



Crossroads

Proud of Our Past. Pride in Our Progress.

New Board of Supervisors

West Whiteland Township began 2018 with three new supervisors. Chairperson Theresa Santalucia, Vice Chair Michele Moll and Member Beth Jones comprise the three-person Township Board of Supervisors.

Voters selected Theresa Santalucia in the November election, and she was sworn into office on January 2, 2018, at the Board's Reorganization Meeting. A 31-year resident of the Township, Theresa served seven years in the US Army Reserve and is an Army trained LPN with a geriatric specialty. Theresa's commitment to public service is evident

in the 15 years she spent volunteering with Girl Scouts of Eastern PA and ultimately led her to run for the office of Township Supervisor.

Michele Moll is the Executive Director of the non-profit organization RSVP, located in King of Prussia. Michele's strengths and experience lie in management, fundraising, financial analysis and marketing. Her ability to develop creative solutions to complex issues will be a tremendous asset for the residents of West Whiteland Township. Township supervisors appointed Michele to the vacant position left by Steve Soles' resignation; she took office in December 2017.



New supervisors from left to right: Chairperson Theresa Santalucia, Vice Chair Michele Moll and Member Beth Jones.

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Beth Jones' professional experience includes work with policy development, bond issuances and budget projects in the public sector. She has been an active volunteer with board positions in the education realm. Beth welcomes the opportunity to listen to a wide variety of constituency groups and advocate when appropriate, incorporating her genuine desire for the continued deliberate economic revitalization of the Township and creative problem-solving skills. The Board of Supervisors appointed Beth in January 2018 following the resignation of Joe Denham, and she took her oath of office at that time.

The Township's new triumvirate has hit the ground running, hosting a listening session and then a Q&A session on the Mariner East 2 pipeline. Discussions are

underway about the Township's trash and recycling program, and presentations are scheduled about the amount of development coming to Exton and surrounding communities. Efforts to make Exton more accessible to bikers and pedestrians are creating buzz in the community, and recommendations are in place to address long-term the traffic congestion along Route 100 near the Exton train station. The community is invited to Celebrate Exton as we gear up for the Exton Park Community Day on July 21, with food, free family activities, a concert and fireworks.

As always, more information is available on our website, including when public meetings are scheduled to discuss the current goings-on. Staff is always happy to take your phone call or e-mail, and we welcome your feedback on Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor.

West Whiteland Township Friends of the Parks

You probably already associate the Friends of the Parks (FOTP) with the summer concert series, but did you know they also sponsor many of your other favorite Township events?

- Egg Hunt
- 2 Craft Fair Fundraisers (Spring and Fall)
- Tree Lighting
- Park Clean-ups
- Exton Park Community Day – new partnership this year!

As a non-profit organization, FOTP operates solely on sponsorships, fundraisers and donations. In order to continue to provide the events that so many enjoy, we need your help!

Please consider making a **donation** using the form below or going online to www.wwtfriendsoftheparks.org



Photo by Lee Ann Embrey



In addition to funding, the Friends of the Parks are always looking for volunteers who have a passion for the community and would like to become more involved. Do you have any special talents to share? If you have a **background in web design, marketing or event planning**, we invite you to show off your skills and help your community at the same time! Please contact pguralbear@westwhiteland.org if interested!

SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

Contributor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Become a Sponsor Today!

Diamond \$5,000 Platinum \$2,500 Gold \$1,000 Silver \$500 Bronze \$250 Individual or Family

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

If not donating online via PayPal, please make checks payable to West Whiteland Township's Friends of the Parks (WWTFOTP).



Saturday, July 21, 2018 – 4 to 10 p.m.
132 Church Farm Lane

This year, Community Day is combining with the July fireworks and concert for a full afternoon of FREE fun!

For more information and updates, visit our website and check Facebook!

Sponsored by West Whiteland Township, WWT Friends of the Parks, Chester County Parks, TMAAC and the Chester County Library.

Parking at Church Farm School and Valley Creek Corporate Center. County parking area at Exton Park will be closed after 12 p.m.



Photo by Rebekah Ulmer

- ▶ Kids Activities: Rock Wall, Inflatables, Gaga Pit, Stubby the Helicopter, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Bike Rodeo, Touch a Truck
- ▶ Archery
- ▶ Deejay
- ▶ Food Trucks
(must purchase food)
- ▶ Community Wellness Representatives
- ▶ Jellyroll concert at 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Fireworks at dark
(around 9:30 p.m.)

