



# the Village of Westover

**NEWSLETTER**  
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**Important Dates**

- September 5th  
Labor Day
- September 7th  
Westover Board Meeting
- September 11th  
Block Party
- September 22nd  
Westover Women's Club
- October 10th  
Columbus Day
- October 14th and 15th  
Westover Garage Sales
- October 27th  
Haunted House

## End of Summer Block Party September 11th



This is a fun filled event with Rhyme McCormick pop guitarist and vocalist performing. Mike Clark will conduct the Magic Show with balloon animals.

Westover's End of the Summer Block Party will be held in McCord Commons on September 11 from 4 to 6 pm.

As always there will be FREE hot dogs, FREE kids' snacks, FREE kids' juice and water, and FREE selected ice treats.

Bring a chair, your favorite beverage, and be entertained along with your neighbors and friends. Say so long to a long and very hot summer!



## Say Farewell to Skyport Airport



The Skyport Airport in Westover has long been abandoned as a real airport which actually thrived during the 1950s with a 1,000 foot runway and numerous buildings, one of which was the hanger at the corner of Skyport Road and Westover Drive. This historic (sort of) building came down during the weeks in mid-August to make way for additional condo units. Here is a photo of the demolition in process.

## Entrance Lights to Westover

The entrance light on the right hand side of Skyport Road coming into Westover went out about 9 months ago due to a cable deterioration issue. This cable is really, really long and very expensive to replace.

We conducted an online survey of Westover residents and found that most felt we should replace the fixture.

The board approved a light to be installed and while the work was done, it is really very weak. We will be considering adding another light at our next board meeting to hopefully light the entrance. We are using solar power and maybe one more may do the trick.





Hampden Township Police  
Department Update  
*Sergeant Shissler*

**FOR YOUR SAFETY....**

Chief **Harry Clay** and Corporal **Fullerton** met with the Westover Civic Association Board to discuss safety in Westover. The over-riding theme was.....

**See Something Say Something !!**

Too often folks will hear strange noises or see strange people in the neighborhood, unlicensed peddlers going door to door, characters eyeing up open garage doors, etc. but will never call the police. The Hampden Township police ask that you please call them. You will not be disclosed as the caller and you will not be involved unless you want to. Calling the police is the single best way for all of us to keep Westover safe. Call them at 761-2609.

Chief Clay asked that we lock our cars and house when we leave. While burglaries are down this year, doing those two things will help keep your house safe. He also asked that with school coming, please slow down for the kids on the corner waiting for the buses and also that they are excited (most anyway) to be going back to school and may not be looking both ways before crossing the street.

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**Garage Sales October 14th and 15th, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

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The Westover Women's Club, with some funding by the Westover Civic Association, is again holding the Fall Garage Sales. Westover residents can participate at their own houses on Friday, October 14th, and Saturday, October 15th, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. They ask that you do not open earlier as the school buses, kids and morning to work traffic make it difficult to maneuver.

The Women's Club will get the word out, placing ads and posting signs in various places while you have the task of cleaning out your closets and basements. On the garage sale day, throw open your garage door and get ready to make a deal. Nothing beats a neighborhood garage sale for getting things cleaned out for fall.

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**Westover Women's Club Care and Share**

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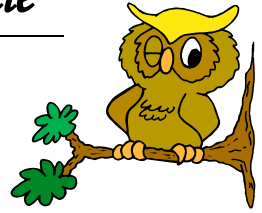
The Westover Women's Club mission is to *serve and support women and their families in need in Cumberland County and nearby communities.*

Last month, they helped a family in crisis by purchasing bunk bed mattresses for children that had been sleeping on the floor. During the school year, they work with school nurses and counselors to help kids with basic needs to help them achieve to their potential. Last year, they fulfilled dozen's of requests for food, medical help, utilities, clothing and other urgent needs. Requests were addressed quickly and with great compassion thanks to your support of the Westover Care & Share Fund.

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*Dear Westover Willie*

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**Q.** Willie, my head is hitting tree limbs again. Can you fix that?

**A.** Know what you mean. See it all the time. The Hampden Township ordinance requires that there be an eight foot walkway unobstructed with tree limbs. If your tree limbs and branches stick out to or over the sidewalk, cut them back to meet this requirement. Folks who walk need to be able to pass without ducking and possibly getting a stick poked in the eye.

**Q.** Willie, I have some noisy (noisy not nosey) neighbors. Can you fix that too?

**A.** Well, as you know, I fly around a lot since I am owl and can hear all kind of things particularly in the evening. I know what you mean; sometimes folks will make a lot of noise particularly after 10 pm which makes it hard to sleep. So to answer your question I flew over to meet with Chief Clay at the Hampden Township Police Department and he told me that there is no "official" noise ordinance. However . . . he said that if a neighbor is particularly noisy you should call the police and let them know because they will investigate and maybe that will help. He asks that you please call the police, though, and not handle the matter yourself. A pattern of behavior like this needs to get into the police records.



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## Westover Street Signs In Need of Repair

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Some of the street signs in Westover are showing real signs of age and the lettering is hard to read in some cases. The Civic Association is aware of it and a committee has been formed to get new letters and have them applied. In the future, there is a government mandate to remove all the street signs and replace them with break away posts and new lettering that has upper and

lower case in them. This unfunded government mandate is to take effect in 2014 so we are very hesitant to spend any significant amount of money pending the ultimate implementation of this mandate. We are in close contact with Hampden Township and will keep you posted. Let's hope that with budget cuts that this mandate can be eliminated or at least postponed.



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## Westover Women's Club Meetings

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The Westover Women's Club is always fun in the fall. If you are a new resident to Westover, or if it has been awhile since you've been able to be involved with the club, extend an invitation. Come join us! Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM For more information call 691-1816 or email [WestoverWomen@gmail.com](mailto:WestoverWomen@gmail.com)

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## Cicada Killers on the Loose !!

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If you have seen what looks like giant yellow and black bees or have seen sandy dirt piles in your yard or the edge of the driveway, you are most likely looking at Cicada Killers. Although visually alarming, these wasps pose little threat. Females are not aggressive and rarely sting unless excessively provoked. Males often display territorial behavior and will dive-bomb people's heads; however, they have no sting and pose no real threat.

Cicada Killers often nest in disturbed areas with sandy, open soils, such as lawns, golf courses, flowerbeds, volleyball courts and around swimming pools. A



large population of wasps in one area can cause significant damage to lawns.

actually do to lawns.

Above is a photo of one of the Cicada Killers and to the left, some of the damage they can