



WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

"Between the Brandywines"

TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER published by THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS

The Township maintains an Emergency Management Plan. We work with Chester County's Emergency Services Department, and our Emergency Management Coordinator, Glenn Allison keeps it updated. We hold exercises to familiarize our staff and emergency responders with the plan. The Plan contains a list of residents that need special attention should a disaster emergency occur in the Township.

The list includes hearing impaired and non-english speaking residents requiring special alert notifications and non-ambulatory residents needing help with transportation.

If you have special needs and would like to be included on this list contact Vince Visoskas, Assistant Township Manager at (610) 269-4174. We also maintain a list of volunteer drivers that may be able to assist these residents during an emergency. Contact the Township to volunteer. ☺

West Bradford Day 2007 A Huge Success!

ONCE AGAIN THE WEATHER COOPERATED AND OUR ANNUAL WEST BRADFORD DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. The visitors, attractions, vendors, displays and entertainment all combined for a wonderful day of community participation at Shadyside Park.

As you attend our community events, remember they are only possible with the assistance of volunteers from a variety of organizations. The members of the various Township Commissions, West Bradford Fire Department and West Bradford Youth Athletics work jointly to make West Bradford Township the best place to live and raise a family. We ask that you join the fun by donating for an hour or two of community service to an organization or event of your choice. You may contact myself, John Mammen, or Mike Euler for more information. I look forward to seeing each of you at an upcoming event! ☺

John H Mammen
Chairperson
Recreation Commission

More pictures and info on Page 2!



West Bradford Day 2007 Recap

FESTIVITIES WERE HELD ON
SUNDAY, MAY 20TH, NOON-4PM



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Generous Sponsors

Wonderful door prizes were donated by the following sponsors. West Bradford Township thanks you for your generous donations. ☺

Felini's Cafe,
 United Sports Training Center,
 Rita's Water Ice,
 The Pottery Place
 in United Sports Training Center
 [all from Downingtown],
 Hideaway Hill Gift Shop
 Highland Orchards,
 [on Marshallton-Thorndale Road],
 Village Salon,
 Four Dogs Tavern,
 Marshallton Nursery
 [all in Marshallton]
 Distinctive Gardens,
 Martin May, Artist
 [on Telegraph Road]
 and PartyLite,
 Debbie Spelman, Regional V.P.



West Bradford Day 2008

As we begin to plan next year's park events we would value your opinion on future recreational opportunities within the Township.

Please feel free to contact us with your comments and suggestions for West Bradford Day 2008 or other events. ☺

CONTACT INFO:

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 Recreation Commission
 Phone: (610) 304-9904
 E-mail: jhmammen@comcast.net
 Mike Euler, Parks Director
 Phone: (610) 269-4174
 E-mail: parks@westbradford.org



Did You Know?

Facts from around the Township

IN 1882, TWO WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS WERE FOUND GUILTY OF MAINTAINING A PUBLIC NUISANCE. WHAT WAS THE NUISANCE?

See page 7 for the answer

West Bradford Day Pictures on Cover and This Page:

Cover Page

*Top Right: Children (and adults!) slide down the Giant Inflatable Slide
 Center: A West Bradford Township resident enjoys funnel cake, one of the many treats always offered.*

Bottom Right: Young children play in the ever popular Moon Bounce

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Far Left: Pony rides entertain children of all ages

Top Left: Rock climbing was a new addition this year

Bottom Left: Musical entertainment is always a popular draw



— WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP —
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We welcome your input and suggestions!
 Feel free to call, fax, email, or drop by anytime.
 We're open Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.




Thieves Caught in West Bradford

A recent State Police operation resulted in the arrest of persons burglarizing open garages in the Township. Young people participate in “garage hopping” in which they target open garages in developments to steal alcoholic beverages and other items. The recent arrests resulted in many residents being informed of the thefts prior to their knowledge that anything was missing.

The State Police advise that closing and locking garage doors will serve to keep home owners from becoming victims of these burglars. We add that protection of our homes and property is a responsibility we all share; locking vehicles and closing and locking garage doors will prevent you from becoming a victim. 

Interesting Facts About Recycling

We hope these riveting facts will continue to encourage you to use our comprehensive recycling program. 

