

SPRING 2021

Newsletter

WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

"Between the Brandywines"

WEDNESDAY IS HOLIDAY COLLECTION DAY

If a regularly-scheduled refuse, recycling or large item collection day falls on a holiday, collection for that day will be rescheduled for the Wednesday of the holiday week. This means to only put out on Wednesday whichever collection (refuse & large item or recycle) that would normally fall on Monday, the holiday. Your Tuesday collection will remain on the scheduled day.

FOR THE HOLIDAY:	COLLECTION IS:
Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day)	Wednesday, June 2

A REMINDER: Per Township Ordinance, please do not put your recyclable toter out on refuse day, or your refuse toter out on recyclable day. Do not put trash in your recyclables or recyclables in your trash. The Township thanks you for your cooperation!

2021 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

At press time Chester County had no scheduled household hazardous waste events due to continued public health restrictions. Please check their website at www.chestercountyswa.org for updates.



A colorful poster for West Bradford Day. The top half is yellow with a white banner that reads "IN CELEBRATION OF OUR COMMUNITY!". Below this, the words "WEST BRADFORD DAY" are written in large, stylized, green and blue letters. To the left of the banner is the word "FUN!" and to the right is "FREE!". Below the banner, a white banner reads "Sunday, May 16th 2021 from noon to 4:00pm". Below that, a blue banner reads "AT BROAD RUN PARK • DOWNINGTOWN PA". The bottom half of the poster is blue and features six circular images with captions: "Pony Rides" (a horse's head), "Food Trucks" (a food truck), "Live Music" (a man playing guitar), "Games" (three children in a sack race), "West Bradford Fire Company" (a fire truck), and "Petting Zoo" (a brown alpaca).

FUN! **FREE!**

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Sunday, May 16th 2021
from noon to 4:00pm

AT BROAD RUN PARK • DOWNINGTOWN PA

Pony Rides

Food Trucks

Live Music

Games

West Bradford Fire Company

Petting Zoo



West Bradford Township will offer curbside collection of leaves, sticks and brush on three Wednesdays this Spring... **March 31, April 14 and May 5**. This convenient service is available to West Bradford residents at no cost, as yard waste in totes is not permitted. Repeat offenders who put yard waste in their totes will be fined.

Leaves must be placed in biodegradable collection bags which may be purchased at the Township Building (\$0.50 /bag), or at local hardware stores. Please do not mix sticks in with the leaves. Place them in separate bags or bundle them together. Do not staple bags shut.

All brush must be tied with biodegradable twine (such as cotton or hemp) into manageable bundles no longer than four feet. Please note branches thicker than four inches cannot be collected.

Collection is by appointment only! To ensure your spot on our list, please contact the Township at 610-269-4174 or pmurdoch@westbradford.org by 2 pm the day before your preferred collection day. 🍃

WEST BRADFORD COMPOST SITE

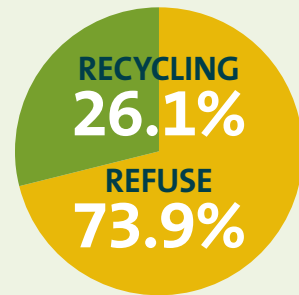
Open Weds & Sats
from 9am–2pm

2020 W. Strasburg Rd.
Coatesville, PA 19320



Before you visit the Compost Site, please check the Township website at westbradford.org. If you see a green light (below), the DEP has allowed us to accept grass clippings! (West Bradford and East Bradford only – no contractors working on their behalf.) Grass clippings must be placed in biodegradable paper bags, or delivered “loose”, such as in the back of a pick-up truck.

Proof of residency (i.e., a driver’s license) is required. As always, leaves and brush are accepted, as well as scrap metal. Pressure treated lumber is no longer accepted. 🍃



RECYCLE!

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT & CONTROL COLLECTION FEES

The more we recycle, the less refuse we have to dispose of at the landfill, for a substantial savings to our community. Every dollar saved and earned is retained in the Refuse Fund... helping to keep our collection fee as low as possible.

The Township now pays \$67 for each ton of refuse dumped at the landfill and approximately \$20 for each ton of recyclable materials we dispose of, an increase from what we paid a year ago. Buyers for these materials are much more particular in the products they will process. It is more important than ever that our materials are clean. Please continue to follow the guidelines on our website or call our office if you need additional information.

In the fourth quarter of 2020 approximately 26.1% of that collected curbside was recyclable materials. During this three-month period, the Township collected 1,235.80 tons of refuse and 436.71 tons of recyclables, saving us around \$20,525.37 in landfill fees.

