



the Village of Westover

NEWSLETTER
September 2010

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 - 15 Fred Littmann
 - 16 Linda Dalton
 - 17 Carl Janes
 - 18 Ann Frankhouse
 - 19 Al Michelotti
 - 20 Kathy Hooven
 - 21 Dave Patton
 - 22 Vacant

Important Dates

- October 11**
Columbus Day
- October 15 & 16**
Westover Garage Sales
8am-2pm
- October 21**
Pumpkin Carving
5pm
- October 28**
Trick or Treat 6-8pm
Haunted House 6-8pm
- November 17**
Westover Board Meeting
- November 2**
Election Day
- November 11**
Veterans Day

Westover Annual Dues Collection

Fall is Westover's time of the year to collect the annual dues so that we can continue to provide many services and benefits to our residents.

The Civic Association board met recently and is pleased to inform the residents that we are holding the dues at \$30 per household. The Westover Civic Association is an all volunteer organization and membership in the Association is also voluntary.

So why should you join and pay your dues?

- The summer and early fall **block parties** held twice a year;
- The **web-site** located at www.villageofwestover.org with a great deal of helpful information;
- The informative **newsletter**;

- Financial support to help with several Women's Club projects such as the **Garage Sales, Pumpkin Carving and Egg Hunt**;
- Ability for Westover to pursue **grants** to further enhance the beauty and resale value of Westover homes;
- **Email Blast** system for timely and quick updates;
- Provide **holiday decorations** throughout Westover in keeping with the Williamsburg tradition;
- Mowing and maintenance in the beautiful **Common areas**;
- Occasional treats needed to encourage Westover Willy to come out of his winter hole to provide sound advice and wisdom to our residents;
- Maintenance and upgrades for the tree id signs, benches and entrance neighborhood lighting;

- Printing Fitness Trail maps;
- Maintenance of the **street signs**;
- Printing of the **Westover Directory** of residents.

Won't you please make a check out for \$30 payable to Westover Civic Association? You just need to give it to your Zone Director (see left hand column). Please help continue to keep The Village of Westover as one of the premier communities in the Harrisburg area and support the Civic Association.

Your zone director will also be visiting during October to collect your dues. Or you may mail your dues to Dave Baboian, Treasurer, 4350 Carlisle Pike, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Leaf Pick Up

Hampden Township will be picking up leaves every Friday starting October 8th, and continuing until Thanksgiving Day. Please rake your leaves into the street with about a foot between your leaf pile and the curb so that the machine can properly pick up the leaves. Also, do not park near the leaf pile since it is difficult for the machines to suck them up when you park too close. Finally, please do not put sticks, metal or yard waste in the leaf pile as that will jam the expensive machines.

Westover Elections

Fall is also the time of the year when the Civic Association elects the officers and zone directors. This year Patty Bucek, Vice-President and Elaine Farrell, Secretary are up for election for two year terms along with the zone directors with a one year term. Attached to this newsletter is a ballot which we ask that you consider either the individuals indicated or provide a write in candidate. The Civic Association needs your input and the election process enables you to make your voice heard to help drive our activities.

End of Summer Block Party

See page 5 for photos and story on the End of Summer Block Party.

More photos at our web-site www.villageofwestover.org and click on the Pictures tab.





Sergeant Shissler Update

FOR YOUR SAFETY....

Sergeant Shissler reminds all our residents that stealing things out of a car is a very common criminal event in Westover. Items usually stolen are GPS units, laptops and the like. Sergeant Shissler urges everyone to be diligent and put the items in your glove box or hide them under a blanket, or better yet, put them in the trunk.

Now that the weather is getting cooler and with the tendency to want to enjoy the fresh air, Sergeant Shissler also reminds us to be mindful not to leave home with the windows open as this is an "open invitation" for a thief to attempt to come into your home. We have all read about vehicle break-ins recently in the area and while they are not rampant in Hampden Township, it could happen at any time.

With school buses operating on all the roads in Westover and the township, we are reminded to be extra careful of kids going to and from the buses and with the tendency to run into the street if they are a little late. NEVER, of course, pass a school bus when the lights are flashing. Not only is it a BIG safety hazard, but also against the law resulting in some very hefty fines and loss of license.

Westover Civic Association Board Thank you Jim Kreibel

Jim Kreibel has been a Civic Association zone director for parts of Stephens Crossing and St. James Square and has served Westover well. He is a local realtor and active in Westover but is relinquishing his duties to others within the community. Thanks Jim for all your efforts and support.

Trick or Treat Night October 28, 2010

Hampden Township has designated Trick or Treat night as October 28th from 6 to 8 PM.

