



Crossroads

Proud of Our Past. Pride in Our Progress.

New Playground at Exton Park

Have you seen the new playground near the intersection of Swedesford Road and Ship Road?



This area – the **Swedesford Recreation Area** – is now partially open to the public. Visitors can enjoy two new play structures which appeal to a variety of ages, a zip line and six new swings (two of which have toddler-style seats). Plans for a 9-hole disc golf course are underway, as is construction of a restroom facility with a concession area.

The Township will officially open the Area in the fall with a ribbon cutting ceremony. At that time, we will also kick off the opening of a fenced-in dog park with a pet adoption event co-sponsored

by the SPCA. Stay tuned for more details.

These amenities are the first steps towards a larger plan – the Exton Park Master Plan – that was created in 2017 after much research and community input. The focus of that plan is to **maintain the natural elements of Exton Park**, while **adding recreational features** that the public has requested.

You can view the full Exton Park Master Plan on our website. If you have questions, or are an experienced disc golfer, please email us at parks@westwhiteland.org.

Phase 1a of Exton Park improvement was funded by grants from Chester County, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and open space fees paid by developers.

Property Maintenance Requirements

PUBLIC MEETING

Thurs, June 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Township Building Main Meeting Room

Information Session and Q&A

To discuss the adoption of a property maintenance code (PMC). Such requirements can protect against deterioration of the condition of buildings throughout the Township by focusing on fundamental standards for continued use and maintenance of existing buildings.

The goal of the PMC is not to place additional maintenance burden on the property owner, as many components of the code already exist in our Township ordinances.

Home Projects

Do I Need a Permit?

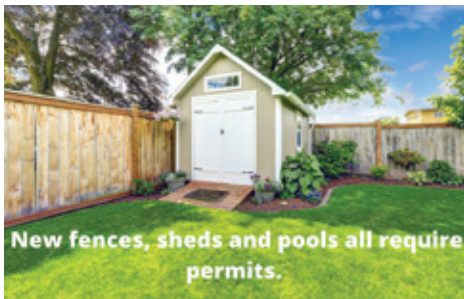
Thinking about starting a house project or renovation?

Codes staff is here to help you with any questions!

CALL 610-363-9525 and dial 5 for building permits and inspections.

EMAIL permits@westwhiteland.org

STOP BY the Township building at 101 Commerce Drive, Exton, and come to the door on the first floor marked Permits & Roads. The building is open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.



New fences, sheds and pools all require permits.

Check our website or contact us for a complete list of required permits and any questions!

Keeping Traffic Moving - Extra Lane on Whitford Road

The intersection of Lincoln Highway and Whitford Road is a busy spot. Soon, motorists can look forward to an additional northbound lane on Whitford Road between Lincoln Highway and Waterloo Boulevard. This lane will especially benefit those drivers making a left turn onto Whitford Road from eastbound Lincoln Highway. That left-hand turn can get very backed up, sometimes blocking the intersection after the light has changed. Thanks to the widening of the road, twice as many cars should now be able to turn left onto Whitford during the green light.



The new lane is part of the Primrose Day Care construction project on the northeast corner of that intersection. The developer is funding half of the improvement cost, and the Township is picking up the other half using traffic impact fees, with no added costs to our taxpayers.

Improving Our Public Works Facilities

Plans are in the works for a new 39,000 sq. ft. public works center on Valley Creek Blvd. The new complex will consolidate and replace our three existing and outdated facilities. The current locations face many challenges, including space constraints, looming capital repair needs and inadequate under-roof storage which results in equipment being left out in the elements.

This long-awaited project will centralize public works operations and provide much-needed space and updated work areas so the crews can **communicate better, fulfill requests more efficiently and work in a space that is pleasant and professional.**

The project has been reviewed by the Township Planning Commission, who has recommended it for approval by the Board of Supervisors. Stay tuned for that meeting date by visiting our website or signing up for eNews.