#1

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV or computer for 3 hours.

#2

Recycling a glass jar saves enough energy to light a 100 watt bulb for 4 hours.

#3


Every plastic soft drink bottle you recycle saves enough energy to run a television set for an hour and a half.



— IN BRIEF —

*Events & Points of Interest
Throughout the Township*

Part-Time Park Help Needed

With our park facilities expanding, the Parks Department is looking for permanent, part-time park help. Duties include light maintenance, summer help supervision, and clean up tasks. The schedule is flexible and 10-20 hours per week are available. The job is perfect for retirees or college students. 

FOR MORE INFO:


Contact Mike Euler, Parks Director

Phone: (610) 269-4174

E-mail: parks@westbradford.org

We're Looking for Township Photos

Do you have a great photo of some special scene, place, or event in the Township that you'd like to share? If so, we have just the place to show it. We are always looking for seasonal images for the footers of this newsletter.

The pictures should be digital and in landscape format. We aren't able to pay you for your picture, but will provide an acknowledgement in the newsletter. 

TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS:


Please forward them to us via email with “Newsletter Photo” in the subject line so they don't get discarded by our junk mail filter. We may not be able to use every photo, but appreciate your willingness to share.
Email: wbradford@westbradford.org



34th Annual Marshallton Triathlon

The 34th Annual Marshallton Triathlon will be held this year on Sunday, October 7, 2007. All residents and their families are invited to this unique and challenging event. Bike, canoe, and pace-walk through the beautiful Chester County countryside. This is your chance to band with a partner and test your skills and teamwork. Canoes are provided for recreational classes by Northbrook Canoe Company.

The race is 10 miles long. The first leg is pedaled in a 2.3 mile bike race. The second leg is paddled in a 3.0 mile canoe race (two-man canoe requiring a partner). The third part is a paced 2.4 mile fast walk race (disqualified if running), and the last portion is a 2.3 mile return bike race.

This is a family and dog friendly event (dogs must be on a leash). Plan on bringing the entire family to watch others compete while you enjoy music, purchase great food and drink on the Four Dogs Tavern patio and participate in community fun at the firehouse. 

FOR QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER:

Phone: 610-696-9374

E-mail: info@marshalltontriathlon.com

Web: www.marshalltontriathlon.com

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WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP WASTE COLLECTION 2007

The Township has opened a corrugated cardboard recycling drop off center at the municipal campus - 1385 Campus Drive. The private recycling center that was being used for cardboard on Boot Road has closed. A drop off point behind the public works building has been established and corrugated cardboard boxes can be dropped off anytime. The boxes must be flattened, with no Styrofoam, plastic or pieces of wood attached, and placed through the slot that has been provided. Follow the signs to the recycling drop off area.

Remember that corrugated cardboard is not picked up with curbside recycling. The Township currently does not have the equipment to pick up cardboard because it must be collected separately and takes up a large volume. The Township is exploring a program to pick up cardboard as a separate collection in the future. When it is determined that this can be done notification will be given regarding the program. The Township does collect light cardboard with your mixed paper collection. This includes cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, six pack containers, etc.

Please contact us with your ideas on cardboard recycling. Thoughts to consider; should the collection be once per month, should the collection be done by calling to schedule pick up, or is having a drop off all that's needed.

Fall Curbside Leaf Collection

This year's leaf collection dates will be on Wednesdays

LEAF BAGS WILL BE PICKED UP CURBSIDE ON THESE DATES:

Wednesday, October 31st
Wednesday, November 14th
Wednesday, November 28th
Wednesday, December 12th

Your bags must be out by 6am on the scheduled dates. Leaves must be placed in special biodegradable bags purchased from the Township. Bags may be purchased at the Township Administration Building, 1385 Campus Drive, during regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm. They will also be available for sale in November on Tuesday evenings when Township meetings are held. The one exception is Tuesday, November 6, Election Day, when Township Offices are closed (bags will be sold on Monday, November 5).

Bags are provided to residents at cost, 3 bags for \$1. The fees for the actual collection are already factored into your refuse and recycling bill.

Leaves will be picked up only in the special bags sold by the Township. Do not use your toter, recycling bins, other municipality's bags, or any other bag or container. Leaves in other bags, containers, or your toter will not be collected.

