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**Important Dates**

**Garage Sales**  
October 10—11

**Leaf pick up starts**  
Approx. Oct 17

**Pumpkin Carving**  
October 23

**Halloween Trick or  
Treat Night**  
October 30

**Haunted House**  
October 30

**Halloween (Official)**  
October 31

**Westover Dues Collection Starting**

The Westover Civic Association asks for your continued financial support for the 2014-15 fiscal year by renewing your membership. The Civic Association is an all volunteer organization that assists with neighborhood events, decorations, newsletter, website, homeowner directories, etc. Your household membership is also voluntary. Dues are only \$30 per year for a household.

**So why should you pay dues?**

- The summer **block parties**;
- The **web-site** located at [www.villageofwestover.org](http://www.villageofwestover.org) with a great deal of helpful information;
- The 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** through-

out Westover in keeping with the original Williamsburg tradition;

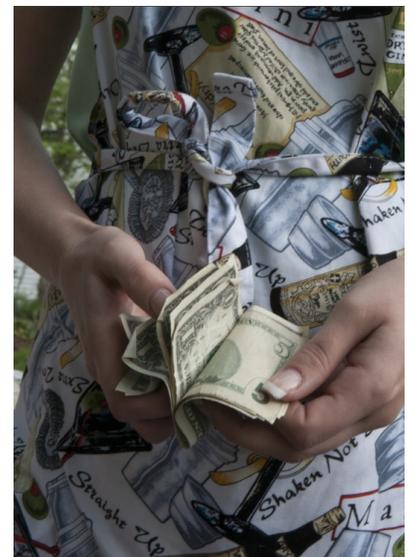
- Mowing and maintenance in the beautiful **Common areas**;
- Maintenance and upgrades for the **tree id signs, benches and Westover entrance lighting**;
- Maintenance of the **front entrance** of Westover; and
- Co-ordination with township police on **speed enforcement**.

**Westover Garage Sales**

**October 10th and 11th 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

The Westover Women's Club, with some funding by the Westover Civic Association, will be holding the annual Fall Garage Sales. Westover residents can participate at their own homes on Friday, October 10th, and Saturday, October 11th, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. It is requested that you do not open any earlier than 8:00 am since there are many school buses travelling the Westover streets, kids going to bus stops, and cars participating in the daily morning work traffic which make it difficult to maneuver and find a safe parking spot near the participating resident's driveway..

The Women's Club will get the word out, placing ads and posting signs in various places while you have the task of cleaning out your closets and basements. On the garage sale day, throw open your garage door and get ready to make a deal. Nothing beats a neighborhood garage sale for getting things cleaned out for fall.





# Fall Pumpkin Carving Party Thursday, October 23, 2014 ■ 5:00 pm

This event has to be one of the most fun things in Westover. Pumpkin carving! Fifty to sixty kids show up to carve a pumpkin, drink hot chocolate, and just have a great time. The Westover Women's Club, with funding provided by the Westover Civic Association, will host this pumpkin carving event in McCord Commons on

Thursday, October 23rd at 5:00 PM. Pumpkin carving, a sack race with prizes, hot chocolate and cider along with the Women's Club cookies and goodies, carving knives, markers and all the stuff needed will be provided. You need to do two things:

1. Reserve a pumpkin (\$3 each) with Jill Laws at [westoverwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westoverwomen@gmail.com)

2. since they have to buy and transport just the right number of pumpkins. The second thing is to show up!

This is a great fun event. Don't miss it!



Happy  Halloween



# Haunted House in Westover!

## 21st year of Trick-or-Treat Night Fun

David and Doris Baboian of 6350 Pennsboro Drive will be hosting the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Halloween Haunted Chamber. This is a wonderful and fun-filled night that all residents must see. The

Haunted Chamber features dropping spiders, skeletons, rats, mad scientists and more with the help of 12 behind-the-scene volunteers; suitable for brave 9+ year olds to adults. There will be treats

for all who make it out for this special and safe Westover tradition. **Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6350 Pennsboro Drive. All are invited!! From 6:00 to 8:00 PM.**





# Westover Ideas

## An idea—WESTOVER BOOK CLUB

Do you like to read? Would you be interested in getting to know your neighbors? How about a Westover Book Club? We'd meet once a month for book discussion and friendship. Places to meet might be the Simpson Library, a member's home on a rotating basis, or a restaurant (even the Wegman's Food Court). The books we would read would be chosen by members on a rotating basis. The more the merrier. If we have enough interest we could try both a daytime and an evening group. Please consider this: Coed book clubs are great because the book selections tend to be more interesting.

If this sounds interesting to you please let us know your preferences:

- Daytime or evening
- Meet at (1) Simpson Library, or (2) take turns hosting, or (3) a Restaurant.

