Manager’s Message - 2nd Quarter, 2014

I would like to start my initial Manager’s Message by thanking my neighbors and friends for such a warm welcome. I have been a Westtown resident for over 18 years and am honored to serve as Westtown’s Manager and Director of Engineering. I have embraced the challenges of managing Westtown Township’s considerable resources and the needs of our 11,000 residents, and I am grateful to the Board of Supervisors for putting their faith and trust in me. Together, we will succeed with enhancing the township’s operations, maintaining our infrastructure, and upgrading communications and access to public resources.

In my two short months as Township Manager, I have witnessed our remarkable team of committed professionals whose efforts contribute to the efficient management of our daily operations. Permit processing, code enforcement, planning and zoning administration, road, bridge and sewer maintenance, parks and recreation programs, on-lot sewer management, historical resources, public meetings, billing and payments, and finances are a sampling of their routine responsibilities. They provide service with a smile and welcome smiles in return. Finally, while working closely with Chief Brenda Bernot, I have experienced first-hand what I have observed as a resident; that the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department delivers outstanding protection and service.

In addition to the routine tasks the staff and I undertake, there are numerous initiatives underway in 2014, notably:

• Phase 1 of Westtown’s On-lot Sewage Management Program is moving ahead, with a September 7, 2014 due date for initial inspections.
• A five-member Website Citizens Committee has been formed to assist with the development of an enhanced Westtown Township website.
• The Parks & Recreation Commission is working to have a changeable message sign installed at the entrance to Oakbourne Park.
• The Historical Commission has developed a listing of properties to study and document their historical significance to Westtown Township and the greater West Chester region.
• Application is being made to secure funding for the replacement of the Oakbourne Road Bridge.

My final word is about the 2013/2014 winter of our discontent. The brutal winter was punishing to the township’s roads, drainage systems, and trees. As a result, there are several projects underway to repair the associated damages, including the 2014 Road Program (see the list of roads scheduled for repair and repaving elsewhere in the Gazette). I ask that everyone please contribute to the winter recovery by cleaning up downed trees and branches along roadsides for the benefit of the motoring public and the beautification of Westtown.

When in the area of the township building, please stop in to say hello. I look forward to meeting you.

Regards,

Robert R. Pingar, PE.
Township Manager & Director of Engineering
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BULLETIN BOARD:

Phase I On-Lot System Inspections Due. Residents in Phase I of the On-Lot Sewage Management Program are required to have their initial system inspection paperwork submitted to the Township by September 7, 2014. Phase I properties are located in the eastern end of the township. Please refer to the On-Lot Sewage Management Program Guide for more information.

Commission Openings. The Township is seeking volunteers to serve on the Parks and Recreation and Historical Commissions. If you would like to become involved, please send your resume and letter of interest to the Township Manager, Rob Pingar, PE. (rpingar@westtown.org).

On-Lot Sewage Management Program Fee. Residents with on-lot sewer systems will be charged the second quarterly installment of their $100 annual sewer fee on their April trash bill. This fee covers implementation of the OLM plan including administrative costs, infrastructure and enforcement.

Pay Sewer and Trash Bills Online. Westtown residents can use Visa, Master Card, and Discover to pay their utility bills online. There is no fee for residents who use this service. Simply go to our website and click on Pay Bills Online.

Email Alerts. To be added to our electronic notification of Township meetings, events, and other important news, please email mailist@westtown.org. Please put “Mailing List” in the subject line.

Website. Consult the News and Information page of the Township website for notices of meeting cancellations, special events, press releases from the Westtown East Goshen Police, and other alerts.

Save paper! If you would like to receive the Westtown Gazette electronically, send an email to info@westtown.org and request to be put on the electronic delivery list.

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New Battlefield Lines Drawn at Brandywine
by Kenneth Lawson

The serene and uncompromising beauty of the Brandywine River stands in stark contrast to the events that took place here on September 11, 1777. Yes, there is another reason to remember 9/11, and in the years after the American Revolution to say you were one of the 30,000 at “The Battle of Brandywine Creek” meant you participated in one of the most horrific battles of the war. It is said that the Brandywine River in Chadds Ford ran red with the blood of those engaged in a combat that included cannons, muskets, pistols, bayonets, and swords.