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2018

Come out and join us for the 25th Summer Concert Series! All concerts EXCEPT July 21 will be held on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at Miller Park.

Saturday, July 21 is Exton Park Community Day, with a concert and fireworks at Exton Park. The fun will start at 4 p.m.!

JUNE 10

Slippery Band

JUNE 24

Deja Blue

JULY 8

Chico's Vibe

JULY 21

Jellyroll & Fireworks

**EXTON PARK
COMMUNITY DAY**

AUGUST 5

The Janis Nowlan
Band

AUGUST 19

Rob Snyder

The Past Looking Toward the Future

The Historical Commission exists to advise the Supervisors and residents on best practices regarding the preservation of the history of the Township as represented in its historic properties and to inform the public about our Township heritage.



The original Historical Commission conducted business in the Zook house on the Exton Mall grounds.

Established in 1971, the Historical Commission has remained dedicated to their goal of identifying and researching all of the historic sites in the Township. Through the years, with the help of community volunteers, the Committee has identified 82 sites in the Township that are recognized as worthy of federal recognition, 75 as significant to Pennsylvania, and 25 as significant locally. West Whiteland is the only

Township in Pennsylvania that has identified and recorded so much of its architectural history.

The list of historic sites was submitted in 1982. Some sites have changed considerably, some deserve more research, and there are some now over fifty years old (and therefore old enough to even be considered) that are deserving of protection and should be listed.

Commission Members are currently developing a scope of work for reviewing all the designated sites and considering those sites that should be included for the future. As the work continues, public meetings will be held to keep residents informed.

If you have information to share, please contact Bobbie Eckman: reckman@westwhiteland.org

Route 100 Congestion Mitigation Study: Moving Forward

Over the past year Township staff and a volunteer committee of residents, property owners and representatives of regional agencies have been studying options for alleviating congestion and improving mobility along the PA Route 100 corridor between Boot Road and the Chester Valley Trail crossing. The project consultant, McMahon Associates of Exton, presented the completed Study

document to the public at the April 25th meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Study recommendations include:

- **Creating an additional travel lane for northbound traffic**
- **A new signalized intersection with pedestrian improvements (Pottstown Pk / Walkertown Rd / Whiteland Woods Blvd)**

- **Enhanced transit accessibility**

Principal funding for the Study was provided by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) through their Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI). You can find the complete Study on the Planning and Zoning page of the Township website.

Growth in West Whiteland

Population and job growth in West Whiteland Township – and Chester County – is expected to continue. The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) forecasts that West Whiteland will add approximately 4,200 people and 6,300 jobs by 2045, growing at a slightly slower rate than Chester County as a whole.

The Township is directing growth to commercial corridors, particularly around the Exton Crossroads of Lincoln Highway and Pottstown Pike, with the long-term goal of making it a more vibrant and walkable area.

You Mean More Traffic?

Yes, there will be more traffic, even if there is no development in West Whiteland. Projects have been approved or are in construction all around us, which will generate more traffic on the highways in Exton. But there also will be improved transportation connections in West Whiteland due to development which will fund or construct them.

What Have We Done So Far?

- Modernized zoning district regulations around the Crossroads to allow for a greater mix of uses and to encourage a wider variety of transportation options around the Exton Crossroads
- Secured funding to design and build a path by 2019 connecting the Chester Valley Trail to Exton train station
- Commissioned a feasibility study, in cooperation with Septa and DVRPC, to recommend long-term improvements on Pottstown Pike by the Exton train station to reduce congestion (Details on page 4)
- Approved a transportation impact fee and related capital improvement plan to support planned improvements to the road network. Improvements underway or under discussion include:
 - ▶ Construction of 2 new roads in the Waterloo and Keva Flats developments to form a loop around the north side of the Lincoln Highway and Whitford Road intersection (status: under construction)

- ▶ Installation of new traffic signals on King Road by both legs of Phoenixville Pike (status: in operation)
- ▶ Installation of a new traffic signal at Lincoln Highway and Belden Blvd. (Status: included as part of a development plan under review)

What are the Next Steps?

