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West Bradford to developers: tell the folks

Sometimes, municipal leaders forget just whose interests they represent.

In the heat of their battles with developers, engineers and lawyers, local elected officials sometimes can lose sight of the taxpayers' concerns.

West Bradford Township is one place where they have not forgotten, apparently.

In what might seem like a minor consideration to some but which seems like a major proposition to us, the supervisors have proposed changes in their subdivision ordinance with the residents' best interests in mind.

Most important, they propose that developers must notify neighboring residents before construction begins.

Prior to noisily disrupting residents' lives, builders must tell the people what is coming.

What a novel idea. It is so simple and civil a concept that doubtless many places have never thought of it. If there are any other municipalities which have similar laws, we applaud their foresight and thoughtfulness.

The supervisors in West Bradford, recognizing that not all — nor

even most — of the township residents have the time to attend the regular township meetings, want developers to be responsible for notifying residents so they know what is in store.

Often, the reason people do not attend municipal meetings has nothing to do with lack of interest. Many people are just too busy; the meetings mostly occur at night, last for hours, and not everyone with families can attend.

So the proposed ordinance, along with others West Bradford supervisors have suggested, could end up getting more people involved in local government.

For instance, the township also is considering a requirement that developers show their plans to the recreation commission at an early stage.

But the common courtesy measure that we hope is passed in West Bradford should be welcome by anyone who ever woke up suddenly one morning to the racket of bulldozers and language which is — shall we say — somewhat bluer than the sky.

Yes, it is a little measure, but it is the little things which count sometimes.

Historic district too strict, costly,

say West Bradford residents

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By STEVE REINBRECHT
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WEST BRADFORD — The township is spending too much money to develop a historic district ordinance, some residents have told supervisors.

In fact, some residents don't want the law at all.

But the historic ordinance is needed to protect the historic character of the township, West Bradford officials say.

"The people trying to ram this down our throats don't even live in Marshallton," said David Johnson, who does live in the historic village.

Speaking at a supervisors' meeting last week, he said he objected to any new laws that tell people how they can work on their

homes.

If adopted, the law would outline the township's historic properties and create a seven-member architectural review board to oversee new construction, renovations, and demolition in the historic districts.

The township now has three districts on the National Register of Historic Places — Marshallton, Trimbleville, and Northbrook. The ordinance would concentrate on buildings in those areas first, but others among the 100 historic properties in the township could be added later.

Tom Comitta, a land planner and Marshallton resident, has charged the township about \$9,000 for work on the ordinance so far.

He said the fee includes writing an ordinance that sets up the review board and de-

scribes how historic assets in the three districts should be protected.

The fee also includes preparing detailed maps for the three areas and rewriting parts of the existing zoning code to make it comply with the new ordinance, if it is passed.

Resident Robert Crawford said he was "appalled" at the \$9,000 expenditure.

"I think it's totally ridiculous," he said. "Asinine. Just to have \$9,000 to throw away on a study like this."

Supervisors Chairman Thomas McCaffrey said that in his judgment "the assets there deserve the financing to protect them."

Resident Robert Hodge said the ordinance is just "more bureaucracy" that interferes with how people take care of their own property.

"I'd appreciate it if you'd lay off," he said.

McCaffrey said the township is required to review all its ordinances anyway, and Comitta's fee is coming from funds budgeted for this purpose.

Supervisor Ken Klunk said he agrees the study is necessary, but was surprised at the size of Comitta's bill and wants an estimate of the final cost of the project.

Comitta said he will give the first draft to township officials this month for review. Residents will be able to have their say at a public hearing before supervisors vote on the law.

A similar ordinance was prepared about 10 years ago, but was never adopted after residents strongly objected to what they considered restrictions on their properties.

HARBs meet the HARB-nots

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By P. DAVIDA SANDERS
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WEST BRADFORD — Members of historical review boards from outside the township tried to convince the planning commission Tuesday that such boards benefit townships.

West Bradford is considering a historic district ordinance of its own, to regulate building and renovation in Marshallton and two other township villages on the National Register of Historic Places.

Some township residents have opposed the proposed ordinance, saying no one should tell them what they can do with their own properties.

The planning commission invited members of different historical architectural review boards to discuss how each works.

These HARB members explained the

ordinances that govern their municipalities. They answered questions about the proposed West Bradford ordinance.

Mark Slouf, chairman of the West Bradford Planning Commission, asked about public opposition.

"Through the course of time, have people grown accustomed to it and accepted it?" he asked. "Or is there still opposition?"

The HARB members stressed that people have appreciated their efforts.

"You have to look at it as free advice," said Jackie Roach, a Birmingham Township HARB member.

"The people realize that if they don't take the expert advice, they won't fit in."

Slouf said he feels that the West Bradford HARB should be geared more to advising and consulting.

Dale Frenz, Birmingham/East Bradford HARB member, told Slouf that, in

his case, "the HARB is just an advisory board to the supervisors."

Roy Smith, West Chester HARB representative, said "there is some reluctance on the part of the HARB to engage in lots of free advice. We recognize it as part of making the process work."

The group also discussed the hardship that historic ordinances might cause people who can't afford to meet ordinance standards.

"We haven't had any people come in with any hardship. All that come in have something specific to do," said Smith. He said that if necessary, the review board would work with the individual to come up with a "low-cost acceptable way."

"It may cost them more to do and comply with the standards," said Smith. "But, in the long run the process costs less. We have restricted them to what was appropriate."

Hearings may decide the fate of the Marshallton historic district

By JUDY SIMCHES
Special to the Local News

WEST BRADFORD — A series of public meetings will help decide the fate of an ordinance that would declare Marshallton an historic district.

Support of the ordinance was the subject at Tuesday night's planning commission meeting. Planning commission members will make a recommendation on the ordinance to the township board of supervisors.

Many commission members expressed concerns over the way the ordinance reads. They feel it is too restrictive.

"My biggest objection is too much government control," said commission member Howard Folk.

Residents in attendance asked the commission to hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed ordinance.

The commission agreed, although the date for the meeting has not yet been set.

"I don't think there are many people in the village that know what is going on," said resident Duke Evans. "I think you need to get public input before you debate, not after. The ordinance has a lot of teeth. You need to saw those teeth to get villager's support."

The ordinance implies that owners are obligated to maintain their properties within certain standards.

The supervisors would appoint an historic area review board (HARB), which would oversee all proposed changes to village properties. This would include major and minor work such as painting and simple repairs.

As currently worded, if a home owner wanted to paint his house, he would have to go to the HARB and

ask for approval.

"We need to separate painting and routine maintenance so they are not items which must be reviewed by HARB," said Chairman Mark Slouf. "Perhaps it could be just a simple review by the zoning official."

Slouf would like to see the board come up with creative ways to help a homeowner make the costly improvements needed to stay within guidelines. He would like to see HARB used for consulting and advising.

"It is the make-up of the review board that will make or break the district, not the ordinance," said Slouf.

Slouf said the ordinance was designed to protect the district not to restrict property owners.

"I am all for the concept," said Don Done, commission member. "There

are definitely things that are flawed and should be tempered. I don't think the ordinance should be so harsh. It should be beneficial, an encouragement, not punitive."

Slouf asked the commission to look over the ordinance and come back with specific recommendations by its next meeting.

Slouf thought the public debate should be at the supervisor's level.

"The people of Marshallton know what is going on," disagreed Slouf. "We are only an advisory board, we pass information to the supervisors."

Evans said he thought once the planning commission brought the ordinance to the supervisors it was a done deal.

Many residents felt the same way and Slouf agreed to a meeting.

Residents speak out against development

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WEST BRADFORD — About 60 residents jammed into the tiny township meeting room Tuesday to speak out against the proposed Stargazer Village development.

The housing and commercial development is scheduled to be built at the intersection of Stargazer and Strasburg roads in Romansville by Construction and Design Services of West Chester.

But shortly into the meeting they found out that Stargazer Village wasn't on the agenda. Some of them left, but most remained and had an opportunity to speak out against the development.

Also proposed for the project is 37 homes, ranging from one to five acres on an 86-acre tract.

A previous plan, complying with zoning ordinances had 65 homes on 66 acres, many on quarter-acre lots.

The planning commission rejected that plan.

Most of the residents at the meeting objected to the commercial area.

"We need to control it (the development)," said Kathy O'Doherty, a Romansville resident of 15 years.

"Professional offices would not fly there. We couldn't even get a MAC machine to fly out here. Besides a landfill and a general store, nothing flies."

O'Doherty believed that a food market would certainly do well in the commercial area, but she didn't want one. However, she didn't think professional businesses would make it.

According to Planning Commission Chairman Mark Slouf, planners want to keep the architecture of the proposed development along the lines of the village of Romansville.

"It could possibly enhance the village," Slouf said.

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W. Bradford again revising proposal

By BARBARA PAUL
Special to the Local News

WEST BRADFORD — A proposed historic district ordinance is being revised for the fifth time by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance would create historic districts in Marshallton, Northbrook and Trimbleville villages, all of which were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in the mid 1980s.

If adopted by the supervisors, the Historic Overlay District Ordinance would "protect the distinctive historical character" of the above areas by regulating any changes to buildings there.

These changes would include any work affecting the appearance of a building from a public street.

Under the proposed ordinance, a seven-member Historical and Architectural Review Board would review proposed alterations. This board would be comprised of a registered architect, a licensed real estate broker, a building inspector, and a member of the planning commission. Most of the remain-

ing members would be township residents.

This review board would counsel supervisors on historic issues, advise on maintenance and enhancement of historic value, research financial resources, and provide architectural guidelines.

Some township residents feel this board will be too restrictive and will ultimately harm them.

"We are what we are because of individual choices," said Elizabeth Hodge, who with husband, Bob, owns Highland Orchards on Marshallton-Thorndale Road. "You are putting a blanket over us. We will have group decisions instead of individual decisions. I have great concern over that."

Planning Commission Chairman Mark Slouf responded that the whole idea of the ordinance is to protect the uniqueness of the historic districts and to preserve them for the future.

But Hodge's remarks were supported by others with deep roots in Marshallton. Duke Evans referred to the ordinance as "very restrictive" with "lots of teeth in it." Bob Hodge

suggested that all members of the committee be homeowners elected by property owners in the district.

"This (ordinance) has to be grass roots," he stated. "The people who own the property have to want it."

The ordinance was originally drafted in August 1990. Similar ordinances are now in effect in Charlestown, Birmingham, and the borough of West Chester, among other places.

"The fact of the matter is our villages are not going to withstand the test of time," said Slouf. "McDonalds could go in and set up shop. This is the kind of thing we are looking to prevent."

Evans requested that other ways could be found to prevent undesirable businesses from entering the villages.

Marshallton resident Jack McFadden, co-owner of the Oyster Bar restaurant, expressed concern that emergency repairs would be delayed because of ordinance requirement from the committee.

Planning consultant Maureen Snook said work of this nature would not be delayed.

Under the current provisions, a property owner in the historic districts would be required to obtain a building permit from the township zoning officer for repairs or renovations to his property.

The zoning officer would then determine the necessity of a historical committee review, which would result in the issuance or denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the board of supervisors.

According to Snook, the maximum wait for routine repairs to porches, doors and windows is between 39 and 46 days. New construction would be delayed up to 84 days under the guidelines of the proposed ordinance, she said.

Drawings or plans of changes, along with photographs, could ultimately result in added expenditures for residents. Services by the township engineer, if requested by the committee, will be at the expense of the applicant.

The revised draft of the Historic Overlay Ordinance will reflect changes derived from this first public meeting.

In Marshallton,

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strife yields to good feelings

By BARBARA PAUL
Special to the Local News

WEST BRADFORD — The same things that tie people together can sometimes split them apart. This was so in the village of Marshallton.

History — the love of it, and the desire to preserve its vestiges — is the bond that ties the residents together. But the question of how to do so caused the split.

Township officials thought they found a way to help Marshallton stay as charming as it is today. They are considering an historical overlay ordinance that

would govern changes made by the residents to their homes.

Some residents felt this was an invasion of their privacy and pointed out that they have done pretty well by themselves for the past hundred years.

Others felt this was good protection. They believed it was a way to control commercialization.

The results was bickering among people with a common goal.

For now, the debate is quiet. The township has called a special meeting for 7:30 p.m. on March 18. At that meeting the planning commission and the supervisors

will sit down with a list of citizen concerns and prepare another revision to the ordinance.

In the words of resident Kathy Clayton, "they is us." The governing board will be comprised of friends and neighbors. She believes she will be able to talk with them and resolve any problems.

Resident Margaret Thomas doesn't see things the same way. She wonders why the township is continuing to pursue the passage of an ordinance she feels the majority of residents oppose.

Mary Boeni supports the ordinance, believes many others do too, and has said so at township

meeting. Her signature won't appear on the petition that is circulating through the village against the ordinance.

Nancy Busby initiated that petition. She believes that an historical board is not for the village where she has lived all her life.

But for now, she has put her petition on hold.

The township doesn't want to see neighbor against neighbor. It is broadening the "grandfather" clause to exempt existing residents from limitations. They are slashing the time for review, and trying to cut any financial burdens in the ordinance.

2/23/91 HARB up for a vote soon in West Bradford

By MATTHEW O'DONNELL
Special to the Local News

WEST BRADFORD — Early next month, the township supervisors will vote on a proposed historic preservation ordinance which has aroused some controversy.

Last week, Senior Planner Maureen Snook of Thomas Comitta Assoc. presented a revised version of the ordinance to the township planning commission.

The revised ordinance adds a grandfather clause for current residents so that their properties are exempt from being subjected to minor repairs by the zoning officer.

It also makes changes to the definitions of several terms, including "major repairs" and "minor repairs." And the revised ordinance includes an added list of colors and materials that would be approved for use in renovations of historic properties.

But Supervisor Chairman Thomas McCaffrey still felt that the definitions should be simplified and that the plan should have more regard for homeowners. He stated that the board members would "sit on" the enactment of the ordinance.

The ordinance would set up a board of historical architectural review to counsel the supervisors about development plans involving historic properties in and around Marshallton, Northbrook and Trimbleville.

Some property owners have said the ordinance would restrict them too much.

The ordinance would function as an amendment to the zoning ordinance of the township.

A public hearing on the revised ordinance and on the new Marshallton Hotel proposal will be Feb. 5 at 8 p.m.

The mother of all historic district battles

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Marshallton residents fight proposed historic district law

By MARILYN WHIPKEY
RECORD Correspondent

What started out as a work session to review the proposed historical overlay ordinance in West Bradford Township, erupted into what one Marshallton resident called a "cat fight" when some property owners in the proposed historic district told planning commission members "we don't want it — period."

The proposed ordinance, drafted along the guidelines of the state's Act 167, is currently 30 pages long. Monday's meeting was an attempt to refine, reduce or revise the document before sending it to the township supervisors for approval.

The proposed ordinance would define the requirements of the historic district and create a seven-member Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB) which would oversee any repairs or future construction in sections of Marshallton, Northbrook and Trimbleville.

Although these areas are part of the National Register of Historic Places, that legislation only protects historic places from the effects of outside influences (road widening, for example) and does not cover the "look" of the historic properties in the area.

Planning Commission Chairman Mark Slouf told residents that "as hard as it is for some residents to realize, we are trying to plan for the future. Marshallton is a very special place and we hope it stays that way."

Marshallton resident Nancy Busby

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said, however, that the creation of an historic district "doesn't affect everyone in the township; it's discriminatory against us." Another resident, Bob Hodge, told the two boards that the owners of homes in these areas are going to be penalized because of the ordinance.

The original intent of the meeting, Slouf said, was to continue going through the 30-page ordinance relating public comments to each section and gathering commission-member as well as supervisor comments before a final draft is written. Only one section, halfway through the proposed ordinance was reviewed before supervisor chairman, John Haiko, said the basis of the whole ordinance could be found in the one paragraph:

"The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible."

This, said Haiko, is the meat of the ordinance and the "remainder is gingerbread. The ordinance, the way it is, is subject to a lot of interpretation. We have to strike a balance and avoid trying to define every little

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screw or nail to be used."

The concept of the ordinance was to preserve the historic nature of the district and give guidelines for repairs and renovations of the property, but supervisor Kenneth Klunk, and some planning commission members said the ordinance is currently "really wordy" and a lot of the requirements are "overkill."

Slouf said the ordinance was not "concocted totally from scratch, but taken in part from Act 167 and the manual put out by the U.S. Department of the Interior. "That it is based on Act 167," Slouf said, "is what gives the document its legal basis. I agree it is too wordy, but in talking about revisions of certain paragraphs — taking too much out could open it up to legal problems."

"But phrases like 'treated with sensitivity' don't belong in an ordinance," said Haiko.

Township manager Jack M. Hines

"You are taking away my rights as a homeowner. You are giving people who have no investment in my property the right to tell me what I have to do with my residence."

-Nancy Busby, Marshallton resident

Jr. said it all came back to what the planning commission, and eventually the township was trying to do, in creating such an ordinance — "trying to maintain the character of the village. This ordinance," he said, "goes beyond that."

It was suggested the proposed ordinance be "boiled down" to a general overall statement and then when the HARB board is created, it would establish guidelines as to repairs and renovations of properties and the types of materials to be used.

Make-up of the board, in part established by state law, would include an architect, real estate professional, licensed building inspector, planning commission mem-

ber and three members appointed by the supervisors.

Duties of the board, it was determined, would be "anything that would further the character of the district" and anything not specifically covered in the ordinance, once approved, could be determined by the board during the development process. These guidelines, supervisors said, would also be approved by their board before going into effect and essentially would become part of the ordinance.

But residents of the proposed districts, particularly those in Marshallton, told the two boards the "owners of older homes are being penalized." They asked why their

homes were being covered when it should be "done for every old home in the township and not just in certain areas."

"The people in the district don't want it and yet you persist in saying this is going to be done," said Busby. "There has been no input from Marshallton residents and there should be a public meeting called to hear their opinion before all this is started again."

Replied Slouf: "We (the planning commission) are not looking solely at your little world, but toward the future of the entire township in years to come, what it will be like and trying to give you people as much relief as possible. The purpose of the planning commission is for planning the future development of the township."

"But," said Busby, "you are taking away my rights as a homeowner. You are giving people who have no investment in my property the right to tell me what I have to do with my residence."

is passed. "Change is an element that exists every day," he said. "We are not locked in. If we see changes are needed, we can rectify or alleviate."

When the fifth revision of the plan leaves the hands of the planning commission in the near future, officials promise it will be less wordy and easier to read.

Haiko agreed that it's easy to get lost in the 31-page document.

"Our Constitution isn't this long," added Supervisor Ken Klunk.

Among the changes is the "grandfather clause" to exempt existing residents from review by the governing board when homeowners complete certain repairs to their properties.

Acting on the advice of township solicitor John Good, who stated that people may not be "grandfathered" but structures may, the board has agreed on a new concept. All existing structures within the historic districts will be "grandfathered" for five years.

According to Planning Commission Chairman Mark Slouf, this will give residents a "comfortable" period in which to complete any repairs prior to the institution of a governing board.

This delay also will give the architectural review board time to generate its guidelines.

When the HARB has established these recommendations, they will be presented for public input and review before being adopted by the board of supervisors.

Another revision to the proposed ordinance involves definition of minor and major repairs and alterations. Planning commission members have agreed to redefine the terms.

Bob Siter, owner of Marshallton Nursery on Strasburg Road, said the ordinance is unnecessary.

"Our township is doing a good job. Our supervisors are capable," he said.

More shots fired

By BARBARA PAUL *3/20/91*
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WEST BRADFORD — The supervisors and the planning commission agree that the proposed historical ordinance is too restrictive in its current form.

And many residents of Marshallton feel it is too restrictive in any form. "We don't want it," they told township officials in a joint session Monday.

But township officials said the township needs some sort of protection for Marshallton and other historic villages in West Bradford.

And so, the debate continues.

It began in September 1990, when an ordinance was drafted to establish Marshallton, Northbrook and Trimbleville as "historic overlay districts." Any changes to properties in those villages would be governed by an historic architectural review board.

This ordinance is now facing a fifth revision. Because of public outcry, the ordinance is being changed to make it easier on residents.

Supervisors Chairman John Haiko said the ordinance could be modified, even after it

**over historical
ordinance**

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Marshallton area residents oppose historic regulations

By BARBARA PAUL
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WEST BRADFORD — Helen Miller was well up in her 80s and had lived most of those years in the village of Marshallton.

She enjoyed music and the company of others, but was unable to get out often. Six years ago, at the request of a neighbor, the Lukens Steel Band brought its lively sounds to the village and played on the grassy plot beside the Methodist church, as Miller watched from her front porch.

"Can you hear all right?" the band would call over to her. No fee was charged for the entertainment, only donations from those who wished to give.

Helen Miller died two years ago. The Concerts on the Green continue each summer in Marshallton.

To the residents who still see the old lady smiling on her front porch, this is the legacy of the village.

"I want a human legacy, not a structural one," said Nancy Busby, the resident who organized those concerts.

As a result, Busby and many residents of Marshallton, Northbrook and Trimbleville are signing a petition against a proposed ordinance that would govern

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the historic buildings in their villages.

If adopted by the supervisors, the ordinance would regulate certain changes to certain buildings through the governing powers of a historic and architectural review board.

Busby originated the petition following last week's presentation of the proposed zoning amendment by the planning commission.

Signers of the petition feel the ordinance would restrict their rights as property owners, increase maintenance costs, and decrease property values by creating a limited market base.

West Bradford Supervisor Kenneth Klunk stated that "nobody is trying to restrict anybody" and that "a peti-

tion is premature at this time.

"Changes are being made to the ordinance and I think people should reserve judgment at this time," he said.

Chairman John Haiko added that the ordinance is a serious attempt to look to the future and eventually it will be expanded to include other areas in addition to Marshallton, Northbrook, and Trimbleville.

The ordinance is currently undergoing a fifth revision by the Planning Commission to incorporate public input received at a recent meeting.

Catherine Trimble has been a resident of Marshallton since 1928 and feels that everything that has happened in the village has been an improvement, not a detriment.

"And we have done it all without rules and a (historical) board," said Busby.

Under the terms of the proposed amendment, a homeowner would be required to submit plans and photo-

graphs of repairs or renovations, wait for a review by the board, and in some cases, pay for a report provided by the township engineer.

"People won't make repairs," predicts Busby. "Instead of fixing up, they just won't do anything."

Sally Nassau, a four-year resident of Marshallton, is concerned about the financial repercussions of the proposed ordinance.

Stating that Marshallton is a village made up of modest houses owned for the most part by people with relatively modest incomes, she feels that "forcing owners to historically correct restorations and repairs would not only be a financial burden to the owners but, in some cases, necessitate expenditures that are not in keeping with the value of the homes."

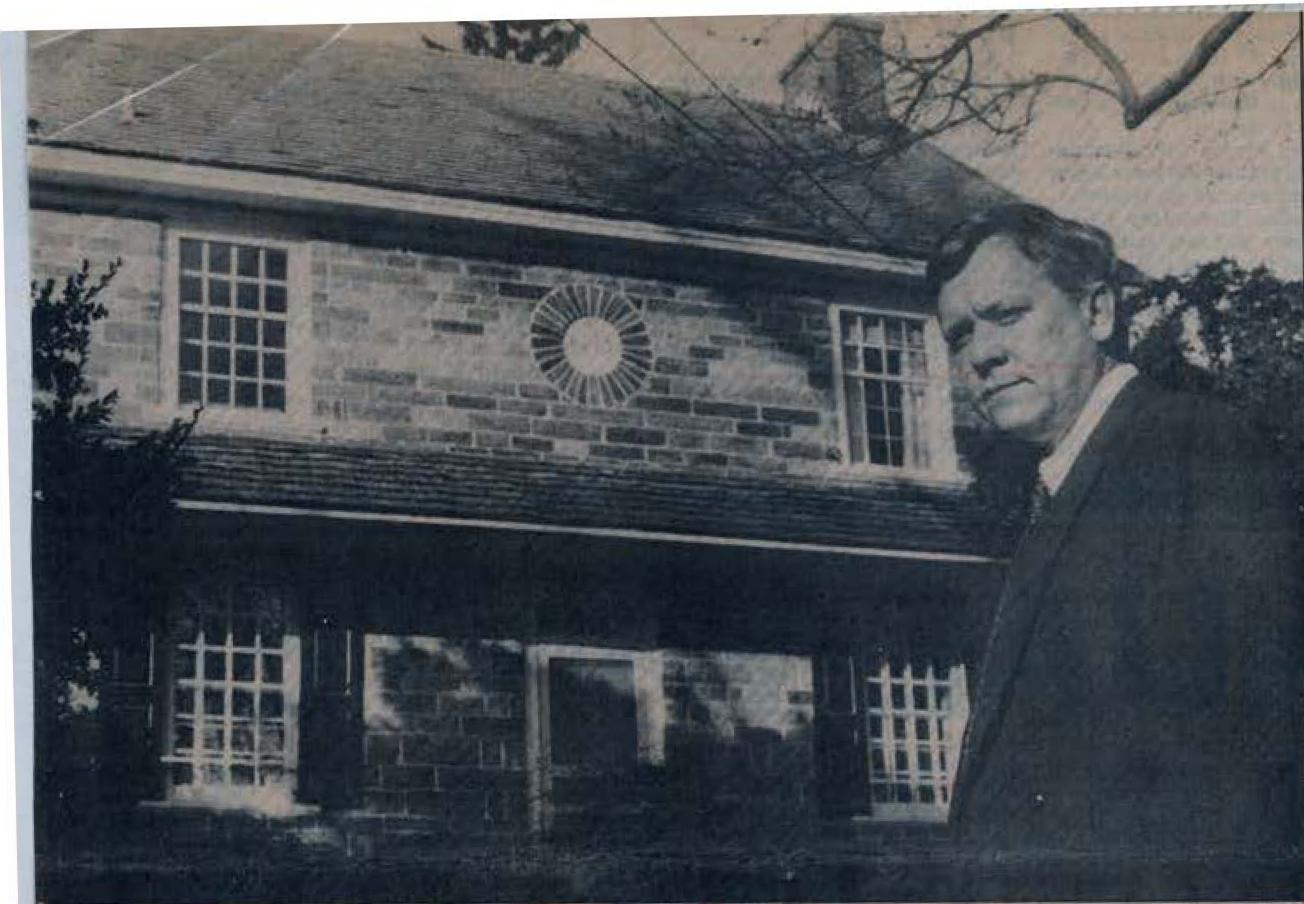
Margaret Thomas has lived in Marshallton 10 ten years and expresses a concern that the ordinance will heighten awareness of the quaint village.

"The board is to prepare and publish maps and brochures about the historic districts," she said, reading from the 30-page preliminary copy of the ordinance given out by the planning commission. "It will mean more traffic. You try to deter one problem, you create another."

According to residents, a maintenance problem on certain properties has existed over the years but the solution is not within the proposed ordinance.

Nassau would prefer to see an ordinance on minimum property maintenance standards. "I don't know if that is legally possible but it would be more effective than a historical board," she said.

For the village of Marshallton, what has been effective in the past is people, not buildings.



Staff photo by Larry McDevitt

East Bradford Manager Jack Hines stands in front of the historic Humphry Marshall house in Marshallton.

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Public to have say in estate use

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WEST BRADFORD — The final use of the historic Humphry Marshall estate, if the township succeeds in purchasing the 50-acre estate, will be partly up to the citizens.

The land is being sold by the Chester County Historical Society. A group, the Landmark Coalition, challenged the sale by the historical society, but had its court case settled last year.

Part of the settlement allows the township to buy the land and Humphry Marshall home, if the township agrees not to change the historical integrity of the building.

The Landmark Coalition was led by descendants and admirers of Campbell Weir, the estate's former owner.

Township officials have said a majority of the land will be used for open space and some type of park, but the final use hasn't been determined.

Once the transfer of the estate to the township is completed, comprehensive studies will be undertaken on how to best utilize the property, officials said.

Citizen input from the township and

county will be considered through public hearings and correspondence, according to officials.

The Humphry Marshall estate extends between Strasburg and Telegraph roads near Northbrook Road in the village of Marshallton.

So far, the supervisors are pleased with the progress made on the deal.

Supervisor Tom McCaffrey feels it is essential for the entire 50-acre tract to be preserved.

Marshall is considered the "Father of American Botany." The house was built in 1773 and some of Marshall's botanical specimens survive.

"We felt because of its historic nature we should preserve (the land)," said Jack Hines, township manager.

Since Marshall made a significant impact on science and education, McCaffrey said to preserve the home alone, without its adjacent open space, botanical gardens, vegetation, and wildlife, would fall woefully short as the proper tribute to such a great American as Humphry Marshall.

McCaffrey notes that although the purchase and preservation of the estate is the township's primary objective, it is

not without potential challenge.

McCaffrey said, "The dust has not settled on the agreement... there may be opposition raised against the sale by third parties. Also, if the content of the final agreement is not consistent with prior negotiations, it may be in jeopardy."

The township is also seeking alternative financing to ease the burden of the \$450,000 deal. This may include low interest loans, long term mortgage, and matching funds.

The attempt to purchase the estate has been frustrating at times, according to McCaffrey. He said a request to the state's Department of Community Affairs for a \$200,000 grant was denied.

Also, McCaffrey said the Chester County Commissioner's office has failed to provide much assistance.

McCaffrey believes the preservation of the Humphry Marshall estate is "a prime example of the kind of program the Save Open Space program could have helped."

A bond referendum was passed last year by county voters so open space could be purchased. No land has been bought.

McCaffrey did say the county's Parks and Recreation Department gave the township a \$50,000 grant.

W. Bradford delays buying historic land

By Tom Linafelt
Special to The Inquirer

West Bradford Township officials have put plans to buy 35 acres behind the Humphry Marshall House on hold while they reconsider the purchase.

Township manager Jack Hines requested that the county extend the deadline for a \$50,000 open-space grant the township planned to use toward buying the \$450,000 property.

The township is considering options to raise the remaining \$400,000, such as obtaining other grants, borrowing money and selling six acres of the property for development, Hines said.

The 1773 stone house and surrounding 50 acres served as the home, arboretum and botanical study grounds of colonial scientist Humphry Marshall.

The township offered to buy the 35-acre lot — with a private buyer for the house and surrounding 15 acres — when the Chester County Historical Society received bids in May.

"It's an ideal situation," historical society executive director Roland Woodward said at the time. Though the township's proposal fell short of the society's asking price of \$1.45 million, Woodward said the society was willing to accept it because the township would save the property from development.

But negotiations between the township and the society stopped in June after a court injunction brought by the Landmark Coalition.

The coalition consists of concerned

neighbors and descendants of Campbell Weir, a descendant of Marshall's who willed the house to the society in 1982. The group said the sale of the house violated a personal contract between the society and Weir.

Weir did not include specific preservation instructions in his will because they would have jeopardized the gift's deductibility under tax laws at the time. Those instructions were included in letters between Weir and the society.

On Dec. 31, the historical society and the Landmark Coalition reached an out-of-court agreement that allows the society to sell the property, subject to restrictive easements that the Brandywine Conservancy and the Preservation Fund of Pennsylvania would enforce.

Because of those easements, some wonder whether the township needs to buy the property to save it from development.

"The question is whether or not you want public access to the property," said Hines. "My feeling is a single park with historical significance would satisfy our park requirement for Marshallton instead of having to use smaller pieces developers would be willing to give us."

Robert Walker, director of the West

Bradford Recreation Commission, said the supervisors never asked the commission for recommendations about the purchase or use of the Marshall property. The commission has discussed the property and probably would have a recommendation to the supervisors after its meeting March 19, he said.

But Hines said the Board of Supervisors would act on its own.

"If a decision doesn't come within a month, it won't come at all," he said.

Woodward was hopeful the deal would be done.

"We are under the impression the township's offer of last May still stands," he said. "We would like [the sale] to go through in the next couple of weeks."

The society announced last spring that it would sell the Marshall House, the Collins House in West Goshen, the Warren Point Farm in Warwick and the Hopper House in East Whiteland. It plans to use the money toward a \$2 million renovation of its West Chester headquarters and for public education programs.

The Collins House was sold in the summer, and Woodward said the society was negotiating with co-executors of Alberta C. Pew for the sale of the Warren Point Farm and 112 acres.

Two oppose Humphry Marshall estate sale

By STEVE REINBRECHT
(Of the Local News Staff)

'You have to keep your cards close to the vest until you're ready to play them.'

— Thomas McCaffrey

WEST BRADFORD — Two residents — for different reasons — don't want the township to buy 35 acres of the Humphry Marshall estate.

Dave Hatt, a member of the township's open space and recreation commission, thinks the township could better serve West Bradford residents by spending the \$450,000 on other open space in the township.

And Dale Longmaid, a member of the Landmark Coalition, thinks the land has so much scientific and historic value that only the federal government should buy it.

The Landmark Coalition fought to prevent the Chester County Historic Society from selling the land.

Campbell Weir left the 1773 stone house

and 50 surrounding acres on Strasburg Road just outside of Marshallton to the society in 1982.

The estate was the home of Humphry Marshall, the "father of American botany" and contains remnants of many of his 18th century experiments in plant science.

The society, coalition and township developed an agreement in January in which the house and 15 surrounding acres will be sold to a private buyer and the township may buy the other 35 acres.

Hatt said the township hasn't done the research necessary to see if enough of it can be used for active recreation such as ball fields.

He said the asking price — \$450,000 — could be spent better on other land.

"If we just buy it for open space, that's a lot of money," he said.

Hatt also said he doubts there could be

enough parking and access to the land to benefit anybody other than local residents.

Longmaid, on the other hand, wants the land to be untouched until botanical, historical, architectural and archeological studies can be done in hopes that the land may become a national historic center on the level of Thomas Edison's home in New Jersey.

The house and 2.7 acres are now a National Historic Landmark.

She cited a letter in which U.S. Sen. John Heinz asked the federal Department of Interior to consider enlarging the landmark boundaries.

Longmaid said if the township owns the land, it would be in a very difficult position.

It would either have to pay for the very costly studies itself or risk losing the treasures it may hold.

Township officials said they are actively

looking into buying the land, but stress they still don't have enough information to decide one way or the other.

Supervisor Ken Klunk said an important question is what will happen to the land if the township doesn't buy it.

If the land is still heavily restricted by environmental easements in that case, the township may be better off not buying it.

On the other hand, he said, he "wouldn't want to look back in 20 years and see 50,000 homes there."

Thomas McCaffrey, chairman of the board of supervisors, said he's not ready to share information with Hatt's commission because the board is still bargaining.

"You have to keep your cards close to the vest until you're ready to play them."

McCaffrey said the township's offer is 20 percent less than the land's appraised value.



Staff photo by Kristen Coriazzo

Dale Longmaid of West Bradford, who was instrumental in having the status of the Broad Run Creek upgraded by the De-

partment of Environmental Resources, stands on her property admiring the creek.

Como Farm on National Register

By DOUGLAS HARPER
(Of the Local News Staff)

WEST BRADFORD — The Como Farm joined the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

But that probably isn't enough to spare the farm from development.

The register is like a "Who's Who" of American history. It identifies places and buildings that are deemed important to the nation's past.

Como Farm is one of at least 23 properties between Pocopson and

Cochranville, all placed on the register at the same time in 1985 under the title, "West Branch Brandywine Creek Multiple Resource Area."

The register gives tax breaks to encourage people who own historic buildings to restore them, or at least not to tear them down.

But the federal government's tax reform act of 1986 took away most of those incentives.