New Path Along Clover Mill Road

The sidewalk along the south side of Clover Miller Road that currently travels west from Whitford Road to the Americare Royal property will be extended approximately 3,500 feet to the Township line with East Caln, thanks to a partnership with a developer in East Caln Township.

The developer requested a connection to West Whiteland’s utilities on Clover Mill Road for the construction of a new residential development in East Caln. With the ground disturbance that would be necessary for that connection, the developer offered to install a multi-use path along that section of Clover Mill Road. Win/win!

Your Police Department

Moving On and Moving Up



Coffee with a Cop at the Exton Starbucks on February 2, 2022 included Lt. Deceder, Chief Benson and Capt. Herkner.

In April, after 25 years serving the West Whiteland Township community, Captain **Matt Herkner** set off for his next chapter – retirement.

Capt. Herkner started with WWPDP in 1996. Through the years, he has held just about every position possible: Patrolman, K-9 Officer with his partner Beny, Operator with the Tactical Team, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant and finally Captain.

And while barista was not one of his official titles, Matt could often be spotted

at community events like Coffee with a Cop. Captain Herkner, we wish you all the best! You will be missed by the Township and the community!

With Captain Herkner's departure, please join us in congratulating **Matt Deceder** on his promotion to Captain and **Jason Madormo** on being promoted to Lieutenant. The department has also hired three new officers: **Matt Muscari**, **Joshua Beideman** and **Matt Emig**. For anyone counting, that brings the total number of Matts in the Police Department to four. We lost one but gained two!



Lt. Jason Madormo's promotion.

Chief's Award for Excellence

Congratulations to Officer Kyle O'Brien for receiving the coveted 2021 Chief's Award for Excellence! This award goes to the officer who has "caught the chief's eye" for doing a great job day in and day out. According to Chief Benson, Officer O'Brien is always ready to do more than asked, doing whatever is necessary to get the job done. Chief Benson praises Kyle, noting his positive attitude and calling him "pro-active, professional, compassionate, hardworking, diligent and reliable."

West Whiteland Township thanks all of our officers, detectives, command staff and administrators for their outstanding and tireless efforts to keep our community safe and supply a friendly face to those in need.

Officer of the Year



Officer of the Year Detective Scott Pezick.

Congratulations to Detective Scott Pezick on being named West Whiteland 2021 Officer of the Year! This is the second time Scott has received this award, which is decided upon by the sergeants and command staff. Scott continues to do great work as a detective and is responsible for much of the fundraising and charitable work the police department does. Detective Pezick has helped raise donations for causes including the SPCA, flood victims in Downingtown, the elderly and young children during the holidays. Thank you, Scott, for all you do year-round!



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FOTP SUMMER EVENTS

West Whiteland Township's Friends of the Parks

Summer Concert Series

All Miller Park concerts now begin at 6:00 p.m.!

- ▶ **Sun, June 12** – Slippery Band
- ▶ **Sun, June 26** – Back 2 Life
- ▶ **Sun, July 31** – The Keystone Breakers
- ▶ **Sun, August 14** – Basic Cable
- ▶ **Sun, August 21** – Chico's Vibe
(note this is only one week after the Basic Cable concert)

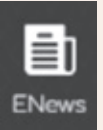
Community Day at Exton Park!

Live music with Chatterband at 6:30 p.m. and fireworks at dusk

- ▶ **Sat, July 16** (Rain date July 17)
- westwhiteland.org/fotp

Stay Informed with West Whiteland Township's eNews

Signing up for Township eNews is the best way to stay up-to-date on meetings, events and township initiatives. We have highlighted specific examples throughout this newsletter where follow-up information will be provided via eNews, and updates will be delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up by clicking the eNews icon on the left-hand side of our homepage, westwhiteland.org. We will never share your email address with other organizations.



