



# WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter to The Citizens of Westtown Township - Summer Issue #22



Oakbourne Clock Garden Renovated by the Friends of Oakbourne

## Manager’s Message:

Happy summer! What a great season to travel or spend time locally, whether in our back yards and pools, at a park such as Oakbourne (don't miss our movie nights!), or sidewalk dining in West Chester.

Summer is a busy time for Westtown Township, and no vacation for the Public Works Department. The crew is busy preparing the five miles of road to be paved under the 2017 Road program. The prep work includes replacing sewer manhole frames and lids and repairing storm sewer inlets and tops. Soon thereafter, Westtown’s contractor, Inncon will mill off the road surface, make base repairs, then resurface the entire road with high-quality asphalt wearing material. Before the paving work begins, the contractor will replace severely deteriorated concrete curbs to preserve the functional integrity of the road and roadside drainage system.

Westtown also has two other large capital projects currently in the planning stages: 1) The Oakbourne Road bridge replacement, and 2) a new Public Works garage. Construction on both projects is slated for 2018. The Oakbourne Road Bridge has been damaged by two floods in the past 20 years, resulting in emergency closings and repairs. Westtown has now allocated funds to replace the bridge using a pre-cast concrete box culvert, which will minimize the time the bridge is closed during construction. This is a complex project which requires several utility relocations, right-of-way acquisition from SEPTA, and coordination with SEPTA due to the proximity of the adjacent railroad bridge. The design will include a

realignment of the westbound approach of Oakbourne Road to permit opposing vehicles to view each other without using the convex mirrors on each side of the bridge.

The Public Works Department has needed additional garage space for many years. The responsibilities of the department have grown, as has their staff, vehicle, and equipment needs. The limits of the existing facility are most apparent in winter. Large trucks with snow plows cannot fit in the current garage bays. Consequently, when a vehicle or equipment requires repair, the work must be done outside, often in inclement weather. The new garage will be large enough to park eight 30' plow trucks inside for thawing and maintaining. There will be a separate power wash bay too. Westtown Township has made a significant investment in trucks and equipment. The new public works garage will increase their service lives and will aid our most important investment, the Public Works personnel, to efficiently maintain Westtown’s 56 miles of roads, 28 miles of sewers, and 385 acres of parks and open space.

As always, I invite 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

## IN THIS ISSUE:

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Contact Information & Bulletin Board.....   | 2   |
| Comprehensive Plan Survey .....             | 3/4 |
| On-Lot Sewage Management Program (SMP)..... | 5   |
| The Plunder of Chester County .....         | 6/7 |
| Friends of Oakbourne News .....             | 8/9 |

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Park & Recreation News .....                       | 10 |
| Westtown East Goshen Police (WEGO) News .....      | 11 |
| Meetings & Events and Neighborhood University..... | 12 |
| Trash & Recycling Information .....                | 13 |



# Westtown Township, County of Chester

## Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



**Board of Supervisors:** Mike Di Domenico, Carol De Wolf, Tom Haws  
 Street Address: 1039 Wilmington Pike • West Chester, Pennsylvania 19382  
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 79 • Westtown, PA 19395-0079  
 Phone: 610-692-1930 • Fax: 610-692-9651 • [www.westtownpa.org](http://www.westtownpa.org)

### CHESTER COUNTY USEFUL CONTACTS & PHONE NUMBERS

#### Chester County Government Services Center:

601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA, 19382  
 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  
 Voters Services: 610-344-6410

#### Chester County Court House:

313 W. Market Street, West Chester Borough, PA 19380

#### District Justice for Westtown:

William Kraut (District Court 15-2-03): 610-436-5757

#### Chester County Conservation District:

610-696-5126

#### West Chester Area School District:

829 Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA 19380  
 Main Number: 484-266-1000 / School Tax: 484-266-1035

#### State Senate - 9th District:

Tom Killion: Local: 610-436-3320 / State: 717-787-4712  
[www.Senatorkillion.com](http://www.Senatorkillion.com)

#### State House - 156th District:

Carolyn Comitta: Local: 610-696-4990 / State: 717-705-2075  
[www.pahouse.com/Comitta](http://www.pahouse.com/Comitta)

#### U. S. Senators:

Pat Toomey: Local: 215-241-1090 / Federal: 202-224-4254  
[www.toomey.senate.gov](http://www.toomey.senate.gov)  
 Robert Casey: Local: 215-405-9660 / Federal: 202-224-6324  
[www.casey.senate.gov](http://www.casey.senate.gov)

#### Congress - 6th District:

Ryan Costello: Local: 610-696-2982 / Federal: 202-225-4315  
[www.costello.house.gov](http://www.costello.house.gov)

#### For Police, Fire, & Medical Emergencies, DIAL 911.

#### For Non-Emergencies:

610.692.5100

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### Neighborhood University

The West Chester Area Council of Governments is proud to announce another year of Neighborhood University. This free program offers the opportunity to learn about local government, tour public facilities, and better understand available municipal services and resources. Sessions will be held on Thursdays from September 14 through November 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in various locations throughout the Greater West Chester area. For more information and to enroll, visit [nugwc.org](http://nugwc.org).

