

TOWNSHIP GOALS FOR 2016

As West Whiteland embraces its 251st year of existence, the Township's leadership and staff have developed goals for 2016 in three areas:

1. Continually improve West Whiteland's "quality of place"
2. Promote the Exton Crossroads as a preferred business location
3. Effectively administer Township business operations

What is quality of place? **Quality of place** is to a community what quality of life is to an individual. To enhance the appeal of West Whiteland as a place to live, the Township strives to provide the following:

- Safe community, with low crime and attention to fire prevention
- Sound financial position
- Well-maintained local roads, sewer system and storm water management infrastructure
- Open space and recreation network in parks both large and small
- Community events
- Zoning to maintain high quality residential neighborhoods
- Recycling leader
- Professionally enforced codes to ensure safe buildings and attractive neighborhoods
- Preservation of community history

Additionally, the Township is committed to promoting the **Exton Crossroads** as a business destination through the following initiatives:

- Zoning to encourage vibrant mixed-use redevelopment around the Exton Crossroads
- Consistent, efficient development regulations
- Multi-modal transportation connections (roads, transit, trails and sidewalks)
- Attractive, welcoming, safe streetscapes

Finally, West Whiteland's **operational goals** include:

- Multifaceted communication techniques
- Financial planning for maximum long-term cost-effectiveness
- Efficient management and tracking of expenses and revenue
- Professional systems ensuring compliance with laws, regulations and grant requirements
- Streamlined administrative processes

NEWSLETTER CONNECTIONS:

Delve into the newsletter for evidence of our progress towards these goals! The police department provides safety measures to take around your own home as the holidays approach. Additionally, we remind all community members to be aware of our bikers, pedestrians and children by exercising extra caution at our trail crossings and around school buses. Get the latest updates on the plans for Exton Park, and view the results from our recycling poster contest.

As we step into the future, the Township continues to honor our history by recognizing leaders in historic preservation, and don't miss the recap of our year of celebration of our 250th anniversary! Read about the updates and implications on the Lincoln Highway/Whitford Road Corridors project. Finally, if you like being up-to-date on Township happenings, be sure to visit our website, follow us on Facebook and Twitter and sign up for weekly emails!

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A YEAR OF CELEBRATION AS THE TOWNSHIP TURNS 250!



It has been a busy year for West Whiteland Township! The festivities began in February with a **kick-off** anniversary celebration at the Chester County Library. In March, the Township

hosted a craft show at the municipal building and the annual **egg hunt** at Boot Road Park—a new location. In April, businesses and individuals worked to clean up parks and roadsides for **Earth Day**. The summer was filled with music at Miller Park as the Friends of the Parks' **Concert Series** attracted six bands. In addition, a **fireworks** display lit up Miller Park on July 12. August brought a **historic trolley tour** to the Township, which was enjoyed by nearly 400 residents and visitors. Community was the theme of the day at September's **WWT Makes a Difference Day (MAD)**, which featured a 5K walk/run, craft and food vendors, a Kids Zone, volunteer activities and stations highlighting safety and recycling. The historic Ship Inn was the site of a sold out **Paranormal Night** at the end of October, and craft vendors gathered at the Township building once again in November.



Church Farm School (CFS) alumnus, Jim Tate '52, and Head of School Ned Sherrill greeted trolley passengers at the CFS stop of the tour.



Runners Sheri and Thomas Burke



The Bulldogs took the bandstand at MAD



Vendor fair at MAD

STILL TO COME....

Celebrate the holidays with the West Whiteland Township Board of Supervisors, Parks & Recreation Commission and the Friends of the Parks!

FRIDAY, December 11th at 6:00 pm
Tree Lighting Ceremony
Miller Park Gazebo

Join us for cookies, hot cocoa, music and the arrival of Santa on the fire truck! To assist with the 2015 Chester County Food Bank Holiday Food Drive, please consider bringing any of the following non-perishable food items: canned yams and sweet potatoes; gravy (packs and cans); canned vegetables (low sodium preferred); seasoned stuffing mix; grains and rice; canned fruit (in juice); applesauce.

