Manager’s Message:

I have been the Township Manager for a little over a year now and I am enjoying it immensely. I am continually amazed at the quantity and variety of issues we respond to daily for residents and business owners. Frequently, the township staff, commissioners, and supervisors have to address the needs of new technologies. Two examples are recently adopted ordinances — Wireless Communications Facilities and Renewable Energy.

The Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance was prepared to provide reasonable accommodation for wireless technologies that may be placed in township and state road rights-of-ways. The development of this ordinance was in response to recent efforts by wireless communication providers to place mini-towers along streets in residential areas to expand the band-width available for wireless devices such as cell phones and tablets. The adopted ordinance will largely restrict the placement of communication antennae to existing utility poles along non-neighborhood roads.

The Renewable Energy Ordinance was developed to regulate energy systems such as geothermal, wind and solar systems, manure digesters, and outdoor wood-fired boilers. With the goal to protect adjacent properties and ensure safety, the ordinance permits renewable energy systems on residential or commercial properties as principal or accessory uses subject to zoning and building permit approvals.

Subscribers to Westtown’s listserv were aware of these ordinances, having received email notifications of Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings with the ordinances on their agendas. Listserv subscribers receive meeting agendas and minutes, notice of special hearings, community events, and township reminders. I encourage all residents to send their email address to maillist@westtown.org and put “listserv” in the subject line.

A final word about new technology. Westtown will soon be unveiling our new website. It will be user-friendly, visually appealing, and informative. The site will also be more interactive, enabling Westtown’s residents and businesses to stay more informed and communicate questions, suggestions, or concerns online.

Best wishes on a summer filled with sun and fun. As always, please stop in at the township building for a visit; I welcome the opportunity to meet you and answer any questions about Westtown Township.

Regards,

Rob Pingar
Township Manager
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS/BLANKETS AND JOIN US FOR:

BIG HERO 6
FRIDAY, JUNE 26

This movie is about the special bond that develops between plus-sized inflatable robot Baymax, and prodigy Hiro Hamada, who team up with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes. 
Stars: Ryan Potter, Scott Adsit, Jamie Chung

THE SOUND OF MUSIC
FRIDAY, JULY 24

It has been fifty years since it was first released in 1965 and is still one of America’s best loved movies about a woman who leaves an Austrian convent to become a governess to the children of a Naval officer widower. 
Stars: Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Eleanor Parker

Before the movie starts, enjoy a free concert at 7:00 p.m. by the West Chester Band. Come one and all to hear your favorites performed by our own local talent.

MUPPETS MOST WANTED
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

While on a grand world tour, The Muppets find themselves wrapped into a European jewel-heist caper headed by a Kermit the Frog look-alike and his dastardly sidekick. 
Stars: Ricky Gervais, Ty Burrell, Tina Fey

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All movies are suitable for the entire family and start at dark. SORRY - There are NO RAIN DATES.
Questions? Please call the Township Office at 610-692-1930 or email: ParkRec@westtown.org

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CHESTER COUNTY USEFUL CONTACTS & PHONE NUMBERS

Government Services Center: 601 Westtown Road
Chester County Court House: 313 W. Market St, West Chester Borough
District Justice for Westtown: William Kraut
   (District Court 15-2-03) 610-436-5757
Chester County Court House & Government Services Center:
   Information: 610-344-6000
   Children, Youth & Families: 610-344-5800
   Department of Emergency Services: 610-344-5000
   Health Department: 610-344-6225
   • Septic Systems: 610-344-6126
   • Recycling/Hazardous Waste: 610-344-6692
   License Bureau (Dog, Fishing, Hunting): 610-344-6370
   Marriage License Bureau: 610-344-6335
   Office of the Aging: 610-344-6009
   Passports: 610-344-6050
   Recorder of Deeds: 610-344-6330
   Tax Assessment: 610-344-6105
   Tax Claim/Lien Bureau: 610-344-6360
   Voter Services: 610-344-6410
Chester County Conservation District: 610-696-5126
West Chester Area School District:
   829 Paoli Pike, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380
   Main Number: 484-266-1000 | School Tax: 484-266-1035
State Senate – 9th District:
   Dominic F. Pileggi: Local: 610-358-5783 / State: 717-787-4712
   Email: dpileggi@pasen.gov
State House – 156th District:
   Dan Truitt: Local: 610-696-7990 / State: 717-260-6164
   Email: dtruitt@pahousegop.com
U. S. Senator:
   www.toomey.senate.gov
   www.casey.senate.gov
Congress – 6th District:
   Ryan Costello: Local: 610-696-2982 / Federal: 202-225-4315
   www.costello.house.gov

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Citizens Police Academy. This 12 week program gives citizens a better understanding of the operations of the Police Department. In addition, citizens will develop a greater awareness and appreciation of the challenges and decisions faced by Westtown-East Goshen Police Officers on a daily basis. The next session begins September 9, 2015. Visit www.westtownpolice.org for more information and application.

