

the Village of Westover



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Spring is Coming



Easter Egg Hunt * March 19 at 11:00am

Westover Women's Club, with partial funding by Westover Civic Association, will host the Easter Egg Hunt at McCord Commons. Come dressed to be outside and bring a basket, bag, or bucket to gather the goodies! The hunt will begin promptly at 11am as it is a challenge to keep eager children waiting for everyone to arrive. The cost is \$3 per child with non-perishable food donation and \$4 per child without donation. Food donations are delivered to New Hope Ministries by the Women's Club. RSVP to Nell Nickolas by email at dr.nell@icloud.com.

Spring Yard Sale * May 6 & 7

Westover Women's Club is sponsoring the Spring Yard Sale again this year. We'll get the word out to the community by placing ads and signs. You clean out your closets and basement and set up shop in your yard or garage.

Spring Picnic * June 5 (Rain Date June 12)

An annual tradition at the McCord Commons will once again kick off the summer in neighborly style! Save the date and stay tuned via Westover email blasts for more information as the time comes. Interested in helping? Email Steve Crosby, event chair, at scrosbyfz@hotmail.com.



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Important Dates

Daylight Savings Begins

March 13, 2016

Easter Egg Hunt

March 19, 2016

Westover Yard Sales

May 6 & 7, 2016

Memorial Day

May 30, 2016

Spring Picnic

June 5, 2016

Rain date June 12

Holiday Review

Santa Breakfast 2015

The Santa Breakfast was a huge success! What If West was a new venue for the event this year and the children were given gift tokens to use at the Coliseum in addition to other goodies. The Women's Club did a wonderful job of decorating in a colorful holiday spirit. The brunch was attended by 108 Westover residents and family members. Santa sat with each child to hear the Christmas lists and posed for family photos. Thanks to the Westover Women's Club for organizing the event and the Civic Association for partial funding. Be sure to check out all the photos via SmugMug on the Westover Civic Association website.



Holiday Decorations

Westover had a great day for installing the holiday decorations on the sign posts and entrance. Greg Hartman, the chair of this annual event, coordinated about 25 volunteers who showed up to help and partake in the doughnuts and hot drinks. Much thanks goes to Sue Schweitz, Susan Skender, and Elaine Morrison who made their last batch of bows as they will be retiring from the neighborhood business of fluffing, ironing, and creating the bows. If you can help with the bows next year, contact Greg Hartman. These decorations are made possible with your Westover Civic Association dues and volunteers.



Winter Storm

Largest Snowstorm Hits East Coast

"Winter Storm Jonas" was the largest snowstorm in the measurable history of the Harrisburg area. Much of Cumberland County reported 27-32 inches of snow according to the National Weather Service from January 22-23.

Hampden Township demonstrated a responsive effort to keep the roads clear and safe as well as keep residents informed. Several neighbors also communicated with the Civic Association about how to keep gas pipes free and clear of snow, what to do if they lost heat, and timely clearing of neighborhood walkways including sidewalks and pedestrian traffic areas.



Emergency Alerts

The Westover Civic Association kindly brings to your attention the option to participate in the Hampden Township Email Alert System. While we often forward important information to Westover residents with our email blasts, you can receive updates directly from the Township and your email address will remain confidential. Visit the township website at www.hampdentownship.us for more information and to subscribe. This source was very helpful during the storm with road and safety updates.

What's New In Westover

On the Website

If you've visited the website in the past few months you will see it has a new look! From the homepage, you can access all the Westover photos (a fan favorite section), directly join the email list, and choose from the menu options. It has also been optimized for mobile device use as 60-73% of Westover emails are opened via a mobile device. You can use the contact form to directly email the Civic Association. Also, you will notice the option to pay annual dues by PayPal—a new feature for 2016 and future dues. Check it out!

On Nextdoor

As introduced in a previous newsletter, Nextdoor is a voluntary social network that over 200 neighbors have joined since August 2015. Examples of things you can find on Nextdoor lately are recommendations for snow removal, dog kennels, CPA firms, and more. As the Civic Association does not maintain lists of recommended businesses or services, this is a great way to get local feedback from Westover and other nearby neighbors. Visit www.nextdoor.com to see if this social network could be useful for you.

Thank you for your dues

Paying your annual dues facilitates the functioning of the Westover Civic Association as a volunteer organization for the betterment of life and activities in our neighborhood. You will see many things referenced in this newsletter that are made possible by your dues. The Board thanks you for your participation! Some of the other things that are paid for with annual dues include maintenance of the Common areas, holiday decorations, children and family activities, communications including website and emails, and the Village of Westover Directory.

We Need Your Help

Volunteer organizations such as Civic Association benefit most from member involvement. In the coming weeks, you will see an email containing a survey for the Civic Association and we thank you in advance for your participation. Bring your talent, time, or interest to the Board by joining as a Zone Director or consider being on an event committee! Send us your ideas for newsletter articles! Do you know a neighbor who has celebrated a recent milestone or achievement? We welcome communication and feedback at westover@villageofwestover.org.

