

the Village of Westover



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Pedestrian Safety in Westover

The Civic Association continues to receive concerns about close calls between pedestrians and vehicles in the neighborhood. Drivers, pedestrians, and parents all share the responsibility of keeping Westover a safe place to live and play.

Speed limits in Westover are 25 mph or less and stop signs are strategically placed. Please review the following safety tips which were also shared in a community email last summer.

Pedestrians and Runners

Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals. * Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. * Runners should keep to the edge of the street or as close to the shoulder as possible. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible. * Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road. *

Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions - including those turning left or right. ***Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.** * Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots. * Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and judgment too.

Drivers

Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility. * Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk. * Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too. * Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see. * Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. * Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where there are children present. * Be extra cautious when backing up - pedestrians can move into your path.

This information is from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and can be accessed [here in an easy to read brochure.](#)

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There are current vacancies for Zone Directors. Please contact us if you are interested.

Important Dates

Easter Egg Hunt

April 13

Spring Yard Sales

May 3 & 4

Spring Picnic

May 19 4-7pm

June 9 (Rain date)

Board Meeting

May 22 7pm

Spring Events in Westover



Easter Egg Hunt * April 13 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.** Stay tuned to Westover emails for cost and registration information. Contact westoverbunny@gmail.com with questions or to register.

Spring Yard Sale * May 3 & 4

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. Yard sales run 8am-2pm. If you have sellable items you would like to donate to Women's Club to benefit the Care and Share fund, please contact Westover Women's Club at westoverwomen@gmail.com.

Spring Picnic * May 19 (Rain Date June 9) from 4-7pm

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. We need more help this year! Steve has organized this event for several years and it involves a lot of effort especially the day of the event to set up and clean up. Please consider how you can assist!

Spring Clean Up Days

Watch for upcoming email notices on Spring Clean Up Days. We will need help to spread mulch and do some basic maintenance in the Commons. We are currently working to coordinate dates with the Township and our mowing contractor to plan accordingly.

What's New in Westover

Need Volunteer Hours?

Many schools and teen organizations promote the value of service by requiring volunteer hours. If you or a family member are looking for opportunities, consider you may have to look no further than our neighborhood! Spring Clean Up Days, the Spring Picnic, and other seasonal opportunities may be available. Please email westover@villageofwestover.com to inquire about volunteer work that may be useful to the Civic Association.

On Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a voluntary social network with over 200 Westover neighbors online. Examples of things you can find on Nextdoor lately are home remodel recommendations, local charity races, 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. Sometimes we get requests for babysitters or lawn help in Westover and the Civic Association does not keep such lists. Visit www.nextdoor.com to see if this social network could be useful for you. You will need to verify your address to participate.

Remember you can select to follow only Westover in addition to other local neighborhoods. Your post may not need to be read by all 40+ nearby communities and you may solicit unnecessary responses by posting to more than you intended.

Nextdoor has guidelines for business or personal solicitation. Please read the Community Guidelines to inform any personal posts if you have questions. The Westover Civic Association does not manage this social media app or its content. Posts that violate the guidelines can be flagged and removed.

We Need Your Help

Volunteer organizations such as Civic Association benefit most from member involvement. Send us your ideas for newsletter articles! **Do you know a neighbor who has celebrated a recent milestone or achievement? Have a special interest story? We welcome communication and feedback at westover@villageofwestover.org.** Please visit the Store on the website to pay your dues if you have not already paid for 2019. We appreciate all members who joined during the annual Membership Drive!

Public Safety Update



This update is brought to you courtesy of Hampden Township Police Department.

Neighbors, continue to be attentive when driving through Westover. As the weather warms up and daylight extends, residents are spending more time outside and kids are riding bikes and chasing balls more often.

It is tax time and we will be seeing an increase in scam calls claiming to be from the IRS. The IRS will not contact you in this manner. Residents can contact police or the IRS if they want to be sure.

As a reminder, there is a medication disposal box conveniently located at the Hampden Township Police Department. Township residents can dispose of out-of-date and unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines in a special container, called "Med Return," that has been installed in the lobby of the Township Police Station at 230 S. Sporting Hill Road. Users are asked to either remove all prescription medication labels or place all the pills in a plastic ziploc bag. Guidelines for lobby hours and disposal [can be found here on the Police Department website](#).

The Hampden Township Police Department, in partnership with the Cumberland County Drug and Alcohol Commission will be sponsoring a Naloxone training event conducted by the Rase Project of Carlisle. This event will be held on April 15th, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Hampden Township Fire Station, 1200 Good Hope Road. Participants will receive a brief overview of the science behind addiction and recovery, learn about Naloxone, and learn how to properly administer it. At the end of the event, participants will receive a training certificate and free Naloxone. Pre-registration is required! To register, email kristinv@raseproject.org or call 717-249-6499. [More information can be found here on the Police Department website](#).

