



Homeowners' NEWSLETTER

November 2015 - www.villageofwestover.org

President Ken Lee

Vice-President
Dan Hooven

Treasurer Chris Wise

Secretary Elaine Farrell

Zone Directors
Annette Crist
Sally Conley
Steve Crosby
Monti Fletcher
Ann Frankhouse
Jackie Garno
Greg Hartman
Carl Janes

Ann Frankhouse Jackie Garno Greg Hartman Carl Janes Wanda Johnson Eric Laws Dave Baboian Linda Lehman Linda Lippert Fred Littmann Tommy Mullin Ed Trador Matt Treese Joe Washburn Laura Witte Joe Farrell Ann Marie Gover Trudy Hepner

Important Dates

Thanksgiving November 26

Leaf pick - last day November 25th (maybe longer)

Holiday Decorations up

December 5th at 12:00 Noon

Santa's Breakfast December 5th—9:00 am

Hanukkah December 6th —14th

Christmas December 25

New Year's Day January 1

Holiday Decorations down January 9th at 9:00 am

Westover Santa Breakfast December 5th

The Westover Women's Club has set a tentative date of Saturday, December 5th at 9:00 am for the annual Santa Breakfast. While plans are not finalized at this time, hold the date for this most fun and exciting event. It promises to be a highlight of the holiday season.

This event partially funded by the Westover Civic Association

Santa's Breakfast

Arrangements are in process at this time and future notices will be provided. Stay tuned.





Annual Membership Dues Drive Still only \$30.00!! · Now pay on line!!

The Westover Civic Association asks for your continued financial support for the 2015 – 2016 year by renewing your membership. The Civic Association is an all volunteer organization who assist with events, decorations, newsletters, dues, billings, etc. Your household membership is also voluntary. Dues are only \$30.00 per year for a household. Reasons why you should join and pay your dues:

- Summer block parties.
- Informative web-site located at
 - www.villageofwestover.org.
 - Informative newsletter.

- Financial support to help with several Women's Club projects such as the Garage Sales, Pumpkin Carving, Santa's Breakfast and Egg Hunt.
- Email Blast system for timely and quick updates.
- Holiday decorations throughout Westover in keeping with the original Williamsburg tradition.
- Mowing and maintenance in the beautiful Common areas.
- Maintenance and upgrades for the tree id signs, benches and entrance neighborhood lighting.
- Working with Hampden

Township on the Township owned Common areas.

 Maintenance of the front entrance of Westover.

And now we have payment on line. Our new treasurer, Chris Wise, quickly implemented this process to make it easier on the Westover Community to paydues. You only need a credit card and is quick and easy. You can go here which will take you to Pay Pal for your credit card input: https://goo.gl/Ax9Hdd

Westover Holiday Decorations

The Westover Civic Association will continue the tradition of providing fresh garland and red bows on the neighborhood street signs. To help put them up, you are all invited to help on **Saturday**, **December 5th at 12 noon**.

We look forward to your assistance with this fun and easy project. It is also a great way to meet your neighbors. We form teams, and each team does two or three posts. It is fun and only takes a few minutes. Refreshments of hot chocolate, coffee and cookies are provided. Grab your

gloves, hat, and a warm coat and meet us in **McCord Commons** for your assignment.

MAKE IT A FAMILY PROJECT

This project has evolved to be a fun family project by adopting and trimming a sign. It is easy and all you need is a step stool or a tall family member! We provide the bows, garland, ties, minimal instructions and, most importantly, the hot chocolate and cookies! It takes about 5 minutes for each post. If you would like to reserve a post, go to the Westover website

at www.villageofwestover.org and on the "contact us" page send us a note as to which post you would like to adopt, your name and address.



Westover's Fall 2015 Pumpkin Carving Party



The pumpkin patch at Westover McCord Commons was a site to behold! Beyond the pumpkin patch were tables and straw bale

seats, ready to be used for the Annual Westover Pumpkin Carving Party! More than 55 children arrived to pick out their pumpkins and carve them into Jack-O-Lanterns, with a little help from their parents and grandparents. Pumpkin Bowling and Pumpkin Tic Tac Toe were new games added to the traditional (and much beloved) sac races. Lots of children participated in the games and won some fabulously spooky and silly prizes!

A big thank you to The Westover Women's Club for baking treats brewing hot chocolate, and having ice water a available for everyone. Due to the gorgeous weather, we had less hot chocolate drinkers this year! Another big thank you to the Westover Civic Association for sup-

porting one of just many Westover neighborhood annual family events!

Thank you to all who brought canned goods for the New Hope Ministries Food Drive!



Let's carry on the tradition of the Westover Pumpkin Carving Party. Hope to see you all at the 2016 Annual Pumpkin Carving! Tradition is priceless.



Go to www.villageofwestover.org for a peek.

















