



WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter To The Citizens Of Westtown Township - Summer Issue #18



Manager’s Message:

Westtown has much activity underway this summer that will continue into the fall. A great deal of it can be attributed to the many township residents who contribute their time and energy to make our community a great place to live, work, and play.

In the spring gazette, the Comprehensive Plan Update was featured, and I am pleased to report it has gotten off to an excellent start with 13 residents volunteering to be on the Comp Plan Task Force to help shape the township’s land uses for the next decade and beyond. On June 23rd, a Community Visioning Workshop was attended by over 50 interested residents who shared their thoughts on Westtown’s many attributes such as parks, open spaces, schools, farmers’ markets, as well as concerns for the future such as loss of open space and traffic congestion.

The strength of Westtown’s community spirit was demonstrated by the over 100 attendees to the first of three Summer Movie nights in Oakbourne Park on June 17th. This program is run by the township’s Parks & Recreation Commission. The Commission of seven residents volunteer their time to meet, plan, and execute programs for Westtown residents of all ages. The grandest program ever offered by the township will be Westtown Day on Saturday, September 17th. Westtown Day is a joint venture of the Parks & Recreation and Historical commissions.

There will be activities and programs for all ages, including traditional children’s games, an encampment by Civil War reenactors, a one-man play of a famous Westtown historical figure, petting zoo, Oakbourne Mansion tours, agricultural demonstrations, a display of police and fire rescue vehicles, live music, and of course great food. Westtown Day is a great opportunity for township residents to get involved. I encourage you to contact the township by phone or email if you would like to make Westtown Day great by volunteering on the day of the event.

Two sizable public works projects will be completed over the summer: the 2016 Road Maintenance Program and the Dunvegan Road culvert replacement. Combined, their construction costs exceed \$1.1 million. The vision of the Board of Supervisors and excellent fiscal and asset management of the township’s resources has enabled Westtown to undertake these important improvements.

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

Happy summer to all and best regards,

Rob Pingar

Rob Pingar, Township Manager

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 Voters Services: 610-344-6410

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BULLETIN BOARD

Road Maintenance

The 2016 Road Maintenance program is underway. The list of roads to be resurfaced is on the township website. Residents are asked to pay close attention to No Parking signs to prevent delays in the work schedule.

Westtown Road Detour

As part of the Westtown School Lake Dredging and Dam Replacement project, the culvert under Westtown Road is being replaced. Westtown Road is a PennDOT road, not a township road. This job is scheduled to begin with the road closure on 6/13/2016. PennDOT will install detour signs on Friday, May 27th. Westtown School hopes to have the project completed in 6-8 weeks.

Phase IV On-Lot System Inspections Due

Residents in Phase IV of the On-Lot Sewage Management Program are required to have their initial system inspection paperwork submitted to the Township by December 7, 2016. Please refer to the On-Lot Sewage Management Program Guide on the township website for more information.

Ready Chesco Alerts

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

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 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.

For Police, Fire, & Medical EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911.

For NON-EMERGENCIES, dial 610-692-5100.

Westtown Township Comprehensive Plan Update

*By Chris Patriarca, Township Planning Director and Task Force Co-Chairs
Dick Pomerantz & Russ Hatton*

Westtown Township is currently updating the 2001 Comprehensive Plan (the Plan). This update is significant, as the purpose of the Plan is to serve as the overriding vision and provide guidance 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.

As a resident, if you have ever found yourself saying, "If I was in charge of this Township, here is what I would recommend doing," then this process is the right time, the right place, and the right opportunity to share your thoughts.

The most important part of the comprehensive plan update is getting the community involved early in the process. Accordingly, the Township held a community visioning workshop at Rustin High School on June 23. With over 100 residents from across the Township present, including members of the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Comp Plan Task Force, the consultant team led attendees through a series of exercises designed to identify where we are as a community and where we want to be in the future.

