone veneer to identify with the historic resource*

# Public Works

## What to Know When it Snows

The Public Works Department strives to keep Township roads passable during winter weather events.

This year, equipment and labor shortages may affect snow removal operations. Westtown Township has a replacement schedule for aging equipment, but due to supply chain issues, some vehicles we have ordered may not be in service for at least another year. We also currently have two full-time openings in Public Works. In addition, our responsibilities have expanded due to the addition of two new neighborhoods to service this year. We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

Storm Response Procedure:

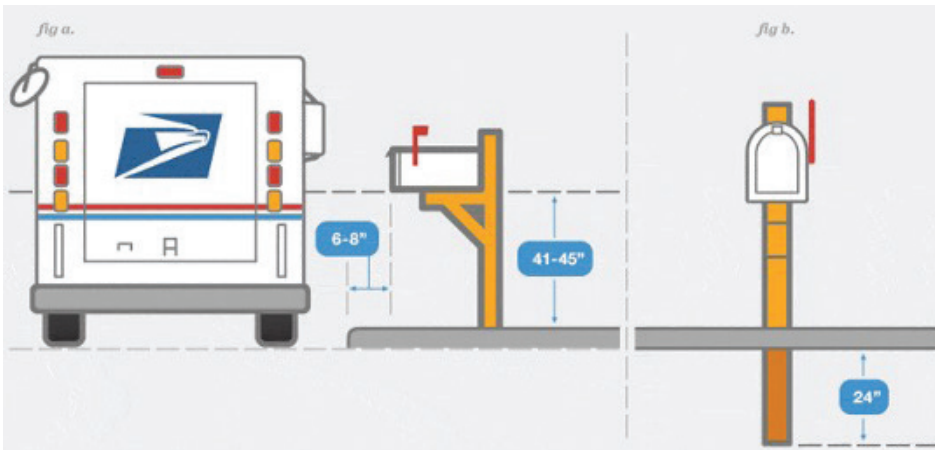
- Salting at the beginning of a storm to keep snow and ice from bonding with the paved surface.
- Snow removal begins when snow has accumulated on the road, and continues for the duration of the storm.
- Heavily travelled collector roads are cleared first, followed by developments and low volume roads.
- After initial clearing, the plow drivers will work on pushing snow back. Depending on the timing and duration of a storm, it may take up to six hours after the snow has stopped to clear the roads.
- After final clearing of snow, salt is reapplied to help prevent re-freezing.

To aid us in the safe and effective removal of snow and ice, do not park on the street during snow or ice storms, especially in cul-de-sacs, where the area snow can be placed is extremely limited due to mailboxes, driveways, and stormwater inlets. Cul-de-sacs may not be plowed if cars are parked in them.

**To avoid having your driveway plowed shut, leave the last 10 feet of your driveway un-shoveled until we are finished. Do not place shoveled, blown, or plowed snow from driveways or sidewalks onto public streets. If the snow falls on a trash day, place your receptacles back from the edge of the road. Do not put them in the street.**

Public Works would also like to remind residents of the policy regarding mailboxes damaged during snowplowing operations. A sound post and securely attached mailbox will not be knocked over by snow coming off a plow. It is helpful to use a reflector to make your mailbox more visible to plow drivers. Also check that the placement of your mailbox in the right-of-way follows the US Postal Service Standards for residential mailboxes shown in the diagram.

Plow drivers are instructed to drive as slowly as realistically possible in order to minimize problems with mailboxes. Mailboxes are an encroaching, albeit official, structure in the right-of-way, and the Township is not responsible for damage. The Township will not replace mailboxes damaged by snow coming off the plow.



▶ **Please do your part to help the township safely and efficiently remove snow this winter!**

### FULL TIME PUBLIC WORKS SKILLED LABORER NEEDED

This position is responsible for maintenance and repair of roadways, trails, parks, right-of-ways, Township maintained properties, snow removal, stormwater, and sanitary sewer. Must have a HS diploma or GED, and valid PA driver's license. Physical and drug testing required. Excellent benefits package. For more info, visit the Township website.



