

WEST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP

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West Brandywine Police Department

Criminal Law and Civil Law... What's the Difference?

Residents sometimes call the police for issues that the Police Department (PD) does not handle. Police Officers are responsible for dealing with violations of **criminal** law, not **civil** law. Here is a basic description of the two types of law:

1 Criminal law is something that is an act of criminal nature. Examples would be burglaries, thefts, sex offenses, DUI's, trespassing, disorderly conduct, harassment, etc. Anything deemed "a crime" under the PA crimes code.

2 Civil law is something that is **not** a criminal act. This would be landlord/tenant evictions/disputes, child custody issues, disputes over ownership of property, i.e. Person A owes money to person B and they have not paid them back, any breach of contracts, etc.

In some situations, an officer could respond to an incident that is criminal and civil in nature. Here is a common example.

A husband and wife, who are officially divorced, have children. The husband and wife do not get along but have a child custody order in effect of when each are allowed to see their children. Let us say the father arrives at the proper time, as the court order states, but the mother refuses to turn over the kids. A dispute incurs and the PD is called to the scene. The child custody order is civil in nature and the police will only get involved if the fighting between the ex-husband and ex-wife becomes physical. If either one strikes the other it could be an assault (criminal in nature) and PD would make an arrest on the aggressor. If there is no physical contact or nothing criminal in nature, just the ex-wife refuses to turn over

the kids, the PD would advise the father to contact his attorney and address the issue in court. The PD will not physically take the kids from the mother and give to the father, unless the children are in extreme danger. The father would have to leave, without the kids, and have his attorney file in family court for the violation of court order. The PD will do an incident report that the ex-wife refused to turn over children and ex-husband could then use that report for court purposes later. The Police Department does not enforce family court orders, they are between the ex-husband, (and his attorney) the ex-wife (and her attorney) and the judge of the family court. If either party violates the order, the judge will take sanctions against that party. In this particular example, the PD is only there to "keep the peace" between all parties and to make sure it does not turn criminal in nature.

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West Brandywine Township

198 Lafayette Road
West Brandywine, PA 19320

Open Monday-Friday
from 7:00am-4:00pm

 **Twp** 610-380-8200

Police 610-380-8201

(non 911 after hours 610-383-7000)

 **Twp** 610-384-4934

Police 610-384-0438

 **Emergency** 911

Twp township@wbrandywine.org

Police wbpolice@wbrandywinepd.org

Public Meetings

Changes to schedules are advertised
in the Daily Local News.

Board of Supervisors

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:30pm

Citizens Finance Advisor Committee

3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm

Historical Commission

2nd Monday at 7:30pm

Parks & Recreation Board

2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm

Open Space Review Board

4th Thursday at 7:00pm

Planning Commission

4th Thursday at 7:30pm

Ad Hoc Review Committee

Meets as needed

Zoning Hearing

Meets as needed

Troop 116 Members Complete Service Projects

Two members of Boy Scout Troop 116 of Hibernia recently completed service projects at the West Brandywine Township building, located at Lafayette and Hibernia Roads. Both projects, which are part of the Scouts' pursuit of Eagle Scout status, will benefit the community.

Jack Giles, 17, from Coatesville Area Senior High School (CASH), installed a flag retirement box just outside the entrance of the building so that residents may dispose of their torn or damaged flags for proper retirement. Alex Claypoole, 17, also a CASH senior, constructed an informational kiosk along the walking trail in the West Brandywine Township Park, located next to the Township building.

For his project, Jack purchased a large red mailbox that cost approximately \$400 at a local home improvement store using donations from family members and friends. The box, which is decorated with an American flag, sits on a cement pad and is surrounded by shrubs and decorative stone. "It is anchored and bolted into the ground," Jack said. "We were going to (surround it with) mulch, but when we looked around the building we saw the stone, and we chose that to match." The box was installed on June 11, and since that time, it has been emptied almost weekly. Jack said that flag retirement ceremonies will be held during troop meetings at Hibernia United Methodist Church, which sponsors the troop, and at the Downingtown VFW Post.

"The VFW has a key, and they will also come to empty (the box)," he added. Community members are welcome to place their used flags in the box at any time.

The informational kiosk that Alex created was installed in May, but he began working on the structure at home long before that. The kiosk, made of wooden beams with an aluminum roof, contains a bulletin board covered in an impact resistant transparent material that can be used to display maps, brochures or public notices. The kiosk is located on the trail in the park that will eventually connect with

the Chester Valley Trail. "I had photos of other kiosks, and I tried to design mine based on

that," Alex said. "I drew the design up (using AutoCad) with Mr. (Peter) Curran, my computer teacher in 10th grade. Alex plans to dedicate the kiosk to Curran's son, who recently passed away.

Randy Giles, Jack's father, reported that Alex and Jack are two of 10 Scouts from Troop 116 who are currently working on or have recently completed their Eagle Scout projects, which he notes is a record in the Chester County Boy Scout Council. For more info, visit www.troopwebhost.org/Troop116Hibernia.



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PARKS AND RECREATION

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016: COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Parks & Recreation committee will have its' second Community Yard Sale on October 1. Set up will begin at 6am and selling will begin at 7:30am and go until 2pm. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Township if you are interested in a spot. You can also call the Township (610-380-8200) and leave your name and contact information (email or phone #). Spots will again be \$10.00.



Community Yard Sale Seller Spot Form

Return form to: 198 Lafayette Road, West Brandywine PA 19320

Please return to the Township to secure your spot

Name _____

Contact# _____

Email _____

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016: HALLOWEEN

We will celebrate Halloween on Saturday, October 29 from noon until 2pm. It will feature a costume parade and a home decorated pumpkin contest with candy and prizes. Please tag your pumpkin with your name and phone number for identification. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Township if you will be participating.



Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Return form to: 198 Lafayette Road, West Brandywine PA 19320

Name _____

Contact# _____

Email _____

I will be participating in the costume contest.
Attending Ages: _____

I will be participating in the pumpkin decorating contest.
(Tag your pumpkin with your name and phone number)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2016: SATURDAY WITH SANTA

Saturday with Santa will be November 26, 2016. In addition to the children's visit with Santa we are looking for craft vendors who wish to participate. Please call the Township with your contact information and we will contact you.



Saturday with Santa

Return form to: 198 Lafayette Road, West Brandywine PA 19320

Please return to the Township to secure your spot

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____



Bi-Annual Decisions and Accomplishments

The Board of Supervisors wanted to highlight some major decisions and changes that have taken place within the Township at the Board of Supervisors Meetings since the last newsletter.

MARCH 2016

- The Board of Supervisors (BoS) approved the minor subdivision plan application for Karen Sload.
- The BoS accepted a letter of extension from Michael Hartman, representative of Highspire Ventures, LLC with regard to Brandywine Meadows because the Township is awaiting comments from the engineer.
- The BoS motioned to proceed to seek an emergency permit for the repair of the Lafayette Road Culvert.
- Maintenance and agreement for stormwater management for the Dyson's at 168 Cedar Knoll Road approved.
- Temporary Sewage Holding Tank Operation & Maintenance Agreement approved for Shrum, 1315 Manor Road.
- Release of the escrow funds approved for Hidden Meadows, Snow & Ice Removal Escrow in the amount of \$6,039.44, the Trail installation Escrow in the Amount of \$3,005.88, the Balance of the remaining professional review escrow fees after reimbursement of all unsatisfied professional fees have been satisfied in the amount of \$781.85.
- Authorized the execution of the deed of dedication and maintenance bond and dedication agreement for Michael's Court with Resolution #16-2016 and further authorize the release of the deed of dedication for recording.
- Authorized the release of any and all remaining financial security posted by the developer of Michael's Court that had been intended to secure the required improvements, inclusive of any letter of credit that remains in effect.
- Granted the Haber conditional use application and to require the applicant to comply with all applicable Township ordinances and granting four essential conditional uses subject to 31 conditions.
- Motioned to purchase a new police car from Tri-County Chrysler.
- Reinstated the contribution to the CCRERT/SWAT for \$2,500.
- Motioned for each BoS member review the proposed resolutions marking each with an aye or nay from David Sanko, Executive Director of PSATS regarding the 2016 Proposed Resolutions.
- Accepted the Shared Services Agreement with the Municipal Authority contingent on the Municipal Authority's approval.
- Motioned to advertise the Airport Overlay District Ordinance, the Oversize/Overweight Ordinance, the two ASA applicants, and the change in dates for the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee.
- Authorized emergency permitting and repair of the Lafayette Road Bridge with the box culvert for \$121,816.75.
- Approved Resolution #07-2016, Designation of Agent for Jonas Storm.
- Approved Resolution #11-2016, a Fee Establishment for Request of Verification of Approvals.
- Motioned to approve hiring Richard Railing for full time Public Works contingent upon approval by the BoS and an interview with the Manager.
- Approved Resolution #08-2016 appointing Steve Nash to fill the

APRIL 2016

- Accepted the recommendation of the CFA to change the meeting date from the 2nd Tuesday of each month to the 3rd Tuesday of the month to allow more time to review the BVA.



TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS *Left to right: John Cassels, Sr., O. Douglas Smith, Joseph M. Morris*

- Open Space Review Board vacancy.
- Approved Resolution #09-2016, affirming terms of the Open Space Review Board.
- Approved Resolution #10-2016, re-appointing members with expired terms on the Open Space Review Board.
- Approved Resolution #12-2016, Promulgation, Update of Township's EOP.

MAY 2016

- Letter of extension approved for Brandywine Meadows until August 4, 2016.
- Motioned pursuant to the Historical Commissions recommendation that the Board grants a 90-day stay for the demolition of the vacant house located at 241 Windy Hill Road.
- Accepted the Escrow Release No.1 Rev.1 from McCormick Taylor for the D'Alessandro project with regard to 4 Andover Road. Total Release No.1 for the work completed for \$26,621.88, less retainage \$2,534.40. Release No.1 is \$24,087.48.
- Authorized the Township Manager to sign the updated Toter proposal on behalf of the board for \$148,605.
- Approved the purchase of Applied Micro Systems for solid waste for up to \$10,000.

- Approved Escrow Release No. 2 for \$17,122.08 for the D'Alessandro project with regard to 4 Andover Road.

JUNE 2016

- Motioned to acknowledge that the property of Gideon and Lavina Stoltzfus, parcel #29-3-34 deemed adopted, to be included in the Township's ASA.
- The BoS acknowledged receipt of the application from David S. Stoltzfus requesting to be in the Agricultural Security Area; properties are located at 210 Brandamore Road and 212 Brandamore Road.
- Accepted the demolition permit of Windy Hill TBI LLC, located on 241 Windy Hill Road and end the 90-day stay.
- Motioned that the BoS finds the Golf Zone in default of the payment plan of forbearance agreement and authorize the solicitor to initiate any required and necessary legal action and authorize Township Staff to issue checks that may be necessary to establish escrow accounts.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 2016-02 amending the original ordinance 2009-05 that regulates the travel of oversize/overweight vehicle on Township owned roads.