Haunted House in Westover! 21st year of Trick-or-Treat Night Fun

David and Doris Baboian of 6350 Pennsboro Drive hosted their 21st annual Halloween "Haunted Chamber" on Trick-or-Treat night. This was a wonderful and fun-filled night that all residents don't want to miss in the future. Approximately 200 brave children explored this year's

haunted house display. The Haunted Chamber featured dropping spiders, skeletons, zombies, mad scientists and more with the help of 12 behind the scene volunteers. There were treats for all who made it out for this special and safe Westover tradition.

If you would like to volunteer to help next year, go to Westover's website and send us a note on the contact us page.

Note some of these photos are from 2014.



















Village of Westover Updates

New Officers Elected Westover Civic Association

Ken Lee has been elected president of the Westover Civic Association. Ken is an attorney, active in many civic and community groups and lives on Pennsboro Drive. We welcome the experience that Ken brings to the Westover community.

Chris Wise has been elected treasurer of the Westover Civic Association. Chris and his family live on Bracken Court and has lived in Westover since 2009. I'm a former CPA, and I currently work as a Controller for a major construction equipment company in Harrisburg. I've worked in public accounting and private industry accounting for 20+years.

Westover welcomes the new officers and the fresh insights that they will bring to the Westover Civic Association.

Westover is also pleased to announce that **Amy Waugh** has volunteered to handle communications for Westover. Amy's fresh approach to new ideas brought us the **Next Door** app which is highlighted below. We welcome Amy to the Westover community.



Nextdoor Comes to Westover

What's Nextdoor? Who is inviting me to join a mobile community app? Since August 2015, over 100 neighbors in Westover have joined a free and private online network called Nextdoor. Nextdoor was founded in 2010 in San Francisco and is quickly growing in neighborhoods across the country as a way to connect and build useful. invested communities.

Examples of recent Westover posts to Nextdoor include finding a lost cat, recommendations for a reputable handyman and roofing company, the best local kayaking options, a women's running group, and a need for glass jars for a school project. Neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale/free, safety concerns, and more.

To use NextDoor, every neighbor has to verify their address to join the local community and use their real name and location so you know you are sharing with a real neighbor. A designated local lead for the neighborhood (Amy Vaugh) can be a resource and the Next Door website (<u>www.nextdoor.com</u>) has information about privacy, safety, and guidelines for community use of the network. You choose how you share your information (such as just within Westover or to other local neighborhoods like Good Hope Farms and Walden). The New York Times recently profiled the app on their Well blog (Meet the Neighbors? There's an App for That, Oct 13, 2015).

Consider checking out the network to see if it might meet your interests or help you find something useful within the community. Nextdoor is neither endorsed nor opposed by the Westover Civic Association. Official communication from the Civic Association will continue to come to residents via the email blasts, newsletters, and website. Nextdoor is a voluntary, neighbor driven social network that provides mobile connections to enhance real life neighborhood relationships.

Winter Snow Removal Policy

Below are the highlights from Hampden Township's snow and ice emergency ordinance:

Snow removal priorities:

- Plowing will begin when snow is three inches deep.
- * Top priorities are all main and secondary roads, including Orr's Bridge Road, Good Hope Road, Lamb's Gap Road, Salem Church Road, Creekview Road, Central Boulevard, Erb's Bridge Road, Skyport Road, and Technology Parkway.
- * After the main roads are clear and remain passable, road crews will attempt to open the principal access road to each development. However, if main roads require additional attention, development plowing may have to be halted.
- * After the snow has stopped falling, plows will return to the developments to make a pass on each of the roads in each direction. Once all development roads are open, plows will return to widen them, if possible, to the curb.

Residents can help in three ways:

- 1. Don't travel unless necessary.
- Don't shovel or blow snow onto plowed or treated streets (the Township has an ordinance that prohibits this, under penalty of law).
- Move your car off the street so that plows have more room to operate. This is especially critical in cul-desacs.

Plus One Optional Way to Help:

Making available cookies, sodas or hot chocolate to a very hard working plow operator would be a very nice gesture and make the operator very happy! The job requires expert attention to the road with a high degree of concentration to avoid hitting a mailbox, curb or car.

Hampden Township Leaf Pick Up in Westover

Due to the volume of leaves which remain to be collected throughout the township, weather permitting, crews will continue with weekly leaf collection routes until November 25th however in past year's the township has made additional runs after this date if warranted. Westover is scheduled for Friday.

Put all leaves near the curb but about 6-12" away; please do not put sticks



or stones in the pile. Park in the driveway on Thursday nights to enable the leaf collectors to work without cars in their way.



CID Lieutenant Shissler *Update*



Police News

Lieutenant Shissler is head of the Criminal Investigation Division at Hampden Township.

