



WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Report To The Citizens Of Westtown Township
From the Westtown Township Board of Supervisors



Manager’s Report:

In December, 2012, the Board of Supervisors submitted a revised sewer management plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). This plan was allowed by a Consent Order with DEP, under which the Township has been operating. The plan submitted did not provide for the extension of any public sewer line. Rather, it put the Township in the role of monitoring all parcels with an on-lot system to ensure that they are being properly maintained. If they are not maintained, then the Township would be required to do so at the owner’s expense.

At this writing, DEP has not notified the Township whether its on-lot management program has been accepted. Until DEP has fully reviewed the plan and given its approval, the Township will not know what form the sewer program will take.

All we can say is – stay tuned. We will notify residents as soon as we receive further information.

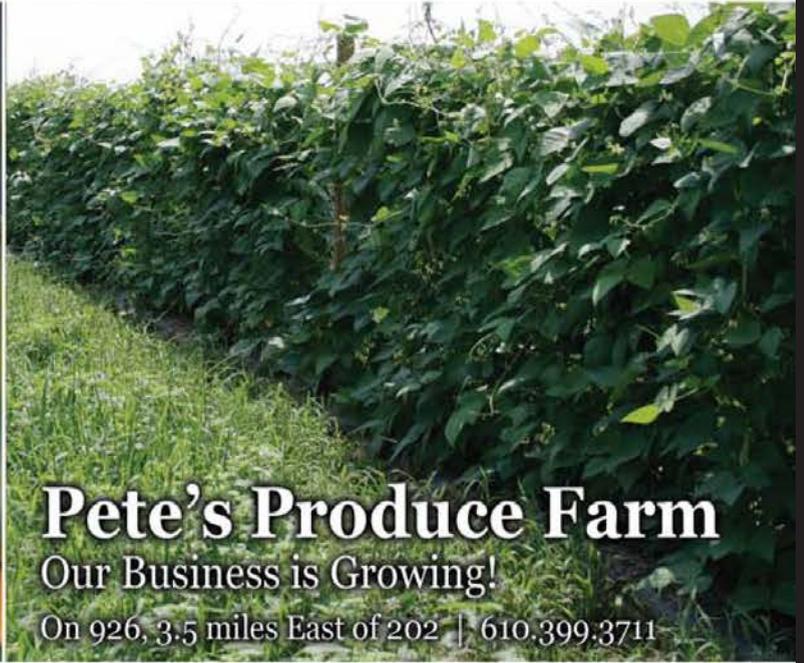
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BULLETIN BOARD:

Pay Sewer and Trash Bills Online.

Beginning in April 2013, Westtown residents can use Visa, Master Card, and Discover to pay their utility bills online. There is no fee for this service. Check the website, www.westtownpa.org, for more information.

Email Alert.

Do you want to be notified of special meetings and events, cancelation of Township meetings, etc? Send an email to maillist@westtown.org. Put “Mailing List” in the subject line.

Website Alerts.

Look for meeting cancelations, special events, press releases from the Westtown East Goshen Police, and other alerts on the News and Information page of the Township website, www.westtownpa.org

Save paper!

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2013 Budget Update

JoAnne Grube, Finance Director



By now you have received your Township Real Estate Tax Bill for 2013. For those of you who did not read about it in the local newspaper, meeting minutes, or hear via the grapevine, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2013 budget, which included a tax increase from 2.5 mills to 3.5 mills on the assessed value of your property. No municipal official wants to raise taxes. This decision was not taken lightly given our difficult economic times. The Board has committed to prepare Westtown to meet the challenges facing our community. This tax increase was deemed necessary to narrow the shortfall between Westtown's future capital needs and identified funding.

The objective of the financial plan is to avoid the "Pay-As-You-Go-Budget" mentality and incorporate "Pay-As-You-Go-Financing", whereby reserves are accumulated for special projects and unplanned expenses. Adequate "Pay-As-You-Go-Financing" combined with increased revenues will ensure Westtown's long-term financial stability.

