



the Village of Westover

NEWSLETTER
october 2009

www.villageofwestover.org

President
Joe Farrell

Vice-President
Patti Bucek

Treasurer
David Baboian

Secretary
Elaine Farrell

Immediate Past President
Michael Dillon

Zone Directors

- 1 Beth Nerino
- 2 Matt Carnovale
- 3 Linda Lippert
- 4 John Reiersen
- 5 Jackie Garno
- 6 Ed Trador
- 7 Carney Humphreys
- 8 Bill Carlisle
- 9 Laura Witte
- 10 Joe Washburn
- 11 Greg Hartman
- 12 Annette Crist
- 13 Elaine Morrison
- 14 Monti Fletcher
- 15 Fred Littmann
- 16 Linda Dalton
- 17 Terry Jones
- 18 Ann Frankhouse
- 19 Al Michelotti
- 20 John Coyne
- 21 Dave Patton
- 22 Jim Kriebel

Important Dates

October 23 & 24
Westover Garage Sales
8am—2pm

October 26
Pumpkin Carving 5pm

October 29
Halloween 6—8pm
Haunted House 6-8pm

November 18
Westover Board Meeting

November 3
Election Day

November 11
Veterans Day

November 26
Thanksgiving

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 and Pumpkin Carving;
- Ability for Westover to pursue grants to further enhance the beauty and resale value of Westover homes;
- 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 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 dues to Dave Baboian, Treasurer, 4350 Carlisle Pike, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

SEE BACK PAGE FOR IMPORTANT DUES INFORMATION.

Leaf Pick Up

Hampden Township will be picking up leaves every Friday starting October 14th, and continuing until Thanksgiving Day. Please rake your leaves into the street with about a foot between your leaf piles 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.

Diseased Oak Trees

Some of the oak trees on Westover and Pennsboro Drives are showing signs of disease. Westover has contacted the PA DCNR forest ranger who is in the process of reviewing the situation. The ranger will provide us with a written assessment of the problem and any suggested remedies. It is important that Westover become involved in finding a solution with this problem and possibly stop any advancing disease in the bud before it takes over. Look for the full report in the next newsletter.

Westover Elections

Fall is also the time of the year when the Civic Association elects the officers and zone directors. This year Joe Farrell, President and Dave Baboian, Treasurer 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.



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.

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.

Dear Westover Willie...



Dear Willy,

I've noticed in the Pennsboro Drive area of Westover that there are a couple of "unattended cats" frolicking to and fro and through the front and backyards of our Village. The cats have an owner as they have tags around their neck. How can we ask the owners to please be with their cat while outdoors?

Dear Unattended,

When I fly around the area of Pennsboro Drive I see this happening and ask that the owners be a little more responsible. This can be more of a danger than one thinks. If they go into the street they could be run over, other animals can possibly attack them, and no one is picking up after they "do their business" which is a very annoying thing in itself!

If you have a question for Willie, he can be emailed at jfarrell@farrell-assoc.com. If he doesn't use your question, don't be offended since Willie can sometimes be a little ornery. He is always looking for sound concerns from our residents....no pet peeves though....drives Willie nuts!

Westover 2009 Directory Updates



The update insert for the 2009 Westover Directory of residents has been printed and is ready for distribution. We thank you for your patience. The Westover Directories will be distributed to dues paying members during our fall collection dues collection campaign, which is currently going on. We will distribute the Directory insert pages only; if you need a binder, please ask your zone director to obtain one for you. The directories are expensive to produce so we have to limit them to dues paying members only.

Lost and Found!

Money and tickets to a sporting event were found in the McCord Commons. If you lost these items, please go to www.villageofwestover.org and send an email to the webmaster. You will be asked to identify the name of the sporting event to be able to claim the tickets and lost money.

Thank you Elaine Morrison

Elaine Morrison has been a Civic Association zone director for Kensington Square and has served Westover well. She was the board secretary for many years and attends all of our functions

as an active volunteer. She has been instrumental in the Holiday Bows Committee. Elaine has decided to reduce her activities; we thank her for all of her efforts. Thank you, Elaine!

Westover Commons Tree Trimming

The Hampden Township Parks and Recreation Department recently trimmed all the trees in Westover's Commons areas and did a great job. It took them about a month to fit the work in their busy schedules. The Township crews trimmed the trees so that branches are higher off the ground to facilitate walking and mowing.

We would like to extend thanks to Hampden Township for providing this service to our neighborhood. As a special thank you for all the good work they do for Westover, the Civic Association provided ice cream sundaes with all the trimmings for the Parks and Recreation staff at the Township Offices during one of their lunch hours.

