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## Speeding in School Zones

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*From the Hampden Township Police Department*

This past spring the Hampden Township Police Department received complaints from parents whose children walk to Good Hope Middle School and Hampden Elementary Schools. The complaint was in the nature of motorists speeding through the 15 MPH school zone in front of both schools. Our department conducted some school zone enforcement and we discovered that there is a problem with speeding through the school zone; it was not uncommon for us to stop a motorist for driving 40 MPH in a 15 MPH school zone. What we also noticed is that most of the motorists that we were stopping live in the developments close to the schools.

We please ask that some type of comment be placed in the Westover Newsletter asking motorists to abide by the 15 MPH school zone speed limit. Now that school is back in session, officers are conducting enforcement and motorists should be aware that a traffic citation with a fine of not more than \$500 can be issued to a motorist who exceeds the maximum speed limit by more than 11 miles per hour.

Drivers are also reminded that when meeting or overtaking any school bus stopped on a highway or traffic way, the driver shall stop at least ten feet before reaching the school bus when the red signal lights on the school bus are flashing and the side stop sign is out. The driver shall not proceed until the flashing red signal lights are no longer on. In no event shall a driver of a vehicle resume motion of the vehicle until the school children who have exited the school bus have reached a place of safety. The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which a school bus is stopped shall stop his vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal lights are no longer on.

The Department asks for everyone's full cooperation in keeping our children safe!

*This quarter we will not have Sergeant Shissler's corner due to this special request by the Hampden Police Department.*

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## Dear Westover Willie

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Dear Willie,

**Q** Willey, this newsletter that the Westover Civic Association does is pretty cool. Can I get some ads in there or tell the world that Johnny just graduated with honors from high school?



**A** The newsletter is published to inform its members of the many Village of Westover projects, activities, and improvements that are relevant to the entire neighborhood. I hear that they are unable to accommodate personal requests and business solicitations.

**Q** Has the economy and credit crisis hurt the Civic Association?

**A** Yes, no one has come through this untouched. Our money market and CD accounts are generating very little interest (but the good news is we have both!). I hear that the association is keeping dues at last year's level (\$30) all in an attempt to help Westover residents cope with the economic environment.

**Q** How can I help make the community better?

**A** Glad you asked. You could volunteer at the Holiday Decorations party, help with the Clean Up Campaign in the fall, pick up rather than walk around trash (the newspaper bags are great to hold this stuff) and volunteer to be on the board. Call Joe Farrell at 697-6244 for more information.

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## Westover Annual Dues Collection

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The fall is our time to collect Westover dues and we are holding the dues again at \$30 per household for 2009. This is a tremendous value for the services provided such as **holiday decorations, Summer in the Park, mowing, fertilization, walking paths, enhancements to the Commons, replacement of entrance signs, maintenance of street signs, Directory of Residents, newsletters and the work of the safety committee** to help keep our streets safe.

Please get your check ready, payable to *Westover Civic Association* and give it to your Zone Director (See left hand column on the first page of this newsletter for the

zone director's name). Please help keep The Village of Westover one of the premier communities in the Harrisburg area and support the Civic Association.

Your zone director will also be visiting your household during the month of October to collect your dues.



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## Westover Deer Park?

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It was a foggy May morning when Ed Rickenbach walked out of 8 King's Arms in Westover. "You can imagine my surprise as I peered into the fog in McCord Commons to see two deer. I quickly returned to the house and retrieved my camera and was able to snap several pictures of the deer before they disappeared into the deepening fog in the southeast part of the Commons."

*Editor's Note* There was another sighting of one deer several hours later crossing Pennsboro Drive, through a side yard and into McCord Commons. And remember it is no hunting in Westover!!

Thanks to Ed Rickenbach for this article and photo.



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## You're Invited: Haunted House Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> Trick-or-Treat Night

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David and Doris Baboian of 6350 Pennsboro Drive will be hosting the 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Thanks to **David and Doris**.

**DON'T FORGET.....** Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6350 Pennsboro Drive. All are invited!! From 6:00 to 8:00 PM.



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## Halloween Hayride!

