



WESTTOWN GAZETTE

A Quarterly Newsletter To The Citizens Of Westtown Township - Winter Issue #20



Oakbourne Mansion stained glass
Photo courtesy of Evan Gross

Manager’s Message:

Happy 2017! It is hard to believe that we are 17 years beyond the infamous “Y2K,” when the world was on edge with uncertainty, concerned that the power grid and computers would crash at midnight. It is also hard to believe that it has been a whole year since the new Westtown Township website went live. An easy to use, informative, and attractive website were important attributes to the Westtown Board of Supervisors when they first conceived it, and I trust you will agree these goals were achieved. I am taking this opportunity to enlighten Westtown residents as to the value of the website, and to encourage more residents to use it to stay informed and do business with the township.

The township website is westtownpa.org. The homepage is neatly laid out to access the most frequently desired information. Upcoming events and meetings are prominently displayed front and center. Simply click on a meeting or event to see details and event information such as agendas and draft minutes. Timely and important **Bulletin Board** items are featured on the homepage, as well as a link to the all bulletin board posts (e.g. E-waste recycling events, special notifications, intrastate pipeline information, public safety notices, and township commission vacancies). At the top right is a blue button “**Get Email Alerts**” to sign up for notifications such as yard waste pickup reminders, board and commission meetings, community events, and public notices. I encourage you to use this feature to be informed.

There are five tabs near the top of the homepage. Under **Resident Resources** you will find the information most often needed by residents such as trash and recycling, building permits and other applications, the on-lot management program, and taxes. The Westtown Township Code

(ordinances) is also found under **Resident Resources**, via a link to eCode360.com. In addition to the township code, this site also archives all approved board and commission meeting minutes and adopted township resolutions. The other tabs are **Boards and Commissions**, township **Departments, Parks & Recreation**, and **Calendar**. Under **Parks and Recreation** is a link to the **Oakbourne Mansion** website (oakbournemansion.org). The mansion can be rented for indoor and outdoor events such as weddings, parties, and corporate functions. Residents enjoy a 20% discount off regular rental prices.

Prominently displayed on the homepage are “hot” buttons to quickly access **Online Bill Pay**, **Report a Concern**, **FAQs**, and the **WEGO Police**. Use **Online Bill Pay** to securely pay your trash and sewer bill by credit card. Approximately 15% of residents take advantage of this feature. **Report a Concern** provides a convenient way to inform the township staff of potholes, missed trash and recycling pickups, or any other matter of concern. The **FAQ** button answers many questions about Building Permits, the On Lot Sewage Management Program, Trash & Recycling, Roads & Public Works, Resale Use & Occupancy Certificates, Stormwater Management, Utility Billing, and Zoning. The **WEGO Police** button redirects to the Westtown East Goshen Police website, which has an abundance of public safety information.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable 2017. As always, I encourage you to stop by the township building to meet the staff. We are here to serve you and answer any questions, that is if they haven't already been answered by the website ;-)

Best regards,

Rob Pingar

Rob Pingar, Township Manager

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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

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www.casey.senate.gov

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BULLETIN BOARD

Public Works – Part Time/Seasonal Employment

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

Parks & Recreation Commission Vacancies

The township has three vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Commission. P & R commissioners are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for a term of five years. The commission meets once a month at the Oakbourne Mansion. If you would like to become involved with P&R programs, activities, and planning, please send your letter of interest and resume to the Township Manager, Rob Pingar (rpingar@westtown.org).

Community Wildlife Habitat Certification

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

Stay Informed

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

Ready Chesco

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

Planning Commission Update

by Chris Patriarca, Planning Director, Richard Pomerantz and Russ Hatton, Planning Commissioners

The Crebilly Farm has been characterized from the outset by the Planning Commission Chair as “the iconic centerpiece of Westtown,” in recognition of the emotional attachment it has had for so many for decades. However, unlike previous applications to develop the property (Presby Homes Continuing Care Retirement Community in 2008, and Bozzuto’s Apartment Complex in 2014), the Toll Brothers application does not require a zoning amendment, only conformance with existing standards set forth in the Township Zoning Ordinance for conditional use approval. This means that since October 2016, the Planning Commission (PC) has been undertaking a detailed review of the Toll Brothers conditional use application to construct a minimum of 317 new residential dwellings on the Crebilly Farm tract, utilizing the flexible development procedure.

