



# WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to the Citizens of Westtown Township - Summer Issue #46

## LOOKING BACK....LOOKING FORWARD

As you are reading this article, I am half-way through the fourth year of a six-year term as a member of Westtown Township’s Board of Supervisors (BOS). The last time I authored this article, I answered a fundamental question I’ve been asked: “What do Township Supervisors actually do?” This article is intended to answer another fundamental question: “Can a Board of Supervisors really make a difference?”

### MY FIRST YEAR: Will Never Be Forgotten...

The same is true for every elected and unelected public service official everywhere! Due to COVID!!! COVID changed how we live. How students learn and teachers educate. How we work. The issues were vexing; for example mask or no mask? Office open or work from home? And if from home...how? And how best to keep our citizens and staff safe and informed? And with so much on hold, navigating everything from collecting mail to managing the budget effectively was an ongoing challenge.

### MY SECOND YEAR: Policing In America Came Under Attack

Having rotated from BOS Chair to WEGO Police Commissioner, what might have been a staid year, changed overnight. After George Floyd, every officer felt the public’s scrutiny. While WEGO was spared the “defund the cops” phenomenon, another challenge surfaced: how to recruit, train and hire recruits when the pool of interested candidates had suddenly dried up.

### MY THIRD YEAR: THE CREBILLY REFERENDUM & MORE

With so much having already been reported regarding the Crebilly Open Space referendum, allow me to summarize briefly: it succeeded beyond all expectations by a 2-1 margin with the largest voter turnout in Township history, and I am beyond grateful to the 125 volunteers with whom I worked in my capacity as a private citizen to secure this stunning result.

As the Crebilly referendum played out publicly, another significant challenge went on for months behind the scenes between the

WEGO Police Commission and the West Chester Area School District over the financial cost-sharing terms of the School Resource Officer program. Simply put, while WCASD and the Police Commission shared the same objective (the safety and security of our schools’ students, teachers, and staff) Police Commission Vice Chair and Chair respectively, Michele Truitt and I insisted on cost-sharing terms much fairer than originally proposed by WCASD. I am glad to report, with the support of our respective Boards, our persistence paid off.

### MY FOURTH YEAR: Mid-way Through... and Beyond

After far too long being allowed to gradually fail into disrepair, the overhaul of Oakbourne Park has finally commenced. Like the caterpillar destined to evolve into the butterfly, the transformation of Oakbourne foretells a magnificence that visitors will eventually be able to partake in for generations to come.

In April, the extraordinary effort and commitment of the 125 Vote Yes to Save Crebilly volunteers was recognized with the 2023 Governor’s Award for Local Government Excellence.

With the execution of the conservation easements and the anticipated successful remaining fundraising by Natural Lands, the preservation of Crebilly - the iconic centerpiece of Westtown Township - remains on track.

### A CLOSING THOUGHT

It is fair to say with the changes at Crebilly and Oakbourne, the Township’s management in good stead; its solid financial picture; and new initiatives already underway as evidenced in this publication and in others to come, Westtown Township’s future is filled with unbridled promise.

*Dick Pomerantz*

**Dick Pomerantz**

Vice Chair, Westtown Board of Supervisors

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### CHESTER COUNTY USEFUL CONTACTS & PHONE NUMBERS

#### Chester County Government Services Center:

- 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19382
- Information: 610-344-6000
- Aging Services: 610-344-6350
- Children, Youth, & Families: 610-344-5800
- Emergency Services: 610-344-5000
- Health Department: 610-344-6225
  - Septic Systems: 610-344-6526
  - Recycling/Hazardous Waste: 610-273-3771
- License Bureau (Dog, Fishing, Hunting): 610-344-6370
- Marriage License Bureau: 610-344-6335
- Passports: 610-344-6310
- Recorder of Deeds: 610-344-6330
- Tax Assessment: 610-344-6105
- Tax Claim/Lien Bureau: 610-344-6360
- Voters Services: 610-344-6410

#### Chester County Court House:

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

#### Chester County Conservation District:

610-925-4920

#### West Chester Area School District:

782 Springdale Drive, Exton, PA 19341  
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#### State Senate - 9th District:

John Kane: Local: 610-436-3320 / State: 717-787-4712  
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John Fetterman: Local: 215-241-1090 / Federal 202-224-4254  
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#### Congress - 6th District:

Chrissy Houlahan (D): Local: 610-883-5050 /  
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#### For Police, Fire, & Medical Emergencies, DIAL 911.

