



# the Village of Westover

NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2007

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**Important Dates**

**May 5—9am**  
McCord Commons  
clean-up day.

**May 28**  
Memorial Day  
(observed)

**June 20**  
Westover Board Meet-  
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**September 5**  
Westover Board Meet-  
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**November 7**  
Westover Board Meet-  
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## Westover Clean-Up Party on May 12th in the Neighborhood's McCord Commons

On Saturday, May 12th at 9:00 am sharp, Westover will have a Community Clean-Up Party and you are invited! This party only lasts an hour so to avoid missing any fun we suggest you get there on time. We will meet at the lower end of McCord Commons. The party will have coffee, doughnuts, hot chocolate, and is totally free. Dress is casual (blue jeans and shorts are entirely appropriate); bring some toys like clippers, leaf rake, and gloves, and

you will be ready to party. Fun things to do will include light trimming of shrubs, raking of weeds in the flower beds, laying of tan bark, and picking up sticks.

Please come to our Annual Clean-Up Party in McCord Commons as it will only be an hour of your time, honest. Kids are welcome as well as youth or scout groups.



## New Westover Light Fixtures

Last fall, the Village of Westover community homeowners voted for the new, brighter street light fixtures offered by PPL, and they are now in the process of being installed. It may take the balance of the summer to get them all installed since PP&L fits this project within normal maintenance and construction projects.

Stephens Crossing (in the original section of Westover) is now fully installed with the new light fixtures. The lights are much brighter and the design of the lights is such that the majority of the light shines downward.

# Westover Yard Sale



The Westover Women's Club will be holding the yard sales within the community on Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Women's Club will have signs posted and advertisements in the local newspapers. The Women's Club is timing the Yard Sale to coincide with Good Hope's yard sale on the same day. There is no fall yard sale

event planned.

# Dear Westover Willie



**Dear Willie,**

Do you think it is appropriate for the dog walkers to stop their dogs at my neighbor's mailbox and "fertilize" the ivy and other plantings? Do you think the fertilizer will kill the plantings or promote their growth?

**Answer:** I think the dog walkers should be respectful of other people's property. It takes a lot of time and money to keep your property looking nice.

**Dear Willie:**

Willie, is it ok to have my lawn mower throw the grass clippings from where I'm mowing onto the street when I mow? The township sweeps the streets so they may as well pick up my grass clippings. Right?

**Answer:** No way, Jose, should you do this. It is very unsightly, makes a mess, clings to your shoes, clings to your pet's paws, and, no, it is not the responsibility of "others" including our fine township to take care of your mess.



**Dear Willie**

I keep a small trailer in my driveway for hauling things. Is that A-OK?

**Answer:** No. I had my wise old attorney owl friend look this one up and I think he went all the way to the Supreme Court to find the correct answer. He indicated that the Westover Covenants prohibit storing these trailers in your driveway. May I suggest you put them in your garage or back yard!

# Black Flies, Gypsy Moths and Other Critters



The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania tells us that Black Fly, aka gnats, spraying is fully funded this year and will commence as soon as larvae are found in the Conodoguinet, Susquehanna, and Yellow Breeches waterways. This year they are spraying later due to the cold weather but are monitoring the waterways for the first sign of the gnats.

The county, township, and the state are all working on Gypsy Moth programs this year, too. The insecticide being used on residential properties is **Bacillus thuringiensis** (Bt), a biological insecticide which has no known adverse human health or environmental impacts. The insecticide will be applied by aircraft, either helicopter or fixed wing, flying approximately 50 feet above the treetops. To avoid the possibility of eye irritation, persons should not look up when the spray cloud is descending. If eye irritation does occur, an eye wash should be used and the family physician consulted. If the material gets on the skin, soap and water are sufficient to remove it. To make spot removal as easy as possible, vehicles which are exposed to the spray deposit should be washed as soon as possible.



You may contact the local Bureau of Forestry office in Fayetteville, PA at 717-352-2211 if you need additional information on the insecticides being used or the timing of the spraying. Westover Willie will be on the alert, too, but since he does not have high speed internet access in his tree, he cannot keep us informed. So if you see spraying, don't look up!!!

# Summer in the Park

David Baboian and his team are planning two events this summer for a continuation of our Summer in the Park Program. Mark your calendars for Sunday evening July 15th and Sunday evening August 12<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Plan on a fun evening of adult and kid friendly entertainment.





# Sergeant Shissler, Hampden Police Department

Sergeant Shissler of the Hampden Police Department, our community point of contact, offers some suggestions and thoughts to enjoy the summer months.

## Extra Security

Sergeant Shissler suggests that you lock your house doors and close the garage doors when you are in the back yard! The bad guys are out and about in the springtime knowing that many folks are busy with gardening so an open garage door provides a prime target.

## Motorized Scooters and Carts

No, no, no to the motorized scooters, carts, and motorcycles (battery or gas) that parents are buying for the kids. We are not talking about the little tricycle or miniature cars that young children ride on the sidewalks; we are referring to the vehicles that pre-teen and teenagers are riding. They are not allowed on township streets or township sidewalks. In fact, Sergeant Shissler tells us that there is really no spot where they can be legally used except on personal property.

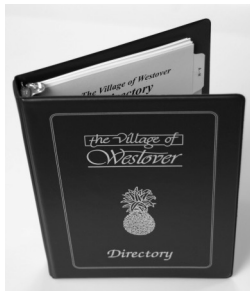
## Aggressive Drivers

Hampden Township will be looking out for aggressive drivers, as the township has received a grant from the Commonwealth of PA called "Smooth Operator". With this grant you will see Hampden Police looking for aggressive driving habits and taking appropriate action, all to help make the roads safe for us.

## Buckle Up Grant

The township police also received a grant called "Buckle Up PA" and, you guessed it, they are looking for folks who drive without seat belts. In fact, you can see this right here in your own neighborhood. All you need to do is watch drivers going to and from their home and see how many do not wear seat belts. You will be surprised. While some high profile people may not wear seat belts, Sergeant Shissler cannot stress enough how much safer you will be with one clicked on.

## WESTOVER DIRECTORY CHANGES



*The following changes need to be made to your Westover Directory that was distributed recently to all Westover current dues paying residents:*

Add: **Lang, Kevin & Alison**  
5906 Westover Dr.  
**691-4145**  
Brady 1999

Delete:: Kivlan