



TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES ITS 250TH ANNIVERSARY! (1765-2015)

February 26, 2015 marked the 250th anniversary of the establishment of West Whiteland as a Pennsylvania Township. We kicked off a year-long celebration at the Chester County Library. The Township Supervisors and local legislators recognized the day with local residents, as they relayed stories about the Township's historical milestone.

The terms for a 250-year anniversary are varied, and not as common as some other well-known milestones. So you could say that West Whiteland is celebrating its Sestercentennial. Or we could wish you all a happy Semiquincentennial or Bicenquingagenary celebration. Or, we could keep it simple and recognize the Township's Quarter-millennial.

Whatever you call it, we have a lot to celebrate here in West Whiteland Township! We work hard to preserve our 250-year heritage by taking special care of our historical properties and documenting our growth and progress. Today, our Township is a vibrant part of Chester County, serving as a major crossroads and a retail, industrial and residential center. We provide railroad access to Philadelphia and connect non-motorists to points east and west via the Chester Valley Trail. We are also home to eleven parks and a leader in conservation through our recycling program.



All enjoyed a piece of anniversary cake as they listened to the sounds of the Church Farm School Choir. 250th Anniversary Celebration, February 26, 2015

HISTORY:

European settlement began in 1711, with the arrival of the Quakers. Our community is the westernmost part of the well-known "Welsh Tract" deeded by William Penn. Originally West Whiteland was part of a larger Whiteland Township. We officially became designated as West Whiteland Township in 1765.



Ned Sherrill, Head of Church Farm School, and the choir.

According to an account by Richard Thomas I, West Whiteland's first settler, there was a Lenni-Lenape Indian village along the Valley Creek in the vicinity of present-day Exton. Its name, Katamoonchink, meant "hazelnut grove". Folklore tells that it was the barking dogs of the Indian village which prompted Richard Thomas to settle nearby for protection from wild animals. Evidence of the Indian presence in other areas of the Township has been found in the form of arrowheads, points and grinding stones. A map compiled by the West Whiteland Historical Commission, based on oral accounts, shows the general locations of such discoveries and can be seen in the lobby of the Municipal Building.

Many more such accounts can be found in the books "A History of West Whiteland" and "Images of America, West Whiteland". The Historical Commission is selling the books, for \$10 and \$20. Commemorative 250th t-shirts are also on sale for both adults and kids. The books and t-shirts can be purchased at the Township building and at the events.

See pages 8 & 9 for information on 250th Anniversary events for the rest of the year!

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FRIENDS OF THE PARKS

In 2015, the West Whiteland Township Friends of the Parks will host their **22nd Summer Concert Series!** All concerts will be held at Albert C. Miller Memorial Park, 220 Miller Way, Exton, PA 19341. Concerts all take place on Sunday evenings and begin at 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Parks (FOTP) was originally established in 1992 to develop a summer concert series for the enjoyment of the area residents. The Miller Park concerts have been an overwhelming success, and attendance is well over 10,000 per summer. Over time, the organization has grown and evolved, and today its mission is to enhance the overall use and quality of West Whiteland Township's parks. Their primary goals are to:

- Continue the tradition of providing high quality summer concerts and fireworks
- Support the continuation of the annual Make a Difference Day
- Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of West Whiteland Township
- Support the restoration of the historic Pennypacker House as an additional asset to Exton Park
- Support the annual Egg Hunt which features a unique "hunt" for our citizens with special needs
- Support other worthwhile activities and projects in our Township parks

As a non-profit organization, FOTP operates solely on sponsorships and donations. Visit wwtfriendsoftheparks.org and click on Donations to learn about the various sponsorship levels. Depending on the amount you sponsor, your organization will receive recognition on flyers, concert programs and the FOTP website. You may also be able to display your company banner at concerts or be mentioned by the emcee at concerts.