#### For Non-Emergencies:

610-692-5100

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### Full-Time Skilled Laborer

This position is responsible for maintenance and repair of roadways, trails, parks, right-of-ways, Township maintained properties, snow removal, storm 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).

#### Commission Vacancies

The Board of Supervisors is accepting applications for the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) and the Parks & Recreation Commission. The EAC meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month, while Parks & Recreation Commission meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Both meetings start at 7pm. To apply, please submit a brief resume or statement of interest to Jonathan Altshul, Township Manager, at [jaltshul@westtown.org](mailto:jaltshul@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 [www.readychesco.org](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/online-bill-pay/](http://www.westtownpa.org/online-bill-pay/). There is no fee for this service.

#### Save paper!

If you would like to receive the Westtown Gazette electronically, email [administration@westtown.org](mailto:administration@westtown.org), and we will remove you from the mailing list. Township newsletters are archived on the Township website under Resident Resources.

# Manager's Message

On behalf of Township staff, I want to wish all Westtown residents a very happy summer! As always, this summer promises to be a busy one in Westtown.

First, as you've probably seen, work is underway at the **Oakbourne Park Athletic Complex** along East Pleasant Grove Road. This project involves creating an expanded and paved parking area, adding bathroom facilities, a pavilion, pickleball courts, and a playground area, rebuilding the tennis courts and basketball court, and improving the trail system throughout the Park. The Township awarded the construction contract to MECO Construction for this work at its meeting on March 6, and we are hopeful that the project will come in on-time and under-budget. More information on the project can be found at [www.westtownpa.org/parks-trails](http://www.westtownpa.org/parks-trails).

Please be advised that the athletic complex area is an active construction zone and is **closed to the public until further notice** while the work is ongoing. We ask that you not walk in the area or use the fields to avoid construction setbacks and injuries. Thank you for your patience, and please know that when this project is complete, the Township will have first-rate athletic facilities for generations to come!

Next, there are a number of **conditional use hearings** that the Board of Supervisors will be conducting over the next few months. A complete list of all active land development and conditional use applications can be found on our Planning Commission page at [www.westtownpa.org/planning-commission](http://www.westtownpa.org/planning-commission). In addition, property owners within 500 feet of any property subject to conditional use proceedings will be notified about the hearings by mail, and the Township will also disseminate information about upcoming hearings via our Listserv. As a reminder, please click the "Get Email Alerts" button at the top of our homepage to be added to the Listserv.

I'd also like to provide a brief update on where things stand with the **acquisition of Crebilly Farm**. At the moment, the Township has received about \$10.3 million in grants and plans to issue \$7.5 million in bonds secured by the new open space taxes that were approved as part of the November 2022 voter referendum. However, we are still a few million dollars short of raising the \$20.6 million needed to close on the purchase of the new 206-acre passive recreation area. As a result, on March 20, the Township extended the Agreement of Sale with Crebilly Farm Family Associates, LP by 12 months to September 2024 to ensure that the Township has sufficient time to line up all the financing to close on the acquisition. However, between two pending grant applications and Natural Lands' fundraising activities, we are confident that this extra time will allow us to get the ball over the goal line!

Please do not hesitate to give me a call or drop me an email if you have any questions about Oakbourne Park, Crebilly Farms, any of the pending conditional use applications, or anything else going on in Westtown, and, of course, go Phillies!