EXTON PARK MASTER SITE PLAN

In mid-November, the Board of Supervisors appointed the Exton Park Planning Committee to update the master plan for the Township portion of Exton Park. The committee will work with a consulting firm to craft a comprehensive vision of the parkland in context with its location, natural resources, available funding and visions of the community today. The plan will be implemented over a period of time, potentially in phases.

The committee comprises individuals from volunteer boards with an interest in Exton Park, including members from the Township's Historical Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Municipal Services Commission and Planning Commission and Township staff, as well as the Chester County Parks Department and three Township citizens at-large.

Looking ahead, the final Exton Park Master Site Plan will be completed by December 2017. Over the next year, the committee will hold two public workshops, develop the draft Master Site Plan, obtain feedback and, ultimately, present the plan to the Board of Supervisors for adoption as an amendment to the Township's Comprehensive Plan.

Development of the Master Site Plan is thanks to a grant in the amount of \$33,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). "Pennsylvania's local parks, trails, and natural areas create many opportunities to be active outdoors. They define our communities and make them places where people want to live, work and play," said Lauren Imgrund, director of DCNR's Bureau of Recreation and Conservation. "Our grants help our local partners meet the vision they have for their communities and regions." Funding for the grants comes from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (Key 93), the Environmental Stewardship Fund (Growing Greener 1) and federal funding sources.

Did You Know?

Exton Park was purchased jointly by Chester County and West Whiteland Township from Church Farm School.

The County portion is 423 acres and includes the Chester Valley Trail and facilities and the playground.

The Township owns 278 acres that house Pennypacker House, three multi-use fields and the mowed pathways and trails surrounding the Exton Pond.



NEED A LIBRARY CARD?

The **Chester County Library** will be in the lobby of the West Whiteland Township building on Tuesday, December 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday, December 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by to sign up for a library card, which gives you access to thousands of eBooks, movies, books, and databases including Mango Languages with over 60 language courses and ReferenceUSA with more than 24 million business profiles and targeted marketing lists. Your library card also gives you free admission to museums such as the Academy of Natural Science, Elmwood Park Zoo, the American Helicopter Museum and more! Need more information on how to start a business or find grants for your non-profit? Stop by to find out how the library's staff and resources can help you!

 Questions? Visit www.westwhiteland.org or www.ccls.org

2015 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS CEREMONY

On Sunday, October 25, 2015, the West Whiteland Board of Supervisors and Historical Commission Members, with the cooperation of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, held a reception to recognize the efforts of historic property owners and thank them for their good stewardship. Chairman Steve Soles, Township Supervisor, introduced the program. Phil Yocum of John Milner Associates provided historic perspectives and Kevin Kilgallen, chairman of the Historical Commission, presented the awards to this year's winners.



ST. PAUL'S PARISH HOUSE faces Lincoln Highway. It is a two-story rectangular stone structure built in the Gothic style in 1912. The building replaced the horse sheds that had stood there.

Throughout the history of the church the congregation and its pastors have worked to preserve the historic character of the structures. St. Paul's is one of the oldest churches in the Township continuing its original mission.



COLEBROOK FARMHOUSE sits within the Evian development on West Lincoln Highway. Originally built in 1750 with one core section, it was completed with a second section by 1798, creating the house visible today.

In the late 1980s the Hankin Group bought the property and began developing the townhome community that is now Evian. The former Colebrook Farmhouse, once a gracious home for entertaining, continues the tradition today as an elegant clubhouse for entertainment and social activities.

DAVIS DAIRY FARM SPRINGHOUSE sits beside Samuel Road across the street from Sunset Grove Park. Originally built in the nineteenth century, the spacious springhouse functioned as the "refrigerator" for the milk and milk products produced at the Davis Dairy Farm. When farming became no longer viable, the property was subdivided. The barn was bought by Michele and Nick Porco, who with great vision, incredible craftsmanship and steadfast belief in the preservation of historic places, rehabilitated the barn into their home.

Mr. Porco used his skills as a stone mason and builder to completely restore the springhouse from its dangerously deteriorated condition. It appears today as an excellent historic example and as a great tribute to its dedicated owners.



