



WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to The Citizens of Westtown Township - Spring Issue #21



Photo courtesy of Ellery Coleman

Manager’s Message:

Well, we escaped winter with only one “significant” snowfall. Now our attention turns to spring with more daylight, warmer weather and thoughts of summer vacations.

Elsewhere in this issue is an article about Westtown Township’s On-lot Sewage Management Program (SMP) recognizing the three-year anniversary of its inception. In every way measured, the SMP was a huge success. Westtown’s property owners have been educated on the proper maintenance of their on-lot systems and the importance of routine pumping. We can proudly say with much certainty that Westtown has the best maintained and operating systems in the Commonwealth! What else does the success of the SMP mean for Westtown? The answer requires some history and an understanding of why Westtown has a Sewage Management Program.

In January 2006, there was an understanding between Westtown Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) that throughout Westtown the on-lot septic systems were experiencing a very high failure rate, thereby necessitating the installation of public sewers throughout most of the township. The cost of this project would have been significant, and in order for it to be financially feasible, connection to this sewer system would have been mandatory for nearly every property adjacent to the sewers.

Many residents expressed concern over the prospect of mandated public sewerage. The Board of Supervisors listened to resident concerns, and proceeded with re-evaluating the

data on which the DEP based the need for expanding public sewers. It was revealed that the high failure rate assumption was based on a very small sampling of Chester County Health Department permits for septic system repairs, and a misinterpretation that the repairs meant the systems were near or beyond their useful service life. Consequently, Westtown and PADEP agreed to implement the SMP to comprehensively evaluate the actual conditions of the township’s septic systems to determine if there were any areas with failed systems and any real need for public sewers.

The initial round of inspections has shown that contrary to the assumptions made in 2006, Westtown’s septic systems are very well maintained and well-functioning, and that there are no “problem neighborhoods” with failed systems. Township residents should take comfort in knowing that a great need for public sewers is not validated by the SMP data collected. Residents should also note that when properly maintained, their septic systems can last forever.

As always, I encourage you to stop by the township building for a visit. I welcome the opportunity to meet you, hear your concerns, and answer any questions about Westtown Township.

Best regards,

Rob Pingar

Rob Pingar, Township Manager

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BULLETIN BOARD

Public Works - Part Time/Seasonal Employment

Looking for a summer job? Our public works department is seeking several responsible and hard-working people for mowing and landscaping, road work, and building maintenance. Applicants must have a driver's license and be over 18. If interested, please visit the township building, or the township website to download an application (westtownpa.org).

Community Wildlife Habitat Certification

Help Westtown become a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat by having your own backyard certified. The goal of the program is to educate residents on environmental issues and provide opportunities to get involved in nurturing our wildlife-friendly community. See the center insert for more information and an application.

Stay Informed

To receive information about meetings, special events, and public service announcements via email, please go to the Township website and click on the blue Get Email Alerts button at the top of any page.

Ready Chesco

To sign up for Chester County's electronic notification system for emergency information go to readychesco.org.

Pay Sewer and Trash Bills Online

Westtown residents can use Visa, Master Card, and Discover to pay their utility bills online at westtownpa.org. There is no fee for this service.

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.

Parks & Recreation News and Events

Annual Community Yard Sale

The Parks and Recreation Commission will host their Annual Community Yard sale at Oakbourne Park on Saturday April 29 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Those wanting to sell must register and can download the registration form from the township website: www.westtownpa.org



Summer Movie Nights are Back!

Save the dates to enjoy family-friendly movies and free popcorn under the stars:

- **Friday, June 23**
Bring your "animals" to *Zootopia* (rated G)
- **Friday, July 21**
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (rated PG-13)
- **Friday, August 18**
Sing along with *Sing* (rated PG)

Movies start when the sun dips enough to see the screen, usually around 8:00 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and bug repellent for maximum enjoyment.

