

WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

"Between the Brandywines"

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEWS

Historical Commission

The Board appointed Alex Kemps to the Historical Commission with an ex-officio term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Public Works – Flex Position

The Board ratified the hiring of Matthew Sampson for the position of Public Works Flex subject to a six-month probationary period.

State Police Barracks – 997 Lieds Road

The Board authorized the Township Manager to execute the lease renewal for the PA State Police Barracks at 997 Leids Road for a ten (10) year term and two (2) additional five (5) year extensions, subject to review by the Township Solicitor.

Director of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

The Board appointed Mr. Joseph Antonelli as the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, subject to a six-month probationary period.

Director of Planning, Zoning, and Codes

The Board appointed Mr. Christian Adamek as the Director of Planning, Zoning, and Codes, subject to a six-month probationary period.

Conditional Use – Application #50

The Board accepted the Conditional Use Application #50 for United Sports Training Center and moved to forward the application to the West Bradford Township Planning Commission for review and comment at their August 6, 2024, meeting.

Subdivision Waiver Request – 1000 Marshallton Thorndale Road

The Board approved the subdivision waiver request for 1000 Marshallton Thorndale Road.

West Bradford Township Closes on the Embreeville Real Estate Transaction



We are thrilled to announce that we have reached a major milestone in the years-long story of Embreeville. On July 12, 2024, the Township successfully closed on the Embreeville real estate transaction. After years of litigations, negotiation, remediation, demolition, and cleanup, the day has finally arrived.

"The complexity of this project and the investment of time cannot be understated. This marks a monumental moment, not only in the history of Embreeville, but also in the history of West Bradford Township," stated

Jack M. Hines, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

"I am pleased that this long process is complete, and we acquired this property to prevent more development in our beautiful township. I look forward to envisioning how we can best use this open space for our residents to enjoy in the future." – Kevin Houghton, Supervisor.

"I echo the feelings of my fellow Supervisors and I am pleased to see this milestone reached. This further cements the Board's commitment to preserving our beautiful Township." – Laurie Abele, Supervisor.

The Embreeville property holds tremendous potential for West Bradford Township and for many generations of residents to come.

"There were many times over the past decade where it would have been easy to say, "we cannot accomplish this". However, the Township and its residents chose to say, "we can" and we did. Each resident should take pride in this accomplishment because without your dedication and support, this project would not have become a reality. My sincere thanks and congratulations to all our wonderful residents." – Justin Yaich, Township Manager.

We appreciate your continued patience while the site remains closed to the public until the Township can assess and correct any public safety issues that may exist on the property. The current existing use of the soccer and baseball fields will continue as usual and will not be impacted while other interior improvements take place. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook for updates. 🌿

Is Our Fire Company Facing a Volunteer Crisis?

By: Jack Hines, Board of Supervisors Chair and former Fire Chief

Is our fire company facing a volunteer crisis? Well, almost! Our fire company (West Bradford Fire Company) was founded in 1953 and has always been staffed by volunteers. Today, it is difficult to get a sufficient number of volunteers.

In the early days of the fire company the only station was in Marshallton. Almost every citizen in Marshallton was a volunteer; either as an active firefighter, managing the business end of the fire company, or helping with fundraising.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE BEST KIND OF PEOPLE

WEST BRADFORD FIRE COMPANY



**VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ARE IN
SHORT SUPPLY**

YOU CAN HELP

Today the Township has a greater number of residents and fewer volunteers.

While there may be interest by many, the rigors of today's world make it difficult. Two income families leave little time for volunteering. Young people who become volunteer firefighters often leave the fire company after school either to find reasonably priced housing, or they move to start a family, most often for both reasons. Each member who is trained and leaves becomes a critical loss as we need all our volunteers to be able to have a proper response to emergencies.

Why would someone become a volunteer firefighter? Having been a volunteer firefighter when I was younger, I would like to share some stories of the satisfaction and benefits that I received from my service.

When I was a firefighter, I learned to manage many difficult situations and learned many skills that have served me throughout my life.