Jane L.S. Davidson, county historic preservation officer, said the Como

Farm might get better protection from West Bradford Township than from the National Register.

She said local governments have shown a tendency recently to stand up for local history.

"West Bradford has been very receptive to preserving local history," Davidson said.

"As farms are developed through subdivision, local planning and historic commissions are recommending that the farm buildings be retained as one cohesive unit on three to five

acres or more," she said.

"Supervisors endorse this because the complex retains its integrity as a historical resource," she said. She also said it's usually worthwhile for the developer, too.

"The development as a whole has more real estate value because of its relationship to the old buildings," she said.

But she said even this won't save the land around the farmhouse from development.



JANE DAVIDSON
...historic preservation officer



Special to The Inquirer / JOAN FAIRMAN KANES

Dale Longmaid worked for eight years to get the state to upgrade Broad Run's status.

Deep in Chester County, an 'exceptional' stream

By Rich Henson
Inquirer Staff Writer

It has ambled along for centuries, carving a six-mile pristine valley through central Chester County, turning mill wheels and harboring trout, rounding stones the Indians used for tools, bubbling as it goes.

As the times changed, the stream, remarkably, did not. Bald eagles, peregrine falcons and osprey somehow knew this, and knew the brook as a good place to visit. They still do. The valley was also a summer getaway for wealthy Philadelphians 200 years ago, and the handsome field-stone houses they built still stand and still serve as homesteads.

Today, despite rapid growth in Chester County, the narrow stream infelicitously named Broad Run looks very much like it always has. Tomorrow, it seems, should bring more of the same.

Last week, the state Department of Environmental Resources' environmental quality board recommended that Broad Run and its unnamed tributaries be designated "exceptional value waters," a rare title for any stream in Pennsylvania, let alone one in the well-developed Philadelphia area. Fewer than 1 percent of all the streams and rivers throughout the state have been termed "exceptional value." The only other one in the Philadelphia area is the east branch of the White

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Marshallton welcomes the season

MARSHALLTON — Tomorrow's "Christmas in Marshallton" celebration is more than just a holiday house tour. It is a centennial celebration for the Marshallton United Methodist Church.

"In addition to the tour of 18 homes in the village, 'Christmas in Marshallton' offers an art sale, a bazaar, a luncheon and several other special events," said event spokeswoman Susan Bragner.

The tours, which will start at 10 a.m. and finish at 4 p.m., require tickets, but the rest of the events in the village are open to everyone. You don't have to go on the tour to visit the other activities."

Visitors can tour the Marshallton United Methodist Church and see a display of town and church history.

In the church's cellar, there will be a luncheon featuring roast turkey. Tickets are \$6.

There will also be an "Afternoon Tea" in the West Bradford Fire Company's firehouse. The menu will include tea, scones and pastries (tickets \$2).

"We will have an art sale in the Goddard Early Learning Center, which is located in the old schoolhouse on Strasburg Road," Bragner said. "There will be 15 artists from the Chester County area.

"Also, there will be a Christmas bazaar in The Country Store, which is a recreation of an old store which used to exist there.

"Baked goods will be on sale at The Country Store. Also, church's youth group will be having a greens sale in the old barn next to the church."

Other activities will be organized at the church, live

performances by the Lukens German Band and roving groups of carolers dressed in Victorian garb.

The Holiday House Tour (\$10 in

advance, \$12 on the day of event) will include a number of beautifully decorated homes and buildings.



Special to The Inquirer / BOB WILLIAMS
The Kaufmann home, on the tour, was built in the early 1800s.

By Denise Breslin Kachin
Special to The Inquirer

Robert de Saint Phalle, 13, is hoping that visitors to Marshallton on Saturday make a stop at the Goddard Early Learning Center on Sugars Bridge Road.

There, the young artist will have his hand-made Christmas cards and china plates, embossed with his original designs, in a craft sale as part of Saturday's festivities in the village.

He has been designing Christmas cards for his friends since the fifth grade, but his drawing days go back to when he was 3 and growing up in Marshallton with his parents, Jean and Fal.

"He started by drawing trucks — and they were very detailed for a child his age," said Jean, an artist who graduated from the Philadelphia College of Art.

"He once drew a rabbit on the back of a matches cover," added his father. "He did a

very good drawing on a tiny cover."

For the seventh grader at Westtown School, art is a labor of love he has learned from his mother.

"He competes with me," said Jean de Saint Phalle as the family sat around the kitchen table in its Marshallton home.

"I really don't mean to," Robert confided in a serious tone. "But I'm always interested in what my mom is doing."

And when de Saint Phalle decided to create decorative plates, her son was at her elbow to learn how she does it.

"He's really better than I am," his mother said.

IF YOU'RE GOING

What: Christmas in Marshallton

When: Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Marshallton

Tickets: Village is open to the public; some events require tickets.

Information: 696-2126 or 696-2469

Celebration of a sense of community

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AT THE BLACKSMITH SHOP, a stop on a planned tour of Marshallton's historic homes and buildings, Nancy Busby looks at a doll house. Busby is

co-chairwoman of the events Saturday marking the local Methodist church's centennial. Organizers are getting help from members and non-

members in the village. "This is the kind of place where there is a sense of harmony," Busby says. "... We all help each other out." Story on Page 4.

Special to The Inquirer / JERRY TRITT

Marshallton Methodist set to celebrate century

By DOROTHY McCABE
Staff Writer

MARSHALLTON — You can stand in the little cemetery behind the Marshallton United Methodist Church, look south, and see a landscape that looks much as it did in 1891, when the congregation dedicated its new church.

Except for the peak of a contemporary house and high tension wires off in the distance, the rolling hills beyond the cemetery's old stone wall appear untouched.

Members of the current congregation will get a closer glimpse of their past Sunday at 11 a.m. when they view the contents of the church's cornerstone during a service celebrating the building's centennial.

"There are times in a growing life when you want to know what came before," said the Rev. John L. Taylor, the church's pastor. "This is part of the heritage and history of the congregation. It's not often you get to open a cornerstone. The curiosity is building."

Although the present stone church was built in 1891, the congregation itself dates back to 1812, when a local preacher "conducted services in Moses P. Hiddleston's barn," according to one history of the church.

In conjunction with the centennial celebration, church historians have been at work since March rewriting the congregation's history.

In addition, many of the church's 178 members have become involved in planning a holiday walking tour of historic homes in the village of Marshallton.

While plans for the walking tour, scheduled for Dec. 14, are running smoothly, the history and cornerstone projects have run into a few glitches.

Researcher Stephen Marvin discovered when he started comparing several church histories written over the last 179 years, that discrepancies, inaccuracies and gaps abounded.

For example, although records indicate the current church cost \$4,262 to build, Marvin has not been able to find the date in 1891 when it was dedicated or why it was constructed.

Rewriting the history "is more than what was anticipated," said Marvin, director of the Coatesville Library and a member of the congregation who volunteered for the job. "It's like taking cards from several different decks, shuffling them together and then resorting them all. It's part test of memory and part test of the written record."

As for the cornerstone, Taylor said no one was certain if anything had been buried in it. Marvin finally found a list of items that were placed in the box.

It was decided that two trustees would open the cornerstone, without revealing its contents, prior to the Nov. 3 service.

But a set of cement steps leading to the front door of the church had been renovated in such a way as to partially cover the cornerstone, making its removal impossible.

And when the trustees last week got into the cornerstone by removing another stone behind it, they ran into yet another problem.

"When we got in there it looked like a complete slab," said Taylor. "Then we realized it must be hollow so we drilled into the back. That's when we found that the original metal box was rusted and disintegrated."

The contents of the box, which were also in "very poor shape" according to Taylor, are in the hands of the trustees, leaving the rest of the congregation still wondering what their forebears left them.

"I would think there's a list of church members," guessed Doris Hume, whose grandfather, Rev. William L. Cann, was pastor of the church from 1909 to 1916.

Taylor said he has had "all kinds of suggestions" for items to be placed in the cornerstone before it is resealed, including a videotape of Sunday's service.

Finding the 100-year-old rusty metal box has prompted Marvin to make one very practical suggestion so that a future congregation doesn't run into problems when it opens the cornerstone 100 years from now.

"We might use tupperware this time," he said.

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in West Bradford Unitarian church meets opposition

By AILEEN McCULLOCH
Special to the Local News

WEST BRADFORD — Several Marshallton residents turned out Wednesday to oppose a zoning request that would allow the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester to build a church in West Bradford.

The Fellowship's proposal before the zoning hearing board shows a 200-seat sanctuary on Clayton Road, just north of Manorwood Drive.

Churches are allowed in the RD1 zoning that covers that site, but first the zoning board must grant a special exception.

Residents say they don't object to the church itself, but they say the 6.9-acre site is not adequate for such a project. Residents voiced concern that the project would hurt water and sewage facilities, create too much traffic, and will be ugly.

"I don't see where adding a one-acre parking lot in the back yard of residents is adding to Marshallton," said Donald Gosciniak, whose Manorwood Drive home abuts the

church's lot.

Many residents worried that the daily church operations might disrupt their neighborhood.

"At issue here is something you can't measure by sewage and water," said Bernadette Sherman of Northbrook Road. "At issue is a quality of life and lifestyle."

Sherman noted that she and her husband moved to Marshallton because of its "low activity and quiet neighborhood." She fears that the church will increase local traffic and perhaps endanger neighborhood children.

The Unitarian Fellowship, which has been meeting for more than 30 years, presently gathers at 401 N. Franklin St. in West Chester. The congregation consists of approximately 100 adult members.

The church wants to build a new home because it anticipates getting more members. The church chose Marshallton because of its location, as well as a perceived need for a church there.

"This is a growing area," said Florence Miller, President of the Fellowship's Board of

Directors, "And also an area that is not served by the church."

"We had a long planning and study process which led to this decision," she noted, explained that the board has been looking for the right site for three years.

"My concern," said Kenneth Heller of Northbrook Road, "is whether the site can handle the proposed church." Heller requested that the zoning board visit the site before making a decision.

Zoning Board Chairman Michael Plevyak said such concerns could be better addressed

at the time the church presents its building plans to the township. He denied a request to continue the hearing, explaining that the Zoning Board simply decides whether the church's plans fall within the requirements for a special exception in RD1 zoning.

Miller noted that settlement for the property will be completed at the end of March, contingent on the zoning board's decision. Miller hopes that, with active fundraising, construction of the church will begin in the summer of 1992.

The board has 45 days to render a decision.

West Bradford water rates could increase by 49 percent

By BARRBARA PAUL
Special to the Local News

WEST BRADFORD — Residents may be faced with a 49 percent increase in their sewer bills if the Broad Run Sewer company gets its way.

A rate hike would raise the sewer charge from \$75 to \$112 per quarter. This, according to some residents, is not justified.

"Capacity is not being increased and there is no reason for it other than an increase in profits for the sewer company," said Debbie Weston of Brandywine Greene, spokeswoman for the group that brought its concerns to the supervisors.

The Broad Run Sewer company is run by Toll Brothers, Inc. construction company.

A total of 906 customers would be affected by the rate increase, including people in Victoria Crossing, Brandywine Greene, Summit Ridge, and the new Brandywine Ridge developments.

According to Supervisors Chairman John Haiko, the average rate for sewer services in area municipalities is \$55 per quarter. West Whiteland residents pay \$70 each quarter, with West Goshen's rate at \$37.50, East

Goshen's at \$53.50 and people in Uwchlan paying \$60.

The proposed rate hike is out of order, agreed the supervisors. They will review a 30-page proposal from the sewer company for possible justification of the increase.

The Public Utility Commission has the ultimate say on the rate hike request. The residents' group is preparing a formal complaint for presentation to the PUC.

Meanwhile, the proposed Historical Ordinance for Marshallton, Northbrook and Trimbleville may be more acceptable to both residents and township officials after its next revision.

Planning Commission Chairman Mark Slouf and Township Manager Jack Hines plan to meet with Jane Davidson, Chester County historic preservation officer, to explore ways to protect local history without restriction on homeowners.

Township officials want to preserve the historic character of West Bradford's villages, while many residents see it as an invasion of privacy and a financial hardship.

Slouf said a simple rewrite of the 31-page proposed ordinance may result from this

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meeting. It will then be presented to both boards and the public for review.

The township wishes to sell its old township building at 1535 Poorhouse Road but rejected all bids opened at the March 26 meeting.

High bidder was Anthony DeStefano who offered \$156,000 for the property.

Officials feel the amount was too low and have agreed to reopen the bidding. All bids received will be opened at the May 14 supervisors meeting.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will meet with members of the Planning Commission at the site of the proposed Marshallton Village Inn to review the plan.

Developers of the proposed 40-unit bed and breakfast which will occupy 7-acres behind the Marshallton Inn were told to submit their plan for PennDOT review.

Grants from the county may help West Bradford township achieve its open space and park land goals.

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The Village News

History by mail

Romansville man studies local heritage with postcards

By Danna Cornick

Village News Correspondent

The Model-T truck in his driveway and a turn-of-the-century reaper by his front porch merely hint at Bill Supplee's life-long passion for history.

Seated in his living room in front of a bookcase crammed with Chester County genealogies and other history books, The 61-year-old Romansville man shares his many albums of postcards with a visitor. There are albums of Quaker Meeting Houses, of railroads, covered bridges and other points of interest throughout Chester County. While paging through the albums he accompanies each card with a running commentary on the history of the building or area depicted.

Supplee's collection includes more than 1,700 postcards from Chester County. Plus he has hundreds more, some of the Pennsylvania Turnpike and other curious agricultural promotion pieces featuring ears of corn the size of giant Sequoias or huge apples riding one to a railroad flatcar.

Several turnpike postcards depict work on the tunnels. "The turnpike from Carlisle to Erwin is built on an old railroad right-of-way," said Supplee. "Vanderbilt, who owned the New York Central, was going to go into

competition with the Pennsy. He built nine tunnels. The turnpike eventually used seven. In 1884 he made some sort of deal with the Pennsy and all work on the new railroad ceased. These tunnel pictures are as they were in 1937 when the turnpike was started."

Besides scenic views, old cards also depict newsworthy events. Supplee points out a pair of postcards that illustrate the aftermath of one such event. One card shows a steam engine lying on its side in a creek beneath a covered bridge.

"It took me quite a while to find out (the story behind the pictures). I asked some of the old timers... but finally I went to Arthur James' *Covered Bridges of Chester County*," said Supplee.

In that book there is an entry about Kerrs Bridge at Hoopes Ford one-quarter mile south of Downingtown. It reads, "On May 13, 1904 when Franklin Malin was driving an eight-ton steam engine across the bridge it gave way. The engine falling into the Brandywine." Malin died in the accident and his companion was seriously injured.

Supplee continued, "I had heard the engine laid in the creek for a year or two, but the other card shows the engine (now righted) sitting along the bridge. (See POSTCARDS, page 2)



Bill Supplee, at right, has a collection of postcards that illustrate the history of Chester County. The two examples above show early renditions of Downingtown's main street and the famous log cabin that still stands in the middle of Downingtown.

Photo by Danna Cornick



POSTCARDS

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abutment. So, I don't know."

At the turn of the century nearly every town had a publisher of picture postcards. Some were national companies like Rotograph and Abertype in Coatesville, but local merchants produced most of the scenes. An owner of the Parkesburg Hotel, H.K. Dorsheimer, created a series of cards depicting the borough of Parkesburg.

The most prolific publisher was Samuel Parker & Sons, a dry goods store on Gay Street in West Chester. They produced more than 350 different cards. Other publishers included F. Malvern of Cochranville and Maurice Chalfant of Atglen.

Most of the Chester County publishers had their cards printed in Germany. Photographs were sent to the printers along with instructions on how colors were to be applied. This practice continued until World War I forced publishers to seek printers in the United States.

"To pick up an old postcard is to hold history in your hand," said Paul Rodebaugh, associate editor of the *Chester County Postcard Album*, in which many of Bill Supplee's cards appear. "They are like

little paintings — each individually hand-colored by little girls in Germany under sweatshop conditions. This hand-painting makes each painted card slightly different."

Postcards came into vogue in the 1890's after their introduction at the Columbian Exposition that celebrated the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. Yet before 1907 it was illegal to write anything except an address on the back of one. When the familiar divided back, which provided room for a message, was introduced, postcards quickly became a popular medium of communication.

Before the telephone, postcards provided a quick and inexpensive way to keep in touch or convey short messages. Cards themselves cost one penny and the postal rate was one cent until 1949. In addition, people collected and swapped them, much like baseball cards today, and postcard clubs often met for an evening of trading and sharing.

While often used by travelers as they are now, postcards were not just for tourists. Messages on the backs of old cards coveyed instructions: "Well, I have changed my mind and will be home Friday night. Please meet the train."

Sometimes they told of family news: "Dear Mable, having a strenuous time of it. If you want exercise, move."

Supplee grew up on a Chester County farm. He tells of his father buying a new tractor when Bill was ten and taking it to a blacksmith shop to have an extension put on the clutch pedal so the boy could drive it. His interest in driving never

ended. He started driving trucks professionally in 1945 and continues to do so today.

All that driving doesn't deter him from regularly seeking postcards and other memorabilia at book fairs and paper shows. He and his wife, Flossie, have retrieved bits of Chester County history from Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and Wisconsin.

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Second prize was awarded to Debra Printz of Gap, who raised \$1,133. And third prize was given to Sue Verdegem of Atglen, who raised \$1,067. They received quilted wall hangings as prizes.

Gift certificates of \$100 were distributed by the Manufacturers Outlet

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POSTCARDS from CC1 cards from their own towns," Supplee said at his home in the small crossroads community of Romansville.

"In West Chester, you had Samuel Parker & Sons. You had companies in Parker Ford and Honey Brook, Byers, just about everywhere."

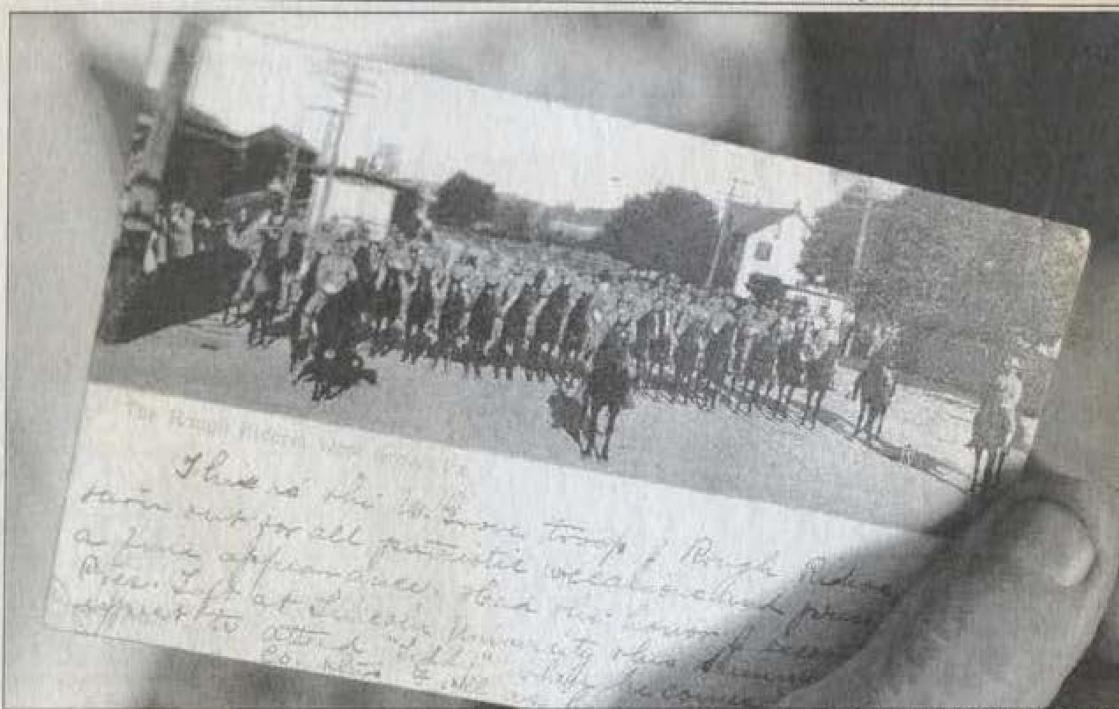
In the 1980s, many of Supplee's postcards were published in two limited-edition books. The books have helped make Chester County postcards popular and harder for collectors to find.

He said he sees his collection as another facet of his interest in local history.

He likes to joke that postcards take up less room than his other collections: old history books and antique farm machinery.

Supplee said he also tends to collect oddities, such an early scene of a steam locomotive that fell off an iron trestle outside Downingtown and landed on a covered bridge.

There are also some strange-colored postcards, especially scenes of the local serpentine stone buildings that appear in bright lime green — the result of being hand-tinted by workers in Germany who were unfamiliar with the local pale green



For The Inquirer / LAURENCE KESTERSON

The West Grove troop of Rough Riders, from the Spanish-American War of 1898, is shown in this 1910 postcard. Hometown groups were often chosen as postcard subjects by local stores that sold the cards.

stone, Supplee said.

Compared to other collectors' items, postcards tend to be cheap. Supplee has seen cards for up to \$50 and others from \$16 to \$18.

"But almost everybody wants \$3, \$3.50 for a card," Supplee said.

Postcards are also easy to date. Besides the postmarks, most of the prolific companies, such as Parker in West Chester, numbered their cards. Cards after 1917 were divided on the back into a message side and an address side.

Supplee doesn't have a postcard of Romansville, and he missed buying

a card advertising a 1894 livestock sale at a nearby Marshalltown hotel when he waited too long to make an offer.

He does have several views of a stone bridge just east of the village called Copes Bridge.

The modest stone bridge is no model of spectacular construction, but 15 different views of it were published by several firms, Supplee said.

"It looked a lot different then," Supplee said, pointing out the telephone poles along the bridge and an old foundry visible in one postcard.

"That bridge is nearly 200 years old," Supplee said.

"Why don't they build them like they used to?"

Supplee, who recently retired as a driver with a local trucking firm, tours flea markets and thumbs through dealers' shoe boxes looking to add to his collection. He is searching for cards with scenes of the village of Kemblesville in Southern Chester County.

"I have never seen them, but I heard someone published a list of cards. I would like to see some of those," he said.

No scenes from Paris — or even Pittsburgh.

Preserved on postcards, glimpse of county's past

By Catherine Quillman
INQUIRER CORRESPONDENT

WEST BRADFORD — Most postcard collections are crooked arrangements held by magnets to refrigerator doors. Bill Supplee Sr.'s collection stuffs dozens of albums and fill boxes that line the floor of his living room.

Last time he counted, Supplee had 3,500 postcards.

It is not the size of the collection that's unusual; it's the subject. Supplee's albums do not contain scenes of drive-through redwood trees, Hawaiian dancers or 1950s highway attractions.

The collection is made up entirely of Chester County scenes.

The county became a popular subject around the late 1800s, when dozens of small-town drugstores and stationery shops began to sell their own lines of cards. They typically used a local photographer and had the cards published in Germany.

Supplee said.

Although large firms in New York, Detroit and London published cards with local scenery, they tended to focus on tourist sites such as Valley Forge and the Brandywine Battlefield in Chadds Ford.

Local publisher M.S. Bulluck, who worked out of his home in the village of Kelton in the late 1800s, typically produced scenes that touched upon feelings of community pride.

Supplee's collection shows that Chester County was not only dotted with tiny villages, it also had the variety publishers were looking for.

Not only were there bucolic views of pastures or meandering streams also images of industry and "progress" — long perspectives of railroad trestles and newly paved roads.

Supplee also has postcards of local schools, public buildings and Quaker meetinghouses as well as group shots of community bands and base-



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His collection includes bucolic scenes with fields and streams. Bill Supplee Sr. shows, as well as images of industry and progress.

ball teams.

Such cards were often traded at postcard parties — social gatherings that faded out in the 1920s — and other community events, Supplee said. He also has another theory why nearly 8,000 scenes of Chester

County alone were published.

"People in the country didn't have telephones," he said. "They kept in touch with somebody by sending a postcard."

"Just about everybody published
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GOVERNMENT

Task force works to preserve natural spaces in small village

The Romansville group formed after farmland was sold and subdivision applications came in.

By Susan Weidener
INQUIRER CORRESPONDENT

A group of Romansville residents say they need to plan now for development by mapping out a blueprint that avoids the sprawl of subdivisions, shopping centers and industrial parks.

But others living in the tiny village in southern West Bradford Township say that too much planning may be premature and that the group — known as the Romansville Task Force — shouldn't try to tell others what to do with their land.

The planning task force was formed in February after farmland in and around the village was sold and subdivision applications began appearing before the township.

Determined to preserve as much of the open vistas of rolling pastureland as it could, the group began to talk about cluster housing and village greens reminiscent of a New England setting.

"Our mission is to develop a comprehensive community-development plan so that when development starts up again we will be ready," said Howard Folk, task force chairman.

The group is concentrating on an area within a half-mile radius of the village, founded in 1773 by Moses Roman, a tinmaker.

The nine-member task force has begun meeting with other township residents. The group has received a \$4,500 state Planning Assistance Grant with matching funds from the township.

At a recent meeting with township residents, group members talked about the allure of bike paths leading to small country stores, footbridges over streams, and green areas where families and neighbors could gather for social events.



For The Inquirer / SCOTT LYONS

What is now a cornfield could soon be a development. Arendt (left) and Howard Folk examine the site along Star Gazer Road.

"This country has become a place where you have to drive two or three blocks for a gallon of milk," Folk told those at the gathering. "It's all roads and concrete."

The group members talked about neighbors who have no place outdoors to gather and socialize, and about the lack of recreational areas for children.

At the same time, they challenged the merits of the conventional one-acre suburban lots, two-car garages and back yards. "The only preserved open space is a view of your neighbor's deck," said the group's consultant, Randall Arendt.

But some members, including local historian Florence Supplee, believe too much planning may be "putting the cart before the horse."

"There are people who haven't even sold to developers yet, but they [the task force members] are already planning what to do with their land," said Supplee.

"I've heard a lot of grandiose ideas like taking half of a field to realign

the roads, but it seems there's simpler ways to do things."

Supplee, a resident of Romansville since 1955, said she would rather see the group work on getting the village with its dozen historical structures on the National Register. But she admits that enthusiasm for this project is lacking: an attempt six years ago to do just that was unsuccessful.

"So I just sit in on the meetings and mostly listen because I think I ought to know what they're thinking," she said of the task force.

Margaret Anderson, who owns a farm in the village, agrees with Supplee that too much planning has its disadvantages. Although she and her husband, Albert, sold 120 acres to developer William Freas, she said they had no intention of selling the other 125 acres for now.

"I think it's good people are talking," Anderson said after attending

last week's meeting. "But I don't think people should be telling other people what to do with their land. Country people are pretty independent, and they'll do what they want."

Arlene Piccone, who owns a historical home in the village, disagrees. "Planned development is the only way to go."

Folk, also vice chairman of the West Bradford Planning Commission, says that the task force and residents should work to come up with a zoning plan that township officials can then adopt.

"Right now we do not have any zoning that allows for creativity and imagination," Folk told the residents.

West Bradford Township Manager Jack Hines concurs.

"This area is going to be developed in some fashion," said Hines, who has lived in West Bradford all his life. "You're much better off if you have a plan. That way when developers do come in you can ensure the best results."

Hines also believes the township would run into tax difficulties in with its current form of zoning — the one-acre-lot subdivisions.

The township should instead concentrate on development such as cluster housing — maybe even apartments over stores, he said. That would result in greater population growth than one-acre zoning, Hines said, but it would increase the tax base.

The complexities of designing a village plan are why the task force has retained Arendt, a professional land planner.

A former director of planning and research at the University of Massachusetts, Arendt is currently with the Natural Lands Trust in Media. The trust purchases land to preserve open space.

An advocate of cluster housing, Arendt acts as a one-man think tank for the group. He talks about changing trends and says that increasingly developers are leaning toward building subdivisions with the same number of units but on smaller lots so that as much as 50 percent of the site is open space.

"It protects the market value of the land and at the same time preserves the scenic qualities and privacy buyers are seeking," says Arendt, who presented detailed maps of what Romansville would look like under the current zoning and what it would look like under a village plan.

The village plan shows open areas of woodland and pastureland, and streams with footbridges. Much would be maintained by homeowners' associations, he said.

Developer William Freas says he likes Arendt's ideas.

Freas owns 120 acres in Romansville, as well as land in neighboring Newlin Township.

Two years ago, Freas presented a plan for a development known as Star Gazers Village, named for its location on Strasburg Road near Shady-side and Star Gazer Roads, site of the historical Star Gazer's Stone. The plan included single-family homes that would have been built around an 11-acre shopping center in the heart of the village.

Residents and members of the Planning Commission complained that the project was too dense and would cause traffic problems.

Freas says he is not much interested in commercial development anymore, but he now wants to build housing in Romansville. He has agreed to sit on the task force because he is open to new ideas about his project.

"It's all still in the infancy stage," Freas conceded of the task force plans. "But I think it's good. I like what I'm hearing."

GOVERNMENT



Inquirer Correspondent / BOB WILLIAMS

Eating, drinking and sleeping township business, Jack Hines says he doesn't take bad days personally. "You have to tell yourself, 'Hey, they're not yelling at me. They're yelling at a problem.' "

Recognition for a labor of love

By Susan Weidener
INQUIRER CORRESPONDENT

Jack Hines runs his hand down the smooth oaken surface of the board-room table in West Bradford Township's new municipal building.

The huge golden table, which Township Manager Hines crafted himself, glows in the warm spring sunlight shining through the silent meeting room.

"This table was a labor of love," Hines says, standing in the township's new building, on 13 wooded acres off Marshallton-Thorndale Road.

A former cabinetmaker, Hines, 47, loves building furniture almost as much as he loves his job as township

manager.

"Working on government programs is a lot like building furniture. You have to fit pieces into a whole. The embellishments come later."

As West Bradford's chief administrator, and a lifelong resident of the township, Hines has spent 15 years embroiled in the problems and challenges of his township.

"Sure, there are bad days. People can be irate and unpleasant. But it's not a personal thing," Hines said, displaying the calm attitude that has become his trademark. "You have to tell yourself, 'Hey, they're not yelling at me. They're yelling at a problem. If I lose control, the people will, too.' "

Hines' handling of township affairs was recognized last week when he was awarded the Leadership Award of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. Created three years ago, the award is given annually to "that individual who demonstrates dedication, creativity and leadership" in township government. The competition is open to more than 4,000 township managers, supervisors and secretaries from more than 1,500 second-class townships across the state.

Hines was nominated by the West Bradford Board of Supervisors. "He has contributed to the community's smooth growth and transition more than any other individual involved in township affairs over the last two decades," wrote former Supervisor Thomas McCaffrey.

McCaffrey, who is now a supervisor in West Brandywine Township, said in an interview last week that Hines "eats, drinks and sleeps township affairs."

"Jack has been known to spend his Saturdays and Sundays squirreling around through rain and mud with a group of citizens who have a problem," McCaffrey said. He recalled the time, almost 10 years ago, when Hines led the fight to stop the dumping of hazardous wastes at the Strasburg Landfill.

tive assistant was not doing a good job. Turned out they thought so, too, and they asked me to apply for the job."

After a year, the board told Hines they "had a problem" with him. "I asked what the problem was, and they said, 'You don't have enough authority.' So they created the position of township manager."

Hines answered phones and did all his own typing, all the while putting "systems" into place to handle subdivision applications. "I was chief cook and bottle washer."

Not much has changed there, he said with a laugh. In addition to being township manager, Hines is secretary and treasurer, assistant code enforcement officer and zoning officer. He also writes the township newsletter.

Township supervisors say that Hines, who makes more than \$56,000 a year, is a "real bargain."

Hines said he has watched the township change dramatically in the 15 years. There were 5,000 people living in West Bradford in 1978. Today the population is double that. Farms are scarce now, replaced by suburban neighborhoods filled with people "expecting township government to provide more and more services," he says.

Although West Bradford has relied solely on an earned-income tax for 20 years, the day is coming when that won't be enough, Hines predicts.

As the township takes back more and more roads from the state, handles its own recycling program, and meets requests for street lights, traffic lights and parks and playgrounds, the demands will exceed the budget, he said.

"A community has to determine what it wants and realize there are long-term commitments to that. Anybody can build a park or put in street lights. The key is to look at what programs are going to cost over the years."

Hines and his wife, Marilyn, live in the historic village of Marshallton. They have three children: Geoffrey, 24; Kelly Anne, 23, and Alyssa, 18.

He sees a challenge in preserving Marshallton and nearby Romansville from over-development. And the whole township, he said, must be careful to avoid the "crass commercialization" of strip centers and retail outlets.

"How do you preserve a person's property rights, plan for the future and preserve what you have? That's the toughest job of all."

"I know for a fact he has had other job offers that pay better and hold more prestige, but Jack just loves his job."

Hines says this is true. "This is where I want to stay."

He says a favorite project was overseeing the planning and completion of the township's \$1.8 million municipal campus two years ago. "We've come a long way from those days where we ran government out of a three-bay garage on Poorhouse Road."

After regularly attending Board of Supervisors meetings in the mid-70s, Hines recalls one night when he felt he could no longer remain silent.

"I was fire chief at the time, and I remember this one night I mentioned to one of the supervisors that the person they had as administra-

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is going to celebrate West Bradford Day on May 17, 1992 1-5 PM. We will be participating in the Spring Festival at Highland Orchards to join in with their celebration. We invite all township committees to join in the event and to set up a table to explain what their committees are about so that interested citizens may join in with the programs of their interest.

We will be having the Home and Farm Antique Assoc. display their antique Home & Farm equipment and wares. If you are interested in setting up a display please contact Florence Supplee at 436-0790 after 5 PM or Nancy Hill at 696-5676.

REAL ESTATE

A historic farm in West Bradford may be relegated to a sheriff's sale

It was collateral for a mortgage. Ownership was transferred before a bankruptcy-code filing.

By Nancy Petersen
INQUIRER CORRESPONDENT

Five years ago, Ferguson & Flynn Enterprises, flush with the successes of the development boom of the 1980s, unveiled plans to build hundreds of homes on the hills of West Bradford's historic Como Farm.

The controversial plans threw both neighbors and officials into an uproar as visions of tract housing marching across the landscape filled their thoughts.

Today, it's a sizable herd of Black Angus cattle that grazes and breeds on those hillsides, and the 452-acre farm itself may be headed for a sheriff's sale.

In documents filed in Chester County Court last month, the Keystone Farm Credit Corp. demanded immediate payment of a mortgage it had given to developer Francis Flynn and his wife, Mary Ann. The farm served as collateral for the mortgage.

In addition to the principal, Keystone is seeking interest, late charges and fees, for a total of \$2.7 million.

No payments have been made on the mortgage since the first of the year, Keystone says in the filing. The amount due each month is \$23,392.87.

Flynn secured the mortgage from Keystone in September after he transferred ownership of the property from his development company to himself and his wife. The company filed for protection from creditors under the

bankruptcy code a few months later on Dec. 16.

The timing of the transfer has been viewed with suspicion by numerous unsecured creditors who were owed substantial amounts of money when the company filed the bankruptcy action.

Information contained in the bankruptcy schedules shows that after paying off some debts, Flynn kept \$773,432 of the Keystone loan that "was paid into Ferguson & Flynn Enterprises Inc. over a period of time as needed."

Now, sources say, the farm may come back to the bankruptcy estate, which at the time of the December filing listed assets of \$97.6 million against liabilities of \$94.6 million.