The Stetson Middle School Student Council Go Green Committee recently learned about stormwater management, and volunteered their time to clean up around the pond and stream at Oakbourne Park. Many thanks to these hard working girls, who formed a "bucket brigade" to remove a pickup truck load of construction material which was illegally dumped in the woods near the pond.



Puzzling a Life Together - Piece by piece, Westtown's Historical Commission learned the story of an ordinary resident during the Civil War

by Gail O. Guterl, Westtown Township Historical Commission

Let me tell you the story of an unsung Westtown resident whose life was pieced together by members of the Westtown Township Historical Commission (WTHC). The life of Isaac J. Winters unfolded one puzzle piece at a time over several years, revealed through newspaper clippings, web searches, and military records.

The project began when a former WTHC commissioner discovered a Civil War veteran, Isaac J. Winters, was among those buried in an abandoned cemetery on Shiloh Road. Others became interested and took up the search.

The hunt got more intriguing when members discovered a Gettysburg College display of an 1863 Springfield rifle, scabbard, bayonet and belt buckle with strong provenance that it belonged to a black Westtown soldier, Private Isaac J. Winters, who had served in the Union Army in the Civil War. "I.J.W. CO. F 43" was carved into the rifle stock.

Isaac's life appears to have been typical of the mid 1800s until 1863 when he was conscripted into the 43rd US Colored Troops (USCT) Infantry "F" Company. He was wounded in the shoulder July 30, 1864 at Cemetery Hill at the Battle of the Crater, Petersburg, VA, hospitalized, returned to service, and mustered out in Brownsville, TX, Oct. 20, 1865. A whole lot happened in between.

Simple Facts of Life

This is what the commission knows; taking into account that one record may give one age or year, and another will conflict.

Isaac was born May 30, 1828, the second youngest child of free African-American farmers Jesse and Margaret Winters in West Goshen Township. (Records show an adult Isaac owned land in Westtown.) He and his siblings, Mary Ann, Rebecca Jane, Malinda, Lydia and John received aid for school supplies and fees to attend school in West Goshen according to the 1835 Poor School Children records in the Chester County archives.

The 1850 census says Isaac worked as a farm laborer in Westtown for John Ingram, and later for an African-American resident in the township, Richard Bye. He also worked for Westtown resident Truman Forsythe; and according to a June 28, 1864 local newspaper article, Isaac was boarding with Forsythe when he was drafted. It was in a closet in Forsythe's house that Isaac's weaponry was found years later with receipts bearing his name.

Isaac married Margaret R., who lived near Westtown Station, although members aren't sure when. According

to the 1870 census, his children Eliza 14, Charles 10, Anna 7, Clara 3 and Lewis E. 1, were living at home. By 1880 only Clara and Lewis E were listed.

For 68 years, Isaac served as sexton at Shiloh AME Church on Shiloh road in Westtown. He is buried in the church cemetery next to his wife Margaret, who died in 1897 at age 62, and Amelia Winters, who died in 1889 at age 18. (Was Amelia Isaac's daughter? Her obituary says her wake was at the home of Isaac Winters, but information about Amelia illustrates the challenges of trying to fit together a life from old records. She is not listed on the 1870 census as a child, who would have been 8 years old, living in Isaac's home.)

Isaac died of myocarditis April 7, 1911 at Chester County Hospital, at "82 years, 10 months and 7 days," according to an obituary in the Daily Local News. The Liberty Cornet Band played at his funeral, held at the home of his nephew John Williams in West Chester. Isaac was buried with full fanfare from the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) George F. Smith Post No. 130, whose members were black Civil War veterans.

Drafted into Union Army

There are still many questions regarding Isaac's life, but the most intriguing information comes from his Civil War service.

African-American men were not allowed to serve in the Union Army until after the Emancipation Proclamation. Enlistment of blacks rose sharply after the Confederate army rampaged through the Gettysburg area in 1863, capturing and enslaving many free black men. However, Isaac was not among those who enlisted.

