



Crossroads

Proud of Our Past. Pride in Our Progress.

DEVELOPMENT OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 9 • 5-8 p.m. • 101 Commerce Drive, Exton

Chester County is experiencing a growth spurt. West Whiteland Township can't control or stop that growth spurt so we're doing our best to manage the impacts in our community. We recognize that the idea of development can be promising to some residents eager to see revitalization around the Exton Crossroads and cause concern to others about traffic congestion and other impacts.

The goal of the open house is to help all residents understand development—including the Township's responsibilities and community opportunities.

The Open House will include brief presentations and time for questions and answers about the development in and around West Whiteland. You can also visit information tables and speak one-on-one with Supervisors and staff in an informal setting.

Learn more about the following:

- The Township's role in development – what we can regulate and what we can't
- Property owners' rights to sell or develop their properties
- The state of development in West Whiteland – what's been approved, what's under review
- New development in surrounding townships (It's not just in West Whiteland!)
- Planned and approved transportation improvements for cars, bikes and pedestrians
- Continued development of the Chester Valley Trail
- Improvements coming to Exton Park
- The long-term (and nationally recognized) plan to balance open space preservation and development growth in Chester County

Check our website closer to April 9th for more specifics about the timing and subject matter of the presentations.



Ashbridge at Main Street is currently under construction on Commerce Drive.

West Whiteland Township is seeking your input on the Township's Trash and Recycling Collection! Please see survey at back of newsletter!

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Captain John Krisch Retires

The department wishes to announce the retirement of Captain John Krisch on January 31, 2019. Captain Krisch joined the department in September 1989 as a patrol officer. He was promoted to the rank of patrol sergeant in 1999, Lieutenant in 2012 and Captain in 2013. Captain Krisch graduated from West Chester University in 1989 with a degree in Criminal Justice. He also was a graduate of the 253 Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. Prior to serving with the police department, Captain Krisch served seven years in the U.S. Army as a military police officer and criminal investigator. The department wishes Captain Krisch and his family well as they transition to retirement.

Congratulations to the West Whiteland Township Police Department for Earning Accreditation!

The Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC) voted at its meeting in Harrisburg on November 15, 2018 to confirm the West Whiteland Township Police Department as a fully accredited law enforcement agency. The Pennsylvania program currently has 140 professional standards that must be met in order to become an accredited police department. To meet these standards, a department must first have policies in place that address all 140 standards and 100 sub-sections of these standards. After these policies are in place, the department must then prove it complies with and follows its policies.



Once accredited, the department must submit for reassessment every three years. West Whiteland Township is among a small percentage of police departments in Pennsylvania to receive PLEAC accreditation and is just the sixth department in Chester County to receive the distinction.

Being an accredited law enforcement agency is advantageous for both police department operations and the community it serves:

- **Financial benefits.** Accredited agencies can see a decrease in liability insurance as well as reducing risk and exposure to lawsuits.
- **Internal benefits.** Accreditation encourages problem-solving activities within the agency and increases employee input.
- **Improved community relations.** Being an accredited agency extends accountability to the public, and the process of securing and maintaining accreditation helps to improve methods for providing services to the community.

According to Chief Joe Catov, "What is most important about becoming accredited is the affirmation that we are doing our best to meet our mission in the service and protection of the community by our commitment to a standard of excellence."



Township Manager Mimi Gleason, Captain Matthew Herkner, George "Bud" Turner, BOS Chairman Theresa Santalucia, Chief James Adams (Chairman, PLEAC), Police Chief Joseph Catov, Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association Executive Director Joseph C. Blackburn, Lieutenant Matthew Deceder

Don't Miss These Upcoming Events, Sponsored by WWT Friends of the Parks!



Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Boot Road Park
110 West Boot Road, West Chester

Please carpool to reduce traffic back-ups!

10:00 AM

Special Needs children of all ages and General Population 2-10 year olds (divided into age groups)



No Rain Date.
In case of inclement weather, call West Whiteland Township at 610-363-9525 x1915.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Sponsored by the West Whiteland Township's Friends of the Parks

Saturday, May 4, 2019
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

West Whiteland Township Building
101 Commerce Drive, Exton



Mother's Day Gifts!
Food Items!
Jewelry
Household Décor!
Accessories!
And Much More!