Those in attendance first identified on aerial maps of the Township "places they love" and "places that need to be improved." The purpose of the exercise was for those in attendance to start to think about areas that the Township can build upon and areas that need greater attention as

we look into the future. Next, both the 2001 Growth Management Plan and 2014 Open Space and Recreation Plan were evaluated with the subsequent discussion about how well goals from these previous plans have been implemented. Finally, all in attendance were each given \$100 in "Westtown Bucks" to spend however each person saw fit on the future of the Township. This exercise allowed for the consultant team to see exactly what types of issues the residents present for the workshop value in the Township. The Township staff, consultant team, and Task Force would like to thank all of the residents who attended and participated in the workshop.

The consultant team is now processing all of the information learned from the workshop, and will report the results to the Task Force at a future meeting. What is learned from this meeting will in turn serve as part of the foundation of the plan update that both the consultant team and Task Force will be working on through 2017. Future opportunities will be available for public involvement in this process, and any resident not already included in the Township email listserv is encouraged to subscribe to be notified of future meetings.



Community Visioning Workshop at Rustin High.

Comprehensive Plan Update Task Force

The Comprehensive Plan Update Task Force has their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, with the alternate day being the second Wednesday, for the duration of the project. All meetings are open to the public, held at the Township Administration Building, and focus on a specific topic. Residents are encouraged to forward any input they may have on the Comprehensive Plan directly to the Township Director of Planning and Zoning, Chris Patriarca, at 610-692-1930, via email at cpatriarca@westtown.org, or by direct mail to the Township Office.

Stories from an Old House

by Daniel T. Campbell, AIA, Member Westtown Township Historical Commission

As an architect for 30 years, it's not surprising that I have renovated three homes of my own. Professionally, I have restored historic buildings from log cabins, farmhouses, colonial mansions, and grist mills, to barns and meeting houses.

My current home on Oakbourne Road in Westtown is a 2½ story stone-masonry, stuccoed former farmhouse, purchased in 2004. It was built about midway between the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, and is a fairly typical early 19th century Chester County farmhouse.

While the house had undergone various renovations and additions, it retained many charming original features such as a walk-in fireplace, beautiful white oak floors, thick stone walls that kept the house cool in the summer, and a more than 100-year-old silver maple tree in the yard. It also had some original windows with six lights of glass in each of the upper and lower sashes, known as "six over six." The oldest windows are "single-hung" design where the upper sash is fixed in place and the lower sash slides up without a counter-balance, so the windows propped open with a notched stick to allow progressive degrees of ventilation.

Renovating an old house comes with the challenge of creating a floor plan for modern living, while fitting into existing space and retaining the integrity of the house's style. Oftentimes materials are difficult to modify, such as 20" thick exterior stone walls, and age-hardened oak walls and floor framing. In my house, several interior walls were added during the 20th century, mostly for closets. I removed these walls and fortunately did not damage the original walls, mantels and moldings.

Renovations always bring surprises, and this house was no different. We learned that a wall built to divide the large parlor (living room) was located under a principal second floor beam, and the 8" x 8" oak timber was cut through to allow ductwork to reach the second floor. Restoring the parlor to its original size necessitated replacing the oak timber by installing an 8' x 6' steel beam concealed in the second floor. Removal of the old beam required shoring the

attic, second and first floors all the way to the basement to temporarily remove the load during beam replacement. Once that arduous work was done, the actual beam was installed in less than an hour. Other support work was necessary in the basement, like replacing an 8" diameter locust post set on a single stone about the size of a car steering wheel with a steel post and reinforced concrete footing, while sagging floors were jacked-up to a level plane.