Public Safety



New Special Needs Registry

The Hampden Township Police has announced the implementation of a Special Needs Resident Registry which permits parents or guardians of those with special needs to voluntarily register their loved with the department. The registration involves completing a form and submitting recent pictures of the resident which could then be used to alert media outlets and aid in quickly locating the missing or lost person.

The registration process is designed to foster a better relationship and to reduce the fear that is sometimes experienced by those with cognitive disabilities. Members of the department will work with the family or guardians of the special needs resident to foster a positive experience for those involved.

All information provided during the registration process is kept secured by the police department and used only in emergency circumstances. Participating in the program is completely voluntary and residents may withdraw at any time.

If interested in more information or in registering for the program, you may call 717-761-2609. This information is also available on the Hampden Twp website Police Dept page under Announcements.

Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic,

Q: Why hasn't the Commons been plowed this winter?

A: Westover Commons areas are part of the Hampden Township Parks system and they do not shovel or plow the parks for snow. We adhere to that policy. Mother Nature usually helps the melt/thaw process; unfortunately, this year was out of the norm with that big storm.

Q: I wonder if Westover maintains a list of young people who are available for snow shoveling and other yard chores. I know that other neighborhoods keep such lists. There are many older people in Westover who might be interested in paying for such help.

A: At this time, no such list is kept by the Civic Association. Many neighbors use Nextdoor to let others know they have a service to offer or a teenager looking for small jobs. The Board has voted in the past not to keep such a list as it can be considered advertising for a specific business or family, a liability with endorsement, and time consuming for our volunteer organization.

Westover Willie



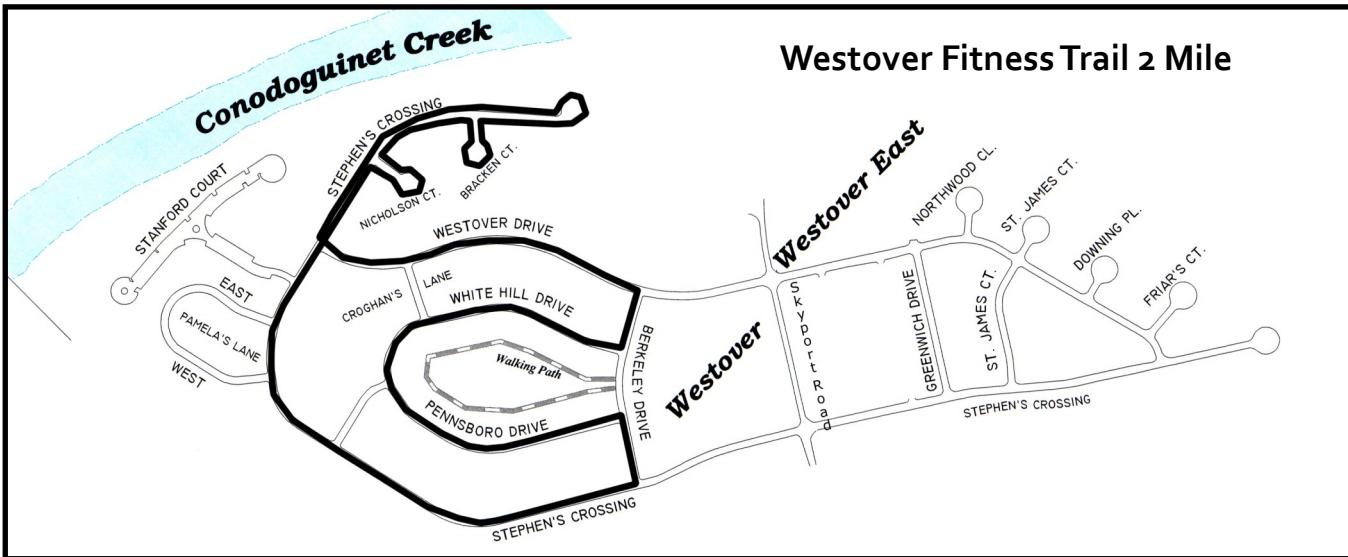
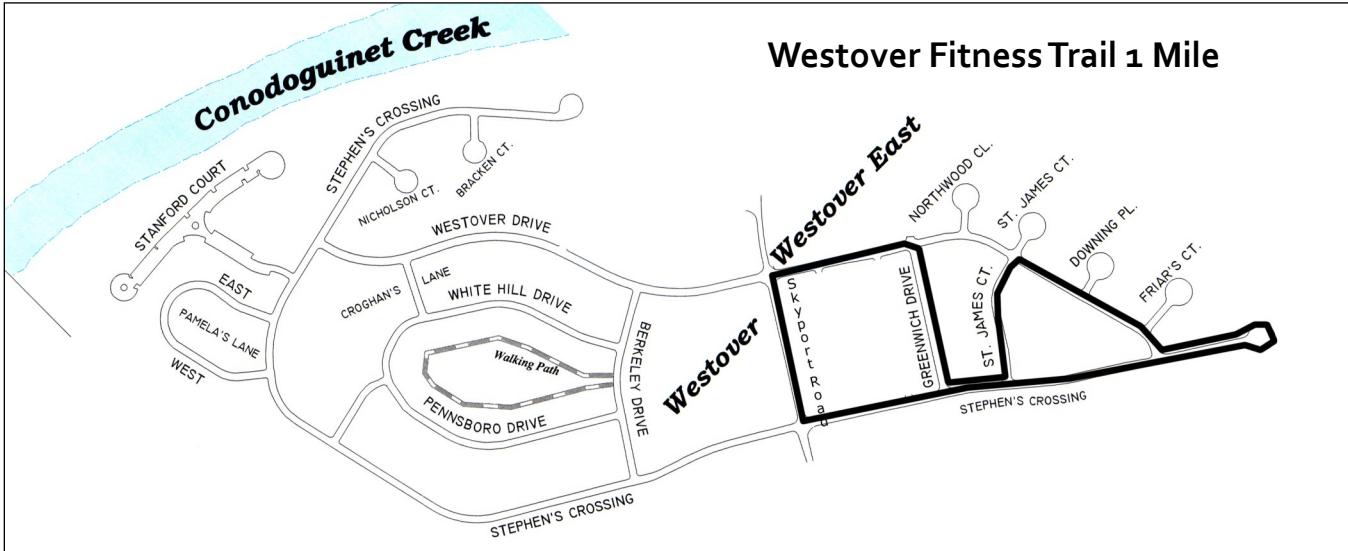
Dear Westover Willie,