DATE	EVENT
June 14	Greaseband
June 28	Lights Out, A Frankie Valli Tribute Band
July 12	Chico's Vibe & fireworks
July 26	Zydeco-a-Go-Go
August 9	Back2Life
August 23	The Mango Men

For more information:

Call: **Pam Gural-Bear** at (610) 363-9525 ext. 3217

Email: fotp@wwtfriendsoftheparks.org

Donations can be mailed to:

West Whiteland Township's Friends of the Parks
P.O. Box 988
Exton, PA 19341

2015!



For more information, please sign up for e-News at westwhiteland.org or visit wwtfriendsoftheparks.org.

BOARD & COMMISSIONS MEETING SCHEDULE

JUNE—DECEMBER, 2015



Wondering what's new in the Township? Attend an upcoming meeting of the Board of Supervisors or one of the Commissions. All meetings are open to the public and are held in the West Whiteland Township building, 101 Commerce Drive.

Agendas are posted on West Whiteland Township's website (westwhiteland.org) a day or two in advance of the meetings. Items of particular interest are also advertised on the website, Facebook, and through weekly emails. Sign up for the eNews updates at westwhiteland.org, or by sending a text message to **22828** with **WESTWHITELAND** in the message box.

	Board of Supervisors 6:30 p.m.	Historical Commission 6:30 p.m.	Municipal Services Commission 6:30 p.m.	Parks & Recreation 6:45 p.m.	Pension Advisory Board 12 p.m.	Planning Commission 7 p.m.
JUNE	10	25	9	16		1
	17					15
JULY	8	23	14	21	15	6
	22					20
AUGUST	12	27	11	18		3
	26					17
SEPTEMBER	9	24	8	15		8
	23					21
OCTOBER	14	22	13	20	21	5
	28					19
NOVEMBER	10	19	10	17		2
	24					16
DECEMBER	9	17	8	15		7

2015 SEWER/SOLID WASTE BILL TO BE MAILED JUNE 1

In order to cover the costs of providing sewer services, the 2015 annual residential sewer rate is \$270, an increase of \$10 from 2014. The increase is due to higher wastewater treatment fees charged to the Township and capital improvements needed to maintain our infrastructure.

West Whiteland's residential sewer rate remains one of the lowest in the area. The Township is committed to keeping costs as low as possible, while also ensuring that the sewer system is well maintained and environmentally sound.

There is no change to the annual solid waste fee (previously called recycling fee) which will remain at \$49.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES OF THE LATEST TOWNSHIP NEWS!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO THE RIGHT

Use your cell phone or other mobile device to scan the QR code below. You will then be asked to provide your email address.



OR

TEXT TO JOIN

Send a text message to **22828** with **WESTWHITELAND** in the message box. You will receive a message back asking for your email address, first name and last name.

You can also join by visiting westwhiteland.org and clicking the **e-Newsletter icon**.

However you choose to sign up, you will receive weekly email messages from the Township with all of the latest news regarding road construction/closures, meetings, weather alerts, events and more. West Whiteland Township respects your privacy and will never sell or share your contact information.

HOW CAN I DISPOSE OF MY....

As you tackle your spring cleaning, both indoors and out, please keep in mind the following disposal service dates, as well as the rules and restrictions that accompany them.



...YARD WASTE?

COLLECTION TYPE	DATE	LOCATION	DETAILS
Branches only, no bags	Wednesday, August 26 Wednesday, September 23 Wednesday, October 28	Curbside pick-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max. of 4 ft. long & 4 in. in diameter • Bundled with STRING—not wire • Twigs in rigid container • NO BAGS will be collected
Bagged leaves	Wednesday, June 3 Wednesday, November 4 Wednesday, November 11 Wednesday, December 2 Wednesday, December 16	Curbside pick-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ONLY leaves placed in biodegradable brown paper bags will be collected • Thirty-gallon brown paper leaf bags are available for purchase at retail outlets throughout the Township
Yard Debris Drop-off	Saturday, July 18	Drop-off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-off at 222 N. Pottstown Pike, 9:00 am-1:00 pm • Branches do not need to be bundled

...HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Residents can dispose of hazardous waste at the following locations. All events start at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. SHARP. (Businesses and contractors will be turned away from these events). For more information and for lists of accepted materials, **visit chestercountyswa.org**.