I knew I needed to renovate the generous attic space under the pitched roof to accommodate my family. The attic floor was covered with wood boards and concrete (a fire-proofing measure of the 19th century). A room alongside the main chimney was for smoking meats; a stone could be removed to fill the room with smoke. With modifications, the attic could accommodate two bedrooms, a study room, and a cedar closet, alongside the existing stair. The floor joists were sistered with 2x6s for final leveling; the 4" x 4" roof rafters with 2x10s for straightening and insulation value. A dormer with legal-sized escape windows, required by building code, was installed in each new bedroom. A separate heating/cooling system, concealed under the roof eave between the dormers, was installed to service the third floor. All wiring and heating/cooling lines to new and renovated spaces had to run through the only wood framed first floor wall, since the exterior walls are solid stone. I recycled an antique cabinet front on the first floor to provide a concealed shaft for these utilities. Ductwork, added during the 1940s to the 1st and 2nd floors, was modified and extended.

The added space on the 3rd floor allowed for 2nd floor changes; a bedroom was renovated into a hall bathroom. The former hall bath became the master bath and the smallest bedroom became the master closet, creating a unified suite across the rear of the second floor. The kitchen, in a lean-to, stone-and-frame, first floor wing had been the pump-room; a hand-dug well is hidden under the floor by a steel cover and wood floorboards.

Researching the history of the house from old area maps going back to 1860, I discovered this house has had few owners. The original builder seems to have been Isaac Bailey, when Oakbourne Road did not exist. The south façade was the original front of this house; the Oakbourne Road side was the rear, again before the road existed. This farm was 97 acres, until after ownership by the final farmer, Roman Hunt. He worked the orchards and raised cows and chickens from 1920 to the late 1960s. When we bought the house we learned that of their five children, two Hunt daughters still lived across the street from us.

A great way to learn the history of a house is from former inhabitants. We invited the Hunt sisters for dinner and they charmed us with many stories of growing up in the house. According to the Hunt's, there was an outhouse in the backyard until they were in high school. The women remembered a large cast iron stove in what is now my dining room, placed in front of the walk-in fireplace. Prior to indoor plumbing, they had their weekly bath in a metal tub attached to the stove where the bath water was heated. Their father sent them to St. Agnes School in West Chester. However, each day before they went they had to

milk the cows and place the filled milk cans in the spring-house (which still exists on an adjacent property). Then they walked down Oakbourne Road to the Oakbourne station, took a train to Market Street in West Chester (where the excursion railroad is now), and then walked the half mile across the borough to St. Agnes School.

A bank barn stood on the property until it burned down in the late 20th century (some neighbors still remember that event) and was replaced by a 2 1/2 car garage. When I planted trees on the former driveway I encountered a lot of oyster shells which were given to the chickens to peck to add calcium to their diet, thus strengthening their eggshells.

Fortunately, I was able to renovate this house with minimal intrusion to the original architectural fabric and modest but functional modifications to the floor plans. A big challenge to renovating an old house is installing new utilities and systems in concealed ways to achieve a modern, livable home, while keeping the charm and history of the past visible.



Friends of Oakbourne News

by Tom Bare, President of Friends of Oakbourne

On your next visit to Oakbourne Park, check out the new expansion to the Water Tower Garden. The Friends of Oakbourne (FoO) initiated phase two of the low maintenance gardens next to the water tower. Last year FoO planted six native Oak Leaf Hydrangeas, three on either side of the path leading to the front door of the water tower; this spring the patch of pachysandra mixed with thistle, poison ivy, and assorted weeds adjacent to one of the hydrangea gardens was removed, and covered with cedar mulch. FoO then donated and planted a Japanese maple (*Acer palmatum* var. *dissectum* 'Tamukeyama'), which will be the centerpiece for this section of the water tower garden. A number of shrubs will later be planted to enhance and complement the Japanese maple, which is a weeping variety with red laceleaf foliage and interesting smooth twisting branches that arch toward the ground. Thanks to Bill Wall of West Chester Agway for transporting the tree to the water tower.



Japanese Maple viewed through the Oak Leaf Hydrangeas at the water tower.

FoO is working on decreasing some of the invasive plant species present in our park; in particular, garlic mustard is an invasive herbaceous plant that can, if left unchecked, take over large areas of woodland. Garlic mustard displaces native plants and wildlife by competing for available light, nutrients and water resources and there are several areas of the park where this invasive is present.

