

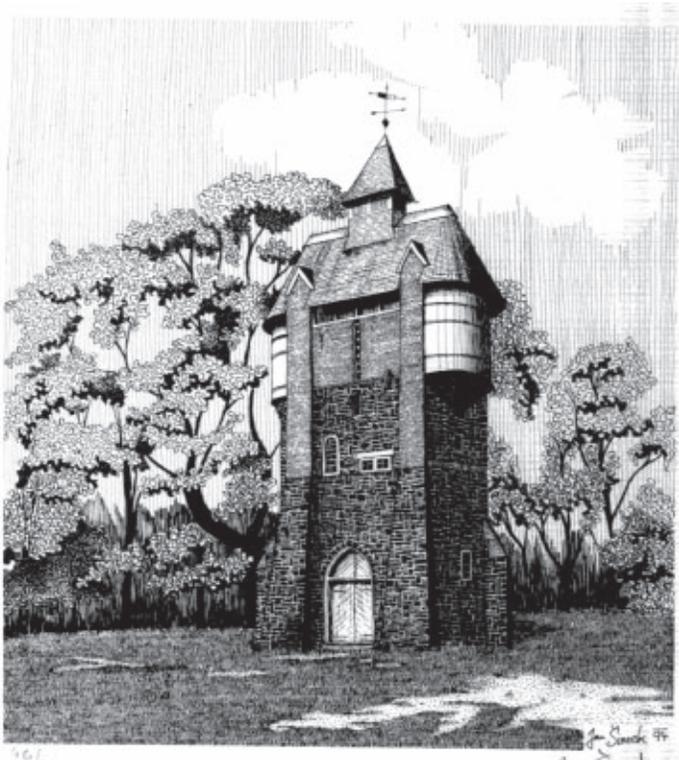
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From the Westtown Township Board of Supervisors

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Carol R. DeWolf, Police Commissioner

April 2011

For Police, Fire, and Medical EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911—For NON-EMERGENCIES, dial 610-692-5100

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Chester County Useful Contacts and Phone Numbers

Government Services Center – 601 Westtown Road
Chester County Court House – 2 N. High Street, West Chester Borough
District Justice for Westtown – William Kraut
(District Court 15-2-03) 610-436-5757
Chester County Court House & Government Services Center
Information – 610-344-6000
Children, Youth & Families – 610-344-5800
Department of Emergency Services – 610-344-5000
Health Department – 610-344-6225
Septic Systems – 610-344-6126
Recycling/Hazardous Waste – 610-344-6692
License Bureau (Dog, Fishing, Hunting) – 610-344-6370
Marriage License Bureau – 610-344-6335
Office of the Aging – 610-344-6009
Passports – 610-344-6050
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 Conservation District – 610-696-5126
West Chester Area School District –
829 Paoli Pike, West Chester PA 19380
Main Number – 484-266-1000
School Tax – 484-266-1035
State Senate District – 26th District
Edwin B. Erickson – Local 610-853-4100 – State 717-787-1350
email: eerickson@pasen.gov
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Tom H. Killion – Local 610-325-1541 – State 717-772-0855
Email: tkillion@pahousegop.gov
U. S. Senator
Pat Toomey – Local- 1-215-597-7200 – Federal – 1-202-224-4254
www.toomey.senate.gov
Robert Casey – Local –1- 215- 405-9660 – Federal –1- 202-228-0604
www.casey.senate.gov
Congressional District – 7th District
Patrick Meehan – Local 610-690-7323 – Federal – 1-202-225-2011
www.meehan.house.gov

SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION

YARD WASTE will be collected on Saturday, April 9th, May 7th, and, Saturday June 18th.

See Page 11 for details.

DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

Westtown East Goshen Regional Police Department will conduct a prescription drug “Take Back” program on Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 10am to 2pm in the lobby of the Police Building at 1041 Wilmington Pike.

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Westtown Township is both family and community oriented. Westtown emphasizes a high quality of life while enjoying and maintaining its natural and manmade environments.

Oakbourne Road Bridge

The Westtown Township Board of Supervisors has approved bidding for the repair of the Oakbourne Road bridge. It is anticipated that by the time this newsletter reaches you, the Township will be in the process of receiving bids from interested contractors.

By choosing to repair rather than replace the Oakbourne Bridge, the Township is expecting to reduce the length of time that the road is closed. Once bids are received, it is anticipated that the bridge will re-open in 2 to 6 months. To replace the bridge would have kept the road closed for one to two years. The Board is also hopeful that delaying actual replacement of the bridge will enable the Township to find other sources of funding for the project.

