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Important Dates

- April 5—2pm
Easter Egg Hunt
- April 8—7pm
Westover Board Meeting
- April 12
Easter
- April 15
Tax Day
- April 22
Administrative Day
- May 8 and 9
Garage Sales
- May 10
Mother's Day
- May 25
Memorial Day

Easter Egg Hunt Being Planned for the Kids



The Westover Women's Club will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt in the McCord Commons on Sunday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m. Westover residents are invited to bring their kids for a fun filled event including looking for hidden eggs that the bunny may have left.

It is also reported that the Easter Bunny himself (or is it a she?) will be there! The Women's Club must have some really good carrots and connec-

tions to get the Bunny there! The Women's Club will be delivering flyers to each home, so check your door for details on costs, registration, and goodies available..



Westover Garage Sales Coming!

The **Westover Garage Sales**, sponsored and hosted by the Westover Women's Club, will be held on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. There are no fees for our homeowners to participate in the garage sales.



In conjunction with

the garage sales, the Women's Club will be having a **GIANT sale** at the home of Ros Jones at 6321 Stephens Crossing. There the Women's Club will have soft drinks, hot dogs and goodies for sale with all proceeds going to the Care and Share Program. The women's Club will be advertising in the local papers so expect lots of buyers.

Westover Annual Association Dues

This is a reminder that the Westover Civic Association dues are due. We continue to hold them at \$30 a year and ask that you submit your dues directly to your Zone Director (see this page for a listing). Please help keep Westover safe and family friendly. Thank you for your continued support.



Sergeant Shissler Update

Sergeant Shissler tells us the bad guys must be inside staying warm, because the Hampden Township Police Department has seen a decrease in their activity. But he still asks all of the township's residents to lock your doors so they do not take refuge in your house.

He reminds us that keeping the sidewalks clear of snow and ice is a township ordinance and not just the "right thing to do." Sidewalks that are not cleared in a timely manner can be very dangerous for kids going to school bus stops, the neighborhood walkers, the pets that need to be walked, etc. Be a good neighbor and make this a priority.

He also asks that you do not throw snow back onto the street when shoveling your driveway as this creates ice and piles of snow that will just end up on your neighbor's driveway when it gets plowed by the township plows.

Finally, he would like to remind us that identity theft is one of the major concerns at the township so use vigilance particularly when using your ATM or credit card. If you suspect any kind of theft, be sure to inform the police department and your bank.

Crosswalk Update

The Westover Civic Association continues to pursue the crosswalk over Skyport Road (not an elevated one, yikes!) The board has approached the township and since this will be crossing over a major road connecting Stephens Crossing and Westover Drive on both side of Westover development, it will require careful thought. The hoped-for crosswalk will consist of markings on the roadway and signage so that residents can safely cross over between the two sections of Westover without putting life and limb in jeopardy.

Electrical Service Panels Still in the News....

The Westover Civic Association continues to receive stories about fires and electrical hazards regarding the Zinsco electrical service panels installed in the older section of Westover. We can only stress that you get these panels checked immediately as they are a fire and safety hazard. The underlying problem is that the breakers "stick" in the "on" position and will not trip if a short or overload occurs. The photo to the right is a damaged breaker.

Dear Westover Willie

Dear EDITOR,

I know that many of my fans have wanted a picture of me. I am quite modest and camera shy, but felt it my obligation to pose for a portrait at Thanksgiving in order to satisfy my many admirers.



As you can see, I am an extraordinarily handsome fellow. I am a Barred Owl. My family is the only one living in the eastern United States to have brown eyes; all others have yellow eyes! I am about 20 inches tall and my wingspan is about 42 inches.

I used my large wingspan to chase a gentleman out of his backyard and asked him to summon a photographer for me. I think he was a bit intimidated by my size! I don't fly around frequently in daylight, but this was a cloudy day which is often a good time for hunting. I like living in Westover because there is an abundant supply of mice and chipmunks for me.



Please, Mr. Editor, tell your readers to listen for me when they are out walking at dusk. I have a very distinctive hoot which I normally resonant in a series of eight or nine hoots. It's my way of saying hello to all of my fans.

Your friend,

Westover Willie



Westover Women's Club Activities

The Westover Women's Club hosted numerous holiday events this year.

The first was a **Breakfast with Santa** at the Old Country Buffet on December 6th. The attendance included 25+ children and over 40 adults and was a



really fun time. Joe and Bette Gotwald "assisted" Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

On December 15 Klara Sanfilippo hosted a **cookie party** and we took home several dozen homemade cookies.

The Westover Women's Club performs many community services, and one that bears special note is the efforts to bring some joy to the residents of **Country Meadows**. Here the Women's Club hosted a gingerbread house decorating event and the residents enjoyed a fun time.

Our **holiday party** was hosted by Ros Jones who made homemade gingerbread houses for 45 club members and the club had a cookie exchange. The key part of this event was that we collected over \$400.00 for our Care/Share Program that evening.



Westover 2009 "Block Party"

The Westover Civic Association conducted a survey in the fall regarding our Summer in the Park series resulting in many thoughtful replies. Based on that survey, the 2009 Block Party Planning Committee met in November to review the many new ideas submitted. The meeting produced some exciting changes, and more details will follow in our April newsletter.

The preliminary plans call for food, entertainment, and a Block Party type of event.

Please mark your calendars now for **Sunday, June 14th, 4-6 pm and Sunday, September 13th, 4-6 pm.** The new theme of the 2009 events will be a celebration of Westover. We are all very proud to live in Westover. Let's come together as neighbors and celebrate how lucky we are to live in such a great neighborhood.

Many thanks to the 2009 Block Party Planning Committee which consists of Dave Baboian, Matt Carnovale, John Coyne, Jackie Garno, Ros Jones and Sharon Ryan.



Westover considering a Hampden Township Emergency Services Day

The Westover Civic Association is considering sponsoring an event to honor the many efforts of the Hampden Emergency Services personnel. We ask that you participate in a survey to guide us by going to www.VillageOfWestover.org and click on the link there for a short three question survey.



Westover Good Samaritan

I awoke on a Wednesday to the unmistakable sound of multiple snow blowers in the neighborhood. One of the joys of living in Westover is the kindness I see expressed every time we have a measurable amount of snow.

In the few blocks around my house numerous neighbors continue to very generously and with no fanfare clear the sidewalks and sometimes the driveways of their closest neighbors. In addition to thanking them personally, I would like to publically acknowledge their thoughtfulness.

Submitted by a grateful Westover resident

As a side note, if any resident knows that a neighbor is ill, or away on business or vacation, or caring for family members, it only takes a few minutes to clear their sidewalks and driveway....and it makes us all feel good about being neighborly.

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2008 Westover Holiday Decorations

This past holiday, Westover had over 50 volunteers helping with the holiday decorations both with installation and take-down. Every year we get more and more helpers, and the Westover Civic Association is so appreciative of their assistance. We have the bows committee who

iron and fabricate all the bows; we have the installation committee who install the garland; the food committee who secure the refreshments; and many others. We installed 57 bows and garland throughout Westover, consumed 48 doughnuts, 2 large boxes of hot chocolate and 2

large boxes of coffee; all of which was necessary to keep the many volunteers warm and accomplishing their task.

Thanks to all of the folks who helped.