#### Phase I Routine On-Lot Inspections

Residents in Phase I of the Sewage Management Program (SMP) must have their Routine Inspection Reports submitted to the Township by September 7, 2017. Additional information on the SMP is provided on p. 4 of this newsletter and on the township website [westtownpa.org/onlot](http://westtownpa.org/onlot).

#### WEGO Part Time Officers Needed

The Westtown-East Goshen (WEGO) Regional Police Department is currently accepting applications for part-time Police Officers. Applications will be accepted until July 7, 2017. Initial application form is available online at [westtownpolice.org](http://westtownpolice.org) or at the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department, 1041 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA 19382 during regular business hours (M-F, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm except holidays).

#### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@westtown.org) and request to be put on the electronic delivery list.

# Comprehensive Plan Update

## What are your Westtown Township priorities?

Westtown Township is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan, which will guide important policies and decisions over a 10-20 year planning horizon. A Task Force of your fellow citizens has been working on this plan for many months, and they now need your feedback! Below is a list of objectives under consideration by the Task Force, along with a few questions. The Task Force would like your input as they seek consensus on strategies that can be implemented by Township government.

This survey will take about 10 minutes to complete and all answers will be kept confidential. Only compiled results will be made public. Please either **complete and return the survey to the Township at 1039 Wilmington Pike or complete it online through the Township website at [www.westtownpa.gov](http://www.westtownpa.gov)**. In addition to the survey, there will be a community meeting in early October to allow for further public involvement in the planning process. For more information about the Township and to join our "ListServ," please visit the Township website.

1. Please indicate the level of your agreement by marking the appropriate box.

| GOAL  | STRONGLY AGREE | SOMEWHAT AGREE | NO OPINION | SOMEWHAT DISAGREE | STRONGLY DISAGREE |
|---|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Protect historic buildings, structures and landscapes and promote their preservation.                                   |                |                |            |                   |                   |
| Advocate for improvements to relieve traffic congestion at the Route 202/926 intersection.                              |                |                |            |                   |                   |
| Promote economic development and expansion of the Township tax base.  |                |                |            |                   |                   |
| Create pedestrian and bicycle-friendly connections from neighborhoods to parks, trails, schools, shopping and services. |                |                |            |                   |                   |
| Accommodate increased need for aging in place and multi-generational housing.   |                |                |            |                   |                   |
| Improve the overall safety of the many cut-through streets in the Township.   |                |                |            |                   |                   |
| Preserve remaining open space by supporting agricultural use and by promoting conservation efforts.                     |                |                |            |                   |                   |
| Ensure that new development complements existing neighborhood character.  |                |                |            |                   |                   |
| Protect streams and adjacent streamside forest ("riparian") buffer areas.   |                |                |            |                   |                   |
| Complete a master plan for all Township parks, recreational facilities and programs.                                    |                |                |            |                   |                   |

**2. How satisfied are you with the following?**

|   | VERY SATISFIED | SATISFIED | NO OPINION | DISSATISFIED | VERY DISSATISFIED |
|---|----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Police Services   |                |           |            |              |                   |
| Fire and Ambulance Services   |                |           |            |              |                   |
| Township Parks  |                |           |            |              |                   |
| Township Recreational Programming                                     |                |           |            |              |                   |
| Township Code Enforcement   |                |           |            |              |                   |
| Township Administrative Services                                      |                |           |            |              |                   |
| Township Communications with Residents and Businesses                 |                |           |            |              |                   |
| Township Responsiveness to Resident requests, concerns, and questions |                |           |            |              |                   |
| Road conditions/repairs   |                |           |            |              |                   |
| Snow removal  |                |           |            |              |                   |
| Value of Township services for taxes paid                             |                |           |            |              |                   |
| General Appearance of the Township                                    |                |           |            |              |                   |
| Overall Quality of Life   |                |           |            |              |                   |

**3. In which areas would you support increased fees or taxes if needed to fund improvements that meet Township goals.**

|                              | FULLY SUPPORT | SOMEWHAT SUPPORT | NO OPINION | DO NOT SUPPORT | STRONGLY OPPOSE |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Open space preservation      |               |                  |            |                |                 |
| Park facility improvements   |               |                  |            |                |                 |
| Recreational programs        |               |                  |            |                |                 |
| Trails and pathways          |               |                  |            |                |                 |
| Sewer and water improvements |               |                  |            |                |                 |
| Road improvements            |               |                  |            |                |                 |

**4. In what part of Westtown Township do you live, work or own property?**

- West (west of Route 202 such as areas near South New Street)
- Central (east of Route 202 and west of Shady Grove Way/Walnut Hill Road, such as areas near South Concord and Oakbourne roads)
- East (east of Shady Grove Way/Walnut Hill Road, such as areas near Routes 3 and 352)
- I do not live, work or own property in Westtown Township