Neighborhood University. This program provides area citizens with the tools necessary to be better advocates for their community by educating them on local government structure, and by increasing their awareness of available municipal services and resources. The next session begins September 10, 2015. For more information contact the Township or visit our website www.westtownpa.org.

Historical Commission Vacancy. The Township is seeking a volunteer to serve on the Historical Commission. If you would like to become involved, please send your resume and letter of interest to the Township Manager, Rob Pingar, at rpingar@westtown.org.

Phase III On-Lot System Inspections Due. Residents in Phase III of the On-Lot Sewage Management Program are required to have their initial system inspection paperwork submitted to the Township by March 7, 2016. Please refer to the On-Lot Sewage Management Program Guide for more information.

Pay Sewer and Trash Bills Online. Westtown residents can use Visa, Master Card, and Discover to pay their utility bills online at www.westtownpa.org. There is no fee for residents who use this service.

Email Alerts. To be added to our electronic notification of Township meetings, special events such as Movie Nights, trash & recycling reminders, and other important news, please email maillist@westtown.org. Please put “listserv” in the subject line.

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.

FOR POLICE, FIRE, & MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911.
FOR NON-EMERGENCIES, DIAL 610-692-5100.
A hundred years ago, Westtown Township was a farming community. In 1913, Marshall Jones, Sr. purchased a farm here. Jones and his son and grandson, all named Marshall, operated “Maple Shade Farm” on Shiloh Road. Their farm is now Bayard Rustin High School and much of the Pleasant Grove community. The Old Taylor Farm was once theirs as well, and included a landing strip for the Jones’ airplane.

Marshall, Jr., chronicled Chester County’s transformation from a rural farming region to a suburban landscape in a series of essays he wrote for the *Daily Local News* and other publications. A booklet, “Recollections,” published by Helen Stapleton in 1992, was a compilation of these memories. Mr. Jones died 3/31/1997, at age 88.

Here are a few remembrances of farm life in Westtown:

“In 1913 my father purchased a 200 acre farm in Westtown Township from Mr. Edward Twaddell. After building an addition to the barn and remodeling the old stone farm house, it was ready for occupancy in January 1914. It was decided to move (from Upper Darby) when the weather would be more suitable during the January thaw. It was decided to move on January 28. Accordingly, the furniture was loaded on two large splay bed hay wagons the day before. The drivers had instructions to wait at Newtown Square because the West Chester Pike was only paved that far west. Later in the morning our family left in my uncle’s Stanley Steamer. It was such a warm day the top was folded down. When we arrived at Newtown Square, the teams were tied up at the hotel. The car was attached to the rear wagon by a tow chain because the mud was too deep for the car. In this manner we completed the journey to Westtown, making the 20 mile journey in 10 hours.”

“Before World War I, farm life was much the same as in Delaware County, but with the following exceptions; we had a telephone but there were no electric lines in the community so we made our own. It was a large generator or dynamo powered by a one-cylinder gas engine. It made a rather dim light by today’s standards, but was better than kerosene lamps.”

“The cows were milked by hand and the milk cooled in the spring house. In hot weather ice harvested the winter before from Westtown Lake was added. The milk cans were loaded on a two-horse wagon early in the morning to take to the 5:28am milk train at Westtown Station.”

“Nearly every farm had a small orchard, a flock of chickens and a few pigs for home consumption. Saturday night was shopping night in West Chester. Entertainment consisted of a visit to the Opera House (now the courthouse annex) to see a silent movie and a live vaudeville show.”

“There were over 30 dairy farms in the township at that time and Clarence ‘Cad’ Yearsley was the community thresherman. His entire outfit, steam engine, threshing machine, baler and water wagon, was made by the J.I. Case Company. He even had a Case touring car to transport his crew from farm to farm. At threshing time, the farmer provided soft coal and water for the engine and food for the hungry crew.”

“In 1915, I started school in the one-room Centre School on Shiloh Road. The teacher, Miss Ranck, from Honey Brook, boarded in the community and taught all eight grades.”
The heating system was a coal stove in the classroom and the water supply a hand pump in the yard. Of course, everyone walked to school, regardless of weather.”