As part of the ExxonMobil Foundation Volunteer Involvement Program, Rick Brown, a FoO member and former employee of ExxonMobil, spent many hours hand-pulling the flowering garlic mustard this spring, when the plant is easy to spot and susceptible to plant/root removal. Thanks to Rick's hard work on this and other FoO projects, ExxonMobil awarded a \$500 grant to the Friends of Oakbourne.



Rick Brown hand pulling garlic mustard at Oakbourne.

In the last *Gazette*, I described a black tupelo tree that FoO planted several years ago which was damaged by our Oakbourne deer herd. Since there was a strip of bark that had not been damaged by the deer, I decided to see how the tree would leaf out and grow during spring and early summer. The latest observation of the tree (6/23/2016) showed that it had indeed leafed out, but the leaves were small and not fully sized compared to another black tupelo that I planted on my property at the same time. A comparison of the damaged and healthy trees is pictured. We will probably remove the damaged tree in a few weeks and replace it with another black tupelo, which will be well protected from the deer.



Black Tupelo damaged by deer is struggling.



Black tupelo not damaged is lush and fully leafed out.

A memorial tree dedicated by the Mengel-Barton family to the memory of Kevin E. Mengel, Jr. was planted near Kevin's previously dedicated memorial bench in an area southeast of the mansion near two large evergreen trees. The memorial tree is a beautiful Dawn Redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*) which will replace a European Larch tree that was felled by a storm last year. The redwood will complement the existing two evergreens and provide an interesting and stunning specimen as the tree matures. Based on fossil evidence, dawn redwoods are known to have existed as many as 5 million years ago and the tree was first discovered in the wild in China in 1941. Under good growing conditions, the tree grows rapidly, reaching heights around 100 feet. In the fall, the deep green needles turn red-bronze and eventually fall from the tree; soft light green feathery, fern-like foliage emerges in the spring and as the summer progresses, the foliage becomes dark green in color.



Dawn Redwood tree dedicated to the memory of Kevin E Mengel, Jr.

Interested in improving your beautiful township park?

Please join us at the Friends of Oakbourne's upcoming meetings on July 21 and October 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Oakbourne Mansion. If you are interested in donating a park bench or tree to be planted in Oakbourne Park to honor a special person or loved one or to commemorate an important occasion, contact Tom Bare (tmbare@hotmail.com or 610-399-1572).

Westtown East Goshen Police (WEGO) News

Old Glory Travels America's Freedom Road

On May 20, 2016, members of the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department were honored to participate in the Old Glory Travels America's Freedom Road tour when it visited the Chester County Courthouse during Police Memorial Week. The mission of the tour, in part, is to remember and commemorate important events of our nation's history; to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans and the fallen who helped shape them; to salute members of the armed forces; to recognize the firefighters, police and EMTs who protect our freedom domestically; and to celebrate the freedoms and spirit of America that Old Glory symbolizes. Old Glory has participated in ceremonies, parades, school visits, and more throughout the U.S. from Ground Zero in NYC; Shanksville, PA; the Pentagon; Fort McHenry; Mount Rushmore; Oklahoma City, OK; Pearl Harbor; Midway and the Tinian Islands; atop Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima; the Normandy American Cemetery in France; and many other countries.



Pictured with Old Glory are (L - R): Officer Jorge Rodriguez, Sergeant Steven Wassell, and Officer Russell Weaverling.

New Look For Police Department's Vehicles

Township residents may have noticed that the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department's patrol vehicles have a new look. In December of 2015, a design committee was formed to create a new graphic design for the Department's patrol vehicles. The goal of the new design was to increase visibility; enhance safety through the addition of equipment; create a modern image for the Department; and to accentuate the Department's achievement of accreditation through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. The design committee, headed by officers Jorge Rodriguez and Russell Weaverling, worked with a vendor to construct four sample designs; the members of the Department then voted to select the final design that would be utilized. At the end of January of 2016, the final design was selected and the first vehicle was equipped with the new design in early March. Vehicles with the new design will be slowly added to the Department's fleet as older vehicles are replaced through normal attrition. Pictured (L to R): Vehicle with newest graphics, Officer Jorge Rodriguez, Officer Russell Weaverling, and vehicle with old graphics.

