



Board of Supervisors:
Meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of Month at 7pm

Planning Commission:
3rd Thursday of Month at 7:30 pm

Environmental Advisory Council:
1st Thursday of Month at 7 pm

Parks and Recreation Commission:
1st Wed. of Month at 7:30 pm

Sustainability Committee:
3rd Tuesday of Month at 7:30 pm

Zoning Hearing Board:
Hearings scheduled as needed

Open Space Review Board:
4th Tuesday of Month at 7 pm

Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee:
Last Wed. of Month at 7:30 pm at Schuylkill Township Building

Historical Commission:
2nd Monday of Month at 7:00 pm

All meetings held at the West Vincent Township Building, unless noted otherwise.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
John Jacobs, Chairman
Mike Schneider, Vice Chairman
Bernie Couris, Member

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FESTIVAL TIME IS HERE!



West Vincent Township is excited to announce our 2nd Annual Festival in the Park on June 8, 2019 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm at Evans Park (Township Park) located on Saint Matthews Road and Route 401.

We expect this year to be even bigger and better and hope you will come join us and be part of the fun! The event will offer food, refreshments, a tractor and car show, pet parade, children's games, goat races, and more! If you would like to reserve a table as a vendor, are an artist interested in demonstrating or sharing your work, or would like to sponsor the event, please contact us.

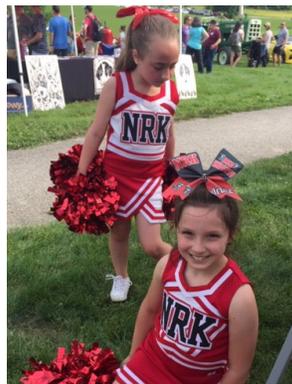
Additionally, this year we have added a 5K Race/Walk to take place beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the Festival at Evans Park. We are looking for participants of all ages to enter and enjoy this healthy, fun program. To register for the 5K Run/Walk use this link:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/ChesterSprgs/WestVincentTownshipParkRec5K>.

You can locate all the information you need regarding the Festival at

<https://www.wvtfestival.com/information>.

Contact office@westvincentwp.org with any questions.



SNAPSHOTS FROM 2018!

SAVE THE DATE!

SUSTAINABILITY FAIR

October 19, 2019

10am - 3pm

West Vincent Elementary School

This year's theme is "Small Changes, Big Impact".

Come see electric cars, native plants, sustainable living ideas and more!

THE GREAT WHITES

The white oak tree is one of the most beloved trees in the world. Our country's national tree is a symbol of strength, wisdom, stability and peaceful serenity. The oak is the national tree of many other countries including Germany, Serbia, Cyprus, England, Estonia, France, Moldova, Romania, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Wales and Bulgaria.

The white oak is a native forest tree found throughout our Commonwealth usually reaching 80'-100' high and very often as wide as it is tall. White oaks can live to be 400 years old with some living much longer. Traditional uses of white oak wood include hardwood flooring, wine and whiskey barrels and boat building. The famous Revolutionary War frigate, USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides", was made of white oak.

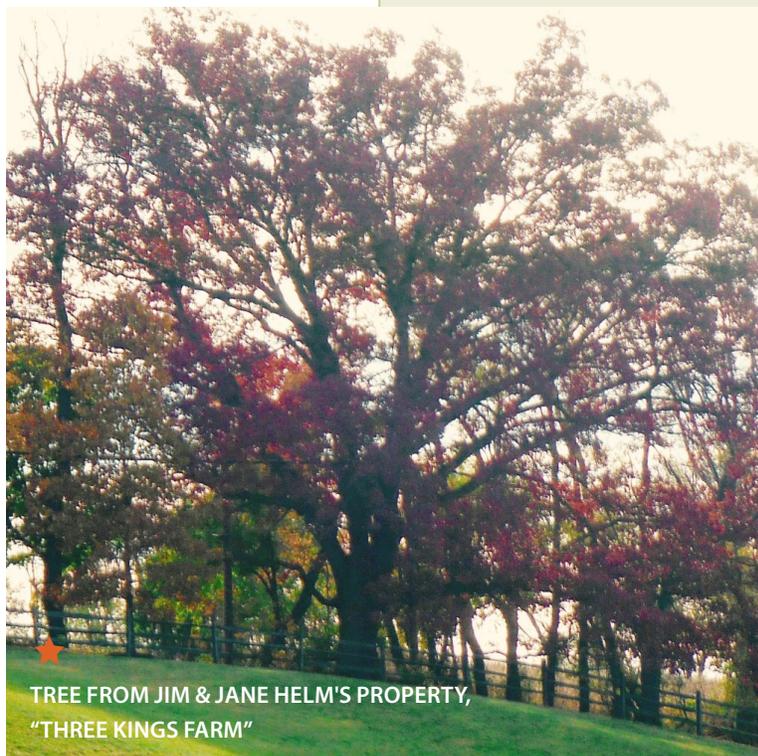
Production of acorns, the fruit of the white oak, starts at the age of 20 to 50 years. Oaks produce more than 2,000 acorns every year, but only one in 10,000 acorns will manage to develop into an oak tree.

