



# WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP  
*From the Westtown Township Board of Supervisors*

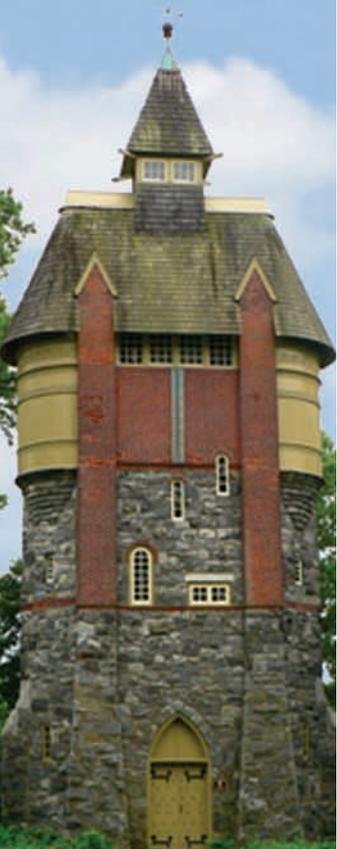
## MANAGER'S REPORT PUBLIC SEWERS

On October 1st, 2012, the Board of Supervisors formally approved a revision to the Westtown Township Act 537 Plan and submitted the Plan to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for review and approval. The regulations allow for up to 180 days for DEP review, although the Township may receive a response from DEP sooner.

As submitted, the revised Act 537 Plan would not result in any public sewer extensions to existing residences. Rather, the Township would set-up an on-lot sewage management program to ensure all on-lot sewage systems are properly maintained and repaired as needed.

Under the on-lot sewage management program, property owners with an on-lot sewage system would be required to have their sewage system inspected by a qualified contractor of their choice using Township supplied inspection forms. Initial detailed inspections would be required within the first three years of the program, with simpler routine inspections completed every three years thereafter. In addition to the inspection requirements, all on-lot systems would be required to be maintained regularly, most notably by regular system pumping. Records for all these activities would be submitted to the Township, which would maintain a database to assist with DEP required enforcement of program activities. While discussion of the public sewer option focused on the eastern portion of the Township, it should be noted that the on-lot sewage management program will apply to all properties in the Township served by on-lot sewage systems.

Upon DEP approval of the new Act 537 Plan, the Township will work diligently to prepare detailed standards and protocols for on-lot sewage management program implementation. Residents will be informed of these details prior to adoption of an ordinance that would memorialize program requirements.



### Join us for the 3rd annual Winter Festival

Sunday, December 2, 3-5 p.m.  
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**Join us for the free, family-friendly festivities!**

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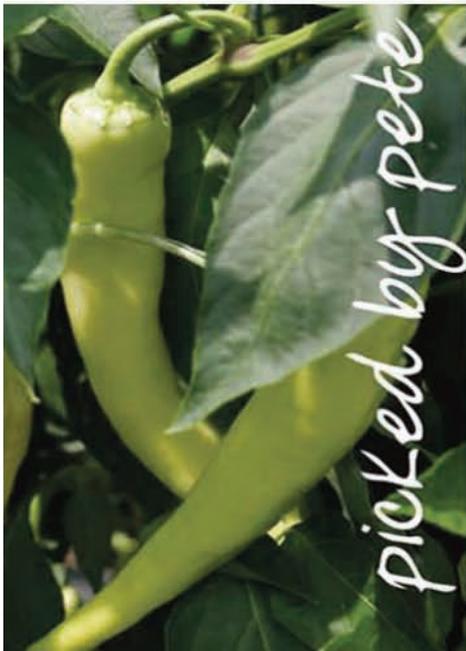


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## Bulletin Board

### Delinquent Utility Bills

In the April, 2012, edition of the Gazette, an article noted that Westtown Township had turned over its delinquent utility bills to Portnoff Law Associates for collection. The very significant total of these unpaid accounts was putting the Township in a financial hole. All accounts unpaid for three quarters will be turned over to Portnoff for collection. Penalties and fees will be added to the amount due on these accounts.

The Township urges everyone to keep their account current so that they are not turned over for collection.

### Township Planning Commission Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Township Planning Commission. Anyone interested should send a letter and a brief resume to Robert Layman, Township Manager, [rlayman@westtown.org](mailto:rlayman@westtown.org).