What does this mean to you, the homeowner? If your taxes are escrowed by a mortgage company, this may result in an escrow shortage for 2013. The assessed value of your property (not the market value) can be found on your tax bill. A mill is worth 1/1000 of a dollar or .001. This assessed value is used to calculate Township, County, and School Taxes.

A sample tax distribution for a Westtown homeowner with an assessed home value of \$200,000 is charted below

Westtown's tax increase is expected to generate approximately \$730,000 in new revenue, which will serve multiple initiatives. These include funding for ongoing infrastructure repairs, street reconstruction, technology improvements such as web site design/maintenance, public works vehicle replacement program and "state of good repair" projects, all of which have been neglected in recent years. New unfunded federal and state mandates are also squeezing an already lean budget and contributing to the shortfall. Additionally, we need to focus on encouraging patterns of growth that will enhance, as well as protect, Westtown's future. To this end, an analysis of the Zoning Ordinances (last full revision in 1991) and an update of the current Comprehensive Plan (last revision 2001) will be placed on the list of initiatives. Obviously, choices regarding the level of funding for each must be weighed and prioritized in a fiscally responsible manner to meet Westtown's target goals. Your elected Board of Supervisors remains committed to the implementation of this multi-year capital program which is updated annually as part of the budget process.

2013 Tax Distribution for Assessed Value of \$200,000

\$5,208.60



The Welcoming Face

For the past 11 years, residents who visited the Township Office were greeted by a friendly face. Regardless of circumstances, this face did not change. The weather could be gloomy, the demands of the day could be difficult, but this face was always welcoming to those who came into the building. For many, this face brightened the day. This face belonged to Luke, a German Shepherd whose owner, Elaine Adler, has been a longtime member of the Township staff.

Luke was born in August 2001, and was a fixture in the office since he was eight weeks old. In February, Luke passed away after a bout with cancer. Over his final months Luke continued to come to the office. While his physical enthusiasm was restrained toward the end, his charm was always on display. He could not stand up at the counter as he had regularly in the past, but he greeted visitors as best he could.

Luke gave a special “Westtown welcome” to all who met him. He leaves us the legacy of all beloved pets – memories that will be cherished.

He will be missed.



Tips From The Westtown-East Goshen Police Department

Crime Tip

The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department is urging all residents to lock their vehicles at night and remove valuables from plain view in the passenger compartment. In the past year the police department has seen an increase in theft from vehicle complaints, the majority of vehicles entered were left unlocked.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

On Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department will work in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration to offer a safe and convenient way to dispose of unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs. This collection site will be located inside the East Goshen Giant Food Store located at 1375 Boot Road. Additional information about the program is available at www.dea.gov.

2012 Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Officer of the Year
Every year members of the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department

select one member of the police department that did exceptional work. The 2012 Officer of the Year was identified as Detective/Sergeant Glenn Bretz. Sergeant Bretz has worked for the police department for 23 years and is assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. Sergeant Bretz specializes in forensic processing, fingerprint identification and crime scene management.

Lieutenant DiCave receives a Letter of Commendation from West Chester P.D.

On February 20, 2013 Lt. James DiCave appeared before the West Chester Borough Council to be recognized for his actions on May 6, 2012 during a police emergency in West Chester Borough. Lt. DiCave, a Hostage Negotiator with the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team, responded to the Justice Center Parking Garage where a male individual was threatening to jump from the top level of the garage. Lt. DiCave recognized the individual from prior police contacts and immediately took the position of lead negotiator. Lt. DiCave was able to talk the individual off the ledge after hours of negotiations.



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

Dear Friends, Neighbours and Fellow Citizens:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm personal greeting to you. It is difficult for me to believe that I have served as your Magisterial District Judge for the past 5 years. 2013 is an election year and the primary is May 21st. Like last election I will be cross filing on both the Republican and Democratic ballots. I look forward to seeing many of you at the polls.