Thanks to Linda Lippert, Connie Spangler, and Bette and Joe Gottwald for serving up the ice cream with all the fixins! This is our small way of giving back to the many Township employees that make Westover such a beautiful place to live.

YOU'RE INVITED: HAUNTED HOUSE

Thursday October 29th Trick-or-Treat Night



David and Doris Baboian of 6350 Pennsboro Drive will be hosting their 16th 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 29th at 6350 Pennsboro Drive. All are invited!! From 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Preliminary Discussion on Skyport Road Crosswalk

The Westover Civic Association, under the direction of Patti Bucek, Vice President, has started preliminary explorations on having a crosswalk installed on Skyport Road at Stephens Crossing and a second at Westover Drive. A crosswalk is where signage is placed along the road with bold white lines to let everyone know that pedestrians have right of way when in the crosswalk. There may even be some small signs placed in the street itself letting motorists know that they are operating in a crosswalk.

Skyport Road has become a heavily traveled boulevard, with cars in both directions regularly exceeding the posted speed limit. As a result, crossing at these intersections by joggers, walkers and bikers has become very dangerous. Skyport Road is wide, and traffic traveling north (toward the creek) tends to pass cars waiting to turn left onto Stephens Crossing and Westover Drive, making the intersection even more dangerous to cross, particularly during rush hours.

Hampden Township officials and Westover Civic Association together are looking at multiple options to make this area a safer one for our residents. Skyport Road is owned by the Township and our role is to encourage and help facilitate it. The stumbling block at this point is funding to remove the current handicap access ramps and replace them with larger ones. While these were recently installed by the township, federal regulations have changed and they will need to be removed and replaced.

We will keep you posted and solicit your input if and when this project becomes feasible.

Westover Yard Sale Get Your Stuff Ready!

The Westover Women's Club will be holding the yard sales within the community on Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 24th, 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 out and ready for the big days.



Where Did Skyport Road Originate?

Note: this article is taken from information compiled and provided by Paul Freeman. Additional information is available on his website at http://www.airfields-freeman.com/PA/Airfields_PA_SC.html#skyport

Skyport Road was the access point to a private airport which started in 1946 on the Weibly family farm. The original airport had a 2,200 foot grass runway. Dick Weibly sold Ercoupe airplanes and

actually modified the airplanes to have larger baggage compartments, bigger rear windows and the like.

The airport operated as Skyport Airport and later became the Harrisburg Aviation. The parts business was called Skyport Ercoupe Services and both were housed on the family barn. When the airport closed there were a total of 13 planes in the rental fleet. The main runway is where Stephens Crossing is now

located and the last hanger is still standing on the corner of Westover Drive and Skyport road.

Fuel for the planes sold for \$.30 per gallon in the 1960's and planes rented for \$8.00 per hour. The airport officially closed in November 1969 and was moved to a facility at the Capital City Airport.

So that is the story of Skyport Road!



LOW LOW COST	FLIGHT TRAINING	LOW LOW COST
8 F.A.A. Certificated Flight Instructors Available 8		
60 - Acres All - Sod Field- 60		
NO PAVED RUNWAYS - USE ALL 60 ACRES		
*10.00 Down Solo Course *99.00		
SKYPORT AIRPORT		
<i>"Harrisburg's Friendly Airport"</i>		
(FOUR MILES WEST OF HARRISBURG)		

WESTOVER NEWSLETTER POLICY. This newsletter is published by the Westover Civic Association to inform its members of the many Village of Westover projects, activities and improvements that are relevant to the entire neighborhood. We are unable to accommodate personal requests and business solicitations or advertisements. All photos published in the newsletter are with permission or are in the public domain. We solicit your comments or concerns as well as ideas for newsletter articles by going to www.villageofwestover.org

Westover Block Party II



The Westover Civic Association sponsored the second 2009 Neighborhood Block Party on September 13th. This event was held in the McCord Commons and the sunny weather helped to draw over 160 attendees.

We were entertained by pop guitarist Rhyme 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.

Thanks to the many volunteers who made this event possible... including David Baboian, Patti Bucek, Bill Carlisle, Kaitlin Carnovale, John Coyne, Joe Farrell, **Jacki Garno, Greg Hartman, Bill Jones, Ros Jones & the Westover Women's Club, John Reiersen, Sharon Ryan, Melissa Washburn, and many more.** Please see www.villageofwestover.org for colorful photos of this event.



Westover Women's Club Sponsoring Pumpkin Carving

The Westover Women's Club will host a pumpkin carving event in McCord Commons on Monday October 26th at 5:00 PM. Free pumpkins, 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 with Ros Jones at WGRCJONES@comcast.net since they have to buy and transport just the right number of pumpkins.
2. The second thing is to show up!