The Planning Commission schedules two meetings a month. Members often attend seminars on topics of concern to the Commission and represent the Commission at other meetings. Field trips are scheduled as necessary. Plans and other materials to be discussed are distributed to the Commission in advance of the meetings to allow for study and review. Members are expected to attend on a regular basis and to participate in the extra activities.

For more information on Planning Commission activity, call or email Elaine Adler in the Township Office, 610 6922-1930 or [eadler@westtown.org](mailto:eadler@westtown.org)

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



## Westtown East Goshen Regional Police

The Westtown Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce that in early October, negotiations were completed and an agreement was reached by all parties on the terms of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Westtown East Goshen Police Association. The agreement extends and modifies the police labor contract which will now run through the end of 2018. At the same time, a Police Services Agreement was completed with Thornbury Township to continue providing full time police service. This will also run through the end of 2018. These contracts allow the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department to continue its regional approach and operations for the next six years. The cost savings that will be realized by these contracts will make the WEGO Police Department more sustainable over the long run.



Westtown Township in all of its actions desired to preserve our longstanding relationships with our regional partners, and the continuance of WEGO. The persistence of all parties involved made this outcome possible, and we are pleased with the result. The Townships were able to step back from the brink of dissolution to a position of resolution, with a new agreement as well as the intent to evaluate the lessons learned and changes which may be needed both in the Police Department itself and the organizational structure. To this end the municipal leaders of Westtown, East Goshen and Thornbury will be in further discussion to evaluate our next steps for continuing to better our regional police services and the administration and management of them.

Gene Dooley, Chief of the East Whiteland Township Police Department, will continue to serve as interim Chief of the Westtown East Goshen Department. His management experience and background is impressive and he is our acting Chief until a permanent new Chief is chosen.

WEGO has promoted three officers who have served the Department for many years. William L. Cahill and James DiCave were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and Glenn A. Gretz was promoted to Detective Sergeant.

## Congratulations

### William F. Cahill, Jr.

Detective/Lieutenant

Criminal Investigation Division/Traffic Safety Unit

**William F. Cahill, Jr.**, was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division in 1998 and has been with the department since 1987. In September 2012 Bill was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and commands the Criminal Investigation Division, Traffic Safety Unit and Emergency Response Team. He is also a member of the Chester County Chiefs of Police Association, County Drug Task Force and Firearms Task Force. Bill is a certified firearms instructor and certified in wiretaps and electronic surveillance. He attended the FBI LEADS Training, FBI Command Institute, FBI Inter-County Detective School, the DEA Drug Investigators Course and the National Fire Academy for Fire Investigation.

Lieutenant Cahill is responsible for nearly 400 drug arrests throughout the county and has been recognized as an expert in Court in the field of narcotics investigations and firearms.

Lieutenant Cahill was awarded the Westtown-East Goshen "Officer of the Year" Award for 2000. He was also awarded the Legion of Excellence Award by the Professional Police Officers Association.

Bill enjoys spending time with his family, trips to the Poconos, riding his Harley-Davidson. For ten years Bill worked on the weekends for various NASCAR Nationwide Series and Truck Series teams.

### James DiCave

Lieutenant

Uniform Patrol Division

**James DiCave** was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in September, 2012 and commands the Patrol Division, Training and the Bicycle Unit. He has been with the police department since 1988. Prior to his service with this department, Jim DiCave served with the Eddystone Police Department in Delaware County.

Jim is certified in wiretaps and electronic surveillance and attended the FBI Inter-County Detective School. Jim also attended the West Point Command Institute.

Jim is a member of the Chester County Municipal Drug Task Force where he is responsible for over 400 drug investigations. He has also been recognized in both District Court and Common Pleas Court as an expert in narcotics investigations. Lieutenant DiCave is a member of the Pennsylvania, New Jersey Narcotic Officer's Associations and also the Chester County Chiefs of Police Association.

Jim is a certified hostage negotiator with the Emergency Response Team.

Jim enjoys boating, fishing, riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and attending Philadelphia Eagles games. Jim has 4 children and will be a first time grandfather in March of 2013.

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**Glenn A. Bretz**  
Detective/Sergeant  
Criminal Investigation Division

**Glenn A. Bretz** was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division in 2000 and has been with the department since 1990. In September 2012 Glenn was promoted to the rank of Detective/Sergeant. Glenn is the lead crime scene technician and has attended the FBI Inter-County Detective School and numerous schools related to crime scene investigation and fingerprints. Glenn also serves as a member of the Chester County Municipal Drug Task Force.

