

SUMMER 2024

Newsletter



WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

"Between the Brandywines"

NEW FRONT END LOADER!

Introducing the newest member of the West Bradford fleet. Say "hello" to this shiny new 2024 John Deere 524 front end loader!

We're thrilled to announce that 90% of this machine has been funded by the Department of Environmental Protection to help us improve our compost and recycling operations.

At West Bradford, we take pride in our recycling and composting program. This machine will go a long way in ensuring that our services continue to thrive and that we take the lead when it comes to being good stewards of the environment.

Enjoy the beautiful Spring weather and be sure to visit our compost site where you can see this machine in action!



Grant of \$250,000 Received for the Marshallton Thorndale Rd. & Poorhouse Rd. Roadway Enhancement

The Township is excited to announce that we've secured another Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Fund Grant worth \$250,000.00 for the SR3055 Marshallton-Thorndale Rd. & Poorhouse Road Roundabout project! This brings our total awards to \$2,325,266.00.

Let's pave the way for safer, smoother travels together! We have a few other grant applications in the works that will be used for this project, if granted by the funding agencies.

The Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to Pennsylvania residents. Eligible

projects include the development, rehabilitation, and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets, and transit-oriented development.

The Commonwealth Finance Authority was established in 2004 as an independent agency of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to administer Pennsylvania's economic stimulus packages. It holds fiduciary responsibility over the funding of programs and investments in Pennsylvania's economic growth. 



Codes Corner

By: Joseph Antonelli, Director of Planning and Zoning

It is that time of the year again! The weather is getting warmer, and the Township is starting to be a-buzz with the sounds of lawn mowers. Just a reminder when the weather starts warming up and grass starts growing high, to cut the grass in a responsible manner.

Grass clippings and other vegetative clippings should never be raked or blown into the street or in the storm drains. As harmless as it seems, these grass clippings can cause a potential safety and health risk. The vegetative debris can clog storm drains, resulting in flooding of the street and private property. Not only these clippings can flood the neighborhood, but they can also add unnecessary nutrients, which can add to algae growth in our waterways that can be harmful to fish and other aquatic life.

In addition to being harmful to our aquatic friends, these grass clippings in the street can be harmful to our friends on wheels. The grass clippings can make the street slippery as ice and very hazardous for bicyclists and motorcyclists.

Please be sure to dispose of your vegetative clippings in a responsible manner.



Cut Grass – and noise!

Imagine a summer afternoon in your lounge chair with a glass of iced tea – and no lawn mower roar or gas smell to disturb you. That's our future if we invest in electric lawn equipment.

Trimmers are a good start because they're cheaper than other equipment, and both battery and cord models are available.

Mowers are a bigger investment, but an electric push mower can cut a smaller lawn on one battery charge. Options for riding mower models, including zero-turn, are increasing every season, and can cut over 2 acres of lawn between charges.

Household electrification is important for eliminating fossil fuels (as is cleaning up the grid so that we use clean electricity). Better yet, reduce your lawn so that you can spend even more time lounging while preserving your native ecosystem! ☀️

ROAD WORK

The Township appreciates your patience as we work to improve our roads and keep our community a wonderful place to live.

This Summer/Fall the Township plans on paving or repairing portions of the following roads:

- **Montvale Circle (Marshallton Thorndale Road to end)**
- **Linda Drive (Montvale Circle to End of Old Cul-de-sac)**
- **Montana Drive (Creagh Knoll Lane to End),**
- **Maryland Circle (Creagh Knoll Lane to End)**

We will also be doing some curb repairs and road repairs on Winfield Drive and Parkview Lane.

There will be occasional delays on these roads during work hours and there may be temporary road closures for non-emergency vehicles. Residents living on these roads will be notified in advance of work.

LARGE APPLIANCES

Items placed at the curb for bulk collection are brought to the landfill. Beginning in April 2024, West Bradford Township will no longer accept large appliances on bulk pickup days (washers, dryers, stoves and hot water heaters). These items will now be collected on Wednesdays, by appointment, at no charge. This will allow the Township to recycle these items with no disposal costs. Dishwashers are not recyclable and can be put out for bulk collection. As always, any other metal items can be disposed of at the Township Compost Site for recycling.



NOTES FROM THE 4/8 LPSC PUBLIC EVENT

ASSESS YOUR TREES:

Kayla Kehres, PA
Forester - kkehres@pa.gov



Kayla can conduct a "neighborhood walk-through" to assess tree health and the possibilities for new climate-resilient plantings.