But if the farm is sold, the chances are slim that there will be extra money to pay any creditors other than Keystone. The downturn of the real estate market has severely cut into the value of the farm, sources say.

Flynn, a resident of Glenmoore, placed the farm in West Bradford's agricultural security district last year and then applied to the county's farmland preservation program.

The program, which ranks farms according to a number of factors such as soil types and proximity to other protected areas, pays landowners cash in exchange for easements on the land that will keep the land in agriculture.

So far, the property, which was home to an 18th-century agricultural scientist, John Beale Bordley, one of America's first, has not ranked high enough for an offer from the county, said Raymond C. Pickering, director of the county program.

The farm takes its name from one of the families that owned it over the years; it was later owned by the Dever-

eux Foundation, which sold it to Ferguson & Flynn in 1987.

The fact that Flynn even applied to the farmland preservation program angered Dale Longmaid, an environmentalist and property owner who lives nearby. Longmaid was the force behind efforts to have the state designate Broad Run, the stream that bisects the Como Farm, one of the state's most pristine waterways.

To protect Broad Run, the state severely limits the kind of development and other activities that are allowed in the watershed. She said the farmland was already protected because of the stream.

Last week Longmaid, fearing that Flynn's cattle are polluting the stream, filed a complaint with the state Department of Environmental Resources, calling for an investigation by the agency.

"The problems associated with the stream are monumental, but they require professional analysis," Longmaid said. "I'm waiting for chemical and biological tests, but in the meantime, I'm keeping my animals away from it."

The state's investigation of the complaint is underway, said Barbara Sherf, a spokeswoman for the DER.

A private, conservation-minded group of investors that offered to buy the farmland a few years back and carve it into large, deed-restricted estates of 70 or 80 acres is still interested, said one of the investors, who asked not to be identified.

Flynn did not return repeated phone calls to his Glenmoore office. His attorney Nancy Winther refused to comment about the Como Farm.

"He's just not available to anybody," one source said. "My only contact is through the bank."

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This time, township will be ready for developers

West Bradford, caught napping in '70s boom, is doing its homework.

By Rich Henson
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

Jack Hines loves it when the NIMBYs — Not In My Back Yards — go BANANAs, shouting "Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anyone."

But as manager of West Bradford — a once-rural Chester County township that has weathered a threefold jump in population since 1975 — Hines knows that even the fiercest public protests can't stop housing developments from gobbling up farmland.

"We all want to see things stay the way they are," he says. "But that is

not going to happen."

Like many other suburban communities in the region, West Bradford was caught off guard by the building boom that began in the mid-1970s.

But today, with the economy forcing a lull in construction, the township has heeded the advice of the region's planning experts and is preparing for a second wave of development that could rival that of the robust '80s.

"They've done well to use this time to define what they want the future to be," said Barry Seymour, chief of regional planning for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commiss-

sion. "I don't think enough towns are doing this."

One thing West Bradford has learned from the experience is that preparing for the future is not as simple as it sounds.

Over the last five years, dozens of township residents have put in a few thousand volunteer hours working on task forces and committees to decide how the township should be developed.

The first step was a comprehensive plan, completed in December 1989, which describes the township's land use goals. Studies were done, or are

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This time around, township will be ready for builders

WEST BRADFORD from B1 still in the works, on the Brandywine River valley, open space, recreation, woodlands, wetlands, groundwater supplies, geology, traffic flow and historic places. Also, task forces were formed to study how the historic villages of Marshallton and Romansville should be developed.

But none of the studies will mean a thing unless they are backed by zoning ordinances. So the township planning commissioners, supervisors and others are musing over the first draft of a new zoning code.

Once that is enacted, new subdivision ordinances will have to be written to regulate how large development parcels can be carved up into housing lots.

"We've been driving ourselves crazy with night meetings," Hines said.

At some point later this year, the planning work should be completed. The price tag? About \$225,000, most of which is funded by federal, state and local grants.

"It takes a lot of effort to plan, and just as much effort to implement all the planning," said George Fasic, director of the Chester County Planning Department. "It can easily take five years."

When West Bradford enacted its first zoning laws in 1969, it had 3,000 residents. Today it is the quintessential bedroom community, population 10,250.

Since no major highways pass through its 18.7 square miles, it has experienced little commercial development. But, sitting as it does near Downingtown, Exton, West Chester and Coatesville, and offering an easy commute to employment centers along the Route 202 corridor and in King of Prussia and Wilmington, it has attracted numerous housing developments.

Studies have been done. They will be meaningless, though, unless backed by zoning laws.

The number of homes and apartments grew from about 900 in the mid-1970s to 3,200 today. Most are single-family homes on larger lots.

"They were just cropping up everywhere," Hines said. "We ended up with a lot of unintelligent, cookie-cutter suburban sprawl. And that just creates trouble for the future. We don't have the tax base to manage all this through time. We have to minimize the cost of providing services and maintenance."

The township began rewriting its comprehensive plan in 1988. That alone took 18 months.

"If the zoning is the letter of the law, then the comprehensive plan is the spirit," said Tom McCaffrey, a zoning task force member and former supervisor. "It gives you a

chance to express the township's best features, and what it would like to maintain."

When residents were polled on how the township should be developed, "overwhelmingly, people said they wanted to preserve the township's rural character, its aesthetic quality," said county planner Tom West, who helped write the comprehensive plan.

"They said they want to keep their stream corridors free of runoff and the other intrusions of development," West said. "They want to keep the vegetation in the river valley, and keep the groundwater and the river itself clean."

"They want to maintain their villages. They want logical patterns so that development occurs where the sewers and roads can accommodate it."

Essentially, West Bradford wants to hang onto what made the township such an attractive area for homesteading in the first place — its rural character.

But preserving quaintness is a dif-

ficult balancing act.

John Snook, a planner with the Brandywine Conservancy, said West Bradford will have to rely on a number of novel planning ideas for the 1990s, for instance, limiting the number of homes that would intrude on "viewscapes," or more simply, scenic views.

"The law says you can't legislate aesthetics," Snook said. "So the question is: How can you deal with it in a matter that is fair to the property owners?"

The township not only wants to assure the quality of water in the Brandywine River, which runs through it, it also wants to preserve the "viewshed" of the Brandywine, which includes just about any piece of land that offers a view of the river.

To do that, West Bradford is considering offering developers incentives to keep projects away from the river's edge. For instance, builders would be allowed to put more homes on smaller parcels farther away from the river in exchange for not building near the river.

Similar kinds of incentives would be offered to keep homes off sensitive woodlands, important geological sites, stream beds, steep slopes, ridge

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For The Inquirer / LAURENCE KESTERSON

BANANAS notwithstanding, township manager Jack Hines doesn't expect smooth sailing as West Bradford tries to protect itself from rampant development. It's a lot of hard work, and he forecasts some mistakes.

tops and wetlands. Also, promoting development in areas where housing already exists would ease the pressure to build in open spaces.

Another challenge for the township is how to preserve the villages of Marshallton and Romansville. Both have faced development pressure since 1990 — a 40-room hotel was proposed in Marshallton, while 84 new homes and 90,000 square feet of commercial space was planned for Romansville.

"We found that we need to see those as unique, historic areas," Hines said.

In Romansville, a task force is selecting housing types that would fit in the village and designing street plans and a central business district.

Randall Arendt, a planner with the Natural Lands Trust who is doing most of the Romansville design work, said the project is promising.

"Most of it is single-family homes, and some two-family duplexes designed to look like large single-families," Arendt said. "It is a combination that attracts empty-nesters who want an upscale house on a down-sized lot, and young professionals. It's a niche market. No one else is offering a product like this in the area."

Though invitations to two public planning meetings were hand-delivered to all Romansville residents, attendance was sparse. That contrasts with the way villagers turned out in full force a few years ago to protest a commercial development proposal.

The lack of interest may mean either that the residents like what the task force has in mind, or that West Bradford, while perhaps ahead of the curve in land planning, hasn't solved the tendency of NIMBYs not to pay attention until after problems arise.

Howard Folk, the village task force chairman, is not dismayed.

"We have not gotten down to the nitty-gritty yet," he said.

Hines, the township manager, said he is uncertain how much of the planning will become law. And, of course, whatever does become law could well face court tests from developers, said county planner West.

Though it might seem like a big relief to finish all the planning, Hines said that is when the real work begins.

"These are living documents. Once we get started, we'll have to see how well they work. We will make mistakes, and if anybody thinks we aren't going to, they're crazy."



TALK OF THE TOWN

Marshallton

A (mostly) quiet, historic town

7/1/93

(Editor's note: This is one story of an occasional series on Chester County towns and villages.)

By JADA GALLAGHER
Staff Writer

MARSHALLTON — Most residents have only one complaint about their little village — the fire siren is too loud.

"Nothing much is going on here," said Elaine Siter. "It's a quiet, historic town except for the loud fire whistle."

Siter and her husband Robert have owned the Marshallton Nursery for 18 years.

Several neighbors agreed with her.

"It's a very quiet place except for Strasburg Road and the fire siren," said resident Sally Barr.

From The Blacksmith Shop to the Marshallton Inn, the quaint village is steeped in history and without some modern conveniences.

There is no bank, post office or grocery store. But the residents seem to like it that way.

Margaret and Elwood Newman have lived in their Marshallton home for 63 years and they would like to keep the area "historic and beautiful" with "little development."

The Marshall estate, built in 1773, is one of the oldest historic homes in Marshallton, which was named after the early American botanist Humphry Marshall.

"Marshall was supposedly friends with Benjamin Franklin," said Stephanie Thomas, who moved into the unoccupied Marshall home last July.

Thomas said she enjoys the beautiful old houses and the family community she has found since her move to the area.

"When we first moved in, it felt like all eyes were upon us because

the house was empty for about six years while it was owned by the Chester County Historical Society," said Thomas.

"But everyone has been very friendly," she said.

The Blacksmith Shop, an antique store specializing in hand-crafted lampshades, dates back to 1750 when it was a wheelwright and blacksmith shop.

"They used to assemble and paint the carriages upstairs and put them out on the roof to dry," said Mary Evans, who was born in the village and has operated her shop for 28 years.

Smiling residents sitting on their porches, magnificent orange and yellow tiger lilies and well-kept nationally registered historic homes abound on Strasburg Road, the main stretch of the village.

"Marshallton is so typical of what I believe a town should be. It's very eclectic, both the people and the architecture," said George A. Mershon, Jr., owner of the Marshallton Inn, which is celebrating its 200th year anniversary.

Dating back to 1793, the Marshallton Inn was originally called the "Sign of the General Wayne" and served 3 cent "spirituous beverages" to drovers and teamsters.

Mershon said he is moving forward — despite opposition from some neighbors — with plans to create small, historically and architecturally accurate, 18th-century houses that will function as a hotel. He is also planning to create a historically accurate park.

Overall, Marshallton is a great place to hop in a hammock, peacefully sip a cold iced tea and drift off to sleep ...

Until that fire siren goes off again.



Scenes from the town of Marshallton: The Blacksmith Shop on Strasburg Road (above) and proprietor Mary Evans (right) sell antiques and handmade lampshades. (Below, left) The Bradford Friends Meeting House on Strasburg Road. (Below, right) The Marshallton Nursery, owned and operated by Elaine and Robert Siter for the past 18 years.



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Water, Water, Everywhere, Nor Any Drop To Drink

Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner

Water is not an infinite resource. Less than .3% of the water in the world is available to man.

During this past summer, people who are on the public water system, as well as people on private wells, experienced trouble with their water delivery systems. In order to help you manage this precious resource, we will have a three part series in our newsletter. This article, being the first, will deal with "Where Our Water Comes From." The second part will be "Our Water Distribution System — Public and Private", and the last of our articles will deal with "Managing The Resource And What To Do When Problems Develop."

The water for our private wells, as well as for the public water systems, comes from groundwater. There is not a surface source of water that supplies the water system in West Bradford Township. For example, if water were taken from the Brandywine Creek, that would be considered a surface water source.

Groundwater comes from an aquifer; which is an underground area that is saturated with water. An aquifer has an impermeable bottom, on top of which there are layers of gravel, sand, sandstone, shattered rock or limestone. Many people believe that there is an underground stream or open lake that we tap

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Did You Know?

What is the largest bird that can often be seen in West Bradford Township?

A Memorial To J. Edward Stouff

We dedicate this issue of our newsletter to his memory.

Mr. Stouff passed away on July 27. During his lifetime, he lived and farmed in West Bradford Township. Of significance to those living in newer developments is the fact that Mr. Stouff farmed and/or owned most of the land where most of you now have your home. The developments that immediately come to mind are Bradford Glen/Victoria Crossing; Hillcrest; and Hilltop Road.

The community played an important role in Mr. Stouff's life, or rather we should say that Mr. Stouff played an important role in the community. His father had served as a road supervisor and tax collector in the community. When the township had its own school system, prior to the jointure with Downingtown, Mr. Stouff served for many years on the School Board. For many years he served on the township Planning Commission and the Historical Committee, retiring in 1988. Mr. Stouff was honored as being a part of a family that had lived on and farmed the same farm for over 100 years.

If you are a Penn State fan, or just happen to be in the neighborhood of the University, you should stop to see the Agriculture Museum. As a Penn State graduate, Mr. Stouff was an avid sup-

porter of the Agriculture Preservation Days Program and the museum. His many contributions to the museum will serve to allow the memory of him to continue for many years.

In an attempt to help all of our citizens to understand the ways of Mr. Stouff, this writer will extend a personal anecdote.

There is a road in West Bradford Township known as Stouff Road. It does in fact go through an area that was at one time the Stouff farm. Invariably, many people; citizens, cartographers and the like would refer to it as Stouff's Road. At any time that this would happen, Edward would point out that there should not be an "s" on the end of the road name, that it was not "his road".

This was a small detail to most of us, but a true measure of Edward's knowledge of his own importance and of his true belief that a community is more important as a whole than any of us individually.

Thank you Edward for being a part of our community. We extend our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Dorothy, and to the rest of his family in their time of sorrow.



J. Edward Stouff and wife Dorothy; when Edward served as Grand Marshal of the parade celebrating the Tricentennial of West Bradford Township, April 25, 1982.

I Heard Someone Say . . .

(This is a regular feature of our newsletter that will give you insight into the various peculiarities of dealing with municipal regulations and discussions.)

... That they saw an advertisement that the Board of Supervisors were going to have a hearing for a "Conditional Use Application". What is a "Conditional Use"?

West Bradford Township has adopted zoning regulations to specify what land uses are allowed in various zoning districts in the township.

In accordance with state law, the Municipalities Planning Code, each zoning district may have up to three types of permitted uses. The first type are uses permitted by applying for a permit, which permit can be granted by the Zoning Officer if it complies with the zoning regulations. The other two types

are a "Special Exception" Use and a "Conditional Use". Both of these require a hearing and are similar except that a hearing for a Special Exception is before the Zoning Hearing Board and a hearing for a Conditional Use is before the Board of Supervisors.

When you see that a Conditional Use Hearing will be held, it is because someone is asking to use a parcel of land in a specific zoning district. The use permit that is sought may prove injurious to the public interest as defined in the Zoning Ordinance if specific standards that are listed in that ordinance are not met.

The applicant for a Conditional Use would have to provide information at the hearing before the Board of Supervisors that he/she can meet the specific standards listed in the Zoning Ordinance.

An example of a Conditional Use would be; the zoning district for Marshallton (C-3) provides that dwellings are permitted by application to the Zoning Officer, but that certain types of retail stores, an antique shop, for example, would be a conditional use. The applicant would have to provide information regarding parking, sewage, and a number of other items to assure that that use would not prove injurious to the public. The specific criteria for a Conditional Use is listed in the Zoning Ordinance. After the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may attach "conditions" to the zoning permit to assure that what was presented at the hearing would be adhered to.

Maybe we will HEAR SOMEONE SAY THAT . . .

May We Gloat!!!

In 1990, West Bradford Township initiated the first township wide Refuse Collection and Recycling Program. In addition to complying with the state mandates, your township officials set a goal of creating a system that would provide additional services and be able to be a lesser cost, to most citizens, through the foreseeable future.

When we initiated the system and provided curbside recycling, refuse removal, one time per month bulk item removal and provided all of the refuse and recycling containers, the cost was \$12.00 per month. That amount was less than most citizens were paying to private haulers. When that price was announced, a number of people predicted that we would not be able to sustain that price throughout the three year contract.

The bids have been received for the next three years (1994 through 1996). Although a final determination for award of these bids has not been made, it appears that the \$12.00 per month cost will be able to be maintained through the next three years. There also is the possibility that we will add additional services, such as curbside pick-up of plastics. All of this will be explained once the Board of Supervisors makes an award for the new contract.

Back to "May We Gloat!", well, we

have to admit that the present economic conditions have helped to keep the cost of the refuse/recycling system from increasing. We do feel that the way we have managed the system has helped to keep the cost low. The main concern we have with our system is related to the problem at the Lanchester Landfill. If there is a significant increase in their fees for disposal of waste then we may have to reevaluate the costs to residents.

We are required by County Ordinance to send all of our refuse to Lanchester, so we do not have the option of looking for lower fees at another landfill.

In spite of the concerns with the landfill, careful recycling, refusing excessive packaging and composting yard waste by each and everyone of us will help to maintain the low cost of our refuse/recycling systems.

Recreation Commission To Host West Bradford Day

The Recreation Commission, together with the Historical Committee are planning a community day. The proposed date is Sun., May 22, 1994 from noon until 5 pm at the municipal campus.

Answer To: Did You Know?

The Great Blue Heron can often be seen along the streams, ponds and wetlands of West Bradford Township. The Great Blue Heron has an average length from beak tip to the tip of its tail of 38 inches with a wingspan that averages 6 feet. The Heron is usually seen walking slowly through wet areas or standing with its head hunched on its shoulders as it prepares to feed on frogs, mice and the like.

A close second in size are Turkey Vultures and the Canada Goose.

Features of the day will be exhibits devoted to the historical background of the township. Community groups and organizations are encouraged to provide exhibits.

Crafts and other homemade items will be displayed and be available for purchase.

If you or your organization would like to participate, please send a brief description of your proposed participation with your name, address and telephone number to:

West Bradford Day
c/o the Township Manager
1385 Campus Drive
Downington, PA 19335
THESE MUST BE RECEIVED
PRIOR TO APRIL 1, 1994.
NO FOOLING!

Water, Water, Everywhere, Nor Any A Drop To Drink

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into with our wells. In West Bradford Township, our aquifers are water saturated materials, such as gravel, shattered rock or limestone.

Often you will hear someone speak about an artesian well. An artesian well occurs when you tap into an aquifer that has both an upper and a lower impermeable layer. The upper layer acts to form a sandwich which forces the water from the aquifer into a hole that is drilled through the top layer. An artesian well sometimes flows water or it can be a well in which the water is forced higher into the well casing than the actual groundwater level. Many wells in West Bradford Township are water table wells. These wells are drilled into an aquifer and the water level in them is determined by the level of the water in the aquifer.

This is the same for both private individual wells and the production wells, that are used by the water company. However, the water company wells are typically drilled deeper into the aquifer in order to provide access to larger quantities of water.

In order to understand this resource, it is important to know how water gets into the aquifer and some characteristics of the aquifers in West Bradford Township.

can cause a high percentage of run-off.

Another factor to prevent infiltration would be the type and amount of vegetation. Certain types of vegetation will help to maintain the soils water-holding and infiltration capacity. Vegetation also plays a significant role in the rate of evaporation and transpiration of moisture from the ground area.

Sloped areas will also limit the amount of water that can infiltrate the aquifer. In steeply sloped areas, as much as 80% of rain becomes surface runoff. Paving and other impervious cover will increase run-off and decrease the volume of rain that will infiltrate an aquifer and flows from the aquifer into a stream and eventually into the ocean. During the various phases of the cycle, evaporation occurs together with transpiration, this will form precipitation to start the cycle anew.

The final important part of where water comes from is to understand the types of aquifers that occur in West Bradford Township. There are three main geologic formations in West Bradford Township in which our groundwater is stored. Each of these have different capacities to yield water for wells. Due to the fact that some of these formations have a very limited potential

gallons per minute. That area is generally through the center of the township, from east to west. The remainder of the township can see yields from private wells that are slightly better than that, that is the area of Felsic Gneiss and Wissahicken formations. The latter wells will have a moderate yield with the ability in certain fracture trace areas to produce high yields. If you are interested in more information on the geology, you can review the township Comprehensive Plan which includes a chapter on geology and mapping of the various geologic formations.

The various geologic formations also affect the chemical characteristics of the water, which characteristics sometimes require special treatment.

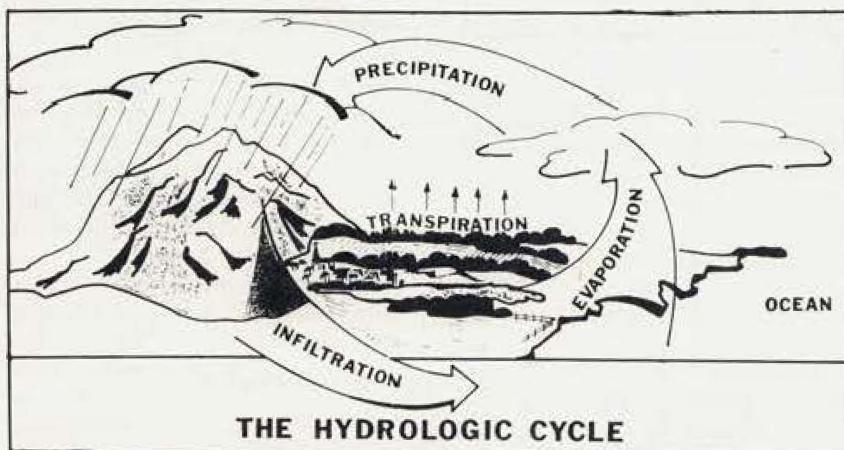
Our next article will discuss the distribution systems, both private and public and deal with the basics of treatment of the chemical characteristics. In the meantime, be aware of our precious resource, water, and be conservation minded.

Key 93 Is Approved

Key 93 is a slogan for a proposed 50 million dollar bond issue and legislation that has been approved to improve and protect Pennsylvania's recreational, educational, historical and natural heritage. Approximately 13 million of these dollars will be allocated for local parks, recreational facilities, trails and greenways. Much of this will be in the form of matching grants to local municipalities.

Since West Bradford Township has recently completed a new Open Space and Recreation Plan, that plan will enable the municipality to take advantage of KEY 93 Funding.

Watch for information as to what West Bradford may try to accomplish through this funding source. Also, if you would like to be a direct part of this process, you could volunteer to be a member of the Recreation Commission. There is presently an opening on that Commission. Call the municipal office at 269-4147 for a Volunteer Application form or contact the township manager at that same number.



The diagram shows the hydrologic cycle. Moisture falls to earth as precipitation. Some of that precipitation will infiltrate the aquifer. How much of the water enters the aquifer is dependant on a number of factors such as soil composition and the soil moisture. Either one of these being not suitable for infiltration

yield, the township is included in the groundwater protected area of the Delaware River Basin Commission. That designation requires additional criteria and permits for production wells.

Homeowners in the Peters Creek Schist formation can generally anticipate low well yields; some as low as 1 to 2

Municipal Calendar

NOVEMBER

1	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
2	Office Closed—Election Day —Administration Bldg. — 2nd Precinct	
9	Board of Supervisors Business Mtg. (1994 Budget Presented) ..	8:30 P.M.
11	Historical Committee Meeting	8:30 P.M.
15	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
16	Planning Commission Formal Session	8:00 P.M.
18	Recycling Advisory Committee	7:30 P.M.
25 - 26	Office Closed — Thanksgiving Holiday	
26	Holiday Schedule — Thursday Refuse/Bulk Trash Pick-Up	
29	Monday Refuse/Bulk Trash Pick-Up	

DECEMBER

7	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
9	Historical Committee Meeting	8:00 P.M.
14	Board of Supervisors Business Mtg. (1994 Budget Presented) ..	8:30 P.M.
16	Recycling Advisory Committee	7:30 P.M.
20	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
21	Planning Commission Formal Session	8:00 P.M.
24 - 27	Office Closed — Christmas Holiday	
27	Monday Refuse/Bulk Trash Pick-Up	
28	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting	8:30 P.M.
30	Thursday Refuse/Bulk Trash Pick-Up	

JANUARY 1994

3	Board of Supervisors — Organization Meeting	8:30 P.M.
4	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
11	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
13	Historical Committee Meeting	8:00 P.M.
17	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
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— CLIP AND SAVE —

1993 FALL LEAF COMPOSTING PROGRAM
Drop off point - (no fee) Next to Public Works Garage, 1385
Campus Drive, November 6, 13, 20, 27 from 9 AM — 1 PM

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (THANKSGIVING DAY)
Refuse Collection & Recycling normally collected on
Thurs., Nov. 25th, will be picked up on Fri., Nov. 26th.

EXCESS CHRISTMAS TRASH

Any refuse that does not fit into your toter (may be placed in
trash bags). You must purchase a sticker for each additional
trash bag. Stickers can be purchased at the Township Building
— cost \$1.25 per sticker. Cardboard boxes can be taken to
the Brandywine Paper Co. in Downingtown, Next to Downing-
town National Bank. (no fee)

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL FOR MULCHING

Christmas Tree's can be dropped off at the Township
Campus for mulching from Mon., Dec. 27, 1993 through Jan.
31, 1994. Place in the designated area.

— CLIP AND SAVE —

9-1-1 Update

The target date for 9-1-1 to start in Chester County is the week after Christmas. There will be public notices of when that officially happens and when you can use 9-1-1 for emergency help. Please pay attention to those notices so that you can be aware of the types of calls to place to 9-1-1. In some areas of the country, too many people use 9-1-1 for other than emergency calls, this results in a delay in answering emergency calls.

In West Bradford Township, we will prepare for 9-1-1 by reviewing and correcting addressing problems. Also, an ordinance has been prepared that will require the proper posting of your house number. As soon as the addressing changes are made only where they are needed to be changed, the Board of Supervisors will advertise and consider the Posting Ordinance. After adoption, we will provide a complete explanation of the required posting of house numbers.

Prior to the start-up of 9-1-1, the use of the 9-1-1 telephone number will direct your call to a different area, probably Delaware, and delay the dispatch of emergency services. The present numbers are, Fire and Ambulance — 436-4700, Police — 269-5355; use these numbers until the change to 9-1-1.

West Bradford Twp.
1385 Campus Drive
Downingtown, PA 19335

Bulk Rate
Permit
#32
Downingtown
PA 19335

ALBERT & MARGARET ANDERSON
1026 STARGAZERS ROAD
COATESVILLE PA 19320



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10,000 Residents

Bill Supply
20 questions
question just

Veteran's Booth

WEST BRADFORD DAY 1994
PLANNING MEETING
NOV. 29, 1993

AGENDA

EVENTS:

1. Revolutionary War Encampment - Revolutionary War
a) Who do we contact?
b) What will they need?
c) Is there any township expense involved?

2. Various committee and organization displays
a) Who do we invite?

ex/ Historical Commission, Supervisors (local government).

Recycle Committee, Planning Commission, Recreation Commission
WBYA, Churches, Township Road Equipment, Fire Depart.
etc.,

- b) What will they need?
c) Is there any township expense involved?

3. Music

- a) Who do we invite?

ex/ Marching Bands, Choirs, Singers & Dancers

Carmen Jenkins

- b) What will they need?
c) Is there any township expense involved?

4. Any others? Arts & Craft - W.B. only - Businesses

James Piccann
People
Nurses group

Arulene
white man
Montgomery
Mary May
Ron Ward

FOOD:

- a) Who will provide food? Home & Farm Assoc.

Do we invite The Oyster Bar and West Bradford Grill or do we
do it another way?

TIME OF DAY: 1-5

LOGISTICS:

- 1) Where will events be placed?
- 2) Where will people park?

Our park
Pork white rock wants

Historical Juicy
Seedling for Roads - Gulf

West Bradford Day
Sue Linn

Dave Morris

To the members of the Historic Commission.

The enclosed involves West Bradford Day and I hope you can decipher my notes?
1994

We need a person to contact Arts and Craft people who live in West Bradford Only I have a partial list on the one sheet and we may think of others who have displayed before. Joan do you think you can do this?

Jean they want a letter to go out to all the businesses inviting them to participate, excluding Hodge who will be having his own thing that day.

Nancy you will handle the Historic part in the meeting room of the Township Building and we can set up the slides and they also are trying to get Dave Orsborn to make a video of the historic places in the township and show that also.

I will be handling the food concession and helping out where needed if there are enough people to help with the food. Bill is supposed to be making up a quiz of historic nature that is when the spirit moves him. He also, I hope, will be displaying Chester County memorabilia.

If any of you can think of anything more we can do let me know. I have a meeting with the West Bradford Day committee on the 20th at 7:30 at the township building if any of you would like to attend to give your report or you can call me.

Peg I mentioned that we had displayed quilts one other time and that you had done some quilting that day. If you would like to take this on let me know before the 20th.

Also enclosed is the County Historic Preservation Network meeting which I cannot attend, and depending on the weather I hope some of you can go from West Bradford. The speakers sound interesting.

Hopefully February will be better weather wise so that we can meet either at the Township Building or maybe in someone's living room.

Thanks for all your help and participation.

Florence

ADVERTISING OF THE EVENT:

- 1) Newsletter *Jackie*
- 2) Pamphlet *one page poster*
- 3) a) Mail
- b) Distribute
- 3) Newspaper *newspaper*
- 4) Banner to hang on outfield fence at the campus.

VOLUNTEERS

- 1) How many do we need?
- 2) How will we get them?
- 3) What will we want them to do?
- 4) Do we form committees to accomplish the various aspects needed to make it all work?

SET TIME SCHEDULE TO ACCOMPLISH VARIOUS PARTS:

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

West Bradford Day event will take place on Sunday

WEST BRADFORD — The annual celebration of West Bradford Day will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the West Bradford municipal campus. The event will feature exhibits and family activities sponsored by community service organizations and other local groups.

Displays include antique engines, classic cars, and arts and crafts. There will be Civil War re-enactments and "living history" displays, featuring the 53d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Division. Food booths, free West Bradford Day caps, and a chance to win special T-shirts will also be at the event, sponsored by the township's Historic Committee and the Recreation Commission.

Parking will be at the Shannon Airport on Marshallton-Thorndale Road, with continuous free shuttle bus service to the municipal campus, 1385 Campus Dr.

For more information, call the township office at 610-269-4174.

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WEST BRADFORD DAY
SUNDAY MAY 22, 1994

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00	FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
12:15 TO 1:00	CIVIL WAR DRILL & MUSKET FIRE (on baseball infield)
1:00 TO 1:30	BRADFORD HEIGHTS ELEM. - CHOIR
1:30 TO 2:00	BRADFORD HEIGHTS ELEM. - BAND (by Tot Lot)
2:00 TO 3:00	WEST BRADFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT HELICOPTER LANDING & RESCUE & JAWS OF LIFE DEMONSTRATION (right field outfield grass)
3:00 to 3:30	WEST BRADFORD ELEM. - BAND (by Tot Lot)
3:30 TO 4:30	CIVIL WAR - HISTORICAL REVIEW
4:30 TO 5:00	CIVIL WAR DRILL & MUSKET FIRE (on baseball infield)

ALL DAY DISPLAYS 12:00 TO 5:00

OUTDOOR INDOOR

Civil War Encampment	Supervisors	WBYA
West Bradford Fire Department	Historical Committee	DARC
West Bradford Road Crew	Recreation Commission	Meals on
Boy Scout Encampment	Planning Commission	
Arts & Crafts	Recycle Committee	
Refreshments		

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Florence Supplee, Chairman
1893 Shadyside Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
486-0790

Mr. William Supplee
1893 Shadyside Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
486-0790

Mrs. Peg Anderson
1026 Star Gazers Road
Coatesville, PA 19320
486-0866

Mrs. Jean Hagele
505 Broad Run Road
West Chester, PA 19382
793-1838

Mrs. Nancy Hill
644 Sugarsbridge Road
West Chester, PA 19382
696-5676







WEST BRADFORD QUIZ

NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Circle the correct answer.

1. *Bradford Township was divided into East and West Bradford in the year?*

a. 1694 b. 1705 c. 1731 d. 1845 e. 1925

2. *Humphry Marshall was a well known?*

a. Botanist b. Artist c. General d. Innkeeper e. Principle

3. *Indian Hannah was Chester County's last resident Lenape Indian. Her cabin was in?*

a. Marshallton b. Trimbleville c. Victoria d. Northbrook e. Brandywine Greene

4. *The site of the crossing of the Brandywine by British Troops in 1777 was at?*

a. Marshallton b. Trimbleville c. Northbrook d. Embreeville e. King George Crossings

5. *Between 1700 - 1750 which industry was an important cottage industry in the Marshallton area?*

a. Cigar maker b. Shoemaker c. Blacksmith d. Tinsmith e. All of these

6. *Which famous actor lived at Stock Grange in the 1940's?*

a. Gary Grant b. Ray Schneider c. Claude Raines
d. Stuart Granger e. Edward G. Robinson

7. *Whose plane landed in West Bradford during a foggy night in 1928?*

- a. Wilbur Wright
- b. Will Rogers
- c. The Red Baron
- d. Charles Linberg
- e. Amelia Erhardt

8. *Nathan Simms is buried in the Bradford Cemetery in Marshallton. Who was Nathan Simms?*

- a. A revolutionary war general who died in the battle of the Brandywine.
- b. Pennsylvania's first Supreme Court Justice.
- c. A slave boy who helped John Wilkes Booth escape and told the union soldiers where he went, thus aiding in his capture.
- d. Played short stop for the Philadelphia Phillies between 1910 - 1927 and made the first unassisted triple play in Phillies history.
- e. Served as a member at the Continental Congress and signed the Declaration of Independence.

9. *Which event was the major reason for the growth of Romansville and Marshallton during the 1790's?*

- a. Construction of Fort Bradford
- b. The opening of Bradford School
- c. Construction of Strasburg Road
- d. Trade with the Lenni-Lenape Indians
- e. Betsy Ross opening a flag shop in Romansville

10. *Romansville developed around a shop owned by John Romans. This shop was?*

- a. Candle Shop
- b. Blacksmith Shop
- c. Newspaper Shop
- d. Cigar Shop
- e. Flower Shop

Adventures in the town's old tavern

By JANE E. DORCHESTER
(Local News Correspondent)

By 1764, the Strasburg Road had pushed at least as far west as the Bradford Friends Meeting House. A plot of land along the road, just west of the Meeting House, went up for sale, and Joseph Martin bought it.

He promptly had built a stone house which he intended to open as a tavern.

In 1767, Martin received his first tavern license for this hotel, which he christened "The Centre House" because he thought it stood at the center of Chester County (which used to also include Delaware and parts of Berks and Lancaster counties).

Martin remained proprietor of Centre House until 1776, when he rented it to Robert Peoples. In 1778, Joseph Porter took over the hotel; and in 1780 Thomas Carpenter acquired it. Carpenter owned the house until after the American Revolution.

A COUPLE OF Revolution-era adventures unfolded at the tavern. "Squire" Cheyney, a local farmer and sometime spy for the Americans, had lunch at the Centre House with one of his "contacts" on Sept. 11, 1777 — the day of the Battle of the Brandywine. After lunch, the Squire determined to head for home. On his way, he spotted the advance troops of the British flanking march, who were sneaking up on the American army.

