

The Village of Westover



Newsletter March 2025

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Spring in Westover

The daylight lasts longer, people are outside, and we are so excited for spring!



Westover Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 13 at 4pm

Come dressed for outside weather, rain or shine! Meet at McCord Commons and bring a basket, bag, or bucket to gather the goodies! **Register by April 12 at NOON by email to westover@villageofwestover.org and include # of children and their ages. Cost is \$5/child and this is a cash only event.** Please arrive early to check in and pay; this event starts promptly! Bring a camera for a picture with the Easter Bunny.

We are looking for: Donations of plastic eggs and volunteers to help with the event. Contact westover@villageofwestover.org to let us know.

Westover Yard Sales May 2 & 3

We'll get the word out by placing ads and posting signs. You clean out your closets and basement. On sale day, you throw open your garage door and get ready to make a deal. Please be mindful of increased traffic on these days, especially around morning school times.

Spring Picnic: An Annual Favorite! Sunday, May 18, 4-7pm

Neighbors at the McCord Commons! Chatting, relaxing, playing lawn games, and enjoying fresh air. Food Trucks! Balloon artists! Free food for Members!

Haven't paid your dues for 2025? Visit the store to make sure you are paid before the picnic so you can enjoy the freebies! **If you can help, we'd love to have you!**

Email Steve Crosby, event chair, at scrosbyfz@hotmail.com.

Civic Association Board 2025

President: Vacant

Vice President: Amy Waugh

Secretary: Elizabeth Potter

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Nell Nickolas

Scott Cawthorn

Sonnie Minick

Amanda Szar

Important Dates

Sunday, March 9

Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 20

First Day of Spring!

April 13 at 4pm

Westover Egg Hunt

May 2 & 3

Westover Yard Sales

May 13 at 8pm

Westover Board Meeting

May 18, 4-7pm

Spring Picnic

McCord Commons

What's New in Westover

New Facebook Page

The Westover Civic Association has always used the website, quarterly newsletters, and neighborhood emails to communicate about events, township news, membership updates, and more. This is still the case! Our dues help to pay for the services that communicate with our membership and the neighborhood.

We now also have an updated private group on Facebook. [Click here to request to join the group!](#)

You will need to provide your address, attest that membership dues are up to date, and consent to community guidelines. Similar to the website directory, access is limited to members who have paid their yearly neighborhood dues. Dues help pay for Westover communications, events, maintenance of the Common areas, and more. Not sure if your dues are paid? Email us at westover@villageofwestover.org to confirm. [Click here to pay your dues online at the Store.](#)

Reorganized Committees

At the January meeting, Board members voted to organize four primary committees within the Civic Association. In an effort to have greater participation, to decrease the burden on single volunteers, and to accomplish more collectively, the Committees are as follows:

- Property Committee (including matters of the McCord and Lower Commons, entrances, and signage)
- Communications Committee (including matters of emails, website, newsletters, and welcoming new residents)
- Events Committee (including matters of our annual events such as the Spring Picnic, Turkey Trot, Yard Sales, Egg Hunt, Santa Breakfast, and new ideas)
- Finance Committee (including matters of collection of dues and budget)

If you have skill, experience, or willingness in any of these areas and are willing to volunteer, please let us know! Becoming an officer or Board member is not necessary for all roles. Maybe you have younger children and want to help with one event. Maybe you own a business and can proofread a contract or renewal. We are all volunteers! Feel free to reach out to us at westover@villageofwestover.org.

Seeking Amateur Photographer(s)

Do you have photography skills you could volunteer for Westover events? Please contact us at westover@villageofwestover.org if you would be willing to volunteer at events to capture photos we can share. Take a look at the [existing gallery by visiting the website](#). Hover over "Events" on the top menu bar, and then click "Photos" to view the memory galleries. The Westover Civic Association maintains a collection of neighborhood and event photos from over the years. Help us update our collection!



Keep Those Dues Coming

Thank you again to all members who have paid their dues for 2025. If you forgot to pay dues, or are getting finances in order for tax season, take a few minutes to pay them now! The dues cycle runs from January 1st to December 31st each year and dues for this year are \$50 per residence/family.



Pay by mail:

Village of Westover Civic Association
c/o David Krall, CPA, Treasurer
6359 Stephens Crossing
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Pay Online: <https://www.villageofwestover.org/store>

You will receive an email receipt and can add a donation if you like.

[Not sure what your dues pay for? See here on the website!](#)

There are directions on the website to pay with a credit card. A PayPal account is not required.

On the Nextdoor App

Nextdoor is a social network with over 700 Westover neighbors online. Examples of things you can find on Nextdoor lately are service company recommendations, help wanted, and more. Visit www.nextdoor.com to see if this social network could be useful for you. You will need to verify your address to participate.

Nextdoor and related neighborhood posts are not managed by the Westover Civic Association.

Keepsake Ornaments Available



Christmas in the Spring? Yes, we still have ornaments available!

Order an Ornament Online:

Visit the Westover Store on the website. Click "Civic Association-Donation" to add to the cart. Enter a donation amount of \$20 or more. You can do this while paying your dues, or as a separate transaction. If you do it as a separate transaction, click "Civic Association-Donation" and then enter the amount. Donations are \$20 for one ornament, \$35 for 2 two ornaments, and \$50 for three ornaments. *As a special offer, those who have already purchased one ornament this year or last may purchase an additional ornament for \$15. In Order Comments, note the number of ornaments you are ordering. Make sure your address is correct for delivery.*

Delivery: Your local Westover address will be required upon checkout so that delivery can be made by a volunteer. Shipping is not available. If you need to make other arrangements, please leave us a note in the checkout box to be contacted.