Brandywine Creek was chosen by American Commander-in-Chief General George Washington to engage Commander-in-Chief Lieutenant General Sir William Howe since it is a natural barrier on the way to Philadelphia and crossing (i.e. “fording”) the creek would make the British army vulnerable. Brandywine remains the largest battle ever fought against a foreign army on American soil, and Westtown Township shares an important piece of this legacy.

Today, the battle is best understood by driving along the route taken by the British whose main force marched from Kennett Square to ford the creek twice near Marshallton. This vast (and exhausted!) force rested at a staging area north of Osborne’s Hill stretching out over 1.5 miles including parts of Sconnelstown and Strodes Mill and into the far western fringe of Westtown Township. After an hour they continue to march south on Birmingham Road, meeting America’s first line of defense at Street Rd (Rt. 926). General Howe remained at Osborne’s Hill to observe and command his forces.

A diversionary march of 6,000 Queen’s Rangers, American Loyalists, and German Hessians led by Hessian Lt. General Von Knyphausen simultaneously moved up the “Great Nottingham Road (Rt. 1)” towards Chadds Ford. Skirmishes and cannon volleys continued in this area the rest of the morning and thirteen Hessian soldiers are still buried at the Kennett Meetinghouse.

General Washington, situated on a hill overlooking downtown Chadds Ford, was unable to determine the true intentions of the enemy until late afternoon. The idea that an army of 12,000 men dressed in wool might march 16 miles in heat and humidity before a major battle hadn’t occurred to Washington so he didn’t guard the distant Trimble and Jefferies fords. Conflicting intelligence kept him guessing about the enemy’s location most of the day until Squire Cheney’s warning and loud cannon fire from Birmingham Hill confirmed Howe’s position.

Washington also spent time riding with his troops on the front line and in the morning was within 100 yards of British sharpshooter Patrick Ferguson who decided at the last second not to kill our future President saying, “it was not pleasant to fire at the back of an unoffending individual who was acquitting himself very cool of his duty, so I let him alone.” He didn’t know until the next day it was likely George Washington he had in his sights.

The major battle began at 4:00 pm when a line of Continentalers put up a defensive volley as Howe’s troops reached Street Road. Hessian troops moved to the area of where New Street now exists near Crebilly Farm to outflank these Continentalers who eventually fell back, preparing for the core battle near Birmingham Meetinghouse. After heavy fighting on “Battle Hill” the Americans retreated to Sandy Hollow and Dilworthtown on their way to Chester via Thornbury and Concord. During this time of the battle, 20 year old Marquis de Lafayette was wounded, and “An act of valor by an American soldier of African descent” was observed when enlisted bombardier Private Edward “Ned” Hector saved his cannon and artillery team from the advancing British. Darkness finally ended this long day of fighting. That both Washington and Howe were with their armies that day, and could actually view each other during the battle, was significant and the only time this ever happened.
The next day bodies were found over 10 square miles and local residents helped treat the wounded and bury the dead. Birmingham Meetinghouse was used as a hospital and the common grave of 300 soldiers there is part of a “Peace Garden.” This shrine is a testimony to those killed in the battle and the Quaker pacifists who demonstrated humility and grace in the face of the destructive forces of war that ripped apart their homes and property.

In fact, the area was so devastated by the battle and British occupation that life was not the same in our peaceful valley for many years. The Gibbons family farm located just off Street road on property given to Westtown School around 1792 was cleaned out of livestock by several foraging parties in the days after the battle. Family matriarch and “queen of the country” Jane Steward Gibbons appeared before General Howe, but her request to have a favorite cow returned was refused when it became known her son was enlisted in General Washington’s army. The cow somehow escaped and returned to the farm on its own.

Brandywine changed how the British viewed America’s army and Lord Cornwallis, who would surrender to Washington at Yorktown 4 years later, exclaimed that “these rebels form well” meaning they were not afraid to face the great British Army in direct battle. Even in victory the British were so beaten up they could not pursue Washington’s army for 5 days. Homes from Turks Head (West Chester) to Wilmington were used as hospitals and Gen Howe wrote to Washington asking for surgeons to help with the wounded. According to some historians, as many as 1600 soldiers still lie in unidentified burial sites on and around the battlefield.