Cheyney rode, hell bent for glory, to warn the Americans at Chadds Ford of the imminent danger. But only after pleading with General Sullivan for hours while that gentleman sent his own man out to verify the Squire's report — which the scout failed to do, did he finally gain an audience with General Washington. And even then, if it had not been for one of Washington's own scouts riding into camp with the same news, the Squire would probably not have been believed, and then everything would have been lost, instead of just the battle.

THE OTHER INCIDENT took place some time after the battle, when British troops were milling around the Chester County coun-

tryside. Certain farmers in the area of the village then called "Bradford Meeting" were suspected by the British of being rebels. So the British, a rather paranoid lot, in spite of their victory, decided to imprison the suspected rebels — at the Centre House. The farmers, eventually, were

still there, but part of the road is now gone.

MARTIN'S LICENSE was denied on grounds that there was already one tavern in the village. Martin tried every year for the next eight years to get licensed. The constant rejections raised the question of supply and demand: how many taverns does one village need? But the Friends meeting in the village, and a growing community of Methodists, may have influenced the court to refuse Martin's license.

After the war, in 1786, Abraham Marshall bought the stand where Thomas Carpenter lately had dwelt. He owned the House until 1804. By this time, Strasburg Road was being heavily travelled by the "wagon traffic." They were freight wagons, pulled by at least six horses each, which plied the road between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The wagoneers preferred the Strasburg Road — where they didn't have to pay freight tolls — to the Lancaster Turnpike — where they did.

BETWEEN 1805 and 1814, the Centre House was owned by Joseph Miller, then by James Chamberlin. In 1814, competition moved into town. Abraham Martin bought a one-acre lot from his father-in-law, Joseph Woodward, and applied for a license to open another tavern, the "General Wayne Hotel."

Strasburg Road was so busy that the Centre House couldn't accommodate all the travellers. According to one story the inn was so crowded that travellers (all men) had to sleep on the floor — of the kitchen. And to add to the traffic, a road leading from Downingtown to Dilworthtown crossed the Strasburg Road where the General Wayne stood. The Inn is

In 1817, Isaac Carpenter took over the Centre House from Chamberlin. Oddly enough, by 1818, it became apparent there was more to Martin's failure to get a license than met the eye. The remonstrances filed against him became more personal in nature. Witnesses who objected to his applications turned out to be loyal patrons of the Centre House. Some of them didn't even live in the village.

Finally, Martin got some of the Quakers of the village to sign his petition and act as character witnesses. The next year, though he was still without a license, he got all the drovers and wagoneers who were forced to sleep at his Hotel to sign a petition averring that another hotel was desperately needed to accommodate the overflow from the Centre House.

In 1822, Martin finally got his first tavern license. But he died in 1826, and his hotel passed on to his widow and two sons, Joseph and Abner.

Despite spelling debate, turnover of postmasters, mail got through

By JANE E. DORCHESTER
(Local News Correspondent)

The Marshallton Post Office was established Feb. 9, 1805, with Dr. Andrew Bailey as the first postmaster. Bailey insisted on spelling the name with one "I" instead of two, following the rules of orthography, but it has been spelled either way throughout its history. There seems to be a mystery as to where the first post office was — either in the general store or in the Centre House Hotel, both of which were on the stage coach route.

In 1814, Thomas B. Marshall took over as postmaster, probably at the same location. In 1818, Bailey became the postmaster, again. In 1821, Bailey gave up the job for good and Joseph Miller took over. His tenure only lasted for a year, though, and in 1822, Francis Carpenter took the job.

In 1824, Emmor E. Baley became postmaster and in 1827, George Andress became took over. In 1831, George Martin became postmaster and the post office was in his store, at the eastern end of the Village.

BY THIS TIME, the postmastership of Marshallton had become a politically involved position. Whenever the Democrats were in power, the postmaster was a Democrat, usually George Martin, or whoever ran his store, on the eastern edge of town. Whenever the Republicans were in power, the postmaster was Republican, and the post office was at the western end of town, at the store run for years by Robert Lilley. So, in 1849, George Martin was relieved of his duties as postmaster, according to one editorial, because it was suspected that he had not voted for Taylor, even though Martin had been careful not to seem to sway to either side, politically. In that year, David C. Woodward got the job and, presumably, the post office was moved to the western end of town.

IN 1852, George W. Woodward took over the

duties of the postmaster, and the post office stayed put. In 1853, however, the political climate changed, and George Martin had his old job back. He managed to keep it until 1861, when Albert P. Hall took over.

While Hall was in the job he received a letter addressed as follows: "To the prettiest girl in Marshallton; postmaster to decide." This put Hall in a real fix since there were several pretty girls in the village, and he knew all of them, and they, he. He finally did give the letter to one young lady, and suffered the silent contempt of the others for years.

In 1866, Joel C. Bailey was appointed to the job, and again, the office moved. According to contemporary accounts, Bailey immediately fell victim to the wrath of the "Radical Clique," — as the accounts called them — of the village.

THE "RADICALS" gave Bailey nothing but grief for two years, when they finally succeeded in removing him from office (egged on, according to one account, by the impeachment proceedings against President Johnson), and had him replaced by Thomas B. Temple. Temple's tenure was short-lived, however, when the neighborhood as a body rose up and insisted he be removed. He was, and Abraham M. Martin was installed. At the same time, the West Chester to Downingtown Mail Stage was rerouted through Marshallton. Eventually, the "Radicals" got the last laugh as Temple was reinstated as in 1869 and remained in that office until 1874, when Robert B. Lilly took over.

Between 1878 and 1880, the citizens serviced by the post office agitated for a morning as well as an evening mail.

IN APRIL 1880, they got their wish. Unfortunately, the postmastership changed hands in 1885, Oliver Martin taking over from Lilly, and the evening mail was discontinued. In 1889,

Walter S. Lilly became postmaster, but in 1893, Martin was again appointed. Throughout all this time, the office was being dragged from one end of town to the other, changing everytime the postmaster changed.

In 1894, J R. Cunningham, the village smithy, got the job because Martin decided to give up storekeeping and go live on his farm. Martin rented the store to William Lamborn, who acted as deputy under Cunningham. The office, for once, stayed where it was.

In 1895, it was robbed, causing quite a stir in the village. The robbers made off with \$15 worth of stamps, and a few pairs of shoes and boots and other items from the store. The total value of all the items stolen was placed at \$30. The contemporary supposition was that they would have taken more if it hadn't been for George Frame paying a late night visit to his stable, which frightened the robbers away.

IN 1897, Fred L. McFarland became postmaster and the office was moved, for the final time, to McFarland and Lilly's store, on the western end of town. By the late 1890s, the central post office was instituting Rural Free Delivery in outlying areas. They established RFD service in the Marshallton area in early 1900, thus discontinuing the office at Marshallton, much to the consternation of the neighbors of that area. Such a hullabaloo was raised by the closing of the office, that it was re-established, with McFarland as postmaster, later in the year. What the good citizens had failed to realize was that, they could either have their post office, or, they could have RFD service. Once the citizens of Marshallton and the surrounding area had come to this realization, a final accounting was taken, the RFD service reinstalled, and the post office closed for good on Aug. 31, 1901. The ninth oldest Post Office in Chester County closed after 96 years of service as both a post office and a political barometer.



The Blacksmith Shop, one of the stops on the tour, is an antique shop. Talking are (from left) Nancy Busby, Doris Hume and Mary Evans, who owns the shop.

Special to The Inquirer / JEFFREY T.

Dec. 1991

An 1891 congregation sends along its regards

By Susan Weidener
Special to The Inquirer

In 1891 the parishioners of Marshallton United Methodist Church placed a long metal container behind the cornerstone of their newly rebuilt church.

The container had been filled with personal keepsakes and memorabilia, offering a glimpse into the people and their time.

The box contained the names of those who served on the vestry, who taught Sunday school and who led the choir, attesting to a commitment to the devotional life of the congregation.

Those churchgoers of another century hoped that the contents might provide some sense of connectedness and continuity when the day came to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the attractive little gray stone church with white trimming.

That day has come.

On Sunday the congregation of Marshallton Methodist Church will view for the first time what parishioners 100 years ago buried behind the cornerstone of the church, on Strasburg Road in the center of the village of Marshallton.

"I'm afraid we had to handle the contents rather gingerly since most are badly disintegrated from dampness," said the Rev. John L. Taylor, the church's pastor for the last two years.

Mr. Taylor said the contents would be placed in a display case, where they will be on view during Sunday's service. Although he didn't want to give away all the secrets inside the box, Taylor did say that it contained what churchgoers of the time would feel was relevant, such as personal trinkets and a membership roster of the congregation.

"We've talked about what we plan to place in the cornerstone for the 200th anniversary," he said. "We thought that a videotape of the service would be appropriate, but we

weren't sure VCRs would still be around in the year 2091."

According to Doris C. Hume, a granddaughter of one of the church's most illustrious pastors, William L. Cann, the entire congregation has been involved since February in planning the centennial celebration.

Sunday's service is just part of that celebration, said Hume, who along with her sisters Marjorie Barr and Mary Evans has lived her whole life in the Marshallton area.

In addition to the cornerstone service on Sunday, the celebration also includes "Christmas in Marshallton."

The event, set for Dec. 14, features a walking tour of nine of the village's historic homes and buildings, decorated for the holidays. Proceeds from the event will go to the church.

"This is a first for us as a church.

"We've never done anything like this before," said Hume, who is co-chairman of the event.

Hume said that the people living in the historic houses agreed to open their homes to the public as a way of aiding the church and recognizing the role it has played in the life of the West Bradford Township community.

In recent years members of the church formed Bradlin Meals On Wheels, which serves older residents in West Bradford and Newlin Townships, according to Brenda McFarland, who is active in both the church and the West Bradford community.

McFarland added that the church sponsored a Boy Scout troop and hosted annual bazaars and community suppers.

"Concerts on the Green" featuring the Lukens Band are offered to the public every summer in the area between the cemetery — known as "God's Little Acre" — and the parsonage.

According to Stephen Marvin, director of the Coatesville Area Public Library and who is also writing a history of the church, the



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The Rev. John L. Taylor kneels by the church cornerstone, which held

church has given him a sense of connectedness.

"When you live in a big subdivision like I do, a church with this kind of welcoming tradition really gives you that sense of community," said Marvin, who moved to Chester County from New York two years ago.

Marvin explained that the church was founded in 1812 by Alban Hooke, a Methodist minister from Hopewell who served as a circuit rider on the Brandywine circuit, which included the Marshallton parish.

Hooke and the few Methodists living in the vicinity of Marshallton, which was predominantly Quaker, began worshipping in an barn on Strasburg Road. Years later they met in an old wheelwright shop.

Although records are sketchy, a small church building was constructed and in use by 1868.

a time capsule. The contents will be revealed Sunday.

The church was then rebuilt in 1891.

According to Marvin, who is also on the church's long-range planning committee, plans are under way to build an addition.

With the advent of more people moving into the suburban countryside surrounding the church, the need to build a wing for additional Sunday school classrooms has become apparent, Marvin said.

Mr. Taylor said that the congregation, which numbers just under 200, could easily be expanded if the small church with stained-glass windows were bigger.

"We have families and visitors who are part of the development boom in this area coming into the church and looking for programs for children and youth," said Mr. Taylor.

"We hope to meet that need during our next 100 years."

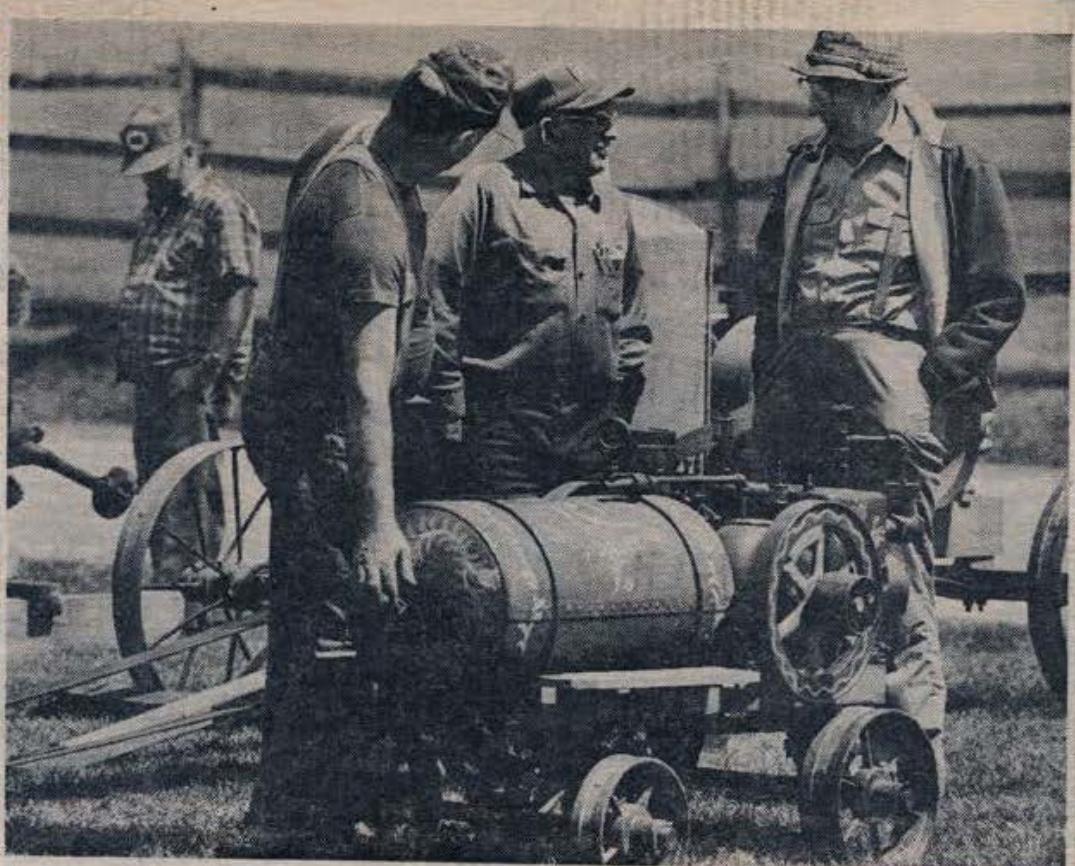
Church celebrates

Dec. 1991



Staff photo by Larry McDevitt

The Rev. John L. Taylor, pastor of the Marshallton United Methodist Church, leads the service recently as the congregation was able to view the contents of the church's cornerstone during a centennial celebration. The stone church was built in 1891, but the congregation dates to 1812, when services were held in a barn. Church historians also have been at work rewriting the congregation's history.



Special to The Inquirer / BARBARA JOHNSTON

From left, Paul Stevens, Bill Supplee Sr. and Roland Woodward chat near 1910 air compressor.

ways to use it besides for Sunday outings."

A previous demonstration, performed by Astle, a resident of Oxford, was a quieter event, but one that seemed to require an even greater dogged effort on the part of the participants. Using a wooden flail, which flops back and forth on a rope or leather hinge, Astle thrashed piles of wheat spread on a sheet on the ground.

The task was usually done by two workers on the threshing floor in the second story of a barn. "You have to beat the devil out of the wheat," observed Lewis, who stood

on the sidelines watching the hand threshing. After several loud thwacks, Astle was joined by other association members, who picked up the sheet from the ground, held it taut, and gently tossed the threshed wheat toward the sky.

Better known as separating the wheat from the chaff, farmers would generally do the tossing on the threshing floor, where natural drafts carried away the lightweight chaff, leaving only the wheat kernels to be poured into a sack, Woodward said.

In those days, the dog days of summer were a real problem, Astle

said. "With high humidity, it didn't work too well." Humidity also delayed the threshing because the shocks of wheat left to dry in the fields couldn't be gathered.

An alternative to the sheet was a winnow basket, which Astle described as easier to handle, with a larger capacity. "It held a lot of bulky stuff," he said, adding that winnow baskets were now a rare item at auctions and farm shows.

The end of the thresher — and the old ways of farming — came in 1937, when the combine came to Chester County and revolutionized the agricultural community.



At left, Timmy Supplee, 4, climbs off a tractor;



Dallas Montana and her son Packy dance to country music at the annual West Bradford Day.

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Recalling our other history

By most measures, Chester County is among the most historic places in America. It was one of three original counties formed by William Penn and later was the scene of one major and several minor Revolutionary War battles, not to mention the American troops' fabled encampment at Valley Forge. George Washington and a host of other luminaries really did sleep here.

But Chester County history didn't start in 1777 with the Battle of the Brandywine or in 1681 with the arrival of the Quakers. Long before the English — and the Swedes who earlier settled Delaware — called this area home, these rolling hills and meandering creeks were inhabited by a remarkable group of people known as the Lenni Lenape Indian nation.

The Lenapes apparently were an old, skilled, sophisticated tribe known by their contemporaries as "wise ones." As more European settlers arrived, the Lenapes faded from the scene, to the point where the state doesn't recognize that any Indian nation is indigenous to the area.

The Lenapes may be gone, but they shouldn't be forgotten. That is why news of an Honoring Festival next month in Pocopson is so welcome. The two-day event is being organized by the Lenni Lenape Historical Society of Pennsylvania in cooperation with the Brandywine Valley Association.

The event is long overdue — incredibly, this appears to be the first time the tribe will be formally honored since the influx of

Editorial

Europeans more than 300 years ago.

True, motorists who take the time to stop and read those blue PennDOT historical markers along our roads can gain a smattering of American Indian history. There are references to the Great Minquas Path which cut through the county and to Indian Hannah, popularly believed to be the last of the Lenni Lenapes to live on the land here, who died in 1802.

Some of us may recall from grade-school history classes that the Quakers treated the Lenni Lenapes with respect and didn't steal their land, which is more than can be said of many of the Europeans who followed them. But for the most part, our knowledge of the people who used to live here is nil.

The celebration on Sept. 17 and 18 will be a wonderful occasion to learn more about the Lenni Lenapes and have fun at the same time. There will be American Indian songs, dances and storytellers as well as crafts and food. It will be at Brandywine Valley Association's Myrick Conservation Center on Route 842 in Pocopson.

The Lenni Lenapes loved this land we call Chester County; they were faithful stewards of it for hundreds of years. We commend the organizers of the Honoring Festival for rekindling this spirit and hope the community will support this event with enthusiasm.

West Bradford bids a bundle to preserve farm for future park

By STAN B. HUSKEY
Special to the Local News

WEST BRADFORD — Some of the last acres of open space in the township were up for auction, and the township's manager out-bid a local businessman for 31 acres that will eventually be converted to parkland.

An auction was held Saturday at the Turpin Farm on Shadyside Road and on the block was the 31-acre parcel, a 10-acre parcel that included eight rental units and a 1.1-acre parcel that included a four-bedroom, three-bath colonial home.

Jack Hines, township manager, got into a bidding duel with Robert Hodge, owner of Highland Orchards, on the 31-acre parcel. Bidding started out at \$8,000 per acre.

After the price rose above \$10,000 per acre, no one was left but Hines and Hodge. The two went back and forth in \$100 increases until Hodge finally relented at \$12,100 per acre.

"This will be an important piece

of property for the township for a long time," Hines said after his successful bid. "We've had our eye on this piece of land for a long time."

Kenneth Klunk, chairman of the board of supervisors, said the township's comprehensive plan from 1989 had designated the area as a prime spot for a community park.

"The location and the topography were perfect," Klunk said. "West Bradford doesn't have a lot of land like this. In excess of 100 acres have been acquired over the last five years. Now we want to generate a master plan for open space."

Last November, the township purchased the Lammey Farm, which is a 29-acre tract on Broad Run Road.

Hodge had the top bid of \$299,000 for the 10-acre parcel that includes the eight rental units.

When asked what his plans were for the property Hodge said, "We're not going to do anything with it right now."

Doug Turpin Jr., owner of Turpin

Farms, said he put the property up for auction because he thought it was impossible for a farmer to make a living on the East Coast.

"We've been on this property 43 years," Turpin said. "When my dad bought this farm, it was 125 acres. He sold off land over the years just to stay in business."

Turpin said the tax structure in Chester County drove him to make his decision.

The Turpins have bought a 245-acre farm in southwest Missouri and plan to continue dairy farming.

"We're going to pay a little over \$600 a year in taxes in Missouri," Turpin said. "We have to put back a \$1,000 a month here just to pay taxes."

Friday was the first day of the auction. All the farm's cattle and equipment were sold.

Seventy-nine head of Holstein dairy cattle were brought out one by one and sold at the absolute auction.



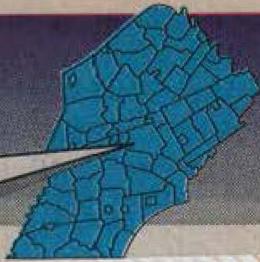
Staff photo by Bill Lyons

Doug and Kathy Turpin stand in their West Bradford barnyard before they put the whole farm, cows and all, up for auction this weekend.

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Talk of the Town

Romansville



Romansville: A candle in the winds of change



May Osborn stands on the front porch of her Romansville home.

ROMANSVILLE — Walloping winds and world-famous figures couldn't change this village on Route 162 in West Bradford.

And while the passage of time did bring some minor changes to the small town, village fixtures like the Romansville General Store still cling to their existence here.

Romansville could be remembered for a lot of things: the former home of "Casablanca" movie star Claude Rains, the place where aviator Charles Lindbergh landed on a foggy night, or the midway point on a freight line between Lancaster and Philadelphia.

For lifelong residents like May Osborn, it's simply home.

But she'll never get used to the natural disasters that seem to find their way to the village.

Osborn remembers a cyclone in 1920 that ripped apart many of the town's homes. Still, the village eventually weathered the storm.

"It picked up our house and threw it in the back yard," said Osborn, 80. "There was nothing left but the old stove, the floor and a wooden cupboard."

"I was at a house down the road playing with some boys,"

said Osborn, who was in elementary school at the time of the storm.

"We were inside blowing bubbles. My aunt came down to the house and wouldn't let us go outside," Osborn said.

From the windows of the farm house, Osborn watched in terror as the funnel-shaped cloud inch ed toward the village against a backdrop of black skies.

"It was terrible," Osborn said.

"I saw sleighs go up in the air and land on the other side of the road."

Three barns and a few homes — including the then 200-year-old home owned by Osborn's family — went down in the storm — but the townspeople worked together to rebuild them.

Damaging storms returned to Romansville in 1954, when Hurricane Hazel plowed through the Romansville School and the home of Bill Supplee.

Supplee, now 65, is a member of the West Bradford Historical Society.

"It caused more damage in the county than this tornado we had (in July) because tornado's aren't that wide," Supplee said.

The July tornado, however, didn't come directly through Romansville.

Supplee remembers when

Claude Rains, the famous movie actor, lived on the 380-acre Stock Grange farm along Romansville Road, about a mile from the village.

Rains, known for his roles in 32 films including "The Adventures of Robin Hood," "Casablanca" and "The Invisible Man," didn't raise many eyebrows among villagers.

"I lived here when he did, and the only place I ever saw him was on the movie screen," Supplee said.

Supplee wasn't that excited when he saw Rains on the screen either.

"I was a cowboy man," Supplee said.

Rains, who lived on the farm after moving to the area in the 1930s, kept a low-profile in the area. In 1958 he moved into a home on Dean Street in West Chester, where he also lived a quiet life and shunned public appearances.

Rains died in 1967.

The Stock Grange farm was originally founded by the family of an English steel magnate, Supplee said.

One night around 1928, a pilot whose flight path was made invisible by fog landed there and stayed the night at the farm, Supplee said.

The pilot's name was Charles Lindbergh.

Supplee said the surprise landing near the village was a few years before Lindbergh made his famed flight around the world in the Spirit of St. Louis.

Romansville now serves as home to longtime residents and specialized businesses.

The Romansville General Store had roots in the kitchen of the home where Osborn grew up.

First, Osborn's grandmother sold penny candies from the pantry of her kitchen in the 1930s.

Later, Osborn's uncle, William W. Osborn, sold cigarettes, sodas and candies from a small shack in front of the home.

In 1947, the operation moved across the street to the current site of the Romansville General Store.

The family sold the business in the 1970s.

Staff photos by Larry McDevitt

Right: The present day Romansville General Store is across the street from its original site. Below: The building that previously served as a candy and general store sits along Strasburg Road in Romansville.

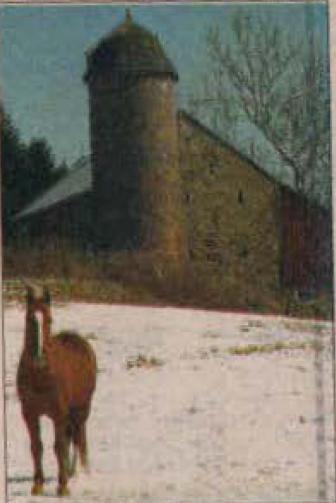
GENERAL STORE

ROMANSVILLE PA



Mark Wilson (foreground) and Tony Gorgone take a break from work at Mark Wilson Auto Services in Romansville.

April 23 1995



For The Inquirer / DAVID SWANSON

West Bradford is a peaceful spot, with its rolling hills and family farms.

Beating a path to an old township

It has a history of being a village for those passing through. Now, some are finding their way here to stay.

By Denise Breslin Kachin
FOR THE INQUIRER

From Colonial times until now, West Bradford Township has been the kind of place people pass through on their way to somewhere else.

Before the Revolutionary War, drovers taking their animals to market from Lancaster to Philadelphia would come down what is now Route 162 through the village of Marshallton, at the southern tip of the township.

Today, cars are taking the very paths that cows once trod upon. Mark Blair, a township supervisor and township resident for the last 14 years, says that West Bradford is not yet a destination, just a place people pass through on their way to work or the malls.

"That is, unless you live here, of course," laughed Blair, who owns Hi-Lo Acres Nursery Florists in the Romansville section of the township.

But West Bradford, a peaceful spot with rolling hills, family farms and suburban developments, appeals to many folks because it doesn't look like a grown-up town.

There is no industry or shopping to speak of in West Bradford. Even in 1994, the township does not have one traffic light and some roads are still dirt-covered.

The biggest employer in the township is Highland Orchards, a family-owned farm of 300 acres that grows a variety of fruits and vegetables for retail sale and has a pick-your-own produce business.

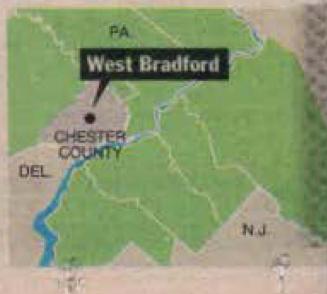
David Hodge, whose grandfather, John Webster, started the farm 53 years ago, said his orchards employs 30 people year round and 50 more people to help in the summer.

"This is really a bedroom community," he said. "Of course, you have major routes going through

See **WEST BRADFORD** on M6

Living in: West Bradford

POPULATION: 10,406 in 1990.
MEDIAN HOME PRICE: \$138,074 in 1992.
PER-CAPITA INCOME: \$17,745 in 1989.
3% lower than the 8-county suburban average.



WEST BRADFORD from M1 the township, like Route 322 and 162, that commuters use to get through the township, but, by and large, it's a residential community."

Industry and commerce have shied away from the township because of the hilly topography and the roads, which can barely handle the residential traffic, let alone the type of traffic that industrial development would bring.

"Basically, our roads are paved cowpaths," explained Jack Hines, the township manager and a West Bradford resident.

Hines says he believes the township's road network is both "a hindrance and a help."

"Our roads do not lend themselves to commercialization, which is why West Bradford is a bedroom community," he said. "But because our roads are basically paved cowpaths, they do create traffic problems."

The township, however, does have a 20-year plan to deal with the road network.

"We are constantly repaving and improving roads as local traffic increases," Hines said.

But the traffic and the rolling hills did not stop Steve and Tracy Thorley from moving to the township after they got married last March.

"I'm originally from West Chester," Steve Thorley, 30, said. "But I lived in Chicago for a while, which is flat. I was happy to come to a place where there are hills."

Tracy Thorley, 27, found what she was looking for in the school district. (West Bradford is part of the Downingtown Area School District.)

The township's rural flavor, and its stock of affordable housing, also appealed to her.

She said they looked elsewhere, but "we kept coming back to this area because the prices seemed to be more reasonable."

Current housing prices for single, detached houses range from \$89,900 to \$650,000, according to the most recent report from the Tri-County Multiple Listing Service.

West Bradford has a number of planned suburban-type developments with single houses, on lots ranging from one-quarter acre to multiple acres. Swing sets and jungle gyms dot the spacious back yards of many of the homes.

The population explosion in the township, which started in the late 1970s, was slowed a little by the sluggish real estate market and stricter building regulations. In the 1970 cen-

"Basically, our roads are paved cowpaths," a resident said. Now, officials plan some improvements.



For The Inquirer / DAVID SWANSON

Along Route 162, a major dirt road during the Revolutionary War, stands a typical house. The roads, which can barely handle residential traffic, have been a hindrance for prospective businesses.

sus, West Bradford had 2,600 residents. This number jumped to 7,000 in the 1980 census, with the 1990 figure at 10,406.

Prior to its growth spurt, the township was basically family-owned farms and a small blue-collar community, Hines said.

But as the need for housing increased during that time, people began to see West Bradford as an attractive alternative to urban areas and densely populated suburbs.

"I think people move here because we are centrally located and they are attracted by the physical beauty," Hines said. "While we do have our share of

housing developments, there is still a rural nature to the township."

To maintain some of the rural charm, the township has developed stricter building requirements.

"Now, we are looking toward open-space zoning, which would utilize the same density for a tract. But a smaller portion of it would be used

for homes and we would keep more for open space," Hines said.

The township has plenty of open space, with its waves of grassy fields and large yards. Its natural beauty is enhanced by Broad Run Creek, a pristine stream that begins and ends in the township. The creek is surrounded by private homes, and although there is no public access, it can be viewed by motorists from Broad Run Road.

Another attraction in West Bradford is the historic village of Marshallton, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places back in the mid-1980s because of the efforts of local residents.

"Back in the early 1700s, drovers took their cattle from Lancaster to Philadelphia markets on the road that goes through Marshallton," Hines said.

The village has a quaint charm, with country inns and antique shops interspersed with homes.

Hines and Blair agree that even without some type of main street or downtown shopping area, there is still a strong sense of community in West Bradford. And the focal point is the two elementary schools in the

township: West Bradford Elementary and Bradford Heights Elementary, which just opened in 1990.

"One reason we are getting young families with school-age children is that they are attracted to our schools," Blair said.

What does the future hold for West Bradford?

"Well, I'd say we are ready for the next frontier," Hines said. "Development has slowed a bit because of economic conditions. The tracts that are left are becoming more costly and difficult to develop because of our regulations."

"But," the township manager added, "as a community gets more sophisticated, it has to have more regulations for development."

Vital statistics

Shopping: Exton Square Mall, about 10 miles east on Business Route 30.

Public schools: Downingtown Area School District.

Property taxes: No township property taxes, but county and school taxes are about \$2,000 on a median-priced house. A 1 percent earned income tax is split evenly between the township and the school district.

Home's historic charm fitted

The aged 18th-century kitchen was modernized. Its primitive look was preserved; contemporary functions were added.

with comfort



For The Inquirer / BOB WILLIAMS

The owners of this 18th-century Marshallton stone home strive to preserve its historic character. The property dates to 1773 and was built by the era's leading scientist, Humphrey Marshall.

MARSHALLTON — When they moved to their 18th-century house in this Chester County village three years ago, Stephanie and Jim Thomas and their 9-year-old son, Joe, set up housekeeping in a kind of architectural time capsule.

"The house has all kinds of charm and character," Stephanie Thomas said as she led a visitor through it last week. The challenge has been to preserve it, while creating a comfortable, functional place to live.

The house dates to 1773, when it was home to Humphrey Marshall, for whom Marshallton was named.

Marshall built his house of stone, with wood beams across its ceilings and wide, sturdy floorboards.

The dining room and adjacent brick-floored den have walk-in fireplaces with intact bread ovens and cranes for hanging kettles over the fire.

Outside, the facade is fashioned from cut stone laid in courses, and the back of the house is a mosaic of irregular stone.

A Quaker, Marshall propagated plants, wrote a catalog of native American shrubs and trees, and dabbled in astronomy. He was one of the leading scientists of his day, said Roland H. Woodward, director of the Chester County Historical Society.

The house was bequeathed to the historical society in 1982, by its then owner, Campbell Weir.

The society lacked the resources to restore and maintain it, and in 1992 the house was sold to an individual who in turn sold it to the Thomases.

Stephanie Thomas raises horses, so the barn on the property was a plus. Jim Thomas is a building contractor.

The couple's biggest project has been the renovation of the kitchen, a yearlong job that is almost done. In this room, the house had shown the less appealing signs of its age. The ceiling sagged. The floor was covered with worn-out vinyl.

"It was the only thing I didn't like in the house," recalled Stephanie Thomas, an avid cook who wanted a well-outfitted kitchen.

"There was a counter the length of [one] wall, an oven that had three burners, some cabinets. That was it," she said.

For guidance, she turned to Doug and Lori Small, a husband-wife team whose Kennett Square firm, Kitchens Etc., specializes in designing and renovating kitchens in old houses.

The Smalls recently became partners with Ted Parker in an enterprise called Historic Properties Group Ltd., also in Kennett Square. They renovate old houses, build new reproductions and, through a realty division, serve as a broker for buyers and sellers of 18th- and 19th-century properties.

The new firm has been the first Pennsylvania enterprise to join the National Trust for Historic Preservation's historic real-estate program, said John Henry, a Washington-based director of the trust. The five-year-old program is designed to educate real estate agents about the special attributes of historic properties.

Lori Small said the Thomases' kitchen was "in pretty bad shape" when work began. The renovation plan called for reproducing the look of a primitive American kitchen with the functions of a contemporary one.

Its centerpiece is a cast-iron AGA "cooker" stove with a hunter-green enamel finish. Imported from England, the stove weighs 1,350 pounds and sells for about \$10,000, including installation, Small said.

Its four gas-fired ovens stay warm continuously, ranging from 150 to 450 degrees. On top, two large circular cooking surfaces provide a simmering plate and a boiling plate.

Besides versatility, "the style looked more in tune with the primitive American look. Stephanie wanted over commercial ranges," Small said.

The new kitchen also features a U-shaped counter made of Corian, which faces a furnished seating area designed to facilitate cooking and conversation.

"I wanted it to be inviting for people to come in to my kitchen, but I wanted my [work] space," Stephanie Thomas said.

In keeping with the rest of the house, carpenters installed reproduction pine cabinets that are hand-planed and distressed to look as if they are from the 1700s. The cabinets were made with cut nails and wooden dowels as fasteners.

"I love it," said Stephanie Thomas of the kitchen. Her other ongoing project is painting the interior of the first floor. "It's not a rush thing ... we'll get [the house] done when we get it done."

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M E M O

TO: Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Recreation
Commission, Historic Committee

FROM: Jack M. Hines, Jr.

DATE: March 9, 1995

RE: Como Farm Development

The Planning Commission will conduct a walk of the Como Farm property on Saturday, March 18, beginning at 8:00 a.m.. The group will meet at the farm entrance on Broad Run Road just north of Strasburg Road.



