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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Spring has finally arrived! This Spring we will get the Janie Lane project completed and will look to start the St. Andrews Road project in the fall.

The Fellowship Trail plans will soon go out to bid and work on that project should be completed this Summer/Fall.

We also hope to begin work on Opalanie Park this fall. The park will include a gazebo, walking trails, a pavilion, sensory garden, tot-lot and other passive amenities.

Jacqui Guenther

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DOWNED WIRES,

Article by: police Chief Mike Swininger AND Public Works Director, Mike Hogga



The West Vincent Township Public Works and Police Department would like to remind everyone of the dangers of downed powerlines. Unfortunately, this picture was taken in the 1700 block of Birchrun Road in early January after a severe storm with high winds came through the Township. Sometime during the storm, charged power lines came down into the Birch Run. The whitetail deer, the fox, and a racoon (not in the picture), were found when Public Works and Police were called to the scene. It appeared that all three animals had been electrocuted. While it is extremely sad that those animals lost their lives, thankfully no people ventured close to or into the stream to check the situation out or it may have resulted in an even deadlier consequence. Once on scene, Police and Public Works quickly secured and closed off the area. PECO was immediately notified and responded to safely remove and repair the power lines.

This is a harsh reminder: PLEASE - if you see downed lines of any kind, DO NOT APPROACH and call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not drive over the downed lines, do not attempt to walk over them and do not try to remove them. When our Public Works and Police Department barricade a roadway, it is for a reason; it is not to inconvenience anyone, rather to protect the safety of the public. Do not take the barricades down or go around them. Doing so is a violation of the law which may result in fines, points toward driver's license, and possibly arrest. It may also result in serious injury or death which could have been completely avoidable.

Remember, Public Works will not remove a tree that has fallen across a roadway tangled with any power lines until it is deemed clear by PECO. During damaging storms, this process may take several hours or even days - please be patient. We see many residents who like to go out for walks along the roadways right after a storm clears, but this is the most dangerous time to be out and about. Hazardous, and deadly situations like those depicted in the picture, are out there, so please allow plenty of time for our Public Works and Police to check the Township for hazardous conditions. If you DO see something - say something. Call 9-1-1 and report it immediately.

MESSAGE FROM THE ZONING OFFICER, TRACEY FRANEY

It's that time of year again, when residents can't wait to enjoy their beautiful yards on a new deck or floating in a brand-new pool. There are some things you should know before you embark on these summertime projects:

1. Any project which changes the impervious area of your property requires a zoning permit. Impervious area is any surface that does not allow for the infiltration of stormwater into the ground. This includes decks, patios (both paver and concrete), pools (even the quickset variety over 24" inches deep or more), hot tubs, concrete patios for fire rings, sheds, garages, barns, pool houses, pavilions, home additions, etc. Many of these projects also require a building permit as well.

2. Any project that changes the use of an entity of your property requires a zoning permit.

For **residential** properties, this includes adding a low-impact home-based business to the property, turning Grandpa's old woodshop into Grandpa's new in-law cottage, your garage into a family room, and the list is as long as your imagination.

For **commercial** properties, this includes adding accessory uses to your property that were not permitted before, including temporary events, outdoor gatherings to your indoor business, concerts, etc.

3. Pasture fencing or fencing to keep kids and pets in the yard (under six (6) feet tall) does **not** require a permit in West Vincent, but there are still rules that everyone needs to follow when adding fencing to their property. Fences can make good neighbors but only if you are a good neighbor when installing your fence.

a. The fence needs to be entirely on your property. It cannot encroach on a neighbor's property unless the township has their permission in writing in hand **before** installation. The township will then follow up with neighbor providing permission to confirm they are willing to let your fence share their property line.

b. If your neighbor does not wish to give permission, you only need to be sure there is enough room between the fence and your property line to maintain your fence. If your fence requires painting every few years, leave 5 feet between the fence and property line to allow for enough room to paint the fence as needed. If you only need to mow the lawn by way of maintenance, maybe three feet is adequate.

c. The fence **absolutely cannot be in the right of way** of any township or state road. This is a state law in the second-class township code. PennDot will make you take up your fence and so will the township. It is best to save yourself the expense before doing work twice. **Additionally**, fences cannot impede the clear sight of any intersection, even your driveway. If your fence makes it difficult to see to turn into a street or intersection of two streets, it will need to be moved back further into your property.

d. Fences surrounding a pool or taller than six (6) feet tall require a building permit, per PA UCC code.