Questions? Visit www.westwhiteland.org for more information and pictures of these and other historical properties in the Township.



FRIENDS OF THE PARKS THANKS OUR 2015 SPONSORS!

West Whiteland Township's Friends of the Park

It was another lively summer at Miller Park thanks to the Concert

Series and fireworks sponsored by West Whiteland Township's Friends of the Parks (FOTP)! As always, the FOTP would like to thank the Board of Supervisors, our sponsors and volunteers for their time and support.

On October 22, the Township recognized this year's sponsors at a banquet at the Holiday Inn Express in Exton.

DIAMOND SPONSORS (\$5,000+):

Chester County Library (in-kind sponsorship); West Whiteland Township

PLATINUM SPONSORS (\$2,500+):

H.A. Thomson Risk Management Services; TD Bank; Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance; Strategic Link

GOLD SPONSORS (\$1,000+):

First Resource Bank; Mattioni Plumbing, Heating and Cooling, Inc.; Hankin Apartments; Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza; Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.; Church Farm School; Sloan Motors; Fast Signs; Valley Creek Corporate Center; Exton Square Mall; Lamb McErlane; Plato's Closet; Sam's Club; Mainline Health-Paoli Hospital

SILVER SPONSORS (\$500+):

Theurkauf Design and Planning; Krapf Bus Companies; Hayden Management Company; Springfield Hyundai; Fulton Bank

BRONZE SPONSORS (\$250+):

Doc Watson's; Gateway Medical Associates; Reilly & Sons, Inc.; Rhombus Consulting; United Electrical Inspection; Fling's Towing; Metropolitan Communications, Inc.; Radio Communications Service, Inc.; Holiday Inn Express; Horizon Services; Market Street Print; VIP DJ Entertainment; Riverstone; Brogan Landscaping; Portnoff Associates

INDIVIDUALS/FRIENDS OF THE PARKS:

Ed Auble; Alice & Keith Choper; Marguerite & Len Dube; Janice & Gary Gottesfeld; Bibiana Laving; Lori & Steve McDermott

VOLUNTEERS:

West Whiteland Fire Company's Fire Police; Uwchlan Ambulance Corps

Visit www.wwtfriendsoftheparks.org for more information.



To keep the Concert Series and other park initiatives such as Make a Difference Day and the annual egg hunt running smoothly, please consider making a donation to FOTP today!

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTAL FORM

Contributor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Sponsorship Level (Check one)

Individual or Family Bronze Silver Gold Platinum Diamond

Committal Amount: \$ _____ Please make checks payable to West Whiteland Township's Friends of the Parks

