

Newsletter September 2018

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Board and Ballot Updates



Residents will soon be receiving annual ballots and dues mailings. Officer positions up for election this year include Vice President and Secretary. Westover Civic Association nominees are Linda Lippert for another term as Vice President and Justin Edelson for Secretary. Many thanks to Kathleen Fey who has been our Secretary for the past 2 years. We are also looking for Zone Directors! Several former directors have moved or stepped down. Zone Directors attend Board meetings as voting members on events, budgeting, policies, and other Civic Association business. Contact Ken Lee if you are interested. Ken can be reached at klee@postschell.com or 717-612-6035.

At its August Meeting, the Board of the Westover Civic Association ("WCA") approved the recommendation to all members to adopt a change to the By-Laws. The change recommended by the Board concerns the fiscal year of the WCA. At present, the fiscal year of the WCA begins on October 1 of each year and ends on September 30 of the next year. The Board recommends that the fiscal year be changed to a calendar year basis or January 1 to December 31 of each year. The reasons for this recommended change are practical: first, the present fiscal year causes some of WCA's largest expenses to be split between fiscal years thereby making budgeting difficult at times depending on when vendors submit invoices; the same occurs with dues payments in that when WCA issues them by August most of the revenue is split between two fiscal years; and finally, the change recommended will permit the fiscal year to run concurrent with the terms of officers and Board Members which are January 1 to December 31. The vast majority of WCA's expenses are incurred between April and November of each year and thus, the change to a calendar year fiscal year will permit all expenses and all revenues to be incurred and received within the same fiscal year making matters easier for future officers (especially the Treasurer) and Board Members. Also, we will no longer have to have multiple "dues years" such as "2017-18" with payment of the upcoming dues being solely for 2019. The Board hopes you concur and asks that you approve this By-Law change when you receive the ballot in the dues packet you will soon be receiving.

Civic Association Board

President: Ken Lee Vice President: Linda Lippert

Secretary: Kathleen Fey Treasurer: David Krall

Zone Directors:
Steve Crosby
Anella Nickolas
Jackie Garno
Ed Trador

Eric Laws

Dave Baboian

Laura Witte

Joe Washburn

Amy Waugh
Dean Converse

Lee Williamson

Kathleen Fey

Sally Conly Cindy Haubert

Judy Ryan

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Scott Cawthern

Important Dates

Yard Sales

October 5 & 6, 8am-2pm

Pumpkin Carving

October 20th at 5pm

Halloween

October 31st, 6-8pm

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 4th

Veterans Day

November 11

Board Meeting

November 29th at 7pm at Good Hope Fire Station

Fall Events in Westover



Yard Sales October 5th and 6th

Westover Women's Club organizes and advertises the Fall Yard Sale. Host in your own yard or garage October 5th and 6th 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!

Annual Pumpkin Carving October 20th at 5pm

A Westover favorite! Westover Women's Club, with funding provided from the Civic Association, hosts this seasonal sensation in McCord Commons. With your input, the event will again take place on a Saturday this year instead of a weeknight to allow more families to attend! There will also be a free outdoor movie in the Commons after the carving! 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 if you can volunteer with this fun event. Stay tuned to Westover emails for details on how to reserve your pumpkin, the movie event, and more! Non-perishable food donations will again be collected this year for New Hope Ministries. We hope to see you there!







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.



David Baboian will be hosting 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. Halloween Night, October 31st, at 6350 Pennsboro Drive from 6 to 8pm.

All are invited!

What's New in Westover

ADDED FEATURES on the Website

You can now use the website to look up your Zone Director! Westover Civic Association members can log in and use the search feature to find the current Zone Director by address. We hope you find this feature helpful. Feel free to reach out to provide feedback to the Civic Association or to see where there are openings if you would like to volunteer as an elected Zone Director!

For the past 2 years, PayPal has been a great option for paying dues. You can now use the website Store to pay dues in quantities greater than one or make an optional donation to the Civic Association. This is an added feature in response to feedback from our members. Some members have more than one property in Westover and pay dues for each property as they know the value of the Civic Association in the neighborhood. As we prepare for another membership drive for our 2019 year, please keep these options in mind as convenient ways to enhance the Civic Association!

Westover Women's Club

Women's Club is back in session and in full swing with fall events and meetings! We would love to have you join us at a meeting or an event! Email westoverwomen@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list so you get meeting invitations and stay in the know. Our next meetings are at 7pm on September 26th and October 25th. Mark your calendars!

