

# the Village of Westover

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**Important Dates**

**September 7**  
Labor Day

**September 13**  
Westover Block Party in  
the Commons

**September 16**  
Westover Board Meeting

**October 12**  
Columbus Day

## Village of Westover Electric Issues

There have been numerous electrical outages in Westover this past year. The Westover Board has been in touch with Michael Gossert, Hampden Township Manager, who let us know that he is working hard on our behalf to get this corrected. The problem stems from the underground wiring which is starting to deteriorate and the switching equipment which is getting older. PP&L is fully aware of the situation and has been reacting to the outages.

We would like PP&L to be proactive, however, and replace all the wiring that is

failing rather than providing a patchwork job as situations come up for repair. Needless to say, the cost of total replacement is great and PP&L is allocating resources as they see fit.

As Westover residents, we need your help. Hampden Township needs emails, letters, documentation and support information to take to PP&L to get them to move on this project. The more documentation they have the better position they are in to help pressure PP&L to get this done soon.

Our Westover Webmaster, John Coyne, is developing a web form for you to report any outages with the date, time, address, duration and any impact that the electrical outage had on you. You can also go to the Village of Westover website at [www.villageofwestover.org](http://www.villageofwestover.org) and send a note to us with any helpful stories of what the electrical impact has had on you or your family. We need this information; your help would be appreciated and lead to positive results.

## PAWA Water Update

Pennsylvania American Water finished the water pressure increase on the West Shore on Wednesday, July 22. However, this has caused several problems for some homeowners. While the Westover Civic Association has no jurisdiction or influence on this matter, we can provide you some information.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

You can go to the following web-site [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com) for information. Select PA as your state and then select "Alert Notifications" for up to date information on the project.

**PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES**

We have received many questions regarding pressure reducing valves and find that many homeowners have already installed them. Below is some information from the PA American Water's web-site that may be of interest to you:

**Q. Will Pennsylvania American Water install a PRV for me at no charge?**

In areas where pressure is being increased as part of this project, the company will install a PRV free of charge when water pressure at an individual's property is 125 psi

or higher. For customers with pressure lower than 125 psi, their water service falls within normal operating pressures, so the decision and responsibility for installing a PRV is the homeowner's.

**Q. What if a customer experiences property damage during the pressure increase?**

If the water pressure at your property equals or exceeds 125 psi during the pressure increase in the affected areas, then for a 90-day period following the completion of the increase, Pennsylvania American Water will provide and pay

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## Sergeant Shissler Update

### ***FOR YOUR SAFETY....***

Sergeant Shissler tells us that vandals were at work in Kings Arms once again, this time damaging street signs. He asks everyone to report (do not try to apprehend the vandals) any suspicious activity to 911 right away.

He also told us to make sure we put out our mail just prior to the mail carrier pickup time. Do not place the mail in the box overnight or early in the morning and then leave for the day. "Bad" people have been known to confiscate the mail looking for identity theft information.

There are numerous speed traps set up (he won't tell us where!) in an attempt to get folks to slow down. This is an ongoing problem with speeding drivers as well as people not stopping at stop signs. Kids are out playing and we need to be cautious.

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for a contractor to repair any damage that occurs to the customer's private service line up to the outside foundation of the building. In addition, if the water pressure at your property equals or exceeds 125 psi during the pressure increase in the affected areas, then for a 90-day period following the completion of the increase, Pennsylvania American Water will provide and pay for a contractor to repair damage that occurs to the customer's internal water pipes and any water damage caused by leaking water pipes. This protection does not include damage to plumbing fixtures and appliances, such as hot water heaters, clothes washers, dish washers, faucets or shower heads. The company will file a claim with its insurer for consideration of the damages listed above. As previously stated, the company will arrange for the installation of a pressure reducing valve free of charge at an individual's property, if the pressure equals or exceeds 125 psi as a result of the pressure increase.

### ***Q. How do customers file a claim to be reimbursed for property damage related to the pressure increase?***

Contact Pennsylvania American Water at 1-866-641-2179 if you experience property damage that you believe is associated with the pressure increase. When you call this number, please provide your name, address and phone number, and explain the severity of the problem and whether the water has been shut off. Pennsylvania American Water will dispatch contractor crews to assess the situation, assist with cleanup, and file a claim with the company's insurance carrier for consideration of the damages

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## *Dear Westover Willie*

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**Dear Willie,**

I walk through Westover all the time and see cigarette butts on the streets and sidewalks. It is not very pretty and degrades the community. What are you going to do about it? Signed: Ms. Butt Picker Upper

**Dear Ms. Butt Picker Upper:**

Sorry, but there is not much I can do. It is a personal responsibility to discard butts into a proper container and that does not include the public areas! As you know, I fly over the area every now and then. If I see someone flicking butts in public areas, I could sort of, you know, drop a little on their head as a friendly reminder. That is the best I can do.

**Dear Willie:**

When I walk through Westover, I hit my head on tree branches hanging down. Is that because you and your buddies are sitting on them causing them to droop down? Signed: Mr. Walking Sore Head

**Dear Mr. Walking Sore Head:**

No, no, we birds hang around in the middle or upper part of the trees and not on the ends. You see, the homeowner has let this happen, when in fact, it is the law to have them trimmed 8 feet above the sidewalk. So please, homeowners, trim your trees.