This date is co-ordinated with many communities on the West Shore area and is advertised as such. The communities ask that you keep a light on and be extra careful with driving that evening. We want to protect all the kids in Westover.



Dear Westover Willie...



Dear Willie,
Tree limbs again! I keep hitting my head as I walk around. What can you do about it?

Signed Sore Head

Dear Sore Head:

I am personally asking all Westover homeowners to cut the tree limbs to 8' height near the sidewalks. It is the law and with the days getting darker earlier, it will make life a lot easier for all the walkers if you trim them back.

Dear Willie:

is the Women's Club part of the Westover Civic Association?

Signed Curious

Dear Curious:

No, the Women's Club is a social and charity organization. Their mission is to, "Strengthening the Westover community and supporting women and families in need in Cumberland county and surrounding areas". The Civic Association partners with the Women's Club to help fund some of their community-wide projects like placing Garage Sale ads, the upcoming Pumpkin Carving event and the Westover Egg Hunt

Hampden Township Email Alerts

Hampden Township has started up an emergency email alert system. You can sign up on this web-site: <http://www.hampdentownship.us/enes/>

Examples of emergency emails they intend to send include possible flooding or high water, snow emergencies, township services closed, or road closures due to emergencies. Sign-up if you want to "be in the know".



YOU'RE INVITED: HAUNTED HOUSE

Thursday October 28th Trick-or-Treat Night



David and Doris Baboian of 6350 Pennsboro Drive will be hosting their 17th annual Halloween Haunted Chamber. This is a wonderful and fun-filled night that all residents must see.

The Haunted Chamber features dropping spiders, skeletons, rats, mad scientists and more with the help of 12 behind the scene volunteers... suitable for brave 9+ year olds to adults. An inflatable Dracula's Bounce Castle will be on hand for younger children. There will be treats for all who make it out for this special and safe Westover tradition.

DON'T FORGET.....Thursday October 28th at 6350 Pennsboro Drive. All are invited!! From 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Street and Stop Signs: Changes Coming

Federal laws regarding street signs and road safety are starting to impact our residential streets. Have you noticed our new STOP signs...they have enhanced reflective coatings and are designed to new break-away standards. The Westover Civic Association, under the direction of John Reiersen, Zone Director, has started to assess the impact on Westover of a government mandated regulation requiring municipalities to change traffic and street sign designs in the future.

Hampden Township official, Glenn MaGatz, met with the Westover Civic Association Board recently to report on design changes. Westover's beautiful wooden street signs won't meet the new standards, required in a few years.

Our current options are to have the Township replace all of our signs at no direct cost to Westover (but expensive to say the least) or for the Westover Civic Association to replace our posts and signs with a new break-away design. We will keep you posted as this project moves forward.

Westover Yard Sale: Get Your Stuff Ready!

The date has been posted...and the advertisements scheduled in local papers and online bulleting boards. The Westover Community Yard Sale is your chance to throw open your garage door and unload your access.

Community Yard Sale ads and flyers are paid for by the Civic Association and coordinated by the Westover Women's Club.



**Westover Yard Sale
8:00 am—2:00 pm**

Westover Women's Club Sponsoring Pumpkin Carving

The Westover Women's Club, with funding provided by the Westover Civic Association, will host a pumpkin carving event in McCord Commons on Thursday October 21th at 5:00 PM. Pumpkin carving, a sack race with prizes, hot chocolate and cider along with the Women's Club cookies and goodies, carving knives, markers and all the stuff needed will be provided. You need to do two things:



1. Reserve a pumpkin (\$3 each) with Audrey Newell at audreys@familynewell.org since they have to buy and transport just the right number of pumpkins. You can also call her at 691-1816.
2. The second thing is to show up!

This is a great fun event. Don't miss it!

From the Westover Mailbag....

❑ Earring Lost Then Found!

“Case solved. We put a sign out near our mailbox and (name withheld) from across the street came by this morning and claimed the earring. She had just received the earrings for her anniversary a couple weeks ago and was thankful to get it back.”

RESPONSE. Wonderful...another happy homeowner.

❑ Fence Rules

“Does Westover have an ordinance regarding privacy fences? Do the boards have to be on the outside of the fence or can they be on either side. If there is an ordinance, is it enforceable? Hampden Township does not have an ordinance.”

RESPONSE: Thanks for your inquiry. The Westover Covenants do not address your concern as they mimic the Hampden Township ordinances regarding fences. You can reference the Hampden Township Ordinances at <http://www.hampdentownship.us/ordinances/> and you want section 1708. There is no mention of the direction of the boards, but general practices dictate that the good side is your neighbor's side and you get the framework.