Exton Park Community Day

Photo courtesy of Rebecca Ulmer Photography FOTP

FOTP's events are funded fully by contributions. Please consider becoming a sponsor today. Check our website for corporate sponsor perks.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTAL FORM

Sponsor: _____ Website: _____

Address: _____

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 (EIN number will be provided with receipt of donation)

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

Exton Crossroads Development

Development in West Whiteland Township is directed to the Exton Crossroads – the area surrounding the intersection of Route 100 and Business Route 30. The new apartment buildings constructed in the past two years have been a hot topic of conversation. Occupancy is running at over 90% for those units. This is a boon to our businesses and will help us attract more **quality retailers** to Exton.

We know our changing landscape can cause angst in some. Rest assured, the development is being planned and managed in a way that preserves the surrounding neighborhoods offering single family homes and keeps them largely protected from development. Development is also carefully planned and approved so that the Township receives valuable assets such as open space areas and traffic improvements from the developers.

As the Township plans for a vibrant, walkable suburban center, we have reached out

to our residents for input. In the last six months, we ran a public survey and held Community Conversation open house events for both residents and businesses.

We want to share some of the feedback we have received so far. As always, we invite you to explore our website, attend commission meetings (Planning Commission and Public Services Commission are great places to start) and Board of Supervisor meetings.

Community Feedback

People live here because of the **CONVENIENCE**.

There is an opportunity to make the 100 and 30 corridors more **ATTRACTIVE** and create a more distinct Exton identity.

There is strong interest in expanding **BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN** connections, with safety as a primary factor. (These improvements are outlined in the

Township’s Bike and Pedestrian Plan, which is available in the Township building and on our website.)

While Exton is considered a retail hub, there is public support behind making it a more **VIBRANT** one.

Our residents are eager for more **COMMUNITY GATHERING** locations – especially outdoors.

Next Steps

Stay tuned for the following:

- We plan to continue open houses in 2022, and our plan is that one of those open houses will include information about the Exton Square Mall site, as that becomes more clear.
- Later in the year, the Township will present information on a streetscape plan that will focus on beautification, way-finding and enhanced pedestrian-friendly connections.



Leaf & Branch Curbside Pick-Up Dates For 2022

- ▶ **Wednesday, June 15**
- ▶ **Wednesday, July 20**
- ▶ **Wednesday, August 17**
- ▶ **Wednesday, September 21**
- ▶ **Wednesday, October 19**
- ▶ **Wednesday, November 16**
- ▶ **Wednesday, December 14**

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

Branches must be bundled together and tied with string, not wire, in small bundles that can be easily handled. Collection is limited to branches that are a maximum of 4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter. Small twigs should be placed in a rigid container.

Open Burning

In West Whiteland Township, open burning is NOT ALLOWED. Open burning refers to situations in which the smoke is emitted directly into the air, without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Our township ordinances cite open burning as a violation which does carry penalties. You can read the township ordinances online at westwhiteland.org.

Am I Allowed to Have a Fire Pit?

Portable fire pits are allowed when used at a single-family home. Permissible fire pits are those that are professionally manufactured, and they must be used as directed by the manufacturer. They can be fueled by solid (wood, coal, etc.), liquid or gaseous fuel.

Makeshift firepits such as burn barrels, drums, stacked stones, etc. are NOT approved and shall not be used.

Permit Needed for Site Constructed Fire Pits / Outdoor Fireplaces

Site-constructed fire pits and fireplaces are those that are built on site, usually in conjunction with hard scaping or deck projects. These types of units can be fueled by solid, liquid or gaseous fuel. These projects require permits issued by the Township prior to construction.

Outdoor Cooking Appliances

Outdoor cooking appliances can be solid, liquid or gaseous fuel burning and must be professionally manufactured and used in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and specifications. Portable cooking appliances such as grills or smokers do not require permits. Stationary cooking appliances such as pizza ovens, outdoor stoves or ovens do require a permit prior to construction.

 Not allowed	 Allowed with permit	 Allowed & no permit required
 Open burning	 Site constructed fire pits	 Portable fire pit made by a professional manufacturer
 Makeshift firepits	 Stationary cooking appliances (outdoor stoves or ovens)	 Portable cooking appliances

Residential Sewer and Trash/Recycling

Introducing Recycling with Retrievr

With warm weather comes spring cleaning! Did you know that only 13% of clothing, and 12.5% of electronics, get recycled each year?