THE COUNTY OF CHESTER

Commissioners:
Joseph J. Kenna, Chairman
Karen L. Martynick
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COUNTY OF CHESTER

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Gretchen Yarnall
FROM: Jane L. S. Davidson *9/25/95*
DATE: October 25, 1995
SUBJECT: Tattersall Development Company
Como Farm Golf Course Community
West Bradford Township, Chester County
Historic Resource Determination
ER #95-3577-029

VIA FACSIMILE

I am in receipt of your FAX for the proposed development referenced above. The documentation for listing the property on the National Register of Historic Places can be found in the multiple resource application, "West Branch Brandywine Creek, Chester County". On September 16, 1985, the Secretary of the Interior designated the property for listing on the National Register.

According to Jack M. Hines Jr., West Bradford Township Manager, their municipality received preliminary development plans which require a Zoning change in order to accomplish Tattersall's goals. Jack and I have the following items that need to be addressed by the Bureau for Historic Preservation.

1. Individual definition, evaluation and detailed proposed treatment of all historic resources in addition to the house and barn.
2. No reference is made to the springhouse behind the house. How will it be incorporated into the plan?
3. Obtain written information on the proposed use of the house. The developer indicated that the house would be a private dwelling after it is used as an office for marketing the project.

GRETCHEN YARNALL
October 25, 1995
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4. Developer has stated verbally at a meeting that the barn additions plus the wood components of the main barn will be removed. The barn's ultimate use is that it would remain with the golf course. Ask for a construction chronology, interior and exterior photographs, and proposed plans.

5. Since this area has high visibility from highways, how will roadways be changed and what are the different required PennDot permits? The plan could adversely affect the historic resources' orientation integrity and the rolling landscape.

6. On March 18, 1994, Steve T. Schubert, Water Pollution Biologist II, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Environmental Resources, issued a paper on Aquatic Biology Investigation for unnamed tributaries in this area. The report provides information on prehistoric sites.

7. The project's extensive size and historical significance warrants a Phase One Archaeological Investigation Plan.

Finally, the northeastern boundary of Chester County's Embreeville Park is contiguous to Como Farm.

Please advise if you have any questions or need clarification for any particular item.

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cc: Jack M. Hines, Jr.

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Jane L.S. Davidson
Heritage Preservation Coordinator

15 November 1995

Dear Jack:

Please find enclosed the
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
Commission's response as a
component in the environmental
review.

The letter should be filed
with your municipal Historic
Commission since they are a
designated "interested party"
in the historic and archaeological
review process.

Sincerely yours,
Jane

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Bureau for Historic Preservation
Post Office Box 1026
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108-1026

November 2, 1995

Bruce E. Anderson
G. Edwin Pidcock Co.
2451 Parkwood Drive
Allentown, PA 18013-9608
Chester County Parks & Recreation Dept.
Heritage Preservation Coordinator
OFFICIAL DOCUMENT

TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE
BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

ER# 95-3577-029-A
DEP 537 Program
Como Farm Golf Course Community
West Bradford Township
Chester County

Jane S. Davidson

Date: 15 Nov. 1995

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation has reviewed the above named project under the authority of the Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988). This review includes comments on the project's potential effect on both historic and archaeological resources.

LISTED HISTORIC RESOURCES ARE PRESENT - THE PROJECT MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has determined that significant historic structures which are listed in the National Register of Historic Places are within the project area (listed below). This project may adversely affect the historic setting and architectural qualities that make the properties significant.

1. Como Farm, Broad Run Road
2. Baily Farm, Strasburg and Broad Run Roads

You must continue to consult with the Bureau for Historic Preservation to make a precise determination of the effects and, if necessary, seek ways to avoid or reduce the effects of construction on historic properties. Please submit the development plans for the project and explain, in detail how the house and barn will be incorporated into the development. Submit plans and specifications for all building modifications. All modifications to the historic structures should be in conformance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (enclosed). Describe site alterations such as roadway changes or grading in the vicinity of the structures. Finally, if the springhouse still exists, indicate how it will be affected by development.

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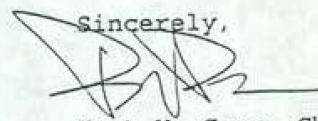
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A HIGH PROBABILITY EXISTS THAT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES MAY OCCUR WITHIN THE PROPOSED PERMIT AREA

Based on an evaluation by our staff, there is a high probability that significant archaeological sites are located in this project area and could be adversely affected by project activities. Although there are no recorded archaeological sites within the project boundaries, the soil type, topographic setting, slope direction, and distance to water of the project area are similar to the settings of known archaeological sites in the vicinity. A Phase I archaeological survey of the project area to locate potentially significant archaeological resources is recommended but not required.

If a survey is not conducted and you encounter archaeological resources during construction, you must stop the project, notify the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Bureau for Historic Preservation and the Department of Environmental Protection and allow the Bureau for Historic Preservation 60 days to conduct a survey to determine the significance of the archaeological resources. If the Bureau determines that the resources are significant, you must submit a mitigation plan to protect the significant resources on the site. We will review the plan within 30 days.

Thank you for notifying us of your proposed activity. If you need further information about historic structures please contact Gretchen Yarnall at 717-787-9121. If you have archaeological concerns contact Mark Shaffer at 717-772-0924.


Sincerely,

Kurt W. Carr, Chief
Division of Archaeology &
Protection

Enclosure
cc: Jane L.S. Davison, Chester County
Nina Huizinga, DEP
KWC/gy



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Director

November 28, 1995

Mr. Jim Caufield
Bureau for Historic Preservation
P. O. Box 1026
Harrisburg, PA 17108

RE: 1281 West Strasburg Road
Marshallton National Register Historic District
West Bradford Township
Chester County, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Caufield:

It has been brought to my attention that the owner is proposing a rehabilitation project for the property referenced above. The historic resource is a significant component that contributes knowledge to the area's heritage in the Marshallton National Register Historic District.

Thoughtful consideration and great care need to be undertaken to ensure that the historic resource's architectural fabric and orientation integrity are retained as well as the streetscape's historicity presence.

Sincerely yours,

Jane L. S. Davidson.

Jane L. S. Davidson
County Heritage Preservation Coordinator

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cc: Peter Temple
cc: Jack Hines

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West Bradford planners review plans for proposed golf-course development

By STAN B. HUSKEY
Special to the Local News

WEST BRADFORD — The planning commission reviewed revised plans for a proposed golf-course development to be located on 450 acres formerly known as Como Farms.

Tattersall Development Co. wants to build a private country club and an 18-hole golf course on the property which spans Strasburg Road at Broad Run Road.

Philip Larsen, of Larsen Design Associates, moved a cluster of 21 homes off a steep slope the planners had objected to, and incorporated them into the rest of the clusters throughout the subdivision.

There would be about eight

clusters of homes on about 100 acres, leaving the remaining 350 acres for the golf course and open space. Each cluster of homes will have anywhere from four to 29 homes.

Planners had asked Larsen to check with the Brandywine Conservancy to get a better understanding of the environmental concerns of the commission.

"The northwest quadrant of the subdivision is visible from Broad Run Road," Larsen said. "The advice we got from the Brandywine Conservancy is to go to smaller lots and cluster tighter."

Other concerns of the planners included the maintenance and upkeep of a historic farmhouse on the property, public access for a trail system through the open space,

and a provision that states that if the golf course was no longer operated as a golf course ownership of the land would revert to the township.

Plans for the Yerkes-Albertson farms were also reviewed at the meeting. However, the proposed 99-acre Realen Homes subdivision was met with little enthusiasm.

Mark Slouf, chairman of the planning commission, said, "This is a super-sensitive site, and these plans don't take into consideration the restrictions of the land."

Robert J. Dwyer, vice president of Realen, said he was going to walk the sight with the planners and proceed from there.

"The chairman didn't seem too enthused about the plan," Dwyer said after the Monday meeting. "But, the rest of the members had

some intelligent questions."

Slouf explained his discontent after the meeting with Dwyer.

"Joe Duckworth, the owner of Realen Homes, is on the Chester County Planning Commission," Slouf said. "He is against urban sprawl, and that is exactly what he is planning on the Yerkes-Albertson property."

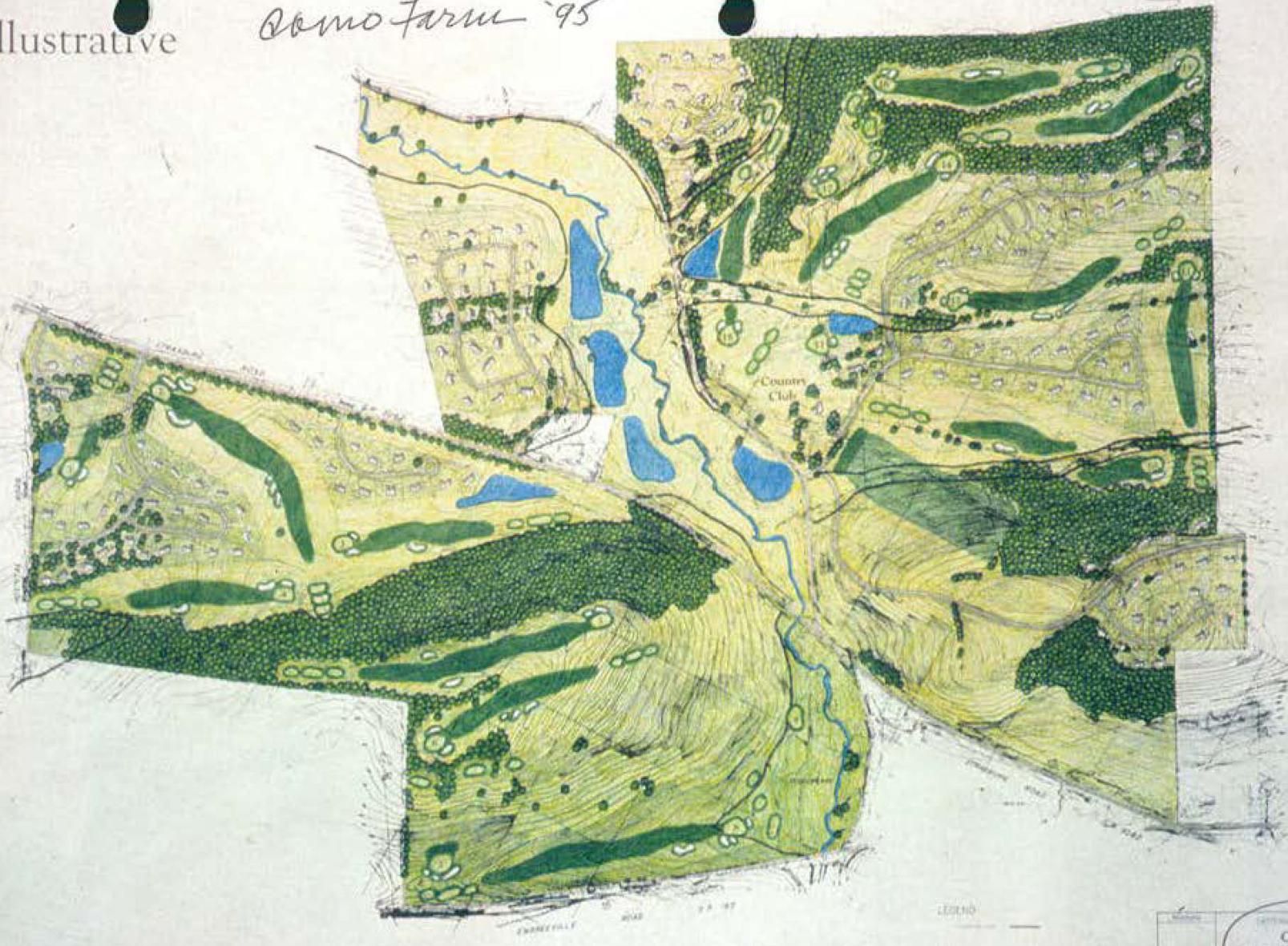
A 308-acre tract of land known as Deborah's Rock Farm also came before the commission.

"We wish more subdivisions would be more like this," Slouf said. "We'll review this and try to get it passed as soon as possible."

The land would be subdivided into seven lots. Three of the lots would be protected land and the other four would be deed restricted. The plan calls for a total of six homes to be built on 200 acres.

Illustrative

Como Farm '95



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NOTE



Land Use

- residential
- golf course
- right-of-way

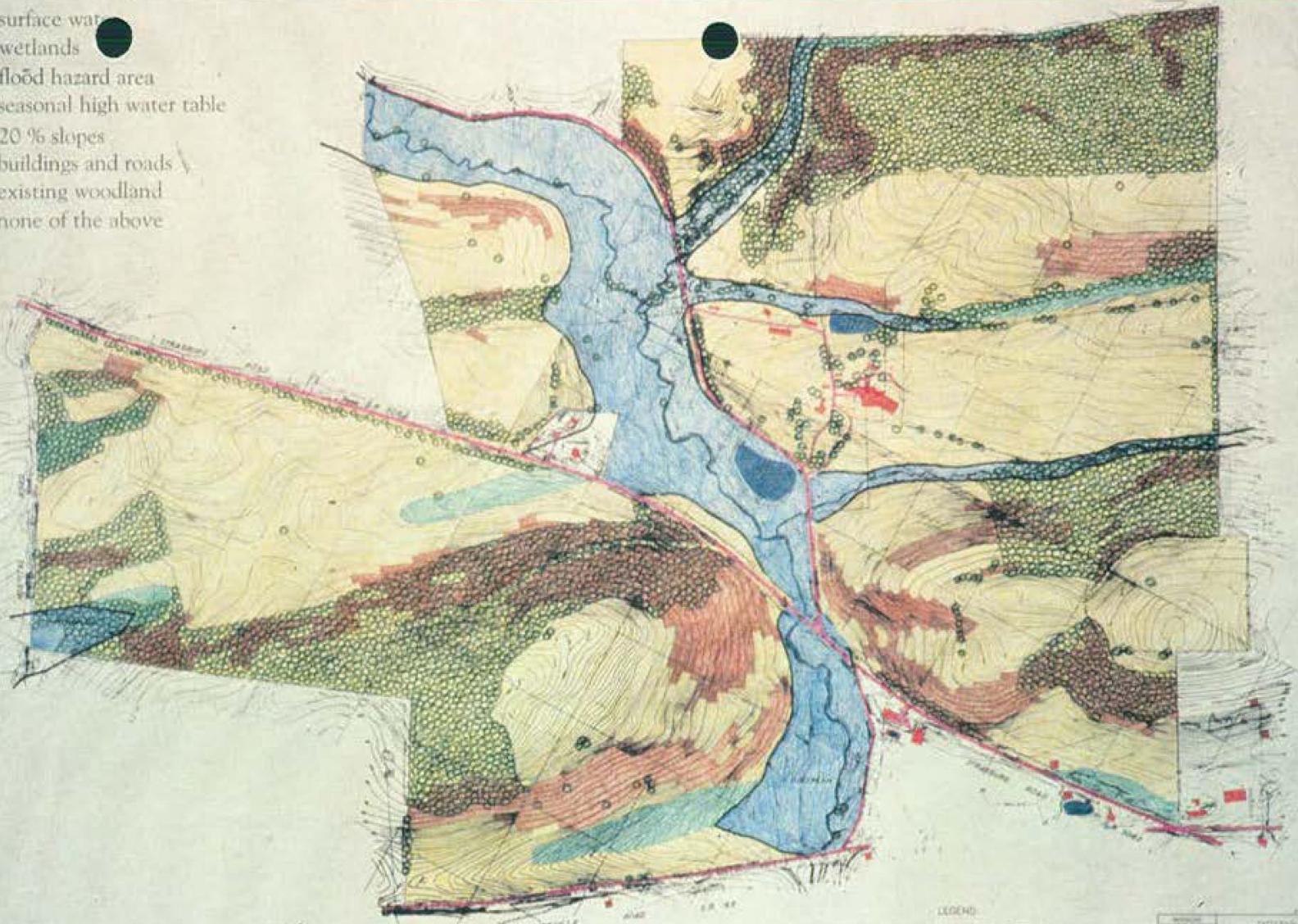


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NOTE

LAND USE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
COMO FARM
with private tennis, golf, and swimming

- surface water
- wetlands
- flood hazard area
- seasonal high water table
- 20 % slopes
- buildings and roads
- existing woodland
- none of the above



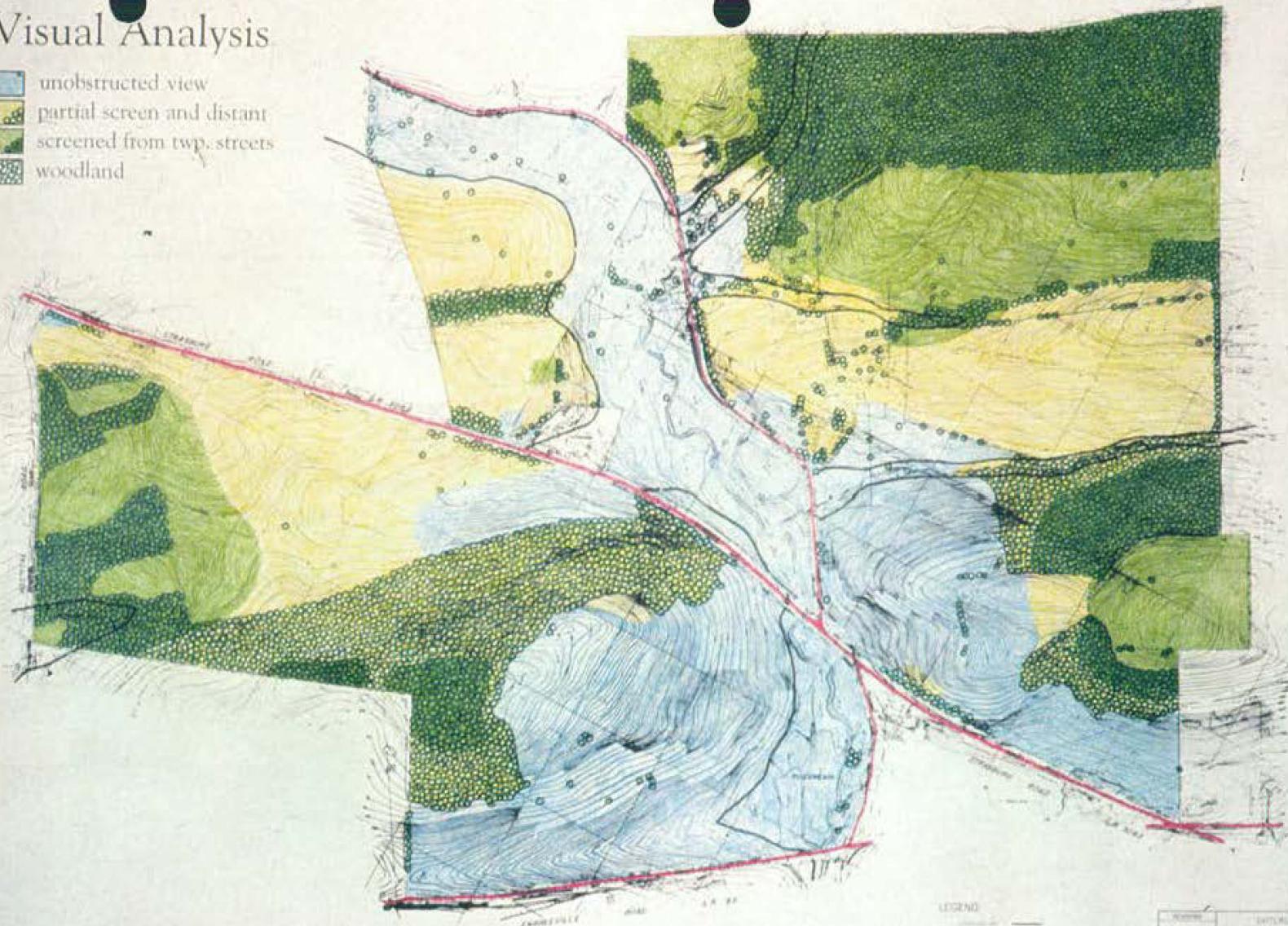
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NOTE

MAP NO.	SECTION	PARCEL
COMO FARM		
WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE		
1000	1000	1000
1000	1000	1000
1000	1000	1000

Visual Analysis

- unobstructed view
- partial screen and distant
- screened from twp. streets
- woodland



LEGEND

NOTE

Project	LAND USE DEVELOPMENT, COMO COMO FARM
Map Source	1987 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
BACKGROUND PLAN	
Date	1987
Scale	1:250,000

Historical farmhouse to become a school

By STAN B. HUSKEY
Special to the Local News

WEST BRADFORD — A little bit of the township's history will get a facelift and a new function.

Officials approved plans for the renovation and conversion of a historical farmhouse to a private primary school by North Star Educational Initiative, Inc.

North Star was founded in 1993 by Dick Sanford, of Intelligent Electronics in Exton. The group currently is leasing space at West Chester Community Center.

The school will house kindergarten through second grade. Students will be graduates of the government sponsored Head Start program.

The board of supervisors OK'd the plans at a Jan. 24 meeting.

Bill Hollenshead of Windmill Hollow Properties Service Company said the renovation will begin in February and hopefully be completed by late April.

"One of the intriguing things about the property is the gracefulness and the beauty. We intend not to change any of that," Hollenshead said.

The farmhouse, located at 1163 W. Strasburg Road, has a 1750 datestone, and is designated a Class 2 — or Chester County — historical site. Jack Hines, township manager, said the building is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. If placed on the register it would become a Class One historical site.

Hines also said Dr. Tom Johnston was the last private owner of the property.

"He sold the property to a developer who was going to subdivide the back of the property, and leave the front intact as part of the Historic Strasburg Corridor," Hines said.

North Star bought the property from LHC Realty at the end of November 1994.

Property owner seeks permission for demolition

By STAN B. HUSKEY
Special to the Local News

WEST BRADFORD — The new owner of the Johnson Farm, after being given 30 days to have the property cleaned up, asked the board of supervisors for permission to demolish eight buildings on the farm.

Included in the eight buildings is a barn that burned nearly to the ground on March 26, and an historic farmhouse that will go before the West Bradford Historic Commission to determine its significance and whether it should be saved from demolition.

Carolyn Welsh, equitable owner

of the farm, is attempting to sell the 104-acre property, which has been approved by the board of supervisors for a 30-lot subdivision.

Welsh came before the board of supervisors last week and asked for an extension on the approval of the subdivision, and for permission to have the site excavated.

"They gave me a six-month extension of the approval," Welsh said. "They said they would give me an answer on the historical value of the property after they meet with the historical society.

"I'm going to have to get an extension on the 30 days to be able to clean up the property after the meeting."

Jack Hines, township manager, said, "That 30 days is a time line that we want to have the land cleaned up. It's not a drop-dead deadline.

"The board of supervisors has asked the historic commission to come back to them by May 23, basically asking if there is any historical significance to the structure, and if so what is it," Hines said.

"It's on the Chester County historic site survey, but it's not on the historic register. It is also not on the national register."

A secretary of the parks and recreation department, out of which the preservation office operates, said that the historic site survey was just an inventory; no research was done. Any house 50 years or older would be on the list, with an opinion of the historic significance of the house.

Howard Folk, a member of the West Bradford planning commission attended the meeting to object to the demolition of the farm house.

"I was under the impression that the home has some historic significance," Folk said. "I think the structure should remain. The house is important to West Bradford."

WEST BRADFORD DAY - JUNE 4, 1995

MUNICIPAL CAMPUS - NOON TO 5:00 PM



MUSIC, GAMES, PRIZES, HANDOUTS

GRAND PARADE



WEST BRADFORD ELEMENTARY & BRADFORD HEIGHTS

SCHOOL BANDS AND CHORUS

CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT & ARMY SURGEON DISPLAY

ANTIQUE FARM EQUIPMENT

RESCUE DEMONSTRATION, FIRE TRUCKS, PARAMEDICS



RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA AND MORE



DISPLAYS

WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & COMMISSIONS



FOOD & CRAFTS

CHICKEN BARBECUE AT THE NEW FIRE HOUSE

(\$5.00 PER PERSON)



BAKE SALES

CRAFT TABLES & FREE BALLOONS



RAIN OR SHINE - COME AND ENJOY

PARK AT SHANNON AIRPORT TAKE SHUTTLE BUS TO CAMPUS

1995 WEST BRADFORD DAY QUIZ

NAME _____

ALL THE ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND BY GOING TO THE VARIOUS DISPLAYS AND LOOKING OR ASKING.
FILL OUT THE QUIZ AND RETURN TO THE WEST BRADFORD RECREATION COMMISSION TO BE GRADED.
25 WINNERS PER HOUR - EACH WINNER WILL BE AWARDED A WEST BRADFORD DAY T-SHIRT.

CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT

1. THE 53RD PENNSYLVANIA REGIMENT WAS ATTACHED TO WHICH CORPS IN THE UNION ARMY?
2. WHAT FAMOUS GENERAL COMMANDED THAT CORPS?
3. WHAT WAS THE CALIBER OF THE "MINNIE BALL"?
4. WHICH SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WAS USED THE MOST DURING THE CIVIL WAR?

WEST BRADFORD PLANNING COMMISSION: WHAT YEAR WAS THE WEST BRADFORD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATED?

WEST BRADFORD HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: HOW MANY INNS WERE ALONG STRASBURG ROAD IN WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP?

ANTIQUE FARM MACHINERY DISPLAY: WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE MANUFACTURER OF THE CREAM SEPARATOR?

WEST BRADFORD RECYCLING COMMITTEE:

1. WHAT IS THE RECYCLING THEME FOR 1995?
2. WHAT PRODUCTS SHOULD GO INTO A COMPOST PILE?
3. WHAT PRODUCTS SHOULD NOT GO INTO A COMPOST PILE?

WEST BRADFORD FIRE COMPANY

1. WHAT DATE IS ON THE DATE STONE LOCATED TO THE RIGHT OF THE FRONT DOOR OF THE SUBSTATION?
2. HOW MANY VEHICLES DOES WEST BRADFORD FIRE COMPANY HAVE?
3. WHAT IS THE NEWEST VEHICLE?
4. WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TRAINING THAT A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN MUST HAVE?
5. WHICH VEHICLE HAS A PICTURE OF "SMOKEY BEAR"?

the attention of the Channel 6 news director.

10 years ago, the small, tranquil village of Marshallton came alive with names and artifacts from the past at the annual West Bradford Day.

About 500 people toured historic buildings, studied antique farm machinery and viewed a museum of West Bradford memorabilia, including a letter from Benjamin Franklin to botanist Humphrey Marshall, for whom the town was named.

The community day has been held since about the time of the nation's bicentennial and was created to promote appreciation of the people and trades of the township's past.

— Compiled by Laura Fabiani of the Local News staff.

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WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Spring 1995

Trail Survey Report West Bradford Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission has tallied the survey forms that were returned from the fall newsletter. The newsletter is sent to over 3000 households in the township, of those, 314 responded to the survey. A great big "THANKS" to those who took the time to share their thoughts with us.

The purpose of the survey was to determine the amount of interest in a community trail system, whether it would be used by our citizens and for what purposes people would use the system.

A large majority of the surveys included comments which will be used to help the Recreation Commission develop a proper trail program. Some of the comments were complimentary and others raised typical trail concerns such as privacy and liability. One person suggested that horses be allowed only in winter so that horse leavings would freeze and be more easily cleaned from the trail.

West Bradford Day

West Bradford Township's Annual Community Day will be held on June 4 from noon to 5:00 P.M. at the municipal campus.

Plan to attend! Games, food, displays, music, grand parade, prizes, visit the new fire station, historic memorabilia, Civil War encampment, recycling displays! Attended by over 1200 of your neighbors last year! Don't miss this event! Be a part of the community!

Parking will be at the Shannon Airport on Marshallton-Thorndale Road with free shuttle bus transportation to the campus.

ATTENTION CRAFTERS - if you would like to set-up at the community day, please contact Jean Hagele at 793-1838 before May 19. If you represent a community organization and would like to participate in West Bradford Day, please contact the municipal office at 269-4174.

Did You Know?

What is the "light-line?" And what connection does it have to West Bradford Township?

The following is a compilation of the trail survey and specific results:

1. Should the township invest in establishing a township trail system?

272 Yes 50 No

Recreations Commission's Conclusion: The township should proceed with the creation of a trail system.

2. Would you use a township trail system?

276 Yes 43 No

Recreation Commission's Conclusion: The system would be used by citizens.

3. If a trail system were established, what would your family use it for?

286 Walking	242 Bicycling
24 Horseback Riding	86 Cross Country Skiing
185 Hiking	6 Motorcycling
77 Roller Blading	3 All Terrain Vehicles
9 Snowmobiling	28 Would not use.

Recreation Commission's Conclusion:

Strong interest	- Walking and Bicycling
Moderate interest	- Hiking
Little Interest	- Cross Country Skiing, Roller Blading and Horseback Riding

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West Bradford Township
1385 Campus Drive
Downington, PA 19335

Bulk Rate
Permit
#32
Downington
PA 19335

ALBERT & MARGARET ANDERSON
1026 STARGAZERS ROAD
COATESVILLE PA 19320



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Trail Survey Report

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Almost no interest	- Snowmobiling, Motorcycling and All Terrain Vehicles	
4. Which of the following uses should be allowed or prohibited on the trails?		
Should Be Allowed	Walking	300
Should Be Prohibited	Bicycling	288
	Horseback Riding	153
	Motorcycling	8
	Roller Blading	203
	All Terrain Vehicles	10
	Cross Country Skiing	272
	Snowmobiling	39
Recreation Commission's Conclusion: Question 3 was designed to determine how people would use the trails themselves. Question 4 was designed to see what people thought about other trail users and uses. People, overwhelmingly, do not want motorcycling, all terrain vehicles or snowmobiling on the trails, but would be agreeable to all of the other uses.		
5. Would you or your family use trails for nonrecreational purposes, such as transportation to work, school, parks, etc.?		
39 Yes	209 No	

Recreation Commission's Conclusion: Citizens will not typically use trails to go to work or to school or to access other areas of the township.
6. If so, by what means of transportation? (Walking, bicycling, etc.)
Recreation Commission's Conclusion: Of those that answered yes to Question 5, most felt walking and bicycling were the means of transportation that they would use.
7. Are you an active member of a trail group? If yes, what group?
Recreation Commission's Conclusion: Only 15 people responded that they were members of a trail group.

8. Who should construct and maintain a trail system? (select one or more)
226 Township
60 Homeowners Associations
37 Property Owners

147 Individuals or groups interested in trails

Recreation Commission's Conclusion: Citizens will rely on the municipal government to provide and maintain a trail system, with assistance from other groups and individuals.

A number of our residents use and admire the Strubble Trail in Downingtown. They go to a parking area at the end of the trail to start hiking or biking from that point. The survey drew interest from a number of hikers who enjoy the scenic beauty and other benefits of natural trails.

Additional thoughts and comments that came from the Recreation Commission's discussion of the trail survey.

1. People would use trails for recreation and not as a way to get from one place to another.
2. Walking and bicycling for fun and exercise should be given a top priority in future parks utilizing the scenic areas as much as possible. The safety afforded in a park would allow an individual or a family the pleasure of walking or biking without infringing on anyone's property or privacy.

3. Hiking, and in the winter cross country skiing, is offered in each of the Chester County Parks: Hibernia, Nottingham, Springfield Manor Farm, Strubble Lake, Strubble Trail, Warwick and hopefully, in the future, Embreeville County Park. Even though these facilities are available for hikers, the township should still encourage and map hiking trails in scenic open space within the township, but a network of trails linking areas of the township is not what the majority of people want or would use.

The Recreation Commission will now move forward to prepare a formal policy regarding township trails and trail system to give to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. After the Board of Supervisors have adopted a policy, we can begin implementation of a trail system that is based on the information and thoughts that you have provided.

If you have any additional thoughts or would like to be a part of the process, you can contact the Recreation Commission by calling the municipal office at 269-4174 or attending their meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the municipal building.

Recycle Right!!!

You have been doing a great job with curbside recycling. Please continue to be an active participant to save the environment and to save money. Each ton of material that is recycled will save the \$57.00 that it costs to put the material in the landfill. Be mindful that our refuse collection fees have not increased for five years, that is because of your efforts in recycling.

Items Collected at Curbside Are:

Yes

COKE
Glass - clean food & drink bottles and jars only. Rinse and remove lids.

Newspapers - stack in brown bag or tie. Regular - put in brown bag
Junk Mail - put in brown bag

Aluminum - beverage cans only. Rinse.

Metal - food & beverage cans. Rinse.

Plastic - #1, #2, narrow-necked bottles only. Rinse & remove caps.

No

bulbs
plastics w/ glass
crystal

ceramic & glass
and plates
flower pots

mirrors
ovenware

no oil
cans or
bottles

plastic tubs
containers - foil
• frozen food trays
• other numbered
• take out containers
• vegetable baskets

Yard Waste: Yard waste cannot be disposed of by placing it in your totter. Recycle grass clippings and compost other yard waste.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the municipal recycling program, please call the municipal office at 269-4174.

I Heard Someone Say . . .

(This is a regular feature of our newsletter that will give insight into the various peculiarities of dealing with municipal regulations and discussions.)

... The Board of Supervisors should deny a particular application for subdivision because it will bring too many people into our township.

The Board of Supervisors does not have discretionary authority to deny a subdivision for esoteric or subjective reasons. The municipality must adopt a Comprehensive Plan, a Zoning Ordinance and a Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance in order to regulate subdivision activity. The parameters for the zoning and subdivision regulations are set in a state law known as the Municipalities Planning Code.

When Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances are written, they provide the description of how a subdivision must be designed. The subdivider looks to those documents to determine how he will subdivide his property. The review of the subdivision plan is to determine whether or not the plan is in compliance with municipal regulations. A denial must be based on specific ordinance criteria that has not been satisfied and must specify how the plan is deficient in that regard.

The Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances are revised and amended, as needed, to deal with new provisions under the state law, judicial interpretations and new planning ideas. Those changes then become the directions for subdividing or developing any property in the township.

MAYBE WE WILL HEAR SOMEONE SAY THAT . . .



William Finch, former Chairman of the Recycling Advisory Committee receives a memento from the Board of Supervisors at Volunteer Appreciation Night. The Board of Supervisors thanked the many volunteers who serve on various boards and commissions.

True Blue - Looking Out For You

Our refuse and recycling collection contractor - B.F.I. - has trained their employees to be a neighborhood watch in the communities that they serve. That includes the Township of West Bradford.

Each truck, be it refuse collection or recycling, has a radio by which the operator can contact the company dispatcher when he spots something out of the ordinary.

The B.F.I. crews have been trained by the Pennsylvania State Police in how to spot and report crimes in progress, suspicious activities, fires, accidents or hazardous road conditions. When the company dispatcher receives this information from the collection crews, he then notifies the proper authorities.

B.F.I.'s District Manager, Brian Franco, believes that this is a way to add extra value to the service provided to the community and to provide an added measure of safety to our community by reporting activities that warrant a fire, police or medical response. A tip of the hat to B.F.I. and especially to the crews that work in West Bradford.

West Bradford Fire Company's new pumper that was recently placed in service in the new fire station. The pumper was built by Chubb-National Foam in Lionville.



VisionQuest Concerns

A number of citizens have attended township meetings to inquire about VisionQuest, particularly after recent escapees from that facility were searched for and apprehended in the Marshallton area. The township is involved in a legal dispute with VisionQuest and their use of Commonwealth facilities, as they have not acquired any municipal permits to operate the facility at Embreeville Center.

The Board of Supervisors have agreed to put information in this newsletter to answer some of the questions regarding VisionQuest.

Why are the kids at VisionQuest? To our knowledge, they are juveniles who have been placed here by the courts while awaiting adjudication. They have been charged with offenses such as auto theft, robbery, theft, aggravated assault, possession with intent to deliver and other similar offenses.

