

The Village of Westover



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The Next Chapter of Leadership For the Westover Civic Association

Happy New Year from the Westover Civic Association! The new year brings a change in leadership. Ken Lee, who served as Westover Civic Association President for 10 years, retired from the role in December. We sincerely thank Ken for the countless hours and effort he dedicated to WCA over his time as President.

Thank you to all members who have paid their dues for 2025. Dues are still coming in, and you can pay by mail or on the Westover website. If you aren't sure if you or someone else in your residence paid dues for 2025, you can email Dave at treasurerofwestover@gmail.com. Ballots have been collected and we thank you for your participation in the annual election of Board members.

Amy Waugh was re-elected as Vice President and is the Acting President since Ken's parting leaves a vacancy. Liz Potter was re-elected as Secretary.

The Westover Civic Association is looking for candidates and nominations for the office of President. We encourage interested candidates to attend our quarterly meetings this year to understand the culture and function of the WCA. We have a strong membership and a long history of fostering our purpose, and current Board members are responsive and engaged. If more than one member is interested in the position, the Board will solicit statements in the coming months from interested candidates and proceed with a vote per our existing by laws. You can count on the Board to communicate any further changes to the leadership via email, and please feel free to reach us at westover@villageofwestover.org with any questions or suggestions.

We look forward to another year of seasons in Westover!

"The purposes of this Association shall be to represent the common interests of the members of the Association in matters affecting the general well-being of the Village of Westover; to provide a representative voice within the community regarding matters of common concern to the membership; to organize and conduct meetings and promote open discussion; to foster informed opinion concerning problems and questions affecting the membership; to develop programs to promote and maintain the civic social, recreational, and educational interests of the membership; and to care for the improvements and maintenance of street signs, entrance ways, and the facilities dedicated to the Community use."

Civic Association Board 2025

Acting President: Amy Waugh
Secretary: Elizabeth Potter
Treasurer: David Krall

Zone Directors:

Linda Lippert
Dan Gross
Jason Petronis
Steve Crosby
Laura Witte
Joe Washburn
Richard Sopko
Jim Nace
Lee Williamson
Dean Converse
Lauren Ortiz
Matt Reis
Nell Nickolas
Scott Cawthern

Important Dates

January 20th

Martin Luther King Jr Day
Inauguration Day

February 20th

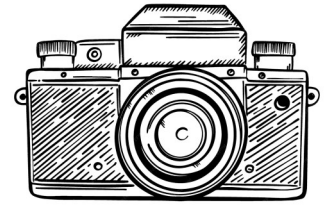
Westover Board Meeting (virtual)
at 8pm

March 9th

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Seeking Amateur Photographer(s)

The Westover Civic Association maintains a collection of neighborhood and event photos from over the years. If you've looked at the photos on the website recently, you've probably noticed that many of them are from pre-pandemic years. Joe Farrell, past President and former resident of Westover, was our photographer for many years until he and his wife, Elaine, moved from the neighborhood.