My first term has gone quickly and it has humbly left me with many life lessons and experiences. I want you to know that I am personally thankful for your continued faith and trust in me. I am committed to continuing to strengthen our community in the coming year. It is the sworn obligation of a Judge to ensure that every case tried in his or her Court is adjudicated expeditiously, courteously, and according to law, with the fullest protection for the rights of all who are involved. I follow this belief daily.

This is my annual "State of the Court" address to the citizens of Westtown Township. 2012 was a busy year for our court. I am proud to report that the state of Magisterial District Court 15-2-03 remains solid, sound and stable and will remain intact with the statewide redistricting.

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 currently 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 matters up to \$12,000.00 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 (the trial court). I also set and accept bail and arraign defendants after arrest. This could happen day or night. I issue search warrants based upon testimony from our local police force, state police and the state's Attorney General's office.

Public trust and confidence begins with a fair and impartial judiciary. Every day I and the other District Judges work to pro-

vide 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 2012 was 6,070 cases filed. The cases filed in 2012 broke down as follows: 391 criminal cases, 389 civil cases, 4,122 traffic cases, 218 Landlord Tenant cases, and 949 summary cases. For the year 2012 the gross amount of revenue District Court 15-2-03 took in was \$829,674.74. Of that Westtown Township received \$46,775.77.

District Court 15-2-03 is located at the Government Services Center (GSC) 601 Westtown Road, Suite 110 West Chester, PA 19380. Our telephone number is 610-436-5757, our fax number is 610-431-5755 and the Court website is www.chesco.org/judgekraut. The Court's hours are Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. The court's jurisdiction includes Westtown Township, West Goshen Township and Thornbury Township Chester County.

My door is always open. If you have any suggestions on making the court run more efficiently or how our court 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 cannot answer your questions. They are under strict orders not to give legal advice. The public and I are very fortunate to have the staff that is employed at our court. They are a dedicated, hard working and conscientiousness group of people. Without them the court would not run as effectively and efficiently as it does.

As always I am available to speak to civic groups, scouts, and schools. Tours of the Court are available for schools and scouts.

In closing as I start each day I try to remember the following "the most extraordinary aspect of the judiciary in a free society is that even while exercising the authority entrusted to them, judges remain the servants, not the masters, of those on whom they sit in judgment."

William D. Kraut

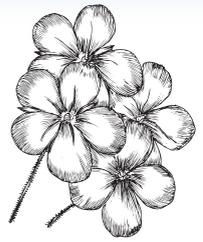
Magisterial District Judge

Westtown, West Goshen & Thornbury

Planting Time!

Westtown Community Garden

Supervisor Carol DeWolf



The Community Garden members are planning another great year of activities and vegetable growing in our raised bed garden boxes. We have an enthusiastic group of gardeners who will volunteer their experience to help you get started growing some of your very own vegetables. We still have space for some new folks to join us! The raised bed boxes are \$150.00 and we help you to construct them. Our annual fees thereafter are \$25.00 per year.

Please contact Pam Coleman at the township office to obtain the associated forms and phone numbers of who to contact to join our gardening community at Oakbourne Park.



Report from the Open Space Task Force

How can Westtown Township improve our parks, recreation, and open space system?

To answer this question, the Township needs to know what is important to you – and to that end, we are providing a questionnaire for residents to tell us what they think. The information gathered will be used to help develop the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan for Westtown Township. Once completed, the Plan will serve as a ten-year guide so that citizens benefit from the kinds of park, open space, and recreation opportunities in which they are interested.

The Township not only wants to know what works well in our parks, recreation, and open space, but also what can be improved. Your suggestions are valuable, and we hope you will take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/westtownsurvey, or by following the link on our website, www.westtownpa.org. To make sure that your views are considered, please complete the questionnaire as soon as you can. Also encourage your family, friends, and neighbors who are Westtown residents to join in this effort. The more Township residents we hear from, the better our plan will be in meeting community needs!