Sincerely,

*Jonathan Attshul*  
Township Manager

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## Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

The EAC would like to thank the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association and all the volunteers who planted 50 trees along the streambank in the Pleasant Grove Open Space on Saturday, April 22. These plantings will provide important wildlife habitat and improve water quality in Westtown for generations to come.

### LED Light Conversion

The Township recently installed LED light fixtures in the Township Building. This installation was a recommendation from an energy audit of Township facilities conducted in 2022 by Practical Energy Solutions. As a result of the electricity savings from more efficient LED light fixtures, it is expected that the Township will break even from this project within a few years.



CRC Tree Planting on Blenheim Road

## National Law Enforcement Memorial Week

Officer Joshua P. Micun was a member of a family that was deeply committed to community service. He began serving his community at a young age by becoming a member of the Green Ridge and Aston Beechwood Fire Departments. Prior to joining the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department, he also served as an officer with the Delaware County Park Police, Upper Providence Police Department, and the Aston Police Department. He began his career with WEGO in June 2015 as a part-time Patrol Officer and was quickly promoted to full-time in March of 2016. He is remembered as a person who always had a smile on his face and who loved to make others laugh.



Officer Joshua P. Micun



Memorial Wall

On October 31, 2021, Officer Micun passed away from a COVID-related illness at the age of 37 while serving his community. He left behind his wife Amanda and his two children, Hayden and Sophia. The Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service was held on Monday, May 15, 2023, in Washington, D.C. During this ceremony, Officer Micun was honored for his sacrifice, and his name, which has been inscribed on the Memorial Wall, was formally dedicated and unveiled.

Additionally, on Thursday, May 18, 2023, the Chester County FOP Lodge #11 honored Officer Micun at their annual memorial service. Officer Micun was the 10th officer in Chester County added to their memorial monument.



## Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department News

### Scams

Scammers are constantly finding new ways to steal your money, but you can protect yourself by knowing what to look for. Below are just two common ways you can be tricked. NEVER give out personal information, stay calm, think before you act, and always remember to call us at 610-692-5100 if you have any questions or have been the victim of a crime.

### Warm Weather Scams

With the warm weather approaching do not be surprised if you begin to receive calls, emails, texts, uninvited visitors looking for work, and loads of door hangers offering landscaping, roofing, painting, and home repair.

If you need help around the house, our advice is to do your research and make sure whomever you hire is licensed, insured, bonded, and experienced. Also, try to get bids from three reputable companies and remember that cheaper is not always better.

Two more suggestions: never pay in cash or upfront and don't fall for the line, "I just finished a job at your neighbor's house and I'll give you a good price if you hire me today because I'm already in the neighborhood."

### Gift Card Scams

Grandparent Scams occur when you are contacted via email or telephone by a subject claiming to be a friend or relative, in most cases your grandchild (thus the name "Granny Scam"). The caller claims to have an emergency and asks the victim to send money immediately. Frequently the caller will claim that they have been involved in a serious crash or have been arrested and need money to keep from being taken to jail. Sometimes, the caller has been claiming to be a police officer who has arrested the friend/relative and will send them to jail unless the victim posts bail. The victim is requested to go to the nearest store (Walmart, Rite Aid) and purchase gift cards. When the cards are purchased, the person is requested to provide the numbers from the backs of the cards, enabling them to retrieve the money electronically.

Another version of this scam is when you receive an email from a friend you haven't heard from in a while. They will tell you that they missed their child's birthday because they were sick and unable to leave the house. They then ask you to go to the store for them and purchase gift cards and share the codes with them.



# From the Westtown Township Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshal

Summertime can bring a range of weather challenges and potential dangers. Some of these threats can occur with little warning, so do what you can to prepare by assembling an emergency kit and forming an action plan. Find out what you should do if faced with the following weather dangers:

## Lightning

In the U.S., lightning kills more people yearly than tornadoes and hurricanes. If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance and should seek shelter in an enclosed building or vehicle. While indoors, don't use a corded phone, computer, or other electrical appliances, and avoid contact with plumbing (don't shower, wash hands, do laundry, etc.)