**5. How long have you lived in Westtown Township?**

- Less than 3 years
- 11 - 20 years
- 3 - 10 years
- More than 20 years

**6. Do you have any further comments that you want the Township to consider? (Please use additional sheets as necessary).**

---



---



---

# On-Lot Sewage Management Program (SMP)

## Routine Inspections & Pumping

### *Routine Inspections*

The initial cycle (Cycle 1) of On-Lot Sewage Management Program (SMP) ended December 7, 2016. Going forward, the On-Lot Sewage Management Program (SMP) requires that every system undergo a routine inspection and pumping in successive three-year cycles according to the schedule below:

| PHASE        | START                      | END               |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1            | DECEMBER 8, 2016           | SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 |
| 2            | SEPTEMBER 8, 2017          | JUNE 7, 2018      |
| 3            | JUNE 8, 2017               | MARCH 7, 2019     |
| 4            | MARCH 8, 2019              | DECEMBER 7, 2019  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>30 Months (3 Years)</b> |                   |

If you are unsure of what phase your property lies in, a map showing the inspection phases is available on the township website [westtownpa.org/onlot](http://westtownpa.org/onlot).

Cycle 2 ends December 7, 2019, Cycle 3 will end December 7, 2022, with successive cycles every three years thereafter. The **SMP Routine Inspection Report** must be completed by a contractor certified by the Pennsylvania Septage Management Association (PSMA) hired by the property owner. This report is to be completed, signed, and submitted to the Township within thirty (30) days of your inspection.

### *Routine Pumping*

In addition to submitting the Routine Inspection Report once every three years, property owners are required to have their on-lot sewage system pumped out at least once during the 3-year cycle. When the system is pumped, the inspector will be able to observe and record the information required on the SMP Routine Inspection Report. **It is highly recommended that system pumping be done at the same time as the routine system inspection.** If pumping is done at the same time as the inspection, a receipt from your pumper should be attached to the SMP Routine Inspection Report. If pumping is done at another time, then you must submit a copy of the pumping receipt to the Township within 30 days of pumping, but no later than December 7, 2019.

Note that pumping more frequently than once every three years may be recommended by your PSMA certified inspector to maintain your on-lot sewage system in good working order. However, for the purpose of the township's reporting requirements, evidence of only one pump out in each three-year cycle is required, regardless if your system is pumped more frequently.

# The Plunder of Chester County During and After the Battle of Brandywine

*by Paul Mullin, Westtown Township Historical Commissioner*

On the morning of September 11, 1777, a thick fog covered the ground when Martha Taylor awoke to begin her daily routine on their farm in Westtown along Street Road (now Pleasant Grove). Martha's mind was on the safety of her husband Thomas, and two sons, Thomas Jr. and Titus, who were with the Chester County militia. They were likely stationed with other battalions of militia along the Brandywine Creek near Pyle's Ford.

General Howe's army had sailed up the Chesapeake Bay and landed near the Head of Elk (near Elkton, Maryland) little more than a month ago. The British and Hessians were now camped at Kennett Square. Martha had watched the local militia drill on their farm. She knew these men, who were her neighbors and friends, and she worried about them. Word had it that General Howe was intending to cross the Brandywine at one of the many fords in the area and continue to Philadelphia to capture the city. Around nine o'clock in the morning, as Martha continued her work, she suddenly heard the faint sound of gunfire.

Soon, the roar of cannon fire could be heard in the distance from the area of Chadds Ford. Hessian General Knyphausen had begun the feint at Chadds Ford, thus allowing Howe to begin his flanking movement around Washington's right and the American position near the John Chad's House. Later in the afternoon, Howe completed his flanking march and rested the tired soldiers for about half an hour at Osborne Hill off the Birmingham Road. After the troops were rested, around four o'clock in the afternoon, the main battle began as the British and Hessians advanced toward Birmingham Meeting. The Battle of Brandywine had begun.

The Americans lost the battle, but put up a good scrap against the British. After several days, Howe had moved some of his troops to Chester. September 15, Howe discovered that Washington was marching along the Lancaster Road (Swedesford Road today) only 10 miles away. Howe's troops once again marched through Westtown along Old Wilmington Pike. Their march passed near the present eastern part of Crebilly

Farm, past today's Amish Market and Planet Fitness towards the Boot Tavern (Boot Road and Phoenixville Pike). Lord Cornwallis was marching through the east end of Westtown along the Chester Road (route 352) towards the White Horse Tavern (Swedesford Road near Planebrook Road). The short-lived Battle of the Clouds soon commenced, much of it occurring at what is now Immaculata University. Soon after, the British captured the capitol at Philadelphia. The residents of Chester County survived the storm of musket balls, grapeshot, and cannon balls from these battles, but had no idea of the suffering that would plague them for years to come.

