

# the Village of Westover



Newsletter March 2020

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## Spring Events in Westover



### Easter Egg Hunt \* March 28th 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. To register, email [westoverbunny@gmail.com](mailto:westoverbunny@gmail.com) with number of children and ages. RSVP by March 22nd. Stay tuned to Westover emails in case of a change due to current public health concerns.**

### Spring Clean Up Days \* April 25th and May 2nd

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.

### Spring Yard Sale \* May 1st & 2nd

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 sale, please contact Westover Women's Club at [westoverwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westoverwomen@gmail.com). Volunteers for the Care and Share sale are also needed.

### Spring Picnic \* May 31st 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 us at [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org) and we will connect you to Steve Crosby who chairs this event.

#### Civic Association Board

President: Ken Lee

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Secretary: Justin Edelson

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Scott Cawthern

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

#### Important Dates

##### Easter Egg Hunt

March 28th at 11am

##### Spring Yard Sales

May 1st & 2nd from 8am-2pm

##### Board Meeting

May 20th at 7pm

##### Spring Picnic

May 31st from 4pm-7pm

# Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Westover Civic Association wants to help if you need neighborly assistance during this uncertain time.

Email us at [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org) if there is something with which you might need assistance.

Below are some guidelines for keeping the home safe from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [More information can be found here.](#)

The [Pennsylvania Dept of Health](#) also has up-to-date information on

## Keeping the home safe

Encourage your family members to...

### All households



- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

### Households with vulnerable seniors or those with significant underlying conditions



*Significant underlying conditions include heart, lung, kidney disease; diabetes; and conditions that suppress the immune system*

- Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with the person, such as by feeding or caring for the person
- If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members
- Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly

### Households with sick family members



- Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed
- Have only one family member care for them
- Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

# *What's New in Westover*

## **Traffic Enforcement**

Hampden Township Police have been observed making stops in Westover for traffic violations including disregarding stop signs. Be mindful of stopping at ALL STOP SIGNS within Westover. There could be parked cars, walkers, runners, dog walkers, and kids who expect drivers will stop. Pedestrians have responsibilities as well and should do their part to stay visible, use established sidewalks, or stay as close to the curb on the road as possible.

## **The Store**

Westover Pride fundraiser items are still available on the [website at the Store](#)! Hats, umbrellas, fleece pullovers, polo shirts, and even weather proof doormats are all available by order! Examples can be seen on the Store. The fleece pullovers are great for this transition weather and the umbrellas are often seen with spring showers on the way! Email President Ken Lee with any questions at [klee@ssfadvocates.com](mailto:klee@ssfadvocates.com).

## **On Nextdoor**

Nextdoor is a voluntary social network with over 500 Westover neighbors online. Examples of things you can find on Nextdoor lately are home painting recommendations, seeking childcare, and more. Visit [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) to see if this social network could be useful for you. You will need to verify your address to participate.

**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.

**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.**

## **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](mailto: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!

# *the Village of* Westover

Hi - my name is Justin Edelson. I live on Pennsboro Drive and serve on the board for the Westover Civic Association ("WCA"). The WCA is trying to spearhead an update of the Westover Commons, which is the 10-acre park in the middle of our neighborhood that is owned and managed by Hampden Township with some volunteer assistance and financial support from WCA. The total "Commons Area" includes both the upper area (where we have neighborhood events like the Spring Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt) and the lower area with creek access (near the Stanford Court townhomes).

The Commons dates back to the 1970s, and there are certainly some improvements that could be made. It is a great area that most neighborhoods aren't lucky enough to have, and we want to make sure that it is put to the best use for everyone. So, two questions:

## **What Improvements Would You Like to See?**

How do you want to use the space? Improved walking paths, new trees, shrubs, other features or amenities?

## **Would You Be Interested in Sponsoring a Project?**

Any suggested improvement will inevitably cost money, and our goal is to be able to provide some upgrades to the Commons while maintaining our low annual dues of \$35/year. One idea is to provide a public acknowledgment in the Commons in exchange for a donation to the improvements (either in the donor's name or in honor of someone else). This could include sponsoring new benches or trees, having an acknowledgment plaque at the main entrance to the Commons, or something else.