Route 202 and Pleasant Grove Intersection

At the urging of PennDOT officials, the Board of Supervisors has voted to close both East and West Pleasant Grove Road to left turns and cross traffic onto Route 202. Drivers approaching Route 202 on either road will only be able to make right turns.

This action has been taken as a safety measure as these traffic maneuvers are considered hazardous.

Summer Workers Needed

The Public Works Department is looking to hire two seasonal workers to assist with road and parks projects throughout the township. This is an ideal opportunity for a college student home for the summer who likes to be outdoors. The working hours are 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. A driver's license is required and there is no prior experience necessary, just a good will to work. Most projects will involve repairing roads, the stormwater collection systems and general brush and tree trimming within the parks and open spaces maintained by the township. Please call the township office for application information at 610-692-1930.

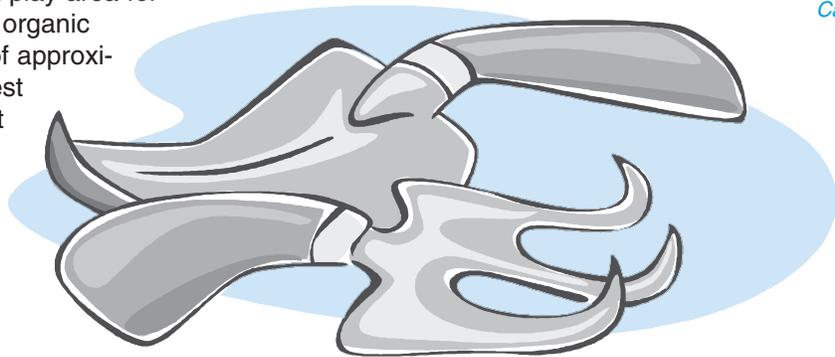


Westtown Community Garden

Neighbors interested in creating a Community Garden in Westtown met to discuss this initiative on March 26th. The discussion included start-up costs, garden fees, volunteer commitments, location for the garden, garden use agreement, rules, and expectations for the first year. We also discussed the next steps, getting approval and making sure the site is free from contaminants and has good soil conditions. The location proposed is beside the Oakbourne parking lot, near both the pavilion and children's play area. This location will allow for 6-8 hours of sun, easy access to water, parking and a play area for children involved. The garden will be an organic vegetable garden with raised bed sizes of approximately 4" X 8". There was enough interest and willingness to partially fund this effort to move the project along with some support from the township for material costs to frame the area with protective

deer fencing. A planning group has formed and a few tasks allocated. Interest is growing. To make sure you get a plot and are not placed on a waiting list, please sign up soon. We are seeking additional funding and supportive scout troops who might assist in the numerous tasks to be undertaken to make this happen. If you are interested in having a garden plot please email hgreer@westtown.org and plan to attend our next meeting at the Westtown Township Administration Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike on Saturday, April 9th, at 9:30am.

Carol De Wolf



Chester Creek Earth Day Cleanup



The FRIENDS OF OAKBOURNE invite Westtown residents to participate in the 6th annual Chester Creek Earth Day Cleanup for the section of Goose Creek within Westtown Township on Saturday, April 16th. Volunteers should contact Theresa Destefano at 610 202-0329 or tdestefano@thornburytp.com in advance. Volunteers are to meet before 9:00 am at the Goose Creek Park parking lot. Gloves, bags, bagels and Starbuck's coffee will be provided.

This spring trees are to be planted and dedicated to Evelyn Groff and William Steele. Look for announcements of the dates and times for these dedication ceremonies.

Meetings: Thursday, April 21st
 Thursday, July 21st
 at 7:00 PM in the Dunning Room
 of Oakbourne Mansion

Lawn Alternatives Site Tour June 18th

Residents and homeowner associations considering converting parts of their lawns, stormwater basins, or common areas to meadows and other natural vegetation are encouraged to attend a free four-stop guided site tour with Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) on Saturday, June 18th, from 9 am to 11 am. The tour will meet at the Green Lane parking lot of Hershey's Mill in

East Goshen. The first stop will be a guided tour of stormwater basin and wet pond landscaping with garden designer and grounds manager Bruce Foreacre, also of Eden Horticulture. To register, and to obtain a full itinerary and directions, please contact CRC at 610-892-8731 or crc@nni.com. Lawn conversions are an important component

to making improvements in community management of stormwater, flooding, drinking water quality, and wildlife habitat.