4. Many projects require a building permit. There is a more complete list on the West Vincent Township [website](#).

5. Driveway resurfacing, extension, widening, regrading, adding or removing piping or swales, etc., all require a driveway permit. The [Driveway and Road Occupancy Permit Application](#) and instructions can be found on the township website.

6. Work being done in the right of way (such as grading work or other work approved by the township under another application) needs to have a [Driveway and Road Occupancy Permit Application](#) as well.

7. Summertime projects that don't require a permit:

a. Landscaping refresh, assuming there is no amount of earth disturbance over 1,000 square feet.

b. Putting up a swing set for your kids (playhouses, however, sometimes require a zoning permit, call first).

c. Painting your house.

d. Roof and siding replacements sometimes need permits, call into the township first.

8. Check with Chester County Burn Board before doing any open burning. Building materials are **never** allowed to be disposed of by burning.

PLANTING POSITIVITY IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAYS

MEETING SCHEDULES

**ALL MEETINGS BEGIN
AT 7:00 PM**

Board of Supervisors:
Workshop (As Needed):
1st Monday of each month

Regular Meeting:
3rd Monday of each month

Environmental Advisory Council:
1st Thursday of each month

Open Space Advisory Board:
4th Tuesday of each month

Historical Commission:
2nd Wednesday of each month

Historic Resources Committee:
1st Tuesday of each month

Human Relations Commission:
1st Tuesday of each month

Parks & Recreation Commission:
1st Wednesday of each month

Sustainability Committee:
3rd Wednesday of each month

Planning Commission:
3rd Thursday of each month

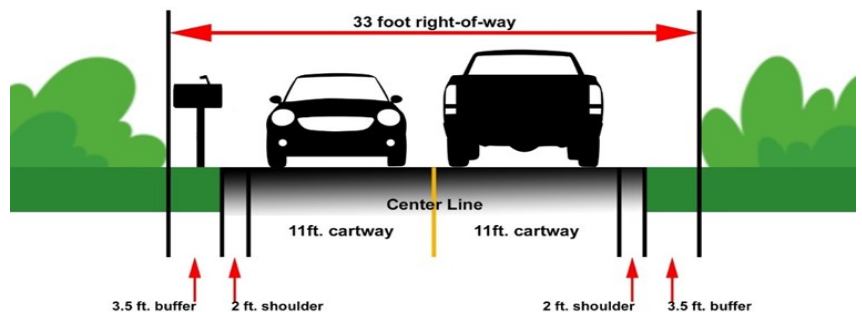
Traffic Safety Ad Hoc Committee:
2nd Thursday of alternate months

Zoning Hearing Board
Meets as needed

In February, our website posted a small article with general information on rights-of-way ("ROWs"). A ROW is a type of easement granted or reserved over the land for transportation purposes (all the state and municipal roadways in the township have ROWs). It can include shoulders, berms, and additional areas needed for highway purposes such as drainage, slopes, etc. The size of the ROW varies between road segments. While a ROW is often 33 feet wide, it may be much wider since it extends beyond the paved road and shoulders. For example, Route 100 has an 80' ROW (40' from center line), while St. Matthews, Conestoga, Kimberton, Birchrun, Pughtown and Hollow Roads have 60' ROWs (30' from center line). "Newer" township roads (starting

These codes were enacted for the safety of drivers and pedestrians, safety of utility lines, and to extend the life of roads. You can find mention of them in both the Code of West Vincent Township ("WVT") as well as the Second-Class Township Code which covers WVT.

