

The Village of Westover



Newsletter March 2024

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

Important Dates

March 24 Easter Egg Hunt

April 14 Spring Clean Up Day

April 28 Spring Clean Up Day

May 3 & 4 Yard Sales

May 19 Spring Picnic



Spring Events in Westover

We are so excited for Spring! The light lasts longer. More people are out to play, exercise, and chat. We hope to see you at a spring event this season!

Westover Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24th at 3pm at McCord Commons

Register before March 23rd by email to RSVP717@gmail.com and include # of children and their ages. Cost is \$5/child and this is a cash only event.

Don't forget to bring your camera to take pictures with the Westover Easter Bunny! Come dressed for outside weather and bring a basket, bag, or bucket to gather the goodies! This year will feature staggered start times by age group.

Spring Clean Up Days

Sunday, April 14th at 12pm for Clean Up at McCord Commons

Sunday, April 28th at 12pm for Mulching at McCord Commons

Join us this Spring for Clean Up Days in the Commons! Bring gloves, pruners, chainsaws, pole saws, or other useful tools and we can get this done together!

Neighborhood Yard Sales

May 3 & 4, 8am-2pm

Westover Women's Club will advertise the sales and residents may participate on their own. Set up shop in your yard or garage. Drivers use Caution!

Spring Picnic

Sunday, May 19th, 4:00-7:00 pm at McCord Commons

Food trucks are back this year! Make sure your dues are paid before the picnic so you can get your members only food items! Self pay is also available. The Cumberland Valley High School Jazz Band is scheduled to perform again! Save the date and stay tuned via Westover email blasts for more information as the time comes. Interested in helping? Email Steve Crosby, event chair, at scrosbyfz@hotmail.com.

What's Happening in Westover

Westover Women's Club Event Planning

Westover Women's Club is still looking for a handful of neighbors with little ones who are willing to take over leadership roles for event planning. The highlights of the year are: the annual Easter Egg Hunt, our Pumpkin Carving event, and Breakfast with Santa. The women who have organized these events for years have children who have since outgrown these neighborhood classics!

If you'd like more information on assisting with future event planning or leadership roles, please email westover@villageofwestover.org.

We appreciate all members who joined during the annual Membership Drive!

Haven't paid dues for 2024 yet? [Please visit the Store on the website to pay your dues](#) if you have not already paid for 2024. A second round of dues letters will be coming out soon for those who have not yet paid.

Keepsake Ornaments Available!

Our ornament sale was a success and we are so pleased to hear your feedback on the keepsake. We have ornaments still available for sale via the Westover website.

Order an Ornament Online:

If you have already paid your dues for 2024, visit the Westover Store on the website. Enter the donation amount needed for the additional ornament(s), \$20 each or 3 for \$50.

If you have not paid your dues or no longer live in Westover, visit the Westover Store on the website. You can add "Civic Association- Annual Membership" if you want to also pay dues now. Otherwise, click "Civic Association- Donation" to add to the cart. Enter the required donation amount for the non-dues paying ornament offer (\$25 each).

Delivery: In Order Comments, note the number of ornaments you are ordering. Make sure your address is correct for delivery. Shipping is not available so if you do not live in Westover, please make sure to include contact information to arrange pick up in the Order Comments box.





2024 Snow Day Fun in Westover



Good Hope Road Study

Hampden Township has published the [Good Hope Road Study Public Presentation and Draft Results](#).

This was a comprehensive study of the length of Good Hope Rd. from Erb's Bridge all the way to Wertzville Rd. If you are interested and want to find out more or provide public comment, [visit the Township website here](#). Many Westover residents use this road, sometimes daily, for accessing healthcare, recreation, employment, or Interstate 81. Public comment is open through April 2nd.



Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

Q: You send a lot of emails about dogs. What about cats that are outside? Sometimes my neighbor's cat is in our yard or causes property damage. Can you remind people to be responsible cat owners as well?

A: Just like we publish with dog owners, the [Township Codes define and outline rules for Other Animals in Hampden Township](#). Respectfully, we would recommend that you address any concerns about safety or property damage with the person(s) whose residence the cat (or other pet) calls home. We know this can be challenging as some prefer to avoid conflict. Discussion or negotiation can be helpful as the owner may not be aware of your concern. Hopefully, the owner will respond in a prompt and responsible manner. Contacting the township could be a last resort if the cat is causing damage or posing a threat to your pet or another person. You could also research humane deterrents to use in your yard as some do for other non-domesticated pests.

Westover Willie



Dear Westover Willie,

Q: I went to a class with my mom at Wildwood Park in Harrisburg and learned about bird tracks. With snow and mud in the spring, it's a great time to look for tracks in your yard and shorten the list of possibilities by knowing local bird species. What more can you tell me?

A: That sounds like a fun class! Yes, birds do leave tracks from walking, running, hopping, or skipping. Classic bird tracks are made by birds with feet that are *anisodactyl*, which is a foot where 3 toes are pointed forward and 1 is pointed backward. Birds you might see in Westover with these kinds of feet are practically all songbirds, herons, egrets, eagles, and hawks. My tracks are called *zygodactyl*, which means I have 2 toes in the front and 2 toes in the back. This helps me scramble up trees, grip branches, or capture prey. Woodpeckers have feet like mine too. If you're down by the Conodoguinet, you might see webbed tracks in the mud on the bank. This is an outline that stretches between the 3 front toes, and is found in ducks and geese. Speaking of geese, make sure your driver goes slowly on Erb's Bridge Road because those geese like to waddle across the roadway at all hours.



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Cumberland Valley School District	717-697-8261
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Fredricksen Library	717-761-3900
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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
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
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