At the April 27, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Township resolved to approve an agreement with Retrievr, Inc. to optimize the collection of certain resident recyclables.

Retrievr makes it easy for residents to recycle unwanted electronics, shoes, and clothing right from your front door. They are a woman-led company that services 1.5 million homes in the PA/NJ area. **Visit retrievr.com/wwhitelandpa to see what items we accept and to schedule a pickup today.**

Responsibly Recycle Clothing & Electronics at your Doorstep

Powered by Retrievr, West Whiteland Township now brings you convenient recycling for your unwanted clothing and electronics.

It's easy:

- Say hi**: Press the **Schedule a pickup** button to get started
- Prep**: Use your address to make sure you're in our service area
- Post**: Tell us the clothing and electronics you wish to recycle
- Plan**: Schedule a date for your pickup appointment
- Pack**: Bag or box up your items and leave them by your door
- Pick Up**: On your selected day, a truck will come right to your door

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Powered by **retrievr**

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Please note: Pay-as-you-Throw Program participants will continue to have one bulk item picked-up and (non-electronic) recycling services on a weekly basis. For weekly refuse and recycling information, please visit westwhiteland.org. Retrievr services are not included in your Township trash and recycling bill.

Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT)

The \$89 annual fee for 2022 reflects an increase of \$20 from 2021. That fee will not increase again for the life of our current hauler contract, which lasts through the end of 2025.

With that said, we are mindful of the fact that some residents may prefer a system that does not require the purchase of Township trash bags. At the time the PAYT program was implemented, it offered the lowest cost to our residents and ensured that households were charged based on the amount of trash they generated. In response to resident feedback, we would like to get a feel for public opinion about the PAYT system. Be on the lookout for the next Pay-as-you-Throw Survey to come in the mail asking for your input.

2022 Bills

Bills from the Township for residential sewer service and trash and recycling pick-up (for those residents on the Township's pay-as-you-throw program) were mailed June 1.

Your bill will look a little different, as we have migrated to the Invoice Cloud payment system.

What does this mean for you? You will still have the same payment options as in the past, including paying by credit card, check and recurring payments via ACH. With the new invoicing system, you will also be able to pay via a PayPal or Venmo account. You still also have the option to pay in full or in three installments.

If you choose to pay online, you can set up your account for services like paperless billing, AutoPay, and reminders.

If you've set up automatic payments (ACH or credit card) in the past via the old platform, you will need to recreate those payment preferences on the Invoice Cloud platform.



Annual Fees for 2022 are as follows:

- ▶ Residential Sanitary Sewer Fee: **\$285**
- ▶ Residents on the Township Pay-As-You-Throw curbside pick-up program pay the following:
\$89 (includes recycling, bulk trash, yard waste and Christmas tree pick-up)
And must purchase Township trash bags (\$2.50 each) at local retailers. This fee supports trash collection throughout the year.

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HOMETOWN HEROES BANNERS

West Whiteland Township and the Downingtown VFW Post 845 are Proud to Announce the Hometown Heroes Banner Program

Are you looking for an opportunity to honor a service man or woman from your family, neighborhood, work or community?

WHO: A tribute to recognize service men and women from the West Whiteland Township area who have served or are serving our country in a branch of the military.

WHAT: Banners are 18" wide by 36" tall. Each individual banner will honor a specific West Whiteland Township area service man or woman and will include his or her picture, branch of service and era of service. Sponsors will be named on the banners.

WHEN: From Memorial Day until Veterans Day, after

which time the banner will be returned to the sponsor upon retirement of the banner.

WHERE: Banners will be displayed on the existing light posts on Commerce Drive in Exton.

COST: \$200 for sponsorship includes the banner, hanging fixtures and shipping.

Applications are available at www.westwhiteland.org and www.vfw845.org