As such, Toll’s obligation is to demonstrate on the record that their project conforms to the required zoning criteria, as well as adequately address any substantial impacts associated with their development. This review will continue through early winter 2017, with a formal recommendation from the Planning Commission being made to the Board of Supervisors at a future date.

The role of the Planning Commission in this process is outlined in §170-2009.C.3 of the Township Zoning Ordinance which reads in full as:

At least 30 days prior to the date of the hearing, one copy of the application shall be furnished to the Township Planning Commission, together with a request that it submit recommendations to the Board for consideration at the hearing. The Planning Commission, in its review of the conditional use application, shall evaluate in particular the generalized site plan in relation to the Township Comprehensive Plan and the physical development of the Township.

With this mandate in mind, the Planning Commission held public meetings on Nov. 16, Dec. 15, and January 10 to hear from the applicant, Township consultants, and the general public on this application. At the November meeting, Toll Brothers made their initial presentation and formally introduced their project. Further, the PC Chair and Co-chair made a detailed presentation outlining the conditional use process in full in an effort to better educate the public on the process. This was followed by a significant period of public comment. Numerous concerns were raised including, but not limited to: increased traffic, loss of open space, impacts to

the Brandywine Battlefield, sewage treatment options, overall scale of the development, impacts to schools, and impact on the overall quality of life.

At the December meeting, the Planning Commission heard presentations on both the historical and overall planning issues relevant to the Crebilly property. Sean Moir, of Western Heritage Mapping, provided an overview of the Battle of Brandywine and its impact on the property. He presented animated mapping based on the established historical record that showed a flank of Hessian Jaegers crossing through the western portion of the property prior to their battle against the Americans at Birmingham Hill. This was followed by a presentation by Dave Walter, Chair of the Township Historical Commission, who provided an overview of the historic structures presently on the farm. The third presentation was made by the Township planning consultant, John Snook of the Brandywine Conservancy. Mr. Snook touched on a wide range of planning issues including: consistency with the Comprehensive and Open Space plans, the application of conservation design, consolidation of open space to best preserve areas impacted by the Battle of Brandywine, the provision of a connector road and parkway across the tract, provision of a trail network, and protection of scenic views. This was followed with numerous questions from the Planning Commission and additional public comment.

The January 10 meeting covered issues related to both sewage disposal and traffic impacts. Township sewage engineering consultant, Bill Malin of Carroll Engineering, led a discussion on the options available for sewage disposal. He noted the Township 537 Plan denotes the area to be serviced by on-lot systems, but also stated there is adequate capacity in the existing treatment plants for the project to connect to public sewer. Next, the Township transportation engineering consultant, Al Federico of Kimley-Horn, discussed traffic impact resulting from the proposed development. He spoke of the additional infrastructure and associated improvements required to address increased traffic. Areas of specific focus were on impacts to Rts. 202 & 926, overall street layout, and the conclusions made in Toll’s traffic impact study. Just as in the previous meeting, both presentations were also followed by numerous questions from the Planning Commission and additional public comment.

The Planning Commission will continue its review with an additional meeting in February to discuss impacts associated with the development with the Township consultant team.

Westtown in the 1940s

by Gail O. Guterl, Westtown Township Historical Commission



"When I was a little girl in Westtown, looking out your window or driving down the road were farms and planted fields as far as the eye could see," remembers Barbara Cheyney Bentley, a life-long Westtown resident born on a Quaker farm along Wilmington Pike.

Barbara, now 79, is someone who has watched the scenery change over the years. The Historical Commission sat down with her to talk about some of her most compelling memories.

Life on the Farm

Farming was the township's main economy for many decades. According to Arthur James' *History of Westtown*, in 1926 the township numbered 700 people and had 22 farms. By 1950, the population had grown by almost 300 people. (Today it is 11,000.) "Westtown was rural," Barbara said. "In fact, our mail was delivered to RFD #5 (rural free delivery)." RFD, a term you don't hear often, is a service begun in the late 19th century to deliver mail directly to rural farm families.

So what was it like living on a farm in Westtown Township in the 1930s and 40s on land that belonged to a succession of families, such as Richard Whitpain in the 1680s, the Morris's, the Faucetts, the Cheyneys, and the Papenfuss's? Where did she go to school? What did she and other local farm children do for fun?