- Adopted Ordinance No. 2016-03, establishing an Airport District Overlay.
- Approved Resolution #13-2016 Child Protective Service Law and the requirement for background checks.
- Authorized Chief Werner to go through the hiring process for Chris Martin and Mike Kinsman for part time police officers.
- Executed the Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance Agreement for RL King Property located at 164 Baron Hill Road.
- Approved the escrow release No. 3 from McCormick Taylor for the D'Alessandro project for \$1,917.26.
- Motioned to continue the Township's commitment to the 2017-2020 Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.
- Appointed Supervisor Cassels and Manager Barnett with Jack Conti as an alternate as delegates to the steering committee for the appointment of the professional consulting firm for the Multi Municipal Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan.

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Elected Officials

Board of Supervisors	Board of Auditors
Joseph M. Morris	Michael J. Cabry, IV
John W. Casels, Jr.	Joseph E. Dunn III
O. Douglas Smith	Terrie Peterson
Tax Collector	Constable
Dr. Edward Pristernik	Mike Canale
	District Justice
	Michael J. Cabry, III

Appointed Officials

Manager/Code Officer/BCO	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
Dale C. Barnett	Keith Davis
Secretary/Treasurer	Joseph DellArciprete
Linda Formica	Interim Public Works Director
Chief of Police	Thomas Maher
Walter M. Werner	
Emergency Management Coordinator	
Michael Conway	

Important Contact Info

East Brandywine Fire Dept	
(Non-Emergency)	610-269-2625
Wagontown Fire Dept	
(Non-Emergency)	610-384-2770
Brandywine Valley SPCA	610-692-6113
Dead Deer	484-340-3200
PECO (Emergency)	800-841-4141
Public Sewer (WBTMA)	610-383-7140
Public Water	877-987-2782
Aqua	
Trash Hauler	610-942-2480
(Charles Blosenski)	
PennDot Road Maintenance	
484-340-3201	
Township Tax	
Checks Payable to:	
Chester County Treasurer	
313 West Market Street, Ste 3202	
West Chester, PA 19382	
610-344-6370	

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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JULY 2016

- Motioned for the Secretary/Treasurer to open the Capital Reserve Account with DNB First and to transfer monies from the revolving fund.
- Motioned to schedule a Conditional Use Hearing for the Henderson property located at 1764 Horseshoe Pike on July 25, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
- Accepted the letter of extension for Brandywine Meadows through November 3, 2016.
- Authorized the Solicitor to advertise the Ordinance to amend the Amusement Tax Ordinance to modify the frequency of that permanent amusement permit holder as required reporting revenues, tax liability, and satisfy taxes due.
- Authorized the solicitor to mark the lien docket at the Chester County Court of Common Pleas, number 2016-05644LN against the Golf Zone Realty in the amount of \$13,204.44 as satisfied.
- Approved Resolution #14-2016 recommending an amendment to the Sterling Act.
- Motioned to move to modified accrual accounting to give a better financial picture and offer more transparency to the taxpayers.
- Motioned to purchase the AMS additional modules general ledger, accounts payable, and payroll module.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 2016-04: An Ordinance amending chapter 170 "Amusement Tax" concerning the frequency of reported revenue and tax liability and payment requirements as established in

§170-31.A. The purpose behind this is to make it easier on the taxpayer.

- Motioned to approve Resolution #16-2016 Janiec Builders, Cobblestone at Horseshoe Village Sewage Facilities Planning Module.
- Motioned to approve Resolution #17-2016: Brookdale Senior Living Freedom Village Facilities Planning Module.
- Motioned to advertise bid for Lafayette Road culvert estimated to come in between \$28,000 and \$50,000.

AUGUST 2016

- Approved donation of mulch for Friendship Elementary School for use in their courtyard.
- Motioned to release \$4,444.00 from Andrew D'Alessandro escrow.
- Motioned to advertise a public hearing for August 18 for David Stoltzfus inclusion into the Agricultural Security Area.
- Motioned to acquire PLGIT procurement cards and develop a policy for their use and to come back for approval to implement the cards through the BoS so that they can make sure everything is in place.
- Motioned to open a PLGIT account specifically for the State Fund to earn interest.
- Motioned to have engineer look at the outfall on Route 82, North of Monacy Road.



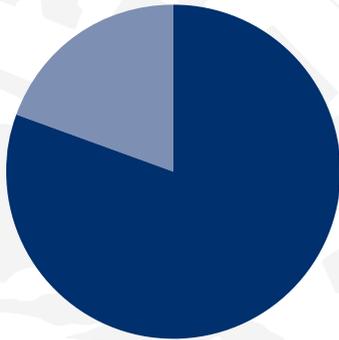
WESTWOOD AMBULANCE

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Ambulance Service: How is it Funded?

West Brandywine Township is serviced by the Westwood Ambulance service which operates out of the Wagontown fire station. Every year, there are more than 600 medical emergencies in West Brandywine Township which require ambulance response. In order to ensure that this vital service is available 24 hours a day, the community's support is needed. It is important to note that there is currently no dedicated tax for ambulance service in West Brandywine Township. These expenses do not include fuel which is provided by West Brandywine & West Caln Townships. Also not shown are capital replacement funds for a new vehicle, which has a life expectancy of just four years.

