



## Fall in Westover Feels Different This Year

With the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the social nature of the Civic Association must also adapt. The Westover Women's Club sadly shared that the Annual Pumpkin Carving and Breakfast with Santa events will not be held this year due to pandemic restrictions and safety for all.

Need some ideas for your fall fix at home? You can still carve and decorate a pumpkin or bake your favorite fall treats! Enjoy the fall harvest at a local farmer's market. Throw on your favorite football team t-shirts and play football with your family! Make a fall craft or decoration from leaves or nature items found outside. Read a new book or an old favorite. Staying active can also help enjoy the season. We look forward to seeing you around Westover if you are out, and send you safe wishes as we enter this seasonal change.



## HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

The Westover Civic Association and Hampden Township do not sponsor any Halloween or Trick or Treat related activities. The Township merely establishes a uniform date and time for residents who wish to participate. Trick or Treat is scheduled for **Thursday, October 29 from 6 to 8 p.m.** Residents, with children, may decide if they wish to participate in door-to-door Trick or Treat activities and individual property owners may choose whether or not they wish to distribute treats from their residence. Participants are reminded to use COVID related safety practices.

Parents who choose to have their child(ren) participate in Trick or Treat are urged to have them wear any costume masks so they are large enough to see through easily, have a flashlight and wear bright reflective colors. Parents should also inspect treats before allowing their children to eat them. Perhaps candy can be spread on a table outside one's door so watching, talking, and social distancing can occur.

### Civic Association Board

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There are current vacancies for Zone Directors. Please contact us if you are interested.

### Important Dates

#### Fall Yard Sales

October 9th & 10th, 8am-2pm

#### Trick or Treat

October 29th, 6-8pm

#### Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 1st

#### Election Day

November 3rd

#### Thanksgiving

November 26th

# What's New in Westover

## Westover Women's Club

All Women's Club Socials are postponed until further notice.

The Women's Club will not be hosting the Care & Share Fundraising Yard Sale this Fall. The WWC hopes to host the Care & Share Fundraising Yard Sale in May of 2021.

If you wish to participate in your own individual yard sale, **the dates of the Fall neighborhood Yard Sale will be October 9th and 10th from 8am-2pm**. Compliance with any and all township, state, or federal requirements for public health and safety applicable at this time is the sole responsibility of the attendees and/or individual organizers and not the responsibility of the Westover Civic Association or Westover Women's Club.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this time of difficult decision making. We hope to see you in the

## Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

If you did not already see it, the Westover Civic Association celebrated our graduates with a lovely webpage tribute. [Check out the graduates here.](#) We also wish the best to students, educators, and school staff who returned to learning this school year in whatever way the pandemic has made possible.

## On Nextdoor

Nextdoor is a voluntary social network with over 500 Westover neighbors online. Examples of things you can find on Nextdoor lately are home painting recommendations, seeking childcare, and more. Visit [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) to see if this social network could be useful for you. You will need to verify your address to participate.

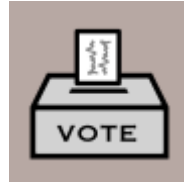
**Nextdoor has guidelines for business or personal solicitation.** Please read the Community Guidelines to inform any personal posts if you have questions. The Westover Civic Association does not manage this social media app or its content. Posts that violate the guidelines can be flagged and removed.

**Remember you can select to follow only Westover in addition to other local neighborhoods. Your post may not need to be read by all 40+ nearby communities and you may solicit unnecessary responses by posting to more than you intended.**

## We Need Your Help

Volunteer organizations such as Civic Association benefit most from member involvement. Send us your ideas for newsletter articles! **Do you know a neighbor who has celebrated a recent milestone or achievement? Have a special interest story? We welcome communication and feedback at [westover@villageofwestover.org](mailto:westover@villageofwestover.org).** Please visit the Store on the website to pay your dues if you have not already paid for 2019. We appreciate all members who joined during the annual Membership Drive!