Barbara spent her early life on Wilmington Pike (what is now Rt. 202) on a farm owned by her grandparents just north of what is now the Go-Go Gas Station on Rt. 202. Later she moved only a few hundred feet to property her grandmother,

Anna Lloyd Henry Cheyney, gave her on Robin's Nest Lane, a small private road off Rt. 202 at the northernmost border of Westtown Township. Barbara speaks most often of her grandmother, "a tiny Quaker woman with her hair in a bun" because "my grandmother was the farmer and the businesswoman. My grandfather, W. Edwin Cheyney Sr., worked for PennDOT; he never farmed the land."

Raised with loving parents and grandparents living on the same property, Barbara remembers "an idyllic, happy childhood. To kids today that life would probably seem boring, but it wasn't. We always had something to do. Yes, we all had jobs on the farm, but in between we had a good time."

One of Barbara's responsibilities in the summers was to sell fresh-picked corn from a makeshift farm stand — the back of her grandmother's Chevy truck parked at the end of their driveway on Wilmington Pike — "until it was all sold." She began that job when she was as young as 10 years old.

School Days

In addition to her farm chores, Barbara attended Bartlett Manor School on Rt. 202 and East Pleasant Grove Road. The school was later renamed Westtown Thornbury School, and even later became the Westtown Township building. "The building had two or three stories with classrooms on each floor. My fourth and fifth grades were in the same room. You'd have two rows of fourth graders, and in the same room two rows of fifth graders."

On weekends and weekdays after chores were done, "we'd jump into the corn silo and play hide and seek and other games," Barbara said. Saturday nights were special. "That was when large farm families in the area would get together. The adults would play euchre [a card game] and

the children would run around and have a great time. I remember falling on a metal floor heating grate during one of those Saturdays and chipping my front teeth."

Like all farm children, Barbara learned to drive at a young age. "When I was 16 I got my driver's license, but I had been driving farm equipment long before that," Barbara said. "I remember driving a tractor down Rt. 202 to fields my grandparents owned and farmed," she said. She also remembers being able to drive west from her grandmother's house across the fields on a dirt road, all the way to South New Street, "without encountering another house." Today the Snow Drop Hill and Westview Acres developments sit on that land.

High Flying Memories

As her school days were ending, Barbara hoped for a career as a flight attendant. Her choice may have been influenced by two things in her life. One of her earliest memories was when airmail, literally meant “air” mail.

“A high point in this area was the hill where Starkweather and Stetson schools stand,” Barbara vividly remembers. “When I was growing up it was a hayfield on the Faucett farm, and there were two tall flag poles on that hill with a hook to hoist a bag to the rope strung between these poles. Periodically, a small plane would fly by with a large hook hanging from the bottom of the plane. The plane swooped down and snagged the rope that hung between the two tall poles and picked up the outgoing mail.” The plane then circled and dropped off incoming mail at the same location. “I can’t recall when that was discontinued, but it was quite a sight to see.” That was Barbara’s first memory of airplanes.

“Then when I was 18, I wanted to be a flight attendant; I probably got the idea from my maternal uncle Wally Money, who knew how to fly planes. A Westtown resident, he had joined the Canadian Air Force when he was 16, and later would fly over our pasture and throw out rolls of toilet paper. He was fun loving and I idolized him.”

To attend flight attendant school in Chicago, Barbara asked her grandmother for \$500. “My grandmother was wise. She said she’d give me the money, but asked me to wait

a year and see if I still wanted to go,” Barbara recalls with a smile. “Well, in a year, I had met my husband and we got married and eventually built our house on land my grandmother gave us on Robin’s Nest Lane. So in the end, I never left Westtown.”