Our meetings include open social time to meet or reconnect with neighbors while enjoying tasty light refreshments and drinks. We also conduct a brief business meeting to plan events and operations for the Women's Club.

Also, we know the Santa Breakfast is a seasonal favorite that families look forward to every year! We love it too! Tentatively, the Santa Breakfast is scheduled for December 8th with location to be determined. Our committee for this event is seeking a new venue as our past favorite venues have closed for business. Stay tuned to email updates for information on the Santa Breakfast and we will be sure to keep Santa in the loop as well.

We Need Your Help- Consider Joining the Board!

Volunteer organizations such as Civic Association benefit most from member involvement. Board meeting attendance has been low and we need members to attend to conduct normal business operations at our quarterly meetings. Send us your ideas for newsletter articles! Let us know you want to coordinate or host a special interest event in the neighborhood! We welcome communication and feedback at westover@villageofwestover.org. Please visit the Membership section of the website or use the PayPal link on the website to pay your dues.

Public Safety Update



This update is brought to you by Hampden Township's Community Outreach Officer, Detective Higgins.

We are back to school which means make sure you are watching for children, stopping for buses and signs in the neighborhood, and following school speed limit zones. Work collaboratively with your student(s) and school to report any suspicious student behavior as there are school and community supports to address these concerns. As a general and universal precaution, practice firearm safety and secure firearms responsibly.

As always, be mindful of suspicious people and vehicles and don't be afraid to call the police. Make sure vehicles are locked and do not store valuables in your vehicle. Posting suspicions on social media is not the quickest or most effective way to bring attention to your concerns. A direct call to police is the best way to convey any information and receive a response.















Reviewing Recycling Guidelines

PennLive recently featured an article on how recycling guidelines are changing in Pennsylvania (see the article here). Republic Services, the municipal waste contractor for Hampden Township, publishes a localized list of acceptable and unacceptable items for trash, recycling, and bulk items. See the list below to check your current recycling habits and see if what you are putting in the bin is still accepted. Enter your address here on Republic Services' website for more local information and a complete list.

Acceptable Items

Steel Cans

Cardboard

Household Plastic 1 2 5

Aluminum Cans

Glass Bottles



Unacceptable Items

Wax Coated Cardboard

Paperboard

Plastic Bags

Magazines

Styrofoam Containers

Mail

Aluminum Foil

Phonebooks

Aerosol Spray Cans

Paper

Tissue Paper

Cereal Food Boxes

Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

- O: My family just moved to the neighbordhood and we are not from the area. What is the best way to get to know our new neighbors and find out Westover information?
- A: Welcome to Westover! Hope you and your family are settling in and starting to feel at home here. The best ways to stay up to date on Westover Civic Association happenings are via membership, our newsletters, website, email blasts, and Board meetings. The website is a wealth of information as it even includes past newsletter archives, photo archives, and fitness trails in Westover. Sign up for the email list which is used to share Township information, Civic Association events, and even lost or found items which have been appreciatively returned to their owners over the years! The Civic Association does not maintain active social media presence as we are group of volunteers and those platforms often demand instant responses which are challenging to keep up amongst shared leadership. Some people find the Nextdoor app helpful for getting local recommendations and services. The Civic Association does not endorse or manage the Westover neighborhood on that app. As always, feel free to reach us at westover@villageofwestover.org and we will be happy to help!

Westover Willie

Dear Westover Willie,



- Q: I don't know what I want to be for Halloween this year and it looks like Westover has some fun fall events. Any suggestions for a costume?
- A: Well, first of all, you are right—Westover does have fun fall events like the pumpkin carving and trick or treating. One home even hosts an annual haunted house that is very popular! As far as a costume, I'm partial to my feathered friends but bird costumes can be tricky. It's best to pick a costume that you can breathe, walk, and see in so you can make your way around with your kid or parent, or your dog for that matter. Also one you can run in, just in case you run into something spooky. I'll keep an eye on Halloween night for the best costumes so surprise me! Oh, and please don't litter or let those around you throw candy wrappers on the ground because it is not good for birds to have candy or trash but we are as tempted as the rest of you to indulge.
- Q: Who cleaned up the weeds at the entrance sign to Westover this summer? It looks great now.
- A: It does look much better and for that we can thank 3 volunteers who gave their time to pull weeds, get their hands dirty, and give us a well kept welcome when we come home to Westover. Nell Nickolas and Judy Ryan tended to the entrance and they did a great job. Linda Lippert also assisted. We can all help in some way, so consider how you can volunteer too!



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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 Depart-	717-909-7145
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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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