- Present a bike and pedestrian plan in the fall for public input (Details on page 7)
- Advocate for the recommended improvements on Pottstown Pike near Exton train station
- Explore the opportunity to improve the Lincoln Highway and Ship Road intersection for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians via expected development near that intersection
- Look for opportunities to address backups and improve bike and pedestrians access on Whitford Road

The Board of Supervisors held a public discussion in early May about the big picture for development and improvements for all forms of transportation in West Whiteland. More public forums will follow to keep the community informed and provide opportunities for feedback.



Keva Flats looking east.

Spring 2018 Present and Proposed Development

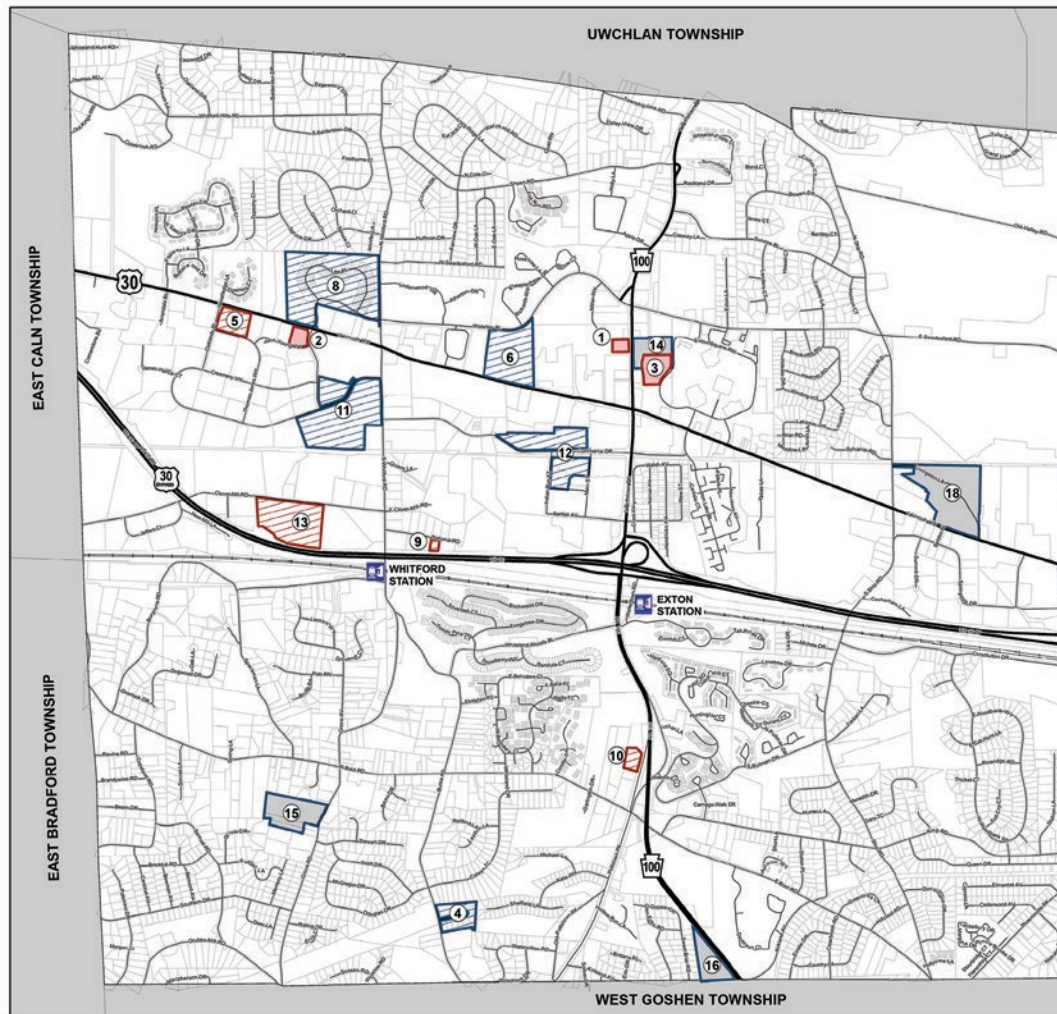
The projects listed below and on the map showcase present and proposed developments through the end of April 2018.