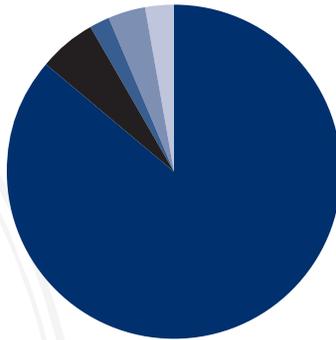
INCOME:



- Bill for Service\$312,561
- Membership Fund Drive..... \$74,975

TOTAL AMBULANCE REVENUE:
\$387,536

EXPENSES:



- Payroll.....\$331,559
- Workers Compensation..... \$22,058
- Vehicle Maintenance \$6,801
- Medical Supplies\$14,048
- Administrative Expenses.....\$10,328

TOTAL AMBULANCE EXPENSES:
\$384,794

DID YOU KNOW:

- Ambulance averages 25,000 miles traveled per year.
- Westwood EMS responds to a total of 2,400 calls per year.
- Federal Medicare restrictions did not allow for the collection of \$303,576 in bills last year.
- Only 24% of residents contributed to the membership fund drive last year. 2016 year-to-date is only 19%.
- Insurance reimbursements continue to decline nationwide.
- No local taxes fund ambulance service operations.

Please continue to support and donate to the Westwood Ambulance service to ensure that this remains a cost effective service to the community!

Help Needed! Adopt-A-Roadway Program

The Township provides bags, gloves, signs, and vests to the Adopt-A-Roadway volunteers and the collected garbage is picked up by the Public Works Department. A one-time clean up is also welcomed! If you are interested, stop by the police station and pick up an application or download an application from wbrandywine.org.

ROADS THAT NEED TO BE ADOPTED:

Twp Roadways:State Roadways:

- Icedale
- Highspire
- Hurley
- Lafayette
- Brandamore
- Pratts Dam
- Telegraph
- East Reeceville
- Swinehart
- Little Washington
- Springton
- Cedar Knoll
- Germany Hollow

ADOPTED ROADS:

Township Roadways:

- Barons Hill (Gaul Family)
- Beaver Creek (Saint Peter's Boy Scout #56)
- Monacy Road (Robert Rice)
- Rt 82, Between Hibernia & Rt 322 (St. Peter's RC Church Knights of Columbus)
- Swinehart to Highspire (Michelle Shields & Gregg Shields, Justin & Jordan Shields)
- Union & Gabel (Harper Schlimme & Scott Sanner)
- Culbertson Run Road (Savidge Construction)
- Germany Hollow (Mae Marie)
- Hurley (Brandywine YMCA & Yoshitomi Family)

State Roadways:

- Hibernia (Boy Scouts Troop 116 - United Methodist Church)
- Rt. 82 South of Rt. 322 (St. Peter's RC Church Knights of Columbus)
- Reeceville & East Reeceville (Boy Scouts Cub Pack 36 - Friendship School)
- Rt. 322 (West Brandywine Police Department)
- Rt. 82 North of Rt. 322 (Jim & Linda Williams)

West Brandywine Township Is Working for You!

Words of Gratitude from a Township Resident

Dear Board of Supervisors,
West Brandywine Township:

Over the last two years I've had a series of interactions with West Brandywine Township staff and their representatives as I renovated a farmhouse on Swinehart Road. I'm writing to acknowledge hard workers and service excellence—as I found the Township staff to be consistently professional, helpful, responsive and fair.

My interactions started with Dale Barnett, in his capacity as Township Code Officer. This was my first serious home renovation, and my knowledge in this area was limited at best. Dale provided a high level overview that helped me to understand both the process and the principles. Beyond the codes and regulations, he suggested that I visit with the Historical Commission as a first step in the process.

As I made the arrangements for the Historical Commission visit, I was circumspect about the process. Would this group interfere with my project? What would be the impact on my plans for the farmhouse and my budget? The best case scenario in my mind was one where I got through this visit with limited damage to the project. What I found at my visit was a group of my peers, Township residents just like me, trying to be helpful. They were a qualified and experienced group, and I came away with meaningful support for my work.

They shared their own experiences, tips, suggested contacts and supplier recommendations. They exceeded my expectations and their advice enhanced my project.

As I turned my attention to the required paperwork, plans, inspections and permits, my interactions with and appreciation for the Township increased. These processes required a certain level of Q&A and guidance with regard to process steps. This is an area of strength for the Township and deserves special recognition. On the other end of each phone call and inquiry, I found a responsive, helpful, and reasonable organization.

I generally felt like a customer, and that the Township staff was intent on doing a good job. This does not mean that they lowered standards or otherwise made it easy for me. Rather, they were reasonable, responsive, and communicative.

Of course, I am only one citizen with one project, but I think my experience with the Township was not unique.

During the course of my renovations, I heard many different comments from different inspectors and contractors about their positive interactions with West Brandywine. In particular, on probably a half-dozen occasions, I heard different people reference Melissa Werner—talking about how she keeps folks informed, organized, pointed in the right direction, etc.

When one hears these kinds of comments across a spectrum of inspectors, vendors and contractors, I think it's only right to call out this level of service excellence.

Another area where I was pleasantly surprised with the service and professionalism was PennDot. In this instance I wanted to change the location of the driveway because of safety concerns. I was directed to PennDot to get approval for this change, and what I found was a responsive and reasonable group of public servants. The process for the paperwork was automated and the turnaround time was quick. I was particularly impressed with the PennDot representative who visited the property to check and confirm my measurements. The visit was scheduled during a driving rainstorm; the PennDot representative got soaked while walking off distance measurements in the pouring rain (while I watched from the porch). It was a level of performance and commitment that one might associate with a young, hungry, small business owner.

I also need to acknowledge the inspectors from Yerkes; this could have been a problematic area as I had perhaps four or five inspector changes during the course of the project. I had specific concerns about inconsistency, with different inspectors applying different interpretations and different advice. I am happy to report that the inspectors were remarkably consistent.

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Volunteers Needed

Your community needs you!

