



Ounce Of Prevention May Eliminate Pounds of Sewage

From the Westover Civic Association President



Several sanitary sewer backups occurred recently in Westover. My family experienced one several years ago, and it was not pleasant. Sanitary sewers can become clogged because of tree roots; or debris flushed down toilets and sinks becoming hung up on the jagged walls of corroding iron pipes; or parched soil "shrinking" and causing voids under sewer pipes (especially the newer plastic, PVC piping) which then break due to loss of support.

While insurance might pay for the damages caused inside your home by a sewer backup, insurance will probably not pay for the sewer line repair if required.

However, one way to potentially avoid the nastiness of such an experience is by having your home's sanitary sewer lines inspected periodically. Inspection of the sanitary sewer piping should probably occur every 3 to 7 years, or even more frequently, depending upon the age of your home and its surroundings (if you have larger trees in your front yard or abundant shrubbery in your landscaped areas).

Probably the best and most accurate method to inspect piping is by video cameras being inserted into the piping to determine the condition of the pipes and whether there are problematic areas. If only a clog or partial clog is detected, then the piping can often be immediately cleared even if the clog is caused by tree roots.

The costs for a video inspection are very modest. My plumber, Jeffrey A. Wilbur Plumbing, Heating & Plumping, Inc., charges \$440.00 and, considering that is less than my homeowner's deductible, I consider it a valuable investment. So, I encourage all of you to have your home's sanitary sewers inspected in the near future so you can protect your finished basements or items stored in your basements and do not experience the mess we did.

AND, if your gutters are clear and drainage from them is slow or non-existent, you may want to have your underground roof drains similarly inspected as well. I did and it was discovered that an oak tree's root has crushed the PVC piping which prevent any drainage from rain, snow or ice.

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

Important Dates

October 4 & 5

Westover Yard Sales

October 31

Trick or Treat Night & Haunted Chamber

November 3

Daylight Savings Ends

November 5

Election Day

November 28

Westover Turkey Trot

December 1st

Hanging of the Greens

What's New in Westover

Yard Sales October 4th and 5th

Fall Yard Sales! Host in your own yard or garage October 4th and 5th from 8am to 2pm. Clean out your closets and basements while you are doing fall cleaning! Or make room for what treasures you will find at a neighbor's sale! Please be cautious of increased traffic in Westover on these days and be mindful of school children and bus stops in the morning. Hampden Court is having their neighborhood sales the same days as Westover this year.

Board Positions: Submit Nominations by October 31st

Westover Civic Association Officers are elected to 2 year terms and the positions of Vice President and Secretary are open for nominations. Zone Directors are elected to 1 year terms and we also have several vacant zone director positions. If you are interested or would like to nominate a neighbor, please email us at westover@villageofwestover.org by October 31, 2024.

Keepsake Ornaments Available!

Last year's ornament sale was a success! 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 the required donation amount for the ornament(s) at one for \$20 or two for \$35. ***In Order Comments, note the number of ornaments you are ordering. Make sure your address is correct for delivery.***

Delivery: Shipping is not available so if you do not live in Westover, please make sure to include contact information to arrange pick up in the Order Comments box. Your order will be delivered by a Civic Association volunteer.



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Hampden Township Trick or Treat Night is October 31st from 6-8 p.m. Parents are urged to have their children wear masks large enough to see through easily, have a flashlight, and wear bright reflective colors or white. Parents should also inspect treats before allowing their children to eat them.

Annual Halloween Haunted Chamber! The Haunted Chamber features dropping spiders, skeletons, rats, mad scientists and more with the help of behind-the-scenes volunteers; suitable for brave 9+ year olds to adults. There will be treats for all who make it out for this special and safe Westover tradition. The Baboian Family hosts this on Halloween Night, October 31st, at 6350 Pennsboro Drive from 6 to 8pm. All are invited!



ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

The General Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2024 with polls in Pennsylvania open from 7:00am until 8:00pm. Westover is in the Hampden 5 (East side of Skyport Road/Hampden Diner side) and Hampden 6 (West side of Skyport Road/Wendy's side) Voting Precincts. We are represented in 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 CV 9th Grade Academy, 451 Skyport Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. The entrances are 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](#). Don't wait until the last minute to get your questions answered or be in compliance with your registration, ballot application, or ballot return.

General Election dates and deadlines are:

When: **Monday, Oct. 21** Last day to register to vote (Postmarks will not be accepted)

When: **Tuesday, Oct. 29** Last day to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot (Postmarks will not be accepted)

When: **Tuesday, Nov. 5** General Election | Polls open 7am-8pm | Ballots accepted until 8pm (Postmarks will not be accepted)

Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

Q: I got on the website to pay my dues but I don't have a PayPal account and I'm tired of having an account for every website. Is there a way to pay with just a credit card?

A: Yes! Thanks for being diligent about paying your dues. See the step by step here.

Leaf Collection

Leaf Collection is scheduled to occur on Fridays in Westover and will resume in mid-October. Be careful not to rake other debris into the pile because this damages the machines and is costly to repair. Please do not rake the piles over sewer drains as this can cause backups and water to puddle. ***If there is a drain near your home covered with leaves, please take a moment to uncover the drain.*** [You can find more information here on the Township 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.

A screenshot of a checkout page. At the top left, there is a radio button for "Pay Invoice via US Mail". Below it is a text area for "Order comments". To the right is a form titled "Enter billing address" with fields for Full Name (Jane Doe), Address Line 1 (Stephens King), 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 icons for VISA, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover. A red arrow points to the credit card icons.

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

A screenshot of a payment options dropdown menu. It shows icons for VISA, Mastercard, American Express, 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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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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