Projects Completed

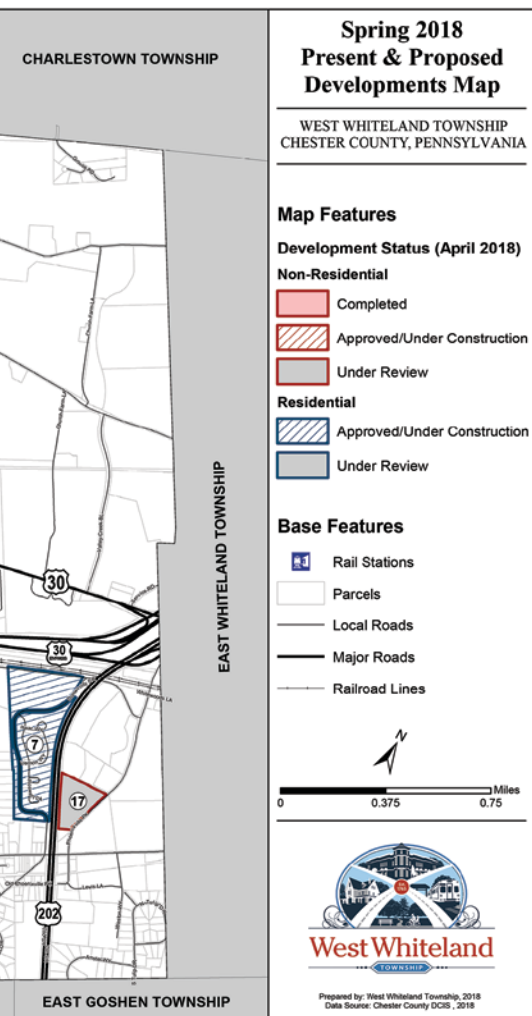
- 1 **CVS:** A new retail store and pharmacy along Pottstown Pk. in Whiteland Towne Center across from the Pour House. *Opened: February 2018.*
- 2 **IHOP:** The former Ruby Tuesday has been renovated into a new IHOP located on the south side of E. Lincoln Hwy. between CHOP and Plaza Azteca. *Opened: February 2018.*
- 3 **Whole Foods Market:** A new grocery store along Pottstown Pk., in front of Exton Square Mall. *Opened: January 2018.*

Projects Approved/ Under Construction

- 4 **Dante's Run:** 7 single-family homes along Burke Rd., diagonally across from Peirce Middle School. *Completion: Spring 2018.*
- 5 **Genesis Healthcare:** A transitional care facility along Lincoln Hwy. in the Oaklands Corporate Center across from Woodledge at Whitford Hills. *Expected to Open: June 2018.*



- 6 **Keva Flats:** 240 apartment units along Lincoln Hwy. between the Otto's Mini and Whiteland Towne Center. Includes the adaptive re-use of the historic Ivy Cottage as a 2-unit dwelling. *Completion: 2018-2019.*
- 7 **Reserve at Glen Loch:** 108 carriage homes along Dunwoody Dr. between King Rd. and Phoenixville Pk. *Completion: 2018-2019.*
- 8 **Waterloo Reserve:** 86 carriage homes along N. Whitford Rd. *Completion: 2018-2019.*
- 9 **Horn Plumbing and Heating Inc.:** Commercial flex space (warehouse/offices) along National Rd. off of S. Whitford Rd. *Completion: 2018-2019.*
- 10 **Mini LP:** Self-storage facility along Pottstown Pk. next to the Boot Rd. CVS. *Completion: 2018-2019.*
- 11 **Parkview at Oaklands:** 291 apartment units in the Oaklands Corporate Center along Creamery Wy. just south of the Festival at Exton Shopping Center. *Completion: 2018-2019.*
- 12 **Reserve at Ashbridge (Main Street at Exton):** 410 apartment units along Commerce Dr., Indian Run Rd. and Woodcutter St. within Main Street at Exton. *Completion: 2018-2019.*
- 13 **Royal Paper Products:** Addition to an existing industrial building along Clover Mill Rd. next to Suburban Propane and BELFOR Property Restoration.



Township Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Underway

The Township Planning Commission and staff have begun work on a plan to improve the walking and cycling network throughout the Township. The goal: to help commuters and casual and recreational users access places of interest by expanding on our existing sidewalks and trails.