What does this mean for property owners with ROWs? Simply put, **if property owners do not maintain their ROWs, the Township is allowed to remove items in the ROWs with the owner incurring the expense for removal.** Per the code, if the owner fails to pay or reimburse the Township within 30 days of notice of the expenses, the Township may record a lien against the property for the balance due or take any other appropriate legal action. Any unpaid overdue balance shall accrue inter-



in the 80's) have 50' ROWs, and many extend well behind the curbs and sidewalks.

While the article briefly mentioned tree trimming, we'd like to take a bigger look at what homeowners are allowed to place in the ROWs of public roads:

Township code requires property owners to keep the ROWs free from plantings and other items. There are really no exceptions.

est at 1.5% per month

Starting on May 31 2024, our road crews will be doing maintenance work on Township ROWs. **Owners will need to have their ROWs in order before May 31st to avoid receiving a bill for the Township doing this work.** Please keep in mind that this is for safety reasons, and we are hoping to plant positivity around maintaining ROWs.



Back In The Day... with Isabelle Travaglini

SPOTLIGHT ON: GRACEANNA LEWIS (1821-1912)

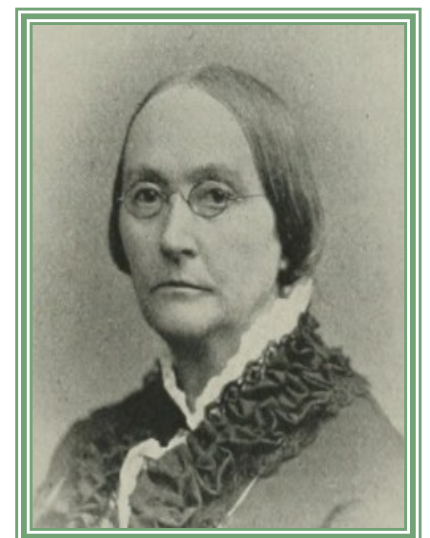
Back in the 1800s in West Vincent Township, Graceanna Lewis was among the most faithful, devoted and quietly efficient workers in the anti-slavery cause. She also lived and worked as an accomplished natural scientist at a time when education and employment were denied to women in science.



Raised by a single mother after the death of her father, Graceanna and her two sisters were taught the importance of the anti-slavery movement that both parents passionately supported. The family resided at Sunnyside in West Vincent Township. Sunnyside was the Underground Railroad's nursing home for sick, injured or exhausted runaway slaves who came through this region. Some were too sick to go on, and there are accounts that say that some died in the arms of the kindly Graceanna.

Graceanna also participated in sewing circles at Sunnyside which provided clothing for escapees. Arriving in rags or the distinctively southern-style "slave cloth", fugitives left transformed, looking like northern free blacks appropriately dressed for the Pennsylvania climate. Graceanna's uncle, [Dr. Bartholomew Fussell](#), was often involved in the more dangerous plots and rescues of the Underground Railroad. He showed up at Sunnyside one night in September 1861 with four free blacks, the most sought-after participants of the Christiana Riot. Graceanna hid them in a third-floor room with a door that had a lock on the inside. The next day, they were hidden in a carriage and taken to Phoenixville.

It was also at Sunnyside that Graceanna began to systematically observe, study, and chart the birds, plants and animals around her. She published well-noted studies on ornithology and studied at an advanced level under the tutorship of John Cassin, one of America's leading ornithologist's. In 1867, Cassin honored his protégé with the naming of *Icterus graceannae*, the white-edged Oriole in Graceanna's honor. In 1868, she published the book *The Natural History of Birds*. Her area of interest and expertise gradually spread throughout her life to include the broad spectrum of natural history, including plants, minerals, and other animals.. There is so much more to Graceanna's story and the contributions she made to the [Underground Railroad](#) as well as the study of ornithology. The [Historic Resources Committee](#) invite you to explore the various files they have on the website regarding Graceanna and other notable West Vincent Township residents.