Vendors, please visit www.westwhiteland.org/fotp for registration details.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

All concerts will be held at Miller Park at 6:30 p.m.
(except for the July 13 concert)

Sunday, June 16 **Rob Snyder**
Sunday, June 30 **Lights Out**
Saturday, July 13 **Deja Blue**
Exton Park Community Day
Sunday, July 28 **Midnight Hour**
Sunday, August 11 **Slippery Band**
Sunday, August 25 **Chico's Vibe**




Exton Park
Community Day
Celebrate Exton

Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 4 p.m.
132 Church Farm Lane

Join us for family fun: kids games and activities,
a concert at 6:30 p.m. and fireworks at dark!

Rain Date is Sunday, July 14

WWT Friends of the Parks is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. Please visit our website for more information about how to **become a sponsor** and help us continue to provide free community events!

www.westwhiteland.org/fotp

Responding to a Hazardous Incident

Many residents have asked why specific evacuation plans have not been distributed in the event of an incident, such as a pipeline leak, involving hazardous materials near their home, work or children's schools. The short answer is that no one can know whether to evacuate, or where it would be safe to evacuate to, *before* an incident occurs.



The Chester County Public Safety Training Campus provides first responders with the most current training possible to be prepared for future emergencies. Here, West Whiteland firefighters control a simulated pipeline valve fire. Members of the West Whiteland Fire Company have traveled to Texas A&M for additional hands-on training in controlling pipeline fires and, together with responders from surrounding townships and the County, have completed the Pipeline Technician course there. In November 2018, staff and emergency management personnel from West Whiteland, other townships and the County completed the US Department of Transportation's Pipeline Safety Compliance course in Oklahoma City, OK.

Emergency responders in Chester County, including West Whiteland Fire Company, have undergone extensive training on responding to pipeline emergencies and other hazards and have reviewed pipeline companies' risk assessments. They are prepared to assess any emergency situation and determine what needs to be done swiftly and effectively.

If people are at risk, emergency responders quickly decide whether it is safer to shelter in place or evacuate.

That decision would depend on the specific situation, such as the hazardous material involved, the extent and location of the problem, weather conditions and other relevant factors.

- If a shelter-in-place or evacuation order is given, the Chester County Department of Emergency Services will issue alerts to those affected via Reverse 911 or ReadyChesCo. (Note, you need to sign up in order to receive ReadyChesCo emergency messages on cell phones, home phone or email.)
- If an evacuation order is issued, the affected population would be directed upwind from the incident to await further instructions from emergency responders. During a prolonged incident, a safe area would be established, and the affected population directed there.

How can you help emergency responders help you?

- ▶ **Give 911 the information they need to help you fast.**
Register at: www.smart911.com

Create a safety profile on Smart911 and add what you want responders to know in case of an emergency, including any medical information, mobility limitations, how many pets are in the home and more. This information will help emergency responders to quickly address special needs and ensure the necessary equipment and accommodations are available.



- ▶ **Receive County notifications and alerts.**
Sign up at: www.readychesco.org

ReadyChesCo is Chester County's notification system for emergency and general notifications. Choose to have your cell phone, home phone, office phone and/or email addresses receive notifications. Users also can receive messages for more than one address, such as home, work and schools within Chester County. ReadyChesCo is an opt-in service; you must sign up to the system to receive emergency messages.



- ▶ **Receive Township notifications and alerts.**
Go to: www.westwhiteland.org/CodeRed

West Whiteland Township uses CodeRED to send emergency and general notifications by phone, email, text and social media. Calls automatically go to all home phones. Sign up if you would like to receive notifications through your cell phone or another means.



The Township wants to provide all of our residents with factual, timely information about emergency and hazardous situations. Please let us know what topics you would like more information about on our website, newsletter and social media. Email suggestions to socialmedia@westwhiteland.org.

Text to 911

Text to 911 is a service for emergency situations when calling 911 is not possible. AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, T-Mobile and MetroPCS customers can take advantage of this feature. Texting is not a replacement for calling 911; whenever possible, always call 911 instead of texting.

Call if you can, text if you can't.