“Also in 1915 we had our first automobile. It was a big Cadillac touring car with a V-8 engine. This car had many uses before our first truck was purchased a few years later. This car was not used between Thanksgiving and Easter because the dirt roads were impassable in the winter due to mud or snow.”

“Our first truck was an International with solid rubber tires and the radiator located between the motor and the cab. The first tractor was purchased about 1918 or 1919.”

“From 1931 to 1947 we raised about 50 acres (of potatoes) annually. We sold potatoes at the farm retail and wholesale and delivered to stores, two hospitals and the Mansion House Hotel in West Chester. We also delivered a five ton truck load weekly to hospitals in Philadelphia. On the way several hundred pounds were delivered to Swarthmore College and Chester Hospital.”

“When World War II started, cheap labor went into the Armed Services and defense industries and farm machinery manufacturers changed to war production. This caused a tremendous shortage of labor and machinery on farms. The wartime demand for food caused prices to escalate sharply. Meat, butter and sugar were rationed. President Roosevelt created the Office of Price Administration (OPA) to control prices. When farmers hold potatoes in frost proof storage over winter they expect higher prices the following spring to cover storage costs such as spoilage, shrinkage, etc.”

“The OPA bureaucrats in their ‘wisdom’ made no provisions for this in the fall of 1943 when they put a price ceiling on potatoes. As a result all growers sold their crop as quickly as possible to save storage costs and by the spring of 1944 there were no potatoes available at any price.”

“By 1944 the U.S. was scraping the bottom of the manpower barrel and some Jamaicans were imported to harvest field and orchard crops in Chester and Delaware Counties. They were housed in the old jail in Media and I hauled about 10 each day to work in a canvas covered stake body truck with straw bales for seats.”

“In 1945 there were a large number of German war prisoners at an Army barracks near the Philadelphia Airport. They were transported by school buses to work on Chester and Delaware County farms and orchards. We had about a dozen. They had no guards but there was an interpreter in each group who helped them learn English. There was only one farmer in the group. The others were doctors, lawyers, engineers, etc. in civilian life but all were very good workers.”

“They did not get much food at the barracks and only brought a few sandwiches with them. We quickly learned that they couldn’t do much hard work on these meager rations so regardless of orders we gave them a hot noon meal with lots of meat and the work output more than doubled. They were very thankful that they had been captured by the Americans instead of the Russians as they did not expect the German prisoners to ever return from Russia. They were by far the best crew we ever had.”

The Westtown Historical Commission (HC) was established to foster a community appreciation of the rich and varied history of the Township. The Historical Commission invites those who lived or worked in Westtown prior to 1960 to share stories, old photographs, anecdotes, or remembrances about life in our community more than 50 years ago. These will be shared and stored in the Township archives to further educate present and future residents on the Township's rich and diverse past.

The HC is currently seeking to fill an unexpired vacancy on the commission. Interested residents should send their resume and letter of interest to Township Manager, Rob Pingar at rpingar@westtown.org.
After a winter hiatus, the Friends of Oakbourne (FoO) is back at it again with a number of dedicated tree plantings, a dedicated park bench, and the beginning of a partial renovation of the Oakbourne water tower garden.

Two dedicated trees have been planted so far this spring. A willow oak (Quercus phellos), dedicated by Pam and John McGillian, was planted in memory of Phyllis Cleveland, a dear friend and neighbor of the McGillians. The willow oak is located in a grove of three oak trees (including a burr oak, red oak and chestnut oak) started several years ago by the Friends of Oakbourne in the area of Oakbourne park northeast of the soccer field. This willow oak and the three other oak trees planted by FoO are located in the vicinity of a group of very mature oaks (about 100 years old), the idea being the younger oaks will replace the older oaks as they reach old age and eventually decline and die. Willow oaks have been known to grow to 120 feet tall with trunks several feet in diameter. The leaves of the willow oak are quite different from the usual wide deeply lobed leaves of other oak trees in that they are slender willow-like leaves up to 5 inches long. I thought that the willow oak leaves are more “feminine” than the broad lobed “masculine” leaves of the white swamp oak, a tree recently planted at Oakbourne and dedicated to Phyllis’ husband, Arnie, and that the two trees would make a good pair.

A Japanese Stewartia (Stewartia pseudocamellia) was dedicated by Marianne Seitzer in memory of her husband Walter. Marianne told me that Walter loved Stewartias and wanted to plant one on their property but never got around to it. The Stewartia was planted in the bark woodlet area of Oakbourne Park, adjacent to the walking path a little east of the soccer field. The bark woodlet area was started to showcase trees with unique and interesting bark. The Stewartia has a very interesting mottled bark and it has the bonus of beautiful camellia like flowers that appear in late spring/early summer.