He is a member of the Pennsylvania Homicide Investigators Association and the New Jersey Narcotic Officers Association. Prior to his service with the department, Detective Bretz was a patrolman with the Upland Police Department and the Norwood Police Department in Delaware County.

Glenn attended the Delaware County Community College.

Detective Bretz was awarded the Westtown-East Goshen Police "Officer of the Year" Award in 1999.

## Why Story Time @ the West Chester Public Library?

By Meg Diskin, Story Time Coordinator

You want to sing to your baby, but you've forgotten the words to the classic nursery rhymes and children's songs. You'd like to meet families with little ones the same age as your son or daughter. You love books and you want to share that passion with your children. You've just moved to the area and want to connect to community resources for your family.

These are a few of the reasons library customers come to story time at the **West Chester Public Library**. But amid the singing, reading, and playing, there is serious learning at hand. Research has shown that birth through age five is the most important period for the development of language and pre-reading skills in children. Experiences in the early years also determine children's attitudes toward reading and learning once they reach school.

At the West Chester Public Library, trained professionals plan and deliver story times which include activities in line with Pennsylvania's Learning Standards for Early Childhood. This means that story times are specifically designed to promote creative thinking and expression; health and wellness; general knowledge in math and science; early literacy; and social and emotional development.

Brain research shows it is not only early experiences, but also loving attachments to adults, which encourage

development. The foundations of literacy are learned within families. Story time is a wonderful opportunity for adult caregivers and children to talk, sing, read and play together with the support and guidance of trained library staff.

Serious learning, yes. But also fun! Parents and children enjoy story time because of the way learning is delivered through stories, make-believe play, movement activities, music, puppets, rhythm instruments and books. Friendships (between parents and between children) are often formed at story times, and families who attend feel more connected to their community. And, of course, you can also freshen up your rendition of "The Itsy Bitsy Spider."

For more information about WCPL's story times please visit our website at [www.wcpublib.org](http://www.wcpublib.org) and click on the Calendar of Events link, or call the Children's Department at 610-696-7985. There are story time sessions for age groups from 0 months to age 5. Other

library programs, services and resources are also listed on the website.

*The West Chester Public Library is located at 415 N. Church St at the corner of W. Lafayette St. in the Borough of West Chester. Hours are Mondays – Tuesdays 9:30am – 8:00pm; Wednesdays 1:00pm -8:00pm; Thursdays – Saturdays 9:30am – 5:00pm. We hope to see you soon!*



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## News and Notes from the Park and Recreation Commission

### Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Underway in Westtown Township

**W**esttown Township is updating its Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan. The purpose of the plan is to help enhance the quality of life in our community by conserving our scenic beauty and natural resources as well as by providing plentiful recreation opportunities for citizens of all ages and interests. The plan will provide a course of action for improving parks and recreation facilities, providing services and preserving open space over the next ten years. It will explore ways of providing recreation opportunities through a combination of municipal support and partnerships, sponsorships, grants, and collaboration with public and private sector organizations.

Westtown Township has three parks: Oakbourne, Tyson and Larchbourne Parks. There is also a trail system at Oakbourne Park. We will be exploring how to enhance the parks and our township trails as part of developing the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan. The Parks and Recreation Plan will complement our award winning Open Space Plan that is currently guiding the preservation of open space in the Township. Having this in place will enable Westtown Township to plan for the kinds of recreation facilities and opportunities that our residents want and enable the Township to be competitive for grant funding.

Westtown Township retained the Natural Lands Trust and Toole Recreation Planning, to work with us to develop this plan. The team includes community and recreation planners, landscape architects, GIS specialists and experts in natural resource and open space conservation. The team will be working with a Task Force composed of Township residents including David Moldoff, Tami Florio, Timothy Barnard, J. Robertson Cox, Gary Bevilacqua, Tom Foster, Eric Rohrbach, Wayne Zimmerman, Joseph Grady, Ryan Rhatigan, and Leonard Tehrani.