For years after the battle, Chester County residents were recovering from the damages (depredations) that the British had wreaked from their commandeering of animals, food, crops, clothing, and other items. It is important to note that this was harvest time and as fruit and crops were being gathered, suddenly two armies descended on the county.

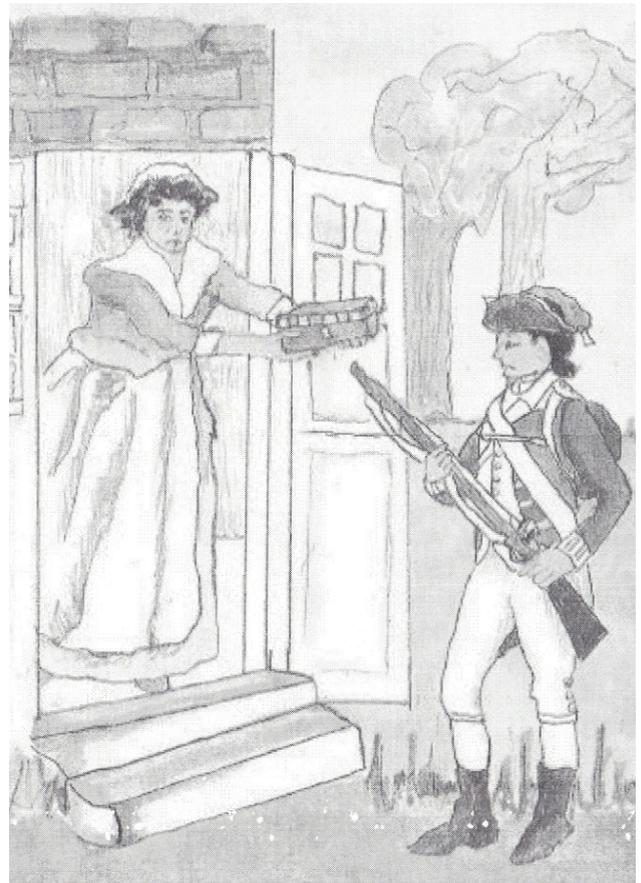
The two townships that suffered the most were Birmingham and Tredyffrin as the British had camped in these areas the longest. In Birmingham, it is said that General Howe's headquarters was the c: 1750 George Gilpin Homestead on Harvey Road. The British camp in Tredyffrin was generally parallel along the Lancaster Road (Route 30) to the south and Swedesford Road to the north. Local author and historian, Thomas Maguire, states that the approximate boundary of the camp is roughly defined by today's Swedesford Road, Valley Forge Road, Hickory Lane, and Howellville Road. Cold Stream Drive runs approximately through the center of the camp.

Charles Dilworth of Birmingham Township, owner of the tavern at Dilworth (now the Dilworthtown Inn), placed a damage claim of 820 pounds, 15 sterling, and 3 pence (approximately \$49,000 today). The extensive list of losses includes 88 animals (cows, pigs, horses, and sheep), a wide-ranging list of crops destroyed or confiscated, furniture, whiskey, silver, clothing, and damage to real estate (fences, trees,

house, outbuildings, etc.). In his memoirs of the Battle of Brandywine, Joseph Townsend, a Quaker from Sconnelltown, Birmingham Township, lamented seeing furniture and other goods being used for cooking fires by the British when there was plenty of torn down fence rails and timber available. The devastation that he witnessed that day in 1777 induced him to move to Harford County, Maryland in 1782, and later to Baltimore where he died.

The Gibbons family who lived off Street Road (now the Westtown School), was cleaned out of livestock by several foraging parties. The following damages were claimed by Westtown residents and recorded in the Chester County Register of Revolutionary War Damages compiled in 1782. The original spelling is used, totals are in pounds, sterling, pence:

- Thomas Taylor (deceased), submitted by his mother, Phebe totaling 82.14.0: 1 Gray Mare, 1 Brown Horse, 1 Riding Saddle, 29 Geese, 1 Red Heiffer, 2 Coverlids, 1 Pewter Tea pott, 1 Warming Pann, 8 Shirts, 1 Camblet gown, 1 Pair of fine Linen Sheets & Pillows, 1 Pair of Shoes & Buckles Silver, 6 Silver Teaspoons, Sundry Caps & Handk.r, 14 pairs of Stockings, 1 Sell of Home Spun Curtains, 1 Hollon apron, 1 pair of thread Mittons, 1 Cambrick apron, 3 Fine Linen Sheets.  
Note: Phebe Taylor is said to have attributed the depredations above to the Hessians who marched in the left wing of the British forces who swept across Crebilly farm.
- Name Unknown, totaling 23.16.10: 1 New Saddle, Cash taken out of my chest £20 Continental 3 to 1 Hard, Cash in Hard Money, 1 New Beaver Hatt, 1 New pair of Breeches, 1 New Demascus under Jacket, 3 Skirts almost New, 3 pairs of Stockings of Sundry sorts, 1 Mislin Stock & Stock buckle Plate, 1 Pair of Knee Buckles Silver, 1 Cotton Handkerchief.
- John Hunt, totaling 30.0.0: 1 Brown Mare 7 Years old.
- Caleb James, totaling 32.10.0: 1 Mare about 8 or 9 Years old, 1 d.(ditto) about 18 months old, oats in the Sheaf Supposed worth 1.5.0, 1 Pewter Quart.