FoO has also begun the first phase of renovating the garden area around the water tower at Oakbourne. Over the years, the tower garden area has degraded; FoO received a donation from the Oakbourne Garden Club with the provision that the funds be used for upgrading gardens in Oakbourne Park. As the initial phase of the upgrade, weeds and scrubby shrubs were removed from the garden area adjacent to the brick path leading to the doors of the water tower. We then planted six oakleaf hydrangeas (Hydrangea quercifolia ‘Snow Queen’) in the cleared area. Oakleaf hydrangeas are native to the United States and provide...
year round interest. In late spring/early summer, large beautiful white flowers are formed which, as the summer progresses into fall, turn subtle shades of pink and eventually brown for the winter. The leaves of oakleaf hydrangeas look like large elegant oak tree leaves and they turn from deep green in the spring/summer to beautiful shades of red, orange and burgundy as fall approaches. Once the leaves drop in the fall you can then see the interesting peeling bark associated with this plant. Oakleaf hydrangeas can reach 10 – 12 feet in height and as they grow and mature, the white blooms of this shrub should be quite spectacular contrasting with the dark stone of the water tower. Since oakleaf hydrangeas are classified as “occasionally severely damaged” by deer, a deer repellant spray will be applied to the plants throughout the year to keep Oakbourne’s deer from munching on the plants.

And finally, if you are in the vicinity of the playground area near the pavilion in the park, you will notice a new park bench. The bench was dedicated to the memory of Robert Stephen Pew by friends and family. The bench is located near a sugar maple tree that was previously dedicated to Robert; as the sugar maple grows and matures, the bench will be shaded by the tree and provide a great vantage point for parents watching their children on the playground.

Many thanks to Westtown’s Roadmaster Mark Gross and his crew for help in transporting and planting our dedicated trees and for installing and anchoring the dedicated park bench.
Chris’ Code Corner
by Chris Patriarca, Director of Planning & Zoning

Soliciting in the Township
Within the Township, most persons soliciting business to individual households are required to have a solicitor’s license as issued by the Township. These licenses are available at the Township office and are issued only after the applicant pays the proper fee and passes a background check. Every person to whom a license has been issued is subject to the regulations for their conduct of business as follows:

- The solicitor shall carry their license card at all times and exhibit it upon request to any officer or person upon whom they call or talk to in carrying on licensed activities.
- The solicitor shall not permit any other person to have possession of his license card and shall immediately report its loss to the Township Police Chief. Further, the solicitor shall not cause or permit his license card to be altered or defaced.
- The solicitor shall not enter or attempt to enter any dwelling without invitation or permission of the occupant and shall immediately leave any premises upon request.
- The solicitor shall not represent his license card to be an endorsement of himself or of his goods or services or of the goods or services of their principal or employer.
- The solicitor shall immediately surrender their license card upon revocation of their license by an officer.
- The solicitor shall conduct their business between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Any resident who is approached by a solicitor who violates any of the aforementioned criteria should contact the Westtown-East Goshen Police at their non-emergency number (610-692-5100).

The only types of solicitors exempt from having to obtain a permit are:

- Persons soliciting contributions on behalf of organizations or nonprofit corporations exempted from the provisions of the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act.
- Farmers engaged in selling only the produce of their own farms from a truck or other vehicle.
- Persons who have been licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to engage in regulated activities, when so engaged; including, without limitation, real estate, insurance or securities, brokers and salesmen.
- Persons engaged in the sale of goods, wares and merchandise donated by the owner thereof, the proceeds whereof are to be applied to any charitable or philanthropic purpose.

Oakbourne Park Clean Up

For the third year, Cub Pack 69, based at Starkweather Elementary School, has demonstrated their community spirit by cleaning up Oakbourne Park. The able hands and generous hearts of Pack 69 are guided by Den Leader Nancy Brink and Cubmaster Adrian Karver. We are grateful to Pack 69 for making Oakbourne Park the beneficiary of their service.

* Members of Cub Pack 69 at their ‘Oakbourne Cleanup Day’ on April 12, 2015.
On May 21, 2015, Sergeant David Leahy of the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department graduated from the prestigious NJSACOP West Point Command & Leadership Academy. The Academy is an intensive and demanding 14 week program that originated in 1993 when the U.S. Military Academy at West Point worked to adapt the fabled West Point model of command and leadership to the needs of law enforcement. Participants in the program study topics such as leadership and organizational theories. Sergeant Leahy is pictured with his wife, Jackie, at his graduation.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY (CPA)
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REMINDER
Residents are reminded that there are three available telephone numbers for contacting the police department:

- 911: Emergencies
- 610-692-5100: Non-emergencies where the resident would like to speak with an officer or see an officer to make a report.
- 610-692-9600: Administrative requests such as scheduling a fingerprinting appointment, obtaining a copy of a police report, etc.