**For further information, please contact: Robert Layman, Township Manager, by phone at (610) 692-1930 or e-mail at [blayman@westtown.org](mailto:blayman@westtown.org).**

### Canines for Clean Creeks

**D**ogs are great companions for fresh air, exercise, and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural surroundings. However, pet waste has a negative impact on streams, walking trails, and natural areas. Recent studies by Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and Villanova University have documented that our local creeks frequently have levels of fecal coliform bacteria three or more times the state recommended maximums for safe water contact. Studies by the Center for Watershed Protection have found that a significant portion of fecal coliform bacteria in residential stormwater originates in dog waste. These levels escalate when stormwater washes contamination from pet droppings into storm drains.

One average size dog dropping contains 3 billion fecal coliform bacteria. Multiply that by the fact that 40% of households have a dog, you can see how this problem “piles up”, and adds to the challenge of treating much of our creek water for drinking water.

**Do your part to make your dog a friend of our creeks, fellow walkers, and our natural environment:**



- Scoop up after your pet and dispose the waste properly - in a trash can or toilet
- Keep your pet on a leash and on trails in natural areas and avoid contact with wildlife
- Remain within off leash areas when off leash
- Encourage your friends and family to do the same!

**Source: Center for Watershed Protection, [www.cwp.org](http://www.cwp.org).** This message is brought to you by your municipality and Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association, [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).

## 2nd Annual Community-Wide Yard Sale Review

Having doubled the number of sellers and buyers from year 2011 to 2012, the Parks and Recreation Commission is expecting an EVEN LARGER turnout for 2013. We are also considering the option of having not only one yard sale in 2013, but possibly two yard sales. With the increased number of attendees, advanced planning, increased marketing, partnerships and improved coordination are required. Therefore, the Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting an Open House for individuals who would be interested in volunteering or providing input in the planning of the event. Topics for discussion include: improved parking arrangements,



the need for more volunteers, earlier set up times for the sellers, food and beverage sales, family friendly activities, police and fire company assistance, and most importantly, feedback from residents and participants from the previous two years.

*All are welcomed to attend.*

*Date to be determined shortly!*

For more information please contact Leonard Tehrani by email at: [Westtownpa@yahoo.com](mailto:Westtownpa@yahoo.com) or call the township offices at 610-692-1930.

## Volunteers Needed!



In the last few months, the Westtown Park and Recreation Commission has assumed the responsibilities of "The Oakbourne Mansion Commission." Some of these responsibilities include, but are not limited to:



- fundraising for mansion repair/ improvements
- marketing the mansion for corporate activities
- hosting activities inside the mansion

Along with assuming the responsibilities of "The Oakbourne Mansion Commission", Westtown Park and Recreation still has to maintain ALL areas of original responsibility with the same SMALL number of volunteers. We are asking for community involvement and volunteers. Anyone who may have experience in fundraising, event planning, marketing, outreach, recruiting, contracting, architecture, finance, etc., is asked to volunteer.

For more information please contact the township offices at 610-692-1930.

### **CARPENTERS!**

**Parks & Recreation could really use some help with multiple sign-making projects.**

**If you are:**

1. handy w/ tools and have a bit of spare time
2. a scout looking for a project
3. a member of an organization that has a volunteer requirement/service hours, **we would LOVE some help.**



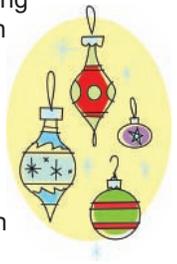
Please contact us at the Township building at (610) 692-1930.

### **WANTED:**

**Holiday decorations in need of a good home!**

The Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for a few good holiday decorations to include in the Oakbourne Mansion holiday decoration project. If you are down-sizing or looking for the right way to recycle cherished decorations, let the mansion be their new home!

Please bring your holiday decorations to the Township Office, 1039 Wilmington Pike between 9 am - 4 pm. **Thank You!**




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## The Breath of Life

by Tom Bare, Friends of Oakbourne

What are green, red, yellow, orange and/or brown, can be tall and majestic or short and spindly, are able to help clean the air of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide and other pollutants, provide life-giving oxygen, and can cover mountains, meadows, and yards with shelter for fellow creatures on our planet? Of course, the answer is “trees.”

Did you know that it takes about six fully grown trees to absorb or “neutralize” the carbon dioxide formed by burning one tank of gas in your car and about 240 trees to absorb the carbon dioxide produced from an average year of driving your car?