Many ask how I know how to make repairs around our home; these are skills I learned as a firefighter working with individuals with a variety of talents. Firefighters learn to quickly assess and address an emergency situation which is a skill that is worthwhile in anything that you do. My family has been better served because of these skills.

On one occasion we were called to a medical assist. A young girl had run through a glass door and when the door shattered received a severe laceration across her forehead. We responded and managed her care until the arrival of the ambulance. Fortunately, an excellent plastic surgeon was at the hospital to help her. Several months later, her father brought her to the fire house on training night to thank us. Her scar was barely visible. It gave us great satisfaction that we helped this beautiful young girl avoid suffering a scar that could have affected her throughout her life. My heart swells with pride that I was a part of the volunteer fire company.

At the firehouse we built great friendships that have lasted a lifetime. Operating the fire station was of great importance to me because I gained many leadership skills. My life has included several positions that required these skills which have served me, my family, and my community well.

We want more people to experience many of the good things that I have as a volunteer firefighter and encourage you to give the fire company a try. Help yourself, your family, your neighborhood, and your community.

DON'T FALL BEHIND – PLANT A NATIVE TREE!

In the fall, most of us think of leaves falling down, but it's also a great time to help more leaves go up! Use the fall to plant some trees native to our region.

Why plant in fall?

While most plants appreciate summer's warm weather, those just starting out need time to adjust to high temperatures – especially trees, which establish themselves and grow more slowly than annuals or perennials. Trees also go dormant in the cold, so a tree planted in the fall will be prepared enough to get through the winter, and then it will have a head start once sunnier spring days begin.

Why plant native trees?

Native trees support the life local birds need to survive: most bird species feed their young only insects and caterpillars in the spring! In addition to protecting biodiversity, native trees also:

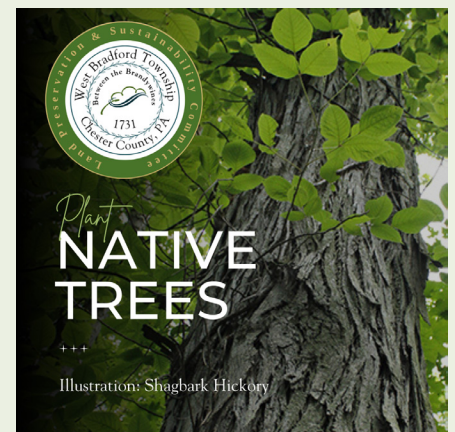
- Reduce erosion and promote clean water
- Require less maintenance than non-natives
- Help clean our air and reduce heat
- Help combat climate change

What are some native trees?

- White oak and northern red oak
- Hickory
- River birch
- Ironwood
- American linden / Basswood
- Serviceberry / Juneberry

Information from the Arbor Day Foundation, PA

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources,
and the Lancaster Planning Department.



HELP US BECOME MORE SUSTAINABLE!

Opt IN to the monthly emailed newsletter!



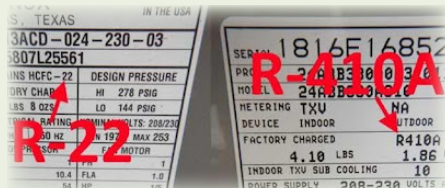
In an effort to be as sustainable as possible, West Bradford Township is offering residents the opportunity to **OPT-OUT** of receiving a paper newsletter mailed to their homes.

UNDERSTANDING REFRIGERANT DISPOSAL

By: John Steffy, Refuse Foreman

Have you ever wondered why we cannot place refrigerated appliances into the trash? This is because the refrigerant contained in each unit is harmful to the Ozone layer. Each type of refrigerant has it's own rating of Global Warming Potential (GWP) and Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP). While refrigerants used in new appliances have a much lower GWP and ODP, the older, more harmful refrigerants are still prevalent at the disposal end of refrigerated appliances. There are many types of refrigerants used throughout the world, but the four most commonly collected for disposal in West Bradford are R134a, R410a, R-22 and R-12. These refrigerants are used in home refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers and dehumidifiers.

