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# **The Westtown Gazette**

THE QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP

From the Westtown Township Board of Supervisors

Thomas A. Foster, Chair

Carol R. DeWolf, Vice Chair

Charles P. Barber, Police Commissioner

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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 – 610-273-3771, ext. 226  
License Bureau (Dog, Fishing, Hunting) – 610-344-6370  
Marriage License Bureau – 610-344-6335  
Office of the Ageing – 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  
State House District – 168 District  
Tom H. Killion – Local 610-325-1541 – State 717-772-0855  
U. S. Senator  
Arlen Specter – Local – 1-215-597-7200 – Federal – 1-202-224-4254  
Robert Casey – Local – 1-215-405-9660 – Federal – 1-202-228-0604  
[www.casey.senate.gov](http://www.casey.senate.gov)  
Congressional District – 7th District  
Joe Sestak – Local 610-892-8623 – Federal – 1-202-225-8137

## Earth Day Action Saturday, April 19, 2008

Now is the time to put Earth Day 2008 on your community calendar. April 22nd is actually Earth Day this year, but mark your calendars for Saturday morning to assist in a township wide trash cleanup effort. Earth Day is a day to inspire awareness and appreciation of our environment, and what better way than to focus a few hours on Saturday morning around your neighborhood to maintain a pleasant area free of trash along the roads in our township.

**Thank-you and our youth in advance for making Earth Day 2008 a success!**

*Carol De Wolf*

## Volunteers are the Heartbeat of our Township.

Do you want to get more involved in your local government? Please join one of our volunteer committees! We can use your time and talents for numerous initiatives both small and large. We have vacancies on the following committees and groups - Parks Advisory Group, the Oakbourne Mansion Commission, and Emergency Management Committee.

*Carol De Wolf*

## SPRING YARD WASTE PICKUP

Grass clippings, leaves (in biodegradable paper bags only), and branches (3 foot length) will be picked up on the following Saturdays, April 26h, and May 10th .

## See Township Calendar

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Westtown Township \* Chester County \* Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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(Comments for the Manager & Board of Supervisors) - [supervisors@westtown.org](mailto:supervisors@westtown.org) \*\* **Website:** [www.westtownpa.org](http://www.westtownpa.org)

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

## TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Since last summer, the Township has been working on a program to conduct an inspection of all on-lot septic systems in the Township. These inspections would provide comprehensive information on the condition of these systems. When the inspection program is completed, this information will provide a picture of the Township that will allow the Board of Supervisors to determine those neighborhoods where the public sewers need to be extended and where they do not.

In the spring the Township will be mailing a letter to all property owners affected by this program. That letter will detail how the program will work and the anticipated time frame.

The Board of Supervisors will divide the Township into districts. Qualified inspectors will be chosen and assigned to an area. These inspectors will gather data on the condition of each on-site system and the probable demands on the system. The home owner will receive a copy of the inspectors report.

The cost of the inspection has not been determined. However, since Westtown will be running the program through the Township office, DEP will reimburse 85% of the total cost. The individual resident will be responsible for remaining 15%.

It should be made clear that this program is only an inspection of

individual systems. In undertaking this, the Township will not be maintaining the individual systems. Nor will the Township be assigning contractors to any required maintenance. If the inspection reveals that the system needs work, the individual home owner will be responsible. The property owner will also be able to choose who will maintain their system on a regular basis as part of the new "On Site Management Program" which will be adopted by the Township in the near future.

## SUPERVISORS COLUMN

## Oakbourne Commission Seeks New Members — On Their Terms

Building on its successes last Fall, the Oakbourne Mansion Commission (OMC) is opening its membership to more residents who want to be a part of the burgeoning activity at Westtown's historic mansion and park. The OMC is reorganizing to allow more people to become involved in just the activities that interest them, and so they can volunteer only for the amount of



time they have available. The OMC has divided itself into four special interest committees headed by a new executive commission that will oversee the other committees. The special interest committees and their activities include:

- **Events:** Planning and operating events that both entertain residents and that raise funds for improving the mansion building.
- **Marketing & Sales:** Marketing the mansion to outside groups and individuals for weddings, parties, business meetings and other occasions.
- **Facilities:** Planning and executing renovations to the building while remaining true to the building's historic character.
- **Grants & Sponsorships:** Raising funds by applying for government and private grants, as well as by seeking financial support from local businesses.

