

The Village of Westover



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The Seasons are Changing in Westover

The trees are starting to bloom, the light lasts longer into the evening, and spring is on its way! We enjoy so many different things about the seasons in Westover. As with the natural world, the seasons of residents' lives are changing too! **Many Civic Association Board members, Women's Club members, and neighborhood volunteers have noticed that community participation has changed over the past few years.** Of course, the pandemic changed civic engagement in ways we all had to adapt. The Civic Association has been actively fostering a neighborhood spirit for decades and we need more participation to keep this going!

Families and individuals who have been active in the Civic Association need new helpers and leaders. Some residents have kids who are older now or in travel sports, jobs have changed a lot in the past few years, and some of our older volunteers are no longer able to help in ways they did when they were younger. Part of recent dues increases are related to higher costs of services, but also because we make tough decisions to pay for certain services when we cannot rely on volunteers to show up to help get the jobs done. We hear from you that these services are important to you, such as the Commons and front entrances looking well maintained. We look forward to seeing you, hearing from you, and sharing your ideas for Westover! Email us at westover@villageofwestover.org or reach out to your Zone Director for ways to connect. We also have openings for Zone Directors if you want to get your feet wet with how the Board operates and our quarterly business meetings.

Continuity of the Board and participation in the Civic Association have been a strong part of life in Westover. Over the decades, there have been gradual transitions of long-serving Board members. Our by-laws, history, current members, and meetings provide the structure for these changes. We look forward to mirroring the seasons in some way, by changing through the years while being predictable, reliable, and welcome over time.

Civic Association Board 2023

President: Ken Lee

Vice President:

Amy Waugh

Secretary: Justin Edelson

Treasurer: David Krall

Zone Directors:

Linda Lippert

Dan Gross

Jason Petronis

Steve Gilligan

Steve Crosby

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Scott Cawthern

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

Important Dates

March 25 Easter Egg Hunt

March 26 Spring Clean Up Day

April 16 Spring Clean Up Day

May 5 & 6 Yard Sales

May 21 Spring Picnic

May 29 Memorial Day



Spring Events in Westover

Westover Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 25th at 3pm

(Rain date Sunday, March 26th at 3pm)

Come dressed for outside weather and bring a basket, bag, or bucket to gather the goodies! The event commences promptly at 3pm. Cost is \$5/child (please bring exact cash only). Please RSVP to westoverwomen@gmail.com and include # of children and their ages by March 22nd.



Spring Clean Up Days

Sunday, March 26 at 12pm for Clean Up at the Lower Commons

Sunday, April 16th at 12pm for Clean Up 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!



Spring Yard Sales

Fri & Sat, May 5th and 6th, 8am-2pm

Westover Women's Club will advertise the sales and residents may participate on their own. Please be mindful of increased traffic on these days, especially around morning school times. Set up shop in your yard or garage.

Spring Picnic

Sunday, May 21st, 4:00-7:00 pm McCord Commons

Food trucks and Music are back this year! Make sure your dues are paid before the picnic so you can get your members only food items! We have simplified the menu so wait times are not as long for food. 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

A Message from Westover Women's Club

For decades, the Westover Women's Club has been a neighborhood organization that worked together to bring fun activities to the families of Westover. The highlights of the year are: the annual Easter Egg Hunt, our Pumpkin Carving event, and Breakfast with Santa. The women who are currently organizing these events have children who have since outgrown these neighborhood classics! We are looking for a handful of neighbors with little ones who are willing to take over leadership roles. Are you willing to fill some open positions? We need your help. We would hate to see our beloved Village of Westover family events and traditions fade away. If you haven't participated in any of the events, [please check them out on the Westover website](#). If you'd like more information on assisting with future event planning or leadership roles, please email westoverwomen@gmail.com.

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

Haven't paid dues for 2023 yet? [Please visit the Store on the website to pay your dues](#) if you have not already paid for 2023. A second round of dues letters will be coming out soon for those who have not yet paid.