Gathering Public Input

The planning process began in April with a short survey available at locations throughout the Township and on the Township website. Survey responses, coupled with professional planning principles, will drive the recommendations made in the final Bicycle and Pedestrian (Bike and Ped) Plan. The final document will provide the Township with a list of projects that will guide the process to connect our various trails and sidewalks, including who should be responsible for constructing those projects (Township, County, developers, etc.).

Sharing the Results

The first public meeting to present the Bike and Ped Plan recommendations is tentatively scheduled for August 14 at 7:00 p.m. At that time, Township staff will present the results of the public survey, maps of the proposed network and strategies for implementation. In the meantime, the Township Planning Commission will be discussing the plan from time to time at their regular meetings as the schedule may allow. Find additional information on the Planning and Zoning page of the Township website, and check the homepage for meeting updates.

Projects Under Review

- 14 Hanover Exton Square:** 342 apartment units next to the Whole Foods Market along Pottstown Pk. in front of the Exton Square Mall.
- 15 Harry Simon Estate:** 8 single-family homes along Grove Rd between Boot Rd. and Stewart Dr.
- 16 J.B. Brandolini Inc.:** 7 single-family homes along Kirkland Ave. between Sweet Briar Rd. and Pottstown Pk.
- 17 King Industrial:** Industrial building on Phoenixville Pk. near 202.
- 18 Lochiel Farm (Bentley Homes):** 140 townhomes and the renovation of 2 existing historic structures for single-family homes, along Lincoln Hwy. near Ship Rd.



FREE SHREDDING EVENT

DATE:

Friday,
June 1, 2018

TIME:

7:30 – 10:30 AM

LOCATION:

West Whiteland
Municipal Building
Parking Lot

101 Commerce Drive
Exton, PA 19341

An opportunity to safely destroy and recycle account statements and documents that contain personal and/or medical information. Shredding service is provided by DocuVault Delaware Valley. Paper clips are acceptable; please remove binder clips.

2018 Yard Debris Disposal Schedule

Leaves and Branches Pick Up Curbside

Wednesday, June 13, 2018
Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Only leaves placed in biodegradable brown paper bags will be collected. Branches may not be longer than 4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter and must be bundled together and tied with string, not wire. Place small twigs in a rigid container. This collection is intended only for branches that have fallen due to weather events.

Yard Debris Drop Off

Saturday, July 21, 2018
Saturday, September 22, 2018

Residents may bring branches and leaves to the parking lot at 222 N. Pottstown Pike from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For questions about the shredding event or yard debris disposal, please go to www.westwhiteland.org.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events are scheduled on the following dates from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM:

Friday,
June 22, 2018

Coatesville
Learning Center

1635 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320

Saturday,
September 8, 2018

Oxford School District
Administrative Building

125 Bell Tower Lane
Oxford, PA 19363

Saturday,
October 13, 2018

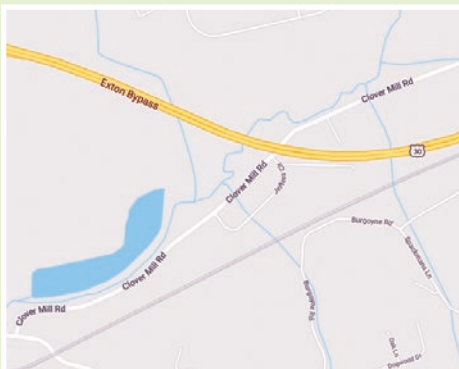
Government Services
Center

601 Westtown Road
West Chester, PA 19380

Visit the SWA's website at www.chestercountyswa.org for more information and a list of accepted items.



CLOVER MILL ROAD TRAFFIC DETOUR



A natural sinkhole has developed adjacent to Clover Mill Road near Jeffers Circle. In June, the Township will be closing a portion of Clover Mill Road and detouring traffic across Jeffers Circle. The detour will be in place for approximately 60 days while the repair is performed.



Photo by Rebekah Ulmer

What Are My Sewer Payments Used For?

The West Whiteland Township (WWT) sewer system consists of approximately 105 miles of pipe ranging in size from 8" to 42" in diameter. Within this system, there are 2,700 manholes and metering pits. Five pumping stations convey nearly a billion gallons of sewage a year to both Downingtown and West Goshen Treatment Plants. Uwchlan Township and West Goshen Township also move a portion of their sewage through the WWT system.