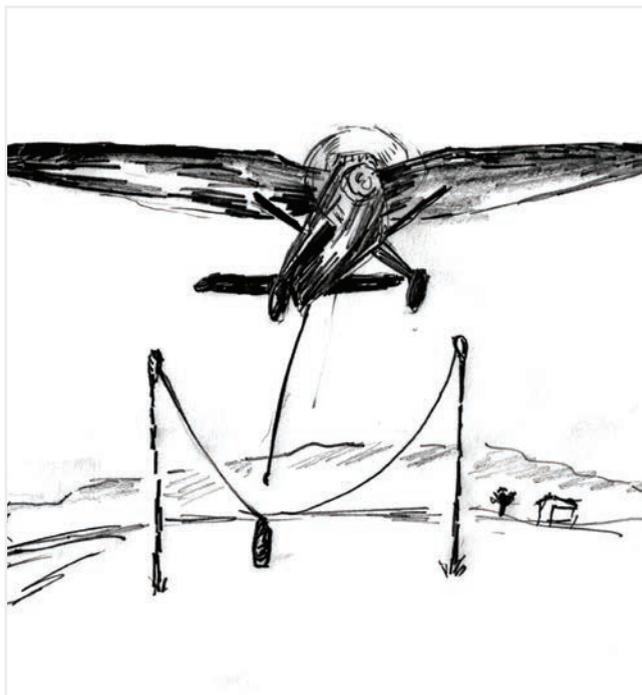


Illustration by Jim Guterl.

Cheyney Descendants

Barbara’s association with Westtown goes back to the earliest days of Pennsylvania to John Cheyney, a candle maker from Oxford England, who settled in Middletown and Thornbury, PA. As his descendants multiplied and moved to other townships, they left their name on the unincorporated Cheyney, PA, and on streets in communities like Westtown.

Barbara’s family’s farm “on a much sleepier Wilmington Pike” had the usual farm outbuildings — a barn, ice house, springhouse, and a three-story stone farmhouse. “I could easily walk across Rt. 202 and get the Short Line bus into West Chester for 5 cents,” she remembers.

“My grandmother’s house had a front porch facing Wilmington Pike, but with the widening and straightening of Rt. 202 soon after I was born, the road was raised, our barn was torn down, and a stone retaining wall was built right in front of the porch. So from the road, you could only see the third story windows of the house,” Barbara explained. “Eventually, my grandmother tore the porch down.”

In 2014, the house was torn down to make way for land development. “It’s not there anymore, but I can still picture it and what life was like growing up in Westtown,” Barbara said.

Friends of Oakbourne News

by Tom Bare, President, Friends of Oakbourne

Winter has arrived and the Friends of Oakbourne (FoO) can take a well-deserved break for a couple of months. Dry weather conditions during late Summer and early Fall were demanding of our resources and many hours were spent watering recently planted trees to keep them viable during the dry weather. Watering was made easier during the last month or two by the use of a township provided "mini-truck" equipped with a large tank for the water. Considering that we were watering up to a half dozen trees one to two times a week with 10-15 gallons of water per tree, use of the mini-truck was a big improvement and time saver over using many 5 gallon containers hauled to the trees in our SUVs! The trees that were being watered should be in good shape for the Winter since significant rainfall has now arrived along with the cold weather.

Also, a Scarlet Oak tree (*Quercus coccinea*) dedicated by the Rick Brown Family to the memory of Charlie and Hilda Brown, was planted during late October as part of FoO's tree dedication program. This tree was planted in the "new" oak tree grove adjacent to the walking trail near the all-purpose field; this "new" oak grove was started nine years ago by FoO with the idea to replace the mature old oaks in the nearby "old" oak grove as they inevitably decline and die of old age in the coming years. The planting of the scarlet oak in this "new" oak grove area brings the total to 5 oak trees (all of different varieties).



Bench near Oakbourne's pond dedicated to Maximus M. Marcantonio.

A park bench dedicated by Joel and Christy Marcantonio to the memory of Maximus M. Marcantonio was installed through the Friends of Oakbourne tree/park bench memorial program on the south side of the pond in Oakbourne Park this Fall. Sitting on this bench provides a wonderful view overlooking the pond and the surrounding woods which were especially spectacular during the Fall color season. The bench is conveniently located for those walking the trail that leads past the pond, and should provide a nice resting place for walkers and runners needing a break.



Scarlet Oak dedicated to Charlie & Hilda Brown.



Thanks to Friends of Oakbourne members Jim Cokonis and Walt Pavelchek for manning the FoO information table during the Westtown Community Days event at Oakbourne Park. Interested persons attending the event could learn more about FoO and pick up informational handouts on our activities.

Jim Cokonis (L) and Walt Pavelchek (R) at the Friends of Oakbourne display table during the Westtown Community Day event at Oakbourne Park.

