

the Village of Westover



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SCHOOL'S OUT—SLOW DOWN!

Starting Off Summer with a Smile

The Annual Westover Picnic was held June 11. The Sunday felt like summer with cold drinks, good music, kids running around, and the green of the Commons.



Many thanks to Steve and Amanda Crosby for planning this event and to the volunteers who helped to make it happen.

Civic Association

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Important Dates

Father's Day

June 18

Independence Day

July 4

Labor Day

September 4

What's New in Westover

On the Website

The Westover Directory is moving to a secure access online format! We are currently in the process of establishing a dynamic spreadsheet that will be accessed with a username and password for Civic Association members only. Stay tuned for details on how to create an account from the Village of Westover website. Users will enter their own directory information in order to be accurate and up to date, and this will effectively opt-in participating members. Bear with us as we try this format and work to verify accounts for dues paying members. In the future, a print version may be available by request to paid members as we monitor utilization and consolidate our rosters. It is essential that we have your email address linked to your home address so please notify us of any changes.

Westover Women's Club

Stay tuned in the coming months for updates on Westover Women's Club. In the meantime, to be added to the email list for the Women's Club, you can email westover@villageofwestover.org.

On Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a voluntary social network with over 250 neighbors online. **In April, Nextdoor approved our Westover request to change the boundary for the neighborhood to make posts and connections even more localized.** You can still follow Hampden Court and Silver Springs— just make sure you select them in your customized neighborhood choices. Examples of things you can find on Nextdoor lately are deck upgrade recommendations and items for sale. 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. Visit www.nextdoor.com or download the app to see if this social network could be useful for you. You will need to verify your address to participate.

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.

Also, if you have not yet paid your dues, now is the time! Civic Association dues facilitate many neighborhood activities and maintenance. Please visit the Membership section of the website or use the PayPal link on the website to pay your dues.

Public Safety Update



Hampden Township Police is now on Nextdoor!

The Hampden Township Police Department plans to share important news and emergency notifications that are relevant to your neighborhood. Please be assured that the Nextdoor website remains private. Police staff will not be able to see any of the content on your neighborhood website except for the direct replies to our posts. The department looks forward to communicating with you on Nextdoor to make Hampden Township an even better place to live.

[Click this link for information on how to use Nextdoor to forward Crime & Safety posts with law enforcement.](#) Please be very clear that this is **NOT** a tool to report emergencies or file an official crime report. It's very important that you call **9-1-1** in the case of an emergency. As always, the police cannot view any content that you do not choose to directly forward to the Hampden Township Police Department.

Peddler's License

Hampden Township requires a Peddler's/Solicitor's Permit for anyone engaged in door-to-door sales of merchandise, goods and services, subscriptions or any other type of sale including taking orders for future delivery. Peddling and soliciting is prohibited any day of the week before 9 a.m. and after 8 p.m. If a permit is approved, the Township will give the applicant a photo ID. Residents may ask peddlers to show their ID to prove that a permit has been issued. [This link shows a sample of what a Hampden Township issued Peddler's/Solicitor's photo ID looks like.](#) When the Township issues a Peddler's/Solicitor's Permit, it is not an endorsement of the quality or safety of the product. The purpose of the permit is to allow the Police Department to conduct a background check and to have contact information on file if a complaint about an individual or organization is received. There are exceptions to the license requirements with political canvassing and religious door-to-door activities being two common examples. [The definition of peddling and solicitation can be found in the Hampden Township Ordinances at this link.](#)

Also follow news and updates on Hampden Township Police Department's Facebook Page!

Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

Q: The Commons looks great this summer. I know the Township mows every other week but what else does the Civic Association do to keep it looking so spruced up?

A: The Commons is a Hampden Township park so, yes, mowing is done every 2 weeks seasonally and the crews recently removed 7 dead trees and debris. Civic Association President Ken Lee organized two weekend clean up crews with neighborhood volunteers to further clear winter debris and trim bushes. Many thanks to the few volunteers as this saved WCA upward of \$2,500.

Q: I would like to organize an event in Westover based on my own interests. Can you help me do this?