5th Annual Cars and Motorcycles of England Show

Approximately 250 cars and 25 motorcycles vied for Best of Show at the 5th Annual Cars and Motorcycles of England Show on May 30, 2015 at Oakbourne Park. The winner was a 1925 Bentley owned by Whitman Ball of Exton.

Mark your calendars for next year’s show:

**Saturday, June 4, 2016**
Road Maintenance Program 2015

The following roads are scheduled to be repaired and resurface, starting in early August:

- Carmac Road
- Martone Drive
- Clearview Road (partial)
- Robin Drive (partial)
- Cardinal Drive (partial)
- Woodtone Drive
- Overhill Road (partial)
- Woodcrest Road
- Green Lane (partial)

In addition, spot patching will be done on Walnut Hill Road, Shiloh Road, W. Pleasant Grove Road, S. New Street, and S. Matlack Street. The Township appreciates the patience of residents affected by the annual road maintenance program.

A new street, Gilpin Drive, now serves the Westtown Reserve, a retirement community being built off of Skiles Blvd. The name honors Richard A. Gilpin, who owned a dwelling at this location on Wilmington Pike in the mid-1800s. The Gilpin family was prominent in this area from before the Revolutionary War. Richard Gilpin’s siblings included Henry, Attorney General of the United States under President Van Buren; Thomas, a U.S. Consul at Belfast, Ireland; and William, a notable explorer of the American West who was appointed, by President Lincoln, as the first Governor of the Colorado Territory in 1861.

SAVE THE DATES: Friday Outdoor Movie Nights!
July 24 & August 14 | Oakbourne Park
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 the triangle on bottom. Rinse clean. Remove lids and discard. Labels may be left on. NO styrofoam, unmarked containers, or containers marked with other than #1 through #7. No antifreeze or motor oil containers. Please do not include loose plastic bags. Plastic bags can be recycled at your local grocery store.

Aluminum:
Rinse clean. Cans may be flattened. NO bottle or jar lids. Pie plates and clean aluminum foil is OK. 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 CO-MINGLE LOOSELY with other recyclables, or your recycling will not be collected.

Yard Waste/Leaves:
Cannot be placed in the regular trash and will only be collected on scheduled days. Must be in paper bags or in a container that can be dumped. Branches cannot be more than 3” in diameter or 3 feet in length and must be bundled and tied. NO rocks or stumps. Yard Waste collection dates are posted on the Township website www.westtownpa.org, in the Westtown Gazette, and on your utility bills.

Cardboard Boxes:
Must be cut in approximately 3 foot squares and tied in bundles. This is necessary because of the compacting system of the recycling truck. Cardboard not prepared this way will be taken with the regular trash. Cereal boxes and similar cardboard items may be combined with newspaper.

2015 Trash & Recycling Info

Holiday Pickup Schedule: Trash will not be collected on 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 hazardous waste or electronic waste in the regular trash. Visit the Trash & Recycling page on the township website or the Chester County Solid Waste Authority (www.chestercountyswa.org) for hazardous waste collection events scheduled throughout the county. Residential e-waste is accepted at Best Buy, and other electronics retailers.

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 furniture and appliances without Freon. 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.
Keep Car Washing from Harming Our Streams

Did you know:
- Soapy runoff from vehicle washing enters storm drains and flows untreated into local streams.
- Detergent levels as low as 0.1 ppm can harm wildlife and negatively impact drinking water and supplies.
- Even biodegradable detergents contain surfactants which can harm fish.
- Tap water from running hoses contains enough chlorine to kill fish in local streams.

Use a commercial car wash whenever possible. They typically use half the water, and treat and reuse the water before discharging it to sanitary sewers.

If use of a commercial car wash is not possible, please follow these precautions:
1) Park the car so that water runs off onto a grassy area, not to the street.
   Use protective measures to redirect water onto grass and to block nearby stormdrains.
2) Use a bucket of wash water with minimal detergent or plain water with sponges and towels, not a running hose, to wash and rinse the car.
3) Use a high-pressure, low-volume hose with a trigger nozzle to refill the bucket. Do not allow hose to run freely on the pavement.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO PROTECT CLEAN WATER!

This message is brought to you by your municipality and Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association, www.crcwatersheds.org.