There have been numerous car break-ins in communities in Hampden Township. Most of these have been in unlocked cars and people steal cash, cell hones, tablet computers, wallets and the like. The biggest single thing you can do is to lock your car. Also do not leave valuables in sight. While no break-ins have been reported in Westover, there were reports of suspicious activities, Lieutenant Shissler stressed that please notify the police department quickly and not the next day or wee if you see someone hanging around or out of place. This is very important for the department in investigating the crimes.

Some new scams have surfaced and one involves phone calls about the new chip card. Scammers call and say that they additional information before a chip card can be sent. Basically they are looking for your account number.

Scams continue for IRS requesting money, police looking for money to release loved ones who they say are in jail and the list goes on. Just be cautious and use common sense. If you have elderly parents you may wat to spend some time educating them on these scams.

Residents receiving unsolicited calls from anyone asking for money should be suspicious. If you receive such a call and are unsure of what to do, please call the Hampden Township Police Department at 717-761-2609 or by calling 911 and request to speak to a police officer.

NEW FEATURE! Lieutenant Shissler asked that we let all residents know that the Hampden Police Department has a new Facebook page with lots of good information for all of us. Just go to Facebook and search for Hampden Township Police Department.

Westover Mailbag OFFICIAL Westover Bow Makers

Q. Hello "Westover Civic,"

I was walking in the commons today and there is a large tree branch hanging by a thread over the path. It is a potentially dangerous limb. I draw it to the attention of the board.

Westover walker

A. Thanks for letting us know. We had the errant limb taken down the next day.

Q. Dear Civic Association,

I lost my FitBit Zip. Help?

Fitness Walker

A. a blast email went out and within a few days it was found and returned to the homeowner.

Q. Westover Civic,

The street light is out in front of my house. Pretty sure this isn't an association thing, but any idea who I call to get it fixed. Concerned with the reports of theft.

Secure neighbor

A. Call PP&L at 1-800-342-5775

Q. Dear Westover Civic:

A guy came by and said he was doing window work up the street and has some extra windows left over and would make us a good deal. What do you think?

Cautious homeowner

A. No way and you should call the police immediately. Did you know that anyone selling products or services at your home in Hampden Township must have a peddlers and solicitors license from Hampden Township? If you ask to see the license but they tell you they do not need one, they are lying. You should call the police if they do not have it and note the vehicle and license number. While some are not scams, they need this.



Dear Westover Willie



Dear Willie:

Q. Willie, can you watch over my house while I am away over the holidays?

A. Nope, I will not take on that job as I am very busy. However, I do recommend that you stop the newspaper and mail delivery. Most importantly, let a neighbor know you will be away and have them come into the house periodically to check that nothing is awry. And did you know that Hampden Township police, as a community service, will stop and check your house from time to time while you are away?

Q. Are you tired of the pooping dogs complaints?

A. Yes I sure am tired of this and is my number complaint. But that is why Westover Civic Association has me flying around!! The dogs or rather the homeowners, seem to be at it again. Picking up after your pet is law and even if it was not, it is courteous to do so. You may not be aware but when I am flying around I will sometimes see children slip on it when playing catch in the Commons areas and believe me that is not a pretty sight.

Q. I love to walk but I keep hitting my head on tree limbs. Since you live in a tree can you take care of this?

A. Well I see this too and did you know that it is the law to keep branches that hang over the sidewalks trimmed to an eight foot height. This can be dangerous as many folks walk while looking down at a smartphone device and then when they quickly look up, well a branch can poke them in the eye.

Help Wanted: Bow Makers

We will be having a bow workshop on Monday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sue Schweitz, 5919 Stephens Crossing. Please call her at 691-7635, or Susan Skender at 691-7321, to let them know if you can attend. If you are a newbie to bow making, please bring 3 to 5 yards of wired, 2 1/2" wide ribbon for practice. They will supply the tying wire.

There are three volunteers who made and repair the holiday bows for Westover .Now is the time to bring new folks in. Please consider this fun and easy job by contacting the Sue or Susan above. They would love to have you.

This is a nice opportunity to get together with a few friends and chat while making the bows, so come join us for a session. We'll teach you how to make a classic bow even if you don't want to make Westover bows.



Village Of Westover Contact List	
Name	Phone number
EMERGENCY - Fire, Police, Am-	911
bulance	
Westover Civic Association	Villageofwestover.org
Comcast Cable	1-800-934-6489
Cumberland County Offices	240-6100
Cumberland Valley School District	697-8261
District Justice	697-2201
Fredricksen Library	761-3900
Hampden Township	761-0119
Hampden Pool	737-4219
Hampden Recreation Department	761-4951
Hampden Township Utility Depart-	909-7145
ment	
Humane Society	564-3320
P A American Water Co	1-800-565-7292
P A Dept. of Transportation	1-800-932-4600
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
PPL Electric Utilities	1-800-342-5775
Township Tax Collector	737-4822
UGI Gas Utilities Inc	1-800-276-2722
United Water PA	564-3662
Verizon Communications	1-800-837-4966
York Waste Disposal (bulk pickup)	1-800-210-9675