To avoid damaging the equipment used to compost the leaves, the leaves need to be free of plastic, trash, and other debris.

You may compost your yard waste yourself instead of placing it out for pick up. We encourage all of our residents to compost or mulch their yard waste if they can. This reduces the amount of waste that has to be collected and helps the environment. Yard waste includes leaves, clippings, grass cuttings, and even food and vegetable scraps and coffee grounds. Compost can be used as fertilizer and mulch around your yard.

FOR INFORMATION ON COMPOSTING:

Contact the Chester County
Solid Waste Authority.

Phone: (610) 273-3771

Web: www.chestercountyswa.org

NEW! Curbside Yard Waste Collection

Announcing an additional collection for shrubbery and tree trimmings

WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP is pleased to announce an additional yard waste collection for shrubbery and tree trimmings. The Township has had a curbside leaf collection program for many years. New in the Spring of 2008 will be the addition of one leaf collection day in April. Look for the date in upcoming newsletters.

The curbside collection program for shrubbery and tree trimmings will begin this Fall. There will be two assigned collection days per year – one in Spring and one in Fall. The Fall collection date will be on Wednesday, October 17th.

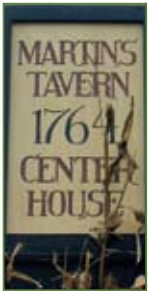
Residents must call the Township to schedule this service at (610) 269-4174.

There is no additional charge for residential customers, as the cost of the service will be included in your base refuse bill.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET TO RECEIVE THIS SERVICE:

- Shrubby and trimmings must be less than three inches in diameter.
- Shrubby and trimmings must be equal or less than three feet in length.
- Shrubby and trimmings must be bundled, using hemp or other biodegradable twine, into bundles of less than 12 inches in diameter or placed in compostable collection bags.
- Collection will only be provided by appointment. It won't be collected unless you call the Township to schedule.

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Top: Friends Meeting Cemetery Tour
Center: Martin's Tavern and Marshallton Inn will host fun activities for families
Bottom: West Bradford Fire Company equipment on display on the Family Fun Night

Fall Family Fun Night and Marshallton Ghost Walk, too!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE EVENING OF SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 2007 for the Fall Family Fun Night and Marshallton Ghost Walk. This year's event, a collaborative effort of the Township Historical and Recreation Commissions, is being relocated to the village of Marshallton in order to accommodate a variety of activities that will interest residents of all ages.

In addition to the cider, donuts, pumpkin painting, scare-crow making, hayrides, bonfire and story-tellers, a ghost walk and tour of historical Marshallton are planned. Bring the entire family and enjoy an evening that is sure to please those of all generations.

Primary parking is available at the Marshallton United Methodist Church and overflow at the Goddard School.

FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT & MARSHALLTON GHOST WALK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Food, Treats and Refreshments, 4pm–6:30pm

Marshallton U.M.C. will host a family-style roast beef dinner. Tickets are \$5.50 for children and \$11 for adults. Friends of Martin's Tavern will have light refreshments (e.g. popcorn balls, warm apple cider, hot dogs). The Township Recreation Commission will offer cider and donuts. The 4 Dogs Tavern and Marshallton Inn will have food specials.

Fall Family Fun Night, 6pm–9pm

The festivities will be held in the field behind the 4 Dogs Tavern and Marshallton Inn. Children's and family activities include pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, hayrides, a corn maze, bonfire and story telling.

Marshallton Ghost Walk, 5:30pm–9pm

The Ghost Walk will be going on throughout the Village. There will be a dedication of the new village signs at 5:30pm at the Goddard School. Parents may drop their children off at the Goddard School for supervised activities while they visit the Ghost Walk events.

Other Ongoing Special Events, 6pm–9pm

- Fall Holiday Decoration Contest
- Marshallton United Methodist Church cemetery tour and historical display
- West Bradford Historical Commission, Township History Scrapbooks & sales of History Book and paintings
- Marshallton Friends Meeting cemetery tour & history telling
- Martin's Tavern, live music & historical re-enactors
- West Bradford Fire Company, antique fire equipment display
- * Please note that some of these events are tentative at this time.

Can You Volunteer?

