

The Village of Westover



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Westover Women's Club Invites You to the Annual Pumpkin Carving!



Join us in **McCord Commons on Saturday, October 21st from 3-5pm** for this fun fall family event. Carving tools, treats, and hot cocoa are provided. Feel free to bring your own carving tools if you prefer. Price per pumpkin and RSVP information will be sent via neighborhood email in the coming weeks. We are happy to partner with Basehore Farms again this year.

We are looking for volunteers to donate tables and treats for the children! [Click here to use our sign up link so you can contribute treats, time, or supplies for the event!](#)

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Hampden Township Trick or Treat Night is October 31st from 6-8 p.m. Parents are urged to have their children wear masks large enough to see through easily, have a flashlight, and wear bright reflective colors or white. Parents should also inspect treats before allowing their children to eat them.

Annual Halloween Haunted Chamber! The Haunted Chamber features dropping spiders, skeletons, rats, mad scientists and more with the help of behind-the-scenes volunteers; suitable for brave 9+ year olds to adults. There will be treats for all who make it out for this special and safe Westover tradition. The Baboian Family hosts this on Halloween Night, October 31st, at 6350 Pennsboro Drive from 6 to 8pm. All are invited!



Civic Association Board 2023

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Important Dates

October 3
Event Planning Meeting (Virtual)
October 6 & 7
Westover Yard Sales
October 21
Pumpkin Carving
(rain date October 22)
October 31
Trick or Treat Night & Haunted Chamber
November 5
Daylight Savings Ends
November 7
Election Day
November 23
Westover Turkey Trot

What's New in Westover

Board Positions

Westover Civic Association Officers are elected to 2 year terms and the positions of President and Treasurer are open for nominations. Zone Directors are elected to 1 year terms and we also have several vacant zone director positions. If you are interested or would like to nominate a neighbor, please email us at westover@villageofwestover.org by November 14, 2023.

Hanging the Greens

Decorate the Neighborhood on December 3rd at 12pm! Meet at McCord Commons (Whitehill & Pennsboro). It takes many helpers to make quick work of bringing the holiday spirit to our streets. Bring a stepladder if you have one and make a family event! We tie bows and garland to the stop signs in the neighborhood.

We Need Your Help

As you've read in newsletters and emails this year, the Westover Women's Club is ready to pass the reigns of event planning to new volunteers. These events will still be supported and presented by Westover Civic Association **with your help to make them happen!** The three annual events of Westover Women's Club have been the Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Carving, and Santa Breakfast.

We have scheduled a virtual meeting to facilitate information sharing about how these events have been organized. This is a great opportunity for new or interested volunteers for these events! We hope you can join the meeting. Maybe you can meet some new neighbors, meet other families with kids, or give a few hours a couple times per year.

Tuesday, October 3rd at 8pm

Please reply to westover@villageofwestover.org to receive the link for the meeting. You can also email us if you can't make the meeting and still want to help with future events. If you have already reached out and we have your name, you will be emailed a link for the meeting by Sunday, Oct 1st.

We welcome communication and feedback at westover@villageofwestover.org. Please visit the Store on the website to pay your dues if you have not already paid for 2023.

Time for Traffic Tips

Westover is so conveniently located to the Carlisle Pike and many stores, restaurants, and businesses.

DO YOU KNOW... that in the past few months there have been several bad accidents on the Carlisle Pike?

DO YOU KNOW that most, if not all, of these involved left turns being attempted onto or off of the Carlisle Pike?

DO YOU KNOW that these turns were attempted at intersections without traffic signals such as into or out of Sheetz or the Lowe's entrance between M&T Bank and the Sunoco A-Plus?

DO YOU KNOW that there are access "streets" behind the stores on the Carlisle Pike that will permit you to access intersection with traffic signals?

While we do not know if anyone from Westover was involved in any of these accidents (and we certainly hope not), we thought it be best to remind the residents of Westover to make left-hand turns onto or from the Carlisle Pike **ONLY** at intersections with traffic signals. **AND**, you can access such intersections on the Carlisle Pike between Rt. 581 and Wegmans/Target without having to first be on the Carlisle Pike.

DO YOU KNOW that you can access Lambs Gap Road from REI and Buffalo Wild Wings in the rear of that complex and use the traffic signals at Lambs Gap Road and the Carlisle Pike to make your left-hand turn?

DO YOU KNOW that you can drive from Carrabba's all the way to Black N Blue Restaurant without having to use the Carlisle Pike?

DO YOU KNOW that you can drive from Black N Bleu Restaurant all the way to Lowe's without having to use the Carlisle Pike?

With all of these secondary routes, there is access to Carlisle Pike intersections with traffic signals so as to permit you to make left-hand turns and the Carlisle Pike under safer conditions than otherwise, and **OFTEN**, in less time than trying to turn left onto or from the Carlisle Pike at other locations! Give it a try and be safe.

OTHER FALL ROADWAY HAZARDS TO CONSIDER:

- School buses and school zone speed limits (this is especially true at Hampden Elementary and CV9 on Skyport Rd)
- Deer (especially at sunset)
- Morning fog
- Wet leaves
- Sun glare with earlier sunsets
- Distracted driving (eating, drinking, or smoking in the car; using your phone; interacting with other passengers or pets; searching for an object; personal grooming; any number of other distractions)



Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

Q: There are sometimes boats and trailers parked on streets in Westover. Is this allowed? Sometimes it makes it hard to see when driving or to tell when the school bus is coming.

A: Parking in Westover is governed by the [Township's Ordinance \(which you can find here\)](#). Potential parking violations may not be at the top of the enforcement priority list. If you are concerned about an ongoing parking issue, you can provide us with dates, times, and pictures of this type of situation so we can demonstrate to the police that it is a continuing problem. The Civic Association does not have the authority to enforce parking codes. Thank you for using caution and please continue to be alert when driving in Westover.

Leaf Collection

Leaf Collection is scheduled to occur on Fridays in Westover and will resume in mid-October. Be careful not to rake other debris into the pile because this damages the machines and is costly to repair. Please do not rake the piles over sewer drains as this can cause backups and water to puddle. [You can find more information here on the Township website.](#)



Westover Willie



Dear Westover Willie,

Q: Have you seen the fox that has made its home in Westover? Neighbors have seen it early mornings or at nightfall and in their yards. Is this little fox lost?

A: That little red fox seems to be happy for now in Westover! Red foxes are very adaptable and can be found throughout Pennsylvania including in suburban settings if they can find adequate food and shelter. Foxes move to spread out the population, but also because of displacement and habitat changes. They're not usually a threat to pets or people as long as you don't feed them and cause them to associate people with food or make them lose their natural fear. Never feed the foxes or approach them! If you're concerned about safety, just give a yell when you open a door or take your pet out. Foxes have great hearing and will retreat or hide. They can hear a mouse squeal from 150 ft away! The lady that writes this newsletter said she'd [put in a link where you can learn more about foxes in PA from the Game Commission](#). Here's a picture of the fox in a Westover yard one morning (taken from inside and at a safe distance).



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Hampden Pool	717-737-4219
Hampden Recreation Department	717-761-4951
Hampden Township Utility Department	717-909-7145
Humane Society	717-564-3320
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P A Dept. of Transportation	1-800-932-4600
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
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