West Bradford Township has a goal of 35% recycling. Please help us reach this goal!



SUPERVISORS ELECT JACK M. HINES, JR. IN 2021

In keeping with the long-standing tradition of rotating the Chairmanship of the Board of Supervisors, regardless of party affiliation, Supervisor Jack M. Hines, Jr. was elected Chairman for 2021.

Mr. Hines has served the Township for 40 years. First as Township Manager for 34 years and later as a Supervisor. Much of the wonderful things our residents enjoy about West Bradford can be directly attributed to Jack's hard work alongside the number of boards and commissions he has worked with over the years.

Mr. Hines also serves on the Downingtown Library Board, Pennsylvania State Police Camp Cadet Board and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors where he serves as trustee of its insurance program as well as its Rules Committee.

Mr. Hines stated, "I look forward to continuing the Township's efforts to preserve open space and to keep our community a wonderful place in which to live and call home."

Jack has lived in Marshallton since 1949. He and his wife, Marilyn, raised their three children here in West Bradford.

Did You Know that the West Bradford Fire Company is Volunteer?

The volunteer fire service began in 1736, founded by Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia, PA. Here in West Bradford the fire company began in 1953 after a group of men in Marshallton decided it was time to have a local fire company in the village and not have to rely on fire companies from West Chester, Downingtown or further to respond. That same group of men re-mortgaged their homes and properties, putting their life savings into the formation of the fire company that serves today. Today WBFC is comprised of individuals that hold full time employment in all areas, are students in various levels of education and retired personnel that are ready to respond to all types of emergencies within the West Bradford Fire District. They are always looking for extra help, either on the firefighting force, as a fire police officer or in the administration division. WBFC operates out of two



stations, responding to automobile accidents, structure fires, brush fires and animal rescues to name a few. They offer free training, personal protective equipment and

friendships that last a lifetime. Weekly drills are performed on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Some new faces around the station would be welcome!

West Bradford Fire Company operates with municipal funding from the municipalities they serve and rely on financial donations from residents; so if you can't stop by to join the team, please feel free to donate. For more information on the West Bradford Fire Co, please visit www.wbfc.org

A note on WBFC Events: The Auxiliary's Annual Community Yard Sale is cancelled for 2021. Please visit www.wbfc.org to find out what events will be held this spring and summer. 🍷

2021 State Police Camp Cadet

The Pennsylvania State Police are always proud to offer "Camp Cadet" - a free, week-long overnight camp for boys & girls at least 11 and not yet 14 by the first day of camp. Unfortunately, the 2020 camp was cancelled due to Covid-19. At publishing time of this newsletter, it was not yet determined whether the camp would safely be able to be held in 2021. Please check cccampcadet.org to obtain updated information on this wonderful experience. Registration normally ends mid-May, so keep checking!



The camp promotes a positive relationship between law enforcement officials and young persons. Camp counselors and instructors are PA State Troopers, municipal police officers and deputy sheriffs. Throughout an action-packed week filled with hands-on activities, the Cadets learn teamwork and good decision-making. Modeling camp life after the State Police Academy, it is designed to strengthen Cadets' self-discipline, self-esteem and respect for the community.

Camp Cadet is open to all Chester County residents...free of charge! The Camp is funded by donations from charitable foundations, area businesses, local governments and the public. Visit cccampcadet.org for information.

Sustainable West Bradford

SUMMARY OF THE RECENT SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY RESULTS

In fall 2020, the Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee surveyed West Bradford residents to learn what sustainability topics interest them, to help inform the “education programs teaching sustainability” as required by its mission statement. As you can see below, land-related topics were the most popular: open space preservation, agriculture, organic gardening, soil health, trees, and native and invasive species. We understand that these results (plus a lot of the write-in topics) were probably driven by the recent acquisition of the Embreeville property. Also gaining the most attention were water topics (such as stormwater management, stream/groundwater pollution, and wastewater) and waste topics (such as recycling, composting, circular economy).