❑ Found Key

“Can you pass this on to everyone? One of my neighbors found a single key attached to a remote control on Westover Drive across the street from the new town-homes. Anyone who lost it can call me at (number withheld) Thanks.”

RESPONSE. Please email Westover at westover@villageofwestover.org if you are the owner of this key.

❑ Dear WebMaster

“The newsletter just gets better and better. Can't wait for the next issue. Would it be possible to include a link at the bottom of the newsletter so people could add a note or suggestion to you?”

RESPONSE. Excellent suggestion and we have added it here.

❑ Dear Sir

“I noticed that you listed the *Popcorn Hat Players* as entertainment for kids. I have seen them twice in different venues, and they are great for all ages. If you send out a follow-up about the picnic, you might encourage one and all to enjoy their performance.

RESPONSE. Thanks and they are good aren't they. The kids sure enjoyed them at the Block Party.

❑ Good Morning

“Please add me to your list for the Westover Email Blasts to Residents. Also, please send me the email regarding the alert to possible pet poisonings. Thanks!

RESPONSE. You can actually add yourself by going to www.villageofwestover.org and click on the Email Button.

❑ Hello

“We are buying a home in Westover and was wondering if there are covenants for the neighborhood and if so, would it be possible to send me a copy.”

RESPONSE. There are covenants that are part of your deed and since these restrictions are specific to when your home was built, they are the controlling document.

Suggestions or questions for Westover Willie or the Civic Association can be emailed to:

westover@villageofwestover.org



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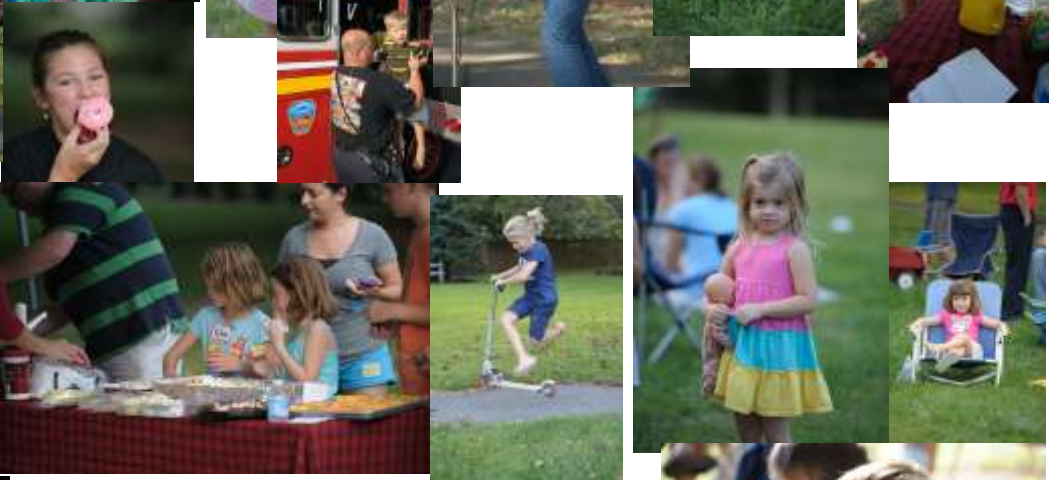
Westover End of Summer Block Party



The Westover Civic Association sponsored their End of Summer Neighborhood Block Party on September 19th. This was a rain date and the weather ended up to be just perfect. This event was held in the McCord Commons and the sunny weather helped to draw over 160 attendees.

We were entertained by pop guitarist **Rhyne McCormick**, there was a fantastic children's show by the **Popcorn Hat Players**, **Chilly Dilly's** ice cream truck did a brisk business, and free hot dogs & baked goods with the help of the **Westover Women's Club** chefs and bakers were a hit. The **Hampden Township Fire Department** had a Fire Rescue truck there for all of us to view.

Thanks to the many volunteers who made this event possible. Please see www.villageofwestover.org and click on the Pictures tab to see colorful photos of this event.





Official Dues Payment

VILLAGE OF WESTOVER DUES COUPON -
\$30 per household

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Dues are \$30 per Household. Make dues check payable to Village of Westover.

Submit dues directly to your Zone Director with this coupon (see front page of newsletter for a listing of all Zone Directors) or

Or mail dues check and this form to Civic Association Treasurer,

David Baboian, CPA,
4350 Carlisle Pike
Camp Hill, PA 17011



Official Election Ballot
Westover Civic Association
2010 –2011

Circle your selection please

Vice President - Patty Bucek or write in _____

Secretary – Elaine Farrell or write in _____

Your current zone director _____ or write in _____

Please return this to:

Bill Carlisle
Westover Civic Association
6333 Pennsboro Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Or to:

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4350 Carlisle Pike
Camp Hill, PA 17011