Did you know that plants and trees are responsible for the earth’s annual breath? Our planet breathes once a year with the levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide reaching a peak during April through June (the exhalation) and then decreasing to a minimum during September and October (the inhalation). Most of Earth’s landmass (and trees and plants) is in the northern hemisphere and that’s why the carbon dioxide levels are minimized in the late summer/early fall when our plants are active and “inhaling”.

Did you know that one of the most cost effective and beautiful ways to help to decrease levels of carbon dioxide (that is, to produce a deeper inhalation during the earth’s annual breath) is to plant trees?

Why all of this talk of trees? The Friends of Oakbourne have planted well over a hundred trees and shrubs in Oakbourne Park over the last six years. Many of the trees have been dedicated to honor a special person or loved one or to

commemorate an important occasion. The Friends of Oakbourne Tree Dedication Program is an ideal way not only to honor a person or event but also to enhance the beauty of our unique park and in a small way to help our planet rid itself of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide and other pollutants.

If you are interested in dedicating a tree in Oakbourne Park, please contact the Westtown Township Manager (610-692-1930) or the Friends of Oakbourne Tree Program Chair, Tom Bare (610-399-1572). Requests for almost any kind of tree or shrub can be accommodated and prices range from \$150 to \$500, depending on tree variety and size. Donated trees are recognized with a small plaque inscribed with information regarding the donor/recipient, tree and date of planting and displayed in the park’s Oakbourne Mansion.

The Friends of Oakbourne cordially invite you to their next meeting to be held at Oakbourne Mansion (located in Oakbourne Park) at 7 pm on Thursday, January 17, 2013. Not only will you have a chance to learn about Friends of Oakbourne, but also you will be able to see the inside of the park’s unique and beautiful mansion as well as some recent mansion room renovations.



*A Princeton American Elm planted by the Friends of Oakbourne in the spring of 2012. This is a true American Elm tree that is very resistant to Dutch Elm Disease and is being planted throughout the United States in an attempt to reintroduce the American Elm. This tree was dedicated by Westtown Township to Tom Foster for his many years of service to the township as a supervisor.*



*Black Tupelo leaves have lustrous upper surfaces, often with wavy margins. The foliage turns purple in autumn, eventually becoming an intense bright scarlet.*



*A dedicated Black Tupelo (Black Gum) tree native to Eastern United States planted in the spring of 2012. In the background to the immediate left of the tupelo is a medium sized evergreen which is a Japanese Cedar, also planted by The Friends of Oakbourne several years ago.*



## Winter De-icing Tips for Residents

Excess salt and other de-icing chemicals can harm aquatic life in our streams and impact drinking water supplies. This winter, you can help by following these environmentally-friendly snow removal practices:

- ❄️ Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for de-icing chemicals like rock salt
- ❄️ Shovel snow onto permeable surfaces including gently sloping and level landscape and grassy areas so as the snow melts it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream.

**If you must use de-icing chemicals, follow these suggestions...**

- ❄️ Control application of chemical de-icers and avoid over application.
- ❄️ Limit chemical applications near environmentally-sensitive areas including springs, streams, ponds, wetlands, and water supply areas and sensitive landscape and vegetation
- ❄️ Sand and sawdust can be used as an environmentally-friendly alternative to commonly used salt products.



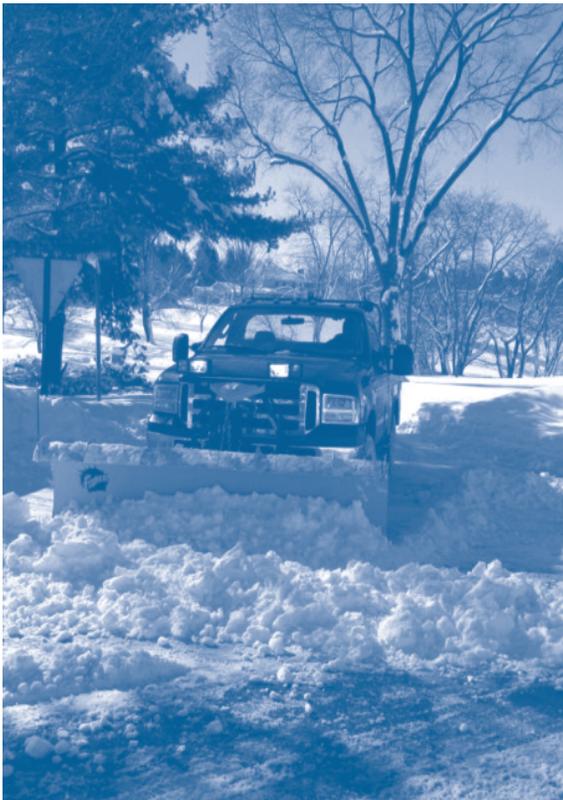
- ❄️ Use salt substitutes that are less harmful including Calcium Chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) and Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA).
- ❄️ For larger areas, apply salt as a brine solution to prevent drift off of paved surfaces.
- ❄️ After snowmelt, sweep up residues, including sand, to prevent it from washing into storm drains and streams