A three-member executive commission will direct and oversee these

committees, as well as work with outside organizations to promote Oakbourne Mansion. Westtown residents with interest and experience in any of the special activity committees are encouraged to volunteer whatever time they have to work on a specific project. Potential volunteers should contact Helen Greer at the Township.

Residents with considerably more interest and time should consider applying for membership on the Oakbourne Mansion Executive Commission. Unlike the special interest committees, executive commission members will have to devote a great deal of time to meetings, outside functions and hands-on work. Potential candidates should send a letter expressing their interest and qualifications to the Township Supervisors c/o the Township Manager. Candidates will be interviewed and three members selected in the near future.

*Tom Foster*  
Board of Supervisors

HON. WILLIAM D. KRAUT  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE  
15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF CHESTER

## STATE OF THE COURT 2007

District Court 15-2-03 West Goshen, Westtown & Thornbury Townships

During my very busy first few months as Magisterial District Judge, I have enjoyed the support of my colleagues, the police, the school district and the citizens of Westtown, West Goshen and Thornbury. I am honored to present what I expect to be an annual "State of the Court" address to the citizens of Westtown Township. This year I am proud to report that the state of Magisterial District Court 15-2-03 remains solid, sound and stable.

Pennsylvania's Magisterial District Courts are courts with limited jurisdiction. More than 90% of all litigation in Pennsylvania occurs in the courtrooms of Magisterial District Judges. Chester County has 19 Magisterial District Courts. All summary misdemeanor and felony criminal cases originate at the Magisterial District Court level. Magisterial District Courts are also the venue for lawsuits in civil cases for amounts up to \$8,000.00 as well as the filing and disposition of minor criminal cases (summary cases) such as traffic violations, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, truancy, game law violations, and parking tickets.

As a Magisterial District Judge I conduct preliminary hearings for all serious criminal offenders to determine which cases should be held for trial at the Court of Common Pleas. I also set and accept bail and arraign defendants after arrest. I have issued a number of search warrants in my first few months on the job based upon testimony from our local police forces and the states Attorney General's office.

Public trust and confidence begins with a fair and impartial judiciary. Every day I and the other District Judge's work to provide resolution of disputes, to protect constitutional rights, and to uphold the rule of law. District court 15-2-03 is one of the busiest district courts in the county. Our caseload for the year 2007 was 5,910 cases filed. The cases filed in 2007 broke down as follows: 424 criminal cases, 628 civil cases, 3,674 traffic cases, and 1184 summary cases. For the year 2007 the gross amount of revenue District Court 15-2-03 took in was \$895,969.83. Of that Westtown Township received \$24,727.78.

Changes for 2008.

1. I hope to have a court website up and running by late spring or early summer. I am planning the website with the county webmaster. The address will be [www.chesco.org/judgekraut](http://www.chesco.org/judgekraut). Please check back to see its progress.
2. I propose instituting a program for elementary school student's perhaps a law day program. I believe there is a need for the general public to have an understanding of what takes place within our courts and the role the courts have in the separation of powers.
3. I am creating administrative rules for the court that should help cases flow better. These will be posted on the web site.
4. Truancy in the short time I have been in the court is an issue that needs to be addressed. I will contact our representatives in Harrisburg and work with the West Chester Area School District to come up with a program to help combat this issue.

My door is always open. If you have any suggestions on making the court run more efficiently or how we can better serve the public please let me know. Keep in mind that I cannot and will not discuss a case that I am to hear. The court staff nor I can give legal advice to the public, so please do not get angry at the staff when they tell you they can not answer your question. They are under strict orders not to give legal advice. I am very fortunate to have the court staff that is employed by our court. They are a dedicated hard working and conscientiousness group of people. Without them the court would not run as effectively as it does. Let me close by taking this opportunity to thank them.