A document from the National Archives, digitized on Fold3 Military Records (www.fold3.com), says Isaac, 5'9" tall and 35 years old, was conscripted and failed to report, so he was arrested in April, 1863 by a John Winterbotham. This may explain the gap in records because another document states he joined the 43rd US Colored Troops (USCT) F Company Aug. 8, 1863 and trained at Camp William Penn, in what is now Cheltenham Township. The camp was established in June, 1863 exclusively to train black federal soldiers. Ironically, it was adjacent to the Quaker Lucretia Mott's estate, a major stop on the Underground Railroad. In a camp that trained some 10,500 black soldiers, it is likely a few camp soldiers made their way to freedom by hiding at this stop.

Through May and June of 1864, the 43rd fought with the Ninth Corps in the Wilderness Campaign and at Cold Harbor; then moved to Petersburg, VA.

Battle of the Crater

The Union Army laid siege to a Rebel fort, Elliott's Salient, in Petersburg to cripple the Confederates' important railhead in the city. The Union planned to tunnel under the fort, set explosives, detonate them creating a huge crater, and in the ensuing chaos, take the fort before the Confederate Army could regroup. It didn't happen that way.

Two brigades of black troops trained to lead the assault. However, the day before the attack, General Ambrose Burnside was ordered not to use these troops in the assault, claiming that if the attack failed, then black soldiers would be killed needlessly, creating political repercussions in the North.

When the explosives detonated, poorly trained white soldiers were sent in and slaughtered. Whatever his role in this battle — black troops were most often used for grunt work like digging ditches, transporting equipment — Isaac was wounded in the shoulder and hospitalized at Satterlee Military Hospital in West Philadelphia. He returned to duty Sept. 23, 1864, which contradicts the September-October unit muster-in roll that states Isaac was "absent without leave since Oct. 27, 1864." Is this a clerical error or accurate? The answer is unknown.

Aftermath

Isaac continued in the Army until Oct. 20, 1865, when he was mustered out in Brownsville, TX and discharged in Philadelphia. Soldiers were required to hand in their weapons when they mustered out, unless they paid for them. There is proof Isaac paid \$23.42 to keep his equipment — a lot of money in those days.

As far as is known, Isaac did not suffer permanent disability from his shoulder injury because 2 years after the war, on June 1, 1867, he won first prize (\$2) for being the fastest corn husker at the Chester County Fair, held on what is now part of West Chester University.

Isaac Winters was an original, a man who was injured during the Civil War and went on to live a long life in Westtown. Commission members still seek more information about his life. Hopefully new puzzle pieces of his past will soon fall into place.



This 1863 Springfield rifle musket, bayonet, and belt buckle were found in a closet in an old farm in Westtown Township, with documentation it belonged to Westtown resident Isaac J. Winters. It was purchased by Angelo Scarlato, a Civil War collector of black memorabilia, and was displayed at a special exhibition at Gettysburg College. Carved on the rifle butt is "I.J.W. CO. F 43".

WEGO Police - Commercial Vehicle Traffic Enforcement

by Lt. William Cahill

The Traffic Safety Unit (TSU) of the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department is comprised of patrol officers with advanced training and experience who are assigned to handle analysis and resolution of traffic complaints from the public, reconstruction for fatal and serious crashes that could potentially involve prosecution, and commercial vehicle enforcement. This article is intended to highlight the commercial vehicle enforcement duties of the TSU, and answer some of the more frequently asked questions about enforcement.

Why Perform Commercial Vehicle Enforcement?

- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), approximately 25% of all commercial vehicles inspected in the U.S. are placed out-of-service due to either vehicle or operator safety violations. Unfortunately, our department has found that our percentages are much higher. For example, in 2014 our officers placed approximately 40-45% of all inspected commercial vehicles and drivers out-of-service due to unsafe conditions.
- The amount of kinetic energy involved in a commercial vehicle crash is considerably higher than that of a passenger vehicle crash. As a result, the amount of injuries and deaths are higher when a commercial vehicle is involved in a crash. In order to keep our citizens safe, we place a heavy emphasis on commercial vehicle enforcement.