Obey Traffic Signs

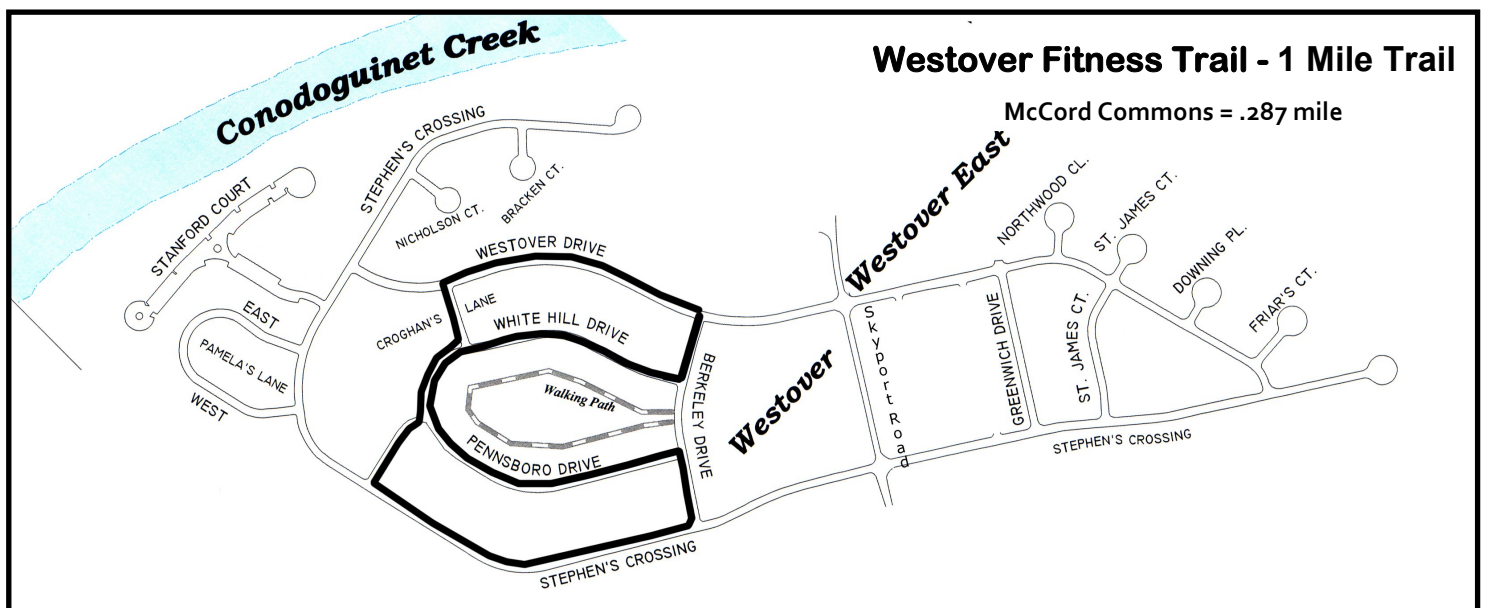
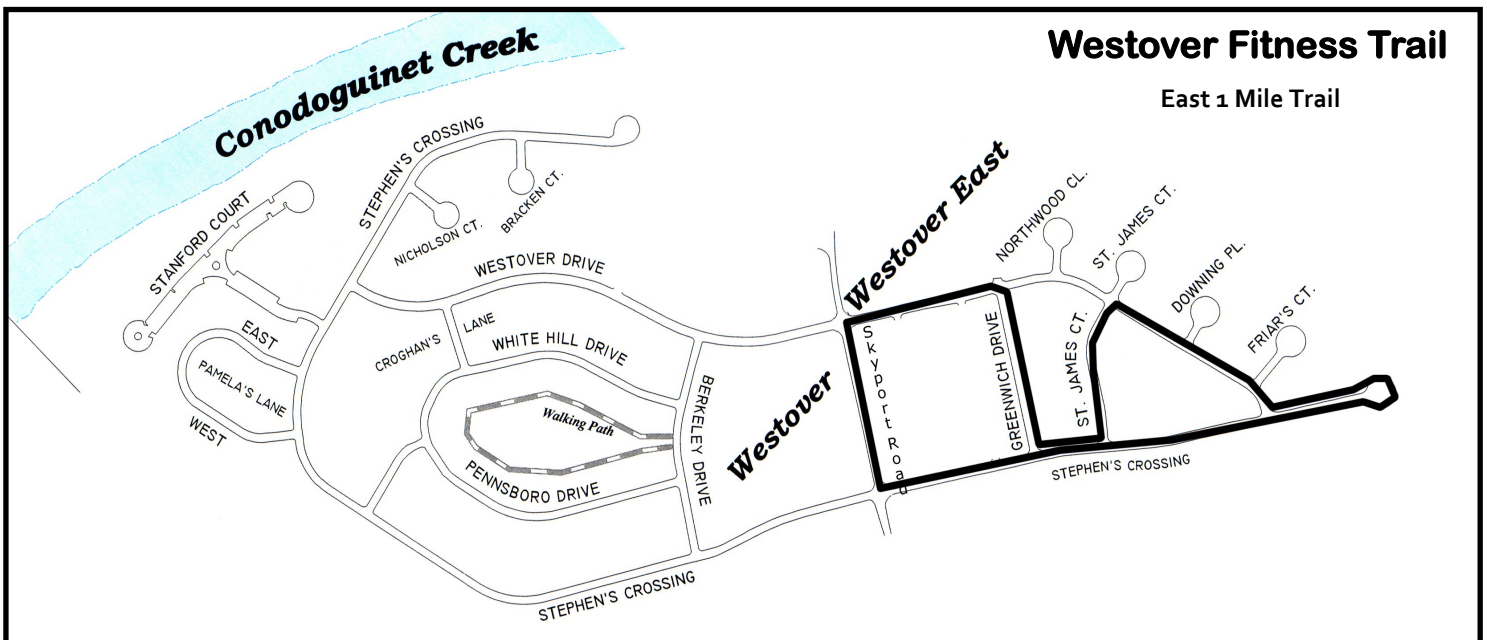
Neighbors and Board Members have voiced concern about vehicles speeding through Westover. Dogs, kids, runners, walkers, contractors, and unexpected objects can appear quickly. **Turning in from Skyport Road can be a cue to slow your speed.** Be mindful of stopping at **ALL STOP SIGNS** within Westover. There could be parked cars, walkers, runners, dog walkers, and kids who expect drivers will stop. Pedestrians have responsibilities as well and should do their part to stay visible, use established sidewalks, or stay as close to the curb on the road as possible.