Howe resigned a month after the battle ominously warning parliament that England could not win without more troops. One can argue that Brandywine was the beginning of the end of British rule in the American Colonies. Subsequent victories at Paoli (aka The Paoli Massacre) and Germantown led to a brief but unproductive occupation of Philadelphia. Meanwhile, the Continentals dug in at Valley Forge and added military organization, discipline, and training to the courage first displayed at Bunker Hill and put to its greatest test yet at Brandywine.

In December 2013, the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) and Chester County released the Brandywine Battlefield Protection Plan (BBPP) called “Revolution in the Peaceful Valley.” This new study was created after a map was found in the Windsor Castle Archives in 2006, the “Windsor Map.” This previously unknown document was created by a British Sergeant in the days after the battle. Using this map along with the military battlefield mapping process known as KOCOA (Key terrain; Observation and Fields of fire; Cover and concealment; Avenues of approach and retreat), the first accurate representation of the battlefield ever was created. The signs that currently mark the battlefield landmark are from 1992 and are now obsolete. The 70 maps in the BBPP report are fascinating and overlay modern roads and features onto the battlefield to show troop movements, fields of fire, avenues of approach, etc. A link to the BBPP can be found on the Chadds Ford Historical Society website www.chaddsfordhistory.org

Treat yourself to a bit of living history by taking a tour of the Brandywine Battlefield. When you do be sure to get out of the car, look at the distant fields and imagine seeing General Washington on his white horse, surrounded by the Marquis de Lafayette, “Mad” General Anthony Wayne, General Nathaniel Greene (the “Fighting Quaker”), Brig General Casimir Pulaski, Squire Cheney, and many more. Be still for a few moments and maybe you will hear footsteps in the distance. These are the sounds of your ancestors who walked on the very same ground three lifetimes ago and fought a brutal battle for your independence. Their legacy still resonates in the serene and uncompromising beauty of Brandywine.
Friends of Oakbourne News

Tom Bare, President, Friends of Oakbourne

I went on walkabouts in the arboretum area of Oakbourne Park after this past winter’s ice storm and the recent wind/hail storm. There was some severe damage to many of the old trees including the large weeping cherry tree in the mansion arboretum area and the huge magnificent copper beeches located along the entrance drive to the park. It was hard for me to see this damage, but we have been expecting it since some of the trees at Oakbourne are well over 100 years old and are diseased and/or nearing the end of their lives. When dedicated/commemorative trees are planted in the Oakbourne arboretum area by the Friends of Oakbourne, the conditions of the older established trees are taken into account and new trees are planted with an eye to replacing the older trees once they die and are removed. A prime example of this approach was the location of two new copper beeches that were planted (one 7 years ago and the other 3 years ago) close to the old ones that are diseased and were damaged by the past winter’s storms.
This spring the Friends of Oakbourne planted three commemorative trees:

Two sugar maples were planted near the playground area to eventually provide some shade for parents and children near the play area. One tree was dedicated to the memory of Robert Stephen Pew by friends and family. The other sugar maple was dedicated to the memory of Tim Bauernschmidt, aka Tim B, by John Ferrier.

These two sugar maples complete a group of three that will provide shade and beauty for playground users in the coming years. Westtown Township dedicated a kousa dogwood tree to the memory of Luke who was the dog of Elaine Adler, a recently retired long term (38 years!) township employee. This dogwood is the last of a group of 4 dogwoods planted to replace old ones that had died in previous years.

Contact Tom Bare (tmbare@hotmail.com or 610-399-1572) if you are interested in donating a tree to be planted in Oakbourne Park to honor a special person or loved one or to commemorate an important occasion.

Next meeting of the Friends of Oakbourne: July 17, 2014 at 7 pm, Dunning Room, Oakbourne Mansion.
All are welcome to attend.

Robert Stephen Pew’s Sugar Maple
(GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.936346; Longitude: -75.575314)*

Tim Bauernschmidt’s Sugar Maple
(GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.936347; Longitude: -75.575478)*

Luke’s Kousa Dogwood
(GPS coordinates: Latitude: 39.936835; Longitude: -75.573233)*
Parks and Recreation Events

2014 SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS at Oakbourne Park

June 27 – Frozen
July 25 – Narnia
September 5 – Ghostbusters

Come enjoy a movie under the stars. Showtime is 8:30 pm.