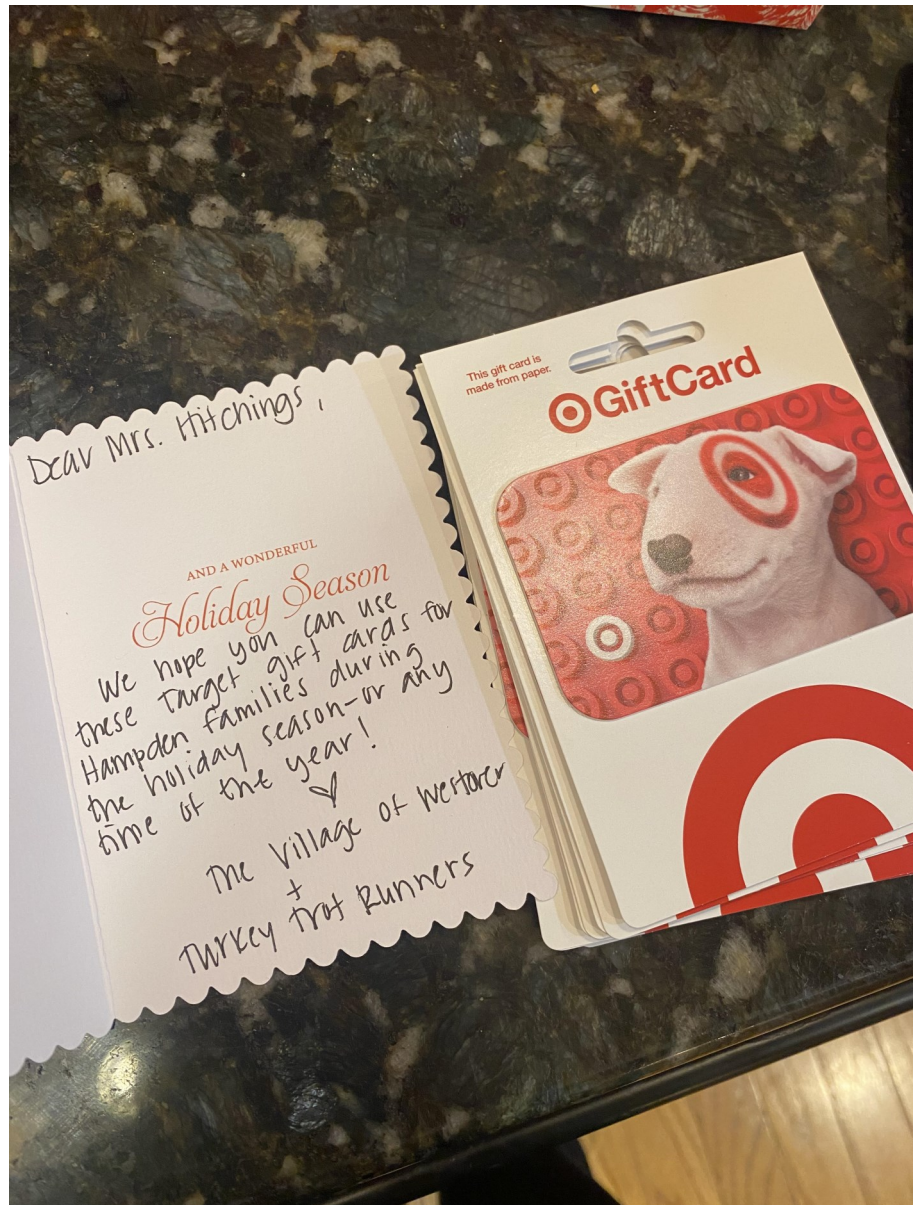


Do you have photography skills you could volunteer for Westover events? Please contact us at westover@villageofwestover.org if you would be willing to volunteer at events to capture photos we can share. Take a look at the [existing gallery by visiting the website](#). Hover over "Events" on the top menu bar, and then click "Photos" to view the memory galleries.

Thank you for your Participation!

The 3rd Annual Westover Turkey Trot was a success! Over 100 people registered to run and despite the cold, rainy weather we finished the 5k and Kids Fun Runs!

Many thanks to Lauren Ortiz, the Race Director, for her work and enthusiasm. We were able to collect \$250 to benefit families in need at Hampden Elementary. The school counselor requested the monies in Target gift cards to be distributed to identified families. Thank you again to all who participated and donated.



Keepsake Ornaments Available

You've probably put away your holiday decorations (no judgment here if not!). We have ornaments still available for sale via the Westover website.

Order an Ornament Online:

Visit the Westover Store on the website. Click "Civic Association- Donation" to add to the cart. Enter a donation amount of \$20 or more. You can do this while paying your dues, or as a separate transaction. If you do it as a separate transaction, click "Civic Association-Donation" and then enter the amount. Donations are \$20 for one ornament, \$35 for 2 two ornaments, and \$50 for three ornaments. *As a special offer, those who have already purchased one ornament this year or last may purchase an additional ornament for \$15.* **In Order Comments, note the number of ornaments you are ordering. Make sure your address is correct for delivery.**



Delivery: Your local Westover address will be required upon checkout so that delivery can be made by a volunteer. Shipping is not available. If you need to make other arrangements, please leave us a note in the checkout box to be contacted.

Hampden Township Snow Removal Policy

Following are highlights from the Township's snow and ice emergency ordinance:

A "general" or "limited" snow emergency will be declared whenever street conditions are dangerous because of snow accumulation. A "limited" emergency normally will be called when eight or more inches of snow is forecast. The emergency will continue for 24 hours after the snowfall ends or until cancelled by the Township Manager. A "general" emergency will be declared under dire blizzard conditions. Vehicles traveling in the Township during a general emergency must have four-wheel drive capability or be equipped with chains or snow tires (all season radial tires are not considered snow tires).

The parking of vehicles on any street, road or highway during a general or limited emergency is banned.