# ELECTION DAY INFORMATION



The **General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020** with polls in Pennsylvania opened from 7:00am until 8:00pm, unless hours are extended by election officials or an order of court. WCA wants all who desire to vote to be able to vote and have their vote counted. Westover is in the Hampden 5 (East side of Skyport Road) and Hampden 6 (West side of Skyport Road) Voting Precincts, the 10th Congressional District, the 31st State Senate District, and the 87th State Representative District. The in-person polling places for both precincts is located in the old Good Hope Middle School, 451 Skyport Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. The entrances are usually on the far right of the building accessed from the large parking area with Hampden 5 utilizing the right doors and Hampden 6 utilizing the left doors.

Whether you will vote by mail-in ballot, Absentee ballot, or in-person, should you have any questions, please contact the [Cumberland County Bureau of Elections](#), 1601 Ritner Highway, Suite 201, Carlisle, PA 17013, phone: 717-240-6385, with its [website here](#). DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED OR ATTEMPT COMPLIANCE WITH VOTER REGISTRATION, BALLOT APPLICATION, OR BALLOT RETURN.

**LAST DATE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS OCTOBER 19, 2020, FOR THIS NOVEMBER'S ELECTION.** If you are not registered to vote, you may go to the Cumberland County Elections Bureau and do so in person; or visit the [Pennsylvania Bureau of Elections website](#), or [mail using this form and instructions](#). Completed voter registration forms must be RECEIVED and in the possession of the Bureau of Elections on or before October 19, 2020 at 5:00 PM; A POSTMARKED APPLICATION OF OCTOBER 19, 2020 IS TOO LATE as will be any post marked application that does not get your voter registration application to the Bureau of Elections on or before October 19, 2020.

Also, due to the pandemic, Cumberland County needs poll workers for which you get paid. Through this opportunity you can learn how the "nuts and bolts" of an election actually work and the many "safeguards" present within the voting system. If you desire to volunteer, contact the Cumberland County Election Bureau by phone, through [this email](#) ([bureauofelections@ccpa.net](mailto:bureauofelections@ccpa.net)) or [complete and submit the form found here](#).

# BICYCLE SAFETY



There has been a national shortage of bikes since the spring as people want to spend more time outdoors and be active in safe ways. Whether you are a new or seasoned rider, here are some tips to be prepared and stay safe. This information is from the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#).

## **Riders: Be Prepared!**

- Ride a bike that fits you—if it's too big, it's harder to control the bike.
- Ride a bike that works—it really doesn't matter how well you ride if the brakes don't work.
- Wear equipment to protect you and make you more visible to others, like a bike helmet, bright clothing (during the day), reflective gear, and a white front light and red rear light and reflectors on your bike (at night, or when visibility is poor).
- Take and wear your mask in the event it is needed.
- Ride one per seat, with both hands on the handlebars, unless signaling a turn.
- Carry all items in a backpack or strapped to the back of the bike.
- Tuck and tie your shoe laces and pant legs so they don't get caught in your bike chain.
- Plan your route—if driving as a vehicle on the road, choose routes with less traffic and slower speeds. Your safest route may be away from traffic altogether, in a bike lane or on a bike path.
- Drive with the flow, in the same direction as traffic.
- Obey street signs, signals, and road markings, just like a car.
- Assume the other person doesn't see you; look ahead for hazards or situations to avoid that may cause you to fall, like toys, pebbles, potholes, grates, train tracks.
- No texting, listening to music or using anything that distracts you by taking your eyes and ears or your mind off the road and traffic.

## **Drivers: Share the Road!**

People on bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities as people behind the wheel of a vehicle.

- Yield to bicyclists as you would motorists and do not underestimate their speed. This will help avoid turning in front of a bicyclist traveling on the road or sidewalk, often at an intersection or driveway.
- In parking lots, at stop signs, when packing up, or when parking, search your surroundings for other vehicles, including bicycles.
- Drivers turning right on red should look to the right and behind to avoid hitting a bicyclist approaching from the right rear. Stop completely and look left-right-left and behind before turning right on red.
- Obey the speed limit, reduce speed for road conditions and drive defensively to avoid a crash with a cyclist.
- Give cyclists room. Do not pass too closely. Pass bicyclists as you would any other vehicle—when it's safe to move over into an adjacent lane.