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William D. Kraut  
Magisterial District Judge  
Westtown, West Goshen & Thornbury

## Reserving Township Park Facilities



To reserve the Smith Mansion please contact Helen Greer at the Township

Office (610-692-1903) or visit the Oakbourne Mansion website [www.oakbournemansion.org](http://www.oakbournemansion.org)

Reserving the Pavilion at Oakbourne or Tyson Park: The pavilion is reserved for Township residents only. If you are having a party of 10 or more and wish to use either pavilion please contact Adrienne Kane at the Township Office (610-692-1930) for

a reservation. There is no cost to reserve the pavilion.

**Fire Circle:** The fire circle which has been relocated near the pavilion is reserved for Scouts (Boys-Girls) only. If you are a scout leader and wish to use the fire circle you must reserved through the Township Office (610-692-1930).

*Join us for a  
Prelude to Mother's Day  
Old-Fashioned Victorian Tea  
at Oakbourne Mansion  
Sunday, May 4  
2:00 - 4:30 p.m.*

Come celebrate and recognize mothers, grandmothers, and other women with a mothering spirit.

As you sit back and enjoy the beautifully renovated Oakbourne Mansion, you will be served the perfect menu of **freshly baked scones, delectable tea sandwiches, fabulous pastries, and a wonderful selection of teas.**

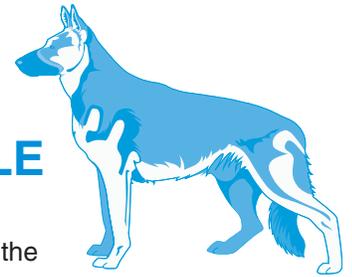
The cost for three courses of the finest tea sandwiches, the warmest scones, bountiful pastries, and a vast selection of teas is just \$19.50 per person. (Half price for children under ten.)

**Reservations are requested as space is limited. Please call the Township Office today to reserve your place, 610-692-1930.** To learn more about Oakbourne Mansion, go to [www.oakbournemansion.org](http://www.oakbournemansion.org).

*Celebrate the mother in your life!*

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! 2008 DOG LICENSE NOW AVAILABLE

### What are Pennsylvania's Dog Laws?



- All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued by the County Treasurer
- All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damages caused their dog.
- It is illegal to mistreat or abuse any animal. Violations should be reported to a local humane organization or the police.
- It is illegal to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog.
- No dog under seven weeks of age may be sold, traded, bartered or transferred.
- You may not place any poison or harmful substance in any place where dogs may easily eat it, whether it is your own property or elsewhere.
- You must have a current kennel license if you operate a facility that keeps, harbors, boards, shelters, sells, gives away or transfers a total of 26 or more dogs in any one calendar year.
- Owners of dogs and cats 3 months of age or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination. It is illegal to interfere with an officer or employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture engaged in enforcement of dog laws.

ALAN J RANDZIN  
CHESTER COUNTY TREASURER

LICENSE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT TREASURER'S OFFICE AND  
OUTSIDE AGENTS ARE LISTED ON [WWW.CHESCO.ORG](http://WWW.CHESCO.ORG). FOR INFORMATION  
ON LIFETIME LICENSE PLEASE CALL 610-344-6371

#### DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

DATE	DOG'S NAME			DOG'S AGE	BREED		
COLOR OF DOG:	SPOTTED <input type="checkbox"/>	WHITE <input type="checkbox"/>	BLACK <input type="checkbox"/>	BROWN <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER-INDICATE <input type="checkbox"/>		
<small>ALL PRICES INCLUDE ONE-DOLLAR SERVICE FEE ALLOWED BY LAW.</small>							
REGULAR FEE				PERSON WITH DISABILITY OR SENIOR CITIZEN FEE			
MALE \$8.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	NEUTERED MALE \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	FEMALE \$8.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	SPAYED FEMALE \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	MALE \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	NEUTERED MALE \$4.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	FEMALE \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	SPAYED FEMALE \$4.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
<small>If the license is issued by an agent of the COUNTY TREASURER, an additional .50¢ will be charged.</small>							
PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE THAT REQUIRES THE DOG OWNER BE A SENIOR CITIZEN, AGE 65 AND OLDER, OR A PERSON WITH DISABILITY, YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE OR DISABILITY TO THE <b>COUNTY TREASURER</b> OR <b>AGENT</b> .							
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OWNERS' NAME			TELEPHONE NO.		OWNER'S DATE OF BIRTH		
					MO.	DAY	YR.
STREET OR R.D. NO.				TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH			
CITY				STATE		ZIP CODE	
				<b>PA</b>			