If you are interested in preserving Open Space in the Township then volunteering for the Open Space Review Board might be for you. Do your talents lie in organizing? Then helping with the Parks and Recreation Board might be up your alley. Are you a history buff? Your help is needed for the Historical Commission. Most Boards or Committees meet on a monthly basis. For more info contact Dale Barnett, Township Manager, at manager@wbrandywine.org.

There are openings on the following Committees and Boards:

- Citizens Finance Advisory Committee: 1 alternate
- Zoning Hearing Board: 1 alternate
- Historic Commission: 2 members
- Municipal Authority: 1 member
- Parks and Recreation Board: 2 members



Aerial Fireworks Displays

PERMIT REQUIRED

Increased use of consumer fireworks has prompted both awareness and questions regarding safety and regulations for fireworks. PA Title 35 Chapter 13, Section 1271, defines consumer fireworks, sparklers, ground devices, toy caps and novelties are not within the scope of the definition of Fireworks. This PA state provision empowers the municipality to permit consumer fireworks, also identified as 1.4G Fireworks.

West Brandywine Township

has recently created

a Permit to Display Fireworks available to its residents capable of demonstrating compliance with all of the conditions specified upon the application. Compliance provisions include, but are not limited to: acceptable isolation distances from both ignition and display areas, safety provisions of storage and display areas, quantity limitations, insurance policy coverage requirements, site diagrams, etc. Granting a permit for the use of fireworks does not preclude the user from compliance with any other Township, State or Federal laws or regulations. Foremost, the safety and consideration of our neighbors should be the most important factor when deciding to display fireworks. Contact West Brandywine Township for additional information on obtaining a permit to display fireworks.

Words of Gratitude from a Township Resident

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All my questions were answered professionally and scheduling was easy. I could not argue with any of their findings or required corrections; their application of regulations was fair and reasonable.

During the course of the project it was not uncommon to have someone stop by and ask "how's the Township treating you?" I'm sure these questions were well-intended; at the same time folks expected to hear about a tortuous, expensive, and unreasonable bureaucratic gauntlet. By the time I was half way through, my answer reflected the professional services and the helpful, reasonable and hardworking public servants that I had encountered.

Especially around elections, we often hear about government waste and poor performance in the public sector. It's an easy target, and I am sure in some cases that's deserved. My experience over the last two years was just the opposite.

I found good systems, hard-working staff, and a real desire to do the right thing and be fair. In return, it seems both right and necessary to give credit where credit is due.

Respectfully,

E. Wilson

Ellis Wilson
West Brandywine Township Resident

Yearly Alarm Renewal Form: Please Return DUE JANUARY 29, 2017

Below you will find a form for your yearly renewal fee as per Ordinance Number 93-03 in the sum of \$25.00. Every resident or business owner that has an alarm in the Township should be paying a yearly renewal fee for their alarm. Return the form with your fee by January 29, 2017. Checks can be made payable to West Brandywine Township. Please notify us if there are any changes or deletions (the form has a specified place for you to let us know of any changes you have made). When your forms are completed we will make the changes that are required so in case of an emergency we can assist you.

ALARM RENEWAL FORM

Date: _____

Resident/Business Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Yearly Renewal Fee: \$25.00

Date Paid: _____

Any changes or deletions? If so, please check this box so that we can immediately update your information.

URBAN WATERSHED FORESTRY

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Urban watershed management has traditionally focused on managing the effects of runoff and associated pollutants from roads, buildings, parking lots, and other harder surfaces. The extent of these ‘impervious surfaces’ collectively have been viewed as important indicators of the health of a watershed. More recently, researchers and managers have turned their attention to the role of trees and forests as indicators of watershed health based on their ability to moderate the impacts of urbanization. This spurred creation of a ‘new’ field called ‘urban watershed forestry,’ which tracks and manages forest cover at the watershed scale and acknowledges the importance of trees and forests in protecting water resources.

Forests, particularly healthy ones contribute greatly to the health of a watershed by reducing runoff, improving air quality, reducing erosion, removing pollutants, providing habitat, and moderating temperature. More research is needed, but it appears that the watershed forest cover, particularly streamside forest cover, may be able to minimize the impacts of land development up to a certain point. Recent studies have illustrated the link between watershed forest cover and stream health.

A study in Puget Sound, Washington found that at least 65% watershed forest cover is needed for the presence of a healthy aquatic insect community. A Montgomery County, Maryland Study found that in order

for streams to have a health rating of ‘Excellent’ it required at least 65% of the stream network in the watershed to be forested. At least 45% streamside forest cover was required for streams to have a health rating of ‘Good’.

The intersection of forestry and watershed management has coincided with a renewed interest in the use of trees and forests as “best management practices” to reduce runoff and remove pollutants. Scientists and regulators are in need of data to quantify these benefits and give proper ‘credit’ to those who use them. As with most natural systems, this is difficult to do given their inherent variability.

A related field that has exploded recently with the interest in forests’ ability to sequester carbon is economic valuation of ecosystem services. These studies, which place a value on the free products and services provided by the natural systems, can help to put them on a level playing field with end-of-pipe solutions. When factoring in the numerous societal benefits provided by forests (e.g. improved health and well-being, increased property values), trees may actually come out on top.

Urban watershed forestry has become increasingly relevant as a way to help manage forest losses associated with urban and suburban growth, and to protect our drinking water supplies in the face of changing climate. Additional info on the 3-part Urban Watershed Forestry Manual can be found at www.forestsforwatersheds.org.



PUBLIC WORKS

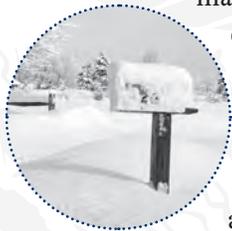
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Winter Weather

Cooperation of residents is needed and appreciated for efficient snow removal efforts. Our goal is to provide exceptional service in maintaining clear, safe roadways for our residents and passing motorists.