## Floods

If you have time, move essential items to the upper floor. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. Do not walk through moving water that is six inches or higher. If floodwaters rise around your car, abandon the car and move to higher ground.

## Hurricanes

If you can't evacuate, get inside and secure external and internal doors. Stay away from windows and doors and take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway on the lowest level.

## Tornadoes

Storm cellars and basements are the safest locations, but if they aren't available, go to an interior room, closet, or hallway on the lowest level. Stay away from windows, doors, outside walls, and corners. If you are in a trailer or mobile home, go to a sturdy, nearby building.

## Extreme Heat

Stay indoors as much as possible. Consider spending the hottest part of the day in an air-conditioned public building, such as a library or shopping mall. Never leave children or pets alone in vehicles.

## Wildfires

If a wildfire threatens your home, you must evacuate. If you have time, bring an emergency kit that includes copies of important documents.

## Earthquakes

If you are indoors, avoid windows, doors, and outside walls and get under a sturdy table or desk. If you are outside, keep away from buildings, streetlights, and utility wires. If you're driving, safely stop the vehicle in an open area and stay inside.

## Open Burning

Summer also brings occasional complaints from residents about open burning. Below are highlights from Chapter 63 of the Township Code - Burning, Open:

- 63-1.** Burning can only occur in Westtown between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm.
- 63-2.** It is unlawful to burn or authorize another to burn paper, rubbish, or other domestic waste material outdoors anywhere within the Township. The fire must be within an enclosed container, incinerator, fireplace, or grill, at least 10 feet from a building, unless someone remains in attendance during the burning.
- 63-3.** It is unlawful to burn or authorize another to burn brush, grass, wood, or other materials outdoors anywhere within the Township. The fire must be within an enclosure, and the fire must be:
  - A.** At least 15 feet from a building; and
  - B.** There is a cleared area free of trees, shrubs, and other combustible materials of at least 15 feet around the fire; and
  - C.** There is someone in attendance.
- 63-4.** It is unlawful to burn or authorize another to burn leaves or commercial/industrial waste material outdoors anywhere within the Township at any time.
- 63-7.** It is unlawful to burn during a drought announced by the Board of Supervisors or their authorized representative.
- 63-8.** The local fire company may extinguish any fire. If, in the opinion of the Westtown Township Fire Marshal or a Westtown-East Goshen police officer, such fire constitutes a danger to persons or property.

The Township Code is accessible on the Township website under Resident Resources. If there is a fire emergency, dial 9-1-1. To report a non-emergency violation, contact the Chester County Department of Emergency Services at (610) 436-4700.

### Remember to be ready and prepared; disasters can happen anytime.

For non-emergency questions, you can reach out to me via email at [emc@westtown.org](mailto:emc@westtown.org)

**Gerald DiNunzio, Jr**, Township Emergency Management Coordinator & Fire Marshal

# Do I Need A Permit For That?

## Check this list before you get started on the project of your dreams!

Permits are required for certain projects to ensure that construction activities follow all building code guidelines and local ordinances. This helps protect your home's integrity and safety. The following list represents common residential projects that REQUIRE permits but is not a complete list of every activity requiring a permit. Permits must be approved prior to commencement of work.

### Building

- Any interior or exterior structural modifications or repairs. Includes additions or demolitions of any exterior walls and interior changes to walls, doors, windows, or creation of new rooms/bedrooms.
- Replacement or repair of siding and/or roofing that impact 25% or more of the façade or roof area.

### Kitchens and Bathrooms

- Remodels that include changes to any gas or electrical components (including outlets and recessed lighting), and plumbing (like relocation or addition of sinks, showers/tubs, and dishwashers).
- Changes to layout, including addition or modification of kitchen islands or peninsulas.
- NO permits are required for replacement cabinets/ countertops that are the same size as existing.

### Basement

- Full or partially finished basements that add flooring, framing/walls, ceilings, electric, and other utilities.