The acorn is an important wildlife food and eastern Native Americans made a flour from acorns. We all know that from tiny acorns mighty oak trees grow, but from tiny acorns also grow deer, squirrels, chipmunks, wild turkeys, rabbits, opossums, raccoons, —more than 100 U.S. vertebrate species eat acorns. More insects feed on the tree than any other species, with support for 30 species of birds, such as nut-hatches, woodpeckers, warblers, crows and flycatchers. There are also 300 species of lichen associated with the oak. What an environmental powerhouse!

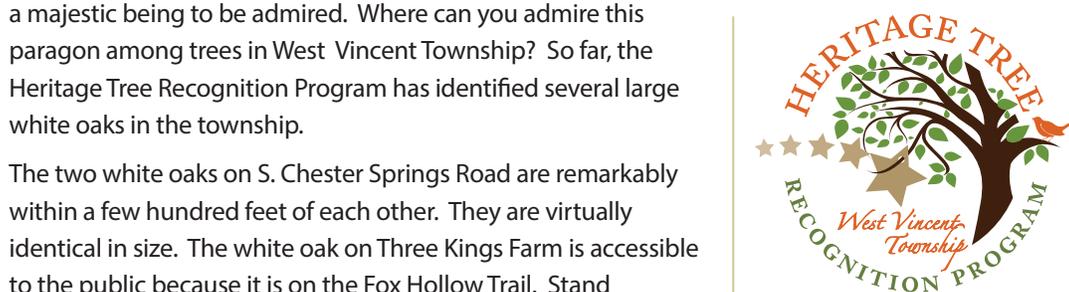
There are so many great benefits that a mature white oak tree confers to its environment - shade, shelter, a home and food for birds and animals, a plaything for our children to climb, prevention of soil erosion and cleaning the air and most importantly, a majestic being to be admired. Where can you admire this paragon among trees in West Vincent Township? So far, the Heritage Tree Recognition Program has identified several large white oaks in the township.

The two white oaks on S. Chester Springs Road are remarkably within a few hundred feet of each other. They are virtually identical in size. The white oak on Three Kings Farm is accessible to the public because it is on the Fox Hollow Trail. Stand under the tree on a hot summer's day and feel the difference in temperature. Take a look at the white oak on Natural Lands property off Flint Road. Since this tree is in the middle of a field, it has not been cut by utilities or maintenance crews. What a great shape!

This article is provided by the West Vincent Township Heritage Tree Recognition Program, a sub-committee of the Environmental Advisory Council.



TREE FROM JIM & JANE HELM'S PROPERTY,
"THREE KINGS FARM"



Do you have an awesome tree in your yard or neighborhood you'd like to nominate for the Heritage Tree Recognition Program?



SEND AN EMAIL TO office@westvincentwp.org

Please put EAC in the subject line.

TREE HUGGER

Two grand Penn Charter Oaks from the 1600's can be seen at Springton Manor Farm; a Chester County Park close-by in Glenmoore, PA.

They can be found between the barn and the pond and are truly awe-inspiring white oak specimens.

Park admission is free.



The Environmental Advisory Council

is a seven-member advisory council appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

The EAC holds a public meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.



COMING THIS SUMMER

On Thursday, June 20th, West Vincent historians will host a tour as part of the popular Chester County program “Town Tours and Village Walks”. This year’s theme explores our villages “Then and Now”.

West Vincent will feature Ludwig’s Corner c. 1770: A Stop on the Conestoga Turnpike. Many local residents drive down this historic road and cross through the intersection every day, but few know the rich history behind the road and its many historic buildings.

Come join local historians as we tell the story of Jacob Ludwick, Sr. and his share of the 17.5 mile “Little Conestoga Turnpike” road venture. Learn about the Captain Lawrence tavern, also known to locals as “The Bucket of Blood” as well as St. Andrew’s Church. Historians will also tell the story of the many historic buildings along the Turnpike including Matthew’s Corner and the two St. Matthew’s Churches. The tour is free of charge and will meet at St. Andrew’s Church on St. Andrew’s Lane for the beginning of a “walkless” tour with driving map for further exploration. Tour hours are 5:30-7:00 pm.