After West Bradford's Refuse Department collects your refrigerated unit it is stored and separated by refrigerant type. Evacuation of refrigerant takes place at the Municipal Campus and each evacuated unit is then recycled. Once our storage tanks are full, they are taken to our local refrigeration supplier to be disposed of. Please remember that West Bradford Township has the resources for all refrigerated units to be handled and disposed of according to EPA regulations. If you have a refrigerated unit that needs to be disposed of call the Township office at (610)-269-4174.



Pickleball Courts - Grand Opening!

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the opening of the Pickleball Courts in June at Broad Run Park. We had a great turnout of all ages and everyone enjoyed the lessons provided by Jackie from Next Level Pickleball!



Fall Family Fun Festival at Broad Run Park (Rain or Shine)

The annual Fall Family Fun Festival at Broad Run Park is the perfect fall family outing! This great event takes place Saturday, October 12, from 5 to 8 pm.

Save the date and celebrate with exciting, fun-filled, fall-themed family activities for all ages. Enjoy pumpkin and face painting, old-fashioned hayrides, and great music by a crackling bonfire! Stay tuned for details!

West Bradford Township's Recreation Commission is very proudly hosting this festive event. Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated! For more information on how you can have a great time lending a hand, please contact Joseph Antonelli at (610) 269-4174 or jantonelli@westbradford.org.



Pet of the Month

MEET FERN...

"Meet Fern, my new puppy! She is the sweetest little girl, that loves to play toys, chase balls and snuggle. Fern is learning to walk on a leash with her "sister" Mia, a 14 year old Yorkie, at the Shadyside Park. Fern loves car rides and to be outside."



The Village of Marshallton Tree Lighting

December 7, 4 to 6 p.m.

Celebrate the start of this year's holiday season in the historic and quaint Village of Marshallton. See Santa Claus, enjoy live music, and tasty refreshments...then gather for the tree illumination at 5:00 PM. It's a great tradition for the entire family! No pets, please. For more information on this event sponsored by Friends of Martin's Tavern, please visit martinstavern.org.



Summer Fun in West Bradford Township

With movie nights, concerts, and taekwondo happening right here in the township, residents were having a blast all summer long!



DOWNINGTOWN LIBRARY

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Thank you to all our patrons who participated in Downingtown Library's Adventure Begins at Your Library Summer Reading Program! We had so much fun during all our special summer events and we're so grateful for the opportunity to promote literacy in our community! Happy continued reading!

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

- **Board Game Night**
(adults & young adults)
1st Wednesday each month
5:00-8:00pm
- **Preschool Ballet Storytimes**
(see website for details)
- **Meditation: Sushumna Kriya Yoga**
(adults & families)
2nd Saturday Each Month,
10:30am-12pm
- **Various Knitting/Crochet/Fiber Arts Groups**
(adults, in-person)
Every Tuesday, 10:30am-12pm,
1-2:30pm
Every Thursday, 6-7:30pm
- **Storytimes with Miss Rebecca**
(various age groups and times,
see website)
- **Film Forum**
(adults, in-person or virtual)
2nd Tuesday Each Month,
6-7:30pm
- **Conversational English (ESL)**
(virtual program)
Every Tuesday, 12-1pm
- **Special Teen Programs Each Month**
(see website events calendar for details)
- **Special Children's Programs Each Month**
(see website events calendar for details)
- **PA CareerLink Chester County – Table at the Library**
Last Tuesday Each Month, 2-4pm
- **Friends of the Downingtown Library Fall Used Book Sale**
(more details soon on our website)
October 11th-13th

To register for these programs & events, plus more, visit www.DowningtownLibrary.org.