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Mike & Nikki McLaughlin, residents of Westover, along with the Mike Novosel Chapter of Vietnam Vets, are hosting their 3rd annual Halloween Hayride for the children of Westover on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th, starting at dusk to approximately 8pm. The ride will be held in their side yard, at 6135 Westover Drive.

Children are invited to come wearing their costumes to have a costume parade, bob for apples, enjoy hot dogs, hot chocolate and goodies, face and pumpkin painting, and of course, take a ride in the hay wagon! Older siblings may dress up and arrive early to help make the ride just a little "spooky" and assist in other ways. For more details or to offer assistance, please contact Michele Dibble at [mdibbs@comcast.net](mailto:mdibbs@comcast.net) or call Mike & Nikki at 697-0046. Parents, if you want to dress up, that's great too! Children should be accompanied by an adult.

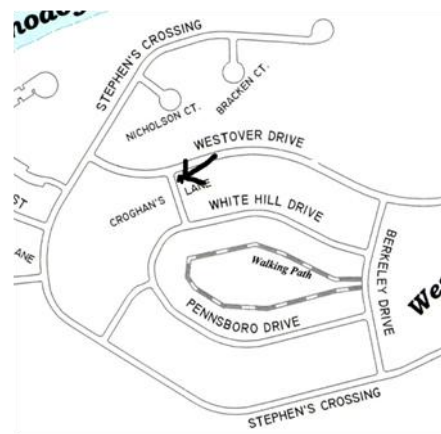
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## New Stop Sign

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Hampden Township approved a new stop sign for Westover at the intersection of Westover and Croghans Lane. It should be in place in the next month or so. This is a terrible spot with some near misses

where visiting folks went through the intersection thinking they had right of way. Thanks to the Township for honoring the request of the Westover Civic Association.





# WOW---West Over Walkers by Corky Dalton

Meet every week day at 8 AM at McCord Commons to join the WOW group. Here's the deal. If you'd like to initiate the walking habit, join us at 8 AM Monday thru Friday at the lower sign on McCord Commons. We do one loop around the Commons to catch stragglers before we set off on our Westover wanderings. We walk one-half hour at a reasonable pace. Of course, your participation depends on your assessment of your health and ability, as well as, your mental agility at keeping your well-refined excuses at bay.

While walking we do a lot of serious stuff: sometimes its sidewalk superintending the new condos in Westover East, other times it's about boats, travel, and, just oc-

asionally, an ounce of gossip. Of course, there is trash can patrol, beer can pick-up, and newspaper repositioning.

Here is a handy chart to figure out how fast you walk and how long it will take you to walk a mile. Instructions for use: 1) go to McCord Commons, 2) set your watch, 3) time how long to walk the inner sidewalk around the McCord Commons, 4) look up your time in the first column and the other columns will tell you how fast you are walking and how long it will take you to walk a mile.



## Westover Walking Speed Calculator

Your time to walk around McCord Commons	This is your Miles Per Hour	And this is how long it will take you to walk a full mile
3:30 (minutes : seconds)	4.95 (MPH)	12:12 (minutes : seconds)
3:45	4.6	13:04
4:00	4.42	13:56
4:15	4.14	14:49
4:30	3.89	15:41
4:45	3.67	16:33
5:00	3.48	17:25
5:15	3.30	18:18
5:30	3.14	19:10
5:45	3.00	20:02
6:00	2.92	20:54
6:15	2.79	21:47
6:30	2.68	22:39
6:45	2.57	23:31
7:00	2.48	24:23

