

# The Village of Westover



Newsletter September 2019

[villageofwestover.org](http://villageofwestover.org)

## Fall Events in Westover

### Yard Sales October 4th and 5th

Westover Women's Club organizes and advertises the Fall Yard Sale. Host in your own yard or garage October 4th and 5th from 8am to 2pm. Clean out your closets and basements while you are doing fall cleaning! Or make room for what treasures you will find at a neighbor's sale! Please be cautious of increased traffic in Westover on these days and be mindful of school children and bus stops in the morning.



### Annual Pumpkin Carving October 26th at 4pm

A Westover favorite! Westover Women's Club, with funding provided from the Civic Association, hosts this seasonal sensation in McCord Commons. The event will again take place on a Saturday this year instead of a weeknight to allow more families to attend! We will have plenty of carving tools for all participants to use, but you may bring your own. The Women's Club will also provide yummy hot chocolate and baked goods free of charge. Parents and adults may want to bring folding chairs. Women's Club needs your help to set up, clean up and everything in between. Please reach out to [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org) if you can volunteer with this fun event. Stay tuned to Westover emails for details on how to reserve your pumpkin! Non-perishable food donations will again be collected this year for New Hope Ministries. We hope to see you there!



#### Civic Association Board

**President:** Ken Lee

**Vice President:**

Linda Lippert

**Secretary:** Justin Edelson

**Treasurer:** David Krall

#### Zone Directors:

Steve Crosby

Kathleen Fey

Ed Trador

Dave Baboian

Laura Witte

Joe Washburn

Richard Sopko

Lee Williamson

Dean Converse

Sally Conly

Judy Ryan

Anella Nickolas

Amy Waugh

Scott Cawthern

Dan Hooven

Stan Grimwood

#### Important Dates

**Fall Yard Sales** October 4 & 5

**Pumpkin Carving** October 26

**Halloween** October 31

**Daylight Savings** November 3

**Veterans' Day** November 11

**Civic Association Board Meeting**

November 15 at 7pm

Good Hope Fire Station

**Thanksgiving** November 28

# What's New in Westover

## Board Positions

Westover Civic Association Officers are elected to 2 year terms and the positions of President and Treasurer are open for nominations. Zone Directors are elected to 1 year terms and we also have several vacant zone director positions. If you are interested or would like to nominate a neighbor, please email us at [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org) by the end of October so we can prepare ballots for the end of year elections.

## Westover Women's Club

Westover Women's Club meetings have resumed and we would love for you to join us! Email [westoverwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westoverwomen@gmail.com) to join our mailing list and keep up to date on our meetings! We meet once per month at a neighbor's home in Westover and look forward to seeing you there!

## Brambles West Update

At its meeting of August 29, 2019, the Board of Hampden Township Commissioners conditionally approved the Brambles West Project. The planned development is adjacent to the eastern end of Westover. Conditional approval means several conditions must be met in order for construction to begin. Dan Hooven, Ken Lee, and other residents participated in the meetings leading up to the August 29 vote as residents and representatives of the Westover Civic Association. The Civic Association will continue to provide any updates as the approval process continues.



## We Need Your Help

Volunteer organizations such as Civic Association benefit most from member involvement. Send us your ideas for newsletter articles! **We welcome communication and feedback at [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org).** Please visit the Store on the website to pay your dues if you have not already paid for 2019.

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 looking no further than our neighborhood! Clean Up Days, holiday decorations, and other seasonal opportunities may be available. We also welcome plant and bush transplants for the Commons. Please email [westover@villageofwestover.com](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.com) to inquire about volunteer work that may be useful to the Civic Association.

# Public Safety Update

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



## New School Resource Officer

Following approval of an agreement between the Cumberland Valley School District and Hampden Township, Shawn Fullerton was appointed to the assignment of School Resource Officer (SRO) by Chief Steven Junkin. SRO Fullerton will be assigned to patrol all 4 schools within Hampden Township with his primary assignment being in the new Mountain View Middle School. As part of his duties, SRO Fullerton will be interacting with the students, acting as a liaison between CVSD staff and the police department, enhancing the security profile of the buildings, and being the point of contact for all law enforcement issues. SRO Fullerton will also, as needed, provide informational talks for students and/or parents on topics such as internet safety, texting and phone issues, and other age appropriate topics.