*A British soldier plunders a colonist's home - drawing by Ida Fritsche*

These are the only recorded depredations for Westtown in the register since the populace was mostly Quaker. Many Quakers, such as the Gibbons family, did not claim war damages due to religious beliefs. Depredations were recorded by the Quakers themselves and were kept in the Birmingham Meeting minutes. The true toll likely will never be known. Unfortunately, none of this money was ever paid out due to the conditions agreed upon in the Treaty of Paris. The residents of Chester County (which, at the time, included present day Delaware County) took many, many years to recover from the short battles of 1777. Some of them likely never recovering the prosperity that they enjoyed before that fateful September.

SAVE  
THE DATE

OCTOBER 1

## WESTTOWN DAY

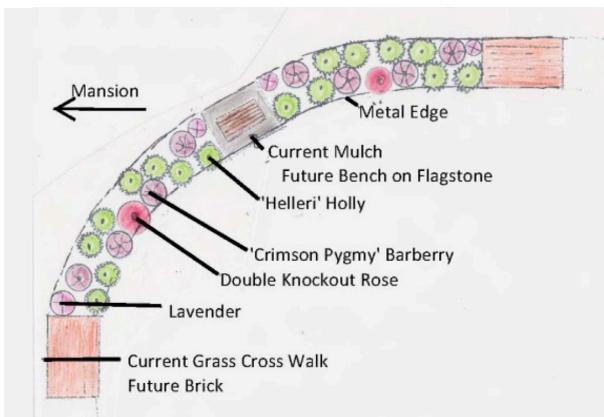
Please join us Sunday, October 1 at Oakbourne Park. Enjoy historical presentations, tours of Oakbourne Mansion, live music, food, petting zoo, pony rides, and a childrens' archaeological dig.

# Friends of Oakbourne News

## Clock Garden Renovation at Oakbourne Park

by Tom Bare, President, Friends of Oakbourne

One of the design features associated with the mansion at Oakbourne Park is the so-called Clock Garden, which surrounds the flagpole in front of the mansion. This garden is a large circular garden consisting of four quadrants with grass paths at the 12, 3, 6, and 9 o'clock positions. The garden probably got its name because of a sundial that was originally in the space now occupied by the flagpole.



The Clock Garden was planted almost exclusively with peonies - beautiful for a week or two in the spring, but nondescript for the remainder of the year. The Friends of Oakbourne (FoO) have talked about renovating the garden for several years. Thanks to generous financial donations from many people, FoO finally found itself in the position to start planning the renovation of the Clock Garden.

I contacted Craig Rybinski, owner of Creative Garden Solutions in Avondale, PA to assist with the design and planning. I have worked with Craig on many interesting horticultural projects during my years as a Penn State Master Gardener, and knew that he had been involved in the design of a number of gardens associated with historical sites. After meeting several times with FoO, Craig presented us with an overall plan for gardens and walkways, encompassing both the traffic circle in front of the mansion as well as the Clock Garden itself. Financial constraints dictated that we initially restrict ourselves to the Clock Garden renovation.

We established certain horticultural requirements for the Clock Garden:

- Compatible with the architecture and history of the mansion
- Low maintenance once established
- Plants that are hardy and deer resistant
- Four season interest

Craig presented a selection of designs and plants that satisfied the above criteria. The design we settled on (see plant diagram) is a modernized version of a "Knot Garden" (Google "Knot Garden" for examples), where plant textures and colors are woven together to form a pleasing pattern.

The renovated garden will blend nicely with the architectural elements of the mansion, while not being overly formal. Year round interest is created with dwarf evergreen holly (*Ilex crenata* 'Helleri' - Helleri Holly) and dwarf red leaf barberry (*Barberis thunbergii* 'Crimson Pygmy' - Crimson Pygmy Barberry). This layout is then punctuated with pops of color provided by pink Knock Out Roses (*Rosa x Knockout Double Pink*) and clumps of lavender.

The first step in the renovation entailed removal of all plants. On a beautiful day in mid-April, a group of volunteers from FoO and some Westtown garden enthusiasts dug out peonies, daffodil plants/bulbs and a few yuccas; the plants and bulbs all found good homes with Westtown residents and friends.

Rick Brown and I then prepared the beds for planting by rototilling and raking to provide a smooth and level surface. With the guidance and help of Craig and his staff, we then installed metal edging around the perimeter of the four beds. This created a well-defined planting area, and a barrier to keep grass from encroaching into the beds as the garden matures. We then placed a 3-inch layer of mulch on the beds.