For more information, refer to www.chesco.org/planning/towntours or contact Karen Marshall, Heritage Preservation Coordinator, at 610-344-6923 or kmarshall@chesco.org for a brochure.

The Chester County Board of Commissioners through the Chester County Planning Commission; the Chester County Historical Society; Westtown Township; the Chester County Historic Preservation Network; and the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau announce the 25th summer of sharing Chester County’s heritage during the annual *Town Tours & Village Walks*.

Town Tours & Village Walks is a series of free summer strolls through historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites. This summer you can explore Chester County’s heritage on Thursday evenings, June 13th-August 29th. Tours generally last 50 minutes and begin at 5:30 pm with the last tour leaving at 7:00 pm unless daylight allows for additional tours. Each tour is designed to inform, entertain and increase awareness of Chester County’s rich heritage and historic landscape. A number of our sites offer a good selection of restaurants and shops to enjoy after your tour.



THE GAZEBO AND SPORTS FIELDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE GREAT SPACES!



To reserve the baseball field, soccer field, or gazebo please contact office@westvincentwp.org.

NOW OPEN!

COMMUNITY GARDEN SPOTS AVAILABLE

Prices for plots are as follows:

10 x 20 space = \$25.

20 x 20 space = \$35.

10 x 20 space w/raised bed = \$45.



The West Vincent Township Community Garden is beginning its fifth season and is now open and ready for gardeners!

The garden is located along Westover Lane near the intersection of Westover Lane and Fellowship Road. The mission of the garden is to provide a community space for residents and visitors to grow food, flowers, and other plants in a collaborative atmosphere.

If you are interested in renting a plot please contact Kathy Shillenn at office@westvincentwp.org.

COUNTRY SPIRIT USA



AUGUST 23 - 25, 2019

The Ludwig's Corner Horseshow Association will again host the **Citadel Country Spirit USA Music Festival**. As soon as more information becomes available it will be posted to the West Vincent Township Police Department and the West Vincent Township Facebook pages, the official West Vincent Township website, and sent to local news media outlets for distribution.

Please be advised that they anticipate the numbers in attendance to be higher than last year. As a reminder, if you reside near the Horseshow Grounds or plan to travel through the area that weekend, please plan accordingly. Expect heavy traffic from vehicles and pedestrians that may lead to extended delays on Routes 100 and 401.

The Ludwig's Corner Horseshow Association has asked that anyone with questions or concerns about the festival to please contact them directly at <http://ludwighorseshow.com/country-spirit-usa-music-festival/>

ANIMAL CONTROL



The owner of any dog found to be unlicensed could face a fine of up to \$500; plus court costs.

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Please contact the West Vincent Police to report a lost or stray dog and the information will be relayed to our Animal Control Officer.

The Chester County SPCA will not accept animals from the general public coming from West Vincent Township. We will pick up the dog and take the necessary action to try and get the dog back to its rightful owner.

If you have an ongoing problem with a dog in your neighborhood, please contact us.

DO NOT take the law into your own hands; we are trained to deal with these situations and will try to resolve any issues in a neighborly fashion.

For those dog owners who have had your pet micro-chipped: Please be sure to register the chip!! We have a chip scanner that will aid us in getting your pet home.

Lastly, all dogs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must be licensed on or before January 1 every year. Our Animal Control Officer, with the assistance of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Dog Law Division, will do periodic License Canvases. The owner of any dog found to be unlicensed could face a fine of up to \$500.00, plus court costs. You may obtain the lifetime license from the Chester County Treasurers Office in West Chester ONLY. You can obtain an annual dog license online at www.padoglicense.com.

Visit us on Facebook! **West Vincent Township Animal Control** 



PICNIC IN THE PARK MUSIC SERIES RETURNS!

The Parks & Recreation Commission is excited to bring back the monthly **Picnic in the Park series** starting Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Evans Park. On the third Thursday in the month of June, July, and August, residents and visitors are welcome to bring a blanket, chair, a packed dinner, and enjoy live music by the gazebo in our beautiful Township park.

We encourage you to gather up your neighbors and join us for a fun-filled, relaxing evening!

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

NO TAX INCREASE for 2019! Last December, West Vincent Township's Board of Supervisors approved the Township's 2019 Budget of \$7,673,880 and voted to keep the property tax rate at 2.09. As a reminder to residents who have questions on their tax bills, please see below for the proper agency to call regarding these bills.