PILATES AND YOGA CLASSES

Parks & Recreation is offering Pilates and Yoga classes at Oakbourne Mansion. Each 8 week session is only $70. All instructors are fully certified. Registration form is available at the Township office and on our website www.westtownpa.org. Class size is limited to 10 students per class, so register quickly. The fall session starts Monday, September 8 and runs through the week of November 3, 2014. No classes will be held the week of October 13. Registration begins August 1.

**Pilates:** Monday 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Tuesday 9:00am -10:00am

**Yoga:** Wednesday 9:30am -10:30am
Wednesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm

***Mark your calendars*** for the winter session beginning the week of November 17, 2014 and ending the week of January 26, 2015. No classes the weeks of November 24, December 22, and December 29. Registration for this session will begin October 1, 2014. Email questions to westtownhealthandfitness@gmail.com
LEGO-PALOOZA by Bricks4Kidz, Chester County
Saturday, August 16th At Oakbourne Mansion

CONSTRUCTION CRAZE:
Put on your hard hat and head on over to our construction site! Make your own motorized models of construction tools, from hand-held power drills and saws to tough, all-terrain bulldozers and dump trucks. Create your own LEGO construction site when you join us for lots of high-impact learning and fun!! For ages 5-7, 1-2:30 pm, $15/per person

THIS PLACE HAS GONE TO THE ANIMALS:
It's a zoo in here! A sure-fire hit for all kids who love critters and creatures. Build your own movable LEGO model of a spider. Learn fascinating facts about our 8-legged friends and watch your creation crawl. For ages 8-12 years, 3-4:30 pm, $15/per person

Call Westtown Township at 610-692-1930 to register!!!!

Learn About Lyme Disease And How To Protect Yourself
Tuesday, August 12, 2014 * Oakbourne Mansion * 7:30 PM

Did you know that Pennsylvania has the highest number of cases of Lyme disease in the country and that Chester County has the highest number of cases of Lyme disease in the state?!

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection, most commonly contracted from a tick bite that may initially cause a flu-like sickness. Untreated, or inadequately treated, it can cause long-term persistent illness, permanent disability, or even death. Unfortunately, blood tests for Lyme disease are not reliable; over half the people who are infected with Lyme disease are misdiagnosed.

Antibiotics, such as doxycycline, are used to treat Lyme disease and should be continued until all symptoms have dissipated. It is important to know that many people contract more than one disease when bitten by a tick. These other infections require treatments different from the antibiotics used to treat Lyme disease. Your doctor should make a diagnosis based on your symptoms.

Westtown Parks and Recreation Commission has invited Doug Fearn, President of the Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. to come speak with our residents about Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, as well as deer population control and other prevention methods.

The Meeting Is Free And Open To The Public.
ON LOT SEWAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Phase One Inspections due September 7, 2014

On December 2, 2013, Westtown Township adopted an ordinance to implement an On-lot Sewage Management Program (SMP). The general intent is to require everyone who owns a building served by an on-lot sewage system to maintain that system properly and have repairs made as needed to keep the system functioning correctly, thereby minimizing groundwater pollution and environmental health hazards that result from a malfunctioning sewage system.

Whatever type of on-lot system serves your business or home, routine maintenance and proper operation is needed to avoid environmental and human health problems, and to minimize costly repairs. A little effort on a regular basis can save a lot of money and significantly prolong the life of the system. Sound septic system operation and maintenance practices include conserving water, ensuring that nothing harmful is disposed of through the system, and having the system regularly pumped and inspected.

Property owner responsibilities include inspection of each on-lot sewage system by a qualified contractor, regular sewage system pumping by a Chester County Health Department licensed pumper, and additional maintenance and/or repair activities as needed to correct any problems.

Residents in Phase 1, which includes properties in the eastern end of the Township, are reminded that their initial inspection must be completed by September 7, 2014.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS MANDATORY DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN CIVIL PENALTIES OF $300 TO $2500 LEVIED AGAINST YOU.