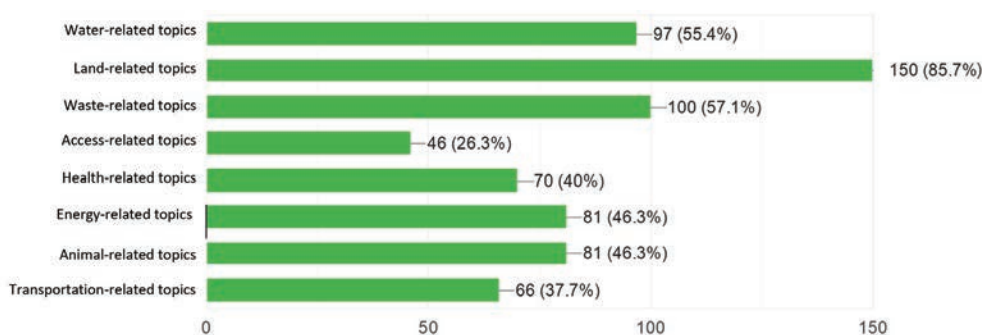
The survey also revealed that residents would like to hear about these topics via informative emails, expert-led presentations, and webinars.

The LP&S committee and its sustainability sub-committee are committed to providing information on a variety of sustainability topics as we move forward. Already, the township website has begun bolstering its locally-centered sustainability information, as well as adding such information to township social media feeds and weekly emails, which now contain announcements of relevant webinars. The committees are hoping to construct a pollinator garden at a township park containing explanatory placards to show how and why residents can create hospitable pollinator environments at home to help preserve the health of our land.

All of this activity requires people who can pitch in. Do you have expertise on these topics, or would you simply like to help? If so, please contact the members of the Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee or be on the lookout for a follow-up survey this spring. 🐾

SURVEY RESULTS (175 RESPONSES)

Check the sustainability topics you would like to learn more about.



The other topic areas were:

- Access-related topics such as equal access to and affordability of healthy and green solutions, environmental justice, education, local economy.
- Health-related topics such as pollution reduction, chemical and pesticide usage, recreation.
- Energy-related topics such as renewable energy (solar, wind, geothermal, etc.), efficiency ideas, emissions, green building.
- Animal-related topics such as biodiversity, endangered species, pests, extinction, habitats.
- Transportation-related topics such as electric vehicles, public transportation, emissions, traffic.

ATTENTION SPOTTED LANTERNFLY HUNTERS!

Researchers from the Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University need your help in locating



spotted lanternfly eggs. They are collecting photos of the egg masses to train drones to spot and destroy them (photo locations will not be identified or used in any way).

Want to help? Late winter and early spring is a perfect time to hunt, since there's little foliage and the eggs have not yet hatched.

1. Inspect your trees, vehicles, and other surfaces for the egg masses.
2. Once you locate some, take a picture using the grid setting on your phone, and make sure the eggs cover at least one square.
3. Then take a picture a few inches away of the surface without eggs.
4. Upload both in the correct file (“egg masses” or “surfaces without masses”) to <https://bit.ly/3kk8lqF>.

Make sure you destroy the egg masses after you photograph them, scraping them off the surface with a hard object, such as a credit card. Dispose of them in the trash.

See <https://ansp.org/get-involved/science-at-the-academy/spotted-lanternfly/> for more detail. You can also find information on spotted lanternfly and other invasive pests on the West Bradford's Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee website.

2021 Road Program

This spring and summer West Bradford Township will continue implementation of its twenty-year road program. This program is designed to maximize the useful life of infrastructure through an aggressive maintenance plan and appropriately scheduled capital improvements. The program allows the Township to maintain nearly 75 miles of roads in good condition.

The maintenance plan includes pothole repair, street sweeping, roadside brush trimming, road crack sealing and patch milling. The capital plan includes the replacement of culverts and storm water pipes and the resurfacing and reconstruction of roads. On average, the Township resurfaces and/or reconstructs between three and seven miles of roadways each year.

The number of roads treated depends on many factors, including the extent of repairs needed, the cost of materials and the damage done during the winter months. As such, road projects are often subject to change... but as of this time the projects proposed in 2021 include work on the following:

The Public Works Department will prepare a list of roads to be resurfaced in early 2021 and re-evaluate this list at winter's end. The 2021 budget includes tentative complete in-place paving on Manorwood Dr., Carriage Ln., Broad Run Rd., Cann Rd., Hampton Dr., Pennsford Dr., Pennsridge Pl. and Pennsridge Ct.

Motorists using the above-noted roads may experience delays during construction. Residents on these roads will receive a written notice from the Township before any work begins. 🍃

Marshallton Village Events

The Village of Marshallton is always a great place to visit. We all remember the wonderful events that have been held in previous years before the pandemic forced cancellation in 2020.

Below are a few of the typical happenings in the village. **Please check the websites listed to determine whether these fun events will be held in 2021: At press time, the scheduling of these events was still undetermined.**

The Marshallton Memorial Day Parade—May

The Sunday before Memorial Day.