### Electrical, Plumbing, and Mechanical

- New or relocated electric, including installation of recessed lighting, ceiling fans, and other fixtures.
- Plumbing including new supply, drain, waste, or vent lines, and replacement of hot water heaters.
- New/replacement HVAC systems, including furnaces, AC units, heat pumps, tanks, and boilers.
- Emergency Generators

### Detached Garages, Sheds, and Greenhouses (Accessory Structures)

- Structures 250<sup>2</sup>ft or smaller require Zoning permits, and must meet yard setback requirements.
- Accessory structures over 250<sup>2</sup>ft AND those that include utilities require building permit approval.

### Fences

- Installation of new fencing over 40 ft in total linear length, or any pool enclosure fencing.

### Patios, Driveways, and Walkways

- Exterior improvements that add impervious cover includes pavers, concrete, asphalt, and gravel.
- Driveways that change the width of the entrance apron may also require additional roadway permits.

### Decks

- Installation of new decks and deck repairs, including replacement decking, stairs, and railings.

### Swimming Pools

- All aboveground (water depth of 24+ inches) and in-ground pools, spas, and hot tubs.

### Stormwater Drainage and Grading

- Installation of drainage pipes, swales, rain gardens, or other means to manage water runoff in yard areas, and/or change of grade of 6 inches or more.

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## When in doubt, give us a call!

We're happy to discuss your project and provide guidance on the permit process. Permit applications can be found online at: [www.westtownpa.org/permits-applications](http://www.westtownpa.org/permits-applications)

## Fireworks Safety

As we approach July 4, bear in mind that Pennsylvania Fireworks Law includes the following prohibitions:

- Consumer fireworks cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building or at another person.
- Consumer fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.
- Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

Additional information on fireworks can be found on the PA State Police website: <https://www.psp.pa.gov/public-safety/Pages/fireworks-safety.aspx>.

**Fireworks discharged between 10 PM and 7 AM may violate the Township's noise ordinance.**

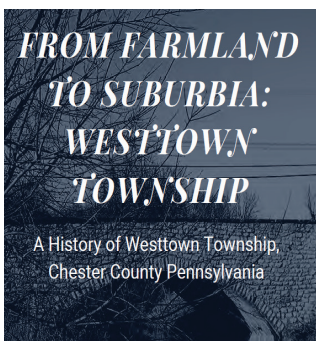
# Historical Commission News

## Militia Monument Dedication Ceremony

On Saturday, May 20, Westtown Township dedicated the long-awaited Westtown Revolutionary War Militia Monument. Located on Township open space at 1147 S. Concord Road, the Monument honors Col. Thomas Taylor, his two sons, Thomas, Jr. and Titus, and neighbors John and Henry Faucett, who were members of the Chester County Militia and lie buried in Westtown. The project was organized by the Historical Commission, and funded mostly by private donations from organizations and individuals. O'Rourke & Sons and the Maris Grove Woodshop Club were instrumental in the installation of the monument stones. Westtown Township provided the historical interpretive marker. With other dignitaries, fife and drummers, and color guard, Tom Foster, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, made remarks honoring the memory of Westtown's Revolutionary War patriots.



Westtown's new Revolutionary War Militia Monument dedicated by Dave Walter, Westtown Historical Commissioner, and Maj. General Marquis de Lafayette (portrayed by Gene Pisasale)



## Westtown History Book Sale

*From Farmland to Suburbia* is a well-researched history of Westtown Township originally published in 1973 and updated in 2020. The book details how the Township evolved from early settler days until modern times. Chapters cover our natural resources, transportation growth, military history, noteworthy properties, churches, cemeteries, and more. It features illustrations and photographs, plus a fold out map of Westtown Township. It also details stories and anecdotes from residents and business owners throughout our long history. To make this book accessible to as many Township residents as possible, the Township has reduced the price from \$30 to \$20. Books are available for purchase at the Township Building.