West Vincent Historic Resources 2024 PRESENTATION

Camp Meetings & Chautauquas -

America's 19th Century Back to Nature Movement

Presented by Robert J Wise, Jr

Architectural Historian and Chair of West Vincent Township Historical Commission

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

West Vincent Township Building at 7PM

Refreshments



People may know the well-known camp meetings and Chautauquas - Oak Bluff, MA, Ocean Grove, NJ and Chautauqua NY. But did you know there are several in Southeast Pa? And that most share a communal plan around a central green and meeting hall, surrounded by cabins that were often originally tents? Many camp meetings were started by the Methodists in the mid-19th century, such as Concord and Chester Heights Camp Meetings in Delaware County. Perkasio Camp Meeting, in Bucks Co. was non-denominational. Mt. Gretna, near Hershey, started as a Chautauqua; a camp meeting was then built next to it.



Mt. Gretna Campmeeting

LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER
OF HISTORIC PLACES

Robert Wise has documented camp meetings from Eagles Mere, PA to South-eastern Pennsylvania, helping to list four on the National Register of Historic Places. Come learn about a fascinating part of American history, their incredible architecture, and discover what happened to these once remote destinations – made possible in part by railroads – where people once visited by the thousands, and what’s there today.

During the late 19th century West Vincent churches hosted revivalist meetings. Although not the same as camp meetings, there will be information on display highlighting the history of these local events.

Robert J. Wise, Jr., *Principal Senior Architectural Historian at Richard Grubb & Associates, has been professionally active in historic preservation for over 30 years. He has an MS in Historic Preservation from the University of Pennsylvania, MBA from Penn State, and a BA in History from Dickinson College. Mr. Wise provides project management and directs cultural resource investigations for RGA. Previously Mr. Wise operated Wise Preservation Planning, LLC and was senior planner at the Brandywine Conservancy’s Environmental Management Center.*

Mr. Wise has served on many boards and is current Chair of the West Vincent Township Historical Commission and Board Member of the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust, and the Stuart Tank Memorial Association in Berwick, PA, and past President of the Chester County Historic Preservation Network.

GET TO KNOW US:
MICHAEL SWININGER,
CHIEF OF POLICE



SWININGER BEGAN HIS CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IN 1993 WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION, SERVING AS A DEPUTY WATERWAYS CONSERVATION OFFICER IN CHESTER COUNTY. HE ATTENDED THE READING POLICE ACADEMY IN 1993 AND WORKED IN BOTH SPRING CITY BOROUGH AND EAST VINCENT TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENTS. IN 1996, HE BEGAN WORKING AS A PATROL OFFICER FOR WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP. IN 2001, HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP POLICE CHIEF. IN 2008, CHIEF SWININGER GRADUATED FROM THE FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY SESSION 232 IN QUANTICO, VIRGINIA. IN 2013, HE EARNED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADMINISTRATION AND IN 2015 EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION AND CRIME MANAGEMENT, BOTH FROM BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY. IN 2019, CHIEF SWININGER GRADUATED FROM THE PRESTIGIOUS NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF POLICE STAFF AND COMMAND - CLASS 458. HE ALSO RECEIVED CERTIFICATION FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING AS AN INSTRUCTOR ON VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT-RELATED TOPICS. CHIEF SWININGER CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE BOARD OF THE CHESTER COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM COMMISSION.

What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains that you see at street corners or at low points along the sides of streets. Collectively the water is called storm water runoff.

Discharged pool water and waters containing chlorine or other chemicals can be detrimental to aquatic life if not handled responsibly. It is extremely important that these waters are handled correctly. Pool waters must not be discharged to any storm sewer or land in which a storm sewer is accessible because runoff can cause fish kills and unsafe aquatic conditions.

When draining a swimming pool this year, make sure to protect Pennsylvania by following these tips:

- Pool water may be disposed of through the sanitary sewer system ONLY with municipal permission.
- Never dispose of pool water through a storm sewer, which will discharge to a stream.
- If lowering the water level of the pool, let it drain to a lawn to prevent it from running off into a storm sewer.
- If a sanitary sewer system is not available, water may be used for irrigation if it does not run off the property or into a storm sewer.