**Join us for a super-size
Westtown Township Yard Sale!
Participate by selling or buying or both!
Go to www.westtownPA.org/parkandrec.htm
for more information.**

BEHIND THE BADGE



**Officer
Neal Jackson**

Officer Jackson is a one year veteran of the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department and is assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Jackson served 5 years in the US Army where he completed 2 combat tours of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He served as a US Army Ranger assigned to the 10th Mountain Division and held the rank of Sergeant. Officer Jackson is married with 2 children. He enjoys snowboarding, roller hockey and softball.

Update from the Chester County Tax Collection Committee

In July 2010, Keystone Collections Group was appointed as the single tax collection agency for the municipalities and school districts in our tax collection district. Effective January 1st, 2011 the County has transitioned from the former tax collector (H.A.Berkheimer) to Keystone Collections Group as the Earned Income Tax (EIT) and Local Services Tax (LST) collector. This important change was brought about under Act 32 of 2008 requiring municipal governments and school districts in all Pennsylvania counties, except Philadelphia, to select a single tax collector. Despite the collective efforts of the Chester County Tax Collection District, the transition has not been without several challenges.

Many taxpayers and employers did not receive the notifications and tax collection instructions from Keystone Collections Group. There were many inconsistencies with the taxpayer database information released by Berkheimer Tax Administrators in the Fall of 2010 that were not discovered until January, 2011. This included large segments of missing taxpayer information. Keystone and Berkheimer worked closely to resolve the problem. Keystone sent out updated taxpayer mailings to the residents and businesses in the affected areas.

This data shortfall likewise impacted taxpayers attempting to file via the Internet. With receipt of the updated data from Berkheimer, Keystone has now created e-file accounts for those

taxpayers who did not appear in the original data and thus could not electronically file and remit payments. Please keep in mind that you cannot e-file if any of the following conditions occurred during the filing year:

- You moved
- You became divorced and filed with your spouse last year
- You are filing an amended return
- You were not a PA resident for the full year
- Worked for a company outside of Pennsylvania

The above situations require the traditional paper forms which can be downloaded at www.keystonecollects.com and mailed to their corporate office:

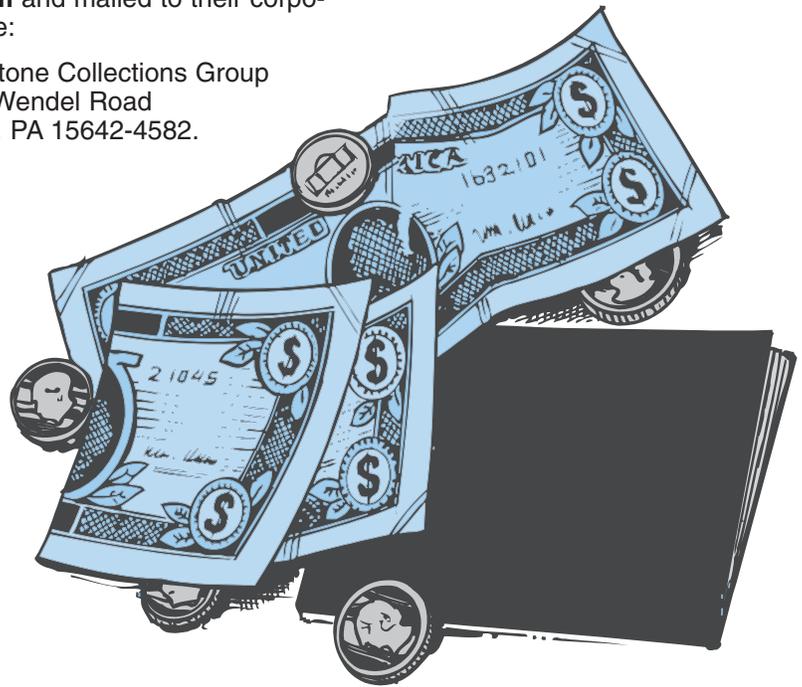
Keystone Collections Group
546 Wendel Road
Irwin, PA 15642-4582.

Also, to better serve the residents of Chester County, Keystone has opened a local office at:

144 Wallace Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm
610-269-4402 or 888-519-3903

If you are 1) self-employed; 2) salaried but self-employed in a side business; or 3) work out of state, you are required to file and remit quarterly a declaration of the total of such estimated net profits or income with Keystone. Proper forms for reporting the quarterly payments can be downloaded from the Keystone website.

The final Earned Income Tax Return must be filed annually by April 15th.



WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAXES

Tax bills were mailed March 1st to all property owners. If you did not receive a 2011 tax bill from the Township, please contact the Township Office for a duplicate. If your taxes are paid by a mortgage company, please forward the bill to them promptly. Payment postmarked on or before April 30th will be accepted at the discount amount.

