

Newsletter October 2022

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## Westover Women's Club invites you the Annual Pumpkin Carving!



Join us in **McCord Commons on Thursday, October 20th at 5pm** for this fun fall family event. The cost is \$6 per pumpkin. Carving tools, treats, and hot cocoa are provided. Feel free to bring your own carving tools if you prefer. Please RSVP to RSVP717@gmail.com with the number of children/pumpkins needed for the event. Cash only.

We are looking for volunteers to donate tables and treats for the children! If you would like to make some treats or have tables to lend for the evening, please drop off to 6330 Pennsboro Drive at any time this week! Treats should be individually packed. Hope to see you there!

# 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**

Civic Association Board 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 Laura Witte Joe Washburn **Richard Sopko** Jim Nace Lee Williamson Maria Szczur Dean Converse Elizabeth Potter Nell Nickolas Scott Cawthern

#### Important Dates

Trick or Treat Monday, October 31st, 6-8pm

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6th

**Election Day** Tuesday, November 8th

**Veterans Day** Friday, November 11th

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 24th

Hanging the Greens Saturday, December 3rd at 12pm

# What's New in Westover

### **Board Positions**

Westover Civic Association Officers are elected to 2 year terms and the positions of Vice President and Secretary 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 westov-er@villageofwestover.org by November 13, 2022.

### 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!

## Leaf Collection

Residents are asked to rake leaves into the street, a foot or so away from the curb or edge of pavement. Piles should not exceed three feet in height and four feet in width. Piles that contain tree branches or any other debris WILL NOT BE PICKED UP until the debris is removed. Debris damages equipment, and repairs are costly.



Residents are also asked to park vehicles or trailers in their driveways. If it is not possible to park in your driveway, a vehicle or trailer should be parked away from the leaf piles. It is also imperative that contractors not place a pile of gravel or other material on a roadway which obstructs the collection of leaves. Leaf piles blocked by vehicles or contractor material will not be picked up until the following week, providing the obstruction has been moved.

Leaves which are raked into the street after the equipment has passed will not be picked up until the following week. If you use a landscaper to remove leaves from your property, please advise them of the collection schedule and require them to adhere to collection policies.

Please be advised that leaf collection will not occur on Township observed holidays to include Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and the day after Thanksgiving.

## We Need Your Help

Volunteer organizations such as Civic Association benefit most from member involvement. We want to see you at events and hear your ideas! Ideas often require action and we need your involvement!

Send us your ideas for newsletter articles! **Do you know a neighbor who has celebrated a recent milestone or achievement? Have a special interest story? We welcome communication and feedback at** <u>westov-</u> <u>er@villageofwestover.org</u>. Please visit the Store on the website to pay your dues if you have not already paid for 2022.

# **DRIVING IN THE DARK**

While we should be mindful any time we get in a car, night driving requires a bit more attention. WCA has recently heard stories of "close calls" in Westover with pedestrians and drivers in the dark.



Driving in the dark involves reduced visibility and reduced reaction times.

If you are out walking or running in the dark (early morning or evening), PLEASE increase your safety by carrying or wearing lights and/or reflective clothing!

If you are entering or exiting the neighborhood in a vehicle during these times, PLEASE give your full attention to driving safely. Reduce your speed, avoid distractions, and be watchful at intersections. **Please OBEY all STOP SIGNS and POSTED SPEED LIMITS.** 





**The General Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2022 with polls in Pennsylvania opened from 7:00am until 8:00pm.** Westover is in the Hampden 5 (East side of Skyport Road) and Hampden 6 (West side of Skyport Road) Voting Precincts, the 10th Congressional District, the 31st State Senate District, and the 87th State Representative District.

The 2022 election will determine representatives for the newly redistricted boundaries based on the 2020 Census. Westover will remain in the 10th Congressional District, and will be in the 34th State Senate District and the 88th State Representative District.

The in-person polling places for both precincts is located in the CV 9th Grade Academy, 451 Skyport Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. The entrances are usually on the far right of the building accessed from the large parking area with Hampden 5 utilizing the right doors and Hampden 6 utilizing the left doors.

Whether you will vote by mail-in ballot, Absentee ballot, or in-person, should you have any questions, please contact the <u>Cumberland County Bureau of Elections</u>, 1601 Ritner Highway, Suite 201, Carlisle, PA 17013, phone: 717-240-6385, with its <u>website here</u>. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED OR ATTEMPT COMPLIANCE WITH VOTER REGISTRATION, BALLOT APPLICATION, OR BALLOT RETURN.

#### Westover Mailbag

#### Dear Westover Civic Association,

- **Q:** I only recently learned that there are 7 townhome associations within Westover. Can you tell me more?
- A: Yes! The Civic Association is independent of the Home Owners Associations for the townhomes. Within Westover, the townhome/condominium associations include: Devonshire Square, Jamestown Square, Kensington Place, Stephens Court, Kings Arms, Standford Court I, and Stanford Court II. Each group has its own homeowners association. Westover Civic Association has zone director positions from each one to encourage input and engagement with the Village of Westover. Detached homes in Westover are not governed by an HOA. The Westover Civic Association is a membership organization dedicated to preserving the neighborhood and sustaining its beauty for generations to come. While the payment of annual dues is voluntary, all residents of the Village of Westover are encouraged to become members and support the important work of the Association.

#### Westover Willie



Dear Westover Willie,

- Q: I see solar system installation signs in some yards and I've received mailers on this. Is this even allowed in Westover?
- A: I'm nocturnal but I've heard that solar is a good renewable energy for humans. Photovoltaic (PV) solar panels don't disrupt wildlife and are usually installed on existing structures so they don't disrupt habitats. I've heard from diurnal bird friends to watch out for another kind of solar energy called concentrated solar power (CSP). CSP uses mirrors to concentrate solar rays onto a receiver to turn the solar energy into heat. The problem is us birds are attracted to the light beams and mirrors on this kind and the intense heat can be deadly for birds. PV panels are what you are probably thinking of. They are shiny black panels facing the sun, capturing light, and converting it into electricity. Solar energy systems need to follow Hampden Township codes for installation, operation, and decommissioning. I don't know the rules but you can find them on the Township website under Section 1727. My friends that write this newsletter said they aren't in charge of deciding if solar panels can be put in or if they are right for you in Westover. They said just to make sure you follow the Township rules and to read the fine print on what you get in the mail.



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Cumberland Valley School District	717-697-8261
District Justice	717-697-2201
Fredricksen Library	717-761-3900
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Hampden Pool	717-737-4219
Hampden Recreation Department	717-761-4951
Hampden Township Utility Depart-	717-909-7145
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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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