How do we know when they escape? The State Police have arranged for a phone chain to be set up through VisionQuest. Upon registering with VisionQuest, someone from your neighborhood will be notified by telephone. They in turn will call other neighbors. To initiate the process, contact Tpr. Gomez at the Embreeville State Police Barracks.

Are these kids dangerous? In a discussion with the Embreeville State Police, our citizens were told that these kids are sent to VisionQuest by the courts and if they escape, they should be considered dangerous.

Do the State Police have enough manpower to deal with an escape at VisionQuest? The State Police have been able to use normal staffing for incidents involving VisionQuest escapees, this activity does keep them from other police duties. They also have an agreement with other police agencies for back-up and assistance, if necessary.

Is VisionQuest part of the State? No. They are a private company that rents space from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Embreeville.

If you have concerns with VisionQuest using the Embreeville facility you can contact State Rep. Joe Pitts or State Sen. Earl Baker.

I Am A Diabetic, How Do I Dispose Of Needles That I Use?



You can help prevent injury, illness and pollution by following some simple steps when you dispose of sharp objects and contaminated materials: Always remember to place needles, syringes, finger stick devices, and other sharp objects in a hard plastic or metal container with a screw-on or tightly secured lid. A coffee can may be used, but be sure to fasten the plastic lid with heavy-duty tape.

Never use glass or clear plastic containers to dispose of hazardous waste. Please be sure that you keep containers with sharp objects and other hazardous materials out of the reach of young children. It is also recommended that soiled bandages, disposable sheets and medical gloves be placed in securely fastened plastic bags before you put them in your tote with your regular trash.

Once you have properly packaged any needles, syringes or other waste of this type, you can put it in your tote with your regular household trash.

Spring/Summer Recreation Program

The summer playground program is scheduled for June 19 through July 28, six weeks. The program will be held each day, except July 4 from 9:00 A.M. to noon. Sites will include West Bradford Elementary, East Ward, and Beaver Creek, as well as other schools in the Downingtown School District. The program is for children ages 7 to 11 (if not 7, the child must have completed first grade). The program will provide one counselor to each 15 participants, the charge is \$80.00 for the full six weeks or \$45.00 for a three week session. Contact D.A.R.C. at 269-9260 after May 1. D.A.R.C. is the Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium-a program of West Bradford Township and other communities in the Downingtown Area School District.

A "Teen Adventure Camp" is available for ages 12 to 15. Join in the fun, different outings each day; boating, skating, swimming, beach volleyball and more. From June 19 to August 11, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The cost is \$112.00 per week. Register with D.A.R.C. - 269-9260 - after May 1.

Discount tickets to amusement parks and nearby attractions are available through D.A.R.C.

Other summer activities will include USA Soccer, The Larry Bowa/John Kruk School of Major League Baseball, Drawing and Cartooning, Rocketry and Electronics, Preschool Soccer and Tennis. Interested? Call D.A.R.C. at 269-9260

Road Projects Slated For 1995

The following specific road projects have been scheduled for this year:

Micro-surfacing: Strawberry Lane, Cranberry Lane, Blueberry Lane, Persimmon Drive, Lone Eagle Road, Ericsson Drive, Berue Drive, DeSantis Drive, General Patton Drive and Merrill Drive.

Paving Overlay: Telegraph Road - from Marshallton Thorndale to Sugars Bridge Road and from 2050 Chestnut Lane to Oakwood Road.

Construction: Chestnut Lane - from Broad Run Road to Romansville Road and the Bridge on Warpath Road.

There may be traffic delays because of this work. If you have any questions of when work on certain roads will be accomplished, you can contact Mr. Fry, the township Road Master at 269-4174.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to properly maintain and improve the roads in West Bradford Township.

Municipal Calendar

MAY

2	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 A.M.
9	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
11	Historical Committee Meeting	8:00 P.M.
15	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
15	Planning Commission Formal Session	8:00 P.M.
16	TUESDAY - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY	OFFICE CLOSED
18	Recycling Advisory Committee	7:00 A.M.
23	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting	8:30 P.M.
25	Thursday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
29	MONDAY - MEMORIAL DAY	OFFICE CLOSED
30	(Holiday Schedule) Monday & Tuesday Refuse & Bulk Trash Day	
31	Wednesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	

JUNE

4	WEST BRADFORD DAY - MUNICIPAL CAMPUS ... NOON-5:00 P.M.	
6	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
8	Historical Committee Meeting	8:00 P.M.
13	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
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JULY

3	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
4	TUESDAY - 4TH OF JULY	OFFICE CLOSED
5	Holiday Schedule (Tuesday & Wednesday Refuse/Recycling Pick Up)	
11	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
13	Historical Committee Meeting	8:00 P.M.
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Answer To Did You Know?

The "light-line" was a string of beacon lights that went from Cleveland to Philadelphia. It was established in the 1930's to guide airplanes used for mail delivery before the advent of various airplace guidance systems. The lights were spaced at 10 mile intervals and had red lights attached that would give the light number in morse code. The pilot would fly from light to light. If you read that it was "tower 28," you would be 280 miles from Cleveland. One of the towers was located on land off of Beacon Hill Road. That area has the highest elevation in the township. The light-line ceased operation early in the 1950's.

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TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



Going! Going! Gone!

The township purchased approximately 32 acres from the former Turpin farm, at auction, on April 29, 1995. The Board of Supervisors had authorized the Township Manager to participate in the auction on behalf of the township. The final bid price was \$12,100.00 per acre. When the gavel was dropped, the township became the owner of the ground that will become a community park.

The parcel is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Glenside Road and Shadyside Road, near the center of the township. It has been used as cropland for the Turpin dairy operation for a number of years.

The Turpins decided that they would move to Missouri to continue farming. They cited several factors that caused them to relocate, those factors included lower taxes, lower costs for animal feed, better facilities and the trouble they encounter when moving farm machinery on our heavily traveled roads. (Reminds me of what happens when you stop along the road to enjoy wildlife. You soon draw a crowd, the crowd chases the wildlife and you have to move on to enjoy the wildlife. Many have come to West Bradford to enjoy the rural atmosphere, now the



farmers and farms are going from our township.) Oops! Sorry that I have drifted from the story about land purchase, but my thoughts are in essence the reason for the purchase. In 1993 the township completed its Plan for Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resources. Within that plan are a number of objectives and goals. These goals and objectives include the acquisition of land for future parks, the parks being necessary to serve our growing population (now approximately 11,000 people). In 1994 we purchased the Lammey site and we are, at this time, hiring a consultant to complete a site master plan for a community park. That master plan is being funded by the township and a \$10,900.00 grant

from the commonwealth. Having completed that purchase we felt that the Turpin farm would continue for a few years, thereby giving us time to prepare for the acquisition of that property. It was earmarked by the plan as an ideal location, with suitable topography, for a community park.

The Board of Supervisors recognized the importance of this property for the future township park system and determined that it had to be acquired or it may be lost. As in the purchase of the Lammey site, application has been made for county funding through the Heritage Parks Program for this purchase.

We have been fortunate to enjoy many open areas and farms in the past. Only through proper stewardship can all who join us enjoy our township into the future. This purchase is an important part of that stewardship.

Did You Know?

In 1873 a building in West Bradford was described as being three stories in height, 150 feet long and 54 feet deep. What building would that have been?

West Bradford Township
1385 Campus Drive
Downington, PA 19335

ALBERT & MARGARET ANDERSON
1026 STARGAZERS ROAD
COATESVILLE PA 19320

BULK RATE
PERMIT
#32
DOWNTON
PA 19335

West Bradford Day a Success!

On Sunday, June 4th, the municipal campus was transformed into a park with the annual community event and recycling day. Approximately 3000 residents attended.

The day was an opportunity for community organizations, churches, businesses, schools and crafters to showcase themselves for the rest of the community.

When residents arrived by bus from the parking areas (Shannon Airport), they were greeted with clowns, balloons, exhibits and demonstrations, as well as great food served by the fire company and the Home and Farm Association.

Entertainment was provided by the bands and chorus of Bradford Heights and West Bradford Elementary Schools (those kids do a great job!), and by Terry Hertzog and The Country Keys.

From the Civil War Encampment, historic farm equipment, fire equipment, the new fire station, modern road equipment, recycling information and crafts to the West Bradford Day Quiz (prizes to each who went to various displays to get the proper answers), there were interesting and fun activities for the whole family. Activities also included a grand parade around the campus!

Special thanks to Chairman, Art Whitehair, members of the Recreation Commission, Historic Committee and Recycling Committee. Also, to the Shannons, for use of the airport and to all those that participated in the event.

If you are a member of a community organization and would like to have your organization participate next year, please send a note to: 1996 West Bradford Day, 1385 Campus Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335. Include the name, address and telephone number of a contact person.



Clockwise from the top: Clowns and Barney wait to greet families. Old Glory stands guard in front of the Civil War encampment. Reecy Recycling waves hello! Food and fun at the new fire station. Elementary School Musicians play for Township Residents.

WRONG NUMBER!

The new Bell Atlantic telephone directories have listed the wrong number for the State Police Barracks at Embreeville.

The number to reach the State Police Barracks is 269-5355 or 486-0300. Please mark this number with your emergency numbers.

I Heard Someone Say.....

(This is a regular feature of our newsletter that will give insight into the various peculiarities of dealing with municipal regulations and discussions.)

....That they were going to have a home business. Can they do that? Several of the residential zoning districts allow a home occupation as an accessory to the use of a dwelling unit. There are a number of restrictions to this, the principal one being that the occupation is incidental or secondary to the use of the property as a residence, and is limited to occupations customarily conducted within a

dwelling unit. If you are unsure of whether or not you can have a home occupation, you can write to the Zoning Officer and explain what you plan to do. You will receive a determination from the Zoning Officer as to whether or not your home occupation is permitted. The regulations for home occupations are found in Section 802.12 of the West Bradford Township Zoning Ordinance. A copy of that section can be acquired by stopping at the township office.

MAYBE WE WILL HEAR SOMEONE SAY THAT.....

"TOTER" Etiquette

Where is your "toter" (wheeled refuse container)? Has it been placed in an appropriate location or is it still hanging around at the edge of the road? The "toter" should be placed at the edge of the road only during the period beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the night prior to the scheduled collection and ending at 12:00 midnight on the day of the scheduled collection.

Several residents are habitually leaving their "toter" at the edge of the road. This practice makes an unsightly appearance for our community and has also led to several of the toters being stolen. When they are stolen it is the homeowner's responsibility to replace the toter.

Residents with long driveways that find it difficult to place the toters back at their residence, should provide screening or appropriate fencing for their toter. That screening or fencing must be off of the street right-of-way. On your regular pick-up day, the toter can then be moved to curbside.

All of this is a matter of courtesy to your neighbors, but it is also a requirement of Section 6 of Ordinance #93-03 and if you are not in compliance with the ordinance, you could receive a fine.

More "TOTER"

The "toter" is the unit of measure for our refuse collection system. Each residential unit in the township may place a toter, full of refuse, for collection each week. If you are participating in our recycling system (which by law you are required to do) the toter will provide sufficient room for all of your non-recyclable trash.

If you do have household trash, in addition to what will fit in your toter, you must purchase a sticker for each bag of additional trash. The stickers are available at the township office for \$2.00 each. This process assures that everyone is not paying to provide extra service for a few.

If your toter becomes damaged, please call the refuse collector B.F.I. at 869-4083 to have it repaired or replaced. They are required to do that as a part of their contract, without any cost to you. Remember, however, if the toter is lost or stolen you will be responsible for the cost to replace it.

We encourage you to record the serial number from your toter and to paint your name and/or house number on it. Toters seem to stay home when they know to whom they belong!

WANTED! YOUR USED PAPER Residential Mixed Paper Recycling

YES

Phone Books
Magazines
Catalogues, Brochures
Mail, Junk Mail
(Labels, Windows O.K.)
Paper Bags
(Empty, Clean)
Miscellaneous Home,
Office & School Paper:
Copy, Fax, Computer,
Tablet, Post-It Notes,
Flyers, Folders,
Construction Paper

NO

Tissues, Towels, Napkins
Wax Paper
Milk Cartons, Juice Boxes
Food-Contaminated Paper
Frozen Food Boxes or Cans
Pet Food Bags
Carbon Paper
Hard Covers of Books
Photographs
Plastic Envelopes
(Tyvek, FedEx, Photo)
Plastic Bags, Liners,
or any other Plastics
Disposable Diapers
Other Non-Paper Items

*Place YES items in paper bags and put at curbside
on your regular Recycling day, the same as
you have been doing with newspapers.
Recycling will help to avoid higher refuse disposal fees!*

"TOTER" Use Tips

When placing plastic bags of waste in the toter, do not tie them shut; or if tied, poke holes in the top of the bag to let the air out. The toter can't swallow too many bags that are puffed with air. That will leave less space for your refuse.

Do not put grass clippings and leaf waste in your toter. These items should be composted. It is a violation of municipal ordinance to place these items in your toter for curbside collection. Leaf waste is picked up by special collection in the fall.

Don't overfeed your toter! Trash that causes the toter lid to be open more than half-way or trash that is piled on top of your toter is beyond what is allowed for each residence. Overstuff-ing your toter could result in the toter not being emptied and/or you being fined for violating the provisions of the municipal waste collection regulations.

If you have any questions about the use of the toter, you can call the municipal office at 269-4174 or the contractor B.F.I. at 869-4083.

One last thought. If you are moving from the township, the toter must stay for use by the next occupants of your home.

Municipal Calendar

August

1	Planning Commission Work Session	Cancelled
8	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:00 P.M.
10	Historical Committee Meeting	8:30 P.M.
15	Planning Commission Formal Session	Cancelled
21	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
22	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting	Cancelled
28	Monday Refuse Pick up/Bulk Trash Day	*****
29	Tuesday Refuse Pick up/Bulk Trash Day	*****
30	Wednesday Refuse Pick up/Bulk Trash Day	*****
31	Thursday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	*****

September

4	Monday - Labor Day - Office Closed	*****
5	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
12	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
14	Historical Committee Meeting	8:00 P.M.
18	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
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20	Recycling Advisory Committee Meeting	7:00 P.M.
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26	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting	8:30 P.M.
27	Wednesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	*****
28	Thursday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	*****

October

3	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
10	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
12	Historical Committee Meeting	8:00 P.M.
16	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
17	Planning Commission Formal Session	8:00 P.M.
24	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting	8:30 P.M.
25	Wednesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	*****
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30	Monday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	*****
31	Tuesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	*****

Clip and Save

Families, Animal Lovers, High School Students

Are you trying to decide what to do on Labor Day Weekend? The Chester County S.P.C.A. will be conducting the Ludwig's Corner Horse Show on September 3rd and 4th to benefit the S.P.C.A. *Volunteers are needed by the S.P.C.A. to work a three hour shift*

selling carnival tickets, beverages or admission tickets at the front gate. Your family can volunteer as a group.

The proceeds from the horse show will contribute to animal welfare in our community. Please call 918-9443, if you are interested in helping.

New Developments Planned

Although there have been fewer subdivision applications, in recent months several significant parcels of land are being looked at by developers. The development process starts with sketch plans being shown to the Planning Commission. This is an informal process and allows the Planning Commission to inform developers of their concerns during the design of the plan.

One of the parcels presently having a sketch plan is the Como Farm, approximately 500 acres located at Broad Run Road and West Strasburg Road. The developer is proposing a golf course and single family dwellings for the site. This site is located in the Broad Run Scenic River District and will be subject to intense scrutiny by the developer and the township, so as to protect the integrity of the Broad Run Stream.

The Albertson and Yerkes Farms in Marshallton are being considered for approximately 60 single family homes. Essential planning issues that are being considered are; access to public roads, viewshed protection, sewer, and water.

The DuPont farm on Romansville Road has also been discussed for development; however, there has not been any recent activity on that 500 acre parcel.

If you have an interest in these projects, please view the municipal calendar, in this newsletter, for scheduled Planning Commission meetings. Those meetings are typically on the first and third Tuesday, but during August may be cancelled to accommodate vacation schedules.

Answer to "Did You Know?"

The Chester County Almshouse or Poorhouse. It was located on the south side of what is now Embreeville Center. The building, made of brick, at that time housed 252 adults and 64 children. Included in the number of adults were 19 insane, 21 idiotic, 3 blind and one deaf and dumb person. The building was torn down in the 1960's and is now the site of a baseball field operated by West Bradford Youth Association.

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TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Spring 1996

West Bradford Day

On Sunday, June 2, 1996 from noon to 5:00 p.m., West Bradford Day will be celebrated at the municipal campus. Parking will be provided at the Shannon Airport with shuttle bus services to the campus.

The theme for this year's event is "Colonial Days" - soldiers, crafters, and sutlers will depict colonial times.

The celebration will also feature musical presentations by the students of West



Bradford and Bradford Heights Elementary Schools, local crafts, civic organizations, township boards and commissions, recycling extravaganza, police and fire demonstrations, historic displays, antique fire equipment, highway equipment, clowns, prizes, and food.

The West Bradford Fire Company will conduct a chicken barbecue at the new fire station (on the campus).

Music will be by "Country Keys" featuring Terry Hertzog and Linette Mertz (Miss Pennsylvania 1995).

Did You Know?

How much it cost to mail a letter from Marshallton to Thorndale in 1895?

Community Park Plans Discussed

On May 8, 1996, the task force to create a Master Site Plan for the Community Park that will be next to the West Bradford Elementary School presented the draft site plan to approximately 80 residents.

The task force utilized the results of the survey that was included in the last newsletter to help formulate a plan for the new 29.3 acre park. 473 surveys were returned to the township which resulted in a return rate of 14.5%. The results of that survey are listed as a percentage of the number of responses in each category.



Why Residents Would Use Park?

	Primary Reason	Secondary Reason	Never Consider
Enjoying scenic beauty	64%	30%	6%
Socializing with family and friends	44%	42%	14%
Observing nature	57%	36%	7%
Fitness and wellness activities	56%	32%	12%
Relaxation	61%	32%	7%
Non-league sports opportunities	25%	40%	35%
League sports opportunities	17%	33%	50%
Walking pets	15%	25%	60%

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Importance of Amenities	Important	Nice to Have	Not Important
Drinking fountains	51%	38%	11%
Sitting/Resting areas	74%	22%	4%
Mile markers along walking/running path	30%	50%	20%
Security office	27%	37%	36%
Indoor meeting rooms	5%	28%	67%
Comfort facilities	49%	34%	17%
Food vending	4%	28%	68%
Bike racks	30%	52%	18%
Shaded and sitting areas	70%	25%	5%
Parking	81%	15%	4%
Facilities for the physically challenged	55%	36%	9%

When To develop The Following:	Immediately	Within 5 Years	Within 10 Years	Never
Outdoor swimming pool (with bathhouse, wading pool, picnic area)	37%	26%	10%	27%
Ice Rink	18%	32%	16%	34%
Community center (with gym, fitness center, indoor pool, activity rooms)	25%	29%	16%	30%
Golf Course	9%	16%	19%	56%
Nature Interpretive/Center (with displays, observation area)	21%	32%	22%	25%
Bandshell/Amphitheater	11%	31%	24%	34%

Statement Response.	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
Citizens will be willing to make an annual contribution to the park.	31%	37%	32%
Residents playing in township leagues should pay a fee to cover field maintenance costs.	92%	6%	2%
The township should charge a rental fee for reserved pavilion use.	87%	8%	6%
Generally, user fees should be established to help with maintenance costs and/or debt service payments.	68%	20%	12%
Use time on sports fields and courts should be extended by installing lights.	46%	28%	26%

Park Development Funding (where should it come from)?					Comb. Bond Issue & Grants		Comb. Annual Tax Receipts & Grants	
Annual Tax Receipts	Bond Issue	Comb. Annual Tax Receipts, Private Fundraising & Grants	Comb. Bond Issue & Grants	Comb. Annual Tax Receipts & Grants				
2%	15%	30%	50%	3%				

Household Description (of those responding to the survey).					Adults 25-44 Years		Adults 45-64 Years		Adults 65 & Older		People with Disabilities
Pre-schoolers	Elementary School Children	Middle School Children	Teens	Young Adults 18-24 Years	28%	17%	4%	1%			
11%	12%	10%	9%	8%							

Township Location (of those responding to the survey).		Precinct 1 - 31%	Precinct 2 - 19%	Precinct 3 - 35%	Precinct 4 - 15%
Precinct 1 - 31%	Precinct 2 - 19%	Precinct 3 - 35%	Precinct 4 - 15%		

There are several main "ideas" that will be used to develop this park. These ideas are from the survey results and the members of the task force.

1. The design effort will maintain the park's natural characteristics, while providing non-league type recreational opportunities. Notable deviation from this will be tennis courts (near the elementary school), in-line skating area (based upon the barn foundation area), and basketball courts.
2. The entrance will be shared with the school. Other facilities, such as parking, which is to be coordinated with school parking so as to accommodate the needs of the two entities. e.g. overflow parking for school events, or conversely, school parking for park events.
3. The farmhouse will be preserved, but be useful to the park with such uses as a caretakers residence and/or community meeting, classroom area.

The residents that were in attendance at the public meeting presented their thoughts about: security in the park, conflicts between park users and neighbors, access to adjacent open space, preservation of animal habitat and natural features, control of wild animals, light pollution, park operating costs, parking needs, park use after dark, costs to construct the park, and the timeline to completion.

The task force, together with the consultant, will now prepare a final plan and report that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting. If you have any thoughts, comments, or criticisms, please forward them to the township either by telephone or in writing. As in the case of the many comments that you provided as a part of the survey, this additional information will be reviewed by the task force before producing the final report.

Please accept our heartfelt "thank you" for filling out the survey, attending the public meeting, or in other ways, communicating your thoughts to the task force.

I Heard Someone Say . . .

(This is a regular feature of our newsletter that will give insight into the various peculiarities of dealing with municipal regulations and discussions.)

That the township purchases its office supplies through the Chester County Intermediate Unit. Isn't that a part of the school district?

The Chester County Intermediate Unit is operated by all of the school districts in the county. West Bradford Township buys office supplies, copy paper and fuel through the Intermediate Unit. They can secure better pricing due to the quantity of materials that they buy for the school districts.

The Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1972 allows municipalities to join with other government entities to accomplish any of the activities that they are permitted by law to accomplish on their own. West Bradford Township participates with other municipalities, the intermediate unit, the school district, Chester County, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to procure certain goods and services when the best pricing and quality can be acquired through these other units. During the calendar year, West Bradford Township typically participates with at least 29 other units of government to provide service to our residents. It is typical for our bid proposals to include other municipalities or to have our proposals placed with the other municipalities' requests for bids.

Maybe We Will Hear Someone Say . . .

Chester County SPCA



The Chester County SPCA has been contracted by West Bradford Township to serve as our animal control agent (Dog Law Enforcement).

In addition, the SPCA is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides humanitarian services for pets and other animals. You can participate with the SPCA in any of the following ways:

- * Your United Way charitable contribution can be designated to the Chester County SPCA.
- * The shelter needs help organizing numerous fundraising activities and assistance in operating their gift shops.
- * "Critters and Fritters," the new auxiliary cookbook, contains recipes from Tipper Gore and President Clinton, can be purchased at the gift shop.
- * You can pay tribute to a pet, a friend, a family member, or anyone else, through their "In Honor of Your Day" gift and memorium program.

For further information, please call Laurie Schoonhoven at the Chester County SPCA at 610-692-6113 ext. 16.

Recreation Programs

West Bradford Township is a part of the Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium, known as D.A.R.C.. The summer recreation brochure should have been received in your home. Information on summer activities, tennis clinics and mini camps is included in the brochure. Among the mini camp offerings are soccer, dance, science, cartooning and computer.

The D.A.R.C. office is located at 114 Bell Tavern Road, Downingtown. The telephone number is 269-9260. Please call for more information on any of the camps or programs.

Road Department Projects

The township road department has scheduled a number of road projects for this construction season. All township roads are reviewed each year and a project schedule is produced in the fall to be used the next year. In the spring of the year that the work is to be completed, bids are received for materials, equipment rentals, and for specific contracts for some of the work. This work typically follows the schedule that was developed in the fall with the addition of any roads that have become problematical because of winter conditions.

The following roads have been scheduled for 1996. If you live on one of the listed roads, please expect to be inconvenienced at some time during the summer. Please watch for notices or contact Mr. Fry of our road department (269-4174) if you have a question or specific concern. The road department members are working to improve the roads to your benefit, please understand that they have to limit traffic and access in order to complete their work. Our people are dedicated, caring employees and are not deserving of the abuse that they receive from a few people who are upset at being inconvenienced. Smile and wave to our people, they will do their best to keep you on your way. Thank you.

Micro-surfacing Schedule - (Micro-surfacing is a surface treatment that is used to coat the road surface after any needed repairs. Normally used to extend the life of a road that is in good condition.)

Stouff Road-Hillcrest Lane to Township Line

Broad Run Road-from Poorhouse Road to Lieds Road

New Wearing Surface - (Actually places a new layer of asphalt on the road and is used after any needed repairs. Normally used on roads that are in reasonable condition where the surface of the road needs to be improved.)

Lieds Road-from Broad Run Road to Strasburg Road

Youngs Road

Glenside Road-from Shadyside Road to Broad Run Road

Delong Drive

South Bailey Road-from West Chester Road to Oakwood Road

Construction Schedule - (Actual construction or reconstruction of the road that would include new drainage structures, improvement of alignment, a sub-base, base course, and new wearing surface.)

Oakwood Road-from Fawn Lane to South Bailey Road

Warpath Road-preparation for new bridge.

Storm Drains Not Trash Collectors

The extracurricular use of street storm drains has occurred in some neighborhoods. This has taken the form of depositing motor oil, leaves, and other wastes into the storm drains. The most obvious result is clogging of the drain. this usually results in street flooding and damage to private property.

Please be aware that the street drains typically flow into streams and other water courses. The deposit of motor oil and other substances into the storm drain **will contaminate our water**. If anyone is found to have done this, they will be considered to have polluted the waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and be subject to severe penalties. Your cooperation in preventing this from occurring and helping to protect our environment is appreciated.



Summer Concerts

The Lukens Steel Band will perform in Marshallton on June 6, July 14, and August 17. The concerts are free and will start at 6:30 p.m. They will be held on the green, between the Marshallton Methodist Church and the parsonage. In case of rain, the concerts will be held in the church.

Recycling Reminders

- * Lawn waste - grass clippings - cannot be placed in the toter for disposal in the landfill. Use a mulching mower and/or compost your yard waste! Contact the township administration building for more information on composting.
- * Place clear glass, newsprint, junk mail, phone books, magazines, steel and aluminum cans, and #1 and #2 plastics at curbside on your refuse collection day. **Please Note:** Our program is a source separated system, however, in a temporary arrangement, the hauler is combining certain items and then reseparating them at the recycling facility. The cost of refuse collection is offset by the recycling program. Your participation is extremely important, both ecologically and financially.
- * Brown and green glass can be brought to the drop-off location at the municipal campus (open 24 hours).
- * Cardboard can be taken to the Brandywine Paper Board Company (next to the Downingtown National Bank) and placed in their containers (open 24 hours).

Answer To Did You Know?

An envelope that was mailed from the post office in Marshallton (there is not a post office in Marshallton today) to an address in Thorndale, contained a two cent stamp. The envelope, that is referenced was sent to William Stouff at the Thorndale Iron Works. He is believed to have been a Supervisor in West Bradford Township about that time.

Municipal Calendar

JUNE

2	West Bradford Day (Municipal Campus)	Noon to 5:00 P.M.
4	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
11	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
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26	Wednesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
27	Thursday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
27	Walking Tour of Marshallton	6:30 P.M.

JULY

2	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
4	4th July Holiday	Office Closed
5	Refuse Removal Holiday Schedule for Thursday-July 4, 1996	Pickup on Friday
9	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
11	Historical Committee Meeting	8:00 P.M.
15	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
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AUGUST

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In W. Bradford, residents complain of well problems

By STAN B. HUSKEY
Special to the Local News

WEST BRADFORD — Some residents are claiming the water company that supplies drinking water for the township is draining their private wells.

David Ericsson, owner of Spring Run Water Co., came before the planning commission April 4 to answer questions about the wells drying up and the future growth of his company.

"I don't feel we are affecting private wells to any great extent," Ericsson said. "There is always a well problem here. In this type of shale and rock there are not a lot of high yielding wells."

Ericsson said his company is currently serving 1,300 homes in West Bradford from a combination of surface water and well water.

"There were eight individual water companies throughout the township, and over the years I have acquired them all. There are only two systems now that are not interconnected," Ericsson said.

"We had a study done by Ganet Flemming, an engineering firm out

of Harrisburg, and since then we have been following a master plan to interconnect all the water lines."

Mark Slouf, chairman of the planning commission, said that a number of people have been before the planning commission complaining about their wells.

"Looking at the future and all of the subdivisions planned for West Bradford, when do you see the interconnect coming through?" Slouf asked.

"The interconnect will be done in two months," Ericsson said. "That will be an adequate supply for the next 20 years. We have 1.6 million gallons and half a million at Glenside Mills in storage. I don't know of another system that has a reserve supply more than that."

Township Manager Jack Hines said the planning commission is getting a lot of complaints because the residents see all the new developments planned for the township, and they're afraid it will affect their wells.

"The water table is down," Hines said. "The people with older wells

are having trouble. We've been seeing a lot of applications for new wells."

"It's typically true that the older wells were not drilled deep enough, but there is not a lot of water out there to start with."

Ericsson said that many things affect the water table, including snow, rain and the time of year.

"Most of the rain in the summer evaporates or is taken up by the plants and the trees," Ericsson said. "You don't get a lot of recharge in the summer. The water table is down just for the mere fact that more people are using the water, whether it is private wells or not."

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Tell the workers company's coming

Owners of old buildings get their houses in order for Chester County Day.

By Denise Breslin Kachin
INQUIRER CORRESPONDENT

MARSHALLTON — Paint buckets, workers' tools and fabric spools lie scattered throughout Nancy Busby's home in the heart of this historic village in West Bradford Township.

It's hardly the scene one would want in a house open to visitors as part of the 55th annual Chester County Day. But the fund-raising tour of historic houses and buildings to benefit Chester County Hospital will be held Oct. 7, and Busby hopes all will be in order by then.

"I've been promised by my painter that the house will be ready for the tour," Busby said with a sigh as she surveyed the remodeling. "But I can tell you, I have had some sleepless nights."

For the last 55 years, proud homeowners in the county have been opening their doors to tour-takers, who enjoy strolling through the historic houses and picking up decorating ideas while peeking into Chester County's past.

Busby's house is a 150-year-old twin on Strasburg Road. Busby, a dental hygienist, bought one side of the twin 12 years ago, and fully renovated and redecorated it.

"I waited to be asked to be included on the tour, but the call never came," she said. When the other half of the house went up for sale, Busby said, she jumped at the chance to



For The Inquirer / S.D. ROWAN

Nancy Busby's Marshallton house will be on the Chester County Day tour for the first time this year. While renovations proceed, she tends to the garden.

buy it. She moved in in May, renting the half she had restored.

"Just as I started to begin to renovate this half, I got the call from the Chester County Day committee to see if I would be interested in being on this year's tour," she said. The half of the house she lives in now will be on

the tour.

Although the living room is under construction, the dining room offers an example of Busby's love of antiques and uncluttered decorating. The walls are painted in warm beige tones. The floors, of Chester County red

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THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER



For The Inquirer / S.D. ROWAN

Making sure everything's just so, Nancy Busby of Marshallton gets ready for Chester County Day. She's still finishing up some remodeling work, but the painter assures her the house will be ready by Oct. 7.

Chester County property owners prepare for plenty of company

HOUSE TOUR from W1 pine, have been buffed to bring out their beauty.

The house has three stories. The top floor originally was used for storage, but Busby now uses one room as a guest bedroom and the other as an office. The tiny office is inviting, with an antique desk and attached hutch for books. Busby's grandmother's huckleberry baskets decorate a bookcase.

Farther down Strasburg Road is the Blacksmith Shop, circa 1750, which now is an antiques shop. Proprietor Mary Evans said it was an honor to be included again on the tour.

"I will be here the day of the tour to answer questions about the shop,"

she said.

"My store was a blacksmith's shop until the late 1950s, when I bought it. I still have many of the original tools on display."

Mary Polite, publicity coordinator for the event, said this year's tour includes 32 houses in the Marshallton, Unionville, New London, Lincoln University, West Grove and Oxford areas.

"Last year, we raised over \$120,000 for the renovation of the hospital's surgical suite," Polite said.

She added that ticket prices have increased from \$25 to \$30 to cover operating costs.

Ticket-buyers get a map to plot their courses to make the most of Chester County Day.

A bus tour also is available for an extra \$10.

If You Go

When: The 55th annual Chester County Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 7.

Cost: \$30; \$40 for the bus tour. Tickets must be purchased in advance. They're available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in the Chester County Hospital in West Chester, or from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays at the Chester County Historical Society, West Chester.

Phone: 610-431-6538.

WELCOME TO WEST BRADFORD DAY

JUNE 2, 1996

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00 PM WEST BRADFORD DAY BEGINS
 THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON
MUSIC: COUNTRY KEYS
WEST BRADFORD FIRE COMPANY CHICKEN BARBECUE
BAKE SALES & FOOD SALES

1:00 PM WEST BRADFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BAND

1:30 PM AUTO RESCUE DEMONSTRATION

1:45 PM BATTLE OF THE BRANDYWINE -
 REVOLUTIONARY WAR (MAGNETIC MAP)

2:00 PM BRADFORD HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BAND

2:30 PM SOLDIER DRESS UP DEMONSTRATION
COLONIAL GIRL DRESS UP

3:00 PM FLINTLOCK FIRING DEMONSTRATION

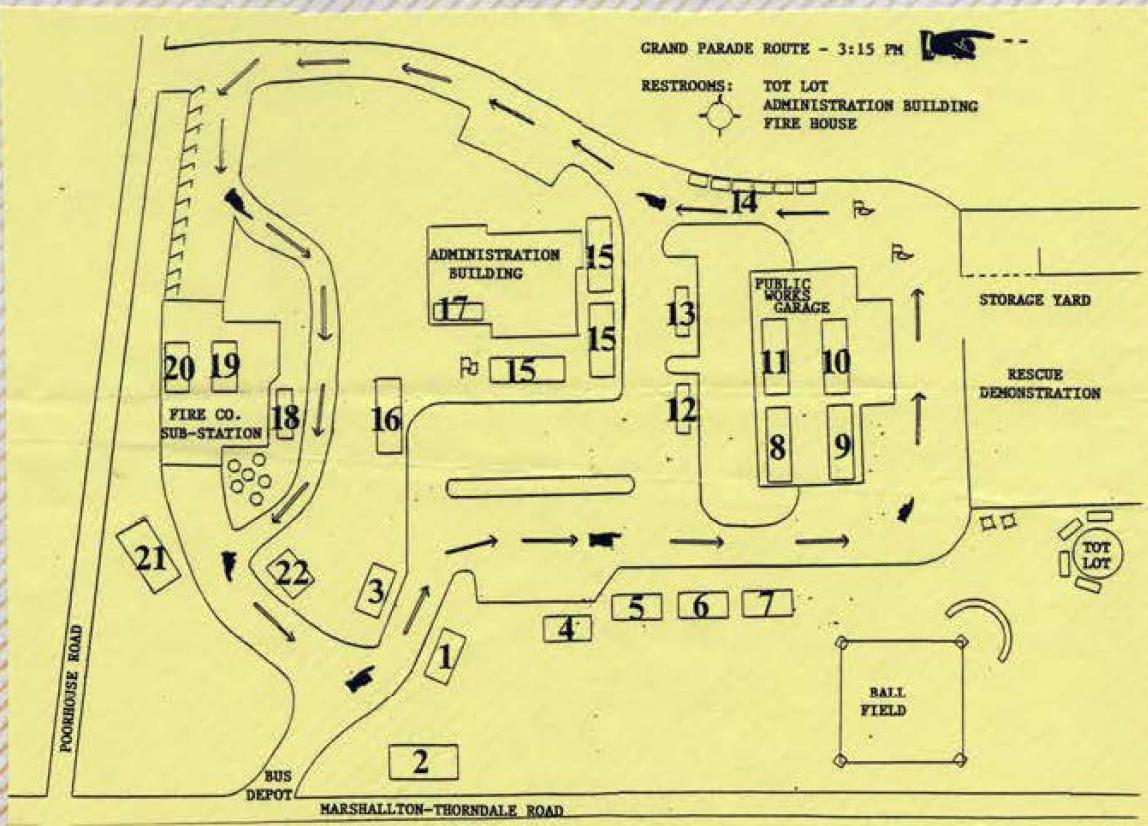
3:15 PM 18TH CENTURY MEDICAL DEMONSTRATION

4:00 PM GRAND PARADE - FOLLOW HANDS ON MAP

5:00 PM WEST BRADFORD DAY CLOSES

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West Chester — June 6
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Glenmoore — July 25
Kimberton — August 1
Fairville — August 8
St. Peter's Village — August 15
Kennett Square — August 22
Coatesville — August 29

On July 4th - Independence Day - there are no scheduled walks, but many communities celebrate with parades & festive events. Call 1-800-228-9933 for details.