WINTER AND MAILBOXES

Please take a few minutes **now** to check the condition of **your** mailbox. Make sure the post is secure, the box is properly attached, and the box is in good shape with a secure door. Our snow plow drivers are asked to take precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with their plows. Please note that Pennsylvania law views mailboxes as an



encroachment in the public way, put there at the owner's risk, and municipalities are not legally liable for any damage

or repairs to mailboxes due to plowing operations. Please stop by the Township for the guidelines for mailbox placement.

WINTER ROAD TIPS

1 Do not park on any Township streets. This is in compliance with the Township's "**no parking**" Ordinance.

2 Wait for the snowplow to finish plowing before you finish shoveling the end of your driveway.

3 When clearing your driveway, do not deposit the snow into the roadway. This can cause hazardous conditions to other motorists.

4 Cul-de-sacs and storm drains are the final areas to be cleaned up after a storm.

5 Please bear in mind, we cannot be everywhere at once. We will plow all roads in order of traffic priority, main roads then secondary roads.

Part Time Snow Plow Drivers Needed

The Township continues to update our list of qualified individuals to operate class c trucks for snow removal purposes. This only requires you to have a valid regular driver's license. If you are a good driver and can operate a snowplow, please submit an employment application to the Township office, or call Thomas Maher, Interim Township Public Works Director at 610-380-8204.

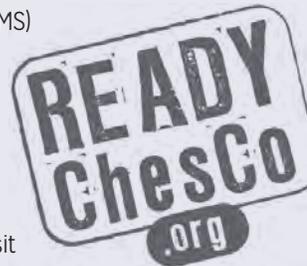
Sign Up for ReadyChesCo

LOCAL EMERGENCY INFO

The West Brandywine Township Division of Emergency Management would like to ask each resident to register for readychesco.org. This tool enables our team to notify the residents within our Township quickly and efficiently in the event of a natural or manmade emergency in our community. It takes just a few minutes, kindly register. ReadyChesCo is used to notify you during a major crisis or emergency, and delivers important emergency alerts; such as weather, road closures, health, or community alerts. You can choose to sign up by county, municipality, or by topic.

Notifications and updates to you on all your devices:

- Email account (work, home, other)
- Cell phone (via SMS)
- Smart phone
- Pager



Registration takes only a few minutes! Please visit www.readychesco.org to sign up. It's free to register and you can choose the type of alerts that you get. Your wireless carrier may charge you to get messages on your device, so check your plan to see what is covered. You can choose to stop getting these messages at any time.

Receive information on emergencies like flooding, evacuations, emergency road closures, public health crises, major power and utility interruptions, police emergencies and other weather matters. Chester County launched ReadyChesCo as a mass notification system that notifies registered users of important emergency information.



FALL 2016
**LEAF
PICKUP
SCHEDULE**
—AND—
GUIDELINES

Guidelines for Leaf PickUps FALL 2016

BAGGED LEAF PICKUP FOR NON-SUBDIVISIONS

- Only leaves are to be placed in the bags (no branches, trash, or other debris).
- Biodegradable paper bags are available at your local grocery and hardware stores. Leaves will not be picked up in any type of plastic bag.
- Leaves for collection must be placed at the curb for pick-up.
- Try to place bagged leaves out at the curb the night before your scheduled pick-up day, and cover them with plastic if rain is in the forecast. Wet paper bags full of leaves are difficult to handle.

VACUUM LEAF PICKUP FOR SUBDIVISIONS

- Leaves must be placed in a “row” along the edge of road but not in the street.
- The row of leaves must be within reach of the vacuum hose (5’ from edge of road).
- Leaves must be free from debris; sticks, stones, and trash which will damage the vacuum.
- Leaves must be on level ground, not in a drainage swale and not along a bank.
- Leaf vacuum service will occur in subdivisions only.

See example of proper leaf placement on website. All “private road/street” residents must bag their leaves and place them at the main road. (Township trucks will not travel on private streets.) The Township is divided into three sections for leaf pick-up. See the following page for the pickup schedule.

And other pruning and pick up notes...

TREE & BRANCH PRUNING

The Public Works Department will be cutting back overhanging branches, brush, and vegetation from the roadways as required to maintain clear and passable roadways throughout the Township. Overhanging trees obstruct the roadway when they are weighted down by snow, creating difficult situations for our snow removal vehicles. Please check the road frontage of your property to see if your trees or shrubs may be overhanging the road.

If you prefer to prune back your own trees or shrubs, please use the following as a guide:

- Tree branches and bushes should be clear of the road edge by a minimum of (24”) two feet and that clearance should extend to (13’) thirteen feet in height.
- New plantings, i.e. trees, shrubs, etc. should not be planted within the road right-of-way! Please contact the Township Zoning Office for these specifications prior to planting to avoid extra work.

YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SCHEDULE

Residents may drop off yard waste in the first Saturday of each month, from 8am until 1pm. Additional hours are available March through October on the third Wednesday of the month, from 4pm until 8pm at the Public Works facility.

Yard Waste is not accepted on holiday weekends. Please see website (wbrandywine.org) for calendar schedule. This service is to provide a convenience to West Brandywine Township property owners as an outlet for yard debris. Please consult professionals for tree removal services.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The Public Works Department will pick up Christmas trees on Monday, January 9th, Monday, January 16th and Monday, January 23rd. (Depending on the quantity of trees placed out for pick-up, we may not cover all areas on Monday.)

