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- Important Dates**
- May 15
Commons Clean Up Day
 - May 7 and 8
Westover Garage Sales
 - May 9
Mother's Day
 - May 31
Memorial Day
 - June 9
Westover Board Meeting
 - June 6
Block Party

Westover Clean-Up Day Party Scheduled for May 15



The Westover Civic Association has scheduled a clean-up day in the Commons and you are invited and best of all it is free!!! The special day is Saturday, May 15th, at 9:00 am for one hour only. This is a really fun event with light raking, trimming, spreading tan bark and having coffee, hot chocolate and gooey doughnuts with neighbors.

Kids have a fun time, too, and again we will play "pick up sticks" since there are plenty of sticks to go around this year. No child will come away empty handed. The kid's part is a great way to expose them to community service while having some fun.

All you need to do is show up with rakes, and/or hedge trimmers, and gloves on May 15th at 9:00 am for one hour. You can email us at westover@villageofwestover.org to let us know you are coming.

Website Updates and Resources

We encourage all residents to visit this site and sign up for our email blasts. These periodic emails will keep you informed about community events, emergency alerts like lost items or pets or the recently updated stop signs in Westover. We also have lots of pictures and an archive of all of our newsletters. Visit www.villageofwestover.org

Westover Block Party

Sunday June 6th 4 to 6 PM (rain date is June 13th)

McCord Commons is the site for the Summer Kick Off Block Party.

Here is what is on tap for your family:

- Free hot dogs with all the fixings
- Free juice and water for the kids
- A big ice cream truck with lots of goodies
- Free snacks from the Westover Women's Club
- Live pop piano / vocalist
- Live Magic Show

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and your favorite beverage for the adults. Call Dave Baboian for more information at 891-5504





Sergeant Shissler Update

FOR YOUR SAFETY....

Noisy neighbors

Sergeant Shissler tells us that noisy neighbors make for an unhappy neighborhood. Sergeant Shissler asks that the neighbors themselves work it out. However, if you can't, then call the police department at 761-2609 and let them handle it.

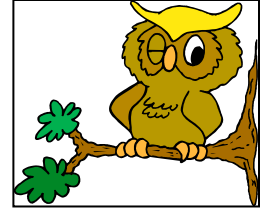
Stop Sign Runners

Running through stop signs continues to be a problem in Westover. If you see someone doing this, the township asks that you note the date, time, type and color of car, preferably the license plate number, get a good look at the driver and then call 761-2609. The police will register this complaint against the driver, and based on previous incidents, will visit the offender to take further action.

Trees trimmed over sidewalks

You are reminded that all trees must be trimmed over sidewalks to height of 8 foot. This is so that folks can walk without scraping their head on your trees.

Dear Westover Willie



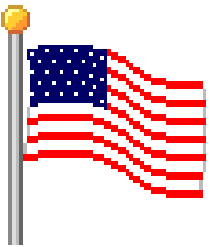
Q. What do you think about putting up little signs to indicate when lawn spraying takes place?

A. That is a great question in that pets and wise old owls like me will sometimes visit the grass for doing business and just sniffing around to see what is up. If I were to see a sign that the lawn was sprayed or fertilizer was applied, I would stay away. I understand that some pets will clean themselves up after a walk and getting that fertilizer stuff in the stomach is just plain YUK.

Q. Willie, my neighbor kids play ball all the time and they end up in my yard. Can I charge them \$.25 for each ball retrieved?

A. I don't know about the fines for the balls that end up in your yard, but the kids do need to be real careful about chasing balls into the streets. I was reading on my wireless PDA up in the tree the other day (great reception up here by the way) and saw that a small child was running between cars and got hit. This can happen to our kids too so please be careful. My message to the residents of Westover is to slow down when driving in Westover and keep an eye for children chasing runaway balls going into the streets.

Village of Westover Flags



The Westover Civic Association board of directors is encouraging all residents of The Village of Westover to proudly display the American flag outside their residence between Memorial Day (May 31) and the 4th of July.

The board of directors is hopeful that most residents choose to make this display of patriotism and show a true spirit of unity in our community. Just like Christmas decorations, the final choice however remains with the residents.

The flag can be flown 24 hours a day if illuminated. Illuminating does not necessarily mean a spot light must be used. The light source must be enough to make the flag visible from the street.

If not illuminated, the American flag should only be flown from dawn to dusk. An all weather flag is recommended since then it will not be necessary to bring the flag indoors during times of inclement weather.

If your flag has seen better days, you are encouraged to "retire" your flag. The Boy Scouts, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War all have ceremonies to properly dispose of well used flags.

If your residence does not currently have a flag pole holder, flag kits or simply the flag pole holder can be purchased at a number of retail establishments including local hardware stores, Target and Walmart.

If you are unable to mount the post holder to the side of your residence, please email Matt Carnovale at matt.carnovale@fci.com. He is attempting to get a crew of Boy Scouts to assist with installation of flag pole holders on some Saturday in June. Saturday, June 12 is being considered since it is just before Flag Day (6/14). The resident will need to have on hand the hardware prior to the scheduled install date. If you are interested in some assistance, you will be notified by email of the planned date.

The board hopes you all choose to proudly display the American flag – not just Memorial Day to the 4th of July – but all year round.

2010 Easter Egg Hunt!

The Westover Women's Club held the annual community Easter Egg Hunt in McCord Commons on April 3rd. Peter Cottontail hopped into the Commons and put smiles on the faces of 56 children! We enjoyed beautiful weather, a field of brightly covered Easter eggs, with every child taking home a chocolate Easter Bunny.



Past Westover Summer Block Parties

Some more photos of previous Block Parties so you can see how much fun we have:



Hampden Township Recycling Guidelines



Hampden Township recently updated the guidelines for what can and cannot be included in the recycling containers. Here is the list of what can be included:

- Aluminum food and beverage containers *
- Glass (clear, brown, green) food and beverage containers *
- Plastic containers with symbols 1 through and including 7 *
- Empty aerosol cans
- Corrugated cardboard - please flatten and cut into pieces no larger than 3- feet by 3-feet and bundle

* *Please rinse and remove lids, labels do not need to be removed.*

Please bundle or place the following items in **paper bags** and place in your recycle container

- Newsprint/Slick Inserts
- Construction paper, cereal and food boxes, paper

- towel rolls or similar
- Printer paper, computer paper, copy paper
- Junk mail
- Magazines and catalogs
- Telephone books

The following items **may not** be placed in recycle containers:

- Wax coated paper
- Materials with food debris
- Plastic bags
- Batteries
- Styrofoam
- Light bulbs
- Mirrors, window/auto glass, ceramics, cookware, bakeware, drinking glasses
- Wood
- Unnumbered plastics
- Coat hangers
- Appliances
- Hazardous or toxic substances

Updated Stop Signs in Township



Hampden is in the process of updating the stop signs to put the township in compliance with the State of PA PennDot guidelines. You will notice that the posts are new (breakaway design), include a reflective strip and the signs are new. The Westover Civic Association will be meeting with the Township regarding our street signs which also must be altered according to the government regulations. As you know we have wooden posts with very nice signage on top. We will keep you posted on any mandated changes.

Home Based Businesses in Hampden Township

This question comes up frequently since many folks now work from home. Hampden Township controls this and we reference you to ordinances (Chapter 27, Part 2, Definitions, No-Impact Home-Based business). Generally if you work from home and have no clients, customers or employees coming to your home office, then you are OK. If you have a home based business then you cannot have signage, stock inventory, have customers or clients visit, and you must comply with other township regulations. We encourage you to visit the www.hampdentownship.us website for the specific township regulation language.

Westover Website

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