DATE	LOCATION	BRANCHES
Friday, June 26	Coatesville Learning Center	1425 East Lincoln Highway Coatesville, PA 19320
Saturday, September 12	Oxford School District Administrative Bldg.	125 Bell Tower Lane Oxford, PA 19363
Saturday, October 10	Government Services Center	601 Westtown Road West Chester, PA 19380

...HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING?

Waste/Recycling material will be collected once a week on Tuesdays. Please remember to recycle and tie/secure all Township trash bags.



West Whiteland Township thanks the following retailers for selling Township trash bags for the Pay As You Throw (PAYT) Program!

Because West Whiteland Township has a “Pay As You Throw” program, residents are required to purchase official Township trash bags in order for waste to be collected. Trash bags may be purchased for \$2.50 per bag at the following locations:

- **CVS (Boot Rd. & Rte. 100) NEW LOCATION!**
- **East Goshen Giant (Boot Rd.) NEW LOCATION!**
- Wawa (Boot Rd. & Rte. 100; Greenhill Rd. & Rte. 100)
- West Whiteland Township Building (101 Commerce Dr.)
- Luk Oil (Boot Rd. & Rte. 100)
- Giant (Exton & Lionville)
- Wegmans (Downingtown)
- 7-11 Exxon Station (Rte. 30 & Rte. 100)



Remember, residents on the “Pay As You Throw” program are required to purchase official Township trash bags in order for waste to be collected. Trash bags may be purchased for \$2.50 per bag.

We all know recycling is good for the environment. What you may not know is that West Whiteland Township receives grant money for our recycling efforts. In fact, we ranked in the **top 3%** in Pennsylvania for money awarded for recycling.

Here’s another fact: Because of the “Pay As You Throw Program,” West Whiteland’s average household costs for trash and recycling are **among the lowest in the area**. Please help us continue to be a leader in recycling and make recycling pay!

Watch for more information about recycling and our POSTER CONTEST at the Community Safety Day event on June 6 and at westwhiteland.org.



WEST WHITELAND POLICE **WORDS OF WISDOM**

VACATION SAFETY

With the school year coming to an end, many families are making plans for much-needed summer vacations. A home, apartment or townhouse left empty while the owners are traveling can be a tempting target for criminals. Follow these tips to keep your home safe while you enjoy your vacation.

1 ENLIST FAMILY, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY SERVICES TO HELP

Ask a family member or neighbor to drive by your home on occasion and check on your residence. Be sure they have your contact information and a copy of your itinerary in case of an emergency. Give the person a key to bring mail in, feed the family pet and water the plants. Do not hide a key outside in a protected spot (i.e., the fake rock); **50% of burglaries involve the use of a key.** Check to see if your community has a Neighborhood Watch group or sign up with the West Whiteland Police Department for their Vacation Security Check Program. Access the form at www.westwhiteland.org under the "Police & Emergency" tab.

2 DON'T POST FOR THE WHOLE WORLD TO SEE

In the world of social media overload – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc., many people are chatting about their whereabouts on social networking sites. It is important to stop and think: Who is actually reading this information? Think twice about posting your detailed vacation plans on these sites. Make sure your children are discreet, too.

3 HEY, MR. POSTMAN!

Place a "stop" order on mail and newspapers or arrange to have a friend or neighbor pick up the mail while you are away. A mailbox stuffed with days of mail or a pile of newspapers signals a house unoccupied. It is easy to put your mail on hold at USPS.com, and they can hold mail up to thirty days.

4 BE THE NEXT COPPERFIELD

Create the illusion that your home is occupied; leave curtains and blinds as you usually keep them, place a few lights on timers, park a vehicle in the driveway with the garage door opener removed, have a neighbor put your trash out at the curb, maintain routine landscaping chores (i.e., lawn care service). Move expensive items, like jewelry or computers, out of plain sight if they are visible from the windows. Be sure to lock all windows and doors.