SUMMER 2011 TOWN TOURS AND VILLAGE WALKS FREE TOUR & LECTURE SERIES

*Join Us for a
Special Celebration of Chester County's Iron and Steel Heritage
& the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War*

The Chester County Board of Commissioners through Chester County Parks and Recreation, the Chester County Historical Society, Westtown Township, the Chester County Historic Preservation Network, and the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau announce the 17th annual "TOWN TOURS & VILLAGE WALKS."

This year will be a very special one for the Town Tours and Village Walks program. Not only will the program explore Chester County's contribution to this country's Civil War, but it will feature a chance to explore the iron and steel heritage of our county. All ten free walking tours reflect an important iron and steel story. This year we will even venture outside of the county as we visit this important theme in our history. The tours will explore historic towns, villages, iron master plantations and ironworks, highlighting the research knowledge accumulated by our historical commissions and organizations. Enjoy first-person presentations, stately mansions, humble workers housing, and ruins nestled in the beautiful Chester County countryside.

Tours are scheduled for Thursday evenings, June 16th – August 25th. Each Thursday, the first tour starts at 5:30 p.m.; the last tour at approximately 7:00 p.m. All tours include light refreshments, are free of charge and only cancelled for severe weather by 5:00 p.m. the day of the tour.

NEW! To further help you explore, four suggested driving itineraries have been developed that will take you further into iron and steel country to enjoy recreational opportunities as well as educational ones. Along the way we have suggested historic sites and fun stops for food and recreation for the entire family. Contact Chester County Park and Recreation for more information.

Last year, over 2,000 Chester County citizens and visitors enthusiastically endorsed the assortment of historic evening walking tours! In 2005, Preservation Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission awarded the program one of two statewide educational awards.

For information contact Karen Marshall, Heritage Preservation Coordinator, Chester County Parks & Recreation, 610-344-6415, or visit the Chester County Parks and Recreation website at www.chesco.org/ccparks.





Rain Barrels are now in stock!

Over 100 rain barrels have already been reserved; however, we ordered extras!

Be sure to get yours while our
extra supply lasts.



The Chester County
Conservation District
is selling Rain Barrels!

PRICE: \$100.00

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make checks payable to
"CCCD". Sorry, we are
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LOCATION
or MORE
INFORMATION:

Call the
Chester County
Conservation District
at
610-925-4920
ext. 100.





Westtown Township Community Yard Sale

Saturday April 30, 2011

10am – 2pm

Oakbourne Park 1014 South Concord Road Westtown Township

RAIN DATE: May 1, 2011

Required registration information:

- YES! I would like to participate! (\$5 registration fee)
- I will bring my own table.
- I would like to rent a 6' table(s). (\$10 per table)

Please reserve _____ tables for me. Tables are on a first come, first served basis.

Each paid registration allows a vendor(s) to one (1) parking space. All vendor spaces are 12'x12'. All registration fees are non-refundable. Spaces are assigned in the order in which they are received. Requests for specific spaces will be considered, but NOT guaranteed (other than for handicapped accessibility).

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Please submit payment & registration by **April 25th**.

Total enclosed _____

Remit to:

Westtown Township P.O. Box 79 Westtown, PA 19395

Or stop by the Township Office located at 1039 Wilmington Pike (Rt 202).

Additional questions? Please contact us at (610) 692-1930.

My signature below signifies that I have read the "Community Yard Sale Terms & Conditions Form" found with these Registration materials. I understand that I am responsible for the information held within that document. Photos taken on the day of the event might be used for future Westtown Township event publication purposes.

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PLANNING CALENDAR

Spring Yard Waste Collections: All Saturdays – April 9th, May 7th and June 18th.

At Curb by 7:00Am – in biodegradable paper bags or a container that can be dumped. NO PLASTIC BAGS. Limbs cut in 3' lengths.

The Township Office will be closed on the following dates:

**April 22nd, Good Friday
May 30th , Memorial Day
July 4th, Independence Day**

All Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission Meetings, and Park and Recreation Meetings are held at the Township Municipal Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown. Time 7:30 PM

April

Board of Supervisors – 4th & 18th

Planning Commission – 6th & 20th

Parks and Recreation – 12th

**Friends of Oakbourne – 21st
(Oakbourne Mansion 7:00Pm)**

Yard Waste Pickup – Saturday, April 9th.

Westtown Community Garden Planning Committee – Saturday, April 9th, Westtown Township Administration Building - 9:30am.