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



Westover Email & Website Updates

The Westover Civic Association is moving to a higher technology platform, thanks to John Coyne, our Westover webmaster. One of the goals is to let you, the homeowner, know when hot issues surface such as the recent and ongoing electrical problems for underground wiring in Westover, and other safety and community related issues.

To accomplish this, we will ask residents if they want to participate and, if so, we will be asking for email addresses during our dues collection effort. Email addresses will not be sold or used for any purpose other than to periodically inform you of events that affect your local community. You will be able to opt out at any point.

John will also be redesigning our website to include blogs, photos and archive of our newsletters. He tells us that he is making it dynamic with more frequent updates, a provision for email updates to homeowners on Westover news, more proactive with a blog and interfaces to Twitter and FaceBook and move it to a Web 2.0 environment.

Look for the new site in the near future. The current site is www.villageofwestover.org

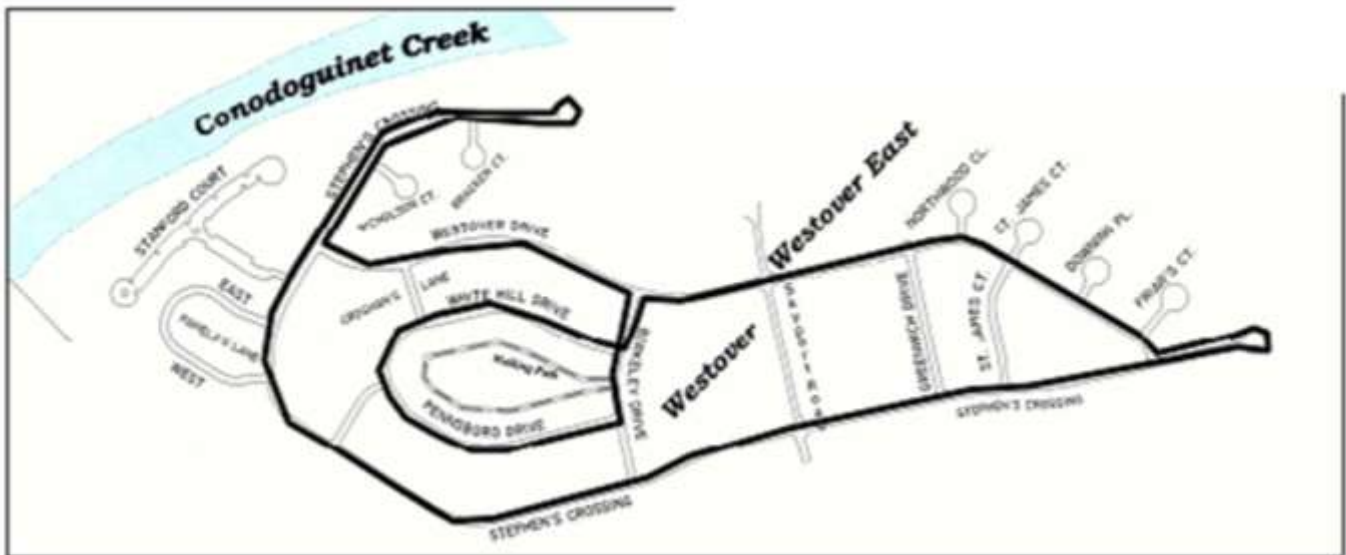
A screenshot of the Village of Westover website. The header features the logo "the Village of Westover" in a cursive font, with a pineapple to the right. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, History, About Us, Maps, Newsletters, Contact Us, and Directions. The main content area includes a welcome message, a section titled "Check out the Pictures from Recent Westover Events!" with a list of events from October 2008 to June 2009, and a section titled "Village of Westover Electric Issues" with a paragraph of text. On the right side of the screenshot, there is a photograph of a woman in a white shirt and hat carving a pumpkin.

Walking in Westover

This is the time of the year to get out and walk. The colors are beautiful, the air is crisp, and here are some walking maps for you to track and follow your journey throughout Westover.



the Village of
Westover



Official Dues Payment and Email Sign-up Form

VILLAGE OF WESTOVER DUES COUPON - \$30 per household

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

- 1. Submit dues directly to your Zone Director with this coupon (see front page of newsletter for a listing of all Zone Directors), or**
- 2. Mail dues check and this form to Civic Association Treasurer, David Baboian, CPA, 4350 Carlisle Pike, Camp Hill, PA 17011**

the Village of
Westover