Q: How come cats are treated differently than dogs? I seem to have to be on a leash and my family has to pick up after me but I see cats roaming unattended. I would love to chase them. *Signed, Westover Tail Wagger*

A: Well, I like both cats and dogs but I hear you my four legged friend. Unattended animals can be a nuisance. I suggest you urge your family to address the issue with the family of the cat as it is wise to let humans work these things out amongst themselves. Maybe your neighbors can also talk to the cat family if this is a problem because the Westover residents I know are friendly and usually like to know that other pets are cared for. I can't check on all the creatures but I hear the Township ordinances for pets can be found on this thing called the internet.

Fitness Trails

Did you know Westover has conveniently mapped fitness trails? Examples are below and you can find more on the website in the "About" section for East and West as well as 1, 2, and 3 mile trails. McCord Commons path is 0.287 miles.



Newsletter Change

As of this edition, the Westover Civic Association newsletter will only be published electronically. Newsletters will be announced via email blast and will be posted on the website, www.villageofwestover.org. As we notice that many of our communications are viewed electronically, including on mobile devices, we hope that you will find this convenient and accessible. If you know a neighbor who will miss a paper copy, please feel free to print them one to share. Please send suggestions for the newsletter, such as "news you can use" or feature articles, to westover@villageofwestover.org.

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Westover Women's Club

Strengthening the Westover Community by Supporting Women and
Families in need in Cumberland County and Surrounding Areas

Neighbors, service, friendship, food and fun.....a Westover tradition for approximately 40 years! You'll find great food and drink at our September through May monthly gatherings while getting to know your neighbors, enjoying a night out, and strengthening our community as we meet in a member's home for a delicious meal and a short business meeting.

In addition to the wonderful social aspect, the Women's Club operates the Westover Care and Share Charity. Each year, the club raises money to provide urgent financial help to families in the greater community. We have been able to help kids in need through school nurses and counselors in the Cumberland Valley Schools, the New Hope Ministries, Kick in For Kids and the Eagle Foundation. Food, medical and dental assistance, utilities, clothing and other urgent needs are addressed. We have also provided backpacks with school supplies, installed smoke alarms, distributed winter coats, gas and grocery cards, Angel Tree gifts for kids at Christmas, emergency provisions for a family burned out in a fire, and many more due to the generosity of this Community. The Women's Club is positively impacting the lives of those in need.

For our neighborhood kids, the Westover Women's Club sponsors an Easter Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Carving and Santa Breakfast. The Club also sponsors the Spring and Fall Yard Sales and co-chairs the Spring Picnic in McCord Commons with the Westover Civic Association.

Annual Dues are \$20 and a monthly meeting charge that covers dinner is \$15 with drinks. Please email WestoverWomen@gmail.com to become a member. Also, check out the Village of Westover Website for newsletters, pictures from past events in the neighborhood as well as information on memberships, calendar of events, and other pertinent information.

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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
Humane Society	564-3320
PA 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

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