And don't forget: The discharge of swimming pool water to any waters of the Commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law. Property owners and pool companies that violate this law may be prosecuted and penalized for damages. Don't let this happen to you!

Good Rain Gone Wrong?

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream wetland or coastal water. All of the pollutants that storm water carries along the way empty into our waters too because storm water does not get treated!



What Happens When It Rains?

Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good. Problems related to storm water runoff can include:



Flooding caused by too much storm water flowing over hardened surfaces such as roads and parking lots, instead of soaking into the ground.

Increases in spending on maintaining storm drains and the storm sewer system that become clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris.



Decreases in sportfish populations because storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade important fish habitat.



More expensive treatment technologies to remove harmful pollutants carried by storm water into our drinking water supplies.



Closed beaches due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.



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★ **CONGRATULATIONS SGT. RUSSELL** ★

★ **In January, Sergeant Austin Russell celebrated his 20th anniversary with the West Vincent Township Police Department - Congratulations, Sergeant Russell!!** ★

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2024 Litter Lifters of West Vincent - 1st Quarter Recap

The Litter Lifters of West Vincent is an all-volunteer group who care about preserving the beauty of our land. We clean up roads in our Township and northern Chester County and activate residents to pick up litter in their own free time.

For **Martin Luther King Day of Service on January 15**, we celebrated by organizing a cleanup of Rt 401 from St. Matthews Road to Rt 100 with 40 volunteers who collected 55 bags of litter. Wawa supported the event with coffee and snacks!

March 3rd, 4 volunteers cleaned up St Matthews Road from Horseshoe to Flint Road at Bryn Coed and removed 20 bags of litter.

March 10 volunteers partnered with Camphill Village Kimberton and cleaned up Pughtown Rd from the French Creek bridge to Kimberton Rd, and St. Matthews Road from Pughtown to Flint at Bryn Coed with 45 volunteers - we collected 35 bags of litter, covered 5 miles. Owen J. Roberts High School students have been consistently helping us at Litter cleanups- the students are from clubs, such as Leo, NHS, Enviro, and Anchor.

West Vincent Township Police consistently support our events with safety detail. We appreciate them!

Future events include April 6, Rt 100 with Green Valleys Watershed Association and April 27, Rt 100 by Ludwig's Firehouse.

What can you do to make a positive difference and keep our community litter free?

Don't litter

Pick up litter when walking, running, or doing errands

Keep bags in your car to pick up litter

Teach your children not to litter

Use reusable drinkware for water and coffee, etc.

Carry reusable cutlery to use when getting takeout food

Use reusable bags when shopping to eliminate use of plastic bags

Secure your trash when at curb, especially on windy days

Purchase additional recycle bin if your recyclables can not fit into one container

Sign up to volunteer for cleanup events scheduled by the Litter Lifters or Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Secure your loads when you have an open-bed truck

Ensure items in vehicle are secure when driving with windows open

If you want to clean up a road and need trash bags, safety vests, or gloves - email us. Our next events are: Saturday April 6 (Rt 100 with Green Valleys Watershed) and

**Saturday April 27 (Rt 100, our Adopt a Highway contract with PennDOT) To volunteer contact litterliftersofwestvincent@gmail.com

Roadside Tips from the Traffic Safety Committee

The Traffic Safety Committee, which meets on the second Thursday of every other month, is comprised of seven committee members who each have their own area of expertise, when it comes to understanding and utilizing our roadways. One is a traffic engineer, another's a lifelong equestrian, there's an avid bicyclist, an accident reconstructionist, and so on.