How to text 911 in an emergency:

- Enter the numbers "911" in the "To" field.
- The first text message to 911 should be brief and contain the location of the emergency and type of help needed.
- Text in simple words – do not use abbreviations.
- Keep text messages brief and concise.
- Be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions from the 911 call taker.
- If texting to 911 is not available in your area, you will receive a message to that effect, so you know to contact 911 by other means.
- When texting 911, you cannot include other contacts in the same message.
- Do not text and drive!



Exton Park Grant Award

In November, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) awarded West Whiteland Township a grant for \$500,000 for the development of Exton Park. While most of the 279 acres of park that the Township owns will remain passive open space, there are plans to construct a recreational area just off of Swedesford Road. This space would house age-appropriate and accessible natural play areas, a dog park, parking, restrooms and a natural walking trail. The goal of the improvement is to bring together individuals of all ages and abilities to enjoy the beauty and central location that Exton Park provides.



Sample natural playground structure under consideration for Exton Park

In addition to the grant award, the Township will contribute up to \$1.5 million in open space funds – generated through developer fees. This leaves a balance of \$3 million to complete the active recreation areas. The Township will

pursue a variety of angles for funding to complete the park, including grants from foundations, corporations and other levels of government; sponsorship opportunities and/or named facilities; and gifts from individuals.

UPDATE: New Multi-use Path from the Chester Valley Trail to the Exton Train Station

Plans for the much anticipated multi-use path connecting the Chester Valley Trail to the Exton Train Station are being finalized, and construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2019!

The trail will provide the missing pedestrian/bicycle link from the Exton Train Station to all of these areas in the heart of Exton:

-  **Main Street at Exton**
-  **Exton Mall**
-  **Whiteland Towne Center**
-  **New residential centers**
-  **The Chester Valley Trail**

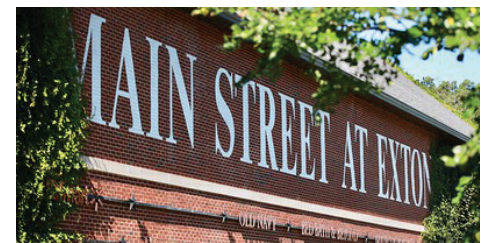
The path will be constructed along the west side of Route 100 in front of Main Street, from the Chester Valley Trail up to and

under the 30 Bypass bridges. The trail will then cross Route 100 and the eastbound 30 Bypass on-ramp and will continue to the sidewalk on Walkertown Road.

ADA-compliant pedestrian crossings, complete with curb ramps and pedestrian signals, will be provided at the intersections. The project will also include traffic signal modifications, lighting and way-finding signage.

Funding for the trail has been provided by a PA Department of Community

and Economic Development (DCED) multi-modal grant, developer contributions, and the West Whiteland Township Transportation Fund.



The new path will provide connections to many retail and residential destinations

Photo by Rebekah Ulmer Photography

2019 Spring/Summer Disposal Dates

LEAF & BRANCH CURBSIDE PICK UP

Wednesday, March 20
Wednesday, May 22
Wednesday, June 12
Wednesday, August 21

Please have your materials curbside prior to 6 AM on the scheduled day.

Only leaves placed in biodegradable brown paper bags will be collected. All other materials and debris, or leaves in other types of bags or containers, will not be collected.

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. Place small twigs in a rigid container.

A full list of dates for fall leaf pick-up will be in the next newsletter. First pick-up will be October 30.

YARD DEBRIS DROP OFF

Saturday, April 27
Saturday, July 20
Saturday, September 21

Township residents may bring branches and leaves to the parking lot at 222 N. Pottstown Pike, Exton, between the hours of 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Events

DATES ARE TENTATIVE.

Please confirm on Chester County SWA website. *No electronics will be accepted.* All events start at 9:00 AM and close at 3:00 PM sharp.

Saturday, April 6

Center for
Arts and Technology
Pickering Campus

1580 Charlestown Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Saturday, April 27 **Octorara High School**

226 Highland Road
Atglen, PA 19310

Saturday, May 18

Owen J. Roberts
Middle School

881 Ridge Road
Pottstown, PA 19465

Friday, June 21

Coatesville
Learning Center

1635 E. Lincoln Hwy.
Coatesville, PA 19320

www.chestercountyswa.org

FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

For West Whiteland Twp. Residents

Is
your



no
match
for
your



?