- **Questions on your Real Estate Tax Bill? Call Berkheimer at 1-800-360-8989**
- **Questions on your Earned Income Tax Rate? Call Keystone Collections at 866-539-1100**

TAXES

2019	West Vincent Township	2.09 mils
2018-2019	Owen J. Roberts School District	31.2366 mils
2019	Chester County	4.369 mils
2019	Earned Income Tax	1.25 % (¾ % Township + ½ % OJR School District) .5 % for Non-residents without home EIT

In November, the Board of Supervisors approved the allocation of the \$5.5 million in proceeds from the Township's sale of our sewer system and Township reserves to fund road & future capital projects. Certain road projects will commence this Summer/Fall using a portion of these dedicated funds.

2018 Calendar year was a great year for West Vincent Township. We closed the year with a net income of \$72,066 (not including the sewer system sale proceeds), with an ending balance in our general operating fund of \$1,706,962. We performed well against the 2018 Budgeted figures and we are looking forward to continuing that trend in 2019. The Township's monthly financial reporting will continue to change and improve as we listen to residents' comments and/or concerns to ensure we provide timely and meaningful information to you. Finally, the Township's 2018 Audit is complete.

Please look for all Financial Reports of the Township on our website at www.westvincentwp.org.

NEW HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Board of Supervisors recently adopted Ordinance No. 184-2019

establishing a NEW Historical Commission that shall serve in an advisory capacity on issues related to historic preservation in our Township. Meetings to be held second Monday of the month at 7pm.

Welcome to members:

- ★ Jim Helm
- ★ Kate Farnham
- ★ Robert Wise
- ★ Peter Benton
- ★ Thomaseth Dulchinos

Welcome!

EVENTS for West Vincent Residents



FREE PAPER SHREDDING

Sat., Sept. 7, 9-11:30 am

West Vincent Twp. Building Parking Lot (Rain or Shine)

Papers will be securely shredded by **Proshred Security**.

No businesses, please!

SOUTHEASTERN PA HAZARDOUS WASTE RESIDENTIAL EVENT

Sat., May 18, 9am-3pm

O.J. Roberts Middle School
881 Ridge Road, Pottstown

For acceptable materials list, visit www.chestercountyswa.org

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority has valuable information on how and where to recycle and dispose of electronic and hazardous waste.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Did you know that West Vincent Township owns and maintains 47.5 miles of roadway? Twenty seven percent (27%) of those are gravel roads, and seventy three percent (73%) are paved roads. The Public Works Department is gearing up for Township road maintenance projects including chip seal and paving of Township roads. In addition, the Public Works Department will be conducting regular roadside mowing, which allows for better sight distances for motorists. It is important the Township residents realize that trees and objects such as boulders and stones should not be put in the road right of way. These items are a potential hazard to motorists both on the road and to Township road equipment used to maintain the roadways. Generally, the right of way is the edge of your property along the roadway. Measured from the center of the road its width varies from 33 to 50 feet wide. Township employees have the right to enter, use, maintain, and improve the right of way.

We appreciate your cooperation to keep our roads safe and well maintained!

WELCOME NEW TOWNSHIP STAFF!

★ **Reggie Roy** Roadmaster





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TOWNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Spring 2019

CAMPBILL VILLAGE

Nestled into a vibrant corner of the township's countryside, is Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, a farming and handcrafting community that includes adults with developmental disabilities.

As a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, our mission is to create a caring community where our special needs residents can live and work in a supportive and productive environment.



Kimberton Hills has many things to offer to the West Vincent community and beyond. Located on 432 acres of scenic Chester County farmland, is our thriving CSA garden, Sankanac. Vegetable shares are available to the public, and provide a plethora of organically and biodynamically grown vegetables from May through October. The popular Camphill Café is another hidden gem in the area, open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for delicious, organic lunch specials, soups, salads and desserts. The Craft Shop here in Kimberton Hills is also worth stopping in for a visit. Colorful, handmade hats, dolls, tapestries, mosaic artwork and more, all made onsite in our Weavery, Mosaic Studio, and Fiber Arts Studio, are for sale. An assortment of fresh herb teas, from our herb garden, are also available.

Our multi-purpose venue, Rose Hall, features multiple events open to the public throughout the year. Lectures, live music and theatrical performances are a wonderful source of enrichment to our neighbors and community. **This July 13th is our annual Hootenanny event**, a wonderful day of family fun, activities, live music and contra dancing. There is something for all ages to enjoy, from games, unique vendor tables and fresh food.

Stop by and see us! We love to meet our neighbors.

There are so many ways to become involved in our Village, from volunteering, to walking our wooded trails along the French Creek, to sponsoring an event.

For more information, please visit our website: www.camphillkimberton.org and follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/camphillvillagekimbertonhills