UPCOMING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

Saturday, October 5, 2024 – West Chester

Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road, West Chester,
PA 19382

- **RESIDENTIAL ONLY** – Businesses and Contractors will be turned away
- NO TV's, ELECTRONICS, LATEX PAINT OR FREON® APPLIANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED
- ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
www.chestercounty.org

REFUSE AND RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

Unless a holiday occurs on your regularly scheduled refuse or recycle day, Township employees collect your refuse on the same day each week and your recycling on the same day each week. Your regular refuse or recycling collection days depend on your location. To find out which day of the week your refuse or recycling will be collected, call the Township at 610-269-4174.

Refuse Collection Day/Recycling Collection Day

Monday ... Tuesday
Tuesday ... Monday
Thursday ... Friday
Friday ... Thursday

If a holiday occurs on your regular refuse or recycling day, then your refuse or recycling will be collected on the Wednesday of the holiday week. Please check the Holiday Schedule. You may also check the Township Calendar for all changes.

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PET OF THE MONTH

SUBMIT YOUR PET
TODAY!



West Bradford Youth Athletics (WBYA)

West Bradford Youth Athletics (WBYA) is a volunteer, non-profit organization providing recreational sports programs for children in our community. Our focus is to give kids 4-18 a safe and inclusive place to play, with a focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, respect and fun.



In the fall, SOCCER AND GOLF are popular programs, with BASKETBALL running December through March. LACROSSE comes around in the spring, along with more soccer and golf. The kids love STREET HOCKEY (on sneakers) and TRACK & FIELD in the summer months. Visit WBYA.ORG for more info, and create an account to receive notifications when registrations open up.

50th Marshalton Triathlon - Register Now!

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Celebrating 50 Years
of Pedaling, Paddling, and
Pacing Through the Scenic
and Historic Landscape
of Chester County

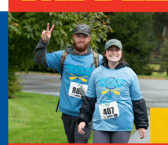
50 MARSHALTON TRIATHLON
October 6th, 2024



PEDAL



PADDLE



PACE



Registration for the 50th Triathlon to be held on Sunday, October 6th, is still open, but register now as heats are filling up!

Don't miss the opportunity to join us at this time-honored event and be a part of the Triathlon's 50th! The Triathlon is proud to benefit the West Bradford Fire Company and the Marshallton Conservation Trust. For



more information on the event and registration, please visit www.marshalltontriathlon.net.



Used Bicycle & Sewing Machine Drive Sponsored by Chester Co. Solid Waste Authority

RAIN OR SHINE

Sunday, October 20th 12pm-3pm
West Goshen Municipal Complex
1025 Paoli Pike (entrance on Five Points Rd)
West Goshen, PA 19380

We're collecting adult & kids' bikes and sewing machines to send to Togo, Tanzania, Belize, Guatemala and Albania. Do your part to put unused bikes and sewing machines to good use in the developing world. Visit P4P.org to read more!

A \$20 donation with each bike or sewing machine is requested to offset shipping costs overseas. All material and monetary donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided on site.

For more info contact: Patti: 484-796-4039

Indian Hannah's Last Wish - and a Mystery? (Part 2)

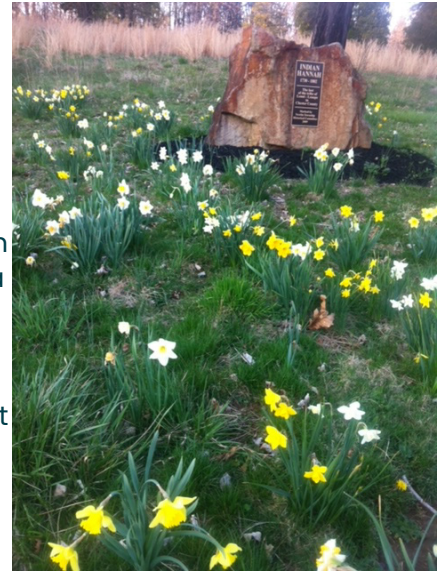
On March 20, 1802, Hannah Freeman passed away. She was the first to be interred in the newly constructed potters' field due west of the Almshouse. Her wish to be buried with her people in the nearby Lenape burial ground at Northbrook was never realized.