## Drones

Due to some recent issues with drones in the Township, the Police Department has posted guidelines and references regarding unmanned aircraft systems. [You can read the guidelines here.](#) This was posted as complaints were being received regarding privacy, trespassing, and harassment.

## HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

**Hampden Township Trick or Treat Night** will be held October 31st from 6 to 8 p.m. Parents are urged to have their children wear masks large enough to see through easily, have a flashlight, and wear bright reflective colors or white. Parents should also inspect treats before allowing their children to eat them.

### The 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 behind-the-scenes 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. David and Erin Baboian host this Halloween Night, October 31st, at 6350 Pennsboro Drive from 6 to 8pm. All are invited!



# HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP EMS SERVICES AND SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

This information is being shared via Hampden Township regarding EMS Services and Subscription.

[For more information, visit Hampden EMS website here.](#)

Over the years, many insurance companies have changed their policies in regard EMS services that are covered. They have either have reduced the amount that they will reimburse Ambulance and Advance Life Support (ALS) providers or deny the claim outright. Medicare specifically, has denied or reduced coverage that, in the past, they approved.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU:

1. Subscribers to Hampden Township EMS will receive "medical necessity" services, and Hampden Township will accept what Medicare and Insurance Companies pay, as payment in full. You will not be responsible for any co-payments.
2. Non Subscribers to Hampden Township EMS are responsible for ALL charges, co-payments, deductibles and denials.

## LET'S EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITIES:

An ambulance call with ALS (Paramedics):

-Hampden EMS Base Fee:	\$700.00
-Mileage Fee (Avg. Cost):	\$60.00
-Oxygen and Supplies:	\$50.00
-Geisinger/Holy Spirit ALS Fees:	\$1,300.00
-Total Service Fee:	\$2,110.00
-Payment from Insurance:	-\$ 450.00
AMOUNT YOU OWE:	\$1,660.00 (As a Nonsubscriber to Hampden Township EMS)
Amount you WOULD OWE:	\$0.00 (As a Subscriber to Hampden Township EMS)

The bottom line speaks for itself!



EMS subscription notices were mailed to all residents several weeks ago. If you need another subscription form, call Hampden Township at 717-761-0119 to obtain one or stop by the Township office during regular business hours.

Subscribers are also subscribers of Geisinger EMS (which provides Advance Life Support) which will cover any ALS services which many insurers now deny.

Individuals should also be advised that Hampden Township EMS has a 'Non-Transport Medical Assist Fee' of \$200.00 per response for any calls which do not include transport of the patient to a medical facility regardless if medical care is rendered. This is necessitated due to the activation of the EMS crews which incurs significant cost even before services are rendered. In addition, providing non-transport medical assists makes our EMS crews unable to respond to urgent medical emergencies, thereby creating a public safety concern for the community as a whole. (Continued next page.)

Examples of 'Non-Transport Medical Assist' services include, but are not limited to: lift assists, patient refusals, wellness checks, and all other non-transport EMS services. The 'Non-Transport Medical Assist Fee' will be invoiced to the patient's insurance company. However, if not covered by insurance or subject to a deductible, it will be the patient's responsibility to pay the amount, in full, even if you are a subscriber of Hampden Township EMS. Individuals who subscribe to Hampden Township EMS WILL NOT receive a waiver of this fee and will be personally responsible for payment of the full fee if not covered by insurance.

*Question: What should I do if my insurance company sends a check to me for payment of services provided by Hampden Township EMS?*

Answer: Reimbursement checks, or payment in the same amount, must be sent immediately to Hampden Township EMS for payment of services rendered. If this is not done, your subscription will be terminated immediately, and you will be held responsible for payment of all outstanding balances which will be pursued by an outside billing service.