All residents are welcome to submit their inspections at any time. Inspection forms, program information, a list of qualified inspectors and licensed liquid waste haulers can be found at the township website, www.westtownpa.org. Please contact Travis DeCaro, On-Lot Management Coordinator, at 610.692.1930 with any questions.

Thank you for doing your part to protect the environment and our community.

2014 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

This summer, Westtown will continue road restoration by resurfacing approximately 2 miles of the total 55 miles of township roads. The tentative list of roads being considered is provided below:

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Dear Friends, Neighbours and Fellow Citizens:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm personal greeting to you. I want you to know that I am personally thankful for your continued faith and trust in me, and I thank you for re-electing me last November. I am committed to continuing to protect and 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. 2013 was a busy year for our court. Out of 18 Chester County Magisterial District Courts, our court is now the third busiest Court in the county. I am proud to report that the state of Magisterial District Court 15-2-03 remains solid, sound and stable and will remain intact after 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 18 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 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 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 2013 was 7,287 cases filed. The cases filed in 2013 broke down as follows: 356 criminal cases, 233 civil cases, 5,285 traffic cases, 202 Landlord Tenant cases, and 1202 summary cases. For the year 2013 the gross amount of revenue District Court 15-2-03 took in was $1,149,563.25. Of that Westtown Township received $77,443.81.

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. Neither 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 conscientious 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
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Township Meetings & Events

July, 2014
7, 21 – Board of Supervisors
8 – Parks & Recreation
9, 23 – Planning Commission
12 – Yard Waste pickup
17 – Friends of Oakbourne
17 – Historical Commission
27 – Movie Night - Narnia

August, 2014
4, 18 – Board of Supervisors
6, 20 – Planning Commission
9 – Yard Waste Pickup
12 – Parks & Recreation
21 – Historical Commission

September, 2014
2, 15 – Board of Supervisors
9 – Parks & Recreation
3, 17 – Planning Commission
13 – Yard Waste pickup
18 – Historical Commission
5 – Movie Night - Ghostbusters

All Board of Supervisors (7:30pm), Historical Commission (6pm), and Planning Commission Meetings (7:30pm) are held at the Township Municipal Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown.

Parks and Recreation Meetings and events are held at Oakbourne Mansion, 1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown at 7:30pm.

Township offices will be closed Friday, July 4 and Monday, September 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commission Vacancies

Westtown Township is seeking volunteers to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Historical Commission. P&R meets at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month at Oakbourne Mansion. The Historical Commission meets at 6:00pm on the third Thursday of each month at the Township building. If you would like to become involved, please send your resume and letter of interest to:

Rob Pingar, Township Manager
Westtown Township
P.O. Box 79
Westtown, PA 19395

Or email rpingar@westtown.org.

Westtown Road Closure

Westtown School is undertaking a remediation project for the Westtown Lake dam. The work includes the construction of a culvert beneath Westtown Road, a PennDOT road, in late summer or early fall 2014. The work will require a section of Westtown Road to be closed between Rt. 926 and Westtown Way for approximately one month. A PennDOT-required detour will be in place during this time.
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.

2014 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: 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/ChesterCatyPAFreecycle.
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2014 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

YOU MAY REGISTER ONLINE FOR TACKLE FLAG OR CHEERLEADING AT WWW.LAFAWESTCHESTER.COM

Cost for registration is $125 for an individual and $325 for 3 or more from the same family. The on-line registration system is only for individual registrations. To register 3 or more, you will need to come to one of the walk-in registrations.

L.A.F.A. DOES NOT PERMIT TEAM REQUESTS!

Refund Policy: No refunds after practices begin.

Tackle football players who register by mail or on-line must still be officially weighed in.

ALL players must produce a birth certificate on one of the following dates at Kelly’s Sporting Goods:

Week 1
Friday, July 11th, 6-8PM
Saturday, July 12th, 10AM-12PM

Week 2
Friday, July 18th, 6-8PM
Saturday, July 19th, 10AM-12PM

Weigh-ins/Birth Certificates Only!!! (Registration Closed)
Saturday, August 16th, 10AM-12PM

Questions: briceyjr@verizon.net