This winter FoO will be making plans to add some shrubs and perennials to the low maintenance garden we started at the Oakbourne water tower. We also will be making some preliminary plans to revamp the clock garden situated in front of the Oakbourne mansion so that it will be a low maintenance "four season" garden that will have colorful and interesting plants throughout the year. Interested persons with garden design and horticultural experience are welcome to join with us in developing these plans.



Oakbourne water tower garden.

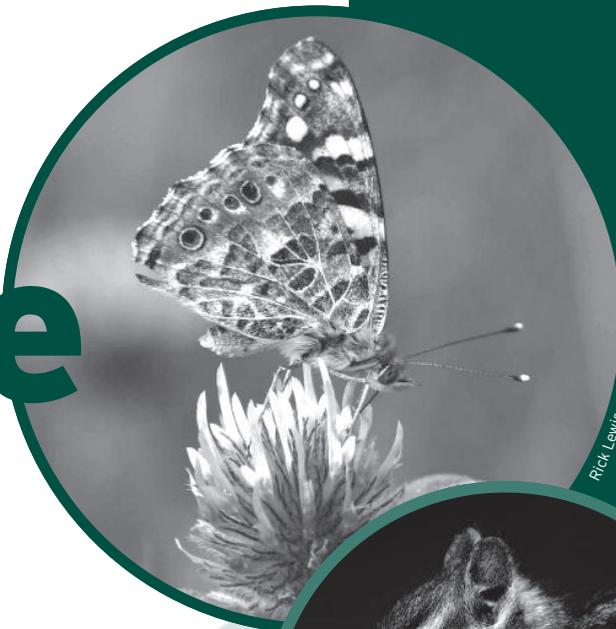
Interested in improving your beautiful township park?

Please join us at the Friends of Oakbourne's upcoming meetings on April 20 and July 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. 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).

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Attracting Wildlife



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National Wildlife Federation can help you make your garden a haven for wildlife with its Certified Wildlife Habitat™ program. Just provide the things that animals need most. It's that simple!

Components of Habitat

There are four basic elements of a Certified Wildlife Habitat™:

Food

Native plants provide wildlife with nectar, seeds and berries used by an exciting variety of wildlife. Feeders can supplement natural food sources.

Water

All animals need water to survive and some need it for bathing or breeding as well.

Cover

Wildlife need shelter from bad weather and hiding places—for both predators and prey.

Places to Raise Young

Wildlife need special habitat for bearing and raising young.

“ My yard is proof that you don't have to be an expert to create habitat. Just following the basic guidelines has made my yard come alive. ”

- Janet Allen, Syracuse, NY



Visit www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife for more great tips on attracting wildlife!

Campaign Connects Children and Families with Nature

NWF's Be Out There inspires caregivers to spend daily time outside with the children in their lives. Studies show more time in nature may be the best kind of nurture. Find outdoor activities and events online at www.beoutthere.org



Already Certified?

Neighbors, friends and wildlife will easily recognize your yard as animal-friendly with these handsome signs. The \$30 classic sign is weather-proof and made from recycled aluminum.



Durable and environmentally-friendly, the decorative plaque is made from rust-free recycled aluminum and is available in green with gold lettering in your choice of wall mount \$89 or lawn mount \$99. To learn more or to place an order, please visit www.nwf.org/certifiedsign



Get Certified!

National Wildlife Federation® has been helping people nurture wildlife for nearly 40 years. Once you provide the basic elements of habitat, you can submit your garden for official certification!

Who Can Certify?

Any site can be recognized as a certified habitat, regardless of size. Whether it's your backyard, local park, schoolyard, rooftop garden or corporate landscape, National Wildlife Federation® wants to recognize all efforts to restore habitats for wildlife.

Certifying a site is as simple as providing the four habitat components – food, water, cover, places to raise young – and practicing sustainable gardening techniques such as eliminating pesticides, conserving water and planting native species.



Why Certify?