A summary of the findings from citizens' input will be posted on the Township's website as well as in the Township newsletter.

Oakbourne Park & Mansion



You may know Oakbourne Park as the wooded area off S. Concord Rd where the ball fields and tennis courts reside. You may know Oakbourne Mansion as the old house with the castle-like water tower that sits at the top of the hill. But did you know that both of these places started out as the private home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hulme in the late 1800's? In 1882 James C. Smith of Philadelphia purchased the Hulme's home and 123 acres of land. The Smiths enlarged and refurbished the granite mansion and established a 27-acre park including a small body of water named Oakbourne Lake.

Mr. Smith died in 1893 and his wife three years later. According to her will the property was left to the Philadelphia Protestant Episcopal City Mission with the stipulation that it was to be used as a retreat for sick and convalescent young woman and thus, The James C. Smith Memorial Home was established in 1896.

The home operated for more than 70 years and it has been reported that 15,600 women were guests while the home was opened. Unfortunately, the expense of operating the home became too great, and it was forced to close in 1971.

Westtown Township acquired this gem and its surrounding acres during the 1970's and transformed it into today's Oakbourne Park

Today, Westtown Township and its Parks and Recreation Commission invite you to come and enjoy Oakbourne Park and Mansion! Whether you are new to the township or a lifelong resident, Oakbourne has something to offer everyone.

Boasting 93 acres of wooded land in the heart of Westtown Township, Oakbourne Park offers beautiful trails to hike, walk or run no matter the season. Pets welcome! Oakbourne Pond, nestled in the center of the park grounds, is a great place to while away a sunny afternoon fishing. Or, bring the kids to romp on the playground equipment or use the upper athletic field near the Water Tower for a pickup game of soccer, football, kickball or Frisbee. The Pavilion, equipped with charcoal grill and water source, is available for family and friends who want to party, picnic or play!

The Mansion, which is being refreshed and renewed, is available for touring during Open Houses from 1-3 p.m. on

Sunday, May 19th and Sunday, June 30th. Come see the beauty of its Victorian architecture and carved wood décor. Join the Parks and Recreation Commission for any of the fun events planned throughout the year at Oakbourn Park and Mansion, or plan your own event. We can help you host any affair, large or small, in the newly renovated Dunning Room or any of the other beautiful rooms available. Indoors or out, Oakbourn Park and Mansion is a great place to enjoy time and make memories with family and friends! For more information visit www.oakbournemansion.org.

Come enjoy Westtown's wonderful treasure often.....

Please note that the Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for historical information about Oakbourn Mansion and The James C. Smith Memorial Home. If you have any old pictures, articles, maps, or stories you would like to share, please contact us at 610-692-1930.



Join us for a
Prelude to Mother's Day Tea
at
Oakbourn Mansion

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH FROM 12:00 – 4:00PM

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

Enjoy the splendor of OAKBOURNE MANSION as you are served the perfect menu of freshly baked scones, delectable tea sandwiches, fabulous pastries, and a wonderful selection of international teas.

The cost is \$24.50 per person.
(half price for children under 10)

Reservations are required as
space is limited.

Please call the township office today, **610-692-1930**

Third Annual Community Yard Sale

It's that time again! Whether you are looking to clear the clutter or add to it, join the fun at our third annual community yard sale on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Oakbourne Park, 1014 S. Concord Road. Sale begins at 10am (NO early birds!) and ends at 1pm.