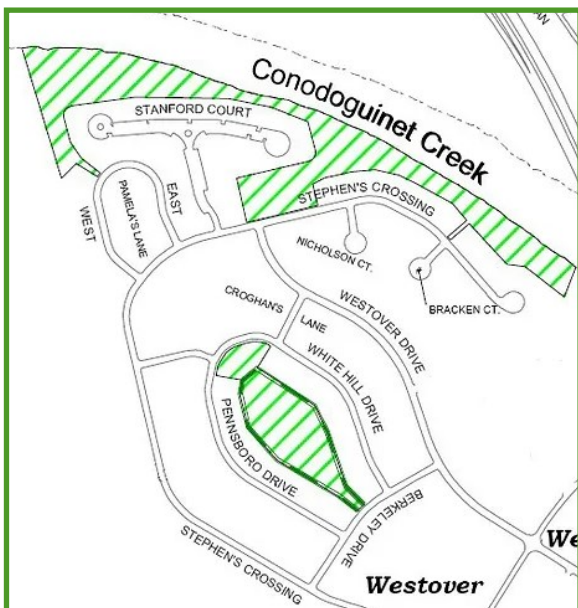
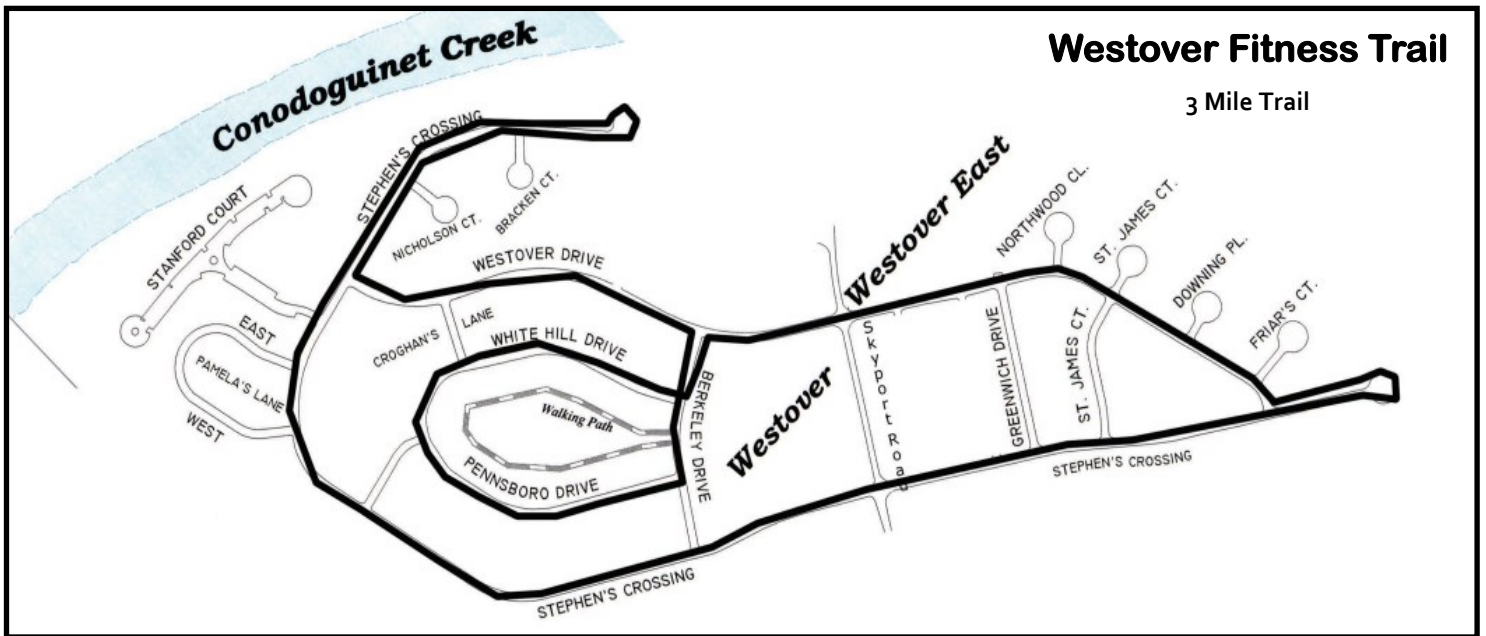
