

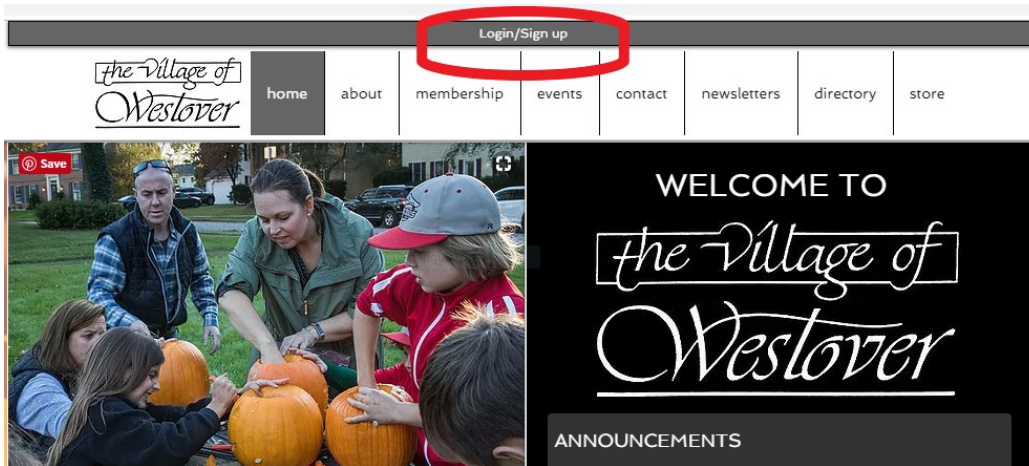
# the Village of Westover



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## Website Features



Over the past year, many new features have been added to the website. Civic Association members can log in to use the Directory, look up Zone Directors, and more. See the screenshot above with the Login/Sign up button highlighted. Once you create a login, the Civic Association will verify membership and grant access to the site. Please email us at [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org) if you have any questions.

You can 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. 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!

According to Google Analytics, the Village of Westover website has received 90-290 visitors each month for the past 6 months. Of these visits, for the past month, 49% are the result of an organic search, 29% are direct address visits, and 22% are other (such as clicking through links). About 30% of Civic Association members pay their dues using the website and PayPal.

As usual, you can find fitness trails, history, events, and Westover photo archives on the website! If you have an idea about how we can use the website to help the Civic Association, please let us know!

### 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

Scott Cawthern

### Important Dates

#### Leaf Collection Ends

December 7th

#### Breakfast with Santa

December 8th

(Previous registration required)

#### Operation Ho Ho

December 15th

#### Winter Solstice

(Shortest Day of the Year)

December 21st

#### Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 21st

# Hampden Township Snow Removal Policy

With leaf collection ending December 7th, we shift to snow removal reminders! Many thanks to Hampden Township for working diligently, especially with the snow and Thanksgiving, to clear the leaves many of us raked to the curb. Following are highlights from the Township's snow and ice emergency ordinance:

A "general" or "limited" snow emergency will be declared whenever street conditions are dangerous because of snow accumulation. A "limited" emergency normally will be called when eight or more inches of snow is forecast. The emergency will continue for 24 hours after the snowfall ends or until cancelled by the Township Manager. A "general" emergency will be declared under dire blizzard conditions. Vehicles traveling in the Township during a general emergency must have four-wheel drive capability or be equipped with chains or snow tires (all season radial tires are not considered snow tires).

The parking of vehicles on any street, road or highway during a general or limited emergency is banned.

Following are snow removal priorities:

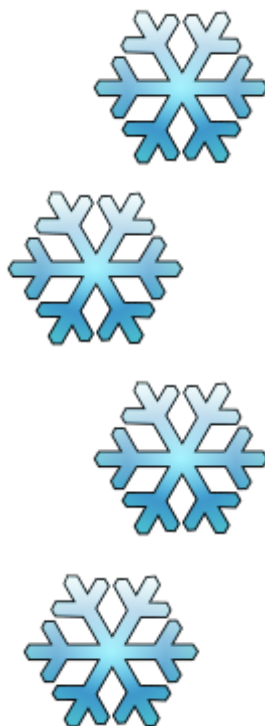
Plowing will begin when snow is three inches deep.

Top priorities are all main and secondary roads, including Orr's Bridge Road, Good Hope Road, Lamb's Gap Road, Salem Church Road, Creekview Road, Central Boulevard, Erb's Bridge Road, Skyport Road and Technology Parkway. After the main roads are clear and remain passable, road crews will attempt to open the principle access road to each development. However, if main roads require additional attention, development plowing may have to be halted.

After the snow has stopped falling, plows will return to the developments to make a pass on each of the roads in each direction. Once all development roads are open, plows will return to widen them, if possible, to the curb.