Go to westtownpa.org/parks for registration forms & more information....
and check us out on Facebook: Westtown Township Parks & Recreation

Thanks

A **HUGE** thank you to township resident
John Vinnacombe

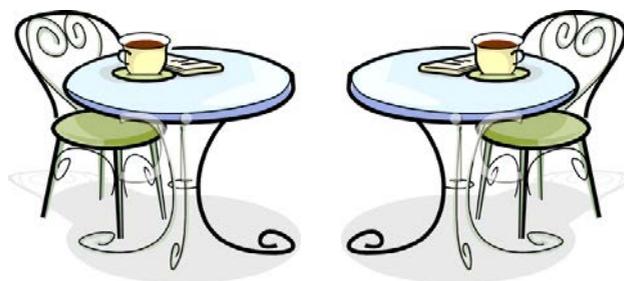
for helping Parks & Rec
build a set of sandwich board signs
for our community events.

Not only did he **volunteer** to construct the
signs, he also did a **FABULOUS** job!

Thanks again, John, for all your help!

WANTED: Bistro Tables & Chairs

For Oakbourne Mansion

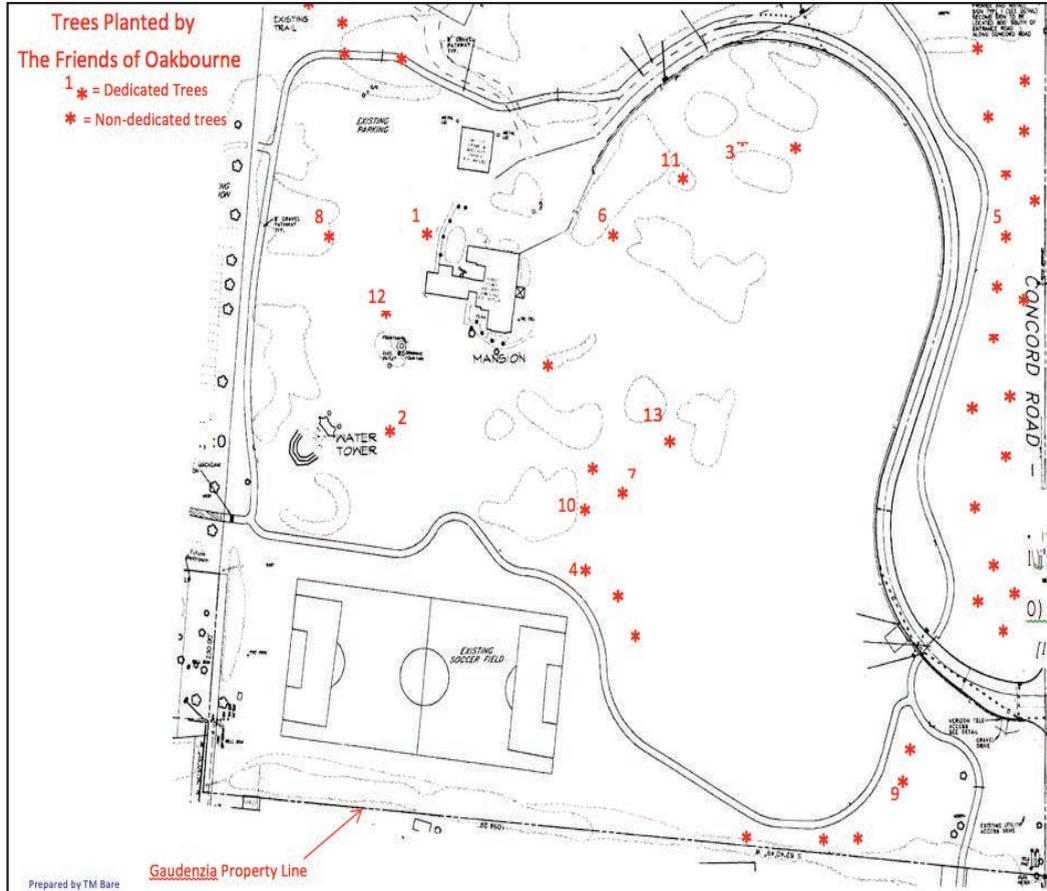


**The Parks & Rec Commission is in
need of gently used tables and chairs
to use for mansion events.**

Please contact the Township Office if you have
some to donate. (610-692-1930) They can be
dropped off or a pick-up can be arranged.

