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Important Dates

April 16th
Easter Egg Hunt

April 24th
Easter Day

May 6th and May 7th
Westover Garage Sales

May 8th
Mother's Day

May 30th
Memorial Day

June 8th
Westover Board Meeting

June 5th
Westover Block Party

Westover Clean-Up Day Party Scheduled for May 14



The Westover Civic Association has scheduled a clean-up day in the Commons (both Upper and Lower) and you are invited and best of all it is free!!!

The special day is Saturday, May 14th, at 9:00 am for one hour only. This is a really fun event with light raking, trimming 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 16th at 9:00 am for one hour. You can email us at westover@villageofwestover.org to let us know you are coming.

Westover Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 16th at 11:00 am

Grab your baskets, cameras, and kids and join your neighbors at the McCord Commons to meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for candy-filled eggs! Don't be late, as the Egg Hunt is rain or shine and starts precisely at 11:00!

\$3 per child (pay at the hunt). All Egg Hunt proceeds will go to the Westover Care & Share Charity supporting women, children and families in need of support in our local area.

Reserve your spot by emailing audreys@familynewell.org





Sergeant Shissler Update

FOR YOUR SAFETY....

Safety in Westover

There has been activity in and around Westover that bears a reminder to do the following:

- 1) Keep your doors closed and locked at all times. Bad guys and especially garage hoppers look for open invitations. This is important!!
- 2) Keep an eye on suspicious people that you do not know in the neighborhood. If you see them and feel that they may be up to no good, call the police immediately! Do not wait. The police can only help if they are there. **Do not wait.**
- 3) Dog Poop! Yep, that time of the year so please clean up any that you find or your pet leaves behind!

Westover is a quiet and very, very safe neighborhood with folks out at night walking dogs and enjoying the spring air. Let's keep it that way by letting us know ASAP if you see some strange activity. We maintain close relationships with the Civic Association and they help us with communications and bringing specific events to our attention. But they are not the police, we are at Hampden Township.

Dear Westover Willie



Q. Willie, I hear Westover is getting a new mowing service for the Common areas?

A. Yes, I hear that too. I can see that the previous mower did a great job, but the association has a new vendor who came in at a much lower price. They made a decision to save money for the Civic Association members in these tight times. But rest assured that I will be flying over to make sure they are doing a good job and is one of the reasons I migrate back every year to my home up in the Westover trees.

Q. Willie, did you know that the light bulb is out at the front entrance. What are you going to do about it?

A. I took your information to the Westover Civic Association "staff" and they told me that they were well aware of this issue. In fact, they told me that there is going to be an article in this newsletter about this hot topic. I am, like you, looking forward to reading it. But since I do not get a paper copy up in my tree I have to read the PDF copy of it from the website on my PDA up in the tree. Life gets complicated sometimes you know.

Garage Sales on May 6th and May 7th

The Westover Women's Club, with some funding by the Westover Civic Association, is again holding the Spring Garage Sales. They will be held at your house on Friday, May 6th, and Saturday, May 7th, 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 for all.

The Women's Club will get the word out, placing ads and posting signs...while you clean out your closets and basements. On 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 spring. This year's sale is coordinated with Good Hope Farms on the same weekend for maximum crowd appeal.

Holiday Decorations

Thanks to all of the many volunteers who installed the holiday decorations and also to take them down. Greg Hartman, a board member of the Westover Civic Association, led this effort and we all are grateful to his committee. This is one way that the Association provides real value to the community by supplying the labor and funds to install the entrance decorations and the bows and garland.



Hampden Township Carlisle Pike Revitalization Project

Michael Gossert , Manager of Hampden Township and Al Bienstock, President of Hampden Township Board, met with the board of the Westover Civic Association to review the beginning stages of a long term plan for the revitalization of the southeast portion of the Township, specifically including the Carlisle Pike. This was a preview meeting of the ideas and thoughts that the Commissioners are planning.

The goal on the Pike and Trindle Road is to improve the traffic flow, reduce congestion, and to add a sense of community to Hampden Township. To do this the township will engage in a long term (like up to 30 years) plan that creates a favorable environment for private investment. The plan envisions a reduction in left turn lanes, local traffic lanes behind the buildings, and a denser higher stories to buildings to facilitate the parking behind the buildings.

The Carlisle Pike was chosen for the first phase of revitalization because it has a very aging infrastructure with overhead wiring, older buildings that most likely will be replaced with newer and more modern design and with that in mind, a master plan that developers, builders and investors can look to in planning their future long term investments.

While some may say it will never happen, there are some model communities where this very same type of planning has yielded longer term benefits. It is those models that the commissioners want to study and determine the feasibility of it happening here in Hampden Township. Hampden Township is well positioned to take on this project because it's aging infrastructure is in need of replacement. It also lacks a sense of "community" that others like Mechanicsburg, have and can point to. Hampden Township can have this Town Center too, with planning and direction.

We thank Mr. Gossert and Mr. Bienstock for the meeting and for giving the Westover Civic Association Board a preview of the plans.

Front Entrance Lights

The Westover Civic Association is well aware that the front entrance light on the right hand side coming into Westover is out and has been for quite a while. Both of these lights have been a problem mainly with vandals kicking them over and destroying them. Every time one breaks, we have an electrician come and repair the wiring and install a new fixture.

This time it is not just a light bulb that is out. If that were the case, Carney Humphreys, our resident official front entrance light manager, would have replaced it. This time it is the underground wiring. The wiring goes from one of the condos to this entrance light for a distance of several hundred feet. The cable is broken or deteriorated after so many years and needs to be dug up and replaced. The costs for this are very expensive. We have investigated having the electrical meter relocated near the entrance but that will involve costs to have a ditch dug, wiring meter base installed, wiring installed and then underground wiring to the lamp fixture installed. All of that is very expensive. We have talked with PP&L and our electrician even about going under the road and that is even more expensive.

At our last board meeting we discussed this and thought we would ask the membership if \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 is good money spent for this project. If you have comments about this, we encourage you to email us at westover@villageofwestover.org. If you would like to make a contribution to this project, let us know and how much.