5 DON'T LEAVE CLUES BEHIND

If traveling by plane to your vacation destination and parking your vehicle in the long-term parking lot, remove your GPS device from the vehicle, secure your registration information (anything with your address listed on it) and your garage door opener. These items could give potential thieves a traveling itinerary with a convenient map to your house.

6 SET THE ALARM

Remember to set your alarm system and provide the codes to those watching the house. Make sure that the alarm is installed in accordance with the Township ordinance and is monitored by an alarm company. If you do not have an alarm, you may want to consider purchasing one or installing exterior lights with timers and/or motion detectors. Both are good deterrents not only for vacations but also as another safety measure when you and your family are home.

West Whiteland Township 2ND ANNUAL Community Safety Day

JUNE 6 • 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
101 Commerce Drive • Exton, PA • 19341

Meet the elected officials from the Board of Supervisors and the Township staff from the Police; Roads, Sewer and Stormwater and Administration Departments.



View emergency vehicles and receive safety information from local safety organizations including:

- West Whiteland Fire Company
- Uwchlan Ambulance Corps
- Good Fellowship Ambulance
- West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team



More info on Facebook
Search: West Whiteland Twp Police Department

SAFE DRIVING!

If you are expecting a new baby or are already carting little ones around, there is no need to wait for the next child safety seat inspection event. Officers Gary Moore and Joe D’Andrea and Detectives Jeff McCloskey and Michael Buchmann have earned certifications as “Child Safety Seat Technicians” and are now authorized to **check all types of child safety seats** to ensure that they are installed properly.



Safety checks are held by appointment and can be arranged by calling the Police Department at **610-363-0200**, Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm or via email at **carseats@westwhiteland.org**. Please allow about one hour for the comprehensive inspection and remember to bring along the vehicle owner’s manual and the safety seat instruction booklet. All inspections take place at the West Whiteland Township Police Department, 101 Commerce Drive, Exton.

Drive safely, and remember, it is illegal in Pennsylvania to use your cell phone while driving to send or receive texts, emails, or messages of any kind.



TOWNSHIP ITS 250TH

2015 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat., June 6	11 am – 4 pm	Community Safety Day	West Whiteland Township building*
Thurs., August 20	4 pm – 8 pm	Trolley Tour – More information below!	West Whiteland Township building*
Sat., September 19	7:30 am – 1 pm	West Whiteland Makes a Difference Day	Exton Park 800 Swedesford Rd., Exton, PA 19341
Thurs., October 29	TBA	Paranormal Night – Ghosts of West Whiteland Dinner & Presentation	Ship Inn 693 E. Lincoln Hwy, Exton, PA 19341
Sat., November 14	10 am – 2 pm	Holiday Vendor & Craft Show	West Whiteland Township building*
Fri., December 11	6 pm	Holiday Tree Lighting	Miller Park 220 Miller Way, Exton, PA 19341

* 101 Commerce Drive, Exton, PA 19341

CHESTER COUNTY'S TOWN TOURS & VILLAGE WALKS: 250 YEARS OF HISTORY BY TROLLEY!

SPONSORS: West Whiteland Township Historical Commission, Springfield Hyundai, Church Farm School and Sloan Ford

PARKING AND INFORMATION: West Whiteland Township Building, 101 Commerce Drive, Exton

TROLLEY RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: Trolley Tours will depart every 20 minutes from the West Whiteland Township Building beginning at 3:00 pm. Please call **610-363-9525 ext. 1915** or e-mail: **250th@westwhiteland.org** for your reservation.

Join in our celebration of West Whiteland Township's 250th Anniversary.