## 2008 ROAD REPAIR PROGRAM

Westtown Township is currently compiling cost estimates and preparing bid specifications for road repaving and maintenance for the 2008 fiscal year. The selection process involves a physical evaluation of condition of all Township owned roads by the Roadmaster, Township Manager, and the Board of Supervisors members during a road inspection in the fall of the previous year. The group tours all areas of Township owned infrastructure together, looking at every area of concern and discussing identified issues on site. The compiled list of roads, identified on the road tour as requiring maintenance is then assessed on a condition basis (good, fair, poor), average traffic volume (usage) and actual repair methods required, including rehabilitation of base structure, drainage improvement, wearing course overlay to mention a few. Consideration is also given to the possibility the identified roads of being associated with potential sanitary sewer or water main installations in the near future or being impacted by any planned major development.

The final selections are made by the preparation of a detailed cost esti-



**ROAD  
CONSTRUCTION  
AHEAD**

mate of the total work required for each individual road using unit costs of labor and material gathered from the previous years actual cost for similar repairs. This year a budget of \$300,000 is allocated for road repairs. Westtown will seek competitive bids from area contractors in the next six weeks and make the final selection of roads to be repaired

in 2008 based upon prices received and available funding. The fluctuation in the oil markets greatly influences the prices for this road work since large amounts of diesel fuel are used to power the construction equipment and crude oil is a major component in the manufacture of asphalt materials.

## Oakbourne Garden Club

The Oakbourne Garden Club is in the process of returning the Clock Garden in Oakbourne Park to the way it might have been when the Smith's lived there in the 1890's. The Clock Garden is on the east side of the Mansion and surrounds the flag pole.

The Garden Club is looking for donations of perennials for the garden. If you will be dividing your perennials this spring please consider Oakbourne. Contact Helen Greer at the Township office 610-692-1930 for more information.



## TOWNSHIP TENNIS COURTS – OAKBOURNE PARK

A Reminder: You must purchase a key to use the tennis courts. Keys are available at the Township office. This is a one time fee. The cost for residents is \$20.00. For non-residents the cost is \$35.00. Senator Erickson's office was instrumental in securing a state grant which was used to rehabilitate the tennis courts last fall.



# WESTTOWN-EAST GOSHEN REGIONAL POLICE

## Cpl. Leo Kennedy - Traffic Safety Unit

Did you know the cost of being stopped for speeding?

§ 3362 of the Pennsylvania Code provides for a fine of \$35.00 for the first 5 MPH over the posted speed limit and an additional \$2.00 for every mile per hour a driver exceeds the speed limit thereafter. Additionally, a driver is assessed a \$10.00 EMS charge to fund the states emergency medical system, a surcharge of \$30, \$40, or \$50.00 to fund the state's catastrophic loss medical fund depending on how fast you were driving, \$33.00 for district court costs, and \$10.00 judicial computing costs.

The catastrophic loss medical surcharge mentioned above is governed by § 6506 (a)(4) of the vehicle code and applied to speeding tickets at the following rate:

- 01 to 15 MPH over the posted speed limit \$30.00
- 16 to 25 MPH over the posted speed limit \$40.00
- 26 MPH and above the posted speed limit \$50.00

Points are governed by § 1535 (a) of the vehicle code and assessed for speeding violations using the below schedule:

- 06 to 10 MPH over the posted speed limit 2 points
- 11 to 15 MPH over the posted speed limit 3 points
- 16 to 25 MPH over the posted speed limit 4 points
- 26 to 30 MPH over the posted speed limit 5 points
- 31 and over the posted speed limit 5 points  
**(and probable suspension)**

Points are removed at a rate of 3 per year.