The Public Works Department would return the following day to finish, weather permitting. Please have your tree out at the curb by 7:00am. Trees must be clean with no decorations, stands, metal, or nails. Wreaths that are natural (and without a metal ring) will be picked up. Happy holidays!



LEAF PICKUP & VACUUM SCHEDULE

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**NO
REGISTRATION
NECESSARY**
See below for
your date

**SECTION
#1**

MONDAY, 11/14, 11/28, 12/12
ALL TOWNSHIP ROADS IN SECTION 1:

- Allison Dr
- Ashberry Ln
- Audrey Lynn Dr
- Baker Rd
- Beechwood Dr
- Caln Meeting-house Rd
- Carol Ln
- Castle Ln
- Connies Dr
- Country Ln
- Dogwood Dell Dr
- Eachus Dr
- East Kings Hwy
- E Reeceville Rd
- Elmwood Ln
- Fox Ln
- Graces Dr
- Greenhill Rd
- Hadfield Rd
- Holly Dr
- Hurley Rd
- Jamie Lane
- Jennifer Lane
- Justin Ln
- Kathleen Ln
- Kingswood Ln
- Kristin Dr
- Main Lin Dr
- Monacy Rd
- Netherwood Dr
- N Hawthorne Rd
- Old Home-
- Old Spring Rd
- Old Willows Rd
- Patricias Ln
- Prout Dr
- Reason Ln
- Reeceville Rd
- Schoolhouse Ln
- S Hawthorne Rd
- Sweet Briar Rd
- Wynnewood Dr

SUBDIVISIONS IN SECTION 1:

- Ashberry
- Friendship Village
- Main Line Drive
- Monacy Manor
- Brandyview Estates
- Mary Dell Farm
- Fox Ln
- Wynnewood Dr
- County Castles Pout Dr
- Kingswood Crossing
- Schoolhouse Ln
- Netherwood
- Hawthorne
- Dogwood Dell
- Kathleen Dr
- Wynnewood Dr
- Jamie Ln
- Justin Ln

**SECTION
#2**

TUESDAY, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13
ALL TOWNSHIP ROADS IN SECTION 2:

- Andover Rd
- Apple Dr
- Beaver Creek Rd
- Berkley Dr
- Briars Run Dr
- Bridle Ct East
- Bridle Ct West
- Brittany Ln
- Brook Cir
- Camberly Ct
- Canter Ln
- Casey Dr
- Chelmsford Ct
- Cochran Dr
- Creeks Bend Dr
- Culbertson Run Rd
- Gabe Cir
- Glenview Dr
- Highspire Rd
- Horseshoe Pk (E of 82)
- Hunter Dr
- Jolly Joe Dr
- Kailey Ct
- Kimberwick Cir
- Lahawa Dr
- Lauren Ln
- Little Washington/Lyndell
- Northfield Dr
- Michael Ct
- Peach Tree Ln
- Pennswick Dr
- Pheasant Cove Dr
- Ponds End Dr
- Post Run Rd
- Raleigh Dr
- Ramblewood Dr
- Rebecca Ln
- Songbird Cir
- Southfield Dr
- Springton Rd
- Steven Way
- Summers Ln
- Sunshine Cir
- Swinehart Dr
- Trotter Ln
- W Bridle Ct
- Warren Cir
- Waterford Ln
- Windy Hill Rd
- Wythe Dr

SUBDIVISIONS IN SECTION 2:

- Lauren Ln
- Cochran Dr
- Cross Creek
- Old Orchards
- Raleigh areas
- Suttonwoods
- Kimberwick
- Glenview
- Hunter Dr
- Ramblewood
- Andover Rd
- Stone Barn Crossing
- Berkley
- Hide-A-Way Farms
- Hidden Meadows
- Wythe Dr



**SECTION
#3**

WEDNESDAY, 11/16, 11/30, 12/14
ALL TOWNSHIP ROADS IN SECTION 3:

- Ashley Ct
- Barons Hill Rd
- Brandamore Rd
- Brandywine Dr
- Cedar Knoll Rd
- Croce Ln
- Ednas Ln
- Evelyn Dr
- Fraser Blvd
- Freedom
- Valley Cir
- Gabel Rd
- Germany
- Hollow Rd
- Hibernia Rd
- Hillside Ct
- Horseshoe Pk (W of 82)
- Icedale Rd
- Kaolin Rd
- Lafayette Rd
- Landover Rd
- Laurel Dr
- Manor Rd
- Mendenhall Dr
- North Manor Dr
- Overlook Dr
- Pratts Dam Rd
- Red Oak Dr
- Reid Rd
- Rockland Way
- Ryan Ln
- Telegraph Rd
- Union Rd
- Vinelyn Ln
- Virginia Dr
- Wagontown Rd
- Walden Way
- Westview Dr
- Windle Ct
- Windy Way
- Woodbrooke Dr

SUBDIVISIONS IN SECTION 3:

- Hillside
- Brandywine Woods
- Red Oak Dr
- Overlook Dr
- Woodbrooke Dr
- Hills Over Pratts Dam
- Landmark Farms
- Landover
- Fraser Blvd



Volunteer Township Organizations

Building Appeals Board

John Callahan
John A. Dell
Douglas Howe
Ronald M. Scott, Jr.