# WEGO News

## Remembering Westtown-East Goshen Police Officer Joshua Micun

On October 31, 2021, Officer Joshua Micun (Badge #96) of the Westtown-East Goshen (WEGO) Regional Police Department died after a courageous battle with COVID-19. Officer Micun began his career with WEGO in June of 2015 as a part-time Patrol Officer and was promoted to the position of full-time Officer in March of 2016. In 2019, he was chosen by his peers to be honored as WEGO Officer of the Year.

Prior to working for WEGO, Officer Micun served with the Aston Township Police Department, the Upper Providence Township Police Department, and the Delaware County Park Police as a proud second-generation police officer following in his father's footsteps. In 2014, while serving as a police officer for Aston Township, Officer Micun received a commendation for discovering a house fire and alerting the sleeping residents, helping them to escape without harm. Additionally, Officer Micun served his community as a volunteer firefighter with both the Green Ridge and Aston-Beechwood Fire Companies, which later consolidated to form the Aston Township Fire Department.

Officer Micun is remembered as an accomplished, fair, and good-natured police officer who handled every call with care and compassion. As part of his commitment to community service, Officer Micun (who had recently started a DJ business due to his love of music), frequently volunteered his DJ services for non-profit charity events.

To his friends, he will be remembered as a person who always had a smile on his face and who loved to make others laugh. Officer Micun was a "foodie" who loved to prepare delicious meals for others and post photos of his creations. To his family, Officer Micun will be remembered as a loving father and a devoted husband who always remembered to schedule "date nights" with his wife to remind her of how much he loved her. Officer Micun leaves behind a wife (Amanda) and two children (Hayden and Sophia).

The three photos depict Officer Micun excelling at community interaction, particularly with children. The photos were taken at the October Cones with a Cop event in East Goshen Township.



# Important Dates

## JANUARY, 2022

3, 18 (T) - Board of Supervisors  
5, 19 - Planning Commission  
8 - Yard Waste  
11 - Historical Commission  
17 - Office Closed  
18 - Parks & Recreation  
20 - Friends of Oakbourne  
25 - Environmental Advisory Council  
25 - Stokes CU Hearing

## FEBRUARY, 2022

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

## MARCH, 2022

7, 22 (T) - Board of Supervisors  
8 - Historical Commission  
9, 23 - Planning Commission  
12 - Yard Waste  
15 - Parks & Recreation  
22 - 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



# Portable Generator Safety Tips:

## Never use a generator inside:

- Garages
- Crawl Spaces
- Sheds
- Basements
- Carports

Exhaust gases can cause Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning even in vented areas. Install home CO alarms with battery back-up.

## Proper Outdoor Use:

- Place in a dry location outside
- Keep 20 feet away from buildings
- Do not touch a generator with wet hands

## Use and Store Fuel Safely:

- Shut down generator before refueling
- Store fuel in an approved safety can outside of living areas
- Use only fuel recommended on the label or in the instructions

## Connect your Generator Properly:

- Turn off or disconnect all devices before operating the generator
- Devices should be turned on one at a time to avoid overloading the generator
- Use proper extension cords
- Never plug a generator into a wall outlet

## Shut Down Procedures:

- Turn off and unplug all devices being powered by the unit before shut down
- Drain fuel from generator while it is in storage
- Check fuel and oil before restarting





# 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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# HOLIDAY SCHEDULE YARD WASTE SCHEDULE

JAN 08	FEB 12	MAR 12	APR 09	MAY 14
JUN 11	JUL 16	AUG 13	SEP 17	OCT 08
NOV 05	NOV 19	DEC 03	DEC 17	

### 2022 Holiday Collection Schedule:

In 2022, the only holidays that trash and recycling will not be collected are Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. Trash and recycling services on weeks with one of these holidays will be pushed forward one day throughout the week, beginning with the service scheduled for the holiday:

**Memorial Day:**

Monday, May 30  
 trash and recycling  
 will be collected  
 Tuesday, May 31 and  
 Thursday collection  
 will be Friday, June 3.

**Independence Day:**

Monday July 4 trash  
 and recycling will be  
 collected Tuesday  
 July 5, and Thursday  
 collection will be  
 Friday, July 8.

**Labor Day Monday:**

September 5 trash  
 and recycling will be  
 collected Tuesday,  
 September 6 and  
 Thursday collection will  
 be Friday, September 9.

**Thanksgiving:**

Thursday, November 4  
 trash and recycling will  
 be collected Friday,  
 November 5.