In 1765, the township of Whiteland decided to divide into West Whiteland and East Whiteland. We will share with you historic stories of properties and the people that helped develop our community. Travel back in time on one of our trolleys to view properties along Pottstown Pike, Lincoln Highway and Swedesford Road. Some of the properties featured will be Church Farm School, Pennypacker House and the Ship Inn. Following the tour, stop in to visit the Township building to view artifacts, pictures and learn about the buildings that are part of Main Street Exton.

P CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY!



West Whiteland Makes a Difference Day

Join us on Saturday, September 19th
for a Township celebration at Exton Park!

7:30 a.m.

5K Race/Walk! Preregister at runccrs.com.
Registration at 7:30 a.m. Start time is 8:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Make a Difference Day volunteer activities.
Plant trees and native bushes to restore & beautify Exton Park.
Register by emailing Pam at pguralbear@westwhiteland.org

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Community and Recreational activities!

- "Century Games"
- Soccer and Cricket demonstrations and information
- Food Trucks
- Music
- Face Painting and other children's activities

**Stay tuned for more details
at wwt250.org!**



LINCOLN HIGHWAY/WHITFORD ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN ADOPTED

Background: In the summer of 2013, the Board of Supervisors appointed a committee of Township residents to oversee the development of a new land use plan for the Lincoln Highway and Whitford Road corridors. With the assistance of Township staff and planning consultants from URS Corporation, the Corridors Committee met regularly throughout the following months to define the limits of the study area, establish a vision for the future of that area and consider how to implement that vision. While all of the Committee meetings were open to the public, two special public workshops were held for the specific purpose of encouraging residents to share their ideas. The first, on January 14, 2014, was attended by over three hundred residents and local business people—a remarkable number for a community of our size. The comments provided at this workshop were critical to guiding the work on the Plan. The preliminary Plan concepts were then presented at a second public workshop on March 25, 2014, which was attended by eighty people. The Committee and URS finished the draft Plan in July 2014, presenting it to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to adopt it as an amendment to the Township's Comprehensive Plan.



Adoption Process: The draft Plan was placed on the Township website to allow the public to review it in detail, and over the ensuing months, the Board discussed the Plan at both their regular meetings and at special public meetings in October and November. In response to the comments received at those meetings as well as other concerns, the Board directed several adjustments to the Plan, resulting in a final draft dated December 2014. This version was then placed on the Township website, replacing the July version, and the Board directed staff to initiate the formal adoption process. We are pleased to report that the Board unanimously passed a resolution at their meeting of March 31, 2015 adopting the December 2014 draft of the Corridors Plan as an amendment to the Township Comprehensive Plan.

Implications: The Plan provides a roadmap for future development in the Exton business district, dividing the lands along Lincoln Highway and Whitford Road into five "character areas". These character areas are designed to ensure that the Exton crossroads remains the most developed part of the Township while allowing more flexible development options along the Lincoln Highway corridor. Few changes are envisioned along the Whitford Road corridor. The Plan will now be on the Township website permanently as an element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Next Steps: The Comprehensive Plan is a statement of Township policy and not an actual regulation. However, it is the basis for future regulation, and staff is currently working on amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance that will have the force of law and will implement the recommendations of the new Plan. We expect that the Zoning Ordinance amendments will be ready by this summer for public review and adoption by the Board.

Recognition: Now that this process has drawn to a close, we want to take this opportunity to publicly thank our hardworking volunteer committee members: Chairman Glenn Marshall, Vice-Chairman Andy Wright and members Nancy Carville, Ed Hines, Kevin Kilgallen, Kevin Moore and Supervisor Bud Turner. Thanks also to our consultants, including lead planner Doug Robbins along with Marian Hull, Keyleigh Kern and Clint Randall of URS Corporation. Finally, a big thank you to the Chester County Planning Commission for their generous financial contribution to this project through the Vision Partnership Program.



2015 ROAD PROJECTS



During April and May, Township-owned roads were inspected and assessed for repairs. The Township will perform repairs later in the summer on those roads in the worst condition. All potholes on Township roads were filled in March and early April.