Please visit www.marshalltonconservationtrust.org



The Marshallton Memorial Day Parade

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social—June

History, live music and homemade ice cream. Sponsored by the Friends of Martins Tavern. Please visit www.martinstavern.org

Marshallton Triathlon—1st Sunday in October

This premier community and sporting event typically has registration beginning in April. The Triathlon is proud to benefit the West Bradford Fire Company and the Marshallton Conservation Trust. Please visit www.marshalltontriathlon.net.



Marshallton Triathlon

Fall Family Fun Festival & Ghost Walk—October

The annual Fall Family Fun Festival & Ghost Walk in the Village of Marshallton is the perfect fall family outing! Please visit www.westbradford.org in late summer or early fall for details and to find out whether this event will take place.

Please also watch www.westbradford.org for updates. We will do our best to keep everyone informed of any events scheduled. 🍃

Note from the Historical Commission

We would like to extend a thank you to members who have stepped down from their positions – Chris Hankins this year and Margaret Thomas the previous year. Their passions for history have made them a pleasure to work with! We will continue to think of them and wish them well in health and happiness. This past year we have had the pleasure to welcome aboard Kelly Jurs, and Rebecca Podhiny leaving us with a vacancy for the Ex-Officio Member to round out our team of eight.

We appreciate West Bradford's residents who stay involved by attending meetings regarding ordinances and other local happenings. It is the residents that make our community what it is! 🍃



What YOU Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Pollution

- Keep litter, pet waste, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains—these outlets drain directly to lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands.
 - Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions.
 - Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints and other household chemicals properly—not in storm sewers or drains.
 - Clean up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease and antifreeze. Do not hose them into the street where they can eventually reach local streams and lakes.
 - Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.
 - Wash your car on the grass or gravel driveway to minimize runoff.
 - Have your septic system inspected and pumped, at a minimum every one to three years, so that it operates properly.
 - Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorous to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into our lakes, streams and coastal waters.
 - Limit paved surfaces. Impervious surfaces such as sidewalks, parking lots, roads, and driveways prevent water from percolating down into the ground, cause runoff to accumulate, and funnel into storm drains at high speeds. Use alternative surfaces such as gravel and porous pavement for improvement projects.
- This Watershed Protection Tip is part of West Bradford Township's ongoing efforts to provide public education on stormwater management and the protection of our environment. 🍃

LIBRARY NEWS

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

The Downingtown Library

thanks you all for your patience as they move through reopening stages as safely as possible with the staffing and resources available, in this ever-evolving landscape!

Please check www.downingtowntownlibrary.org and the library Facebook page regularly for updates about the Downingtown Library reopening stages. Please feel free to reach out to them through Facebookmessage or email at ehess@ccls.org with any questions or comments. Thank you!

The Downingtown Library is located at 122 Wallace Avenue, Downingtown. Telephone 610-269-2741.



The Coatesville Area Library

continues to offer its services during these challenging times. Please check the website www.coatesvilleareapubliclibrary.org for current information on programs offered, hours of operation, etc.

The Coatesville Library is located at 501 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320. Telephone 610-384-4115.

WEST BRADFORD YOUTH ATHLETICS (WBYA)

WBYA is a non-profit, volunteer organization serving West Bradford Township families and the surrounding area with athletic programs for children ages 3 years old to 18. Our mission is to promote physical activity, knowledge of the game and good sportsmanship. Beyond the health and socialization benefits, it's proven that organized sports activity helps children develop and improve cognitive skills.

Stay tuned to wbya.org and our Facebook page for information on our programs and to register. Assistance with registration fees is available. Please contact us at office@wbya.org with any questions.



PORTABLE BASKETBALL NETS

Residents should be aware that portable basketball nets should not be placed in or along the roadway. These nets are considered an encroachment in the public right of way and can create a safety concern for others.

These nets can also hinder us in our refuse/recycling collection along with winter maintenance operations. If you currently have one, please remove it from the street and place in on your property.

Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium

Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium (DARC) is proud to be a part of the West Bradford Township community and appreciative of your patience during these challenging times. We have been working to find new and innovative ways to meet your program needs and now have a number of activities for you and your household members to enjoy.

Many of our programs may be attended from the comfort of your own home. These include Young Rembrandts art, Wize Computer & Coding, Engineering for Kids, kettlebell fitness, a will preparation workshop, and a class to help you optimize your Social Security plans. We have scheduled in-person babysitter and CPR/First Aid trainings as well as dance classes, a Social Security strategy information



session, and more. The in-person programs will be conducted in a COVID-safe manner, as we are here to support your health, fun, and fitness.