Hampden Township Police Department will no longer be offering fingerprinting services. The existence of private companies offering fingerprinting, coupled with security concerns in providing the service, lead to this decision. In order to be fair to private vendors of this service, we will not be recommending specific locations or vendors for fingerprinting. This decision does not impact the processing of defendants in criminal proceedings.

Wear Your Westover Pride



The Village of Westover in some parts, especially McCord Commons, is fast approaching 50 years in age and things need to be repaired or replaced. WCA created a fundraiser last year for various projects by offering a large golf umbrella for a donation of \$50.00 or both the umbrella and a fleece Timberline pull-over for a donation of \$90.00. Both items will be green and emblazoned with "The Village of Westover" together with the Westover pineapple. Example pictures of these premium items are below. We need more orders to reach the minimum purchase and greatly value your support! If you have already ordered, thank you for your patience and donation.



You can donate today on the [Westover Civic Association Store](#) on the website. You can also send your check to our Treasurer, Dave Krall, at the address on the same page. The Timberline pullover comes in men's sizes XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, and 4XL as well as Youth sizes XS, S, M and L. If you are donating \$90.00 please include the desired size. Please allow time for delivery. If you desire confirmation of your donation and order or have any questions, please email President Ken Lee at klee@postschell.com.

If you have additional ideas or suggestions for fundraising for special projects in order to keep our dues affordable, please let us know. We are open to your ideas and suggestions as many residents have professional or civic experience in fundraising, project planning, and client satisfaction.

Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

Q: I'm tired of cleaning up after others' dogs. This notice was just in the last newsletter. You probably feel like a broken record but can you **please remind residents, again, to curb dogs and pick up waste?**

A: Sure, we can publish another reminder! This is a public health, community aesthetic, and common courtesy issue. As the snow melts, it is evident that dog owners/walkers have not been cleaning up on the curb area. **No matter the season, it is an owner's responsibility to properly remove and dispose of pet waste.** Westover Willie can tell you an eyewitness account of the nuisance this is for neighbors. [The Hampden Township Codified Ordinances apply in this situation and can be accessed here.](#)

Q: How can I tell if I paid my dues for 2019? To be honest, I can't recall if I paid.

A: We are happy to confirm if you are a paid member for 2019. You can email westover@villageofwesover.org. Alternately, check your credit card or bank statement for the \$35 charge. If you have not paid, please visit the [Store on the website](#) for a convenient transaction. Only paid members can access the Directory.

Westover Willie



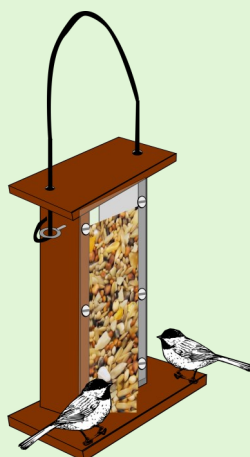
Dear Westover Willie,

Q: What's the dog waste story? Do I even want to know?

A: Well, sadly I was a witness to an unfortunate episode of toddler curiosity! A little boy who loves to inspect rocks in his yard unknowingly picked up a handful of frozen dog poop by the mailbox. Much to his mother's frantic dismay he began smelling and probing what he realized was not your standard rock. Mom had to carry him with arms extended into the house for a thorough wash down. There are many other curiosities to explore that do not involve a deliberate negligence by a dog owner! Keep it clean, folks, and pick up after your dog!

Q: I heard you hooting at dawn some mornings, especially when it was really cold in February. Hope you made it through the winter!

A: I'm happy to welcome spring with the rest of the neighborhood! Even though my hours of darkness will be dwindling with increased daylight, I love the cover coming back on the trees and the warmth in my feathers. And, yes, I had to perch on a roof here and there in Westover at times to keep warm. Thanks for looking out for your feathered friends.



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EMERGENCY – Fire, Police, Ambulance	911
Westover Civic Association	Villageofwestover.org
Comcast Cable	1-800-934-6489
Cumberland County Offices	717-240-6100
Cumberland Valley School District	717-697-8261
District Justice	717-697-2201
Fredricksen Library	717-761-3900
Hampden Township	717-761-0119
Hampden Pool	717-737-4219
Hampden Recreation Department	717-761-4951
Hampden Township Utility Department	717-909-7145
Humane Society	717-564-3320
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
Republic Services	1-800-210-9675
Township Tax Collector	717-737-4822
UGI Gas Utilities Inc	1-800-276-2722
United Water PA	717-564-3662
Verizon Communications	1-800-837-4966

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