On a spectacularly beautiful day in May, Craig and his crew delivered 67 Holly, 34 Crimson Barberry, and 8 Knockout Roses. With their help, our small group of volunteers were able to get the plants into the ground in a little over 2 hours. Mulching first proved to be an excellent decision. The mulch was merely scraped aside where each hole for a plant was dug, and then replaced around the plant after planting was completed.



Volunteers planting the Clock Garden beds. Clockwise starting on the left: Ann Bare, Helen Greer, John Capista, Perry Catando, and Rick Brown (John and Perry are Westtown township summer employees)

With all plants in the ground, a soaker hose irrigation system was installed. Each plant was then fertilized with Holly-tone organic fertilizer. Mother Nature was very cooperative with this entire garden project with beautiful weather on all of our workdays and a heavy soaking rain on the day after planting.

Lavender will be planted in the coming weeks, completing the "growing" part of the Clock Garden renovation. Future plans include installing brick walkways between the garden beds, and installing benches on flagstone at the midpoint of each garden quadrant to enhance the aesthetics, and provide a place to relax and enjoy the space.

“As president of the Friends of Oakbourne, I would like to gratefully acknowledge and thank everyone involved in planning and executing this project. In particular, thanks to our small, devoted volunteer group of FoOer’s, and to those who have contributed financially to our organization over the years. A special thanks to Craig Rybinski, who donated his design and contracting services to this project. Westtown’s Director of Public Works, Mark Gross, was especially helpful with his advice and recommendations, as well as providing help with mulching and labor. We’re appreciative of the many Westtown residents who stopped by to help us dig out all of the old plants in the Clock Garden. FoO member Rick Brown deserves special recognition for all of his work at Oakbourne which, at times, seems to be his second home.” — Tom Bare



Craig Rybinski (Creative Garden Solutions) and Tom Bare (President, FoO)

## INTERESTED IN IMPROVING YOUR BEAUTIFUL TOWNSHIP PARK?

Please join us at the Friends of Oakbourne’s upcoming meetings at 7:00 pm on July 20 and October 19, 2017 at Oakbourne mansion. Contact Tom Bare (tmbare@hotmail.com or 610-399-1572) 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.

# Parks & Recreation News

by Jennifer Masiko, P&R Chair

The annual Westtown Community Yard Sale in April began with uncertainty and ended with attendees and vendors stating it was the best one yet! Early morning rain threatened to cancel the event, but fortunately the weather faired. Based on feedback from participants last year, the sale started earlier this year. Another improvement was an additional curb apron in the park driveway, easing parking flow for the over 600 vehicles that arrived for the event.

In addition to the P&R concession stand, attendees enjoyed refreshing lemonade at the Alex's Lemonade Stand run by volunteers and students from Starkweather Elementary School who did a fantastic job marketing their stand. The stand raised enough money to help fund 3 hours of cancer research! Kudos to the Quinn, Brown, Hoke, Masiko, Gallagher, and Biryukova families!

Once again we were fortunate to have Habitat for Humanity provide a truck to collect donations from sellers at the end of the sale. The truck was filled nearly to capacity with all the generous donations to help fund the building (literally) of better lives of many in our surrounding communities.

Finally, thank you to all those who made the event a success: Captain Ron Giacinto and his crew (Lieutenant Rob Miller and Sargent Fred Criscuolo) of the West Chester Fire Police for assisting with traffic surrounding the event, and for helping a young lady who accidentally got her car stuck on a curb. The Township Public Works Department for the installation of the curb apron, and the Parks and Recreation commissioners (Ida Fritsche, Donel Manke, Phillip Garabedian, Susan Alloway, Eileen Peterman, and Alison Corcoran) for the planning and execution of this event. To have so many new commissioners and to be complimented this was the best sale yet...great things are in store for this township! It's a pleasure to work with you!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2017 SUMMER (& FALL) MOVIE NIGHTS



**JUNE 23**  
Zootopia



**JULY 21**  
Fantastic Beasts  
and Where to  
Find Them



**AUGUST 18**  
Sing



**SEPTEMBER 29**  
Casablanca

# Westtown East Goshen Police (WEGO) News

by Chief Brenda Bernot

In April, the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department's four newest part-time police officers began patrolling the streets of Westtown, East Goshen, and Thornbury townships after completing a three-month field training process. If you see these officers out on patrol, please feel free to introduce yourself and say hello.



From Left to Right: Officer Anthony Hughes, Officer Scott Weiner, Officer Chris Dittus, and Officer Joe Varacalli

On May 27, 2017, Sergeant Leo Kennedy, the police department's longest tenured officer, retired from the police department after 32 years of service. Sgt. Kennedy started his career with WEGO in 1985 as a patrol officer. Through his interest in traffic safety, he became one of the first accident reconstructionists in Chester County, and has participated in the investigation of many serious motor vehicle crashes.