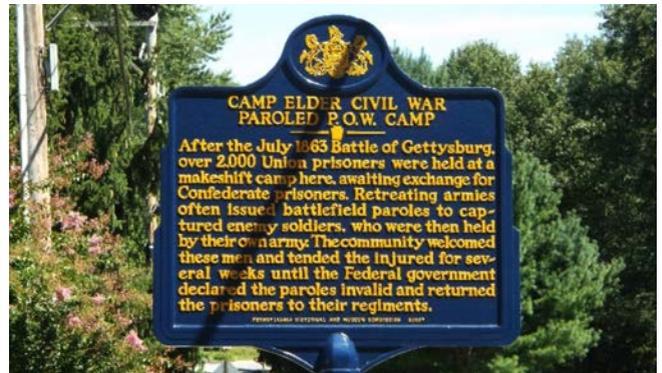


Westtown Day: Saturday, September 17th

Mark your calendars for Westtown Day on Saturday, September 17 from 10am to 2pm at Oakbourne Park (rain date Sunday, September 18). The township Parks & Recreation and Historical Commissions are planning a fun and educational day! Events include:

- Civil War re-enactors
- Petting zoo
- Live music
- Tours of Oakbourne Mansion
- Face painting
- Carnival games
- *Your family making memories!*

The Historical Commission will give a presentation about Westtown's Camp Elder Civil War POW camp and present Historical Preservation awards. There will also be a brief play about a Westtown resident named Isaac Winters, a free black farmer who fought bravely in the Civil War. Learn about Westtown's rich past, notable residents, and historic events since its inception in 1685.



Please contact Pam Coleman (pcoleman@westtown.org) if you would like to volunteer to help with this event. If you are interested in sponsoring Westtown Day, please contact Historical Commissioner Erica Reilly (ericamreilly@gmail.com) for more information. Visit www.westtownday.com for more info.

Neighborhood University 2016: Starts September 8th

The West Chester Area Council of Governments is proud to announce that another year of Neighborhood University is set to begin in September. This free program offers the opportunity to learn about local government, tour public facilities, and better understand available municipal services and resources. The goal is to provide area residents with the tools necessary to be better advocates for their community.

Neighborhood University of Greater West Chester is open to any resident or business owner, age 16 or older, from one of the participating communities: East Bradford Township, East Goshen Township, Thornbury Township (Chester County), West Chester Borough, West Goshen Township, West Whiteland Township, and Westtown Township.

Local officials will cover topics including the structure of local government in Pennsylvania, public safety, zoning and land development, trails and open space, stormwater management, transportation, Public Works infrastructure, and public finance.

Enrollment begins August 1st, and class size is limited. Sessions will be held on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in various locations throughout the Greater West Chester area. Once enrollment is confirmed the course schedule and session locations will be distributed to participants. More information can be found at www.nugwc.org.

Contact: Mimi Gleason, West Whiteland Township Manager (admin@westwhiteland.org) or call (610) 363-9525.

Township Meetings and Events

JULY, 2016

- 5, 18 - Board of Supervisors
- 9 - Yard Waste Collection
- 12 - Parks & Recreation
- 15 - P&R Movie Night
- 20 - Planning Commission
- 21 - Historical Commission
- 21 - Friends of Oakbourne
- 28 - Comp Plan Update Task Force

AUGUST, 2016

- 1, 15 - Board of Supervisors
- 3, 17 - Planning Commission
- 6 - Yard Waste Collection
- 9 - Parks & Recreation
- 18 - Historical Commission
- 19 - P&R Movie Night
- 25 - Comp Plan Update Task Force