The Friends of Oakbourne Tree Planting Program

Over the past several years, the Friends of Oakbourne have planted many trees in Westtown Township's Oakbourne Park as part of their efforts to replace dead or dying specimen trees in the park arboretum and to introduce new trees in other areas of the park. As part of the tree planting program, provisions have been made to allow donations from individuals for dedicated or memorial trees to be planted in specific areas of the park and arboretum.



The accompanying map of the arboretum area of the park shows the location of the Friends of Oakbourne's planted trees, both dedicated and non-dedicated. The individuals to whom the dedicated trees commemorate, the date the dedicated tree was planted and the variety of tree are displayed in the accompanying Dedicated Tree table. To find the location of the tree for a particular person, look at the arboretum map and find the red asterisk with the appropriate map number from the table. Having a tree planted in Oakbourne Park as part of the Friends of Oakbourne tree dedication program is an ideal way to commemorate a loved one or special event and to beautify our gem of a park for everyone to enjoy. For more information on the tree planting program, call the Westtown Township Manager (610-692-1930) or Tom Bare (610-399-1572; email: tmbare@hotmail.com).

Friends of Oakbourne Dedicated Trees

Map	Dedicated To:	Date Planted	Tree
1	A. Pierson Sill	10/14/2005	Red Oak
2	L. Charles Scipione	6/13/2006	Sugar Maple
3	Dr and Mrs Henry Sineath (Si and Betty Sineath)	4/22/2007	Copper Beech
4	Sinclair Adam	4/22/2007	Bur Oak
5	Charles Mengers	4/22/2007	Ornamental Cherry(Prunus 'Akebon')
6	John and Virginia Bare	4/16/2012	Black Tupelo
7	Walter Pavelchek	4/19/2008	Dogwood
8	Michael Eberhardt	5/17/2008	Japanese Zelkova
9	Suzanne Roberts	4/25/2009	Stewartia
10	Mahlon Rossiter	5/21/2009	Dogwood
11	Kenton Stokes	6/17/2009	Japanese Cedar
12	William Steele	4/21/2011	Katsura
13	Tom Foster	4/16/2012	Princeton American Elm

“Make a splash” at the April 20th Goose Creek Cleanup

How about “Making a Splash” for Cleaner Water this coming Earth Day? Consider joining fellow residents and Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) volunteers for the 8th Annual Chester Creek Cleanup of Goose Creek on Saturday, April 20th from 9am to 11am. Last year, an impressive 15,290 pounds of trash and 32 tires were removed from streambeds or streamside areas by 122 volunteers in West Goshen, West Chester, Thornbury, and Westtown locations, leaving Goose Creek considerably cleaner for recreation, wildlife, and drinking water. To sign up as a volunteer or to lead a group please contact CRC at 610-359-1449 or crc@nni.com. Civic and school groups are encouraged to participate.



You are invited to attend Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association Spring Meeting:

“The Flow of History along Chester, Ridley and Crum Creeks”

Sunday, April 7, 2013 2:00-3:30

Old Mill in Rose Valley

Rose Valley, PA 19063

Come early for a social gathering, displays, and complimentary refreshments at 1:30.

Attendees are invited to enjoy a short hike through the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary guided by Conservation Biologist Dr. Roger Latham after the program. The program is free.