He established the Traffic Safety Unit within the police department in 1998. This unit became a model that has been copied by other departments throughout the county, and has received many awards throughout the years. In 2000, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and was promoted again to the rank of Sergeant in 2012.

While his professional accomplishments are too many to list, his commitment and dedication to the department

and the citizens that it serves will be his true legacy. Sgt. Kennedy has shown himself to be a leader, role model, and true friend to many within the police department. He plans to take a cross-country motorcycle trip shortly after his retirement. This will be the culmination of a lifetime goal, and we all wish him safe travels and Godspeed on his journey.



## WEGO IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Applications will be accepted until July 7, 2017. Initial application form is available online at [westtownpolice.org](http://westtownpolice.org) or at the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department, 1041 Wilmington Pike during regular business hours (M-F, 8:30am - 4:30pm except holidays).

# Township Meetings and Events

## JULY, 2017

- 8 - Yard Waste Collection
- 11 - Parks & Recreation
- 17 - Board of Supervisors
- 19 - Planning Commission
- 20 - Historical Commission
- 20 - Friends of Oakbourne
- 25 - Toll Conditional Use Hearing

## AUGUST, 2017

- 5 - Yard Waste Collection
- 7,21 - Board of Supervisors
- 8 - Parks & Recreation
- 9,23 - Planning Commission
- 17 - Historical Commission
- 29 - Toll Conditional Use Hearing

## SEPTEMBER, 2017

- 5(T),18 - Board of Supervisors
- 6,20 - Planning Commission
- 9 - Yard Waste Collection
- 12 - Parks & Recreation
- 21 - Historical Commission

## OCTOBER, 2017

- 1 - Westtown Day
- 2,16 - Board of Supervisors
- 4,18 - Planning Commission
- 7 - Yard Waste Collection
- 10 - Parks & Recreation
- 19 - Historical Commission
- 19 - Friends of Oakbourne

**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:  
July 3, July 4, and Labor Day*

# Neighborhood University

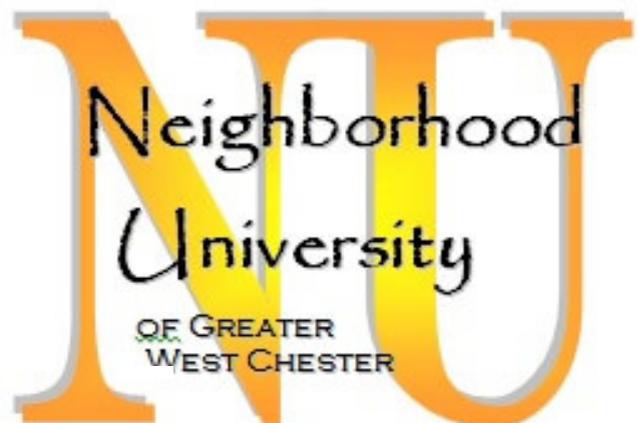
The West Chester Area Council of Governments is proud to announce another year of Neighborhood University. This free program offers the opportunity to learn about local government, tour public facilities, and better understand available municipal services and resources. The goal is to provide area residents 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.

Sessions will be held on Thursdays from September 14 through November 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in various locations throughout the Greater West Chester area. For more information and to enroll, visit [www.nugwc.org](http://www.nugwc.org). Class size is limited.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Mimi Gleason, West Whiteland Township Manager ([admin@westwhiteland.org](mailto:admin@westwhiteland.org)) or call (610) 363-9525.



# 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](http://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](http://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. Bloeski Inc.**  
[www.ajbloeski.com](http://www.ajbloeski.com)  
**610.942.2707**

Discount Code: Westtown  
**\$25.00 off**  
 a Roll-off Dumpster  
**\$10.00 off**  
 Junk Removal Service

**Four Generations of Quality Service from the Bloeski Family**

- 96 Gallon Carts Available
- Bulk Item Removal
- Special Cleanups
- Roll-off Dumpsters
- Storage Containers
- Commercial Compactors
- 1-40 Yard Containers
- Event & Party Boxes
- 100% Customer Satisfaction