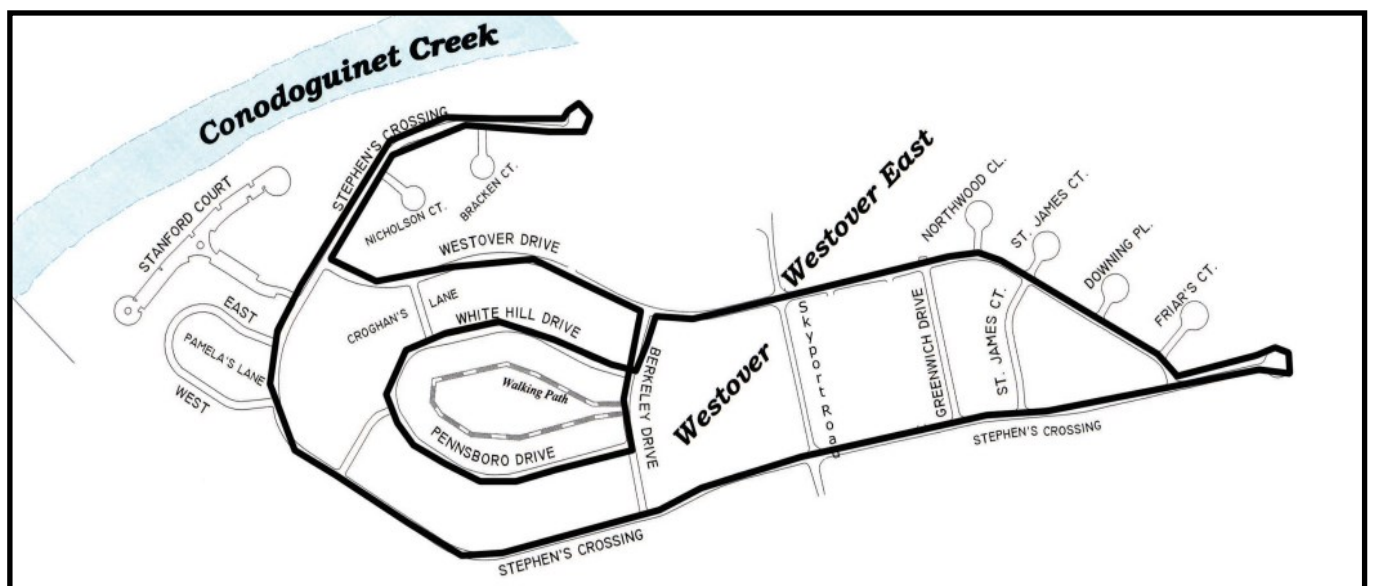
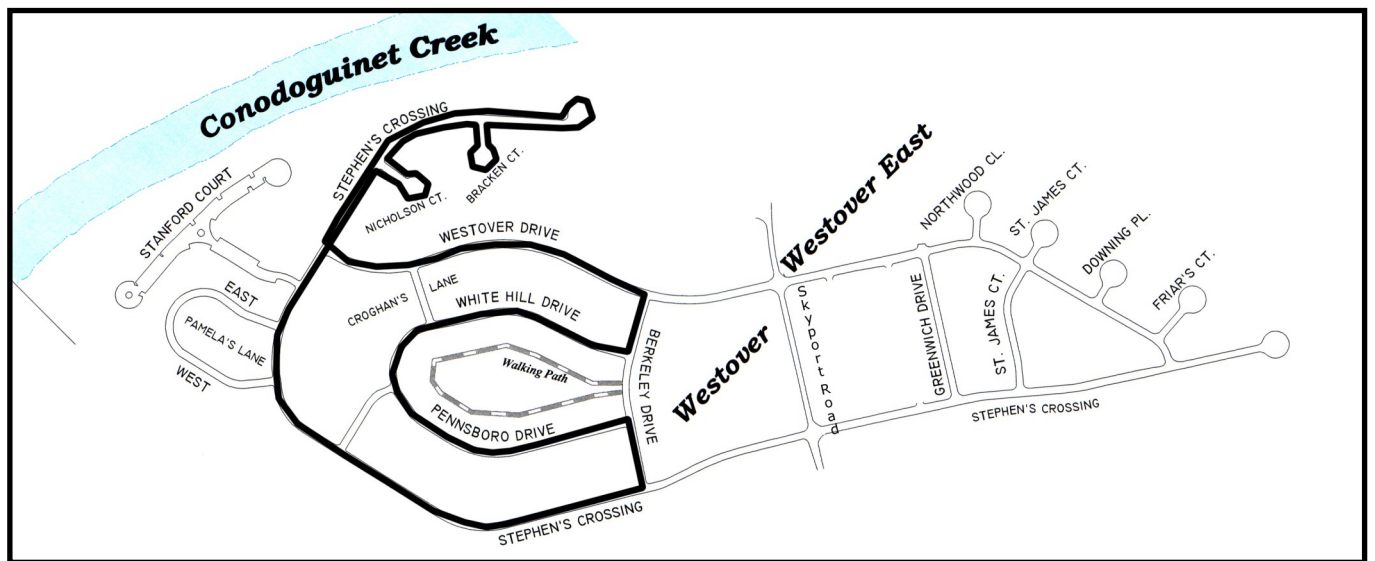
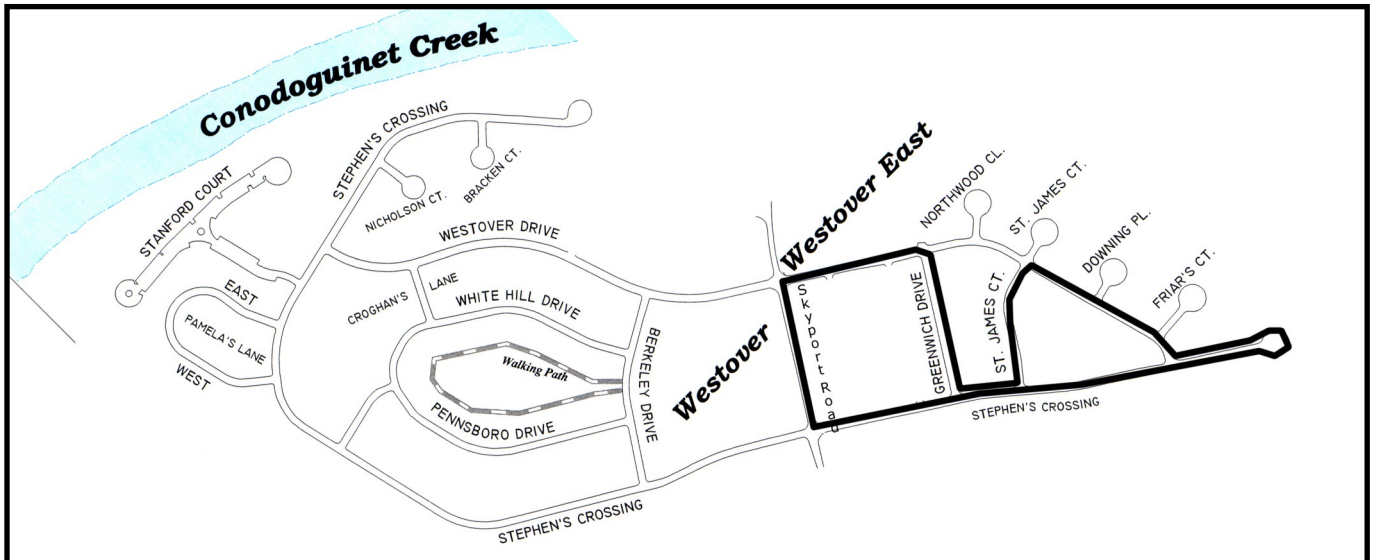
We want to get as much neighborhood feedback on these questions as we can before moving forward. If you have any ideas for Commons improvements or would be interested in sponsoring a project, please let me know – [jedelson@kw.com](mailto:jedelson@kw.com) or (302) 290-7600.