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Township Scheduled Meetings & Events

April, 2013

1, 15 – Board of Supervisors
3, 17 – Planning Commission
9 – Parks & Recreation 8,
11 – Open Space Task Force
13 – Yard Waste Pickup
27 – Community Yard Sale

May, 2013

5 – Mothers' Day Tea
6, 20 - Board of Supervisors
22 - Planning Commission
9 – Open Space Task Force
11 - Yard Waste Pickup
14 – Parks & Recreation

June, 2013

3, 17 - Board of Supervisors
5, 19 - Planning Commission
8 - Yard Waste Pickup
11 - Parks and Recreation
13 – Open Space Task Force

July, 2013

1, 15 - Board of Supervisors
3, 17 - Planning Commission
9 - Parks and Recreation
13 - Yard Waste Pickup
26 - Movie Night

All Board of Supervisors, and Planning

Commission Meetings are held at:

Township Municipal Building,
1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown.

Park and Recreation Meetings are held at:

Oakbourne Mansion, 1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown.
Time 7:30pm.

Township Offices will be closed

on the following days:

- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day

News from The Okehocking Nature Center

Located on Route 3 between Garret Mill and Delchester Roads



National Wildlife Federation Backyard Habitat Workshop on Saturday, April 13th and Sunday, April 14th

(with a third session to be determined to complete this 25 hour workshop) You will learn how to best provide food, water and cover for wildlife to raise their young. Registration is limited to 15 and the cost is \$50. Contact NWF Certified Host, Derek Stedman to register or ask your questions at dcsahs2@verizon.net.

Rain Garden Demonstration will start at 10 am on Saturday, April 27th at the Nature Center's farmhouse.

Sarah Hutchin will teach you about the benefits of creating a rain garden to capture runoff while attracting birds, butterflies and beneficial insects using the example of the one being installed at the Nature Center. This is a free and interactive program. Enter at the Route 3 driveway and park in the lower lot or by the farmhouse.

Eco-Discovery Camp at Okehocking Preserve for kids ages 7-10 who want to experience the great outdoors in July!

This program is provided by the Upper Main Line YMCA's Environmental Education Complex. For dates, details and registration information, please visit www.umly.org/okehocking or call 610-647-9622, ext. 2405

About Willistown's Okehocking Nature Center

The Okehocking Preserve was established in 2001 in cooperation with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Chester County, using Open Space Funds. The 180-acre Preserve is a unique property that includes mature woods, meadowlands, uplands, wetlands and riparian areas along a tributary and the main stem of Ridley Creek. The Preserve includes 5 miles of mown and wooded walking trails. For more information about the Okehocking Preserve and Okehocking Nature Center visit www.willistownparks.org

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.

Paper:

Newspaper, Magazines, Phone Books, Junk Mail, small cardboard boxes (cereal, crackers, etc) & Office Paper: Must be in a paper bag or bundled and tied. DO NOT COMINGLE LOOSELY with other recyclables, or your recycling will not be collected.

Yard Waste/Leaves:

Cannot be placed in the regular trash & only collected on scheduled days. Must be in paper bags or in a container that can be dumped. Branches must be three feet in length and tied. Yard Waste collection dates are posted on the Township website www.westtownpa.org, in the Township Gazette, and on your utility bills.

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.

2013 Trash & Recycling Information

Holiday Pickup Schedule: Trash will not be collected on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. For Monday pickups, trash and recycling will be collected the Saturday before the holiday; Thursday pickups will be collected the Saturday after the holiday.

Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste

Collection: As of January 24, 2013, Pennsylvania law prohibits the disposal of electronic waste in the regular trash. Visit www.chestercountyswa.org for other e-waste collection events scheduled throughout the county.

Large Item Collection:

Bulk items will be picked up on the last collection date of the month. You are allowed to put out three large items, such as appliances without Freon and furniture. Construction debris (shingles, drywall, lumber, etc.) will not be collected. If you are not sure about the disposal of a bulk item please contact the Township.