*Thanks to Corky Dalton*

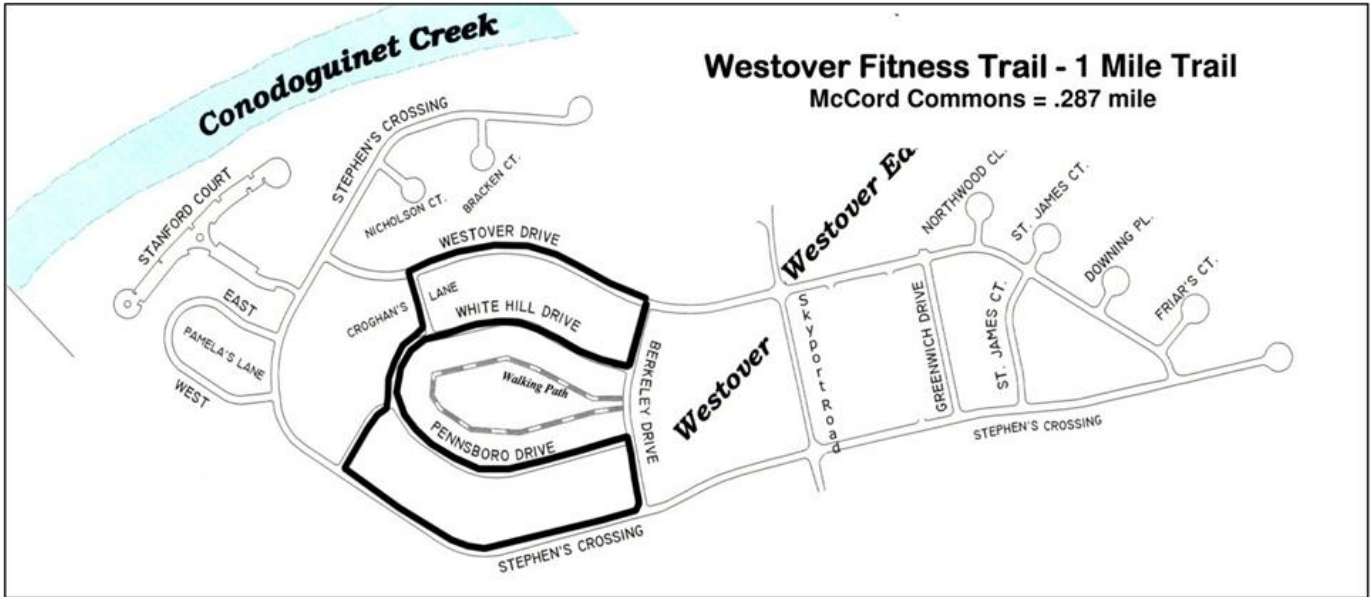


Corky Dalton, left, and Bill Carlisle, right.



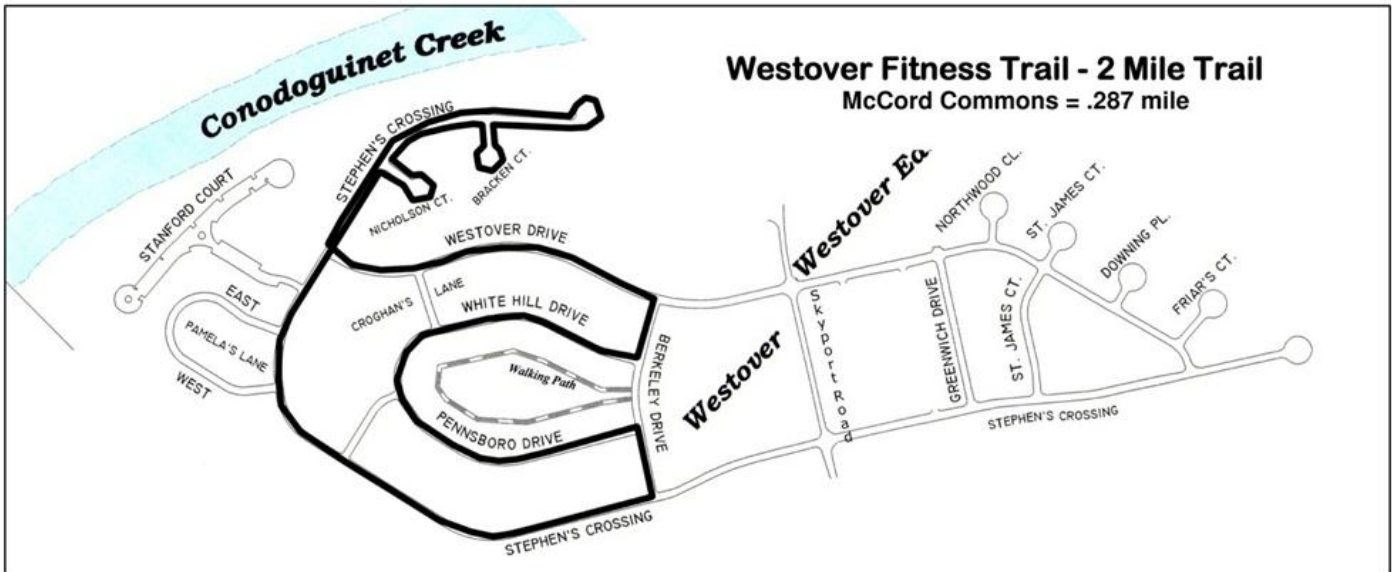
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# Fitness Trails