SEPTEMBER, 2016

- 6, 19 - Board of Supervisors
- 7, 21 - Planning Commission
- 10 - Yard Waste Collection
- 13 - Parks & Recreation
- 15 - Historical Commission
- 17 - Westtown Day
- 22 - Comp Plan Update Task Force

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - 7:30 pm
HISTORICAL COMMISSION - 6:00 pm
PLANNING COMMISSION - 7:30 pm
Township Municipal Building
1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown

FRIENDS OF OAKBOURNE - 7:00 pm
PARKS AND RECREATION - 7:00 pm
Oakbourne Mansion
1014 S. Concord Road, Westtown

Township Offices will be closed Independence Day and Labor Day.

SAVE THE DATE: October 15, 2016
Taylor Burial Ground Memorial
dedication ceremony

Television and E-Waste Disposal



In January 2013, the final provision of the Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 (CDRA) went into effect, banning the disposal of electronic waste in state landfills. This legislation has created a huge burden for residents looking for a responsible and affordable option for disposal of electronic waste. Municipalities and electronics retailers stepped in to offer various e-waste recycling options, but these programs have become too expensive to offer for free. Most retailers and e-waste recycling events charge \$30-\$50 for tube TVs and computer monitors.

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority (Lanchester Landfill) is offering to accept up to three devices per resident free of charge through the end of 2016. All sizes and types of TVs and computer monitors may be dropped off at the Lanchester Landfill, located at 7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA 17555.

The **Electronics Recycling Association of Pennsylvania (ERAP)** is leading the charge to amend the Covered Device Recycling Act, but residents are urged to **contact your state representatives and ask them to amend the law.** Contact information for elected officials can be found in the blue banner at the bottom of every page of our website.

2016 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

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 hazardous waste or E-waste in the regular trash. Visit www.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 through the end of the year (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:

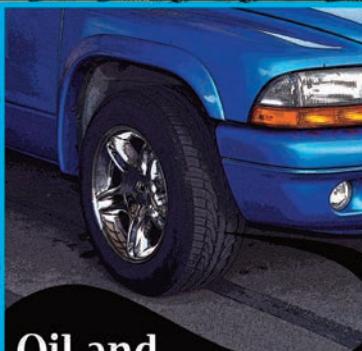
Collected on scheduled days. Must be in paper bags or a container that can be dumped. Branches no more than 3" in diameter & 3' in length must be bundled & tied. Yard waste collection dates are posted on the Township website www.westtownpa.org, in the Gazette, and on your utility bills. Pickup reminders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





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**Oil and
Water Don't Mix.**

**Fix That
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**Every year oil and
other automotive
fluids find their way to
our streams and other
waterways, endangering
wildlife and our
drinking water supply.**

Message brought to you by your municipality
in partnership with Chester-Ridley-Crum
Watersheds Association's **Joint Municipal
MS4 Stormwater Program.**

Source: EPA

Stop the sheen - keep our water clean!

Oil and water don't mix. Just one pint of oil can create a slick larger than a football field. Motor oil takes a long time to break down in water and sticks to everything from beach sand to bird feathers and fish gills. It is toxic to people, wildlife and plants. Even small leaks from improperly maintained vehicles are collectively polluting our creeks and drinking water.

Did you know that just one gallon of oil can contaminate one million gallons of drinking water?

Oil-contaminated runoff makes its way from roads and driveways into storm drains and ultimately our streams. Americans are responsible for 180 million gallons of used motor oil escaping into our waterways each year!

The leak stops here!

- Check cars and equipment for oil leaks regularly and have them fixed promptly.
- Keep your car tuned to reduce oil use.
- Use drip pans under your vehicles when you change the oil.
- Clean up spills with oil absorbent material or cloths and then sweep. Never hose the area!
- Recycle used motor oil.

Delaware County:

<http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/auto.html>

or Chester County:

www.chestercountyswa.org/index.aspx?nid=176

**Remember - when your car is leaking oil on
the street, it is not just leaking on the street!**