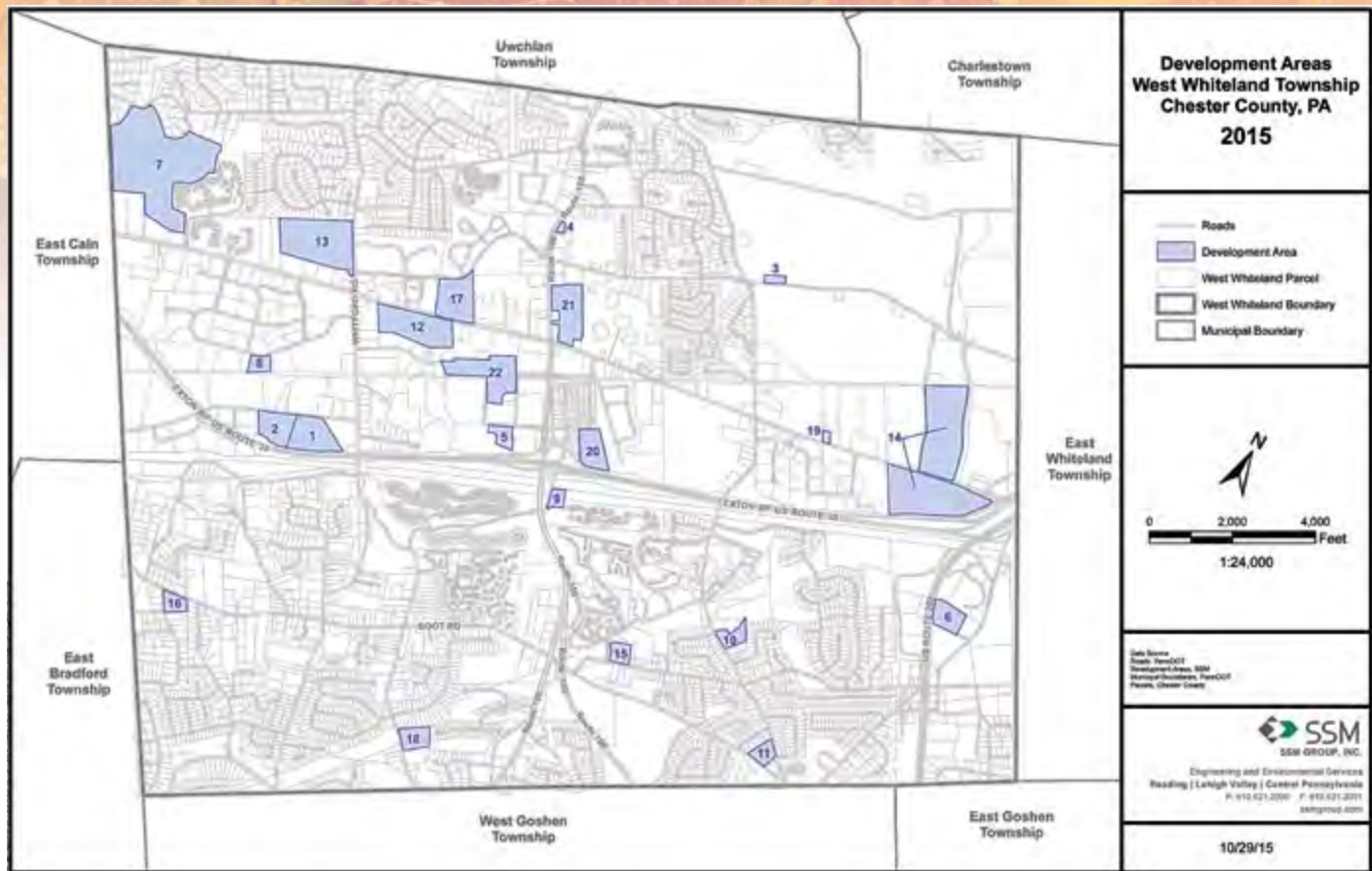
Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature

Date

Please mail completed form and tax deductible donation to:
West Whiteland Township's Friends of the Parks, Attention: Sponsorships, P.O. Box 988, Exton, PA 19341
501(c)3 non-profit organization Status Pending



2015 PRESENT & PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2015

1. **Belfor Restoration** – New 69,000 sq.ft. light industrial facility at 410 Clover Mill Rd.
2. **Royal Paper Products** – New 190,000 warehouse and distribution center at 420 Clover Mill Rd.
3. **Cheng Crowns** - Renovation of the historic Fox Chase Inn for residential use and associated barn for a business office. Both located in the 600 block of E. Swedesford Rd.
4. **Fairfield House Day Care Center** – Use of portion of historic structure on the property of the Fairfield Place shopping center at 305 N. Pottstown Pk. for child day care.
5. **Main Street at Exton: Movie Tavern** – New multi-screen movie theater, bar, & restaurant on north side of Bartlett Ave.
6. **Tree Top Builders** – Business office and special event venue at 1442-1444 Phoenixville Pk.
7. **Whitford Country Club** – Expanded maintenance building and new racquets facility.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN 2015

8. **All-Fill** – Two-story building addition and enlarged parking lot for a light industrial building on Creamery Way in the Oaklands Business Park.
9. **Exton Train Station** – New station building, platform improvements, and expanded parking lot.
10. **Meredith Meadows** - Five single family homes in the 1400 block of S. Ship Rd.
11. **Northwyn Court Apartments** – New 20-unit apartment building and renovation of existing apartment buildings near the intersection of E. Boot and Ship Rds.