This particular set of ambulatory tips are from Ken Alan, a local hiker and self-proclaimed "road warrior." He suggests the following:

- *It goes without saying, pedestrians should always wear bright colors and consider donning a safety vest, reflectors and/or a portable safety light. These articles go a long way in protecting those who walk or run our roads.*

- *I've been guilty of this one: Stuffing my ears with buds, so I can listen to my favorite podcast. Take a break from those noise cancelling distractions. A big part of seeing what's coming your way is by hearing it first.*

- *As a vehicle approaches, instead of looking at the driver, keep your eyes on their front tires. Seeing even the slightest wheels shift in your direction can tell you immediately if the driver may be distracted.*

- *We've all been told to walk against the flow of traffic. This adage certainly holds true, however, when I am on a typically narrow country lane or rural side road - where I'm more likely to encounter pickup trucks/horse trailers - I'll instead position myself along the driver's side of the vehicle as they're passing, as opposed to its passenger's side. Why? Because operators driving larger vehicles are better able to gauge my distance from their side view mirror if I'm in a clearer line of sight.*

What are Pennsylvania's Dog Laws?

(Taken directly from PA Department of Agriculture website)



All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued by the [County Treasurer](#).

- All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damages caused by their dog.
- It is illegal to mistreat or abuse any animal. Violations should be reported to a local humane organization or the police.
- It is illegal to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog.
- No dog under eight weeks of age may be sold, traded, bartered or transferred.
- You may not place any poison or harmful substance in any place where dogs may easily eat it, whether it is your own property or elsewhere.
- You must have a current kennel license if you operate a facility that keeps, harbors, boards, shelters, sells, gives away or transfers a total of 26 or more dogs in any one calendar year.

Dogs and cats 3 months of age or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination. It is illegal to interfere with an officer or employee of the Pennsylvania Department

of Agriculture engaged in enforcement of dog laws.

Meet the New Deputy Mayor!

Winston Guenther is the newest face at the West Vincent Township Building! Winston is a 9-week old Golden Doodle. His favorite pastimes are sniffing, eating, sleeping and chasing anything that moves. His favorite color is blue, and his favorite toy is his stuffed Gumby which he received at Easter.

Winston is looking forward to meeting the many residents who stop by the building for their daily business. If you would like a cuddle, just stop by the window and call his name, and he will come running (to be fair, he is still learning his name, but he loves to investigate new people!).

New AED Arriving at Evans Park!

The Township administration has ordered a new AED (automated external defibrillator) for Evans Park. An AED is used when people experience a sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

The park has always maintained an AED in the red AED box near the baseball field. This replacement utilizes current technology and will also have both adult and pediatric pads which our previous AED did not. The administration was also able to find a grant to cover the entire cost of this life-saving device. The next time you are enjoying Evans Park, please make yourself acquainted with the location of the AED. While we hope it is never needed, it feels safer having it nearby.



FREE

WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP SHREDDING

Event 

Saturday | May 4 | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

(or until trucks are full)

Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds • 5 Nantmeal Rd. • Glenmoore, PA

3 BOX LIMIT PER CAR.

No binders, cardboard, large binder clips, hanging file folders, or x-rays.

ALSO COLLECTING RECHARGABLE & ALKALINE BATTERIES

Must be separate from paper items.

Sponsored jointly by

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HOWARD
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE**

LUDWIG'S CORNER
**HORSE
SHOW**
ASSOCIATION
FOUNDATION

www.westvincentwp.org

Community Warehouse Project of Chester County

We were contacted by [Glenda Brion](#), CEO and Executive Director of the [Community Warehouse Project](#) ("CWP"). They are a local furniture bank that collects gently used furniture and housewares and then distributes these items to families, individuals, and veterans in need throughout Chester County. Their clients are referred to them by over 90 social service agencies throughout the area. They served 486 Chester County households last year. They believe that providing important furniture helps to transform an empty house into a home creating a stable environment for families and individuals to thrive.

CWP would love our residents to consider donating their unwanted items to their program instead of putting them out for bulk trash. This is a way to recycle perfectly usable items instead of going to the landfill. By recycling unwanted furniture items to needy families and veterans, CWP estimates that they are saving 250 tons of furniture from landfills each year.

Their warehouse is located at 800 E. Virginia Avenue, Building 3, West Chester, PA 19380 near Henderson High School. Donations must be pre-approved by sending photos to donations@communitywarehouseproject.com or by calling their phone at 484-473-4360. CWP is open for donation drop offs Mondays through Fridays from 9am to 1pm and every third Saturday of each month from 9am to 1pm. Other drop off dates are available by appointment. They also have a Drop Off Day at their Downingtown warehouse the first Sunday of each month from 10am to 2 pm.