*Question: What is not covered by a subscription?*

Answer: The following services ARE NOT covered by your subscription. Non-Transports which do not meet medical necessity criteria; any charges related to excessive mileage or other non-covered charges for transports, which are based solely on patient and/or physician preference and Non-transport medical assistance.

*Question: Why should I be a subscriber to EMS if I have Medicare or other insurance?*

Answer: First, your subscription assures that you will not be held responsible for any additional invoices for emergency medical service regardless of your insurance coverage for medical necessity services. (Most insurance plans will not cover 100% of your EMS claim. Medicare and some other insurance plans do not cover Advance Life Support if you are not a subscriber.)

#### UNLIMITED NUMBER OF EMERGENCY CALLS THAT MEET MEDICAL NECESSITY.

Medical Necessity Medicare, Medicaid, as well as many commercial insurance companies require that the transport provided to the recipient meet specific criteria for medical necessity and must be a covered service. The criteria specifically requires that the patient could not have been safely transported by other means. Each ambulance transport is evaluated to establish whether it meets this criteria. If the transport or service does not meet medical necessity criteria or is considered non-covered, the claim, if submitted, must be submitted to the respective insurance carriers as non-covered. The patient has the right to appeal this determination by contacting their insurance carrier directly.

#### ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS)

Forty dollars (\$40) of your membership fee is allocated for Advanced Life Support (ALS) provided by Geisinger EMS. Your membership covers the basic fees for this service, which averages \$1,300 per response.

#### ROUTINE TRANSPORTS

This service is provided by outside agencies when there is no immediate need to have the patient transported to a medical facility. Be advised, this service is not covered under your subscription.

## Wear Your Westover Pride

# *The Village of* Westover

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 items emblazoned with "The Village of Westover" together with the Westover pineapple. **ITEMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.** Example pictures of these premium items are below. The insignia can be viewed on the Store with better picture quality.



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. Many sizes and ordering options are available including bundle packages. 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](mailto: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:** The benches in the Commons have seen better days. Any plans to replace them?

**A: Yes! And we need your help!** Ken Lee and Richard Sopko are working on a plan to replace the worn benches in McCord Commons. Westover Civic Association is permitted to accept donations to perform improvements in the Commons with acknowledgment of the donation. If you are interested in donating the funds needed to replace a bench in honor or memory of a Westover family or neighbor, please contact us! The Store fundraiser items also help support this improvement project but we have not reached sufficient funds. The Civic Association would also like to work on improving plantings and repairing the sign at the Berkeley Drive entrance to the Commons. Board Officers are working with Township officials to confer on these improvements as the Commons is a Township park. Help us continue to restore the Commons!



## Westover Willie



Dear Westover Willie,

**Q:** I heard that there is a new addition to a walking path in the Township. What can you tell me about it? Can I get to it from Westover?

**A:** Indeed there is a new addition to walking paths in the Township! This part of the path connects Indian Creek to Grandon Farms over Sears Run Road. [You can see a map here.](#) You could get to it from Westover if you want to go for a long walk or run but you should be very careful because you'd have to walk along Erb's Bridge Rd and cross over the Conodoguinet on Good Hope Rd to enter Indian Creek. The entrance to the trail is between 502 and 504 Pawnee Dr.

**Q:** Do you see early morning drivers speeding out of Westover? I run in the mornings and I almost got run over by a truck. I even wear a lighted vest that flashes like a disco glow!

**A:** I saw you running and I like your bright vest. You're smart to stay visible now that the sunrise is getting later with the changing season. Make sure all your runner and walker friends **STAY VISIBLE** with lights or reflective materials and stay to the edge of the street or as close to the shoulder as possible. Yes, I see drivers going faster than they should be in Westover. Drivers in the early morning should be extra alert in the dark. **SAFETY** is a shared responsibility.

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Village Of Westover Contact List	
Name	Phone number
<b>EMERGENCY – Fire, Police, Ambulance</b>	<b>911</b>
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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