We are always looking for people to help. We especially need volunteers to be holiday decoration judges and village guides. If you own a historical home in the village and would like to open it for tours during the event, please let us know at (610) 269-4174 or wbradford@westbradford.org.

EVENT UPDATES:

STAY TUNED TO OUR WEBSITE AND LOOK FOR POSTERS AROUND THE TOWNSHIP FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE EVENT!

Website: www.westbradford.org

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FISH REALLY DO GROW ON TREES:

That is, they need trees to grow. Trees along a stream bank maintain the health of the stream and the fish population in it and become a forested riparian zone.

THE FORESTED RIPARIAN BUFFER:

- 1 | Helps to maintain the stream bank. The root systems of large woody plants keep the bank from eroding. Eroding banks clog streams with sediment.
- 2 | Prevents pollution of the stream by lawn fertilizers or run-off from roads.
- 3 | Supplies food for many of the critters that live in the stream, including fish.
- 4 | Shades the stream, allowing fish, such as trout who need cold water, to survive.
- 5 | Improves wildlife habitat.
- 6 | Provides a natural corridor for wildlife.
- 7 | Enhances water quality.

If you have a stream side area on your property, please try to maintain it as a buffer. Remove only invasive species and replace them with native plants. A healthy stream system is dependent on your help. The Township has added a requirement in its Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance making sure that these buffers are saved or replanted when development occurs.



Vegetable Planting Tips

“Companions Plantings” can be mutually beneficial



DID YOU KNOW that the American Indians planted corn and beans together? They did this because both grew better that way. The following tips may help your garden grow without using fertilizer or pesticides.

Companions refer to those vegetables and fruits that, when planted together, are

mutually beneficial. Allies are the herbs and flowers that provide protection or improve the growth of certain vegetables. Enemies are other vegetables, herbs and flowers that can cause detrimental effects when planted near certain vegetables.

VEGETABLE	COMPANIONS	ALLIES	ENEMIES
Beans	Beet, Cabbage Family, Carrot, Celery, Chard, Corn, Cucumber, Eggplant, Pea, Potato, Radish, Strawberry	Marigold, Nasturtium, Rosemary: Deters bean beetles Summer Savory: Deters bean beetles and improves growth and flavor	Garlic, Onion, Shallot and Gladiolas: Stunts growth
Cabbages	Beets, Celery, Chard, Cucumber, Lettuce, Onion, Potato, Spinach	Chamomile, Garlic: Improve growth and flavor Catnip, Hyssop, Rosemary, Sage: Deters cabbage moths Dill: Improves growth Mint: Deters cabbage moths and ants, while improving flavor Nasturtium: Deters bugs, beetles and aphids Thyme: Deters cabbageworm	Dill: Retards growth
Cucumber	Bean, Cabbage Family, Corn, Pea, Radish, Tomato	Marigold: Deters beetles Nasturtium: Deters aphids and beetles while improving growth and flavor Oregano: Deters pests in general Tansy: Deters ants, beetles, bugs and flying insects	Sage: Generally injurious to cucumber Aromatic Herbs and Potatoes: Reduces growth
Lettuce	Beet, Cabbage Family, Carrot, Onion, Radish, Strawberry	Chives, Garlic: Deters aphids	
Tomatoes	Asparagus, Carrot, Celery, Cucumber, Onion, Parsley, Pepper	Basil: Repels flies and mosquitoes, while improving growth and flavor Bee balm, Chives, Mint: Improves health and flavor Borage: Deters tomato worm while improving growth and flavor Dill (Notes): Until mature, dill improves growth and health. Once mature, dill stunts growth. Marigold: Deters nematodes	Mature Dill: Retards growth Kohlrabi, Other cold crops: Stunts growth Plus... Corn and tomato are attacked by the same worm. Potatoes and tomatoes are attacked by the same blight.

Table compiled from T. Weinmann, North Dakota Cooperative Extension; Cornell Cooperative Extension; National Sustainable Agricultural Information Service

**DARC
FALL EVENTS**

The Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium (DARC) summer programs and leagues are winding down and we are busy planning lots of activities for the fall & winter.