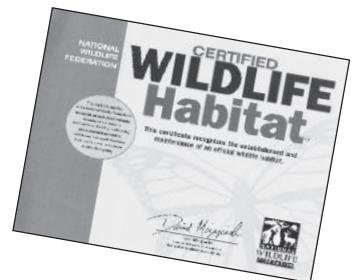
Aside from offering wildlife a wonderful place to thrive, you'll be eligible for the following benefits, including:

- A certificate for your wildlife habitat
- A free one-year membership to NWF which includes a subscription to **National Wildlife**® magazine and a 10% discount on all NWF catalog merchandise
- A subscription to *Wildlife Online* – Habitats edition e-newsletter
- An optional press release for your local newspaper announcing your certification
- Inclusion in NWF's National Registry of Habitats
- Eligibility to purchase and post an attractive yard sign to display your commitment to wildlife conservation and the environment



Ready to Certify Your Habitat?

Visit www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife where you can certify your wildlife habitat directly online. Before you know it, your yard or garden space will be a thriving habitat, enjoyed by you, your family and wildlife!



www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife

Certified Wildlife Habitat™ Application



Use this form to certify your wildlife-friendly habitat garden in your yard, school grounds, place of worship, or anywhere in your community. If the habitat meets the basic requirements, you'll join the growing movement of Wildlife Gardeners and receive a personalized certificate suitable for framing, a National Wildlife Federation membership, a subscription to the award-winning *National Wildlife*® magazine, a 10% discount on NWF catalog products, and opportunity to display a yard sign.

You can also submit this application online at www.nwf.org/garden.

Property owner or organization _____

If you are filling out this application for someone else, please write their name in the space provided above.

If organization, contact person _____

Name(s) to Appear on Certificate _____

Maximum 30 characters, spaces included. (Personalized certificates are final, all future change requests will result in a \$5 change order fee. Please apply online to preview your personalized certificate)

Address of Habitat _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

Check the option that best describes your habitat.

- Home
- Pre-K - 12 School*
- Organization / Institute (Choose type below)
 - Business / Corporation
 - College or University
 - Farm
 - Roadside / Right-of-Way
 - Community Garden
 - Government Building / Property
 - Place of Worship
 - Museum
 - Nature Center / Educational Setting
 - Park / Forest/ Refuge
 - Other

FOOD SOURCES:

Plants provide the basic foods for wildlife. Feeders can be used as a supplemental source of food. Remember that some creatures will become food for others in a balanced habitat. Encourage a natural diversity of wildlife in your yard to ensure a healthy ecosystem. How do you provide food for wildlife? **(Minimum requirement: 3)**

Plant Foods:

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seeds | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuts | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berries | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruits | <input type="checkbox"/> Foliage/Twigs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nectar | <input type="checkbox"/> Sap | |

Supplemental Feeders:

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seed | <input type="checkbox"/> Suet | <input type="checkbox"/> Squirrel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly | <input type="checkbox"/> Hummingbird | |

WATER SOURCES:

Wildlife need a clean water source for drinking and bathing. How do you provide water for wildlife?

(Minimum requirement: 1)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birdbath | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Dish | <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Puddling Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stream/River | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean |

PLACES FOR COVER:

Wildlife need shelter from bad weather and hiding places—for both predators and prey. How do you provide cover for wildlife? **(Minimum requirement: 2)**

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Shrubs/Thicket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bramble Patch | <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Brush/Log Pile |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pile/Wall | <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cave | <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow/Prairie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roosting Box | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond |

PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG:

In order to provide complete habitat, you must provide places for wildlife to engage in courtship behavior and to mate, and then to bear and raise their young. How do you provide places to raise young for wildlife? **(Minimum requirement: 2)**

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mature Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Dead Trees/Snags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow/Prairie | <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Shrubs/Thicket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nesting Box | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland | <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host Plants for Caterpillars | <input type="checkbox"/> Cave |

SUSTAINABLE GARDENING PRACTICES:

How you manage your garden or landscape can have an effect on the health of the soil, air, water and habitat for wildlife—as well as for the people. Some practices are more environmentally-friendly and sustainable. How do you garden sustainably? **(Minimum requirement: 2)**

Soil and Water Conservation

- Limit Water Use
- Collect Rain Water
- Rain Garden
- Plant Buffer Around Bodies of Water
- Xeriscape (water-wise landscaping)
- Drip or Soaker Hose for Irrigation
- Use Mulch or Ground Cover to Retain Soil Moisture and Limit Erosion
- Reduce or Eliminate Lawn

Controlling Exotic Species

- Practice Integrated Pest Management
- Remove Invasive Exotic Species
- Keep Cats Indoors
- Use Native Plants

Organic Practices

- Eliminate Chemical Pesticides
- Eliminate Chemical Fertilizers
- Create Compost Pile

To apply, please send:

- Completed Application - REQUIRED
- \$20 Application Fee* (non-refundable) - REQUIRED

*Applications Fee Waived for Pre-K - 12 School Habitats

To:
NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION • P.O. Box 1583 • Merrifield, VA 22116-1583

Allow 4-6 weeks for processing. Please keep a copy of this application for your records.