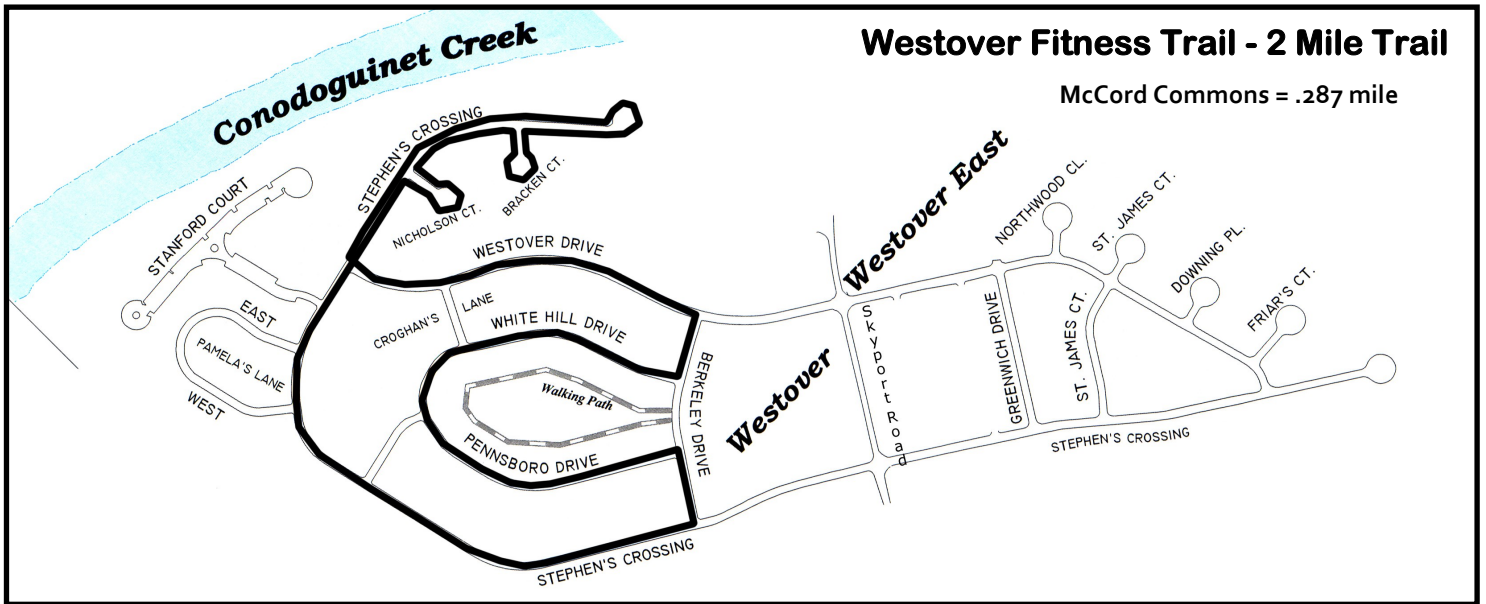