Considering all of that information: What will a speeding ticket cost you? Here are two examples. The first one, driving 36 MPH in a posted 25 MPH and the second driving 50 MPH in a posted 35 MPH:

### 36 MPH in a 25 MPH Zone

Fine:	\$47.00
E. M. S.	\$10.00
MCARE	\$30.00
COSTS	\$33.00
JCP/ATJ	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>
<b>Points</b>	<b>3</b>

### 50 MPH in a 35 MPH Zone

FINE:	\$55.00
E. M. S.	\$10.00
MCARE	\$30.00
COSTS	\$33.00
JCP/ATJ	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138.00</b>
<b>Points</b>	<b>3</b>

**PLEASE  
OBEY  
THE  
SPEED  
LIMIT**



## BEHIND THE BADGE

## WESTTOWN-EAST GOSHEN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT 2007-OFFICER OF THE YEAR – Jonathan Stafford

Officer Stafford is a 9 year veteran of the Westtown E. Goshen Regional Police Department and is currently assigned to the patrol division. Jon Stafford graduated from the Delaware County Community College Police Academy in 1998 and began his career with the police department in 1999. In addition to the police academy, Stafford holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Immaculata University in Management and will graduate in May 2008 with a Law degree from Temple University. While attending Temple University Officer Stafford received the Donald M. Gravatt Scholarship and in 2008 was one of only six students awarded a State Court Honors Internship.

In addition to his regular patrol duties, Officer Stafford's teaches first aid and CPR for the Police Department's Citizens Police Academy and is an Emergency Medical Technician. He is also a Tactical Operator with the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team which is a multi-agency rapid deployment

unit consisting of specially trained Officers to deal with high risk and critical incidents.

The Officer of the Year is selected by vote of the members of the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department. Officer Stafford is a prior recipient of the Police Department's Officer of the Year Award in 2004.

Outside of police work Jon Stafford is married and enjoys spending time with his three children. Officer Stafford also volunteers with the Good Will Fire Company, one of the three stations that comprise the West Chester Fire Department. Stafford has served the fire department for 15 years and currently holds the rank of Lieutenant.



## 11th ANNUAL CRC STREAMS CLEANUP IS MAY 3rd

CRC's Annual Streams Cleanup is always a great family-oriented and community event, involving volunteers and sponsors from many of our municipalities, businesses, civic groups, and other conservation organizations. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3rd if you want to join the fun! Last year more than 400 volunteers joined in to clean up over 10 tons of trash. Volunteers meet at 9AM at one of the 40-plus sites; the average site cleanup takes just 2 to 2 1/2 hours. We hope to see many

of your afterwards at the complimentary picnic lunch for volunteers at Rose Tree Park, which runs from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Free Stream Cleanup tee-shirts for volunteers can be picked up at the picnic.

You can volunteer at a specific site or "where most needed." You can propose a cleanup site. We also need a handful of site coordinators. Just contact Cleanup Coordinator and Board Member Rich Erickson at [erickson3@comcoast.net](mailto:erickson3@comcoast.net) or 610 565-6691.

To view a complete listing of CRC Streams Cleanup sites and the coordinators please go to our website [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).



## PLANNING CALENDAR

### SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION—

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH, AND  
SATURDAY, MAY 10TH.**

**The Township Office will be closed  
on the following dates:**

**Memorial Day – May 26th  
July 4th**

**All Board of Supervisors and Planning  
Commission Meetings are held at the  
Township Municipal Building, 1039  
Wilmington Pike, Westtown.**

### April

**Board of Supervisors:** 7th and 21st –  
7:30 PM

**Planning Commission:** 9th and 23rd –  
7:30 PM

**Friends of Oakbourne:** 10th –  
Oakbourne Park – Meeting Room –  
7:00 PM

### May

**Board of Supervisors:** 5th and 19th –  
7:30 PM

**Planning Commission:** 7th and 21st –  
7:30 PM

## Westtown Gazette by Email

Residents who would like to receive the Westtown Gazette via email, please contact Sandi Preston in the Township Office. The email version will arrive several days earlier and the pictures will be in color.