Following are snow removal priorities:

Plowing will begin when snow is three inches deep. Top priorities are all main and secondary roads, including Orr's Bridge Road, Good Hope Road, Lamb's Gap Road, Salem Church Road, Creekview Road, Central Boulevard, Erb's Bridge Road, Skyport Road and Technology Parkway. After the main roads are clear and remain passable, road crews will attempt to open the principle access road to each development. However, if main roads require additional attention, development plowing may have to be halted.

After the snow has stopped falling, plows will return to the developments to make a pass on each of the roads in each direction. Once all development roads are open, plows will return to widen them, if possible, to the curb.

Residents can help in three ways: don't travel unless necessary; don't shovel or blow snow onto plowed or treated streets (the Township has an ordinance that prohibits this, under penalty of law); and move your car off the street, so that plows have more room to operate. This is especially critical in cul-de-sacs.

Snow removal from sidewalks is generally required within 48 hours after a storm. Please note that snow removal is not conducted in any Township Park. McCord Commons is a Township Park and the Westover Civic Association aligns with this practice.

Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

Q: How can I access the Westover Directory?

A: All members who are current on dues are able to access the electronic Directory via the Westover website. We make an effort to keep it updated, so please email us if there are changes to your contact information. On the [Website](#), there is a grey bar at the top of the page that says "Log In/Sign Up." You can create an account; please allow time for our volunteer to verify your membership before granting access.

Q: My family just moved to the neighborhood and we are not from the area. What is the best way to get to know our new neighbors and find out Westover information?

A: Welcome to Westover! Hope you and your family are settling in and starting to feel at home here. The best ways to stay up to date on Westover Civic Association happenings are via membership, our newsletters, website, email blasts, and Board meetings. The website is a wealth of information as it includes past newsletter archives, photo archives, and fitness trails in Westover. Sign up for the email list which is used to share Township information, Civic Association events, and even lost or found items which have been appreciatively returned to their owners over the years! The Civic Association does not maintain active social media presence as we are group of volunteers and those platforms often demand instant responses which are challenging to keep up amongst shared leadership. As always, feel free to reach us at westover@villageofwestover.org and we will be happy to help!

Westover Willie



Dear Westover Willie,

Q: Got any inside info on birds in the winter?

A: Remember that winter survival is harder for all species, including you humans. Take it easy on yourselves. No heavy lifting on ice, overdoing it with the shoveling, or running in shorts below freezing! People in Westover appear to be more evolved to being inside often so remember to wear layers, fuel up, and enjoy the cold by being prepared. Oh wait, you asked me about birds, not humans! For one, try not to chase or scare birds in the cold. Excessive stress and energy expenditure from being flushed can be very taxing for birds even if it seems minimal to us. Because food and protection are typically at a low and weather is often at its most extreme in winter, any wasted energy may be the difference between life and death for a bird. Birds, like humans, look for warmer conditions during a cold winter day. You'll have better luck finding birds if you follow the sun. You could also continue to put out seed. Our friends at the [Penn State Extension](#) offer this recipe for "Marvel Meal" that is easy for kids and grown ups to make. You can smear it onto bark or pinecones in your yard, or freeze it and just leave it outside on a feeder tray. Enjoy, and thanks for looking out for us!

Recipe for "Marvel Meal"

1 cup peanut butter

1 cup vegetable shortening

4 cups cornmeal

1 cup flour

1 handful of sunflower seeds (optional)

Keep Those Dues Coming

Thank you again to all members who have paid their dues for 2025. If you forgot to pay dues, got lost in the holiday shuffle, or are getting finances in order for tax season, take a few minutes to pay your dues! The dues cycle runs from January 1st to December 31st each year, and dues letters were mailed out before Thanksgiving in 2024. Dues for this year are \$50 per residence/family.

Pay by mail:

Village of Westover Civic Association
c/o David Krall, CPA, Treasurer
6359 Stephens Crossing
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Pay Online: <https://www.villageofwestover.org/store>