## **Register Your Bike!**

The Hampden Township Police Dept offers a bicycle registration program. This can help identify your bike in the case it is lost, stolen, or recovered. You can [complete this registration form](#) and mail it to the Township.

# Public Safety Update



## Beware of Contact Tracing Scams

Contact tracing is the process of identifying people who have come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, instructing them to quarantine and monitoring their symptoms daily. Contact tracing plays a vital role in stopping the spread of the virus. The Pennsylvania Depts of Health and Aging have warned about contact tracing scams and emphasized the need to stay alert. [Click here for state information on the contact tracing process.](#) If you would like to verify if the caller does in fact work in contact tracing, call the PA Department of health at 1-877-PA HEALTH to verify.

### A Contact Tracer Will Never Ask You For:

- Your social security number, financial or bank account information, or personal details unrelated to COVID-19;
- Photographs or videos of any kind;
- Your passwords; or
- Money or payment.
- Your personal information or send you any website link via a SMS/text message.

### A Contact Tracer WILL Ask:

- For verification of your date of birth, address, and any other phone numbers you may have; and
- If you have already tested positive for COVID-19 they may also ask the date of your test and the name of your insurance company as additional verification.

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## Hampden Township Fireworks Notice

The law, which generally permits use of fireworks that were previously prohibited, has provisions that make it virtually impossible to legally discharge fireworks in Hampden Township.

- They cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.
- **They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.**
- **They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.**

If you are in a position to legally discharge fireworks, please consider the following things in order to be a considerate neighbor:

- The time of day and neighbors who may have small children.
- Local pets who may be terrified by a long, sustained fireworks display.
- Wind and weather conditions blowing your aerial rockets into neighbors yards.

If you discharge a firework and cause a fire, YOU can be held criminally liable (responsible) for the damage and any injury caused.

Due to the increase in illegal use and complaints, this law will be strictly enforced and citations will be issued for violations of the law. Visit the [Pennsylvania State Police website](#) which further explains the law.

## Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

**Q:** What is the township code on fireworks? I have young children and a dog and the fireworks going off in the Commons in the summer are disruptive. I don't want to be "that neighbor." I saw there was a fire in Walden this summer that reportedly started with fireworks.

**A:** It is important for residents to know, understand, and abide by Pennsylvania Fireworks Law. We included the township fireworks notice in the newsletter because it was sent out a few times this summer. If you don't feel comfortable addressing the issue with the person discharging the fireworks, the police will take a complaint and have stated there will be enforcement and citations. As we witness the devastating fires on the West Coast, it is important to be especially mindful of any fires or explosives and dry conditions, as well as the population density of Hampden Township.

## Westover Willie



Dear Westover Willie,

**Q:** I've seen many folks enjoying the Conodoguinet Creek this summer and finally got some tubes for my own float. They must have been popular because I looked everywhere for them. How do I know if the Creek is high enough to float?

**A:** That sounds fun! You can see many of my feathered friends along and in the Conodoguinet. There is a USGS gage station just up from where Sample Bridge Rd. crosses the Creek. They have neat little devices there that measure the height and flow of the Creek and I'd recommend checking that before you go. I've heard that people get stuck or end up walking in the creek if it is less than 1.7ft high at that station. [You can see the USGS data here.](#) They call it the Hogestown station. Might even be a fun way to do some home-schooling activities with all the graphs! You can also see the [Conodoguinet Water Trail Map](#) here. It's a great map if you don't have natural instincts like me to follow the water. Stay safe out there if you decide to go!





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**Westover**

Village Of Westover Contact List	
Name	Phone number
<b>EMERGENCY – Fire, Police, Ambulance</b>	<b>911</b>
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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