PROJECTS APPROVED BUT NOT YET UNDER CONSTRUCTION

12. **Boy Scouts of America, Chester County Council** - New 7,500 sq.ft. administration building at 310 W. Lincoln Hwy.
13. **Carriage Home Development (former site of Waterloo Gardens)** – 86 new townhouse-type homes, permanent open space, & new road connecting Waterloo Blvd. & Campbell Blvd.
14. **Church Farm School** – New long-range plan for campus improvements, including a new student center, new housing for both students and faculty, expansions of existing buildings, and improved vehicle access.
15. **Dalusio Property** – Four single family homes at the intersection King Rd. and Bonnie Blink Dr.
16. **Hilltop Crossing** – Six single family homes at intersection of Boot and Copeland School Rds.

APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW IN 2015

17. **Chandler Tract** – 240 apartment units in six buildings in 300 block of W. Lincoln Hwy.
18. **Dante's Run** – Seven single family homes in 1300 block of Burke Rd.
19. **Day Care Center at 759 E. Lincoln Hwy.** – Conversion of existing building to accommodate a child day-care facility.
20. **Exton Elementary School** – Enlargement of existing school building, removal of modular units, and improvements to parking and student drop-off areas.
21. **Exton Square Mall: Whole Foods** – Demolition of K-Mart store and construction of 55,000 sq.ft. grocery store at 175 N. Pottstown Pk.
22. **Main Street at Exton: Apartments** – 410 apartment units in eight buildings on the north and south sides of Commerce Dr.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND IMPLICATIONS

After decades of rapid auto-oriented, single-use buildings in suburbs and exurbs across the country, West Whiteland is one of many municipalities experiencing a swing of the pendulum. Demand for isolated uses and car-dependent communities is decreasing. The current market demands a mix of uses in compact arrangements that reduce the need to travel long distances for basic amenities and services. Prior to the Lincoln Highway/Whitford Road Corridors Plan, most of the zoning rules along Lincoln Highway curtailed the number of allowable uses on a single parcel, creating hardships for developers seeking to deliver the more integrated “live-work-play” environment that is increasingly in demand.

For many years, the Township has followed a development policy of promoting the Exton Crossroads as the center of activity, accommodating higher density development along the Route 30 and Route 100 corridors and preserving the remaining areas of the Township for lower density residential development and open space. While this policy remains in effect, the changing market conditions and innovations in technology that affect how people work and shop – and thereby the demand for office and retail development – prompted the Township to reconsider how this policy was being put into action.

NEW ZONING REGULATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors adopted the Lincoln Highway/Whitford Road Corridors Plan as an amendment to the Township Comprehensive Plan on March 31, 2015 with recommendations for permitting mixes of residential and commercial use. The Township then immediately began the work to implement these recommendations. Throughout the summer and early fall of 2015 the Township Planning Commission and staff developed regulations for two new zoning districts, evaluated revisions to the existing Town Center zoning district, and drafted a zoning map revision. The Board of Supervisors adopted these amendments on September 9, 2015. The goal is to attract high quality new development around the Exton Crossroads that meets the standards of the new zoning.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT:

Meanwhile, a **Transportation Impact Fee Advisory Committee** worked with our consultant and staff to review the research and analysis necessary to develop a Transportation Capital Improvements Plan to be sure that our road network would be able to accommodate the additional traffic generated by the new development. This Committee completed their work at the end of September 2015, and at this writing we anticipate that the Board of Supervisors will adopt the Plan and implement the impact fee at the meeting scheduled for November 24, 2015.

THANK YOU!

As this phase of our planning work nears completion, we want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has been involved throughout the process. From the literally hundreds of people who attended our public meetings, to the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and energy to serve on the committees formed, to our hard-working consultants – this could not have happened without you! Thanks to your contributions, we are looking forward to a bright future in West Whiteland Township.



To view the complete Corridors Plan, new regulations and map visit www.westwhiteland.org



2016 YARD DEBRIS DISPOSAL SCHEDULE

The following **curbside collections** have been scheduled for 2016. Collections will begin at **6:00 a.m.** on the scheduled day. Please have your materials curbside prior to the starting date and time to ensure collection.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP CURBSIDE: Wednesday, January 20, 2016

NOTE: Please **DO NOT** wrap your tree in a plastic bag and **DO** remove all decorations.



