

# the Village of Westover



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## Year in Review

Behind the scenes, the Westover Civic Association has continued its work amidst another year of the pandemic. While we could not gather or host many of our events, look at what Board Members, Zone Directors, and other volunteers have been up to!

- \* McCord Commons Berkeley Entrance landscaping improvements
- \* Facilitated painting of some light poles by PPL
- \* Kept up to date and in touch with Pennsy Supply for the street resurfacing contract in Westover this fall
- \* Over 4 days of Spring Clean Up by volunteers in McCord Commons. Volunteers are always needed to share the work!
- \* Spruced up the Front Entrance landscaping in collaboration with Devonshire HOA
- \* Spread the word for neighbors who hosted food truck events
- \* McCord Commons Bench improvements including commemorative plaques
- \* Volunteers organized a Halloween Parade



### Civic Association Board

President: Ken Lee

Vice President: Amy Waugh

Secretary: Justin Edelson

Treasurer: David Krall

Zone Directors:

Steve Crosby

Anella Nickolas

Jason Petronis

Steve Gilligan

Laura Witte

Joe Washburn

Richard Sopko

Lee Williamson

Dean Converse

Scott Cawthern

Daniel Gross

Elizabeth Potter

Linda Lippert

Maria Szczur

Jim Nace

There are current vacancies for Zone Directors. Please contact us if you are interested.

### Important Dates

**Leaf Collection Ends**

December 10th

**Operation Ho Ho**

December 4th

**Hanging the Greens**

December 4th at 12pm

**Winter Solstice**

(Shortest Day of the Year)

December 21, 2021

**Martin Luther King Jr Day**

January 18, 2021



## Halloween Parade

A Halloween Parade was organized by Lauren Edelson, Lauren Ortiz, Sonnie Minick, and Rebecca Rider. About 80 children participated in McCord Commons for a costumed parade before Trick or Treat Night! Thanks to all who helped to host, participated, and came out to see the costumes!



## Hampden Township Snow Removal Policy

With leaf collection scheduled to end December 10th, we move to snow removal reminders!

Following are highlights from the Township's snow and ice emergency ordinance:



A "general" or "limited" snow emergency will be declared whenever street conditions are dangerous because of snow accumulation. A "limited" emergency normally will be called when eight or more inches of snow is forecast. The emergency will continue for 24 hours after the snowfall ends or until cancelled by the Township Manager. A "general" emergency will be declared under dire blizzard conditions. Vehicles traveling in the Township during a general emergency must have four-wheel drive capability or be equipped with chains or snow tires (all season radial tires are not considered snow tires).

The parking of vehicles on any street, road or highway during a general or limited emergency is banned.

Following are snow removal priorities:

Plowing will begin when snow is three inches deep.

Top priorities are all main and secondary roads, including Orr's Bridge Road, Good Hope Road, Lamb's Gap Road, Salem Church Road, Creekview Road, Central Boulevard, Erb's Bridge Road, Skyport Road and Technology Parkway. After the main roads are clear and remain passable, road crews will attempt to open the principle access road to each development. However, if main roads require additional attention, development plowing may have to be halted.

After the snow has stopped falling, plows will return to the developments to make a pass on each of the roads in each direction. Once all development roads are open, plows will return to widen them, if possible, to the curb.

Residents can help in three ways: don't travel unless necessary; don't shovel or blow snow onto plowed or treated streets (the Township has an ordinance that prohibits this, under penalty of law); and move your car off the street, so that plows have more room to operate. This is especially critical in cul-de-sacs.

Snow removal from sidewalks is generally required within 48 hours after a storm. Please note that snow removal is not conducted in any Township Park. McCord Commons is a Township Park and the Westover Civic Association aligns with this practice.

# *What's New in Westover*

## ***Holiday Greens***

Join us on **Saturday, December 4th at 12pm at McCord Commons to Hang the Greens in Westover!** We will meet to grab garlands and bows and then split up around the neighborhood to hang the greens. This is a fun family event and a great holiday tradition in Westover. Bring a stepladder so you can reach the top of the stop signs and bring a friend or family member to help! Hope to see you there!