## Westtown Video History

The Historical Commission is planning to create a series of online historical videos, with the help of Westtown and Chester County residents. This effort is planned as a YouTube channel with presentations and interviews that highlight the rich history of the Township. The Commission is interested in interviewing local residents about Westtown memories and family anecdotes. This includes memories about interesting properties and local memorabilia. The plan is for the new channel to reflect the voice of the people who grew up in Westtown and of their families. Anyone who would like to participate in providing historical information and memories of growing up in Westtown can contact the Commission at [historical@westtown.org](mailto:historical@westtown.org).

# Friends of Oakbourne News

While we have not planted any memorial trees since last fall, Friends of Oakbourne (FoO) has been busy maintaining Oakbourne Park's arboretum and gardens. Some of the activities FoO performs throughout the year are:

## Mansion Clock Garden

Weeding, trimming shrubs, and when necessary, replacing unhealthy plants.

## Water Tower Garden

Pruning the large Oakleaf Hydrangeas located on both sides of the main entrance door to the Water Tower, maintaining trees and shrubs, and weeding. In addition, FoO recently planted some new perennials and annuals in the Water Tower's rear entrance garden.

## Arboretum

Maintaining and pruning the trees that FoO has planted over the past 15 - 20 years.

FoO has planted over 200 trees and shrubs over the years, and we've learned that protecting everything from deer browse is essential for successful plantings. Oakbourne suffers from extremely high deer pressure! Spraying flowers and shrubs with deer repellent helps, but is not always successful, especially during lean times in the winter and early spring. Fencing around trees is necessary until the trees get to be fairly sizable (usually 5 - 10 years after planting). FoO examines and repairs all fencing at least once a year.

We also prune trees that are not too large for us to handle and replace trees that die or are toppled by wind. For example, one of the beautiful weeping cherry trees along S. Concord Road that FoO planted 15 years ago in an Earth Day project with Westtown Thornbury Elementary School died this spring. The Township removed the tree and FoO will be replacing it soon with another weeping cherry. Also, in past years we have removed invasive species like garlic mustard and Norway maples, from wooded areas of the Park.

If you've visited the Park recently you may be wondering where the kiosk containing FoO's map and list of dedicated trees is. The kiosk was situated adjacent to the main parking lot in the Park and was ripped from its foundation during a fierce March windstorm. We hope to have a replacement kiosk with an improved map later this year.

As a reminder, FoO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are self-funded and work closely with Mark Gross, Township Director of Public Works, in all of the work we do in the Park and Arboretum. Over the years, our members and friends have contributed thousands of hours of volunteer time to improving Oakbourne Park. Our members love the Park and being outdoors enjoying nature while having fun fulfilling our mission of park improvement.



### If you are so inclined, why not join our group?

Our next meeting is on Thursday, July 20 at 7 PM at the Oakbourne Mansion, or email our new president, **Rick Brown** at [rickytherake@yahoo.com](mailto:rickytherake@yahoo.com).



# Parks & Recreation Commission (P&R)

## Upcoming Events at Oakbourne Park:

June 14	<b>West Chester Swing Kings Concert</b> 6:30 - 8:30 PM (raindate June 15) <b>FREE Ice Cream!</b>
Aug. 24	<b>Movie Night</b> 8:15 PM - <i>Featuring Ferris Bueller's Day Off</i> <b>FREE Popcorn!</b>
Sept. 13	<b>West Chester Community Band</b> 6:00 - 7:30 PM (raindate Sept. 14)



P&R is holding an **Amateur Photography Contest** in July.

Township residents may submit one photo, which must have been taken in Westtown Township. The winner will receive a \$250 VISA gift card and will be recognized at **Westtown Day on October 8**. Contest rules are on the Township website.

The annual P&R Egg Hike was more popular than ever, largely due to the appearance of the Easter Bunny! Special thanks to Agway Wild Birding Center for donating wildflower seed packets, and to all the volunteers who helped run this awesome event.