Westtown Wastewater Treatment

by Mark Gross, Director of Public Works

Wastewater treatment and conveyance is a little known responsibility of the Public Works Department, but one that demands 24/7 operation. Westtown's public sewer system serves approximately 1800 residential homes, along with 38 non-standard connections, which include apartments/condos, schools, churches, and businesses. The total flow of wastewater averages nearly 500,000 gallons per day.

Wastewater flows from homes in a lateral pipe, typically 4" in diameter, owned and maintained by the property owner. This lateral pipe connects to the township's network of gravity collection pipes located under roads, right-of-ways, or easements. This collection system consists of a 28-mile network of 8" to 10" diameter pipes segmented by approximately 900 manholes used for directional changes and service entry points. As the volume of flow in the collection system increases, so does the diameter the pipes. In areas where the topography does not permit gravity flow, pump stations are used as intermediary collection points and wastewater is pumped to a gravity section of the system. Westtown has 6 pump stations with redundant pumps and backup power generation capability. The final leg of the collection system is the incoming pipe to the treatment plant, also known as the main interceptor, which is 16" in diameter. From this point the wastewater is treated to remove contaminants.



Westtown Treatment Plant.

Connected properties west of Rustin High School flow to the West Goshen Township's treatment facility on S. Concord Road. Westtown has a longstanding treatment agreement with West Goshen, with reserve capacity for future connections at this facility. This inter-municipal cooperation is a cost effective way of utilizing regional assets, thereby reducing overall operational costs.

Serviced properties east of Rustin High School are treated by our own wastewater treatment facility located on Westtown Road. Chris Culberson, a 15-year employee, is the lead operator of the treatment plant. Mike King, a one-year employee, recently received his wastewater licensing certification, assists in keeping our system operating at peak efficiency. We are very fortunate to have knowledgeable and dedicated employees to assure we are in compliance with the multitude of environmental regulations and consistently produce a superior effluent discharge. During inclement weather, Chris and Mike can be found behind the wheel of a snowplow, helping to keep our roads safe and passable.



Mike King & Chris Culberson.

2016 Citizens Police Academy

by Pam Coleman, Township Secretary

For the past 16 years, the Westtown-East Goshen Regional (WEGO) Police Department has provided citizens with an interesting, informative, and highly interactive community policing program designed to give participants a better understanding of the operations of the police department and its officers. Students in the Citizens Police Academy (CPA) meet one night a week for 12 weeks to learn about topics including police patrol operations, commercial motor vehicle enforcement, criminal law, community policing and school safety, DUI Enforcement, the court system, criminal investigations & crime scene processing (it's not like on TV!), traffic enforcement, accident investigation and reconstruction, firearms safety, use of force, and SWAT operations. In addition, participants get the opportunity to tour the 911 Center & Chester County Department of Emergency Services, attend a mock DUI hearing at the courthouse, and receive CPR and first aid certification. The program seeks to give citizens a greater awareness and appreciation of the challenges and decisions faced by police officers on a daily basis.

This year, 21 citizens participated in the academy, including 8 residents of Westtown Township. The keynote graduation speaker was Jonathan Cleck, Lieutenant Commander with the United States Navy-SEALs and a Federal Air Marshal Service Agent based out of the Philadelphia International Airport. Mr. Cleck gave an enlightening firsthand account of anti-terrorism efforts.

As a 2016 CPA graduate, I highly recommend this program. If you have ever wondered what happens when you dial 9-1-1, why all those 18-wheelers are being pulled over on Rt. 202, how the police help keep our schools safe, what it feels like to wear twenty pounds of police gear, what a holding cell looks like, whether you should call the police if you witness unusual activity in your neighborhood (yes!), or simply want to help your local police better serve your community, then this program is for you.

