

# The Village of Westover



Newsletter October 2017

[www.villageofwestover.org](http://www.villageofwestover.org)

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## Updating the Directory



### The Westover Directory is moving to a secure access online format!

Once the dues and address updates are collected, we will begin establishing a dynamic spreadsheet that will be accessed with a username and password for Civic Association members only. The login will be through the Village of Westover website. Bear with us as we try this format and work to verify accounts for dues paying members. It is essential that we have your email address linked to your home address so please notify us of any changes.

This modernization of our directory will save costly printing and allow more timely updates. Also, if you are away from home and need to call a neighbor or send a postcard, you can access the information remotely on your smartphone. Maybe you are at work and need to contact a fellow PTO mom or can't find the coach's number. Maybe you are playing bridge and need a new player or saw that person with a cute dog and want to know if he or she would mind a walking buddy. Use the online directory to find your Civic Association neighbors!

Stay tuned for emails on a "go live" date around the New Year. If you have problems or questions, please email [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org). Please keep in mind that Civic Association volunteers are coordinating this effort and cannot provide technical assistance beyond password reset on a limited basis. In the future, a print version may be available by request to paid members as we monitor utilization and consolidate our rosters. As always, we welcome your feedback and input on this change. If you request to become a member of the site before go live, you may be asked to resubmit the request.

### Civic Association

President: Ken Lee  
Vice President:  
Linda Lippert  
Secretary:  
Kathleen Fey  
Treasurer: David Krall  
Zone Directors:  
Steve Crosby  
Linda Lippert  
Jackie Garno  
Eric Laws  
Ed Trador  
Dave Baboian  
Laura Witte  
Joe Washburn  
Amy Waugh  
Annette Christ  
Kathleen Fey  
Sally Conly  
Matt Treese  
Wanda Johnson  
Scott Cawthern  
Lee Williamson

### Important Dates

#### Yard Sales

October 6 & 7 8am-2pm

#### Fall Family Fun Night

October 21

#### Halloween

October 31

#### Daylight Savings Time

Ends November 5

#### Board Meeting

November 16 7pm

#### Veterans Day

November 11



# Westover Fall Family Fun Night



**When:** October 21, 2017

**Time:** 3-9 (movie starts around 7)

**Where:** The Commons

**Activities:**

- Pumpkin Carving/Decorating
- Bird Feeder Station
- Games
- Face Painting
- Hay Bale Maze

**Ticket Options:**

- Food \$3
- Activities \$7
- Food and Activities \$10

**Free Movie:** *Hotel Transylvania* (BYOB, Chairs, and Blankets)

**Food:** Hotdogs, Chips, Drinks (hot chocolate or water), and desserts\*

Canned food donations accepted to support our community. Hay bales and pumpkins provided by Basehore Farms and donations provided by State Farm Agent Barbara Buffington.

**RSVP to Stacy at [sls091381@yahoo.com](mailto:sls091381@yahoo.com) or 717.576.1995 by 10/13 – Include # of pumpkins, L/F Name, and ticket option for each person attending (parents included).**

**Volunteer Items:**

- Setup Crew (10 people - we'll need a few strong men to setup the maze)
- Sign-in Tables (2)
- Food Table (2)
- Games (1)
- Face Painters (2)
- Cleanup Crew (10 people - we'll need a few strong men to tear down the maze)
- Tables
- Individually wrapped desserts

\*Food option comes with 1 hotdog, 1 bag of chips, a drink choice, and 1 dessert. Additional food for sale.

- Hotdogs - \$1.50
- Chips - \$.50
- Drinks - \$1.00
- Desserts - \$1.00



## Annual Membership Drive and Elections

Our annual Civic Association membership drive and elections have been underway! Many residents have returned their ballots and dues by mail, and also electronically, and we thank you for your timely participation! If you have not yet paid dues, residents are strongly encouraged to utilize our PayPal account via the Village of Westover website. You can use a credit card to pay via PayPal without an account. The option of writing a check is also still available. Elections closed September 30th.

Your support helps to make the following activities possible:

- Website, neighborhood emails, and newsletters
- Mowing and maintenance in the Commons
- Maintenance for the front entrance signs
- Spring Picnic
- Financial support of Women's Club events including Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Carving, Santa Breakfast, and Yard Sales
- Holiday decorations
- Photo sharing and more!



The Westover Civic Association is a volunteer run group and your membership is voluntary. We greatly appreciate your participation and contribution in keeping our neighborhood a great place to live!

## Halloween Happenings

**Hampden Township Trick or Treat Night** will be held October 31st from 6 to 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.

**David Baboian will be hosting the Annual Halloween Haunted Chamber!**

This is a wonderful and fun-filled night that all residents must see. 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. Halloween Night, October 31st, at 6350 Pennsboro Drive from 6 to 8pm.