Westover Fitness Trails

Stay fit close to home and enjoy some time outside! These maps highlight trails on both sides of Westover and you can choose your own adventure! Trails are highlighted below and on the [Westover Website](#).

Please use extra attention and caution when crossing Skyport Rd. Walkers should use our very nice sidewalks. Runners can stay on the road, closest to the curb, in the direction of oncoming traffic in order to be more visible. Please also wear reflective clothing and lights if you are outside in morning or evening darkness.





Westover Commons is a 10 acre passive park owned and managed by Hampden Township. It includes McCord Commons and Westover Creekfront (see areas shaded in green). The Commons is a Westover treasure of undeveloped land that provides a great area for walking along the creek, birdwatching, and leisure use. Amenities include benches, arboretum, trails, and Conodoguinet Creek access. McCord Commons includes a .287 mile paved loop walking path.

Many of our beloved annual activities take place at the McCord Commons. On a given day, you will find someone enjoying the time and space of the Commons—perhaps yourself! Civic Association dues also contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the Commons above what the Township provides. Volunteer work days are essential in the Spring and Fall to preserve the appeal of the park.



“It’s okay! My dog is friendly!”

It’s not always okay!

Your dog being friendly does not mean other dogs are friendly. They may be fearful, anxious, in training, or with people who prefer to be left alone. They may be friendly to familiar faces but protective around others.

Please respect other people and pets’ space. You are always welcome to ask before approaching another dog or person.

[Township Codes guide control of pets via voice or leash and you can find the codes here for more information.](#)

PLEASE
CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG



Westover Willie



Dear Westover Willie,

Q: I want to expand my bird watching beyond my backyard in Westover. Any local suggestions for good bird watching spots?

A: Yes! Did you know that Cumberland County has 2 of Pennsylvania’s 100 Best Birding Locations? One is Waggoner’s Gap Hawk Lookout which is about a 30 minute drive near the boundary with Perry County. Another is the Susquehanna River at West Fairview where the Conodoguinet enters the Susquehanna. That’s maybe 15 minutes from Westover. [You can see the complete list here from the Pennsylvania Game Commission.](#) You can also find [Beginner’s Tips on Birding here from the Audubon.](#) I’ve also heard the [Cumberland County Library](#) has some local field guides you could borrow if you are curious.

Q: I saw 2 bright spots in the sky in late February and early March when you looked in the direction of Wegmans and CV High School. Any info on what these stars were?

A: Venus and Jupiter! They weren’t stars, they were planets! And then with the full moon it almost appeared as if they were in alignment! You asked about bird watching above... sky watching is also a fascinating activity!

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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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