The DARC Fall Brochure will be mailed in mid August and it will include information for programs that will begin in September and run thru mid December. Some of the programs offered during the fall will include: After School French & drawing clubs, various exercise classes, online courses, yoga, scrap booking, crochet, dance, as well as numerous youth sports programs (basketball, soccer, t-ball, beginner golf lessons, ice skating, & ice hockey). This fall DARC will also be offering adult Men's & Women's Basketball programs, and a Coed Softball League. Discount movie passes and amusement park tickets are also available.

LOOKING FOR A FUN TRIP IDEA?


DARC has several bus trips upcoming. Among the bus trips are trips to the Broadway show Spamalot and Wicked, New York on Your Own shopping trips, bus trip to the American Girl Place and several Radio City Christmas Show trips. Also look for trips to the Washington, D.C. Smithsonian, Trains and Canyons of the West, Autumn in Italy and Affordable Ireland.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Phone: 610-269-9260,
Web: www.darcinfo.com,
Email: darc@kennett.net

I Heard Someone Say...

“Help me understand Township Codes on retaining walls and fences!”

WHEN RESPONDING TO PUBLIC INQUIRIES, the Township Codes Department frequently gets asked questions on the same issues. In this article, we discuss questions on two areas that recur again and again – fences and retaining walls. Please note that if you live in a community with a homeowners association, more stringent rules may apply. Please check with your association. 

RETAINING WALLS:

- Require a Zoning Permit from the Township.
- Must be certified by an engineer if they are greater than 3 feet in height.
- May be higher if they are manufactured walls (e.g. E.P. Henry, VERSA-LOK, Allan Block) and installed per manufacturers engineered specifications.
- May not be closer than 3 feet from property line with that distance increasing as the wall gets higher.
- Are not allowed in the public right-of-way.
- Cannot obstruct a clear sight triangle near intersections.
- Remember that caution is warranted when installing retaining walls. Improper installation can result in major property damage and possible injury to you or your loved ones.

FENCES:

- Permits are required when installing a pool or hot tub protection fence.
- Permits are not required to install other types of fence.
- Not allowed in the public right-of-way. Most roads in the Township have a 33 foot right-of-way, but some have more. Measure half of the right of way towards your property.
- Not permitted to be higher than six feet.
- Cannot obstruct a clear sight triangle near intersections.

THIS REGULAR FEATURE GIVES INSIGHT INTO HOW MUNICIPALITIES WORK AND ANSWERS COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT.


Have a question?

Email: wbradford@westbradford.org
[Subject line: “I Heard Someone Say”]

Did You Know?

[Answer]

Question on Page 2


Supervisors Cheyney Martin and James Leslie were found guilty by a jury of allowing a “hole in the public road” to continue. 

Daily Local News, November 4, 1882

NEW! Curbside Yard Waste Collection this Fall

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In addition to the collection service by appointment, the Chester County Solid Waste Authority offers a drop-off facility at the Lanchester Landfill. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7am – 4:30pm and Saturday from 7am – 11:30am. Call the landfill at (610) 273-3771 for more details.

The Township accepts Christmas Trees from December through January at the Municipal Campus – other yard waste is not accepted. 



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Municipal Calendar

— SEPTEMBER 2007 —

Items to Remember

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— OCTOBER 2007 —

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— NOVEMBER 2007 —

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3	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY No Refuse/Recycling Pickup	Office Closed
4	Planning Commission Formal Session	8:00pm
5	Refuse/Recycling Pickup: Mon. Customers	
11	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:00pm
13	Historical Commission Meeting	7:30pm
15	HHW Collection: New Garden Township Building 8934 Gap Newport Road, Landenberg PA	9:00am-3:00pm
17	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30pm
18	Planning Commission Formal Session	8:00pm
20	Comp Plan Task Force Meeting	7:30pm
24	Refuse/Large Item Pickup: Mon. Customers	
25	Refuse/Large Item Pickup: Tues. Customers	
25	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting	8:00pm
27	Refuse/Large Item Pickup: Thurs. Customers	
28	Refuse/Large Item Pickup: Fri. Customers	

2	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00pm
6	HHW Collection: Government Services Center 601 Westtown Road, West Chester PA	9:00am-3:00pm
9	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:00pm
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31	Curbside Leaf Collection 🍁	

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