All are invited!

# What's New in Westover

## YARD SALES

**DONATIONS NEEDED for Westover Women's Club Charity Sale:** The Westover Women's Club will be hosting a charity sale during the Fall Garage Sale next month. Along with donated items for sale, we'll have tasty home baked treats and beverages on sale.

If you have ANY items to donate (even a simple box of chachkies), please set them aside and drop off at Denise Sloand's home, 6344 Stephens Crossing between 5pm-8pm any evening during the week prior to Friday, October 6th! If you have them pre-priced to sell...we'd really appreciate it.

All proceeds will go to the Westover Women's Club Care & Share Charity Fund that supports local women and children in our area.

## Westover Women's Club

Stay tuned in the coming months for updates on Westover Women's Club. In the meantime, to be added to the email list for the Women's Club, you can email [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org).

## On Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a voluntary social network with over 250 neighbors online. As the Civic Association does not maintain lists of recommended businesses or services, this is a great way to get local feedback from Westover and other nearby neighbors. Visit [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) or download the app to see if this social network could be useful for you. You will need to verify your address to participate.

**Remember you can select to follow only Westover in addition to other local neighborhoods.**

**Carefully select who you want to see your post before you hit the send button!** Your post may not need to be read by all 40 nearby communities and you may solicit unnecessary responses by posting to more than you intended. Also, please read the Community Guidelines to inform any personal posts if you have questions.

## We Need Your Help

Volunteer organizations such as Civic Association benefit most from member 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 [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org).

**Also, if you have not yet paid your dues, now is the time!** Civic Association dues facilitate many neighborhood activities and maintenance. Please visit the Membership section of the website or use the PayPal link on the website to pay your dues.

## Public Safety Update



At the end of August, Lt Shissler retired after 25 years of service to the Hampden Township Police Department. Congratulations and best wishes to him in his retirement! Our newly appointed Community Outreach Officer is Detective Higgins. We look forward to working with him to provide periodic safety updates and advisories.

Residents, if you're not aware: Equifax, one of the 3 major credit bureaus, was hacked recently and approximately 143 million accounts were accessed. That's approximately 44% of the US population.

This is to warn you of a likely increase in reported ID theft/fraud and to also warn you to watch your own credit/identity as there is a very good chance your information may have been stolen.

Here is a link to both check on the likelihood you've been impacted and the ability to sign up for credit monitoring through Equifax; it is free. <https://www.equifaxsecurity2017.com/>

It's fairly common to have people contacted by an unknown person claiming to be with a police agency. The person will then tell the caller that their family member has been arrested and they need a certain amount of money immediately or they will remain in jail. The scammers gather information from the internet to further convince the caller that they have their grandson or who ever they claim to have. Police will not do this and they can contact our department if they receive one of these calls to help put their mind at ease.

Additionally, the IRS has information on how to know if it's really the IRS calling or knocking on your door. This information can be found here: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/how-to-know-its-really-the-irs-calling-or-knocking-on-your-door-o>



## Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

Q: I've tried making a few local calls and am told to dial a 10 digit number. What happened? I have to change all my speed dials!

A: Ten digit dialing began in late August. An "overlay" code, 223, was established due the supply of 717 numbers being soon exhausted. Calls to 911 will not be affected, and calls that were local before will still be local (compared to long distance). The number planning area covers all or part of 16 counties in Central PA.

Q: When are the Board meetings and are residents able to attend?

A: Of course! All Civic Association members are welcome to attend our quarterly Board meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 16 at 7pm at Good Hope Fire Station. Meeting dates and times are announced in late winter upon confirmation of space availability. If you would like an agenda in advance, email President Ken Lee at [klee@postschell.com](mailto:klee@postschell.com)

### REMINDER:

Posted speed limits are 20 mph on the west side of Westover and 25mph on the east side of Westover.

Please drive safely and respectfully!

## Westover Willie

Dear Westover Willie,



Q: I hear the national anthem every morning at 8am. Do we have a patriotic neighbor or are you flying with a horn?

A: While we do have patriotic neighbors, the anthem is played at the Naval Support Activity Base. Depending on the breeze you can hear it throughout Westover. Some of my feathered friends like to sing along as there are plenty of flags in the neighborhood.

Q: The beautiful trees that line the streets and yards in Westover are losing their leaves already. Can you remind me of the leaf pick up schedule?

A: Yes! Hampden Township begins leaf collection mid-October and continues through December 1st with weather permitting. Westover leaf collection day is FRIDAY. 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. Plus it just makes the crew have a bad day.



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<b>Village Of Westover Contact List</b>	
Name	Phone number
<b>EMERGENCY – Fire, Police, Ambu-</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 Depart-	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
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
York Waste Disposal (bulk pickup)	1-800-210-9675

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