BRANCH/LEAF PICK-UP CURBSIDE:	LEAF ONLY CURBSIDE PICK-UP:
Wednesday, March 23, 2016	Wednesday, October 26, 2016
Wednesday, April 27, 2016	Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Wednesday, May 18, 2016	Wednesday, November 23, 2016
Wednesday, September 28, 2016	Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Only leaves placed in biodegradable brown paper bags will be collected. All other materials and debris, or leaves in other types of bag or container will not be collected. Thirty-gallon brown paper leaf bags are available for purchase at retail outlets throughout the Township.

Collection is limited to branches that are a maximum of **4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter.** Branches must be bundled together and tied with string, not wire, in small bundles that can be easily handled. Small twigs should be placed in a rigid container. This collection is intended only for branches that have fallen due to weather events.

BRANCH/LEAF DROP-OFF:

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016 • SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016 • SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016

You may bring branches and leaves to the parking lot at 222 N. Pottstown Pike, Exton between the hours of 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Charles Blosenski and AJ Blosenski will continue to serve as the Township's haulers for trash and recycling, respectively. The Board of Supervisors committed to a three-year agreement with both providers, with options to renew for two one-year periods at the completion of the contract. Fees for trash and recycling will not increase in 2016.



Please refer to the Township's website at www.westwhiteland.org for tips on recycling and a list of locations where bags can be purchased for those residents on the Pay as You Throw trash program.

PLEASE NOTE: In 2015 the Chester County Solid Waste Authority implemented an \$8.00 additional disposal fee for each mattress and box spring taken to the landfill. These items are difficult to compress and take up a lot of space. We strongly encourage residents to ask the company that sells you a new mattress and box spring to take your old one for recycling.

FOCUS ON...THE ENVIRONMENT

Compost is a term for organic matter that has decomposed into a form that plants can use. Compost can be used in potting mixes or mixed in with garden soil. It has many benefits for your plants and recycles materials that may otherwise be thrown into landfills. It is best to start a compost pile in the fall or spring.

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN THE COMPOST PILE:

“GREEN” MATERIALS

- ✓ Fresh leaves, plant cuttings and weeds
- ✓ Grass clippings. They will also benefit your lawn if left to decompose on your yard.
- ✓ Fruit and vegetable peels and other fruit wastes
- ✓ Thatch
- ✓ Manure
- ✓ Coffee grounds and tea bags



“BROWN” MATERIALS

- ✓ Dead weeds and dry leaves
- ✓ Clipped brush
- ✓ Wood ash
- ✓ Egg shells
- ✓ Sawdust
- ✓ Wood chips
- ✓ Straw

*Join us for a
Composting Workshop on March 5!
Watch the website
for more information.*

 This information is from the Penn State Extension website. Visit www.westwhiteland.org for a link.



10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

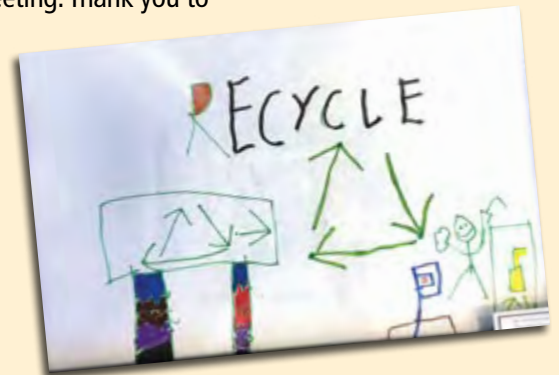
 United States Environmental Protection Agency
For more information, visit www.epa.gov/ps or www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

RECYCLING POSTER CONTEST

Over the summer, West Whiteland Township, in conjunction with the Chester County Library, invited the public to submit posters containing original artwork to help the Township promote recycling. After receiving approximately 100 entries, members of the staff chose one poster from each of three age groups that creatively & impactfully communicated the importance of recycling in our community.