A: Fostering community social events and connectedness is what we do! If you have an interest or a small group you would like to open to other neighbors, please let us know and we will be glad to assist. The book club, kindergarten meet up, and similar events started this way—with a willing volunteer!



Westover Willie

Dear Westover Willie,



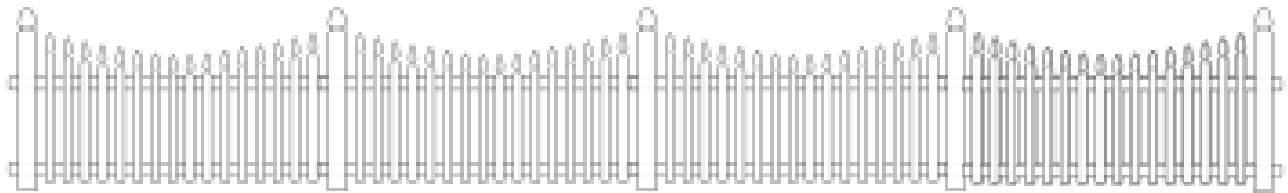
Q: I hear that fences make good neighbors. I'm new to Westover and want to put a fence on my property. What are the rules and guidelines for this?

A: Yes, the fences I see in my travels are generally good for keeping pools, pets, and kids inside! They're also nice for birds to perch on. I'll let the Board answer your rules question though as that's beyond my wisdom. See the article on the next page for details.

Q: I can get out of the neighborhood so much faster now that school is out and there is less traffic. What is the speed limit in Westover?

A: Well, first, since school is out I see that kids are out on their bikes and playing basketball. It's more important than ever to drive cautiously and watch for kids playing. With the nice weather and longer daylight, there are also more runners, dog walkers, and parents pushing strollers. The posted speed limits in Westover are 20 and 25mph depending on your street. I'd recommend driving 10mph below the speed limit to improve reaction time on our streets. I'm told there is a list in [Chapter 15 Motor Vehicles and Traffic](#) that establishes speed limits on certain streets in Hampden Township if you want to take a look.

Westover Civic Association does not have the authority to enforce covenants, deed restrictions or ordinances pertaining to fences. There are two writings you should thoroughly review before constructing or replacing a fence: (1) the covenants and deed restrictions that pertain to your home and (2) the [Hampden Township Ordinances](#) and/or Building Code. The covenants and deed restrictions, and which are recorded at the County Courthouse, should have been furnished to you at the time you purchased your home. These often tell you what type of material can or cannot be used in constructing a fence. The Township Ordinance or Building Code will tell you the where the fence can be located on your property, the method of construction, and the minimum as well as the maximum height of any fence. There can be different regulations for size, height and location of the fence depending upon your property. For example, homes with pools may have different requirements or if your home presently does not have a fence, you may need a permit to build one. Whether you are adding a new fence or replacing an old one make sure you or your contactor call [Pennsylvania's One Call System](#) so that underground utilities are located before any work occurs. One Call saves lives, prevents property damage and prevents injuries .



Neighborliness is one of the features that makes Westover such a wonderful place to live and being courteous and conscientious about your pets is really a hallmark of being a good neighbor.

While this can be a controversial subject, it is certainly one of the issues that elicits the most comments and requests to the Civic Association. We acknowledge many opinions, loyalties, and differences on the topic and offer the following resources.

Hampden Township: [The Hampden Township Ordinances related to Animals can be found on the Township website](#). If you have a concern about a violation or a repeated problem, and civil efforts to address it with the owner directly are not effective, contact the Hampden Township police to file a complaint.

Dog Owner/Dog Walking: Scoop the poop. No trespassing. Prevent barking. Be aware of other people's preferences and feelings. Be responsible when greeting or passing other dogs. For more tips, check out these links: [Humane Society](#) and [EarthBath Dog Walking](#)

Cats: There is an organization, Neighborhood Cats, that provides education and resources on co-existing with cats in the neighborhood. [Check out some of the suggestions on keeping cats out of gardens and yards](#), which is a frequent topic of neighborhood conversation.



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

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