### June

**Board of Supervisors:** 2nd and 16th –  
7:30 PM

**Planning Commission:** 4th and 18th –  
7:30 PM

### July

**Board of Supervisors:** 7th and 21st –  
7:30 PM

**Planning Commission:** 9th and 23rd –  
7:30 PM

## Save The Dates

The Parks Advisory Group of Westtown Township is pleased to present the following events to be held this summer. For more information on any of these activities, please contact the Township Office at 610-692-1930.

### A Prelude to Mother's Day Old-Fashioned Victorian Tea

Oakbourne Mansion  
Sunday, May 4, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
\$19.50 per person (half price for children under ten) Reservations requested; Please call Township Office

### Movie Nights in the Park

Fridays, July 11 and August 8  
Oakbourne Park  
8-9:30 p.m. (G/PG movies only)  
No cost; BYOB (Bring Your Own Blanket)

### Best of Westtown Dog Show

Saturday, September 13  
Oakbourne Park  
\$5 entry fee for all dogs  
More information in the next Township newsletter

**REFUSE & RECYCLING**

**RECYCLING AND TRASH INFORMATION**

**SPRING YARD WASTE PICKUP** – Saturday, April 26 & Saturday, May 10

Leaves must be in the brown biodegradable bags. Branches 3’ in length. Please have out by 7:00Am.

**Computer Recycling** – Staples Office Supply Store is now collection used computers/printers at all their locations. There is a charge of \$10.00 item.

**Holiday Pickup** – The following are the official holidays for A. J. Blosenski: New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Trash will not be collected on these days. Your makeup days are: Monday Pickup – trash/recycling is collected the Saturday before the holiday. Thursday pickup your trash/recycling is collected the Saturday after the holiday.

Thank you for your recycling efforts. The Township residential recycling collection for 2007 was 33%. Keep up the good work. If you need a new recycling bin or an extra bin they are available at the Township office. Compost bins also available at the Township office.

**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. *NO plate glass, ceramics, drinking glasses, etc.*

**Plastic:** Must be marked with #1 through #7 inside triangle on bottom. Rinse clean. Remove lids and discard. Labels may be left on. *NO unmarked containers or containers marked with other than #1 through #7 inside the triangle on bottom.* 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. *No other aluminum items.*

**Bi-Metal Cans:** Rinse clean. Cans may be flattened. Examples include pet food cans, soup cans, vegetable cans. *NO cans with plastic parts. NO paint or aerosol cans.*

**Newspaper, Magazines, Phone Books, Junk Mail, small cardboard boxes (cereal, crackers, etc) & Office Paper:** Combine in paper bag or bundle and tie.

**Yard Waste (excluding leaves):** May be included in regular pickup. Bags of grass not to exceed 50 lbs. Branches acceptable in tied bundles no longer than 3’ in length.

**Cardboard Boxes:** Must be cut in three foot squares, 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.

**Composting**

Composting bins and information on Composting are available at the Township Office during regular business hours. Did you know that grass, leaves, and other wastes from lawns and gardens account for an estimated 18% of the annual municipal waste stream? Most yard waste can be composted along with fruit, vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, and egg shells. The end product from composting is great soil/mulch for your flower, trees, or vegetable garden. **THINK COMPOSTING**

**LEAVE YOUR GRASS CLIPPINGS AS YOU MOW.** Clippings provide nutrition of your lawn. They are

comprised of water, organic matter, nitrogen, and a small amount of phosphorus – all things your grass needs. Because clippings supply up to 50% of a lawn’s nitrogen needs over the season, you will not need as much fertilizer. Clippings from regular mowings will NOT cause thatch build up and will not hurt the grass.

**PLEASE DO NOT DUMP YARD WASTE CLIPPINGS, BRANCHES OR LEAVES IN THE STREET WHERE IT CAN WASH INTO STORM DRAINS, OR IN PARKS, ALONG STREAMS, OR PILED AT THE BASE OF TREES.**

# A.J. BLOSENSKI, INC.

## Trash & Recycling Service

A.J. Blosenski, Inc. specializes in prompt deliveries, efficient and personalized service to meet the needs of our customers at all times.

For complete waste removal services call, **610-942-2707**

**Fax: 610-942-2495**



### **Service Includes:**

Residential • Commercial • Industrial • Construction  
Special Pick-Up • Roll Off Container Service



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