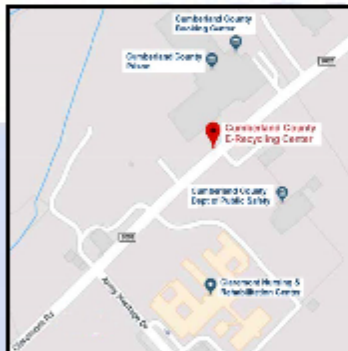
Two Westover Cub Scouts from Hampden Elementary Pack 296 visited the County Electronics Recycling Center in February. They got to learn all about what can and can't be recycled, and what people "wishfully recycle" that actually increases the cost to process recyclables. The most effective items to recycle are: metal food and beverage containers, plastic bottles and jugs (#1, #2, #5), glass bottles and jars, and corrugated cardboard. Many other items (incl cereal box type cardboard) are not actually recyclable.

They also got to see an example of why it helps to be a mindful consumer and consider how many times something will be used before it becomes trash. There is more information about the law that created the need for the center.

[Click here for more information on the Cumberland County Electronics Recycling Center.](#)



Electronics Recycling Center
 1001 Claremont Road,
 Carlisle, PA
 717-240-6489
www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/recycling



Hours:

Tuesday: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 Wednesday: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

* Hours subject to change in the future

Fees:

\$0.50/pound
 Cash and debit/credit cards only (no checks)
 2.3% card use convenience fee (\$2.00 min)
 Average weight = 82lbs | Average cost = \$41.00

Fee Breakdown:



Acceptable Items:

- TVs (must be in one piece)
- Computers & Accessories
- Mobile Devices
- Entertainment Equipment
- Data Center Equipment
- Cable Equipment
- Microwave Ovens

For a Complete List of Items:



<https://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/Documents/Center/View/27482>

Who can use the center? As a fee based facility, there are no residency requirements.

Can I leave my items if the center is closed? The center is under 24 hour video surveillance and leaving your items during closed hours is considered illegal dumping. The County will prosecute illegal dumpers to the fullest extent of the law.

The Center's Purpose: The center was created as a stopgap solution to the failure of Pennsylvania's 2010 electronics recycling law (Covered Device Recycling Act) to provide convenient, manufacturer funded electronics recycling to all of Pennsylvania. Under the law, certain electronics are banned from disposal and must be recycled; however, the formula for calculating the portion that manufacturers must pay for results in significant shortcomings.

The Cumberland County Commissioners continue to work with legislators to identify shortfalls of the existing legislation and develop long-term sustainable electronics recycling solutions.

Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

Q: After reading a fellow neighbor's comment I, too, would like to comment on this GREAT neighborhood. During the last snowstorm a neighbor of ours gathered the kids on our street and went from house to house cleaning off the driveway and sidewalks. This was not the first time that neighbors had done nice things for us. We've felt for a long time that we were very lucky to have landed in this special neighborhood.

A: Thank you so much for sharing the gratitude! We appreciate you taking the time to send your note. Feeling cared for and supported in the neighborhood helps us feel connected to each other.

Q: What are we doing about finding a President to replace Ken Lee? He did a lot around here.

A: We surely thank Ken for his years of service to the Board and the neighborhood. He has been generous to assist as needed in our transition. We are looking for candidates and nominations for the office of President. We encourage interested candidates to attend our quarterly meetings this year to understand the culture and function of the WCA. If more than one member is interested in the position, the Board will solicit statements in the coming months from interested candidates and proceed with a vote per our existing by laws. You can count on the Board to communicate any further changes to the leadership via email, and please feel free to reach out with any questions or nominations.

Westover Willie



Dear Westover Willie,

Q: I'm worried about you with the avian flu.

A: You people in Westover are so caring about your backyard birds and we appreciate it! I consulted my trusted friends at Cornell Lab of Ornithology for an update. This is what they had to say: "There has been widespread transmission of avian flu to wild bird species including waterfowl and raptors. However, there have been relatively few documented cases of avian flu in songbirds and other typical feeder visitors to date, although this may change with increased testing or changes to the virus. That means there is currently a low risk of an outbreak among wild songbirds, and no official recommendation to take down feeders unless you also keep domestic poultry. We do always recommend that you clean bird feeders and birdbaths regularly as a way to keep many kinds of diseases at bay." You can report sick or dead wild birds to the Game Commission by calling 1-833-PGC-WILD (742-9453). Always watch wildlife from a safe distance and avoid contact with bird feces. For owls, it seems like a few factors are at play including our migration patterns, our prey (if it's infected), and our genetic variations. We're thankful that scientists and home bird enthusiasts are looking out for us!



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Village Of Westover Contact List	
Name	Phone number
EMERGENCY – Fire, Police, Ambulance	911
Westover Civic Association	Villageofwestover.org
Comcast Cable	1-800-934-6489
Cumberland County Offices	717-240-6100
Cumberland Valley School District	717-697-8261
District Justice	717-697-2201
Fredricksen Library	717-761-3900
Hampden Township	717-761-0119
Hampden Pool	717-737-4219
Hampden Recreation Department	717-761-4951
Hampden Township Utility Department	717-909-7145
Humane Society	717-564-3320
PA American Water Co	1-800-565-7292
P A Dept. of Transportation	1-800-932-4600
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
PPL Electric Utilities	1-800-342-5775
Waste Management	1-800-869-5566
Township Tax Collector	717-737-4822
UGI Gas Utilities Inc	1-800-276-2722
United Water PA	717-564-3662
Verizon Communications	1-800-837-4966

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