Summer will soon be here, and with it will come a wide variety of camps for children and teenagers. We will host playground camps in West Bradford and Adventure Camp for elementary and middle school students in neighboring townships, along with a variety of specialty camps. Registration to attend these camps opened at the end of February.

Looking for a summer job? We will begin hiring summer camp counselors and counselors-in-training in March. Visit our website to apply. For more information, call 610-269-9260 or email downingtownrec@gmail.com.

The West Bradford Little League (WBLL)

The West Bradford Little League (WBLL) program recently announced an exciting merger with Downingtown Little League to form Downingtown West Little League (DWLL). The new league will accelerate the growth of both programs and provide a positive and development focused experience for all the players and volunteers within the community. DWLL will offer programs for kids 5-16 including Quickball, Baseball and Softball.

The Spring 2021 season starts on April 10 and registration is available today. Visit www.dwestll.org for more information and to register.

To keep up with the latest information, be sure to follow us on Facebook at Downingtown West Little League and on Instagram at [@dwestlittleleague](https://www.instagram.com/dwestlittleleague).



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Phone lines open at 7:30am.

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SPRING 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Please check www.westbradford.org and follow us on facebook for updates

MARCH 2021

3/1	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	6:30pm
3/2	Planning Commission Meeting.....	7pm
3/9	Board of Supervisors Meeting.....	7pm
3/15	Recreation Commission Meeting.....	6:30pm
3/16	Planning Commission Meeting (if needed)	7pm
3/18	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30pm
3/23	Board of Supervisors Meeting (if needed)	7pm
3/25	Large Item Collection – Thursday Refuse Customers	
3/26	Large Item Collection – Friday Refuse Customers	
3/29	Large Item Collection – Monday Refuse Customers	
3/30	Large Item Collection – Tuesday Refuse Customers	
3/31	Curbside Leaf/Yard Waste Collection Must schedule at 610-269-4174 or pmurdoch@westbradford.org.	

APRIL 2021

4/5	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	6:30pm
4/6	Planning Commission Meeting.....	7pm
4/13	Board of Supervisors Meeting.....	7pm
4/14	Curbside Leaf/Yard Waste Collection Must schedule at 610-269-4174 or pmurdoch@westbradford.org.	
4/15	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30pm
4/19	Recreation Commission Meeting.....	6:30pm
4/20	Planning Commission Meeting (if needed)	7pm
4/26	Large Item Collection – Monday Refuse Customers	
4/27	Large Item Collection – Tuesday Refuse Customers	
4/27	Board of Supervisors Meeting (if needed)	7pm
4/29	Large Item Collection – Thursday Refuse Customers	
4/30	Large Item Collection – Friday Refuse Customers	

MAY 2021

5/3	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	6:30pm
5/4	Planning Commission Meeting.....	7pm
5/5	Curbside Leaf/Yard Waste Collection Must schedule at 610-269-4174 or pmurdoch@westbradford.org.	
5/11	Board of Supervisors Meeting.....	7pm
5/16	West Bradford Day – Broad Run Park	Noon-4pm
5/17	Recreation Commission Meeting.....	6:30pm
5/18	Primary Election Day	OFFICE CLOSED
	Refuse/Large Item & Recycle Collection <u>will</u> be per normal schedule	
5/18	Planning Commission Meeting.....	CANCELLED
5/20	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30pm
5/25	Large Item Collection – Tuesday Refuse Customers	
5/25	Board of Supervisors Meeting (<i>if needed</i>)	7pm
5/27	Large Item Collection – Thursday Refuse Customers	
5/28	Large Item Collection – Friday Refuse Customers	
5/31	Memorial Day Holiday	OFFICE CLOSED
	No Refuse/Large Item or Recycle Collection. Collection will be on Wed., June 2	

JUNE 2021

6/1	Planning Commission Meeting.....	7pm
6/2	Special Refuse/Large Item or Recycle Collection for Monday Customers	
6/7	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	6:30pm
6/8	Board of Supervisors Meeting.....	7pm
6/15	Planning Commission Meeting (if needed)	7pm
6/17	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30pm
6/21	Recreation Commission Meeting.....	6:30pm
6/22	Board of Supervisors Meeting (if needed)	7pm
6/24	Large Item Collection – Thursday Refuse Customers	
6/25	Large Item Collection – Friday Refuse Customers	
6/28	Large Item Collection – Monday Refuse Customers	
6/29	Large Item Collection – Tuesday Refuse Customers	