Hannah Freeman's nondescript burial and location soon became lost in time. In circa 1850, the original Almshouse was replaced with the Chester County Poorhouse and its continuing expansion of outbuildings for its farming and quarry operations. Then in 1900, the Chester County Insane Asylum was constructed. Its grand architecture can be seen in the numerous old Chester County postcards. The Asylum and adjacent nurse's quarters were to encroach on the old potters field which had filled up. This necessitated the laying out of a second cemetery, further west, and the reinterment of those long-lost souls.

In 1909, The Chester County Historical Society erected the stone marker commemorating Indian Hannah's last resting spot and naming her as the "Last of the Lenni Lenape Indians in Chester County."

The Mystery?

The question of where Indian Hannah is buried has been debated over the years. Certainly, she was laid to rest in the original potter's field. But with the ensuing discoveries, it's obvious that not all the remains were reinterred to the second cemetery. Could Indian Hanna still rest in her original burial spot or was she reinterred in the second poorhouse cemetery? We may never know. Or will we?



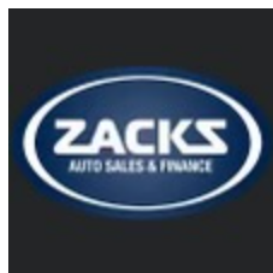
Acknowledgments – Dawn G. Marsh, A Lenape among the Quakers. Johnathan Hoppe, Of Prisoners and Potter's Field.

Note: Mr. Slouf is a member of the Friends of Martin's Tavern (FoMT) as well as a member of the West Bradford Township Embreeville Steering Committee.

This article is provided by Mr. Slouf, in his individual capacity, and not acting in an official role. 

We had a wonderful summer of activities thanks to the West Bradford Parks & Recreation Department, the Recreation Commission and our generous SUMMER SPONSORS! Thank you!

Thank You Summer Sponsors



SAVE THE DATE!



Marshallton United Methodist Church
Community Events

- Fall Flower Sale Starts Friday, September 13th
- Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 13th
- Cookie Sale 9am - Community Lunch at 11:30 on Saturday, Dec 14

WEST BRADFORD FALL YOUTH TENNIS PROGRAM

The Philadelphia Area Team Tennis Association is back again with its affordable local team tennis program at Broad Run Park for two age groups and experience levels! The Orange Division is open to boys and girls ages 8 to 10 who are beginner or intermediate players (usually grades 3-4). The Green Division is for children 11 to 13, and more experienced 10 year olds (usually grades 5-8). There are limited spots available and registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please register ASAP.

The program runs from September 7th- October 19th . The fee for West Bradford residents is \$75 per player, and includes a uniform shirt, award and end-of-season activities. The non-resident fee is \$90. For more information visit www.local.phillyteamtennis.org/localfall or contact Justin DePietropaolo at (610) 450-4816, or justin@phillyteamtennis.org.



From the Township Manager

Connecting with Residents
www.westbradford.org



A Letter from the Township Manager

As we spend more time outdoors, it's important to be good stewards of our environment. Here are a few tips to keep in mind...

Rabbit Saved!

Now, for our next magic trick, we will pull a rabbit out of a drain!

Shout out to our public works – Scott McMinn and Matt Sampson along with Barb Miller from Rabbit Rescue! Two youngsters reported a bunny stuck in a storm drain. With the help of Public Works and Barb Miller, the bunny was safely



rescued and released into the woods (far away from drains!)

At West Bradford, we not only serve the people, but we also serve the animals too!

Fishing at the Broad Run “Catch and Release” Pond

As an avid fisherman, there is nothing I enjoy more than a warm evening on a lake with nothing but the sound of birds and my lure hitting the water.

As that season approaches, it reminds me of our own Broad Run Pond and the enjoyment I see so many youngsters experiencing there. But as we head out with our fishing gear, let's remember to tread lightly and leave behind only footprints. Discarded lures and hooks pose a significant hazard to both curious children and unsuspecting wildlife. To ensure the safety of all inhabitants of our pond, I implore all who share in this passion to be mindful of their equipment and properly dispose of any waste.