30 cubic yards  
 228 long / 88 wide / 6ft high

17 cubic yards  
 148 long / 68 wide / 5ft high

**Dependable Roll-Off Service**

**Servicing Westtown Township**

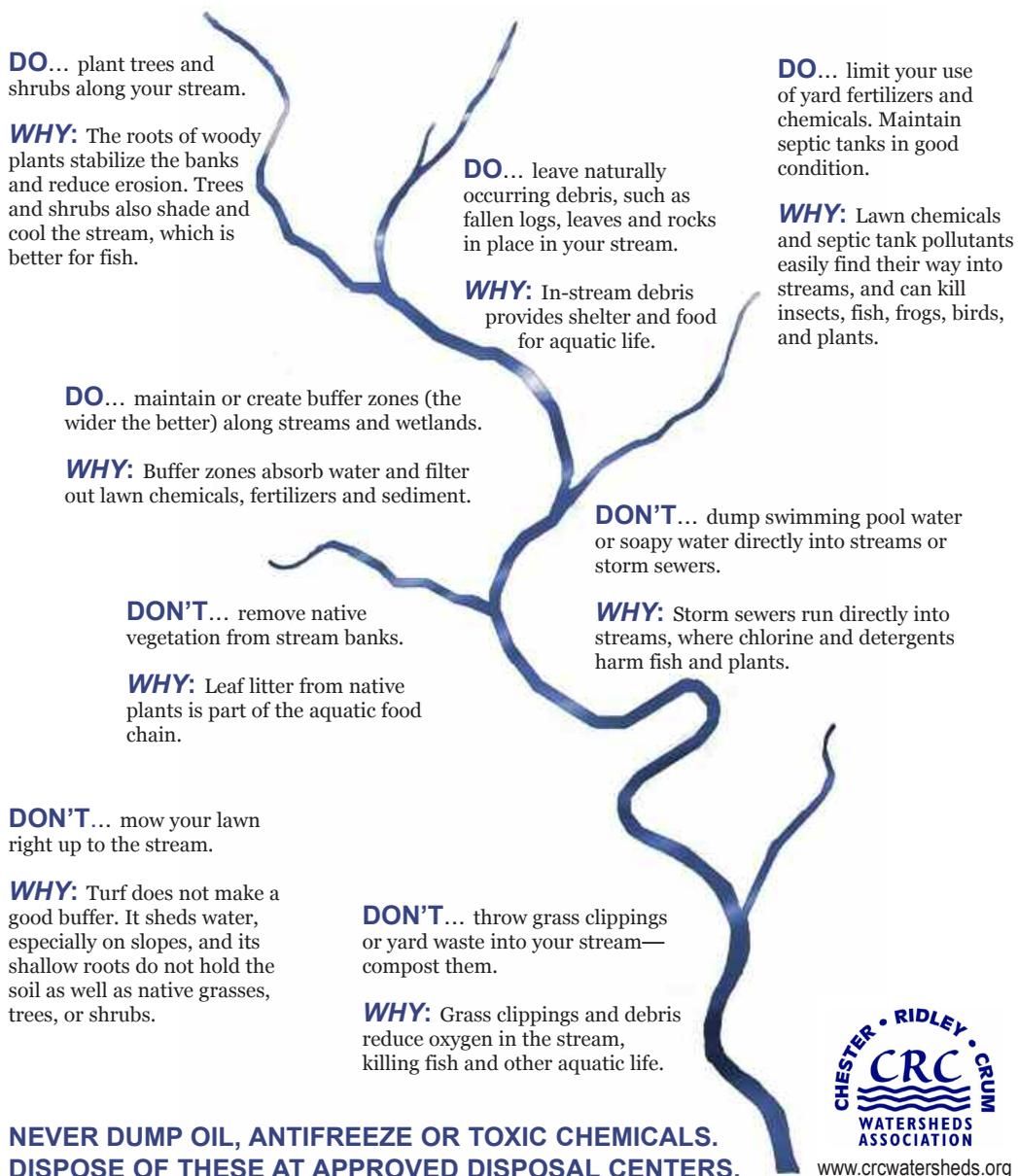
Discount cannot be combined with any other offer.



Westtown Township  
 1039 Wilmington Pike  
 P.O. Box 79  
 Westtown, Pennsylvania 19395

Prsrtd Std  
 U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
 West Chester PA  
 Permit No 10

# HOW TO CARE FOR OUR STREAMS



**DO...** plant trees and shrubs along your stream.

**WHY:** The roots of woody plants stabilize the banks and reduce erosion. Trees and shrubs also shade and cool the stream, which is better for fish.

**DO...** maintain or create buffer zones (the wider the better) along streams and wetlands.

**WHY:** Buffer zones absorb water and filter out lawn chemicals, fertilizers and sediment.

**DON'T...** remove native vegetation from stream banks.

**WHY:** Leaf litter from native plants is part of the aquatic food chain.

**DON'T...** mow your lawn right up to the stream.

**WHY:** Turf does not make a good buffer. It sheds water, especially on slopes, and its shallow roots do not hold the soil as well as native grasses, trees, or shrubs.

**DON'T...** throw grass clippings or yard waste into your stream—compost them.

**WHY:** Grass clippings and debris reduce oxygen in the stream, killing fish and other aquatic life.

**DO...** limit your use of yard fertilizers and chemicals. Maintain septic tanks in good condition.

**WHY:** Lawn chemicals and septic tank pollutants easily find their way into streams, and can kill insects, fish, frogs, birds, and plants.

**DON'T...** dump swimming pool water or soapy water directly into streams or storm sewers.

**WHY:** Storm sewers run directly into streams, where chlorine and detergents harm fish and plants.

**NEVER DUMP OIL, ANTIFREEZE OR TOXIC CHEMICALS.  
 DISPOSE OF THESE AT APPROVED DISPOSAL CENTERS.**



[www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org)