## ***Thanks, Neighbor!***

DB360 SoftWash (owned by Dan Gross) cleaned the exterior bricks and signs at the entrance to Westover on Skyport Rd. Many thanks! Some of the bricks are in need of repair and this is on the WCA project list for 2022. Lee Williamson helped on the bench project in McCord Commons including spraying for bees. Thank you!

## ***Let Us Know!***

Should you have any issues with the new paving done on the streets in Westover this Fall, please send a description of those issues to WCA President, Ken Lee, at [klee@ssfadvocates.com](mailto:klee@ssfadvocates.com). Ken will transmit them onto the Township. Suggestions about installing (1) a cross walk across Skyport Road to "connect" the two halves of Westover and (2) installing "Stop" bars at all Stop signs in Westover have already been received and submitted to the Township.

If anyone has a child in an association, club, or society and needs community service, please contact WCA President, Ken Lee, at [klee@ssfadvocates.com](mailto:klee@ssfadvocates.com). The Civic Association may be able to offer an opportunity.

## ***Dues Letters***

Westover residents will soon be receiving 2022 Dues Letters and Ballots in the mail. Ballots are for President, Treasurer, and Zone Directors. As always, you are able to conveniently pay your dues via the [Store on the Westover Website](#). There are instructions on how to pay by credit card on the site. Also, ballots can be returned by mail or scanned and submitted to [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org).

## ***We Need Your Help***

Volunteer organizations such as Civic Association benefit most from member involvement. Send us your ideas for newsletter articles! Let us know if you want to coordinate or host a special interest event in the neighborhood! We welcome communication and feedback at [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org). Please visit the [Membership section of the website](#) or [use the Store on the website](#) to pay your dues.

# WESTOVER WOMEN'S CLUB

## Strengthening the Westover Community by Supporting Our Neighbors and Friends

*So much has changed in a short period of time-the world around us, our neighborhood, gathering spaces, the places we work and call home. Life in the midst of this pandemic has sparked fear, frustration and anxiety all around and we are hoping to see the end very soon.*

*While it was not ideal to postpone so many of our neighborhood events, we felt it was in the best interest of those most vulnerable and to keep our children safe and in school. Thank you all so much for helping us keep our neighbors and children of our community guarded by understanding the pause at this time.*

*We have full confidence by Spring 2022 we will be able to restart our neighborhood children's events kicking off with our annual Easter Egg Hunt!*

*We are encouraged by the generosity of support from our residents last year as we helped local families that reached out to us in need of financial help through Westover Care & Share. Thank you for your support. It helped put food on the table for many families that lost their jobs and/or businesses and we sincerely thank you for your donations.*

*This year in lieu of the Santa Breakfast we will be reaching out to the Angel Tree Project once again. If your family would like to participate in purchasing a gift for a child, a separate email will be sent out shortly with sign ups. We are excited to bring back the Santa Breakfast next year in 2022! Thank you all for your patience and understanding!*

*We hope to see some new faces right after the new year to begin planning the Easter Egg Hunt and begin to fill executive positions that have been vacant for a number of years. Our neighborhood children's activities are in need of planning committees to pull them off and we'd love to see you there!*

*Once again, thank you all so much for your patience and understanding and Happy Holidays to all!*

*Westover Women's Club*

### **Operation Ho Ho**

The Township's Volunteer Fire Company will again sponsor its annual "Operation Ho-Ho" on Saturday, December 4th.

Due to COVID this year, Operation Ho-Ho will again be a drive-through-style event. Keep in mind the times are all estimated and may vary. More information can be found here on the [Hampden Volunteer Fire Department website](#).

Westover 10:30am

East Westover 11am



## Westover Mailbag

Much of the mail this season has been about dog waste and the need for neighbors to pick up after their pets. We publish this reminder periodically and reference the [Hampden Township Codified Ordinances](#).