Freecycle:

Do you have an item that you no longer need? Consider joining the Freecycle movement. The mission of Freecycle is to keep usable items out of our landfills by offering them to people in your community via an online forum. For more information, visit:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ChesterCntyPAFreecycle/>

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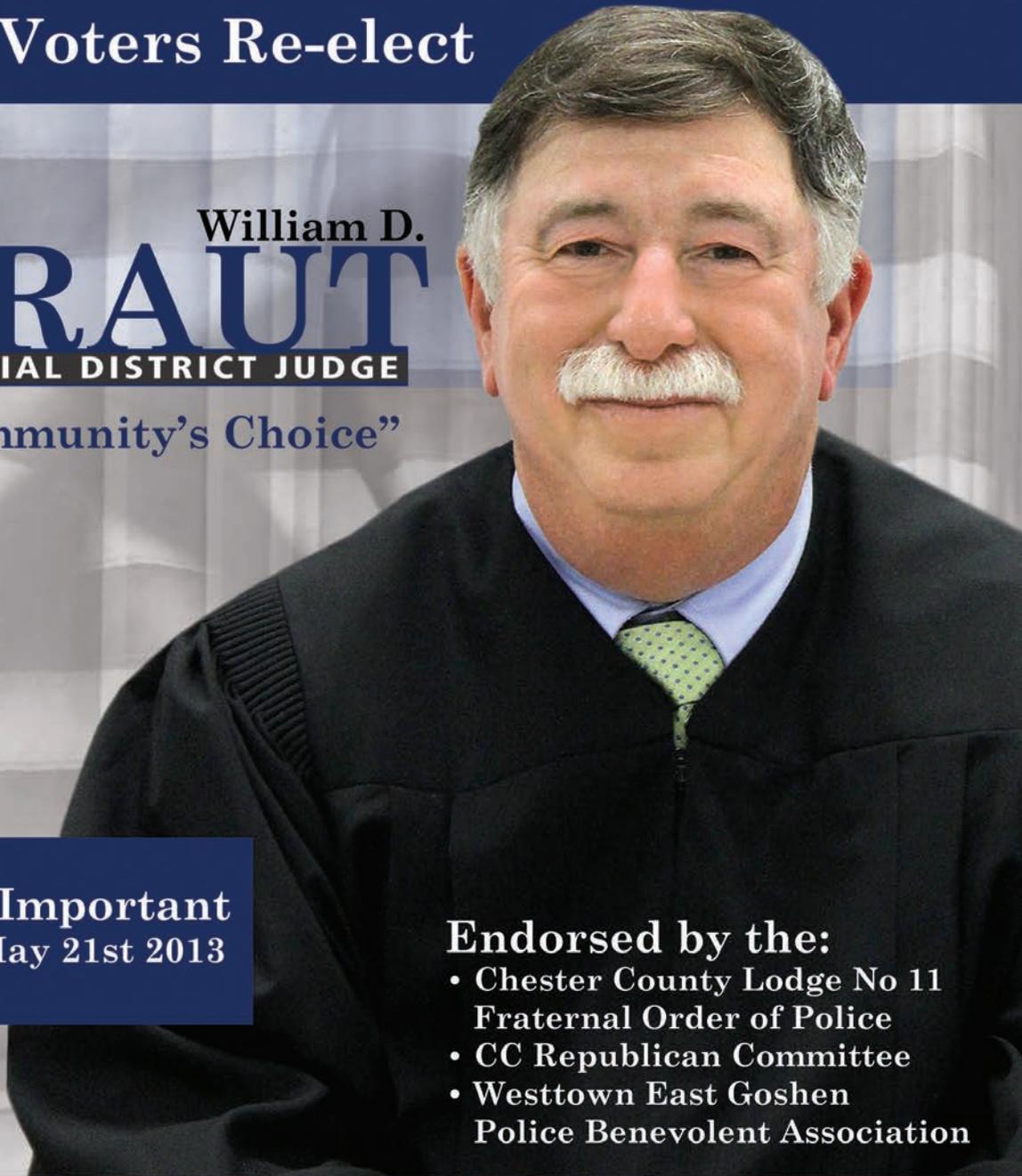
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