Thank you,

Justin Edelson

# Westover Fitness Trails

1, 2, and 3 Mile Trails are highlighted below and on the [Westover Website](#).





## Public Safety Update



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.

If you are interested, the [2019 Annual Report for Hampden Township Police Department can be found here](#). If you're looking for information on crimes, police department call volume or want to find out what was happening up the street, you can find that information on our [Police Blotter](#).

In February, the Police Department investigated several instances of night time prowling in the northern parts of the township along Lambs Gap Road and along the Wertzville Road Corridor.

Some of these events were captured on home video. As a precaution, all residents are asked to:

1. Lock the doors to your residence and use the deadbolts. This includes locking any doors leading from a garage to the interior of your residence.
2. Lock all car doors, trailers, RVs, etc that may be on your property.
3. If you have a home camera, pay attention to alerts and notify 911 of you see or hear anything suspicious on the camera. Please do NOT wait until regular office hours. Our patrols need timely notification to maximize their chance of detecting and investigating any suspicious people.
4. If you find footage showing the suspicious person or activity send a copy of the footage to [police@hampdentownship.us](mailto:police@hampdentownship.us). Please include your name, date it was captured and any contact information.
5. As always, call 911 if you see or hear ANY suspicious activity immediately to 911.

Water main installation on the Carlisle Pike has begun and will run through June, according to Pennsylvania American Water. Work will run from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday nights through Friday mornings on Carlisle Pike and Market Street and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on adjacent streets, the company said. One lane of traffic will remain open in each direction during construction. The work affects Carlisle Pike/Market Street in Hampden Township and Camp Hill from the Route 581 bridge to Route 11/15, locally known as North 32nd Street. Be advised to provide extra time and use caution while driving near a work zone.

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## Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

**Q:** Do you have to send so many emails about paying your dues?

**A:** Yes! We want as many members as possible to join the Westover Civic Association because we value our neighborhood and want to be responsible stewards of the Association funds. Every time we send out an email, we get a few more members or someone who realizes they forgot to pay. Thanks for your understanding and if you already paid your dues, give yourself a pat on the back.

**Q:** We recently moved in and are looking for neighborhood babysitters. Do you keep a list of teens/young adults who are interested in this?

**A:** Welcome to Westover! The Civic Association does not keep lists of babysitters, lawn mowers, or snow shoveling because this changes often and we are an all volunteer association. Nextdoor is one option to post neighborhood-specific inquiries (this is not monitored by the Civic Association). Another idea is to ask your neighbors and come to the Spring Picnic to meet and greet! Westover has families of all ages and we hope you soon feel at home.

## Westover Willie



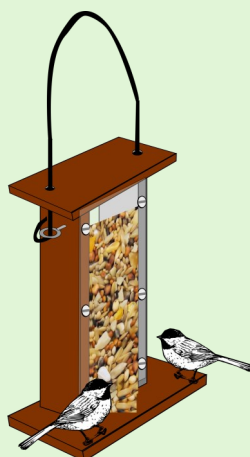
Dear Westover Willie,

**Q:** I think I heard you around 5pm last week outside my window. Have you changed your hours?

**A:** Wasn't me! I am a nocturnal creature for sure and owls don't usually hang around household windows. It was probably a Mourning Dove. Their "hoo" sounds similar to my call and if you look around in daylight you will probably see a grayish-blue dove if you wait. My friends at the [Audobon Society even posted this article](#) where you can listen to recorded sounds of doves and owls. The night is young, and that's where you'll find me, in the wooded trees.

**Q:** Do you see late night and early morning walkers in the dark? I can't get past people not using lights or reflective clothing!

**A:** My eyes don't really move which is why I can move my neck almost the whole way around. And my eyes are usually looking for prey. But back to your question, it would make sense to me that people walking in the dark (morning or night) should wear reflective clothing and use lights so that other humans can see them and steer clear. I heard that headlamps and flashlights come in rechargeable styles these days so you can even be earth friendly.



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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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