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# Westover Women's Club

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The Westover Women's Club recently elected **Ros Jones** as president, and she is leading the club to a very busy and active year with 40 in attendance at the most recent meeting. The Women's Club organizes the **Care/Share** program that gives to local families in crisis with the annual donations drive beginning in October. They also support The **Giving Tree** in December that provides requested gifts to needy families. The list goes on with the **Santa Breakfast**, the **Easter Egg Hunt**, and many more family fun activities for the upcoming year.

Other officers this year are: **Beth Bender**, Vice President; **Kristen Lehman**, Treasurer; **Michele Dibble**, Care/Share Program; and **Audrey Newell and Oksana Kedia**, Gourmet Program.

Annual membership dues are \$15 which supports the programs of the Women's Club. The monthly meetings are \$12 which include a gourmet dinner, desserts and cocktails! (editors note – sounds like the best bargain in town!)

For further information, to contribute to the programs or to join call Ros Jones, Westover Women's Club President at 697-4901 or you may email her at [wgrcjones@comcast.net](mailto:wgrcjones@comcast.net).

Throughout this newsletter you will see many articles and services provided by the Women's Club and we are grateful for their service to the Westover Community.

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## Westover Yard Sales!

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The Westover Women's Club will be holding a yard sale within the community on Friday, October 31, and Saturday, November 1, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Women's Club will have signs posted and advertisements in the local newspapers.

This is a great service that the Women's Club provides and we thank them for it. So get all your stuff that you've been meaning to do something with, tag it, and get ready for the big crowds. This has always

been a popular event for our homeowners with lots of interest from shoppers residing in surrounding communities.

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## Pumpkin Carving in Westover

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On Tuesday October 21 at 5 :00 PM in the McCord Commons park, the Westover Women's Club will be hosting a Pumpkin Carving. This fun event will help all eager carvers transform a plain pumpkin to a work of art, just in time for Halloween.

So here is what you do:

- Bring a pumpkin or pumpkins (one for each kid or adult is appropriate)
- Bring your tools including appropriate knives, scoopers and band-aids.

The Womens Club will provide cider and home made cookies! See you there.



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## New Zone Directors

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Part of what keeps an organization fresh and alive including the Westover Civic Association is the hard work of the volunteers who make it happen. We are proud to introduce new zone directors for the Board of the Westover Civic Association. They are:

ZONE 1—**Ed Nerino** of 6352 Stephens Crossing  
ZONE 6—**Ed Trador** of 6107 Westover Drive  
ZONE 8—**Bill Carlisle** of 6333 Pennsboro Drive  
ZONE 14—**Monti Fletcher** of 6335 Stamford Court  
ZONE 20—**John Coyne** of 212 St. James Court  
ZONE 22—**Jim Kriebel** of 5903 Stephen's Crossing

We thank these new zone directors and all of the current directors for their support and help to make Westover a better place to live.

The Westover Civic Association thanks these outgoing zone directors for the hard work and dedication over the years: **Sue Schweitz, Maria Szczur, Frances Ball, Bill Habacivch and Kim Burke**

We all realize that the association is kept alive by the hard work of the volunteers and we owe you a big thank you. Thank you