Residents can help in three ways: don't travel unless necessary; don't shovel or blow snow onto plowed or treated streets (the Township has an ordinance that prohibits this, under penalty of law); and move your car off the street, so that plows have more room to operate. This is especially critical in cul-de-sacs.

Snow removal from sidewalks is generally required within 48 hours after a storm. Please note that snow removal is not conducted in any Township Park. McCord Commons is a Township Park and the Westover Civic Association aligns with this practice.



# ***What's New in Westover***

## ***Westover Women's Club News***

**Breakfast with Santa is this Saturday, December 8th at the Lodge at Liberty Forge!** This event required registration in advance and we have our largest expected attendance this year at over 100 guests. Don't forget the fundraiser raffle which includes gift certificates to local restaurants, businesses, and entertainment. All proceeds support Westover Women's Club and raffle tickets can be purchased upon arrival at check-in.

**Westover Women's Club invites ladies of Westover to a Holiday Party on December 13th at 7pm** at the home of Denise Sloand, 6344 Stephens Crossing. There will be no formal business meeting this month, just a fun holiday party with neighbors! Please feel free to bring a favorite beverage and/or appetizer or dessert to share or just bring yourself! RSVP to [westoverwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westoverwomen@gmail.com) or call 717-979-3906.

**Care and Share** In addition to the wonderful social aspect, Women's Club operates the Care and Share fund which raises money to provide urgent financial help to families in Westover and the greater community. Where we have found there is an increasing need for Care & Share is in our own Westover community! We will continue to help our local schools when called upon, but we want to switch our focus to helping our neighbors and friends within Westover. There are so many of our neighbors that are facing obstacles due to health, financial, and familial difficulties that a little assistance can make a world of difference. Email [westovercares@gmail.com](mailto:westovercares@gmail.com) so we can help with your request. You may submit anonymously for a neighbor or submit for yourself as well! Donations for this year's Care and Share campaign are still being accepted and can be sent to Westover Women's Club c/o Denise Sloand, 6344 Stephens Crossing, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

Want to join a future meeting or an event? Email [westoverwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westoverwomen@gmail.com) to be added to the distribution list so you get meeting invitations and stay in the know.

## ***Operation Ho Ho***

The Township's Volunteer Fire Company will again sponsor its annual "Operation Ho-Ho" on Saturday, December 15th. Santa will appear at a series of stops in specific neighborhoods and areas of the Township. Make-up Day will be Sunday, December 16th same times. Santa will be stopping twice in Westover!

Westover Croghans Ln/ Whitehill 10:30am

East Westover St James Ct/ E. Westover Dr 11:00am



## ***We Need Your Help– Consider Joining the Board or Helping at an Event!***

Volunteer organizations such as Civic Association benefit most from member involvement. Send us your ideas for newsletter articles! Let us know if you want to coordinate or host a special interest event in the neighborhood!

We welcome communication and feedback at [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto: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. Part of this update was previously posted by Chief Steven Junkin to the Nextdoor social media community on November 21, 2018. Please be reminded that this time of year is higher for package thefts. Scams seem to be going on year round now, not just at tax time, so be alert and ask questions if you are suspicious. Also, be sure to lock car doors at night and in parking lots.

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"As many or most of you know, the Hampden Township Police Department once again was called upon to investigate another threat directed toward the Good Hope Middle School community. The student was quickly identified and we are pursuing any and all appropriate charges against the individual. This is actually the second threat in as many weeks in which students sent threats through social media or another computer based applications. It is the third threat investigation since September and is evidencing a disturbing and sad trend in our community.

To be clear, in each of the investigations, the threats were not deemed to be credible, however as I stated in a previous post we take these incidents extremely seriously. So seriously that when these threats are received, we stop everything else we are doing in order to quickly identify, interdict and take proper action against the purveyor of the threat. This means that our more serious cases take a back seat while we track down a 12-13 year old who wished to experience a thrill in a fleeting moment; a moment that will impact their lives for a long time. It's not only a burden on our limited resources but it impacts the lives of so many others in the community who then have to make personal decisions that not only impact their child's education but their safety. It shakes our community's confidence and causes parents to have discussion about topics better suited for teens and adults.

To reiterate my point in a previous posting about school threats, the use of social media and other computer applications in order to disrupt lives via school threats is dramatically increasing. Too often this occurs because parents are providing their children access to devices, applications and online-experiences with little or no supervision. In many cases a 12 year old knows more about "anonymous" IP addresses and "spoofing" than the parents. If you're reading this and don't know about IP addresses or the many apps designed to mask IPs, then your child shouldn't likely have access to electronic devices until you better educate yourself. Children's brains who haven't developed to the degree they fully comprehend consequences are a bad ingredient to mix with unsupervised electronic devices and the desire for 15 minutes of fame.