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## **New & Departing Board Members**

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**Clarence Chriss**, who was a Westover zone director for the Berkeley Drive area, moved out of the community and is no longer on the board. He was a great help to us in Westover and we would like to extend a BIG thank you to Clarence.

**Linda Witte** has volunteered to take over this responsibility and is the new zone director for Berkeley. Welcome to the Westover Civic Association, Linda; we are very happy to have you onboard and look forward to your participation.

The Village of Westover is governed by a Board of Directors that meets about four times a year. We look at areas of improvement that need to be implemented, keep on top of township and police developments, and many more things. If you would like to become involved, come to our next board meeting on September 16th!

# Recycling Update for Westover



~~ CLIP AND SAVE~~

## York Waste Eligible Recycling Items

York Waste, Westover's Waste and Recycling Hauler under Hampden Township, has updated the list of eligible recycling items. The following can now be placed curbside

### Recycling Container:

- Aluminum food and beverage containers (please rinse; labels do not have to be removed)
- Plastic containers with symbols 1 through 7
- Glass (clear, brown, green) food and beverage containers (please rinse and remove lids;

labels do not have to be removed)

- Food cans (please rinse; labels do not have to be removed)

Bundle or place the following items in **Paper Bags**:

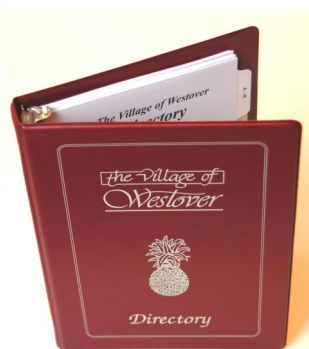
- Corrugated cardboard - please flatten and cut into pieces no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet and bundle.
- Empty aerosol cans
- Newsprint, including slick inserts
- Construction paper, cereal and food boxes, paper towel rolls or similar
- Printer paper, computer paper, copy paper
- Junk mail
- Magazines and catalogs
- Telephone books

If your recycling container is too small or broken, you can obtain a new one at the township office or by calling the number below.

If you have any questions about your curbside recycling collection, please contact the Township Utility Billing Office at 909-7145 .



## Westover Directory Updates



Patti Bucek, Vice President of the Westover Civic Association, reports that the new directory inserts will be available for distribution to all current dues paying members of the Association in August of this year. Your Zone Director will be making the delivery to you.

The directory will include the current names and addresses of the homeowners. The directory is a great aid to meet new friends and neighbors. Patti has worked hard to obtain accurate updates, format them into the directory and coordinate the printing. Thank you Patti.

Since the cost of printing these comprehensive directories is expensive, we need to limit the distribution to only current dues paying members. So . . . if you want a directory and you have not paid your dues, now is the time.

## Westover Street Sign Posts

If you've noticed fresh looking street sign posts this summer, thank Katie Reiersen who took on the job of painting the posts throughout Westover after the Westover Board approved the funds. Over the years, many of the posts were painted at various times with differing colors which created a very undesirable "look." Katie scraped, sanded, climbed ladders, and painted all the posts. She did a good job.

But we are not done yet! We still need to paint some of the brackets holding the signs as well as replace some signs that have deteriorated beyond repair. This project is under advisement but work should commence later this summer.

## Westover Block Party...Take Two

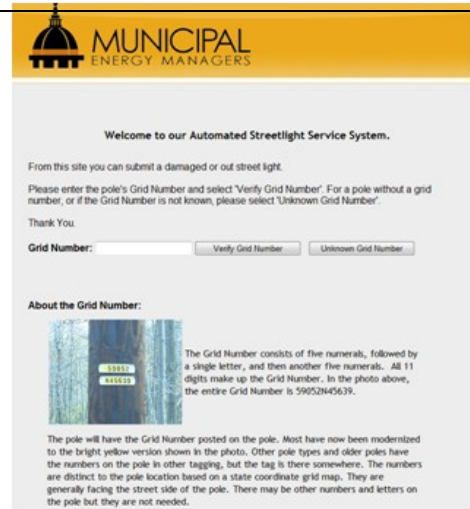
The Westover Civic Association along with help from the Westover Women's Club will hold the second Block Party on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00pm. See you there! Entertainment, hot dogs and ice cream along with baked goods will be there for you to enjoy. The hot dogs and ice cream are Free, so please come out for a wonderful day in the park.

# Street Light Bulb Replacements

EASY AND FAST

When a street light bulb burns out or the pole is damaged in Westover, it is the responsibility of a homeowner to report the problem so that the proper authorities are notified to correct the situation. It is very easy to report the problem, according to the township. A homeowner should go to [www.slout.com](http://www.slout.com) which will guide you through the process of identifying the pole number and reporting what is wrong. The pole number can be found on the actual pole. To the right is a copy of what the web-site page looks like.

It is not necessary, therefore, to call PP&L or the township for this easy fix, so do not hesitate to identify the problem and report it through this web-site. →→→→→



## June Westover Block Party Photos



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