JUNE 27 MARSHALLTON



Left: Bradford Monthly Meeting, built 1765

This nearly untouched village, named for botanist Humphrey Marshall (born 1722) was an important stop on a freight and drover's road. There are two hotels in town and one outside, dating back to 1765. Among the outstanding features of this village were a Quaker Meeting dated 1730 (present building 1765), a cradle factory which made grain cradles and scythes, a blacksmith shop, a pump maker, a cigar factory, a tinsmith shop, a clothing store, a bakery, a plumbing business, a restaurant, in 1805 a post office and in 1829 a Methodist Church.

Information: 610-269-4174

Tour Hosts: West Bradford Twp. Historic Comm.

1996 TOWN TOURS AND VILLAGE WALKS

SCHEDULE AND RESERVATION TELEPHONE NUMBERS

WEST CHESTER	JUNE 6	436-9010
PARKERFORD	JUNE 13	933-4424
PHOENIXVILLE	JUNE 20	935-7646
MARSHALLTON	JUNE 27	269-4174
HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS	JULY 11	827-7414
DOWNTON TOWN	JULY 18	269-2685, 1 - 5 PM
GLENMOORE	JULY 25	942-2880
KIMBERTON	AUGUST 1	935-1377
FAIRVILLE	AUGUST 8	388-7323, 9-1:30 MON. - THURS.
ST. PETERS VILLAGE	AUGUST 15	469-3809
KENNETT SQUARE	AUGUST 22	444-0774
COATESVILLE	AUGUST 29	384-0300

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1996 TOWN TOURS AND VILLAGE WALKS

Planning and Preparation

1. Establish time. Starting time for June should be 6:15 PM, while July and August can be 6:30 PM. However, August 22nd and 29th should be 6:15 PM due to the shorter daylight hours.
2. Length of time for tour: one hour to one hour, fifteen minutes.
3. Create a continuous walking route, in which you have selected twelve to twenty sites to interpret. Don't interpret every building on the route.
4. Write a script, consisting of information on each site.
5. Mark each designated site with a number or some kind of symbol for the evening, i.e. helium filled balloons.
6. Begin tour at a designated area where tour guide can give general historical information on the community.
7. Publicize one telephone number for reservations, preferably the municipality.
8. Make arrangements for refreshments at the end of the tour, i.e. church, organization, restaurant.
9. Have a tour guide for every twenty people who will lead the group from one site to the next one. Site interpreter can be present at specific sites to give information on that particular property.
10. This type of tour does not lend itself to self guided tours unless groups of twenty stay together for the length of the tour.
11. Work with municipality to obtain fire police for high traffic or rural areas without sidewalks.
12. Organize two or more tour routes if you get a substantial number of reservations. Our experience has been that 100 - 150 people will arrive within fifteen minutes of each other. In order to eliminate any crunches start the tours as soon as each set of twenty people arrive and then go in different directions.

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13. Conduct a dry run of the tour in the evening near the time of the actual tour.
14. Make the tour interesting; people love local folklore.
15. Wear walking shoes and have fun.
16. ADD SPARKLE TO YOUR TOUR.
 - A. HANDS ON DEMONSTRATION, I.E. WEAVING OR SPINNING; BAKING BREAD, HUCKSTER.
 - B. TOUR GUIDES AND SITE INTERPRETERS IN COSTUMES.
 - C. POTTED PLANTS ALONG STREETS.
 - D. CULTURAL VIGNETTE, I.E. QUAKER WEDDING.
 - E. INTERPRETATION ACTIVITY, I.E. TOMBSTONE RUBBINGS.
 - F. CREATE SITE EXHIBITS WITH PHOTOCOPIES OF HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS.
 - G. CULTIVATE PATRIOTIC FEELING AND AMERICANA MOOD.

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Life in the paupers' home here was not the awful fate depicted in Dickens' England. It meant survival.

The county poorhouse was a refuge for those with nowhere else to turn

Catherine Quillman
INQUIRER CORRESPONDENT

It served as an orphanage, homeless shelter, nursing home and insane asylum.

The Chester County Poor House.

In the 1700s, paupers wore a scarlet "P" on their sleeves and risked being beaten or driven out of the county.

In the 1800s, they found their place in the community, in their own home.

The poorhouse was built by the county in 1800 on a large tract in West Bradford, now the state police barracks at Embreeville.

It was a working farm, no Dickensian debtors' prison.

It had central heating and a steam laundry. Water was piped in from a nearby spring. The children had their own dining room.

Still, the comings and goings of "our paupers," as they were commonly called in documents, were carefully monitored by the

house steward, who lived on the grounds.

"[The residents] were people who had no place else to go, who had no family or property," said Laurie A. Rofini, a county archivist who oversees the poorhouse records and other county documents at the Government Services Center on Westtown Road.

Most paupers entered the poorhouse involuntarily because of illness, a loss of a job, or other changes in life.

Bad weather could swell the ranks, as it did in 1852, when the number of residents almost doubled, to 202. Cold that year hurt harvests, forcing farmers to turn away workers.

The large brick building had 65 rooms on each of its three floors. It included such facilities as an indoor bakery, where a full-time baker turned out a daily supply of pies and breads.

The first year the county house opened, in See **POORHOUSE** on CC2



Taken about 1920, a photo shows the county poorhouse, which opened in 1800. It was on a farm, and residents helped with the work. It housed adults and children.

A long-gone refuge for the county's poorest

POORHOUSE from CC1
1800, 40 men and 44 women stayed there. Although separate buildings for what were then called "colored" inmates were later built, in that first year, there were only two non-white inhabitants, listed as "Indian Hannah," age 69, and "Black Phyllis," in old admission books.

Old newspaper accounts tell of residents such as "Old Dabbo," listed as a poor "negro," who was a favorite worker among local farmers; and "Old Black Phil," described as "the Goliath of wood sawers," who lived out their old age in the poorhouse.

In 1873, a woman described as "hearty" Ann Miles, 80, a native of Downingtown, was listed as the oldest resident of the house. Her fate was decided in 1815, when she entered the house after her husband abandoned her.

There were children, too, such as 8-year-old George Rees, and his sis-

ter, Harriet, 4, whose names appear among those "bound out," or placed under contract to private homeowners and businesses as apprentices.

"There was an assumption that these children were not only going to be taken care of as family members, they were also going to be learning a trade. They were not going to live the lives their parents did," Rofini said.

Many of the residents' stories are summed up in the handwritten notes jotted in the stewards' day books. There are the "casual" or seasonal poor, Rofini said, and the hardened poor, whose entries are dotted with "gone" and "gone again," notations that reveal the revolving-door aspect of the institution.

"It's important to remember that not everyone was well off," Rofini said in the basement offices of the Chester County Archives and Records Services.

"These are people who don't necessarily appear in other types of records. They don't have properties, so you don't find them among the deads," Rofini said.

County records do show that the residents had a sense of community.

In one entry in the steward's book, Ann Bradley spent her day cooking in the large kitchen and helping three women deliver their babies.

Women could often be found in the poorhouse sewing rooms, making clothing. Men worked in the various outbuildings, such as the carpenter shop or slaughterhouse, according to county records.

Despite all of the work done by residents on the premises, it cost the county \$7,000 to \$8,000 a year to maintain the poorhouse.

Expenditure lists throughout the 1800s tell of giving small sums to residents "for their industry," and for providing services such as

"schooling for a lame child" (\$99) and an "ox-cart" for the funeral services of a black woman named Brown.

The poorhouse existed through the Depression and until 1946, when the state took it over. At that point, there were no stewards, no overseers. Eventually, the old poorhouse building was razed.

The community concern for the paupers had lasting effects, said historian Monique Bourque, who completed a doctoral thesis on Chester County's poorhouse and other poorhouses in rural areas.

"One of the best revelations for me was seeing that these institutions were not these huge, monstrous, isolating places," Bourque said. "Visitors, local merchants and members of the community were continually interacting with these communities. ... They were fundamentally part of the process of coping with the poor."

For years, George Mershon has served up cuisine, and controversy.

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Marshallton's veteran restaurateur decides to drop out of the inn crowd

By Susan Weidener
INQUIRER CORRESPONDENT

MARSHALLTON — For the last three decades, George Mershon and the village of Marshallton have been almost synonymous.

Owner of the Marshallton Inn and the Oyster Bar, Mershon, 61, holds claim to being the best-known and most controversial citizen in this village in West Bradford Township.

Often cast in the roles of both hero and villain, Mershon has been involved in disputes with the local fire company, over who gets the proceeds from his annual Marshallton Inn Triathlon, and with the township, over his proposal to build a 48-unit bed-and-breakfast hotel.

Now, the town's most famous restaurateur is about to say good-bye.

While he will still live in the village, west of West Chester, he has sold both restaurants to Blind Dog Inc., a Bryn Mawr company owned by Richard Rossello and Warren Scott.

Rossello and Scott, principals of a larger corporate entity, the Philadelphia Story Inc., operate several restaurants, including Buckley's Tavern in Centreville, Taquet in Wayne, and Quissett in Haverford.

Rossello said he and Scott would take over the operation of the inn and Oyster Bar as soon as the state approved the liquor-license trans-

fer.

Until the sale is final, Mershon said, he would prefer not to disclose the price.

"It's a pretty tough business," he said Tuesday as he stood behind the inn's handsome bar, where an ornamental gold hand holds an empty wineglass.

"People stop me on the sidewalk and say: 'Gee, George, you're an institution here. What are you doing?'

"Let's just say I'm getting more money than I ever dreamed of getting," he observed by way of explanation.

While Mershon said he had no plans to buy another restaurant, he doesn't rule it out.

"A restaurant is like a microcosm of the world," he said.

Mershon bought the 18th-century inn in 1965 from Tommy Baldwin, owner of Baldwin's Book Barn in West Chester. Those were the days when Mershon, who grew up on a dairy farm in Unionville, raced cars for the Saab factory team out of Wilmington.

The inn, which Mershon refurbished and restored, became a meeting place for judges, lawyers, house painters and others from West Chester to Wilmington.

It was "the regulars," Mershon said, who brainstormed the idea of a hiking, biking and canoeing event

that could capitalize on the village's ambience and its proximity to Brandywine Creek.

The Marshallton Inn Triathlon, which has drawn as many as 2,500 competitors from across the nation, put tiny Marshallton on the map.

It also triggered Mershon's rift with the West Bradford volunteer fire company and the township supervisors in 1992.

The controversy was over who would get \$25,000 worth of proceeds from the race — the fire company, which had received it in years past, or another nonprofit organization selected by Mershon.

The controversy drove the race out of Marshallton to the Brandywine Picnic Park in nearby Lenape, where Mershon made the First West Chester Fire Company the beneficiary.

Last year, Mershon leased the rights to the race to the West Bradford Fire Company, which brought the triathlon back to Marshallton.

Mershon said Tuesday that the deal earned him \$25,000 from the sale of food and liquor.

Mershon's 1992 dispute with the West Bradford Fire Company came on the heels of the West Bradford supervisors' rejection of his proposal to build a 48-unit bed-and-breakfast hotel on 10 acres behind the inn.



For The Inquirer / LAURENCE KESTERSON

"A restaurant is like a microcosm of the world," says George Mershon, behind the bar at the Marshallton Inn.

The supervisors said the proposal was for a motel, which was not a permitted use, rather than a hotel, according to West Bradford Township Manager Jack Hines.

Mershon said he still dreamed of building his bed-and-breakfast on the 12 acres he planned to retain behind the inn.

Hines, who has known Mershon for 35 years, said the "important thing for Marshallton is that the inn and Oyster Bar be run by a viable business."

"Sometimes, it's good to have new owners and new ideas," Hines added.

As for the triathlon, Hines said he

has "mixed emotions."

"The comments I've had from citizens is that if it [the triathlon] supports the fire company, that is good — if not, then it's too much of a hassle."

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Mershon said he planned to pursue his lifelong interest in structural linguistics — the study of the history and structure of words.

"I guess it could be termed the end of an era," Mershon said as he looked around the inn.

"Not that I'm going anywhere. After all, I'm living right down the road."

Roof blaze damages Marshalton Inn

Ember sparks fire that guts third floor

By JEFF BLUMENTHAL
Staff Writer

WEST BRADFORD — A tiny ember burst out of a chimney late Tuesday morning and started a fire that tore through the third floor and destroyed the roof of the 203-year-old Marshalton Inn, fire officials said.

Members of 10 fire companies worked for almost two hours to place the blaze under control, said West Bradford Fire Co. Assistant Chief Mike Marisch, whose department is across the street from the building.

Marisch said the third floor was gutted, but the first two floors — which contain the dining areas — only sustained water damage and should be able to be restored to their original state. He said Chester County Fire Marshals estimated the structure sustained \$50,000 damage and a loss of about \$25,000 worth of contents.

Fire marshals, according to Marisch, determined that the fire was caused by an ember flying out of a chimney and catching on the roof's cedar shingles.

Co-owner Vaughn Letts said about five employees were preparing to open for the lunch crowd at about 11:20 a.m. when they noticed a crackling sound



Firefighters battle the roof fire Tuesday at the Marshalton Inn in West Bradford. There were no injuries.

Staff photo by Larry McDevitt

Fire

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emanating from the roof of the prominent historical landmark.

"You could hear the fire on the roof ... it was pretty loud," said Annie Bentley, a marketing consultant who was inside at the time. "We just grabbed

everything we could and left fast."

Letts said faculty at the nearby Goddard School noticed flames on the inn's roof and alerted the Marshallton's employees.

The third floor consists primarily of office space. Dining areas are situated on the first two floors of the building.

Bentley said the owners feel fortunate that the first two floors sustained only water damage, predicting a quick re-opening once the roof and third floor are repaired.

"Anything under the third floor can easily be restored to its original state," she said. "The inn should be re-opened as soon as possible."

The adjacent Four Dogs Tavern was not damaged and will remain open.

A Bryn Mawr-based group called Blind Dog Inc. purchased the inn last February from local businessmen George A. Mershon.

The inn was built in 1793 as a private residence. The neighboring Four Dogs Tavern was built as a barn to accompany the house before being remodeled as a bar in 1978.

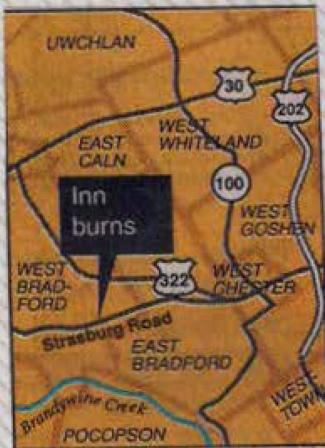
It picked up its name with one "T" when a former owner applied for a tavern license in 1814 and misspelled Marshallton.

Former owner Tom Baldwin purchased the inn in 1964 and refurbished the entire structure to its original state, complete with oak floors and working fireplaces.

"This is devastating for me," Baldwin said Tuesday when informed of the fire. "I really put my life blood into the place."

Baldwin sold it to Mershon in 1973.

Assisting West Bradford firefighters were members of the First West Chester, Good Will, Fame, Minquas, Po-Mar-Lin, Kennett, East Brandywine and Modena fire companies, as well as Chester County Hospital medics and the Good Will Ambulance crew.



Staff photo by Larry McDevitt

Firefighters remove paintings through the roof of the historic Marshallton Inn Tuesday. The roof and third floor of the structure suffered damage but the restaurant will eventually reopen.

Haven for travelers for nearly 200 years

By CHRIS BARBER
Staff Writer

WEST BRADFORD — For almost two centuries travelers along Strasburg Road have counted on the Marshalton Inn to quench their thirsts and fill their bellies.

Nine years after Joseph Woodward built the stone house along the main road from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh in 1793, he sold it to his son-in-law, Abraham Martin. By 1814 the dwelling had been converted to a tavern site that could accommodate overnight guests.

A historical account says cattle drivers who were able to cover only 10 miles a day often stopped at the inn for food and drink.

In 1878, a man who visited the Marshalton Inn told a news reporter that owner John Steele always had a pitcher of water waiting for the arrival of the stage. Upon its arrival, that water "was promptly sent out for the passengers to slake their thirst."

In 1893, marauding thieves broke into the cellar door and took ham, butter, eggs and other provisions. They also made off with

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History

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loose change from the bar.

Mary Evans, who grew up in Marshalton and runs the Blacksmith Shop antique store, remembers when the inn was just a taproom. In recent years it became a restaurant also.

"It's a beautiful old building. I'm really sad. It's really a shame about the fire," she said

Tuesday.

Evans said she remembers when proprietor James Laird of Wilmington, Del. ran a horse-drawn carriage six nights a week between the Chester County Art Center on Bradford Avenue and the Marshalton Inn.

A newspaper story dated 1969 said the coach passengers boarded the coach in West Chester at 6:30 p.m. for the inn. They spent an hour-and-a-half eating dinner and then re-

boarded the coach for West Chester at 9 p.m.

Early last year, Richard Rossello and Warren Scott under the business of Blind Dog Inc. purchased the Marshalton Inn from George Mershon. The former owner had operated the inn for 30 years.

The inn has had over 25 owners in its history and has had its name changed eight times. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

CHESTER COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION NETWORK

**1998
SUMMER TOUR AND PICNIC SUPPER**

WHAT: "AROUND AND ABOUT THE OLD DROVERS ROAD TO STRASBURG"

A guided tour of the significant historic places in pastoral West Bradford Township. The tour that you don't want to miss for a perfect summer evening.

WHEN: *Wednesday, June 17, 1998, tour starts at 6:00 p.m.*

WHERE: *Meet at the former Embreeville Center on Strasburg Road between Marshallton and Romansville. Enter the grounds at the entrance west of the State Police and follow signs to meeting place. See map on reverse side.*

COST: *\$8.50 PER PERSON, RESERVATIONS A MUST; LIMITED TO 175 PEOPLE.*

R.S.V.P. *Florence Supplee at 486-0790 by June 12, 1998*

WEST BRADFORD BUS TOUR FOR THE COUNTY NETWORK COMMITTEE

Leaving Embreeville Center we turn right on the Old Drovers' Road (Strasburg Road). This was the main road from Lancaster to Philadelphia for farmers taking their vegetables, fruit and animals to the market. There were 7 inns on the Old Drovers' Road in West Bradford Township.

The house on your left was said to have been a casino for Judge John Beale Bordley's friends from Philadelphia. If you will notice the high large windows that may have been put in to create more light for that purpose and the interior rooms have cherry paneling.

The house to your left off of Broad Run Road was Bordley's residence. While there, he wrote a book called Bordley On Agriculture, 1798. Before coming to Chester County he lived in Wye, Maryland where he started an Agricultural Experimental Farm for the University of Maryland in the 1760's.

Left on Telegraph Road

The house on the left was built at the turn of the century when they split the Humphrey Marshall land and built a new barn for the Humphrey Marshall property on Strasburg Road.

Right on Sugarsbridge Road to right on Strasburg Road

Straight ahead is the Four Dog Tavern, originally the livery stable for the Marshallton Inn which was the second oldest inn in Marshallton. The Bradford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is down the driveway to the left, built in 1765. The house on the right was the home of Humphrey Marshall where he had his botanical gardens and wrote Arbustrum Americanum in 1785, a catalog of forests, trees and shrubs native to the United States. He named a tree for Benjamin Franklin called the Franklinia tree. One of these trees is on the Meeting House land.

Left on Northbrook Road

The boarded up building to your right was the Center House, the first inn in Marshallton.

In the cemetery on the left - in the back row - lies the grave of Nathan Simms, the black boy who held John Wilkes Booth's horse after shooting Abraham Lincoln. Simms lived in the Marshallton area for many years.

Straight on Wawaset Road

On your right stood a malt house which was torn down and the stones used to build the house on the hill to your right just off of Northbrook Road. *This area is called Dog Town* according to the old timers.

The house on your left is part of the East Bradford Historic District called The Worth/Jefferis Historic District, which includes two houses in West Bradford - the tenant house on your right and the Baldwin house on your right off Camp Linden Road.

Right on Camp Linden Road

Bradford Meeting was originally started in the meadow on your left. A log meeting house is said to have been carried to Marshallton by the members in about 1760 while the new meeting house was built in 1765. The historical marker on your left states that Cornwallis crossed the Brandywine Creek at Trimble's Ford. The house on the right was Jonathan Gause' Greenwood Dell Boarding School. Camp Linden was a camp for under-privileged children from Philadelphia for many years.

Left on Northbrook Road

We are now entering Trimblesville/Northbrook Historic District located in West Bradford and Pocopson townships. The original part of the house on the right was built by Abraham Marshall, father of Humphrey Marshall, before 1707. His property of 1200 to 1300 acres covered 2 square miles. Where we are turning there once stood a large creamery that shipped milk by railroad. The house on the right was built by a Marshall.

Left on Broad Run Road

Stopping at the Davis' house for a tour.

Stopping at Hagele's house for a tour.

Turning around to go back to right on Warpath Road to Groundhog College Road.

The house on the right was called Ground Hog College. It was a one room school shared by Newlin and West Bradford Townships. When Unionville opened its new consolidated school in 1924, West Bradford kept the school open for one year and then closed it due to lack of students. It was abandoned and the ground hogs took it over, hence the name.

Left on Telegraph Road (162)

Where the PennDot yard is on your right there was a limestone quarry and kiln that burnt limestone to be used on the fields. The Pest House (for people with contagious diseases) for the County Home (most often called the Poor House) stood on the hill to the right.

Right into the Embreeville Center's lower driveway where we are entering the sight of the Old County Home and Asylum for the insane which were demolished when the Embreeville Center was built.

To your right there is a large stone with a plaque stating that Indian Hannah, the last of the Lenni Lenape Indians is buried there. In the pine trees above the grave site there is a Potter's Field.

Out the lower drive back onto Telegraph Road

On your left is a bridge built by the county, called the bridge to nowhere, which was part of the County Home property and far across the field next to the railroad tracks stands Potter's Field burial ground for people who died while at the home. There are only numbers on the stones and the records for the names are lost.

Right on Star Gazer's Road

The house to the right is the Harlan House where Mason and Dixon lived while surveying the Mason/Dixon Line between Maryland and Pennsylvania. In the middle of the stoned-in spot is the Star Gazer's Stone, dedicated by the Chester County Historical Society July 14, 1908, the Mason-Dixon Line 15 miles south of the southern most point of Philadelphia, at this time would have been South Street. This is where the surveyors were said to have stood to take their measurements. Jane Davidson recently found notes which state that they stood in a field across the road, possibly near the Brandywine Creek.

Right on Lieds Road and right on Strasburg Road back to Embreeville Center.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING!
WEST BRADFORD HISTORIC COMMITTEE

WEST BRADFORD DAY QUIZ 1998

WEST BRADFORD HISTORIC COMMITTEE:

1. Where was the West Bradford Baptist Church and Cemetery located?
2. Who was Nate Sims?

WEST BRADFORD RECYCLING COMMITTEE:

1. HHW is characterized as any waste that is flammable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive.

Which one of the following is not considered to be hazardous household waste and can be disposed of with regular trash?

- A. driveway sealer
- B. swimming pool chemicals
- C. latex paint
- D. silver polish

2. Name three other products which are considered to be HHW.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

3. Name three ways to reuse brown paper bags from the supermarket.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. In 1997, Pennsylvania met its goal of recycling 25% of its municipal waste. The new goal is to recycle *what* percentage by the 2003?

- A. 28%
- B. 35%
- C. 60%

WEST BRADFORD RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. Name two active recreation facilities that the new Broad Run Park will have.

2. How many picnic areas will there be at Broad Run Park? _____

WEST BRADFORD FIRE COMPANY:

1. Which set of letters represents the four types of fire extinguishers.
 1. A,B,F,G
 2. A,B,C,I
 3. A,B,C,D
2. How many gallons of water does Tanker #39 hold?
3. How many gallons of water does the Fold-A-Tank hold?
4. What year was the sub-station built?
5. What is the fire company's station number?
6. How many fire trucks does West Bradford Fire Company have?
7. Name the two West Bradford Fire Company station locations.
8. The Jaws of Life rescues people from vehicles. True / False

WEST BRADFORD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Which name refers to the law that requires meetings to be open to the public?
 - A. Open Meeting Law
 - B. Public Disclosure Law
 - C. Sunshine Law
 - D. Public Access Law
2. A supervisor must be:
 - A. A college graduate
 - B. 25 years old
 - C. A registered elector
 - D. A member of a political party

***RETURN COMPLETED QUIZ FORMS TO THE RECREATION TENT.
CITIZENS WITH ALL CORRECT ANSWERS WILL RECEIVE A
WEST BRADFORD DAY SHIRT.***

WEST BRADFORD



TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Published by the Board of Supervisors

Spring 1999

Assistant Township Manager Vince Visoskas

Vince Visoskas has been hired as the assistant township manager. Vince was formally a senior planner with the Chester County Planning Commission and served as the address data administrator for the Bureau of Land Records. With the Planning Commission, he coordinated the county's open space program. In his most recent position, he was responsible for improving the collection and verification of address information throughout the county for the 911 system.

He will assist the township manager in researching various municipal issues, management and planning of township computer systems, zoning administration and other management responsibilities.

A 1989 graduate of Villanova University, Vince also has a masters degree in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania with a concentration in local government administration. He has had course work in the Wharton School of Business and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Supervisors Elect Mr. Blair to be Chairman for 1999

In keeping with the tradition of rotating the chairmanship of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Blair was elected to be Chairman for 1999. Mr. Blair became a supervisor in March 1992, when he was appointed to fill a vacant unexpired term of office. Since that time he has been elected to fill that term and to fill a complete term of office.

The Board of Supervisors have rotated the chairmanship for a number of years. Although the chairman does not have any greater legislative authority than the other members of the Board of Supervisors, he does control the meetings and establishes the agenda in concert with the township manager. The rotation of the chairmanship gives each board member an opportunity to forward programs that they believe are important for the citizens.

The members of the Board of Supervisors are elected to six year terms. The terms are staggered so that a supervisor is elected to office each odd numbered year.

Summer Road Construction Schedule

The following roads are scheduled to receive a new wearing surface in 1999:

Edwards Drive	Decatur Court
Pine Circle	Dodd Drive
Kerwood Lane	Exeter Circle
Walker Drive	Carlisle Lane
Blair Circle	Ithan Circle
Lawson Lane	Hemlock Circle
Farnham Lane	

Each of these roads will receive repairs to the road base where necessary, replacement of defective curbing, milling to even the surface and a new surface. The utilities have been advised to adjust their manholes to the level of the new surface.

The work is scheduled to start as soon as this spring and continue until all roads are prepared and ready for the resurfacing. There will be some delays for residents of the streets during work hours.

The following roads will receive micro-surfacing (a type of surface treatment similar to driveway sealing):

Boulder Drive	East Sedona
West Sedona	Canyon Drive
Red Rock Road	Buckingham Drive
Westminster Drive	Wyndham Drive

These roads will have base repairs where necessary, crack

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Did You Know?

What effect the Lincoln Highway (Route 30) had on the development of West Bradford?

Recreation Activities

(The Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium (DARC) provides recreation programs for West Bradford Township and other municipalities in the Downingtown Area School District.)

The Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium is busy planning programs for the Spring and Summer months. New for the spring will be a Golf Tournament at the Downingtown Country Club on Wednesday, May 12th. The tournament will be a four person scramble format with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. Participants will receive a box lunch, beverages, prizes, greens fee, cart and snacks after the tournament. Registration fee is \$125 per golfer. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact the DARC office at (610) 269-9260.

For the summer months we are planning the theme weeks for our five different sites for the playground program. Our sites include Pickering Valley, Uwchlan Hills, Beaver Creek, East Ward and West Bradford. Sign up for playground begins April 1st. The DARC Day Camp at Paradise Farms will take on a new twist. Once each week the camper will be taken on an outing to local attractions such as Northbrook Canoe, bowling, the movies, etc. The cost per week will increase slightly, but will be well worth the money. The Teen Camp will be in its second year. We have rented vans for the summer to make the children more mobile. This way we can visit more local attractions within a short drive from Downingtown.

Something new for adults this spring. DARC will be sponsoring a Co-Ed Volleyball League. Play will begin the first week in April and run until the end of the school year. Matches will be played at the Downingtown Senior High School on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. There will also be a Co-Ed Softball League again this summer. We are in search of teams or individual players at this time. Games will be played at Kerr Park on Thursdays and Sundays. More details about the leagues can be obtained by calling the DARC office.

We are now seeking applicants for summer positions to include Counselors in Training, Playground Leaders, Asst. Playground Leaders, Teen Camp Leaders, Day Camp Leaders as well as life guards. Applications and job descriptions can be obtained at the Guidance Office at your school or the DARC office.

Look for our spring brochure which was mailed in mid March. If you need a copy, please call our office and we will mail one to you. The summer brochure is due out in mid May. That brochure will outline all our summer activities that will keep your child (children) busy over the summer vacation.



Traffic light installed at Poorhouse Road and Marshallton-Thorndale Road. At the beginning of 1999 the above traffic signal started operating. The signal was partially funded by the United Sports Training Center.

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Broad Run Park Construction

The contracts for the final phase of construction for the Broad Run Park have been issued by the Board of Supervisors. The Broad Run Park is located next to the West Bradford Elementary School and has been under construction since the summer of 1997. The park is scheduled to be opened on June 6th of this year.

The construction of the park has been done according to a master plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1996 (see plan on page 4). The features of the park include a playground area that will serve tots 2 to 5 years and youth from 6 to 12 years; pavilions and picnic areas; walkway/jogging trails; tennis courts; open recreation fields; sand volleyball courts; basketball courts and an in-line skating rink.

The entrance, parking and other facilities have been integrated with the school district property so that these facilities can have a beneficial use for both the park and the school. For instance, overflow parking for school activities can use the park parking lot; overflow parking for the park will utilize school parking lots. As part of the park project, the township and the Downingtown Area School District built a common entrance to both facilities, built additional parking and roadways for the school and improved all paved surfaces for the school.

The Broad Run Park has 29 acres of land area and includes a farm house, that is presently rented, but, will eventually be a community building for meetings and a park office.



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION — FILING INFORMATION

In 1998 the state passed Act 50 which provides for a homestead exclusion for certain property taxes.

How a homestead exclusion works: When a taxing jurisdiction, i.e. the school district, establishes a millage rate for properties, that millage rate is applied as a multiplier of each \$1,000 dollars of assessed value of your property. The sum of that equation will equal your tax bill. When a homestead exclusion is enacted, the millage rate is the same for all properties; however, a property that qualifies for a homestead exemption will have specific reduction in its assessed value. For instance, a property has an assessed value of \$150,000 and it qualifies for a homestead exemption. The homestead exemption is set at \$10,000. The taxes would then be based on a value of \$140,000 (\$150,000 assessed value — \$10,000 Homestead exemption). Any property not qualifying as a homestead property would pay the taxes on the full value of its assessment. An example of a non-homestead property would be commercial properties.

Currently, none of the taxing jurisdictions that can enact taxes with a homestead exemption (the school district) have done so. In order for the school district to participate in this type of taxation the citizens must approve of it in a referendum at an election. That would affect the taxes for the 2000 - 2001 school year.

Registration For the Homestead Exclusion

In order to qualify for the homestead exclusion, you must certify on a form that your home is your primary residence or a farm of over ten (10) acres containing your primary residence. Once you file, it will remain on a file for subsequent years unless you notify the county of a change or your application is denied. The next enrollment period is December 15, 1999 to March 1, 2000.

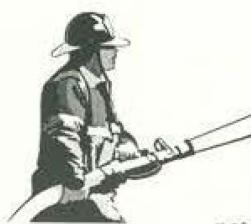
Where To File

The application (copies are available at the township office) must be filed with the Chester County Tax Assessment Office in West Chester.

Changes To A Homestead Registration

If conditions change so that your house is no longer your primary residence you must notify the assessment office within 45 days of the change. A failure to do so may result in additional taxes, interest and penalties being charged to you.

Having missed the first enrollment period, December 15, 1998 to March 1999, will not affect your taxes because the provisions for use of the homestead exclusion have not been enacted by the school district. However, you should be mindful of any homestead referendum at an election or a claim by the school district that they will attempt to enact provisions for a homestead exclusion. If you miss the next filing period you may also miss an opportunity to take advantage of this program. However, if the Homestead Exemption is not enacted by the school district, the filing will not create a tax benefit for you.



Fire Company Fund Drive

The fire company has sent a request for support to each home in the township. If you have not sent a donation to the fire company please do that now.

The West Bradford Fire Company is a totally volunteer organization that provides fire fighting, rescue service and basic life support to residents of the township. They operate eight pieces of equipment from two stations. One station is located in Marshallton on Route 162 and the other is located at the corner of Marshallton-Thorndale Road and Poorhouse Road.

If you did not receive a request for funding, donations can be sent to West Bradford Fire company, 1305 West Strasburg Road, West Chester, PA 19382 or call the fire company at (610) 696-8409. For emergencies call 911.

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Subdivision Activities

The planning commission is presently reviewing two formal subdivision applications:

99-01 "Woolford" — A proposal to subdivide a property on Glenside Road into three lots.

99-02 "Welsh Tract" — A proposal to subdivide a property at the corner of Broad Run Road and Glenside Road into 30 lots.

The commission is also viewing sketch plans (informal proposals) for a parcel on Crestmont Drive near Piedmont, the former Evergreen Subdivision on Telegraph Road and other smaller parcels. Several large parcels of land have been taken under agreement by developers and the planning commission is anticipating a flurry of activity in the near future.

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Summer Road Construction Schedule

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sealing and the application of micro-surfacing. This will be done in June or July as weather and other work items permit.