PROTECT NESTING BIRDS:

Zoe Warner,
Willistown
Conservation Trust -
zmw@wctrust.org

Looking for farmers to create bird-friendly fields for grassland birds.

LAND PRESERVATION

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Representatives from land conservation groups Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (Abbie Kessler), Natural Lands

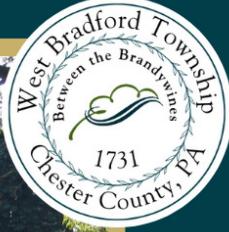
(Jack Stefferud), and the Brandywine Conservancy (John Goodall) spoke about the process for putting property under an agricultural or conservation easement in order to preserve its natural beauty for generations to come. Contact anyone in this group if you want to explore preserving your land.

HELP US BECOME MORE SUSTAINABLE!

**Opt IN to the monthly
emailed newsletter!**



In an effort to be as sustainable as possible, West Bradford Township is offering residents the opportunity to **OPT-OUT** of receiving a paper newsletter mailed to their homes.



Send Us Your Photos!

What about our Township's beauty inspires you?

You could see your photos on our website or the walls of the Administration Building!



Send Us Your West Bradford Township Photos!

We're looking for photos for our new website and to fill some wall space in the Township Building and you can help! If you have a recent photo from "around town" you can upload it using our online website form. Please note - your photos must be high resolution. Most newer phones take great high resolution photos.

Who knows - you might see your photo as a banner on our website or on our walls the next time you visit!

Use the form on our website to upload your HIGH RESOLUTION photos:
<https://www.westbradford.org/newsletters/webforms/send-your-west-bradford-township-photos>



Pets of the Month



MEET CROOKSHANKS...

Crookshanks Hemingway is a 18 week old polydactyl Kitten with 22 toes. He is full of spunk and love. He loves to lay in the picture window and watch the birds and rabbits in the yard. He is the light of his mama's eyes and he is happy to be a part of the West Bradford Community!



MEET MERRY...

Merry is a lazy "chug" (chihuahua/pug) who follows you around the house to make sure you are safe. He loves to sleep and snore! He is a fierce protector and a lovable little guy. His fur is everywhere, but it's just his way of showing you how much he loves you. Merry has to be coaxed to go outside, but once he's there, he enjoys his walks in Broad Run Park and around the neighborhood. He is shy and will hide if you try to say hello. Merry loves to curl up in any sunny spot in the house.

West Bradford Scouting Minute

By: John J. Bossong, III, West Bradford Scouting Coordinator

Spring has sprung and our units are eager for outdoor adventures! Troops are gearing up for trips to Camp Horseshoe and Camp Ware, packed with activities to help scouts learn and grow. Join the fun!

Pack 152 and 215 have been working seamlessly, hosting a thrilling pinewood derby and embarking on trips to Camp Ware and Hogs Hollow. Troop 19 celebrated three Eagle Scouts - Hannah Lamb, Brianna Rossi and Hazel Roane and honored 7 Scouts with the Presidential Gold Award for exceptional volunteerism. Troop 52 welcomed new scouts and prepared for West Bradford Day, showcasing delicious dishes, including new additions like mac and cheese and pit beef, alongside favorites like fried Oreos, pulled pork and homemade sodas.

Interested in scouting? Contact us at wbscoutingunits@gmail.com or join our meetings: Packs meet monthly at West Bradford Elementary, and Troops gather weekly at Marshallton United Methodist Church every Thursday at 7 PM.

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

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We are looking forward to kicking off our Summer Reading Program in June! The theme this year is Adventure Begins at Your Library! We are going to make this theme come to life at the Downingtown Library this summer with many exiting and unique programs and events for everyone, including Book Bingo, Drop-In Family Storytimes, Crochet 101, STEAM Activities, Music & Movement Programs, Harry Potter's Birthday Event, Craft Programs, and so much more. We can't wait for the library to be filled with tons of little readers this summer! Visit our website to register for these programs and more, plus check out some of our regular monthly programs listed below. www.DowningtownLibrary.org.



WE ARE OFFERING THESE EXCITING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS, PLUS MANY MORE!

Board Game Night

1st Wednesday & 3rd Monday each month,
5:00-8:00pm

Meditation

2nd Saturday each month,
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Book Club

4th Tuesday each month,
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Film Forum

2nd Tuesday each month,
6-7:30 p.m.

We want to say a big thank you to everyone who made our Friends of the Downingtown Library Spring Used Book Sale 2024 such a huge success! Keep an eye out for details about our Fall Used Book Sale coming soon.



Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium (DARC) is pleased to provide a wide range of programs and services to the West Bradford Township residents. DARC enjoys shining the light on community recreation.

Hurry up and secure your spot in one of our popular summer camps!

Playground Camp – designed for Preschool age to elementary age children. Let your child explore different activities based on a weekly theme. Each day to day activity will include sports games, arts & crafts, team building activities and one day per week will be a “water day”.

Adventure Camp– Ages 7-11 & 11-14. Mon-Fri 9am-4pm (extended care available) Send your child on a unique activity each and every day. Unlike many other camps, we take your child by school bus to local attractions, events, museums, and a weekly pool session.

Gamebots (July 8-11, 9am-12pm) Attention all gamers! Get ready for a thrilling adventure as your child creates robotic games using LEGO SPIKE prime kits. With every game they build, they'll learn about gear ratios, sensors, programming, and pulleys. Whether it's a robotic hockey player, pinball machine, or a ring toss challenge, your child will have a blast while building, learning, and playing.

Astronaut Academy (August 5 –August 8, 9AM-12PM) 3...2...1 BLAST OFF to discovering space and flight! Explore the stars and constellations as you take an out-of-this-world sky tour in our homemade planetarium, prepare for lift-off as you build and launch your own rocket while learning about Newton's Laws of Motion, complete a mission to Mars as you design and build your own model space station and work in engineering teams to construct space capsules that will be used to launch "eggstronauts"!

Along with many other summer camp options available on our website. All Bus Trips departing from Downingtown.

Hell's Kitchen on Broadway – Saturday, June 29

There's a place where the rhythm of the city is music, where every corner has a story, and every window is a kaleidoscope. Where a girl can step out of her apartment and find the world.

Summer Concerts!

We have some fantastic music coming to Broad Run Park! Bring your lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy the evening. We'll have some great food and drinks there for your enjoyment.

Concerts start at 5:30 pm at Broad Run Park.

July 18 – Bad Hombres Concert

August 7 – Old and Busted Concert



FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS:

Bad Hombres: 7/18 5:30–8:30 p.m.

- Animated Brewing
- Harvest Ridge Winery
- Buddy's Burgers
- Habanero Taco Express
- Scraps & Scoops Ice Cream

Old and Busted: 8/7 5:30–8:30 p.m.

- Animated Brewing
- Harvest Ridge Winery
- Saloon 151
- Habanero Taco Express
- Scraps & Scoops Ice Cream



The Amazing Spaghetti!

NON-STOP FUN, THE AMAZING SPAGHETTI!

The magic & puppet show features non-stop laughter, lots of amazement, then more laughter! Come see The Amazing Spaghetti at Shadyside Park!

August 1 @ 6:30 pm at Shadyside Park



DARC Camps & Trips (Cont.)

That's Hell's Kitchen, a new musical from 15-time Grammy Award winner Alicia Keys that about to make Broadway feel brand new. Musical written by Alicia Keys

New York On Your Own Trips (Jun 29, Jul 27)

Join us as we whisk you away to New York City in carefree comfort or a motor coach! Immerse yourself in the magic of Broadway with the latest musicals, explore New York State's incredible museums and attractions, and indulge in endless dining and shopping delights. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to experience the Big Apple your way!

US Open Fan Week (Aug 24) – Take the bus with us to the US OPEN for “Fan Week” which includes the qualifying rounds. You will see many of your favorite players fighting in these rounds to make it into the main draw.

Website: www.darc.info

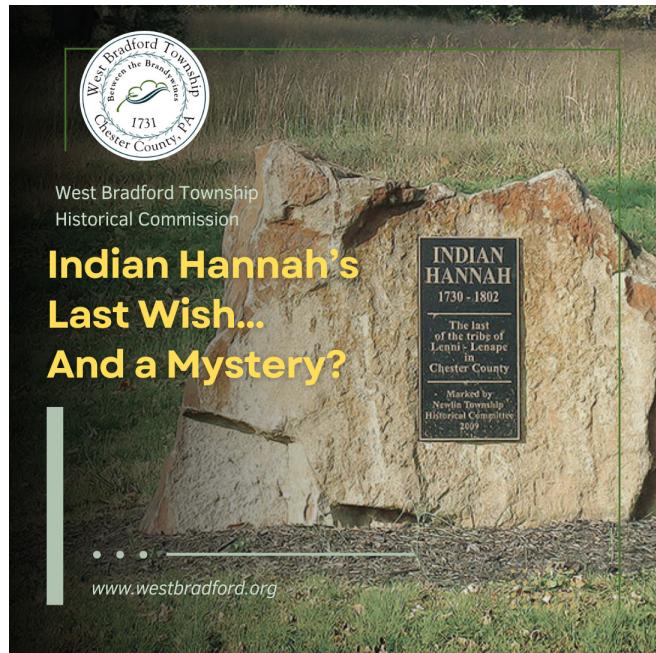
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Indian Hannah's Last Wish - and a Mystery?