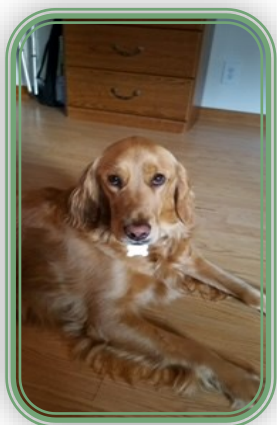
Item - Kitchen	Item - Bedroom	Item - Living Room
Microwave	Twin Mattress	Couch
Dishes	Twin Box Spring	Loveseat
Glassware	Twin Sheets	Ottoman
Pots/Pans	Twin Comforter	Stuffed Chair
Silverware	Full Mattress	Recliner
Toaster	Full Box Spring	Accent Chair
Blender	Full Sheets	Rocking Chair
Crockpot	Full Comforter	Framed Artwork - Small
Bakeware	Queen Mattress	Coffee Table
Cooking Utensils	Queen Box Spring	End Table
Tupperware	Queen Sheets	Lamp
Pyrex	Queen Comforter	TV Stand
Mixing Bowls	Dresser	Bookshelf
Roasting Pan	Nightstand	Desk
Canisters		Desk Chair
Coffee Pot		
Tea Pot	Item - Miscellaneous	
Placemat	Fan	Item - Dining
Towels	Space Heater	Dining Room Table - Large
	Vacuum	Dining Room Table - Medium

NOTEWORTHY NEWS:

JASON BARRON WHO HAS WORKED FOR THE TOWNSHIP FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS NEEDED A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT AND WAITED 7 YEARS. CHRISTINA CASEY, OUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY DONATED A KIDNEY FOR JASON LAST YEAR. EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS NOT A MATCH, IT PROVIDED JASON WITH A VOUCHER FOR HIM TO RECEIVE A KIDNEY MUCH SOONER. ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023 JASON UNDERWENT HIS KIDNEY TRANSPLANT SURGERY. BOTH OF THESE EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE ARE DOING GREAT.

MEET LILLY THE SELF-APPOINTED MAYOR OF WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP.

Lilly is A 5 year old Golden Retriever and loves people, Especially the office staff. MOST ESPECIALLY CHIEF! Lilly is often in the office to greet visitors and spread happiness.



CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION TEAM

It's almost spring and that means that it's tax season! And it's a great time to think about saving money with energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades in your home. Members of the Clean Energy Transition Team (CETT) have been collaborating with other regional groups to help community members learn how.

On April 3, 2024, the Clean Energy Future teams from the Phoenixville area and the greater West Chester area will be presenting a hybrid event on saving money on energy with tax credits and energy assessments. Residents can apply tax credits now for purchases made in 2023 to improve home energy efficiency, electrify heating, appliances and vehicles, and install on-site renewable energy generation. Watch for more information to register for this event and learn how to save energy and save money!

West Vincent CETT team members are also working on the Community Advocates for Clean Energy (CACE) team. The mission of this greater Philadelphia team is to connect homeowners, renters, schools, businesses, nonprofits, and public water agencies with state and federal funding programs. CETT member Kirk Reinbold participated in the December 9 event introducing CACE to the regional community. For more information on CACE, please visit their website (<https://www.communityadvocatesforcleanenergyphilly.com>).

CACE is currently planning a webinar on electric school buses for all regional school districts in April, highlighting electric buses that are currently part of the Unionville/Chadds Ford district fleet. Members of the CETT were able to visit their bus depot to see the buses in use and learn about how they were funded. For more information, please see this article from the Chester County Planning Commission (<https://www.chescoplanning.org/News/Sustainability/24-Winter/evBus.cfm>).

We hope to see many from the West Vincent community on April 3 and at future events. Please send questions and comments regarding the team and energy transition effort to cett@westvincenttwp.org and WVCETT@gmail.com.

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