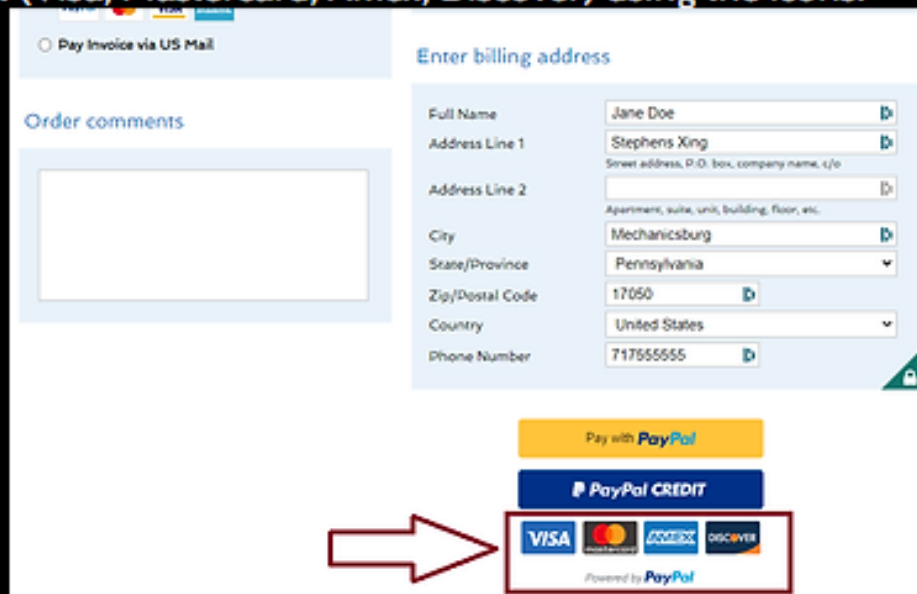
See directions below if you would like to pay online without a PayPal account.

You will receive an email receipt and can add a donation if you like.

[Not sure what your dues pay for? See here on the website!](#)

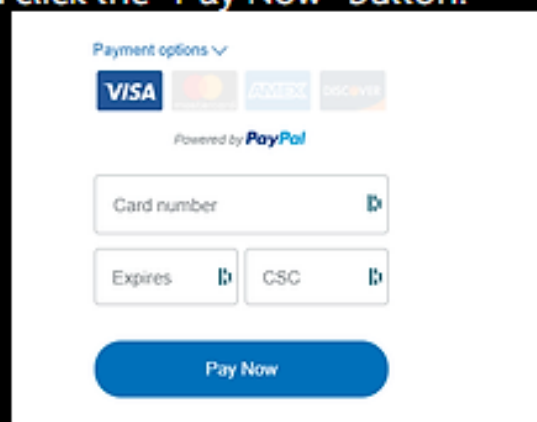
It is possible to pay for Village of Westover Store purchases with a credit or debit card. A PayPal account is not required. To do so, add your store selections to your shopping bag and proceed to the checkout screen by clicking the "Checkout" button.

- Complete all required payment details and then click your preferred form of payment (Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Discover) using the icons.



The screenshot shows a checkout page with a "Pay Invoice via US Mail" option selected. Below it is an "Order comments" text area. To the right is the "Enter billing address" form with fields for Full Name (Jane Doe), Address Line 1 (Stephens Xing), Address Line 2, City (Mechanicsburg), State/Province (Pennsylvania), Zip/Postal Code (17050), Country (United States), and Phone Number (717555555). Below the form are three payment options: "Pay with PayPal", "PayPal CREDIT", and a group of credit cards (VISA, Mastercard, AMEX, DISCOVER) with a red arrow pointing to them. The credit card group is labeled "Powered by PayPal".

- A drop-down will appear where you will enter the card number, expiration date, and CSC, then click the "Pay Now" button.



The screenshot shows a "Payment options" dropdown menu with icons for VISA, Mastercard, AMEX, and DISCOVER. Below the icons is the text "Powered by PayPal". There are three input fields: "Card number", "Expires", and "CSC". At the bottom is a blue "Pay Now" button.

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Village Of Westover Contact List	
Name	Phone number
EMERGENCY – Fire, Police, Ambulance	911
Westover Civic Association	Villageofwestover.org
Comcast Cable	1-800-934-6489
Cumberland County Offices	717-240-6100
Cumberland Valley School District	717-697-8261
District Justice	717-697-2201
Fredricksen Library	717-761-3900
Hampden Township	717-761-0119
Hampden Pool	717-737-4219
Hampden Recreation Department	717-761-4951
Hampden Township Utility Department	717-909-7145
Humane Society	717-564-3320
PA American Water Co	1-800-565-7292
P A Dept. of Transportation	1-800-932-4600
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
PPL Electric Utilities	1-800-342-5775
Waste Management	1-800-869-5566
Township Tax Collector	717-737-4822
UGI Gas Utilities Inc	1-800-276-2722
United Water PA	717-564-3662
Verizon Communications	1-800-837-4966

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