Much of the road damage is due to the freeze/thaw cycle of the past two harsh winters. Roads in need of repair will be resurfaced with either 1-1/2" thick asphalt paving or an oil and chip seal coat, depending on which method is appropriate to maintain the integrity of the roads and stay within budget. Our goal is to keep Township roads safe and serviceable for the motoring public. If you see damage on a **Township-owned road**, please report it at **484-875-6020**.

The Township owns and maintains 64 miles of roadway; an additional 40 miles of roads are the responsibility of the state. The following roads are owned and maintained by the state: Boot, Copeland, Grove, King, Ship and Whitford Roads; Lincoln Highway/Lancaster Pike/Business Route 30; Phoenixville Pike; Pottstown Pike/Route 100; Route 30/Exton By-Pass; and Route 202. Problems on **state roads** should be reported to **PennDOT at 484-340-3200**.

2015 STORMWATER PROJECTS



The summer also brings work on two stormwater projects, both in the vicinity of Whitford Road. Specifically, rusted metal pipes will be replaced with concrete pipes and inlets in these locations:

- Spruce Drive, in the vicinity of Green Circle; and
- Wrights Lane from Whitford Road to the cul-de-sac.

The projects will require very minor localized traffic control, and Township personnel will work with those residents and motorists to minimize any traffic concerns.

More information will be posted on the road and stormwater projects throughout the coming months on the Township website (westwhiteland.org), on Facebook and in Township email blasts.

See page 3 to find out how to sign up for weekly email updates.

Celebrate West Whiteland's 250th year!

Nominate a Historic Property for the 2015 Historic Preservation Award

Our Township is fortunate to have many historic properties that have been preserved. The structure may be surrounded by a contemporary development, stand alone in a natural setting, or be a vital part of a business enterprise; each has a story to tell.

Owners and admirers of historic properties are invited to submit their favorite historic structure for consideration for the 2015 Historic Preservation Award. **Submit the address of a historic property you admire to:**

Roberta Eckman
Historical Commission Member
reckman@westwhiteland.org
or call 610-363-5925, ext. 3212

All submissions will be considered at the June 25th Historical Commission meeting.



Volunteer Projects

Thank you to all of the volunteers who give your time to help out around the Township! If you are interested in volunteering, complete the form at westwhiteland.org under the "Boards and Commissions" tab.

Eagle Scout Projects



Eagle Scout Wade Knaster constructed steps and a boardwalk at the trail at the Exton Park pond.



Eagle Scout Tyler Ronayne constructed the batting cage at Meadowbrook Manor.



Eagle Scout Nolan Graham built a viewing platform at the Exton Park pond.



Eagle Scout Mike Love built an extension of the boardwalk at Exton Park.



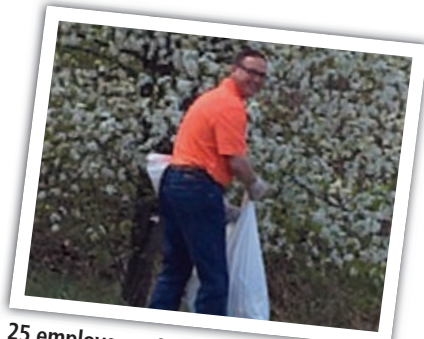
Eagle Scout Zach Casey improved the new trailhead at Exton Park's multi-use fields by constructing a kiosk and picnic benches.

If you are a Scout who wants to complete your **Eagle Scout** project or complete a badge requirement in one of our parks, please contact Ed Culp (eculp@westwhiteland.org).

Companies That Care



The Rotary Club of Great Valley pitched in to clean up Miller Park.



25 employees of PrimePay of West Chester volunteered to pick up litter and trash along the roadside of Dunwoody Dr.



SEWA International and Vanguard employees cleaned up Miller Park.



If you would like to volunteer for various events and projects in our parks, please consider becoming a member of the **Volunteer in the Parks Program (V.I.P.)** by contacting Pam Gural-Bear (pguralbear@westwhiteland.org).