Additionally, adopting the use of barbless hooks – at our catch and release pond – during fishing not only reduces harm to fish but also minimizes the risk of injury to other wildlife, such as turtles, that may inadvertently encounter these tools. Let's make a collective effort to prioritize conservation and uphold the principles of responsible angling.

For information about fishing in Pennsylvania, please visit the PA Fish and Boat Commission website.

Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to the protection of our local wildlife.

Yours,
Justin Yaich
Township Manager 

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FALL 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change. Please check www.westbradford.org and follow us on Facebook for updates.

SEPTEMBER 2024

9/2	Labor Day Holiday Office Closed No Refuse or Recycle Collection for Monday customers. Pickup will be Wednesday, September 4th
9/3	Planning Commission Meeting7:00 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 Meeting7:00 pm
9/16	Recreation Commission Meeting6:30 pm
9/19	Historical Commission Meeting.....7:30 pm
9/24	Board of Supervisors Meeting (if needed).....7:00 pm
9/24	Large Item Pickup – Tuesday Refuse Customers
9/26	Large Item Pickup – Thursday Refuse Customers
9/27	Large Item Pickup – Friday Refuse Customers
9/30	Large Item Pickup – Monday Refuse Customers

OCTOBER 2024

10/1	Planning Commission Meeting7:00 pm
10/7	Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee Meeting.....7:00 pm
10/8	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting.....7:00 pm
10/12	Fall Family Fun Festival at Shadyside Park (Rain or Shine).5-8 pm
10/16	Curbside Leaf/Yard Waste Collection Must schedule at 610-269-4174 or ptomczak@westbradford.org
10/17	Historical Commission Meeting.....7:30 pm
10/21	Recreation Commission Meeting6:30 pm
10/22	Board of Supervisors Meeting (if needed).....7:00 pm
10/25	Large Item Pickup – Friday Refuse Customers
10/28	Large Item Pickup – Monday Refuse Customers
10/29	Large Item Pickup – Tuesday Refuse Customers
10/31	Large Item Pickup – Thursday Refuse Customers

NOVEMBER 2024

11/4	Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee Meeting.....7:00 pm
11/5	General Election Day Office Closed Refuse & Recycle Collection will be per normal schedule for Tuesday customers
11/6	Curbside Leaf/Yard Waste Collection Must schedule at 610-269-4174 or ptomczak@westbradford.org
11/12	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting7:00 pm
11/18	Recreation Commission Meeting6:30 pm
11/20	Curbside Leaf/Yard Waste Collection Must schedule at 610-269-4174 or ptomczak@westbradford.org
11/21	Historical Commission Meeting.....7:30 pm
11/25	Large Item Pickup – Monday Refuse Customers
11/26	Board of Supervisors Meeting (if needed)7:00 pm
11/26	Large Item Pickup – Tuesday Refuse Customers
11/27	Special Refuse or Recycle Collection/Large Item Pickup for Thursday customers.
11/28	Thanksgiving Day Holiday Office Closed No Refuse or Recycle Collection/Large Item pickup for Thursday customers. Pickup will be Wednesday, November 27
11/29	Large Item Pickup – Friday Refuse Customers

DECEMBER 2024

12/2	Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee Meeting7:00 pm
12/3	Planning Commission Meeting7:00 pm
12/10	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting.....7:00 pm
12/11	Curbside Leaf/Yard Waste Collection Must schedule at 610-269-4174 or ptomczak@westbradford.org
12/16	Recreation Commission Meeting6:30 pm
12/19	Historical Commission Meeting.....7:30 pm
12/24	Christmas Eve Observed Office Closed Refuse & Recycle Collection will be per normal schedule for Tuesday customers
12/25	Christmas Day Holiday Office Closed
12/26	Large Item Pickup – Thursday Refuse Customers
12/27	Large Item Pickup – Friday Refuse Customers
12/30	Large Item Pickup – Monday Refuse Customers
12/31	Large Item Pickup – Tuesday Refuse Customers