To prevent breakdowns – which would interrupt service, risk environmental damage and be expensive to fix, a number of improvements to the sewer system are underway:

Completed Pipe Repair

WHAT: Over the last three years, 12,000 feet of 8" pipe was repaired using a no dig, relining process known as Cured In Place Pipe (CIPP) repair.

BENEFITS: This work stopped groundwater from leaking into the system, saving treatment costs and

effectively adding capacity.

New Sewer Inspection Trailer

WHAT: The Township acquired this state of the art vehicle to televise, inspect and record the condition of the sewer pipe.

BENEFITS: Valuable data is downloaded into a database for quick reference and prioritization of rehab work.

Pump Station Improvements

WHAT: Over the next several years, all five of WWT's pumping stations will be upgraded with improved back-up systems and remote monitoring.

BENEFITS: Improved safety, reliability and communications

Future Pipe Repair

WHAT: Repair and upgrade the 18" pipe that conveys wastewater to the Downingtown Treatment Plant

BENEFITS: Enhanced service life and capacity

Sewer Billing Changes

The Township is updating our sewer billing process for 2018. This year's sewer bills will look different and have some changes for both our residents and businesses.

RESIDENT BILLING FREQUENCY AND PAYMENT OPTION

The residential sanitary sewer fee for 2018 is \$285 for a typical single-family home. With this year's bill, residents will have the option to pay the bill in full within 30 days or to make up to three installment payments. Additionally, residents will now have the flexibility to sign up for automatic ACH or credit/debit card withdrawals.

CONSUMPTION-BASED SEWER BILLING FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Based on feedback from local businesses, the Township will base sewer charges for non-residential accounts on water volume usage from Aqua and will collect payments quarterly. This approach assures that the sewer bill is commensurate with the actual sewage generated and solves the billing challenges associated with change of use.

Non-residential properties, which include commercial, industrial, schools, churches and the fire department, will also be able to opt in to electronic billing via ACH or credit/debit card withdrawals.

More information about these changes will be available on your bill and on our website.

Sunoco Pipeline Project

The pipeline has been a buzzword in our area lately, and it tends to evoke a lot of emotion in those who have been affected directly by Sunoco's pipeline projects, as well as those of us who are concerned about the environment and community safety.

It is a logical step to turn to your Township government for assistance and explanations. While we are happy to offer both of these, and have been spending a great deal of time doing just that, it is also important to understand who the regulating and decision-making parties are.

The reality is that West Whiteland, like our neighboring townships, has no authority to regulate the location or construction of oil and gas pipelines. Lacking an enforcement role, West Whiteland Supervisors and staff have focused on being a conduit for information between Sunoco and the residents most directly impacted by Mariner East construction and an advocate for regulatory changes in Pennsylvania. Here are some of the things we have done so far:

- **Encouraging Sunoco and state agencies to respond to residents' concerns about noise, vibration, traffic, exhaust fumes, muddy well water, sinkholes and more.**

Supervisors and staff have met with residents and Sunoco representatives and spent many hours calling and emailing anyone who might help, in an effort to alleviate the worst of the burden of living next to a large and protracted construction project.

- **Hosting Pipeline Information Sessions.**

At their first meeting as a full Board on February 14th, the Supervisors held a listening session to hear from residents

directly about their experiences, concerns and ideas. They followed up with a public question and answer session with state regulators on March 19th. The questions and answers are on the Township's website (www.westwhiteland.org).

- **Reviewing legislation that has been proposed in Harrisburg.**

The board adopted a resolution endorsing enactment of legislation for the regulation of pipeline siting and safety, as well as land agent registration.

- **Researching "best practice" pipeline regulations in other states and how West Whiteland can work with neighboring municipalities to advocate for improvements in Pennsylvania.**

So Who Does Regulate the Construction and Maintenance of Pipelines?

State courts have affirmed that PA's Public Utility Commission (PUC) has the sole authority to regulate the location, or "siting", of new pipelines in Pennsylvania.

As a result, the PUC authority preempts Township zoning, leaving a large gap in which no governmental regulations guide the location of pipelines in this state.

While there are no state siting regulations in place for the PUC to enforce, the PUC does enforce safety regulations for pipeline operations, which they relied on when they suspended Mariner East 1 operations this winter.

The PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) enforces regulations for pipeline crossings of streams and wetlands, as well as erosion and sedimentation control, and issued permits to Sunoco in early 2017. Sunoco has requested, and at the time of publication DEP is reviewing, modifications to those permits to change the method of construction from horizontal directional drilling to open trench construction near Exton Lane and Meadowbrook Manor.

If you have questions or feedback about anything you see or hear about Mariner East, please do not hesitate to contact the Township via Mimi Gleason, Township Manager, at mgleason@westwhiteland.org or 610-363-9525, x3221.

Safety Matters

Summer is synonymous with many things — the Summer Concert series, fireworks, biking, grilling, shooting hoops....construction! Get ready to get laid back and have some fun, but don't forget to do it safely!

BIKING

Anyone under the age of 12 must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. This applies to anyone operating the bicycle, riding as a passenger, or riding in an attached restraining seat or trailer. The PA Department of Transportation strongly recommends that all bicyclists wear helmets whenever they ride.

Did You Know?

Automobiles are not required to yield to bicycles being ridden across a crosswalk (at a trail crossing for example) as the bicycle is treated as a vehicle. A better choice is to dismount and walk your bike across.

BASKETBALL HOOPS

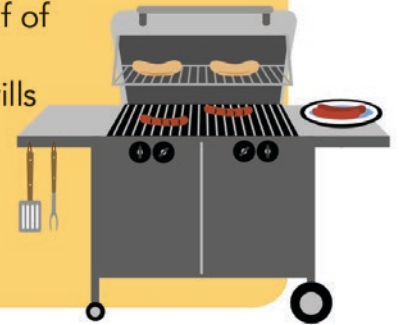
A reminder that residents wishing to install a basketball backboard and pole may apply to the Board of Supervisors. Approval may be granted if the post is to be installed in the right-of-way of a cul-de-sac where it does not affect the sight distance and neighbor approval is documented. All other backboards should be in your driveway or somewhere on your property where they do not impede the Township road. (Information taken from WWT Ordinance 276-11)

GRILLING

A grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard! The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railing and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area. If you smell gas when cooking with a propane grill, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



WORK ZONE SAFETY TIPS

If you encounter work zones, please keep the following tips in mind for your safety and the safety of highway workers.

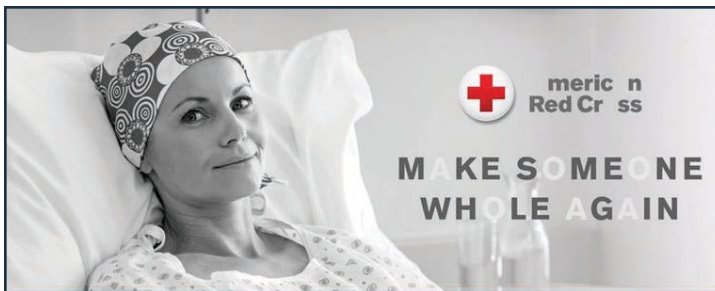
- ▶ Drive the posted work zone speed limit
- ▶ Stay alert and pay close attention to signs and flaggers
- ▶ Turn on your headlights
- ▶ Maintain a safe distance around vehicles and don't tailgate
- ▶ Use four-way flashers when stopped or traveling slowly
- ▶ Avoid distractions and give your full attention to the road
- ▶ Always buckle up

The 'Steer Clear' law requires drivers to move over or slow down when they encounter an emergency scene, traffic stop or disabled vehicle. This includes construction workers and utility line personnel.

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West Whiteland Township Blood Drive

1 PM – 6 PM

Friday, June 22nd

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.

Please visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org> for Donor Eligibility Guidelines and Donation Tips (including tips for after donating) or call **1 800 RED CROSS**.

Neighborhood University

Once again, the West Chester Area Council of Governments (WCACOG) is offering the Neighborhood University program this fall.

Neighborhood University is a free program to educate citizens about local government and increase awareness of available municipal services and resources. The goal behind the courses is to help citizens become more effective advocates for their community, which in turn helps local municipalities keep finding ways to improve.

Classes will begin meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m. from September 6 through November 15, 2018. Each session is hosted by a different municipality. Residents or business owners of any of the WCACOG municipalities (East Bradford, East Goshen, Thornbury-Chester County, West Chester Borough, West Goshen, West Whiteland and Westtown) are invited to participate in the series.

Please visit www.nugwc.org for more information and to register.