During 2016 The WEGO Traffic Safety Unit Completed the Following Commercial Vehicle Actions:

- 133 vehicles inspected
- 65 vehicles placed out of service
- 54 drivers placed out of service
- 153 violations cited
- 27 over weight violations cited
- 3.2 violations per inspection

How Does The Police Department Determine Where It Will Conduct Commercial Vehicle Enforcement?

- The sites for our enforcement details are chosen based upon the volume of commercial vehicle traffic and the incidence of crashes.
- For example, Route 202 is frequently selected because it has an extremely high volume of commercial vehicle traffic. Approximately 50,000 - 60,000 vehicles travel on Route 202 in our jurisdiction on a daily basis; approximately 15-20% of those vehicles are commercial vehicles.
- The portion of Route 202 in our area also has a relatively high rate of serious commercial vehicle crashes. On April 9, 2015, a three axle truck loaded with sod rear-ended a vehicle that had stopped at a red light at the intersection of Route 202 and Green Tree Drive/Bridlewood Boulevard, pushing it through the intersection and into oncoming traffic. At the time of the crash, only 1 out of the 6 brake systems of the truck were operational. The driver of the truck, which was registered in New Jersey, indicated that he was aware that the vehicle was having brake problems, but he chose to continue driving it. The female operator of the car that was struck suffered a concussion, a fracture of her orbital socket, and a severe facial laceration. This same intersection was the site of two fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles within the last 8 years. The last crash, which occurred in 2009, occurred when a 14,500 pound box truck failed to stop at the red light and struck a stopped car. The car was pushed into another stopped car, causing it to catch fire - killing the driver inside.
- The sites for our commercial vehicle enforcement are also selected to meet the safety guidelines established by federal and state protocol - giving officers enough space to conduct the enforcement safely and motorists enough advance visual notice of police activity. For example, the intersection of Route 202 and Skiles Boulevard has wide shoulders along the roadway and clear visibility in both directions.
- And lastly, the sites for commercial vehicle enforcement are selected in conjunction with overall traffic complaints. For example, our police department frequently receives complaints that motorists fail to stop at the red light at Route 202 & Skiles Boulevard. This violation is extremely concerning to the citizens (many of whom are parents) because an elementary and a middle school are located at this intersection. By ensuring a highly visible police presence at that location, we have dramatically reduced red light violations.



Officer Edmund Lewis (left) and Officer Andrew Lang (right) record the individual scale pad readings.



Scale sets are staged in pairs for use during the commercial motor vehicle inspection detail.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SUCCESS STORIES IN 2016:

In June 2016, TSU stopped a truck that began its trip in Ontario, California which is a known nexus of drug distribution. The stop was conducted in Westtown Township along Rt. 202. The operator exhibited a false log book and had taken a cross county route that was not consistent with industry standards. Closer examination showed that the trailer locks and securement mechanisms had been tampered with and there were significant time gaps in the driver's story. Further investigation showed that the driver has an extensive criminal history for drug possession and drug distribution including a charge for the importation of cocaine. A narcotics dog for the Chester County Sheriff's department alerted to the vehicle, but a search found no drugs. The investigation showed that the driver had most likely dropped a load of contraband in a suburb of Chicago and was then continuing his trip to Swedesboro NJ. Information about the company, driver and drop area were all given to law enforcement in Illinois. All information was also uploaded into the national El Paso Information Center which is a clearinghouse for narcotics trafficking information.