Last November, the Chester County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution commemorated the life of Hannah Freeman, aka Indian Hannah, by accepting her into their national database for Outstanding Woman in American History. The ceremony took place at the 1909 Historical Marker at Embreeville, her alleged resting place.

Her iconic status as the "Last of the Lenni Lenape," (untrue) stands in contrast to the obscure burial given to her, in an unmarked grave, at the Potter's Field of the newly constructed Chester County Almshouse.



Hannah's life was well documented. She was a well-known figure throughout the Southern Chester County Community. She farmed at her cabin in Northbrook, peddled her handmade baskets and brooms, and was known as a healer for her knowledge of native medicinal plants. Indian Hannah was truly an independent woman of her time, however, as she aged, her independence became more reliant on the area's prominent Quaker families, she worked as a domestic in exchange for room and board. Eventually, Indian Hannah was looked upon by the Quakers as a Charity case and plans were made to admit her to the newly constructed Chester County Almshouse at Embreeville.

For years these same Quakers had discussed the concept of a home to care for the poor and indigent. In all probability, the disposition of Indian Hanna entered their conversation. On February 27, 1798, an Act was passed to provide for the erection of a home for the employment and support of the poor, and on Nov. 12, 1800, the Chester County Alms House

opened its doors with Indian Hannah one of its first documented residents. She would never leave!

The Mystery to be continued in our next edition or go to the website for the full article.

Acknowledgments – Dawn G. Marsh, A Lenape among the Quakers. Johnathan Hoppe, Of Prisoners and Potter's Field.

Note: West Bradford Township has purchased the Embreeville property, with plans, among others, to include interpretation of the Heritage of the Embreeville site from the original Almshouse to the recent demolition of the Embreeville State Hospital. Indian Hanna will be part of that interpretation.

Mark Slouf is a board member of the Friends of Martin's Tavern and on the West Bradford's Embreeville Task Force.



CARDBOARD RECYCLING REMINDER!

How you choose to dispose of cardboard has some serious financial consequences!

A word about....cardboard recycling. Did you know we have an actual "cardboard conundrum" when it comes to recycling cardboard? As you may (or may not) know, West Bradford Township offers residents the option to recycle cardboard right here on our campus (1385 Campus Drive, Downingtown).

So, bring all those CLEAN Amazon boxes here! Did you know that when you toss cardboard in the trash it costs the township \$80 per ton for disposal? When you place your cardboard in the recycling bin it costs the township \$45 per ton for disposal BUT when you bring it to the township campus for recycling the township is PAID \$45 per ton when collected! Help us offset the increasing cost of our trash disposal. It's very simple math - so please bring your cardboard to be recycled here at campus and stop in and say "Hi" while you're here!

WEST BRADFORD MOVIE NIGHTS

Location: Broad Run Park
Time: 8:30 p.m.

\$1 Ice Cream available at all movie nights!
Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the show!

June 6: "Migration" (PG)
June 20: "Elemental" (PG)
July 11: "Super Mario Bros." (PG)
July 25: "Luca" (PG)
August 1: "Trolls Band Together" (PG)
August 15: "Goonies" (PG)

The infographic features the West Bradford Township seal at the top. It is divided into three sections: 1. A grey bin with a large red X over it, labeled "In the Trash Costs \$80 per ton". 2. A yellow recycling bin labeled "In Recycling Costs \$45 per ton". 3. A stack of cardboard boxes at the township campus with a large green checkmark, labeled "At the Township Campus Pays \$45 per ton".

Free Yoga in the Park

Come out and enjoy some nice weather and our beautiful Shadyside Park as the West Bradford Township Parks Department is bringing you a free yoga program again this year.

Every Wednesday at 7:30 PM , feel free to arrive early, stay late, come late, leave early, just come on out!

Whether you're a novice or a pro or have never even tried yoga before, just come out and have some fun. Bring your mat and towel!

The advertisement features the West Bradford Township seal. The text "Free Yoga in the Park" is overlaid on a green graphic. A woman is shown in a yoga pose in the background.