PLEASE take time this weekend to be invasive with your children. If they have a phone, demand to see it and freely scour it. Ask questions about anything you see that is odd or have your child explain the newest trends to you. Even the students who are squared away know how the others are exploiting devices and apps. Just ask. Check the pictures and the Instagram app if they have it. Speaking of the squared away kids, its time we recognize their responsible actions and contributions toward enhancing school safety. Therefore, we will be recognizing their bravery, willingness to help their community through various means in the near future. When appropriate, we will do it publicly so that THEY are the shining example of what to be.

Finally, a huge "Thank You" to my Detectives and Patrol Officers for their expertise, devotion and tenacity in working yet another school threat case. We're hoping this is our last one."

Detective Higgins added that the person responsible in each of these instances has been caught in large part because of someone having the courage to step forward. This information can remain anonymous and may save lives.

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## *Holiday Traditions in Westover*

The holidays are a special time in the Village of Westover. Every year, neighbors look forward to hanging the greens, the Santa Breakfast, and sharing holiday spirit. Traditional decorations in the planning and early days of the Village included fresh, live greens, a single white candle in each window, and a spotlight on the front door. In the mid-70s, there was even a holiday door contest that adhered to the Williamsburg historic theme and aesthetic. While times and technology have changed, many homeowners still prefer the charming touch of greens and candles as an ode to the Williamsburg reminiscence.

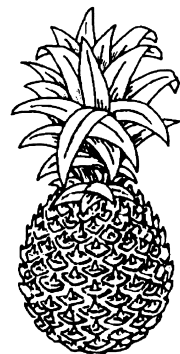


## Annual Membership Drive

The annual Civic Association membership drive and elections will occur in December this year. This is to help align our elections with the new fiscal year. You will receive a mailing with membership form and ballot enclosed. Please review the information and make any corrections to your name, address, or contact information including phone and email. The Board uses this information to keep an updated Directory. These forms can be returned by mail with check or scanned electronically (send to [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org)) and paid via PayPal.

Your support helps to make the following activities possible:

- Website, neighborhood emails, and newsletters
- Mowing and maintenance in the Commons
- Maintenance for the front entrance signs
- Spring Picnic
- Financial support of Women's Club events including the Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Carving, Santa Breakfast, and Yard Sales
- Holiday decorations
- Photo sharing and more!



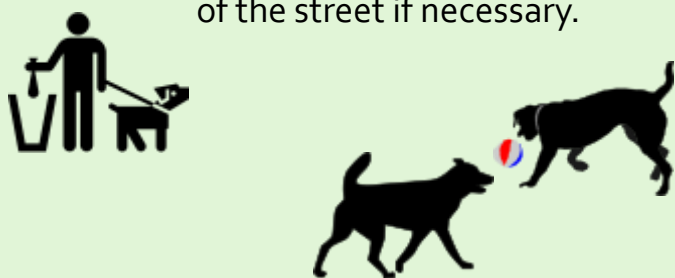
The Westover Civic Association is a volunteer run group and your membership is voluntary. We greatly appreciate your participation and contribution in keeping our neighborhood a great place to live!

## Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

Q: I'm tired of cleaning up after others' dogs. It is an ordinance in the township. Can you do something about this?

A: Thanks for sharing your concern and letting neighbors know that this is unacceptable. [The Hampden Township Codified Ordinances apply in this situation and can be accessed here.](#) This is a public health, community aesthetic, and common courtesy issue. For example, the Commons and other public spaces are not excluded and require animal waste to be removed immediately for proper disposal by the animal owner. The Codes also cover other animals, licensing, animal noises, and enforcement guidelines. It is a requirement of Hampden Township that all pets be under control at all times and that pets are not allowed to roam free without owner supervision and they must be under control. The key words are under control and not specifically a leash as there are other means to control the animal. Please be aware that your pet may be the most gentle and loving thing, but other walkers do not see that and other dogs may not be. Please keep your pet under control and walk to the other side of the street if necessary.



## Westover Willie



Dear Westover Willie,

Q: Our family will be out of town for the holidays. Can you keep an eye on my house for me?

A: No! I am a night owl and have my own business to tend. My recommendation would be to make sure to stop your newspaper and mail, let a trusted neighbor know your plans, and ask them to keep an eye for you. The Hampden Township Police can also do courtesy checks upon request if time permits. And don't order any Amazon Prime packages because they will sit on your doorstep until you get home. Hold the deliveries!

Q: Speaking of deliveries, what are the Postal Service's delivery hours?

A: Your regular mail carrier has been working a lot of overtime and he said it would be that way the rest of the month! I've seen him here at 8am, for mid-day regular mail delivery, and with packages after 5pm! Take a minute to stop and thank him for bringing us our holiday greetings and packages with care. He's in a cold truck all day long and the decorations and smiles of Westover are a welcome sight. Also, make sure your decorations don't obscure the mailbox opening and make sure you can see it in the snow so the plows don't accidentally knock it over.



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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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