In a similar incident, TSU officers stopped a tractor trailer that was enroute to New York from Miami, Florida. The truck was found to be on Route 202, in Westtown Township, which is not a normal route of travel for a truck headed to NY. Multiple indicators were found that the vehicle and driver were involved in the transportation of large amounts

of narcotics. The driver had recently been released from Federal prison after serving 10 years for the attempted importation of 1.5 TONS of cocaine through the Port of Miami. It is believed that this vehicle had recently dropped a large load of narcotics in the area, however the location has not yet been identified. Information on this incident was forwarded to the DEA and also to EPIC.

In August 2016, TSU stopped a pickup truck style car hauler that was traveling from Virginia to a car dealership in Westtown Township. This stop was made in the 1500 block of West Chester Pike. An odor of narcotics was detected as coming from the vehicle and in a subsequent search, narcotics were found within the vehicle. The driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence, along with Possession of a Controlled Substance, log book violations, and several equipment violations.

Motor Carrier Enforcement officers continue to work closely with Federal, State and regional partners to identify those operators who are using the guise of legitimate business to support criminal enterprise. TSU members have undergone extensive training and education in the identification of those involved in the trafficking of contraband. In part due to the reputation of the WEGO TSU, Officer Edmund Lewis has been selected to become a national instructor in the identification and transportation of illegal and controlled substances.

Westtown Township Comprehensive Plan Update

Westtown Township is in the process of updating the 2001 Comprehensive Plan (the Plan). This update is significant, as the purpose of the Plan is to serve as the overall vision and guide to both the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors when considering changes to Township ordinances and/or subdivision and land development applications. This planning process is citizen-driven, and builds upon the Township's rich-history in an effort to develop a document that reflects both contemporary Westtown and how we will continue to thrive for future generations.

Over the past several months, the Comprehensive Plan Update Task Force has met, reviewed, and discussed a wide variety of issues that will be included as part of the final document. A brief synopsis of the topics discussed are outlined below.



Demographic Analysis

Trends in population, income, employment, and housing are major drivers of land use change, and have important implications for the quality of life in Westtown Township. Underlying several elements of this Comprehensive Plan, demographic information provides the needed context for deliberation of proposed policies and programs, including those related to land use, housing, resource protection, and municipal service delivery.



Future Land Use

One of the fundamental components of any comprehensive plan is an analysis of future land use patterns. This analysis takes into consideration both undeveloped as well as existing commercial areas and how their underlying zoning may impact potential development. This analysis is critical when making predictions on future needs of the Township based on population projections.



Historic, Cultural, & Natural Resources

As the Township has experienced significant development throughout its history that has altered its landscape, it is important to both recognize and make recommendations on how to best preserve historic, cultural and natural resources. An analysis of these existing resources in conjunction with their mapping will provide the Task Force with a strong foundation in making their recommendations on this issue.



Stakeholder Interviews

In addition to these topical discussions, a series of stakeholder interviews were undertaken to provide for insights on a wide array of topics impacting the Township. Those interviewed included representatives from the agricultural community, local schools, infrastructure providers, and first responders as well as advocates for issues ranging from recreational opportunities to economic development. These interviews have helped to focus discussions on their specific topical areas as well as provide part of the foundation for the development of plan goals and recommendations.

Presentation materials from these meetings as well as minutes for each can be found on the Township website under the "Comp Plan Task Force" heading of the Planning Commission page. Any public comments, questions on the process, or plan itself should be directed to the Director of Planning and Zoning, Chris Patriarca, at 610-692-1930, via email at cpatriarca@westtown.org.

On-lot Sewage Management Program

December 7, 2016 marked the three year anniversary of Westtown Township's On-lot Sewage Management Program (SMP) and the completion of the program's initial inspections of all septic systems in Westtown. As the SMP was a new program for Westtown residents, there were some concerns with how well it would operate and how well it would be received by residents. Overall the program was a tremendous success. We did have a few complaints and have learned from them and made the necessary adjustments to septic system inspection forms and SMP regulations. All complaints and concerns were professionally addressed by Westtown's On-lot Management Coordinator, Travis DeCaro. Travis deserves a lot of credit for managing this comprehensive SMP, the first of its kind implemented in Pennsylvania.