In addition, the final wearing surface will be placed on Broad Run Road below Clayton Road and on Lucky Hill Road. Other maintenance projects such as highway mowing, street cleaning, pot hole patching and sign repair will continue on roads throughout the township.

**Battery Tired?
Won't Charge Anymore?
Recycle It!**

Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), a non-profit public service organization, is sponsoring a program called **Charge Up to Recycle**. All Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cad) rechargeable batteries are collected and recycled at the International Metals Reclamation Company in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. The reclaimed nickel and iron are used to make stainless steel products; the cadmium is used to make new rechargeable batteries. Richard Karn, Al from TV's sitcom, *Home Improvement*, is the corporation's spokesperson. To see "Al" himself and find the nearest collection center near you, look up website: www.rbrc.com or call 1-800-822-8837. Residents in West Bradford can drop off their rechargeable batteries (i.e. cordless power tools, cellular phones or cordless VCR batteries) at Radio Shack, Thorndale and Colonial Electric Supply Company, 206 East Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown.



ANSWER TO "DID YOU KNOW"

The Lincoln Highway, known as the Lincoln Pike, was a toll road for east and west travelers. The Strasburg Road generally parallels Lincoln Highway and was free, therefore many drivers used it instead of Lincoln Highway. The result was that Marshallton and Romansville grew with businesses to support the travelers on Strasburg Road.

— Municipal Calendar —

APRIL

5	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
6	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
8	Historical Committee Meeting	8:00 P.M.
19	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
17	Planning Commission Formal Session	8:00 P.M.
20	Recycling Advisory Committee	7:30 P.M.
26	Monday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
27	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting	8:30 P.M.
27	Tuesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
28	Wednesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
29	Thursday Refuse Pick Up/ Bulk Trash Day	

MAY

4	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
11	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
13	Historical Committee Meeting	8:00 P.M.
17	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
17	Planning Commission Formal Session	8:00 P.M.
18	Primary Election Day	Office Closed
18	Recycling Advisory Committee	7:30 P.M.
24	Monday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
25	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting	8:30 P.M.
25	Tuesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
26	Wednesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
27	Thursday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
31	Memorial Day Observed	Office Closed

JUNE

1	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
6	Broad Run Park Scheduled to Open	
8	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
10	Historical Committee Meeting	8:00 P.M.
15	Planning Commission Formal Session	8:00 P.M.
15	Recycling Advisory Committee	7:30 P.M.
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30	Wednesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	

 Clip and Save

West Bradford Township
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Downingtown, PA 19335

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#32
Downingtown
PA 19335

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1026 STARGAZERS ROAD
COATESVILLE PA 19320



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WBYA
WEST
BRADFORD
YOUTH ATHLETICS

Current & Past Staff Members

Staff subject to change

- Carolyn Amoroso - Former soccer MVP at West Chester University, player on the semi-pro soccer team Philadelphia Frenzy
- Randy Lyon - Soccer coach at Downingtown Middle School
- Ryan Corry - Baseball player and soccer goalie at Downingtown High School, named 1st team all-area and league, 1998 state championship team
- Kelly Meyer - softball and soccer player at Ursinus College, NCAA Div III regional softball team, and 1997 Daily Local News Softball Athlete of the Year
- Lorraine Kaiser - Lacrosse and field hockey player at the University of Scranton and current T.E. Middle School coach
- Cyndi Tornetta - Field hockey coach at Great Valley High School and lacrosse coach at Sports Plex

CAMP DAY

- 9:00 - 9:15 am Attendance, Stretching & Skill Review
- 9:15 - 10:30 am Skill Stations & Individual Instruction
- 10:30 - 11:30 Morning Game
- 11:30 - Noon LUNCH
- 12:00 - 12:15 pm Non Sport FUN ACTIVITY!
- 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm Afternoon GAMES!
- 1:00 pm Camp Dismissal
- WBYA Camp Hot Line 610-363-9219

1999 WEST BRADFORD SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

**At Embreeville Athletic Fields
Open to all area residents!**

*Call the camp office for information concerning campers with special needs, car pool information, and general camp questions.
610-363-9219*

CAMPER AGE:

All Camps 1st - 8th Grade

CAMP TUITION:

\$95.00 / week (Includes A Camp Gift)

CAMP LOCATION:

Embreeville Athletic Fields in West Bradford

CAMP TIME:

9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Must bring a lunch or snack)

CAMP STAFF:

All Camps Staffed by Area Coaches & Athletes

CAMP HOT LINE:

610-363-9219

Boys Baseball & Girls Softball Camps

July 12-16



These two separate camps will divide players by age and ability, and will emphasize basic skill development such as **Hitting, Fielding, Catching, and Base Running**. Each camper will receive the individual attention necessary to develop a complete game. (Advanced instruction provided for veteran or returning campers)

Co-ed Soccer Camps

June 21-25, July 19-23 & August 16-20



These exciting weeks of soccer are designed to teach players basic game skills as well as advanced concepts associated with spacing and team play. Campers will learn dribbling, passing, shooting, heading, collecting, juggling, & footwork. Campers are divided by age, gender and ability.

Girls Lacrosse & Field Hockey Camps



Lacrosse: July 19-23

Field Hockey: June 21-25 & August 16-20

Field hockey camp will teach skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting and team spacing. During the lacrosse session, campers will learn the skills of throwing, catching, cradling, and moving without the ball.



CAMP APPLICATION: Camps subject to cancellation due to lack of interest! All payments refunded in full.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Years Experience: _____ Yrs attended WBYA Camps _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Grade In Fall: _____ Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____ Age: _____

Office Use
WB Spring
Newsletter

Camp:

All Camps \$95.00 Second child or multiple camps, \$5.00 discount

Boys Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> June 21-25	<input type="checkbox"/> July 19-23	<input type="checkbox"/> August 16-20
Girls Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> June 21-25	<input type="checkbox"/> July 19-23	<input type="checkbox"/> August 16-20
Girls F.H.	<input type="checkbox"/> June 21-25	<input type="checkbox"/> August 16-20	
Girls Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/> July 19-23		
Boys Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> July 12-16		
Girls Softball	<input type="checkbox"/> July 12-16		

Camps subject to cancellation

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All payments refunded in full.

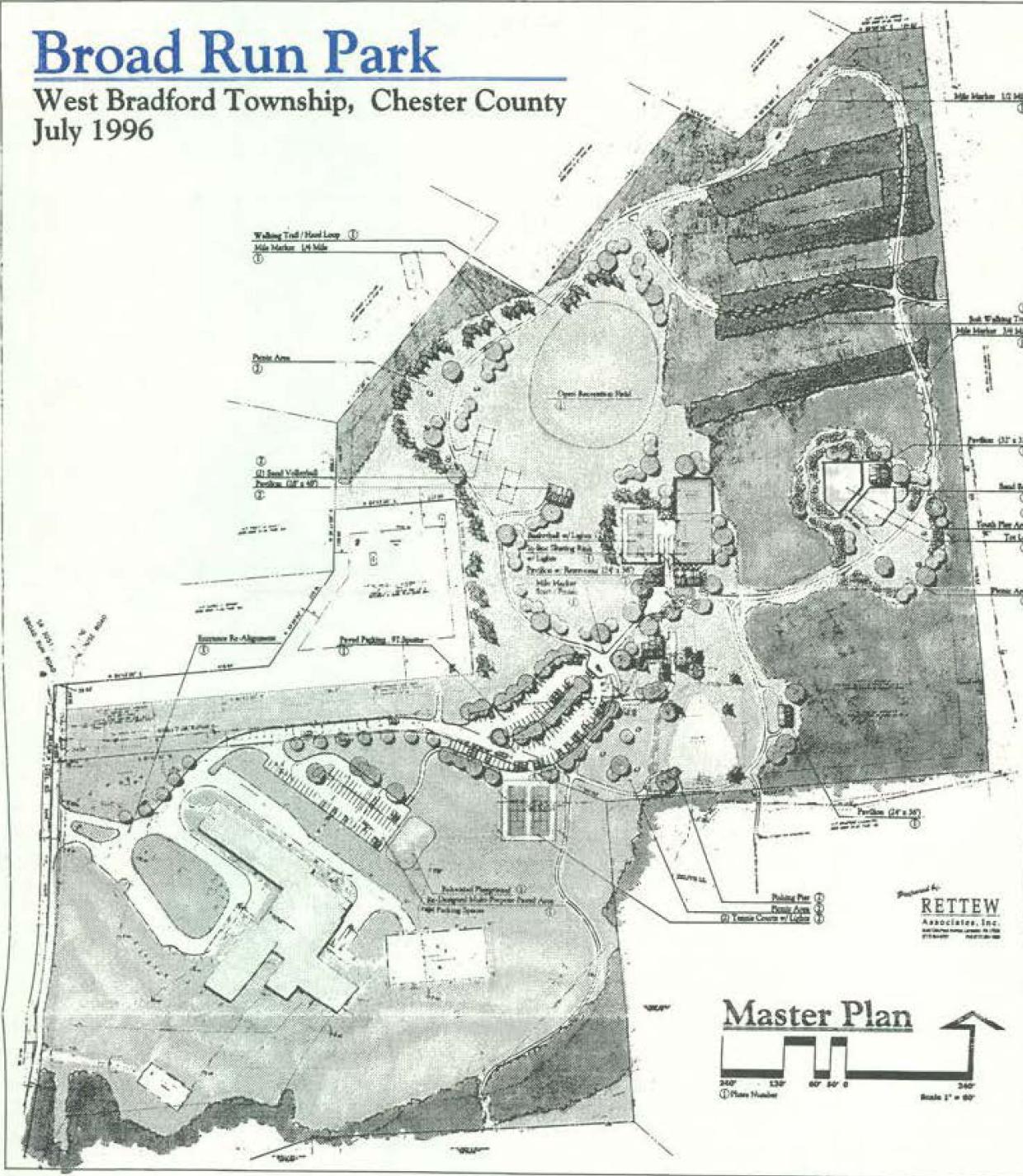
Make Checks Payable To: WBYA Summer Camps

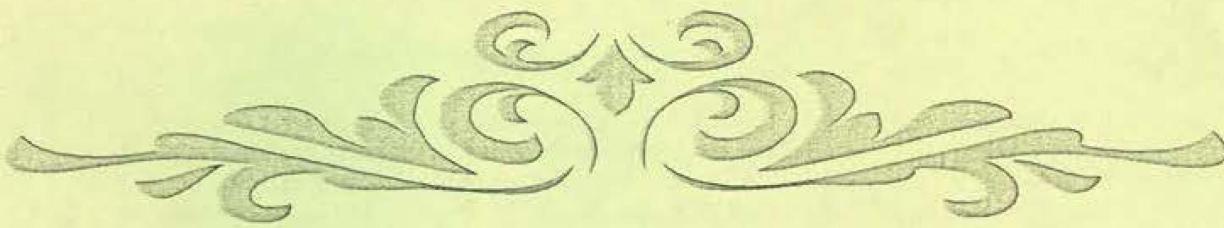
**\$45 nonrefundable deposit required for each camp with application.
Summer camp attendees must have their own hospitalization insurance.**

**PLEASE RETURN TO:
WBYA SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS
1623 Russell Drive / Downingtown / PA / 19335
610-363-9219**

Broad Run Park

West Bradford Township, Chester County
July 1996





MARSHALLTON VILLAGE HISTORIC TOUR
JULY 22, 1999

We will start our tour at the parking lot of the Marshallton United Methodist Church.

1. Second house from the parking lot was the residence of George McFarland - a pump maker and town plumber - who made wooden pumps in a shop at the rear. Circa 1840-1859
2. This large sprawling building was once used as a livery stable for the Marshallton Inn and has been used for shops, apartments, a service station and is presently called the Four Dogs Tavern.
3. The Marshallton Inn, which is on the National Historic Register, was a drovers stop on the Strasburg Road as early as 1814. It has had many owners over the years and is now operating under new ownership.
4. This house was built from a Sears Roebuck kit in 1922 by Oliver Baldwin.
5. This was the home of Wilson Cheyney who carried on a shoe making business and whose wife, Alice, ran a millinery shop and notions store in the same building. Local legend has this site as the West Chester Marshallton Stage operated by Frank Frame. Circa 1840-1859
6. This 1800-1819 blacksmith and wheelwright shop was in use until the 1940's. It had many owners whose names were familiar to the village, such as Hughes, Maxton, Cunningham, Keenan, Ludwick and was later acquired by the Cann family.
7. The Bradford Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends (Quakers). This building, built in 1765, replaced a log building which they had outgrown; the meeting has been in use continually. There were times when there may have been two or three in attendance, but is today a very active meeting. This building is on the National Historic Register. Earliest burial in the cemetery is dated 1740.
8. Marshallton's only green serpentine stone building was built in 1800. The back part has always been a residence and the front of the building next to the street has a history of being the first Post Office in Marshallton in 1805. Abraham Baily was the first Postmaster. It was also used as a store that was operated by Albert P. Hall and has had several other owners prior to becoming a residence.

9. The Centre House, an inn on the Strasburg Road, was a popular place for drovers. In 1765 Joseph Martin obtained a license to keep a public house and it became a busy inn. It was last used as an inn in 1874 and had many uses since then, including a restaurant, general store, flour and feed store, boarding house and an ice cream parlor. It was reputedly occupied by some British Soldiers during the Revolutionary War. Circa 1700-1799.
10. One of the most famous houses in the village is the Humphrey Marshall House, listed on the National Historic Register, was built in 1773 by Humphrey Marshall. Marshall was a botanist who bought and sold with other botanists from England, Europe and also in the Colonies. He had a botanical garden on the premises and also was said to have built the first greenhouse in Chester County.
11. This fieldstone house is possibly one of the oldest in the village according to a deed traced to William and Hannah England, who purchased the property in 1797. It showed a smith shop on the property fronting the road. Later it was occupied by William Chambers, undertaker and cabinetmaker who later moved to Unionville. Since then the property has had several owners who also carried on the business. Circa 1700-1799
12. This 1912 building was the town hall built after the Knights of Pythias Hall, located on Sugarsbridge Road, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The present hall was built and owned by the American Mechanics. The Marshallton Grange met there until 1955. The hall has been used for Boy Scout meetings, entertainment, dances, and also housed an old museum.
Alvan Baile lived in stone house (P.O. across Rd)
13. This is a typical Penn Plan house with a rear shed addition. It was the home of John B. Temple and later of Pierce Rodeback, a stone mason by trade. Pierce kept a little restaurant in the rear of the house. He also was a great trapper in his day and was known to have bagged several hundred polecats in winter, keeping that end of the town well perfumed. Local residents called this the "Old Oyster Parlor".
14. This house was at one time a cigar factory which employed several cigar makers. It later turned into a bakery which had several bakers engaged in the business in later years. It was also reported that it housed a clothing store.
15. This 1845 double house was at one time a tin smithing and plumbing business carried on by William Loller and his son, Nelson. This was made into a single home much later. Circa 1840-1859.
16. This house once was the shop where James Embree manufactured grain cradles and scythe poles. His son William carried on the business after his father's death. It was later bought by Nelson Loller who conducted a cigar store business there. It became known as "Congress Hall" where all the loafers congregated to "swap lies and chew the fat" and also use tobacco.
Tirehouse - 30 in
17. The Marshallton United Methodist Church and Cemetery. This building was built in 1891, replacing the one built in 1829 and represented the hub of a small Methodist Community which was formed here in about 1812. The burial ground wall was built in 1849 and the wagon sheds were built in 1850. Circa 1800-1899

MAKE AN EVENING OF IT!

Why not make these **FREE** Town Tours & Village Walks your excuse for a summer getaway? Some of Brandywine Valley's most charming B&B's and inns offer special package rates. Many are historic properties so you can extend your experience of times past as you enjoy our countryside for an overnight or even a long weekend.

Many of our restaurants will feature "early bird" specials for pre-tour suppers or other dining values for after your TT&VW.

To request a copy of our TT&VW Summer Specials, call the Brandywine Valley Tourist Information Center at 1-800-228-9933.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

JUNE 2 WEST CHESTER
JUNE 10 DOWNTONTOWN
JUNE 17 COVENTRYVILLE
JUNE 24 KENNETT SQUARE
JULY 8 PHOENIXVILLE
JULY 15 BERWYN
JULY 22 MARSHALLTON
JULY 29 MALVERN
AUGUST 5 ELVERSON
AUGUST 12 STRAFFORD STATION NEIGHBORHOOD
AUGUST 19 KIMBERTON
AUGUST 26 HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS

TOWN TOURS & VILLAGE WALKS

1999

Peg Anderson
1026 Stargazers Road
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The 5th Annual

TOWN TOURS & VILLAGE WALKS



Evenings
June 2 through August 26, 1999

Chester County, Pennsylvania
in the Heart of the Brandywine Valley

WEST CHESTER – JUNE 2

The opening tour of the series is that of West Chester, our only Wednesday evening of the summer. At 6 p.m. the three County Commissioners will officially start the season in front of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 212 S. High St. The Town Tour itself will begin with a tour of the Church, (est. 1835), and continue along a number of routes in the southwest and southeast streets of the Borough. Architecture, history and local lore will be stressed, from the rich resources of churches, dwellings, commercial buildings and government structures that dot "The Athens of Pennsylvania." Light refreshments will be served after the tour—after which, a dazzling array of West Chester's restaurants, pubs and coffeehouses await you.

Tour Hosts: West Chester Historical and Architectural Review Board

Reservations and Directions: (610) 431-7010, 431-1238

1st Baptist Church (ca. 1930)



KENNETT SQUARE – JUNE 24



Chalain residence

heritage. The Historic District retains an outstanding collection of well-preserved nineteenth and early-twentieth century buildings representing its commercial, industrial and architectural development. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along cool, tree lined streets and delight in the beautiful and ornate details and flourishes that reflect the artistic talents of long-ago builders and carpenters. The town's architectural styles range from Federal through Italianate and Queen Anne Revival to early twentieth century revivals. A special surprise is the Baseball Museum.

Your Hosts: Borough of Kennett Square Historic Commission

Reservations and Directions: (610) 444-6020

Site of the British and Hessian encampments prior to the Battle of the Brandywine in 1777 and later a "station" along the Underground Railroad, Kennett Square has a long and fascinating

DOWNTON – JUNE 10

Dowtown is Chester County's oldest town, and features, on its tour, one of the oldest-remaining dwellings in the county, the noted "Log House," built around 1700. Dowtown's most prosperous era, however, came with the arrival of the railroad in mid-nineteenth century, and many of the Italianate stores built at the time of this boom remain for us to view this evening. Period lighting now graces the commercial district for our evening tour. In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War, Dowtown had but 800 citizens, including all ages and sexes. Some 100 of the town's men—a huge percentage—left to fight in the war. This evening's tour will conclude with a concert in Kerr Park, of Civil War era music, in honor of that extraordinary commitment.

Tour Hosts: Dowtown Historical and Parks Commission

Reservations and Directions: (610) 269-2139



Log House interior

COVENTRYVILLE – JUNE 17

The village of Coventryville is probably much quieter than it was in the eighteenth century, when it was a hub of iron-making commerce, and played an important role in the War for Independence. One of the features of this evening's tour is the United Methodist Church, which this year is celebrating its 225th anniversary—older than the United States. Another high spot in Colonial days was Coventry Hall, where Ironmaster Robert Grace and his wife, Rebecca, entertained officers of the Continental Army, and where their friend Benjamin Franklin had installed the first Franklin Stove, in 1742. The Coventry Forge Inn, world famous for fine food, is on the site of the old Rising Sun Inn, which opened for business in 1750.

Tour Hosts: South Coventry Township and Historic Coventryville

Reservations and Directions: (610) 469-0444



The 225 year-old United Methodist Church

BERWYN – JULY 15

Despite vigorous growth surrounding it, the Main Line village of Berwyn today looks and operates much the same as it did a century ago, as it straddles the Philadelphia-Lancaster Turnpike (America's first toll road), today's Route 30. Skillfully restored and lovingly

maintained Victorian houses endure as residences, antiques shops and family-owned businesses. In earlier times, farmers of the countryside found needed services in the village. Today, Berwyn serves the sprawling suburbs. Tonight, we concentrate on the south side of Route 30, visiting many of the remaining links with that earlier time.

Explaining the carriage-maker's trade (Ansley)



Antique car in Roever Park

Tour Hosts: Berwyn-Devon Business and Professional Association and the Tredyffrin-Easttown History Club

Reservations and Directions: (610) 644-0138

MARSHALLTON – JULY 22

This nearly untouched village named for botanist Humphrey Marshall (born 1722) was an important stop on a freight and drover's road. There are two hotels in town and one outside, dating back to 1765. Among the outstanding features of this village were a Quaker Meeting dated 1730 (present building 1765), a cradle factory which made grain cradles and scythes, a blacksmith shop, a pump maker, a cigar factory, a tinsmith shop, a clothing store, a bakery, a plumbing business, a restaurant, in 1805 a post office and in 1829 a Methodist Church.

Tour Hosts: West Bradford Township Historic Commission

Reservations and Directions: (610) 486-0790



The Humphrey Marshall House

STRAFFORD STATION NEIGHBORHOOD – AUGUST 12

Since Colonial days, the area around where the Strafford train station now stands has been an important crossroad. In the eighteenth century, the Old Eagle School and the Spread Eagle Inn served the community and travelers on the Lancaster Turnpike. By the late nineteenth century, the Pennsylvania Railroad Main Line enabled office workers to commute to and from

Center City from the elegant little station at Strafford. These executives and professionals commissioned Philadelphia's most noted architects to design their residences in the fashionable Colonial Revival style. Many of these houses remain, clustered about the station in their original settings.

Tour Hosts: Tredyffrin Township Historic Architectural Review Board

Reservations and Directions: (610) 408-3625



Station in 1958

MALVERN – JULY 29

The quiet tree-lined streets of Malvern shelter a remarkable past that is notorious and unique. Hear about the brutal and bloody battle during the Revolutionary War that was lost here. Also ghosts haunt stately homes, the railroad brought prosperity, commerce, technological innovation, and greed to town. The temperance movement sparked bitter family feuds. All a far cry from today's bustling and friendly borough.

Your Hosts: Borough of Malvern Historical Commission

Reservations and Directions: (610) 644-2602



Heats and hosts of a bygone era

KIMBERTON VILLAGE – AUGUST 19

Kimberton is one of those movie-set villages that is at the heart of most peoples' image of Chester County. The warm fieldstone of many of the buildings and adaptive reuse of structures whose original functions have passed from the scene give an air of serene vitality to this place. The tour will visit the Grange building, now reborn as a dance studio. Visitors will also see three former schools, two general stores and Old Kimberton Inn. All are still in use, but have been adapted, as Kimberton has moved with the times to still serve as an active village center.

Tour Hosts: Pikeland Historic Society and East Pikeland Historic Commission

Reservations and Directions: (610) 933-1770



General store on site of 1786 inn

ELVERSON – AUGUST 5

Once upon a time in Chester County, (in 1849), a little village called "Springfield" finally rated its own post office. But there were too many Springfields.

How Springfield became

Elverson to suit the Post Office is part of local lore to be covered tonight. Indian artifacts discovered here go back thousands of years, and in later years, Dutch, Swedish, and French traders bartered here with the Conestoga Indians well before William Penn. Tonight's tour will focus on Colonial, early and late-Victorian, instead, including one of the town's last remaining log houses.

Also, an early German Bank House, some of the spacious Victorians owned by prominent nineteenth century gentry, and a Victorianized Colonial Church.

Tour Hosts: Elverson Historical Commission and Tri-County Heritage Society

Reservations and Directions: (610) 286-7477



Methodist Church

HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS – AUGUST 26

The Native Americans first discovered the mineral waters and utilized them for medicinal purposes. Meet a member of the Lenape tribe and learn of life in his land. Later settlers traveled west from Philadelphia to "take the waters." Mrs. Holman, innkeeper, describes life at the spa. Revolutionary War physician Dr. Boda Otto provides details of medical care at the Yellow Springs Military Hospital. Enjoy the beauty and ambiance of this quaint country village and discover that the body was healed in its early history, but today the soul may be touched to heal the spirit.

Tour Hosts: Historic Yellow Springs, Inc.

Reservations and Directions: (610) 827-7414



Gazebo near the springs

WEST BRADFORD



TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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GRAND OPENING - BROAD RUN PARK!

We hope that you were among the estimated 2500 people who enjoyed the opening of Broad Run Park and West Bradford Day celebrated on June 6th.

The events started with a brief ceremony that included short presentations from Representative Chris Ross and our township supervisors, Mark Blair, John Eiko and Ken Klunk.

The celebrations included displays by various township committees, businesses, community groups and churches. A roving quiz program enabled people to visit various groups, gain answers to questions and win a Broad Run Park T-shirt.

The park construction was started in the fall of 1998 and although most of the construction was to be complete, some items were completed after the opening.

The park was envisioned in the 1993 plan for open space, recreation and environmental resources, as one of three community parks. Each of the community parks will be approximately 30 acres in size, with one being located in the southern part of the township, one in the central area (Shadyside Park) and one in the northern (Broad Run Park). The community parks will be designed to provide a wide range of recreational opportunities for the community.

Broad Run Park includes natural areas, walking/jogging paths, several picnic areas, pavilions, youth and tot play areas, lighted tennis courts, lighted basketball courts and lighted in-line skating rink and volleyball courts. The parking lot is spacious with overflow parking in the parking lot at the West Bradford Elementary School.

Actually the entrance to the park is shared between the school and the township park. Through the cooperation of



Youth Play Area

Downingtown Area School District and West Bradford Township, the property line between the two mentioned facilities is invisible. The park was planned so that it is beneficial to the elementary school and the school facilities are beneficial to the park. A grand idea, that should happen, but all too often cannot be accomplished because of territorial concerns. Because of the cooperation between various entities the Broad Run Park, West Bradford Elementary School and the Beacon Hill Park are situated on almost 84 acres of public land that can be enjoyed for recreational and educational benefits.

The afternoon of the dedication was beautiful and as one of the township supervisors stated, "we want to keep the ceremonies to a minimum so that people can learn to enjoy the park." With that stated, we urge you to visit and enjoy Broad Run Park. It is a wonderful and exciting place that has been and will be enjoyed by many. See you in the park!



Wee Three Clowns



Middle School Band

West Bradford Day Groups

The following groups helped make West Bradford Day a great success. Thank you for all your participation and help.

Downingtown School District 6th Grade Band
& Jazz Group

Home and Farm Antique Association of
Chester County

Girl Scout Troop 2011

West Bradford United Methodist Church
Full Gospel Assembly

West Bradford Preservation Association
United Sports Training Center

West Bradford Fire Company & Fire Police
West Bradford Youth Athletics

Pennsylvania State Police

West Bradford Township Recycling committee
West Bradford Township Historical Committee

West Bradford Township Planning Commission
West Bradford Township Recreation Commission
West Bradford Township Road Crew

And all our volunteers!!!

If your group is interested in participating next year,
call (610) 269-4174.



The park seems fine to me!

Arrested!

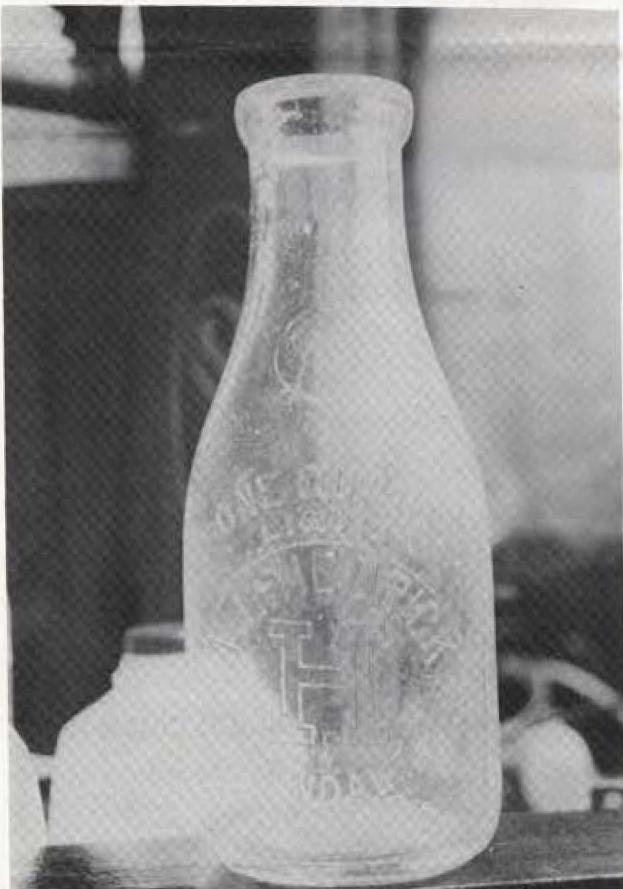
Several youths have been or will be arrested for damage to municipal parks and property. This is very disconcerting that a few would damage public facilities to the detriment of all others. Also, we are continually amazed that parents are unaware of their children's activities.

For the sake of the large percentage of people that respect and do not destroy public property, the township will take a hard line against anyone that is arrested. Every effort will be made to acquire restitution from parents, seek maximum penalties for offenders and to make public the names of those who are convicted.

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Did You Know?

What does this milk bottle have to do with West Bradford Township and why is it significant to this issue of the newsletter?



Shadyside Park

The Shadyside Park, at the corner of Shadyside Road and Glenside Road, will be the second Community Park to be constructed. In order to provide a proper plan for that park a task force was appointed in the early part of 1999 to create a master plan. The park task force includes a wide range of community representatives who are working with a consultant. That is the same process that was used to develop the plan for the Broad Run Park.

On July 29, 1999, the task force presented a pre-final plan at a public meeting that was designed to provide the public the opportunity to provide input before the task force presents its findings to the Board of Supervisors.

The plans for Shadyside Park included an opportunity to place a community pool at that park. The idea of a community pool has been discussed in the past and it was decided that as a part of this study the task force should view that type of facility. The task force decided that an area of the park should be available for a pool but have not moved forward to recommend that it be constructed.

Other park amenities that were on the plan did not receive as much comment. Although some suggested that the park not be developed and be enjoyed only as a visual amenity.

The task force will consider the input received at the meeting and use that to formulate a final plan to recommend to the Board of Supervisors.

The final plan will, if like the plan for Broad Run Park, include phasing for construction of the park, cost estimates, funding sources and maintenance estimates. If adopted by the Board of Supervisors, a time line will be established for constructing and opening of the park. Township officials have suggested that any time line for the Shadyside Park will include enough time to receive experience from the Broad Run Park. If there are facilities that are under utilized, we don't want to duplicate them and at the same time, if we have a greater demand for certain facilities we may want to consider them for the Shadyside Park.

West Bradford has been blessed by the ability of the West Bradford Youth Association to operate a number of structured team fields at Embreeville Center. That has provided the opportunity for significant open and natural areas in the community parks.

BROAD RUN PARK RULES

We are pleased to make available the facilities at Broad Run Park to our residents. In order to ensure that the park stays at its best and to minimize scheduling conflicts please follow the park rules. Use fees for some activities have been adopted. These fees are necessary to cover the cost of maintenance and upkeep and to ensure the proper use of the facilities. Highlights of the rules and fees follow:

- The use of any sport facility is restricted to one hour of play.
- Reservations can be made for the use of pavilions. The cost ranges from \$8-\$14 per hour with a three-hour minimum.
- Reservations cannot be made for facilities other than pavilions. At certain times, sport facilities will be reserved for use by organizations that provide programs for West Bradford Township.
- Tennis court use requires a key. Keys are available at the Township Building. A one time key fee in the amount of \$20 is required for the ability to use the tennis courts whenever they are available.
- Vandalism of any kind in the park will not be tolerated by the township. Police patrols of the area are ongoing and prosecution of all offenders will be enforced.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the park.
- The park closes at dark except for lighted facilities, which close when the lights go off.

EAGLE SCOUT HONORS

Several township residents have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. The rank is testament to a Boy Scout having matured through accomplishing various skills and completion of an Eagle Scout Project. These skills relate to citizenship, leadership and being a person with integrity, honesty and sense of purpose. Very few scouts become Eagle Scouts.

The Board of Supervisors has honored the following scouts through adopting resolutions that name them as distinguished members of our community.

Mr. David Grouch, Troop 70 – Eagle Project: construction of a staircase to join parking lots at the Community Baptist Church.

Mr. Douglas Snyder, Troop 2 – Eagle Project: English-Spanish dictionary/pictionary for the parents of children at the Migrant Head Start Preschool Program.

Mr. Aaron Sheely, Troop 70 – Eagle Project: design, planning and construction of landscaping at Bradford Heights Elementary School.

Mr. Bradford Smith, Troop 70 – Eagle Project: Creation of a comprehensive land management plan, inventory analysis and profile for the Brandywine Meadow Park.

Answer To: "Did You Know?"

The Hedrick Dairy was located in West Bradford Township when local dairy farms bottled their milk for market. It is significant to this issue because the Broad Run Park was the site of Hedrick's Dairy.

— Municipal Calendar —

AUGUST

12	Historical Committee Meeting	7:30 P.M.
16	Recreation Commission Meeting	Canceled
17	Planning Commission Formal Session	Canceled
24	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting	Canceled
25	Wednesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
26	Thursday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
30	Monday Refuse Pick Up/ Bulk Trash Day	
31	Tuesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	

SEPTEMBER

6	Labor Day Observed	Office Closed
	(Regular Monday Refuse Pick Up will be Tuesday August 7, 1999)	
7	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
9	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 P.M.
9	Historical Committee Meeting	7:30 P.M.
14	Board of Supervisor Business	8:30 P.M.
20	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
21	Planning Commission Formal Session	8:00 P.M.
21	Recycling Advisory Committee	7:30 P.M.
27	Monday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
28	Board of Supervisors Subdivision Meeting	8:30 P.M.
28	Tuesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
29	Wednesday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	
30	Thursday Refuse Pick Up/Bulk Trash Day	

OCTOBER

5	Planning Commission Work Session	8:00 P.M.
12	Board of Supervisors Business Meeting	8:30 P.M.
14	Historical Committee Meeting	7:30 P.M.
18	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 P.M.
18	Leaf Pick Up	
19	Planning Commission Formal Session	8:00 P.M.
19	Recycling Advisory Committee	7:30 P.M.
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— Business Contributing to West Bradford Day — 1999

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous contributions to this year's West Bradford Day.

Bradford Nursery & Garden Center, 1121 Downingtown Pike, (610) 269-7771
Montgomery Nurseries, Route 162 & Telegraph Road, (610) 436-4511
Marshallton Nurseries, 1371 West Strasburg Road, (610) 431-4969
Inklinations, 1947 West Strasburg Road, (610) 486-6311
West Bradford Grill, 1548 Shadyside Road (610) 873-7204
Four Dogs Tavern & Restaurant, 1300 West Strasburg Road, (610) 692-4367
Dougal's Inn, 2094 Strasburg Road, (610) 486-0953
Pizza Man, 1180 Downingtown Pike, (610) 269-9965
J.C.'s Bagelry & Bake Shop, 84 West Lancaster Avenue, (610) 269-1300
Anteaks of Downingtown, 2530 Creek Road, (610) 518-2811
Highland Orchards, 1000 Marshallton-Thorndale Road, (610) 269-3494
Hideaway Hill Gift Shop, 992 Marshallton-Thorndale Road, (610) 269-4993
Brandywine Outfitters, 2096 Strasburg Road, (610) 486-6141

If your business is interested in contributing for next year, please call the Township Building.



Everyone enjoys the park!



Girl Scouts added a bat house.