Also, keep an eye on our website and Facebook, and receive eNews updates by sending a text message to **22828** with **WESTWHITELAND** in the message box for more volunteer opportunities!

TOWNSHIP PARKS AND FACILITIES

West Whiteland Township offers park space to be enjoyed at your leisure, as well as park facilities and meeting rooms that can be reserved for private use. Several changes are underway or have been completed to make these facilities more enjoyable and accessible to Township residents!

PARK SPACE

West Whiteland Township maintains over 110 acres within its eleven community parks. Exciting upgrades have recently been completed or are under development!

- **Roof at Miller Park gazebo replaced, and gazebo refinished**
- **Tennis courts at Miller Park repaved and relined (May/June 2015)**
- **Multi-use field opened at Exton Park**

These facilities and others may be reserved through the Township office.

MEETING ROOMS

Additionally, two Township buildings offer meeting space that residents and businesses can reserve for private use. The **Township Municipal Building** at 101 Commerce Drive houses a **Community Room** that holds thirty people, as well as a larger **Main Meeting Room** with a capacity of 144. New this year, both rooms are available to homeowner associations and non-profit businesses (with 501c3 status) at no cost.

Boot Road House offers another meeting space that is a popular venue for private gatherings such as birthday parties, graduation parties, family reunions and book/sewing clubs. Reserve one or both floors of the house and receive access to the playground, restrooms, a kitchen (no working stove) and open space with tables and chairs. The house has recently been outfitted with new windows and fresh paint. This facility is available for a nominal fee.

HOW DO I RESERVE SPACE?

Applications for meeting rooms and park facilities are available online and in the Township building lobby. To access the online application, visit westwhiteland.org and click on the Parks & Facilities tab; applications are listed along the left-hand side. Send these applications to **Katie at kpusey@westwhiteland.org**.



TOWNSHIP BUILDING IS NOW A TRAILHEAD FOR THE CHESTER VALLEY TRAIL

Trail users can now stop at the Township building at 101 Commerce Drive for a quick break and restroom facilities. The side door to the building will be open daily from dawn until dusk. **For more information on the Chester Valley Trail, visit www.chesco.org and click on Parks & Trails.**

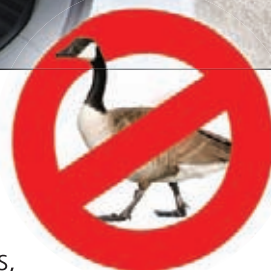
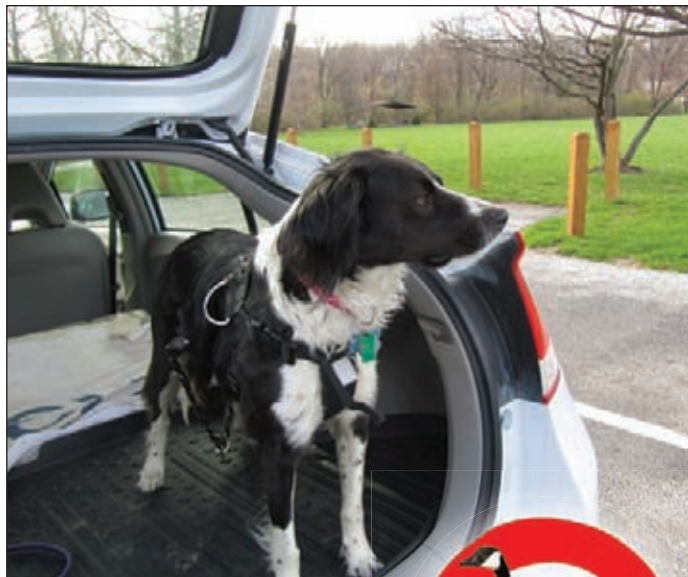


WHO YA GONNA CALL? GOOSE BUSTERS!