While the SMP was mysterious for many residents, the township never intended it to be, or to alarm anyone about their septic system's condition and any associated repairs. We hope residents now understand that the program was intended to educate residents on the operation and maintenance of their septic systems so they function properly, thereby preventing public health hazards from surface discharges of untreated sewage.

For your benefit, listed below is some interesting on-lot sewage management information gathered from the SMP over the past three years:

- There are over 3600 properties in Westtown Township. Of these, 1607, or nearly 45% are served by septic systems. Of these, five are commercial properties, and two are institutional.
- Most septic systems, when properly maintained, can last forever!
- Westtown Township does not classify a septic report as pass or fail.
- Most of the repairs required by Westtown SMP inspections are considered "minor repairs" by the septage management industry.
- Westtown Township cannot require a property owner to replace a septic system based on the results of an inspection required by the SMP.
- Under the Westtown SMP, a septic system is considered "malfunctioning" only if effluent is observed on the ground surface.
- If you notice a property having a replacement septic system being installed, it is most often the result of a real estate transaction, due to requirements of the lending institutions
- There are entities, such as the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA, www.phfa.org), that offer financing for installing a replacement septic system.

To conclude, the On-lot Sewage Management Program has been a great success, largely due to the cooperation of the Westtown community. The SMP requires septic systems be inspected and tanks pumped every three years. We are now in the second round of inspections and pumping. All inspections will use a less comprehensive Routine Inspection Form which is available on the Township website at www.westtownpa.org. With your continued cooperation, Westtown Township will have the best maintained and best functioning septic systems in Chester County!

STAFF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Westtown Township is seeking applicants for the position of Program Coordinator to assist with coordinating & administering various programs, code enforcement, property maintenance, and other special projects. A bachelor's degree & 3-5 years of municipal experience is required. Experience in land planning, code enforcement, facilities, stormwater management, on-lot sewage system management, and zoning is desired. Job description is available at www.westtownpa.org. EOE. Salary DOQ. **Interested candidates should submit cover letter and resume with salary history to programcoordinator@westtown.org.**

Township Meetings and Events

APRIL, 2017

1 - Yard Waste Collection
3,17 - Board of Supervisors
5,19 - Planning Commission
11 - Parks & Recreation
20 - Historical Commission
20 - Friends of Oakbourne
27 - Comp Plan Update
29 - Township Yard Sale

MAY, 2017

1, 15 - Board of Supervisors
6 - Yard Waste Collection
3, 17 - Planning Commission
9 - Parks & Recreation
18 - Historical Commission
25 - Comp Plan Update

JUNE, 2017

3 - Yard Waste Collection
5, 19 - Board of Supervisors
7, 21 - Planning Commission
13 - Parks & Recreation
15 - Historical Commission
22 - Comp Plan Update
23 - Summer movie night

JULY, 2017

3,17 - Board of Supervisors
7, 21 - Planning Commission
8 - Yard Waste Collection
11 - Parks & Recreation
20 - Historical Commission
20 - Friends of Oakbourne
21 - Summer movie night
27 - Comp Plan Update

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - 7:30 p.m.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION - 6:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION - 7:30 p.m.

Township Municipal Building
1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown

FRIENDS OF OAKBOURNE - 7:00 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION - 7:00 p.m.

Oakbourne Mansion
1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown

*Township Offices will be closed:
Memorial Day and Independence Day*

Emergency Preparedness



Recently, AT&T temporarily lost the ability to connect with 9-1-1. Their subscribers were not able to use their cell phones to make a call for emergency assistance for fire, police, or medical help. This is not the first time this has happened. Here is what you can do to be ready if it should happen again:

- Save the number of your local police or fire department in your cell phone address book. (WEGO: 610-692.5100). They have the ability to make the call to 9-1-1 for you.
- If you are with other people, try a different cell phone, which might use a different carrier.
- Text to 9-1-1. Chester County Emergency Services accepts 9-1-1 texts from all carriers.