May

Board of Supervisors – 2nd & 16th

Planning Commission – 4th & 18th

Parks and Recreation – 10th

Yard Waste Pickup – Saturday, May 7th

June

Board of Supervisors – 6th & 20th

Planning Commission – 8th & 22nd

Parks and Recreation – 14th

July

Board of Supervisors – 5th* & 18th

Planning Commission – 6th & 20th

Parks & Recreation – 12th

Friends of Oakbourne – 21st

**Tuesday*

Your Vote Matters!

Please help Parks & Recreation determine which movies to show at this year's Summer Movie Nights on July 17, August 19, and September 9 at Oakbourne Park.

Please check your top three votes:

- Secretariat** (heart-warming tale of the Triple Crown, rated PG)
- Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Lightning Thief** (teenage demigod), rated PG
- The Karate Kid** (with Jaden Smith), rated PG
- Mary Poppins** (the Julie Andrews classic version), rated G
- Gulliver's Travels** (with Jack Black), rated PG
- The Spy Next Door** (Jackie Chan & kids save world), rated PG
- Alpha and Omega**, rated PG, animated mismatched wolves
- Princess and a Frog**, rated G, animated Disney princess
- Tangled**, rated PG, animation Disney princess
- Despicable Me**, rated PG, animated evil genius becomes good dad
- How to Train Your Dragon**, rated PG, animated dragon & boy
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**, rated PG, animated raining food

Please mail this form to the Township Office (see below) or email your top three choices to ParkRec@westtown.org

**Westtown Township
PO Box 79
Westtown, PA 19395
610 692-1930**

Join Us For An Evening Under The Stars!

REFUSE & RECYCLING

RECYCLING AND TRASH INFORMATION

SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION

YARD WASTE will be collected on Saturday, April 9th, May 7th, and, Saturday June 18th.

Yard Waste must be in **biodegradable paper bags or in a container that can be dumped. NO PLASTIC BAGS.** They will not be collected. Yard Waste/Leaf bags can be purchased at the Township Office at a cost of 5/\$2.00. Please have bags or containers curbside by 7:00 AM.

MATTRESS RECYCLING

That old mattress that gives you back pain can also be a pain to manage as waste. You can now have your mattress and/or box spring recycled by delivering them to the Chester County Solid Waste Authority Lanchester Landfill. For a small charge of \$20 per mattress or box spring, you will know that your old mattress and/or box spring will be processed and not land filled. Today's mattresses are manufactured using a wide assortment of materials. All kinds of mattresses and box springs are accepted **as long as they are dry.** Wet or frozen mattresses will not be accepted.

For more information call 610-273-3771. Please visit www.chestercountyswa.org for all your recycling inquiries.

2011 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS – 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Saturday, April 9th – CAT Pickering Campus, 1580 Charlestown Road, **Computers Accepted.**

Saturday, May 21st – Owen J. Roberts Middle School, 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA, **No Computers Accepted.**

Friday, June 24th – CAT Brandywine Campus, 1635 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA, **Computers Accepted.**

Saturday, September 10th – New Garden Township Maintenance Bldg – 8934 Cap Newport Road, Landenberg, PA, **No Computers Accepted.**

Saturday, October 8th – Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA, **Computers Accepted.**

Call the Township Office (610-692-1930) for the list of hazardous items that are acceptable.

As Westtown is a participant in the Household Hazardous Waste Collections you can also take your items to collections in Delaware and Montgomery County if the dates are better for you. Call the Township Office for this information.

How to Prepare Items for Recycling
Glass—Green, Brown & Clear: Bottles or Jars only. Rinse Clean. Remove lids and rings. Labels may be left on. <i>NO plate glass, ceramics, drinking glasses, etc.</i>
Plastic: Must be marked with #1 through #7 inside triangle on bottom. Rinse clean. Remove lids and discard. Labels may be left on. <i>NO unmarked containers or containers marked with other than #1 through #7 inside the triangle on bottom.</i> No antifreeze or motor oil containers.
Aluminum Beverage Cans: Rinse clean. Cans may be flattened. No bottle or jar lids, no pie plates or aluminum foil. <i>No other aluminum items.</i>
Bi-Metal Cans: Rinse clean. Cans may be flattened. Examples include pet food cans, soup cans, vegetable cans. <i>NO cans with plastic parts. NO paint or aerosol cans.</i>
Newspaper, Magazines, Phone Books, Junk Mail, small cardboard boxes (cereal, crackers, etc) & Office Paper: Combine in paper bag or bundle and tie.
Cardboard Boxes: Must be cut in <u>three foot squares</u> , tied and placed next to the recycling bin. This is necessary because of the compacting system of the recycling truck. Unfortunately if the cardboard is not prepared this way it will be taken with the regular trash. Cereal boxes and similar cardboard items may be combined with newspaper.



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