Meet the newest employee of West Whiteland Township—Lily Alakszay. Part Border Collie, part Brittany, part goosehound, Lily has been making frequent visits to Miller Park with her owner, Liz Alakszay, in an attempt to reduce the goose population at the park. But Lily isn't just any random critter chaser. Lily's mix of breeds creates a unique blend of instincts for herding anything that moves and hunting anything bird related....so doing goose work was a natural for her.

Lily, who just turned two in February, was adopted last August from Delco SPCA after being rescued from a high-kill shelter in Aiken, SC. Lily's owner, Liz, was instantly drawn to Lily's friendliness, intelligence and high energy and says, "When I first saw her at the shelter I knew she was my next dog." As part of the West Whiteland Parks and Recreation Commission and the Chester County Master Gardener Coordinator, nature and the outdoors are a huge passion for Liz, so improving Township parks is a natural fit for her, as well.

When Lily is not out on wild goose chases, she can be found playing Frisbee, chasing soccer balls, playing tug and maybe even relaxing at her owner's feet. She is enrolled in classes at the Dog Training Center of Chester County here in West Whiteland where she has passed the introductory sessions and hopefully will move onto nose work, sports, advanced obedience and the AKC Canine Good Citizen certificate.



Blood Drive

Monday, June 29th • 1PM-6PM

Please visit: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation> and search by sponsor code "West Whiteland" to schedule an appointment.

*** Please contact tedra.farrell@redcross.org if you experience issues scheduling donor appointments. ***



MOVIE TAVERN COMING TO EXTON!

Coming to Main Street
at Exton in Winter 2015!



RECENT REVISIONS TO ZONING ORDINANCES

The Zoning Ordinance is one of the most basic tools that a Township may use for the purpose of regulating land use. Changing market trends, technology, and local needs are all factors that require us to re-examine our zoning on a regular basis to ensure that our regulations are still effective and appropriate. The Township has been particularly busy in this area over the past months, adopting the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.



- **UNDERGROUND PIPELINES** – While the Federal government is principally responsible for regulating underground utilities, local governments may regulate related structures on the surface. A number of underground pipelines cross West Whiteland, and many are being improved to accommodate additional flow between the Marcellus shale regions and the ports and refineries along the Delaware River. On March 11, the Board passed regulations to control the adverse impacts of related surface facilities and to restrict them to the Limited Industrial (I-1) zoning district.
- **WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS** – Nearly the entire Township enjoys strong cell phone coverage, but evolving technology requires ever-greater bandwidth. Some Pennsylvania communities have noticed wireless providers placing auxiliary antennas without any notice to the Township or adjacent property owners and without any apparent regard for local regulations. In order to ensure proper regulation, the Board amended the Zoning Ordinance on March 31 to add new “Wireless Communications Facilities Provisions” and updated related regulations elsewhere in the Ordinance.
- **EXPANSION OF RESIDENTIAL AREA** – For a number of years, a 50-acre tract along Dunwoody Drive, adjacent to the west side of the US Route 202 expressway, has been zoned for office development. In fact, the Board of Supervisors approved a plan in 2005 for the construction of 660,000 square feet of office space here, none of which was ever built. Considering the fact that the tract is adjacent to lower-density residential areas and the current lack of demand for office space, the Board granted a petition by the owner of the property on April 8 to re-zone it for residential use. The land is now in the R-2 Residential zoning district, which allows the construction of single and cluster-type homes at an overall density of not more than two dwellings per acre.
- **RAIL TRANSIT OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT** – West Whiteland is fortunate to have passenger rail stations at both Exton and Whitford, providing access to Philadelphia, Harrisburg and beyond. Until recently, the Zoning Ordinance did not make an accommodation for the station use, resulting in a lengthy and cumbersome approval process whenever SEPTA or Amtrak wished to make improvements to the station facilities. Since such improvements benefit our residents and businesses, the Board adopted an ordinance on December 10, 2014 to establish a zoning “overlay” district that allows mass transit stations and provides guidelines for their development. The guidelines give mass transit providers clear direction up front when designing their projects. As a result, as long as the mass transit providers follow the guidelines, the approval process will be more straight forward for them.

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