Registration for the 2017 CPA will begin in August.



2016 CPA class: Seated/kneeling (L to R): Ralph Verno, Ida Verno, Shirley Warren, Willie Gonzalez, Lucia Ward, Ryan Barry Quinn, Deborah Listwak
Standing (L to R): David Molnar, Patricia Davis, Tom Delaney, Everett Warren, George Griffin, Wayne Zimmerman, Dan Bissell, Giovanni Colon, Michael Sabrick, Paul McMillan, Ron Listwak, Pam Coleman
Not pictured: Catherine P. Lewis

Township Meetings and Events

JANUARY, 2017

3 (T), 17 (T) - Board of Supervisors
4, 18 - Planning Commission
10 - Parks & Recreation
14 - Yard Waste Collection
19 - Historical Commission

FEBRUARY, 2017

2, 21 (T) - Board of Supervisors
4 - Yard Waste Collection
8, 22 - Planning Commission
14 - Parks & Recreation
16 - Historical Commission

MARCH, 2017

4 - Yard Waste Collection
6, 20 - Board of Supervisors
8, 22 - Planning Commission
14 - Parks & Recreation
16 - Historical Commission

APRIL, 2017

1 - Yard Waste Collection
3, 17 - Board of Supervisors
5, 19 - Planning Commission
11 - Parks & Recreation
20 - Historical Commission
20 - Friends of Oakbourne

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

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

*Township Offices will be closed:
Presidents' Day, and Good Friday*

Local Tax Returns Due April 17, 2017

It's that time of year again. The 2016 local earned income tax return filing deadline is approaching. The due date is extended to Monday, April 17 this year.

Did you know the quickest way to get your refund is to file online? If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can e-file on our tax administrator's secure website, which is available 24/7 at KeystoneCollects.com.

Keystone Collections Group's e-file is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2015 tax return. It lets you file your tax return when it is most convenient for you. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C).

Keystone redesigned e-file to make it even faster and more user-friendly.

If you have questions regarding local tax filing, visit Keystone's Frequently Asked Questions or call Keystone's **Taxpayer Helpline** at 1-888-328-0565 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent. You can also email your questions 24/7 to Taxpayer Support. Taxpayer Service Agents try to respond to all online inquiries within three business days.

Taxpayers with earned income in 2016 are required to file a Final Tax Return by Monday, April 17.



2017 Trash and Recycling Information

How To Prepare Items For Recycling:

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

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

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

ACCEPTED

Aluminum cans, pie plates, and clean foil

Metal food, beverage, and aerosol cans

Green, brown, blue, clear glass bottles and jars

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

Milk, juice, and broth cartons

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

NOT ACCEPTED

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

Paint cans, metal cookware

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

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

Juice pouches

Styrofoam, plastic bags, Tyvek envelopes, plastic toys

General Trash Information

2017 Holiday Pickup Schedule:

Trash will not be collected on Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. For **Monday pickups**, trash and recycling will be collected the **Saturday before** the holiday; **Thursday pickups** will be collected the **Saturday after** the holiday.

Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection:

Pennsylvania law prohibits the disposal of hazardous waste or E-waste in the regular trash. Visit chestercountyswa.org for hazardous waste collection events scheduled throughout the county.

Tube TV's, computer monitors, appliances, and other electronics can be disposed of at the Lanchester Landfill for FREE (7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA 17555).

Residents can bring up to 3 items per day. Retailers and e-waste collection events are now charging for TVs and computer monitors, so take advantage of this service!

Bulk Items:

Large items will be taken on the last collection date of the month. You may put out 3 large items, such as appliances (without Freon) and furniture. **Construction debris (shingles, drywall, lumber, etc.) will not be collected.**

If you are not sure about the disposal of a bulk item please contact the Township.

Yard Waste:

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





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2017 YARD WASTE AND HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

JAN
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Includes Tree Collection

FEB
4

MAR
4

APR
1

MAY
6

MAY
27

Holiday Make Up

JUN
3

JUL
8

AUG
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SEP
2

Holiday Make Up

SEP
9

OCT
7

NOV
4

NOV
18

NOV
25

Holiday Make Up

DEC
2

DEC
23

Holiday Make Up