### Why should I limit my use of salt and other chemical de-icing products?

De-icing products contain chemical constituents that can be harmful to the environment including water resources and drinking water supplies. For example, sodium can break down soil structure and decrease soil permeability, which adversely impacts vegetation and soil microbes; chloride mobilizes heavy metals and impacts fresh water supplies including ground and surface waters; and heavy metal components can adversely impact water quality, plant and aquatic life.



## WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP SNOW PLOWING PROCEDURES



Westtown is divided up into six plowing sectors. Each sector has approximately 10 miles of road. Each sector has two trucks dedicated to its plowing. The plowing and salting operations are performed by a mix of private contractors, drivers hired to operate Township equipment and Township employees.

Salting operations begin at a coating of snow/ice and continue until the entire sector is salted. It is important to salt at the beginning of a storm to keep the snow and ice from bonding with the paved surface, making it difficult to remove.

Plowing begins after 2 inches of snow has accumulated on the road surface. Plowing will be ongoing for the duration of the storm. During the storm we will plow to keep the roads open. The initial focus is to open and clear the high traffic main collector roads and finish with development and low volume roads. At the completion of the storm, the sectors will be plowed to open areas up. Due to differences in routes, it may take up to six hours after the snow has stopped. The plows will typically make one pass as close as possible to the edge of pavement. In order to avoid having your driveway plowed shut, leave the last 10 feet of your driveway un-shoveled until we are finished. Another method is to shovel 15 feet of the shoulder to the left of your driveway (when facing the street). That will allow a snowplow blade full of snow to unload and deposit the snow before it reaches your driveway.

The most challenging and time consuming areas to plow are the 91 cul-de-sacs within Westtown Township. There is a very limited area in a cul-de-sac where the plowed snow can be placed because of the short distance between driveway openings, mailboxes, and stormwater drains. Cars parked in cul-de-sacs make snow plowing very difficult. Cars should not be parked in these areas when it snows. Due to these constraints and safety issues the Township will not plow cul-de-sacs with cars parked in them.



## CALENDAR SCHEDULE

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

### Township Office will be closed on the following dates:

Thanksgiving Day, and day after, November 22nd & 23rd  
Christmas Day, and day after, December 25th & 26th  
New Years Day, Tuesday, January 1st

#### DECEMBER 2012

Township Winter Festival and Holiday Photos at Oakbourne  
– Sunday, December 2nd – 3 to 5 pm

Board of Supervisors – 3rd & 17th

Planning Commission – 5th & 19th

Parks & Recreation – 11th

Yard Waste Collection Saturday, Dec. 8th curbside by 7am

#### JANUARY 2013

Board of Supervisors – 7th, 21st

Planning Commission – 9th, 23rd

Parks & Recreation – 8th

Christmas Tree Collection - check website

Yard Waste Pickup – check website

#### FEBRUARY 2013

Board of Supervisors – 4th, 19th

Planning Commission – 6th, 20th

Parks and Recreation – 12th

Yard Waste Pickup – check website

#### MARCH 2-13

Board of Supervisors – 4th, 18th

Planning Commission – 6th and 20th

Parks and Recreation – 12th

Yard Waste Pickup – check website

## RECYCLING AND TRASH 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. *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:** Combine in paper bag or bundle and tie. Place next to, not in, the recycling container.

**Yard Waste/Leaves:** **Can not be placed in the regular trash.** Only collected on the special collection days. Must be in biodegradable paper bags or in a container that can be dumped. Branches must be three foot in length and tied. Collection dates are posted on the Township website [www.westtownpa.org](http://www.westtownpa.org), in the Township Gazette and on the 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.

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