Friday, May 17 from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.

(or until the truck is full)

Bring your financial reports, credit card bills and confidential paperwork to be shredded FREE of charge! Maximum of 4 grocery bags or equivalent per family.



Do You Own a Rental Property in the Township?

All owners of rental properties in the Township must register with the Township's Codes Department.

Property owners must register current tenants and apply for a Re-Occupancy Certificate 10 days prior to a new tenant occupying the rental unit.

How to Register:

- ▶ Complete a Rental Registration Form for either single-unit properties or multi-unit properties.
- ▶ Submit the form and payment of \$25 application fee, plus inspection fee of:
 - \$60 for units greater than 1,000 square feet
 - \$40 for units smaller than 1,000 square feet
 - \$40 for multi-units (4 or more units)
- ▶ Codes Department will schedule and perform a safety inspection. For multi-unit residential properties, this is an annual inspection of at least 25% of the dwelling units.
- ▶ Receive a Certificate of Occupancy after passing the inspection.

Please forward any concerns about the safety or condition of a rental property to the Codes Department Office at 484-875-6017.

All information regarding the rental inspection process, along with forms, inspection guides and online payment methods can be found on the Codes Department page of the Township Website: westwhiteland.org/312/Rental-Properties

New Construction Codes in Effect

West Whiteland Township administers and enforces construction codes as mandated by the PA Department of Labor and Industry. These codes are the minimum standards for construction, fire safety, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, energy efficiency and handicap accessibility and apply to all construction projects (residential and commercial) within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Examples of projects requiring construction permits are:

- New buildings
- Additions
- Renovations
- Decks
- Finished basements
- Remodels
- Replacement/relocation of certain plumbing and HVAC systems

The codes applicable to work for which a construction permit was sought on or after October 1, 2018 are the 2015 International Codes issued by the International Code Council and amended by the PA UCC Review and Advisory Council. These codes are also subject to local amendments adopted by West Whiteland Township.

All design and construction contracts signed after October 1, 2018 are subject to regulation under the new 2015 codes.

If you are planning projects for your home, please make sure the contractor is aware of and up-to-date on the new codes.

All residents and contractors are urged to contact the West Whiteland Township Codes Department at 484-875-6017 with questions related to current or future construction projects prior to submitting permit applications.

You may view the PA Uniform Construction Code and related regulations at www.DLI.PA.gov.



Sewer Billing

It's that time of year again! The annual residential sewer and trash/recycling bills will be hitting mailboxes by June 1, 2019. The residential rate will remain at \$285 for sewer services and \$49 for trash and recycling.

2018 was a year of change for our billing. Residents were offered the option to pay in full within the first 30 days or to pay in three equal installments. Our commercial and institutional customers were switched over to a water volume-based system and are billed quarterly. Additionally, all property owners were given the opportunity to sign up for automatic ACH withdrawal or to pay by credit card on-line with no fees through the West

Whiteland Township website. The option to sign up for e-mail reminders prior to bill due dates is also available.

The residential schedule for 2019 is as follows:

- Sewer Bills will be mailed by **June 1, 2019**
- If you choose to pay in full, payment will be due by **July 11, 2019**
- If taking advantage of the installments, payment due dates are:
 - ▶ Installment 1 – **July 11, 2019**
 - ▶ Installment 2 – **September 11, 2019**
 - ▶ Installment 3 – **November 11, 2019**

There are a few things to keep mind in

when paying your bill. If you choose to pay online, you will need your account number and PIN number, located at the top of your bill. If you are paying in installments, please note that you will receive one bill containing coupons for each of the installments to be used throughout the year.

As the property owner, if your billing address has changed, please be sure to notify the Township in writing at your earliest convenience to ensure proper mailing. Any updates, requests or concerns can be e-mailed to sewerbills@westwhiteland.org. If you do not receive a bill within the first two weeks of June, please contact the Township and you will be provided an additional copy.



**American
Red Cross**



ANNA
blood donor



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

HOPE begins with you.

Friday, June 21, 2019 • 1-6 p.m.

WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP BUILDING – MAIN MEETING ROOM

www.redcrossblood.org

Looking for Feedback on the Pay-As-You-Throw Trash Collection Program!

The Township is seeking input on its trash and recycling collection options. Currently, households using the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program purchase West Whiteland Township (WWT) trash bags at local retailers.

All trash must be placed in these bags in order to be collected. Recycling is placed in plastic containers purchased by the resident. This program was originally adopted and has continued to date because of these benefits:

- ✓ It encourages recycling.
- ✓ It is fair – those who generate more trash pay more to have it collected.
- ✓ It saves landfill space.
- ✓ It offers the lowest cost per resident compared to other trash collection systems used by similar municipalities in the region.

As our current collection contracts are expiring, and in response to feedback from residents, the Township is reassessing the PAYT program. ***If you are part of the PAYT program, please share your opinion with us by completing the short survey on the facing page.***

We are considering three different trash collection options, as outlined on the table on the facing page. However, these factors are true in all three scenarios:

- Township contracts with hauler to collect trash and recycling
- Trash and recycling are collected once a week
- Dual-stream recycling continues (paper/cardboard separated from plastics/glass)
- At least 12 collections/year for yard debris, including one Christmas tree collection
- Up to four bulk items collected once per month

The survey results will be discussed at the **May 8 Board of Supervisors** meeting at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Denise Serino at survey@westwhiteland.org or call 610-363-9525, x2131.



Please complete and return the survey by April 12, 2019

| TOWNSHIP | 2018 ANNUAL COST | TRASH PROGRAM |
|----------------|------------------|---|
| West Goshen | \$340 | Trash Container: 96 gallon tote owned by Twp. 2x/week collection |
| East Goshen | \$280 | Residents supply their own container without limits for 2x/week collection |
| Upper Uwchlan | \$315 | 48, 64 or 96 gallon tote (resident chooses size, no discounts for smaller tote) limited 1 tote for 1x/wk collection |
| Uwchlan | \$268 | Residents supply their own container without limits for 1x/wk collection. |
| West Whiteland | \$175 | PAYT Program (cost based on \$49/year and 1 bag/week) |

West Whiteland Township Trash and Recycling Survey

Please only complete this survey if you are a resident of West Whiteland Township.

Are you currently paying for/using the Pay-As-You-Throw trash and recycling collection program?

- Yes, and I buy WWT trash bags.
- Yes, but I dispose of my trash myself.
- No, my apartment/townhome development provides for trash and recycling collection.

We encourage you to complete the survey online, by visiting our website at westwhiteland.org/survey or by scanning the QR code on your phone.



Please consider the chart below when answering the first two questions below the chart.

| Collection System Scenario | Description | Avg. Cost per Household* | Pros and Cons |
|--|---|--------------------------|---|
| 1 Current (PAYT) | Buy WWT trash bags and provide recycling containers. Average cost assumes annual \$49 fee + 1 trash bag purchased per week. | \$170 - \$190 | Lowest cost Perceived as less convenient |
| 2 Traditional | Resident provides own trash and recycling containers. Average cost represents total estimated annual fee. | \$240 - \$260 | Higher cost More convenient |
| 3 Up and Coming / Increasingly Common | Hauler provides large totes and recycling containers. Average cost represents total estimated annual fee. | \$270 - \$290 | Highest cost Most convenient |

**Costs for Scenarios 2 and 3 are best-guess estimates, subject to actual bid amounts and volume of trash.*

Would you prefer to stay on the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program (i.e., continue purchasing WWT trash bags) or switch to a different trash collection system?

- Continue PAYT
- Different system
- I'm not sure

If the Township decides not to continue the PAYT program, which of the other options would you prefer?

- Scenario 2
- Scenario 3
- I'm not sure

How many people live in your household? _____

(This helps us to understand the amount of trash you need to dispose of.)

Please feel free to attach a separate paper with any additional comments.

Please return completed survey by one of the following methods by **April 12, 2019**:

- Mail the completed survey to:
West Whiteland Township; Attn: Survey
101 Commerce Drive; Exton, PA 19341
- Or scan and email to:
survey@westwhiteland.org

Thank you for sharing your opinion with us!

West Whiteland Township

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