# Important Dates

## JULY, 2023

- 4 - Office Closed
- 5,19 - Planning Commission
- 11 - Historical Commission
- 15 - Yard Waste Collection
- 17 - Board of Supervisors
- 18 - Parks & Recreation
- 20 - Friends of Oakbourne
- 25 - EAC

## AUGUST, 2023

- 7,21 - Board of Supervisors
- 8 - Historical Commission
- 9,23 - Planning Commission
- 12 - Yard Waste Collection
- 15 - Parks & Recreation
- 22 - EAC
- 24 - P&R Movie Night

## SEPTEMBER, 2023

- 4 - Office Closed
- 5(T),18 - Board of Supervisors
- 6,20 - Planning Commission
- 12 - Historical Commission
- 13 - P&R Summer Concert
- 16 - Yard Waste Collection
- 17 - E-Waste Event
- 19 - Parks & Rec Commission
- 26 - EAC

## OCTOBER, 2023

- 2,16 - Board of Supervisors
- 4,18 - Planning Commission
- 8 - Westtown Day
- 10 - Historical Commission
- 14 - Yard Waste Collection
- 17 - Parks & Recreation
- 24 - EAC

**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

# West Chester Public Library

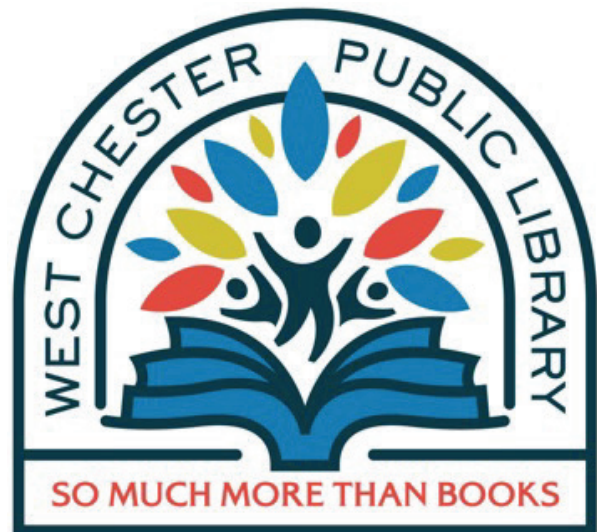
The Chester County Library System (CCLS) offers two new services that cardholders can access for free:

## Kanopy Streaming Service

If you are looking to watch some great cinema for free, then look no further than our NEW Kanopy PLUS App! Kanopy PLUS includes packs of curated, themed bundles of films with 250-300 titles that are all unique to the Kanopy service, including favorites, easy watching, diversity, and world cinema. You can stream Kanopy PLUS on any of your favorite devices! Kanopy PLUS is accessible via mobile and tablet apps for iPhone and Android. You can also access Kanopy PLUS on your desktop ([ccls.kanopy.com](https://ccls.kanopy.com)), and SmartTV apps like Roku, Apple TV, and Fire Stick or find it in the Extras section of the Libby app.

## Creativebug

This award-winning video arts and crafts online learning resource is also now available to all CCLS cardholders. Experience the joy of making things with thousands of video classes taught by top designers and artists. Classes range from beginner to advance skill levels and include fiber, fabric, paper, food, and jewelry art and craft topics. Users will need their library card number and PIN to access online classes. Access it at [creativebug.com](https://creativebug.com).



# 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 #1-7, aluminum, steel, paper, and cardboard) must be in the recycle bin, or other clearly marked recycling containers. **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 posted on the Township website. 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. 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 is 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!

Recycling RIGHT is more important than recycling MORE. 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. Clean, uncontaminated recyclable material improves marketability.

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 downtime. 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 helps 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
- Mirrors, ovenware, flower pots, and window glass
- Oil cans or bottles, aerosol, or paint cans
- Drinking glasses, ceramic dishware

**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

## Anything with a Plug™

September 16, 2023  
 Westtown Township | 1039 Wilmington Pike  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**All residents must pre-register. Visit the Eventbrite link below:**  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/electronics-recycling-anything-with-a-plug-tickets-643075645567>

### 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**