+ 1 vacancy

Citizen's Finance Advisory Committee

Linda Formica
Kathleen Hoertz
William J. Walker
Robert Weidner
Robert Westervelt

Historical Commission

Theo Claypoole
Jeff Grossman
Hugh J. Redditt, Jr.
John F. Vilcheck, Jr.
Allen Klein

+ 2 vacancies

Open Space Review Board

Joseph D. Arvay
John Hoertz
John Conti
Anita M. Ferenz
Kim P. Hoopes
G. Thomas Maher
Aus Marburger
Thomas Scamuffa
Steve Nash

Parks & Recreation Board

Joseph D. Arvay
Thomas Scamuffa
Karen Sload
Denise Stoltzfus
Robert Watts

Planning Commission

John Conti
Charles A. Dobson
Anita M. Ferenz
John Hoertz
Kim P. Hoopes
G. Thomas Maher
Aus Marburger

Vacancy Board

Kathleen Franciscus

Zoning Hearing Board

David Frankland
Richard K. Guest
Andrew F. Reczek
Mark D. Shockites

VARIOUS NOTES

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Medication Collection Box at the Township Building

Safely and anonymously dispose of unwanted and expired drugs and medication 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The box is conveniently located inside the vestibule at the Township's Building. The goal is to get these drugs safely off the streets, keeping them away from our youth and protecting our local waterways from contamination. Safe disposal decreases the possibility of the drugs being misused. West Brandywine Police Department thanks Pennsylvania American Water and Brandywine Health Foundation for making this collection site possible.

Retiring Flags



Visit the box located in the parking lot at the West Brandywine Township building. Flags will be collected and disposed of respectfully according to the U.S. Constitution.

E-Recycling Collection Box

Free Geek Penn (freegeekpenn.org) has provided a collection box which is located in the Township Building for the recycling of: batteries (no alkaline), cell phones, computer equipment, digital cameras, DVD/VCR's, ink cartridges, iPod's, iPad's, laptops, PDA's and tablet/readers

**TV's and old style computer monitors will not be accepted.*

Used Clothing Drop-Off

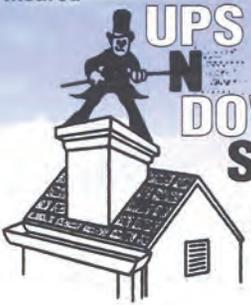
The drop-off location is at 199 Lafayette Road, West Brandywine (Parking Lot next to cardboard/paper recycling containers).

Items accepted include: All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. (Please... no rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods.) Help us keep your donation clean and dry—please put your donation in plastic bags. Thank you.

Discount Movie Tickets

Cost is \$9.50 each for Premiere (unrestricted) Super Saver Movie Ticket. Valid for admission any day, any time for any movie. Surcharge Fees apply to all IMAX or 3-D Films. Tickets honored at all Regal Entertainment Group locations nationwide, including Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatres and Edwards Theatres. Tickets can be purchased at the Township building. (You can bring exact change or a check. Credit/debit cards are now accepted with a convenience fee.)

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- Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7pm & Thursdays at 10am
- Bingo first Friday of the month
- 50's+ Brunch second Saturday of the month
- United Methodist Men's Group • Choir

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Christmas Bazaar - **Nov. 19, 2016** • 9am-3pm - soup, sandwiches, silent auction, crafters, yard sale & lots of fun for all!
Christmas Eve Services - **Dec. 24, 2016** • 7pm
Carols & Candlelight with our Children's Pageant.
11pm Traditional Service in the Old Church with Holy Communion




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CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUPS

Mondays in January

**1/9/17, 1/16/17,
1/23/17**



TRASH & RECYCLING INFORMATION

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CURBSIDE SERVICE

When: Every Thursday

All trash and recyclable materials are to be placed at the curb by 5am and no more than 24 hours in advance of the collection day. Place your trash bags into a container so they won't get ripped open by animals.

Trash & Recycling pickup allows for:

- Three 35 gallon trash bags/cans or two 50 gallon cans (*not to exceed a total of 100 gallons*).
- Toter for Single Stream Recycling (Paper, cardboard, glass, plastics #1-#5 & #7 and new item: cartons. See website for complete details.)
- One bulk item (not to exceed 70 lbs). Rugs and other items must be bundled, tied and may not exceed 4' in length.

Other Notes:

- For appliances that contain Freon, a certified technician must remove the Freon and tag the appliance.
- Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers.
- Mowers or other engines must have gas and/or oils removed.

Yard waste, tires, electronics, TV's and construction debris will not be collected.

24-HR DROP-OFF CENTER

Paper Items: Paper, flattened and non-corrugated boxes (tightly tied or bagged in paper bags, no plastic bags, and stacked neatly in specified container).

Corrugated Cardboard: Break down and flatten, cut into pieces no larger than 2'x 2', tie in bundles, and stack in specified container. No whole boxes are to be placed in the container. Remove packing foam from boxes and discard in regular trash. Do not leave recycle products on the ground when the trailer is full!

TIRE RECYCLING DROP-OFF

WBT Maintenance Facility

Mon.-Fri. 7am-3pm

Tires must be off the rims and clean of debris and water. (Most tire stores recycle tires when you purchase new tires). Bicycle tires \$1.00 each, motorcycle/small lawn mower tires \$3.00 each, passenger car & small pickup truck tires \$5.00 each, and large truck/farm tires \$25.00 each).

RECYCLING FOR BUSINESSES

Commercial, industrial, institutional, and privately owned establishments are required to recycle and verify compliance via reporting: Aluminum/bimetal cans, corrugated cardboard, glass (clear, brown, & green, newspaper & misc. paper, high-grade office paper, plastics with logos #1-5 & #7.

TV & COMPUTER MONITORS



Many residents have called requesting information on how to dispose of their old

TV's and monitors. The good news is that Chester County Solid Waste Authority located West of Honey Brook at 7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA 17555 is now accepting TV's & Computer Monitors at their landfill for **FREE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2016 ONLY**. Limit 3 per vehicle. Must unload yourself onto appropriate pallet.

See chestercountyswa.org for hours of operation.