Expressing interest DOES NOT OBLIGATE you to participate. It allows us to know if there are enough people to move forward. Please send your response to: [westoverwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westoverwomen@gmail.com)

## An idea —DO YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL?

How about travelling with your neighbors? It might be fun for Westover to have an annual bus trip or two. Ideas might be:

- the Radio City Christmas Show with dinner included
- the Philadelphia Flower Show
- a family friendly (and reasonably priced) Mystery Trip

Because there is no overhead, these trips could be more reasonably priced than some of the others available. Plus there's the bonus of convenient bus pick-up/drop-off and travelling with people you know.

Let us know what you think. Would you consider travelling with us and, if so, what are some destinations you would like to see? Expressing interest DOES NOT OBLIGATE you to participate. Please send your response to: [westoverwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westoverwomen@gmail.com)

## Street Signs

The street sign replacement project by Hampden Township should be completed when you receive this newsletter. The Westover Civic Association worked hard to keep or replace our Williamsburg style signage, but the replacement costs and conformity to federal standards were too great of an expense. Considering the acquisition, installation and ongoing maintenance along with liability insurance concerns, the board authorized the township to replace them with the mandated government approved posts and signs.

While we are sad to see the old signs and posts go, the new ones are so much easier to read that it makes the fire, police and other first responders very pleased.

We are working with the township to salvage some of the old signs with a hope that we can offer them to homeowners for nostalgia purposes.



**Westover Street Sign Replacement Project**





## Detective Sergeant Shissler Update



### Wet Leaves and Safety Always in the Forefront

Detective Sergeant Shissler reports that, knock on wood, things have been quiet in our neighborhood. He does caution that we need to be aware of leaves on the roadways since stopping distances are greatly diminished on wet leaves.

He also suggests that you lock doors to your house, garage, and any vehicles left outside. This goes a long way helping to stop vandals.

## Westover Budget

The 2014-2015 Westover Civic Association budget was approved by the board of directors. We are pleased to announce that a) the budget is balanced and b) there will be no dues increase required. Dues will remain at \$30 per household. The budget committee notes that approximately 70% of the 470 Westover households join the Civic Association. This enables us to finance the many events and community improvements throughout Westover. We allocate funds for items such as mowing & maintenance of the Commons, lighting the entranceway, annual block party, Westover directories, and our Westover web site. Thank you to all of our members!

## New Resident Welcome packets

The Westover Civic Association has started a Welcome Packet project for new arrivals to the community. The packets consist of newsletters and Westover branded bottles of cider. The committee tries to identify who has moved in and periodically will deliver the packets (nice big bag of goodies) to the homeowners. We thank the volunteers for putting these together and delivering them on a timely basis.



## Sealing of Street Cracks in Westover

Hampden Township has a policy of doing preventive maintenance on the streets to preserve them as long as possible to postpone the costly resurfacing process. This fall they have been cleaning out debris from the cracks and seams and filling them with a tar-like substance to prevent water from getting into the seams to help avoid pot holes and deterioration of the surface layer. So be careful and not track the tar into the house.



## Westover Mailbag

*Hello Westover Civic,*

Thank you Westover Civic Association for cleaning up the Commons (McCord and the Lower Commons); they both look wonderful. Thanks,

*Happy Homeowner*

## Hampden Township Leaf Pick Up in Westover

Hampden Township starts leaf collection in mid October and will take place on Fridays. Place the leaves a bit away from the curb and do not put sticks, stones, garden trash or other such items in the leaf piles because they can gum up the leaf machine.



It is really important that contractors and homeowners do not park where they can block the leaf machines on Friday.



## Dear Westover Willie



Dear Willie:

*Dogs have been pooping in my yard. What can I do?*

*(Willie's note : This article is being reprinted from the last 10, or so, newsletters as some have not heeded my advice!)*

You hit on the #1 question to cross my tree. Yep, there has been an increase in this habit of the owners not picking up the poop of their pet; it is both a shame and breaking the law. We can only suggest that you pick it up, and if you see the offending owners, let them know and maybe hand them a newspaper bag to pick it up. Maybe they will get the hint!

*I am new to the neighborhood. How do I meet people?*

When I fly around I see lots of people walking and talking and that is a good way. Another way to meet people is to attend Westover functions such as Pumpkin Carving, Block Party, Holiday Decorations party and Commons Work Parties. You can also join the Westover Civic Association and/or the Westover Women's Club. Send a note to Westover via the website ([www.villageofwestover.org](http://www.villageofwestover.org)) to express interest.

*I like the new signs as I can read them now!*

Thanks for your observation. I myself have an easier time flying around as the posts have lettering that I can see.

*Hey Willie do you know if Westover is going to decorate those metal signs?*

While I am not allowed to attend the board meetings I hear that a committee is looking into the feasibility of decorations. They may look hokey so we will have three trained ladies giving final approval to whatever takes place.

*Suggestions or questions for Westover Willie or the Westover Civic Association can be emailed to: [jfarrellpa@gmail.com](mailto:jfarrellpa@gmail.com)*

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*Westover*



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| Name   | Phone number          |
| <b>EMERGENCY – Fire, Police, Am-<br/>bulance</b> | <b>911</b>            |
| 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 Department              | 909-7145              |
| 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        |