Dear Westover Civic Association,

Q: I'm tired of cleaning up after others' dogs. It is an ordinance in the township. Can you do something about this?

A: We can keep reminding people! See the link above to read the Township code regarding animals. Many pet owners and walkers are responsible, we see it on our own walks! Another good idea is to walk your dog in your own yard, fence, or in a common area close to home before you venture out for a longer walk. This may help prompt elimination closer to home. If you forget a bag, ask another walker, a neighbor, or come back as soon as possible for clean up.

**PLEASE  
CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG**



Our neighbors at 6323 Stephens Crossing (Brian and Jenn Robinson) have opened a Little Lending Library on their property in honor of Jenn's late father. All are welcome to borrow and/or lend books for the benefit of the neighborhood.

## Westover Willie



Dear Westover Willie,

Q: What kind of food do birds like in winter?

A: Kind of you to ask! My backyard feathered friends will appreciate your generosity. I see they tend to like covered feeders better in the winter so there is some protection from the elements and less food is spilled or blocked by snow. Also, it helps to keep the feeder clean from frozen or moldy food and to let it dry completely before refilling any bird feeder. If it snows, pat down the ground under the feeder so the seeds can still be found. The best foods for birds in winter have higher fat and oil content which helps with cold weather survival and replenishing in the morning after cold nights. Of course, I'm nocturnal and have natural seasonal insulation but we all like to have a hearty first meal. Peanut pieces, sunflower chips, and suet are great! You can also leave fruit or berries on trees or bushes because these are harder to find in the wild in winter. I've also seen Westover neighbors make their own bird seed covered pinecone ornaments with peanut butter! While we're talking about it, remember that winter survival is harder for all species, including you humans. Take it easy on yourselves. No heavy lifting on ice, overdoing it with the shoveling, or running in shorts below freezing! People in Westover appear to be more evolved to being inside often so remember to wear layers, fuel up, and enjoy the cold prepared!

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>AREA</u>
1 Dave Krall	6340 – 6359 Stephen's Crossing
2 Justin Edelson	6322 – 6339 Stephen's Crossing
3 Linda Lippert	6302 – 6321 Stephen's Crossing
4 Dan Gross	4 – 8 Nicholas Court 6116 – 6230 Stephen's Crossing
5 Ken Lee	4 – 10 Bracken Court 6100 – 6115 Stephen's Crossing
6 Jason Petronis	6100 – 6204 Westover Drive
7 Steve Gilligan	6205 – 6228 Westover Drive
8 Steve Crosby	6328 – 6350 Pennsboro Drive
9 Laura Witte	204 – 216 Berkley Drive
10 Joe Washburn	210 Grogan's Lane 6202 – 6330 Whitehill
11 Richard Sopko	800 – 825 Pamela's Lane
12 Jim Nace	1 – 22 Kensington Square
13 Lee Williamson	23 – 244 Kensington Square
14 Maria Szczur	6201 – 6359 Stanford Court
15 Dean Converse	6361 – 6395 Stephen's Crossing
16 Elizabeth Potter	1 – 19 King's Arms
17 Vacant	1 – 19 Devonshire Square
18 Vacant	20 – 38 Devonshire Square
19 Nell Nickolas	39 – 59 Devonshire Square
20 Vacant	200 – 210 Greenwich 202 – 203 Northwood Circle 203 – 215 St. James Court 5908 – 5920 Westover Drive
21 Vacant	202 – 204 Downing Place 201 – 205 Friars Court 202 – 206 St. James Court 5800 – 5808 Stephen's Crossing 5908 – 5913 Westover Drive
22 Amy Waugh	5801 – 5925 Stephen's Crossing
23 Scott Cawthern	1 – 17 Jamestown Square



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Village Of Westover Contact List	
Name	Phone number
<b>EMERGENCY – Fire, Police, Ambulance</b>	<b>911</b>
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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