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JUNE 2024

6/3	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
6/4	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
6/4	Shadyside Park – Family Night Taekwondo Night- with Master Fox [4:30 – 5pm Ages 3 1/2-4 y/o] · [5:15 – 6:15pm – Ages 5-6 y/o] [6:15 – 7:15pm Ages 7-11 y/o] [7:15 – 8:30pm- Teens & Adults]	
6/5	Shadyside Park – Free Yoga – bring your own mat.....	7:30 pm
6/6	Movie Night at Broad Run Park with \$1.00 Ice Cream (Migration [PG]).....	8:30 pm
6/12	Shadyside Park – Free Yoga – bring your own mat.....	7:30 pm
6/17	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 pm
6/18	Planning Commission Meeting (<i>if needed</i>).....	7:00 pm
6/19	Shadyside Park – Free Yoga – bring your own mat.....	7:30 pm
6/20	Movie Night at Broad Run Park with \$1.00 Ice Cream (Elemental [PG]).....	8:30 pm
6/20	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
6/24	Large Item Pickup – Monday Refuse Customers	
6/25	Large Item Pickup – Tuesday Refuse Customers	
6/25	Board of Supervisors Meeting.....	7:00 pm
6/27	Refuse/Large Item Collection – Thursday Customers	
6/26	Shadyside Park – Free Yoga – bring your own mat.....	7:30 pm
6/28	Refuse/Large Item Collection – Friday Customers	

JULY 2024

7/1	Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
7/2	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
7/3	Special Refuse or Recycle Collection for Thursday Customers	
7/3	Shadyside Park – Free Yoga – bring your own mat.....	7:30 pm
7/4	Independence Day Holiday	Office Closed
	No Refuse/Recyclables pickup. Pickup will be Wednesday, July 3rd	
7/9	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting.....	7:00 pm
7/10	Shadyside Park – Free Yoga – bring your own mat.....	7:30 pm
7/11	Movie Night at Broad Run Park with \$1.00 Ice Cream (The Super Mario Bros. Movie [PG]).....	8:30 pm
7/15	Recreation Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
7/16	Planning Commission (<i>if needed</i>).....	7:00 pm
7/17	Shadyside Park – Free Yoga – bring your own mat.....	7:30 pm
7/18	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
7/18	Bad Hombres Concert at Broad Run Park.....	5:30 pm
7/23	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting (<i>if needed</i>).....	7:00 pm
7/24	Shadyside Park – Free Yoga – bring your own mat.....	7:30 pm
7/25	Movie Night at Broad Run Park with \$1.00 Ice Cream	

AUGUST 2024

8/1	Luca [PG].....	8:30 pm
7/25	Large Item Pickup – Thursday Refuse Customers	
7/26	Large Item Pickup – Friday Refuse Customers	
7/29	Large Item Pickup – Monday Refuse Customers	
7/30	Large Item Pickup – Tuesday Refuse Customers	
7/31	Shadyside Park – Free Yoga – bring your own mat.....	7:30 pm
8/1	The Amazing Spaghetti at Shadyside Park.....	6:30 pm
8/1	Movie Night at Broad Run Park with \$1.00 Ice Cream (Trolls Band Together [PG]).....	8:30 pm
8/5	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
8/6	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
8/7	Old and Busted Concert at Broad Run Park.....	5:30 pm
8/7	Shadyside Park – Free Yoga – bring your own mat.....	7:30 pm
8/13	Board of Supervisors Meeting	7:00 pm
8/14	Shadyside Park – Free Yoga – bring your own mat.....	7:30 pm
8/15	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
8/15	Movie Night at Broad Run Park with \$1.00 Ice Cream (Goonies [PG])	8:30 pm
8/19	Recreation Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
8/20	Planning Commission (<i>if needed</i>)	7:00 pm
8/26	Large Item Pickup – Monday Refuse Customers	
8/27	Large Item Pickup – Tuesday Refuse Customers	
8/29	Large Item Pickup – Thursday Refuse Customers	
8/30	Large Item Pickup – Friday Refuse Customers	

SEPTEMBER 2024

9/2	Labor Day Holiday	Office Closed
	No Refuse/Recyclables pickup. Pickup will be Weds, September 4th	
9/3	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
9/4	Special Refuse or Recycle Collection for Monday Customers	
9/9	Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
9/10	Board of Supervisors Business/Subdivision Meeting.....	7:00 pm
9/16	Recreation Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
9/17	Planning Commission (<i>if needed</i>)	7:00 pm
9/19	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
9/24	Board of Supervisors Meeting (<i>if needed</i>)	7:00 pm
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