We also encourage residents to register with Smart 9-1-1. Visit www.smart911.com and provide the information you want emergency responders to know. (e.g. address, names of children, pets, medical issues, even photos, etc.) Residents control what information they provide. Your safety profile will be stored in a secure national database to assist emergency responders anywhere in the country.

SAVE THE DATE



Westtown Day
at Oakbourne Park

1014 S. Concord Rd,
West Chester, PA 19382

2017 Trash and Recycling Information

How To Prepare Items For Recycling:

Glass, plastic (#1-7), aluminum, and metal recyclables should be rinsed. This reduces the likelihood of attracting mice, rats, birds, insects, and other pests. All lids should be removed and discarded, as they are too small to make it through the sorting process. Cans and plastic may be flattened. *Plastic bags can be recycled at your local grocery store. Please do not put them in your recycling bin as they get tangled in the conveyors at the recycling plant.

Mixed paper must be in a paper bag, separate bin, or bundled and tied. **DO NOT COMINGLE LOOSELY** with other recyclables, or your recycling will not be collected.

Corrugated cardboard boxes must be flattened and cut into approximately 3-4 foot squares, tied, and placed beside the recycling bin. This is necessary because of the compacting system of the recycling truck.

ACCEPTED

Aluminum cans, pie plates, and clean foil

Metal food, beverage, and aerosol cans

Green, brown, blue, clear glass bottles and jars

Mixed paper - magazines, newspapers, junk mail, paperback books, phone books, box board (cereal, crackers, toilet paper rolls, etc.), paper egg cartons, clean pizza boxes

Milk, juice, and broth cartons

Plastic bottles and jars (#1-7) recycling plant.

NOT ACCEPTED

Oil or antifreeze cans or bottles, aluminum cookware, aluminum siding

Paint cans, metal cookware

Window glass, drinking glasses, ceramics, flower pots, mirrors, light bulbs, ovenware

Tissues, paper towels, napkins, metallic wrapping paper, dirty paper plates/cups

Juice pouches

Styrofoam, plastic bags, Tyvek envelopes, plastic toys

General Trash Information

2017 Holiday Pickup Schedule:

Trash will not be collected on Memorial 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 hazardous waste or E-waste in the regular trash. Visit chestercountyswa.org for hazardous waste collection events scheduled throughout the county.

Tube TV's, computer monitors, appliances, and other electronics can be disposed of at the Lanchester Landfill for FREE (7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA 17555). Residents can bring up to 3 items per day. Retailers and e-waste collection events are now charging for TVs and computer monitors, so take advantage of this service!

Bulk Items:

Large items will be taken on the last collection date of the month. You may put out 3 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.

Yard Waste:

Collected on scheduled days. Must be in paper bags or a container that can be dumped. Branches no more than 3" in diameter & 3' in length must be bundled & tied. Yard waste collection dates are posted on the Township website www.westtownpa.org, in the Gazette, and on your utility bills. Pickup reminders are emailed to residents who subscribe to the township listserv. Join on the website.

AJB Trash & Recycling Service
A.J. Blozenski Inc.
www.ajblozenski.com
610.942.2707

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- Commercial Compactors
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Please Join CRC Volunteers!

20th Annual CRC Streams Cleanup and a Family Fun Picnic

Earth Day
 Saturday, April 22, 2017

Register Online
crcwatersheds.org



Streams Cleanup

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Volunteer at your local
 Chester, Ridley, or Crum
 watershed cleanup site.

Together we will
 make a difference!

Family Picnic

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Ridley Creek State Park
 Pavilion 8

Complimentary food,
 fun and games
 for everyone.



...to support, encourage and promote the enjoyment,
 restoration, conservation, protection and prudent
 management of the natural resources of the Chester,
 Ridley, and Crum Creek Watersheds.