Messages such as “Go green, save trees”, “Trashing is a big waste; recycling never stops”, “Think twice before you throw anything in the trash” and “It’s so easy dinos could do it!” clearly show that the young people in our area are very familiar with recycling & its benefits!

The chosen posters have been framed and are now on display in the Township building, and the artists were recognized at the October 14 Board of Supervisors meeting. Thank you to everyone who submitted a poster!



PLEASE PRESS TO CROSS!

The West Whiteland Police Department is committed to the safety of our residents and visitors! Many people are enjoying the Chester Valley Trail that has recently expanded throughout the Township. We would like to remind all users of the trail, on foot or bike, to obey all laws when crossing roadways.

REMEMBER: When crossing, pedestrians have the right-of-way. Bikers do not and must follow traffic laws.

Please heed the new signs reminding users to **press the traffic signal buttons** at all road crossings on the Chester Valley Trail, not just at Route 100 and 30. The signals alert motorists to stop as they approach the trail crossing, which is especially important when the trail crossing is between intersections and motorists are not used to stopping there. Thank you for your cooperation and have fun using the Chester Valley Trail!



ROAD RULES: SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Daylight savings time has ended, and sometimes children are waiting for and boarding school buses when it is not light outside.

Motorists are reminded to be vigilant of school children and school buses. Here are some important tips when sharing the road with school buses:

- ✓ It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- ✓ School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.
- ✓ Pennsylvania law requires that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.
- ✓ Traffic behind the school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.
- ✓ Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow all children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.



- ✓ Be alert. Children walking to or from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards, or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.
- ✓ Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

The area ten feet around a school bus is where children are in most danger of being hit. Maintain a safe distance between your vehicle and any stopped school buses!

WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP BLOOD DRIVE

**BLOOD
DRIVE**
WITH THE RED CROSS

Tuesday, December 22nd from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Please visit: www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation and search by sponsor code West Whiteland to schedule an appointment. Please email tedra.farrell@redcross.org if you experience issues scheduling donor appointments.

Donor Eligibility Guidelines: call **1 800 RED CROSS**



For eligibility guidelines and donating tips,
Visit www.westwhiteland.org



“This scam has hit taxpayers in nearly every state in the country. We want to educate taxpayers so they can help protect themselves. Rest assured, we do not and will not ask for credit card numbers over the phone, nor request a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer,” says IRS Acting Commissioner Danny Werfel. “If someone unexpectedly calls claiming to be from the IRS and threatens police arrest, deportation or license revocation if you don’t pay immediately, that is a sign that it really isn’t the IRS calling.” Werfel noted that the first IRS contact with taxpayers on a tax issue is likely to occur via mail.

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.
- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim’s Social Security Number.
- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it is the IRS calling.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.
- After threatening victims with jail time or driver’s license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

IRS PHONE SCAM

Please be aware of a sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers throughout the country. According to the Internal Revenue Service at www.irs.gov, the scam operates as follows.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. Victims who refuse to cooperate are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver’s license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

Follow these safety tips to help you become aware of WHERE you are, WHO is around and WHAT is in the environment. If you can control the environment you enter into and pay attention to the things going on around you, you can greatly reduce the possibility that you will become the victim of a crime. A safe and joyous holiday season starts with a crime prevention plan!



- When leaving home for an extended time, sign up with the police department for the vacation house check service. Or have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on automatic timers. Leave a radio/television on so the home looks and sounds occupied.
- Place gifts where they cannot be seen from outside your home.
- If displaying a Christmas tree, check the wires on the lights for damage; damaged wiring can cause a fire. Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.
- Avoid opening the door to strangers. It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved. If a company is soliciting they should have an ID badge given by the police department.



For more tips to keep you and your family safe, Visit www.westwhiteland.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Library card sign-up	Tuesday, December 1, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lobby of Township building
Leaf pick-up curbside	Wednesday, December 2	
Holiday tree lighting	Friday, December 11, 6 p.m.	Miller Park gazebo
Santa Tours Township with Fire Department	Saturday, December 19	
Library card sign-up	Tuesday, December 22, 2-4 p.m.	Lobby of Township building
Red Cross blood drive	Tuesday, December 22, 2-4 p.m.	Township building

See inside for more details!