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**REGISTERING YOUR RENTAL PROPERTIES AND YOUR BED AND BREAKFAST BUSINESSES**



In order to comply with Chester County 911 Emergency Preparedness, and West Vincent Township Ordinance No. 97-1999 all property owners are required to identify the person/persons, including tenants, occupying their property. In the event of an emergency it is important that we have updated information on all rentals. Please make sure your street number is visible. This information is for the police and fire departments only and will not be made known to the public. The form is available on the Township website here: <http://www.westvincentwp.org/government/building-department/>.

Also, Zoning Ordinance Section 403.A.10.c requires all property owners are required to register Bed and Breakfast establishments with the Township prior to the use and on or before the end of January each year.

**TOWNSHIP FINANCES**

Our operating income as of September 30, 2017 is \$ 3,616,010 and expenses as of September 30, 2017 were \$ 2,444,338 giving us a surplus of \$ 1,171,672. As you will notice from our September budget vs actual report, our engineering & legal expenses are excessively over budget. This is due to the proposed sewer system sale, the Bryn Coed purchase, zoning enforcement, and road/bridge issues. Although our Public works & Winter maintenance categories are under budget, we do expect these to be more in line in the fourth quarter. For more information and full Budget vs Actual reports, please go to the Township website:

[www.westvincentwp.org/government/finance-township-treasurer](http://www.westvincentwp.org/government/finance-township-treasurer).



# West Vincent CONNECTIONS

Fall 2017

**“STRIKE-A-PAWS”  
PET HOLIDAY PHOTOS &  
DOG WALK IN THE PARK!**

The Park and Recreation Commission invite you to join two and four-legged residents for furry fun at Evans Park, located at the corner of Conestoga Road and St. Matthews Road, on **Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm!**

This **FREE** event will feature holiday photos with Santa Claus, pet-specific vendors-galore, Phoenixville Animal Rescue adoption puppies, a community walk in the park, plus, dog training classes, agility demonstrations, music, complimentary snacks (energy bars for humans/healthy treats for dogs), water stations (both bottled and doggie dishes) – a great way to celebrate the holiday weekend while communing with fellow neighbors and their pets!

A few rules that apply: all dogs must have their PA State License and be kept on leashes at all times and owners are required to pick-up after their pets and dispose of waste properly. Other (non-canine) pets are to be kept in travel carriers. No horses Please!

For general questions or to find out more about becoming a pet vendor, please contact the Township office at 610-458-1601 or [office@westvincentwp.org](mailto:office@westvincentwp.org).

This event is weather-permitting, no rain date is proposed. Please check the Township’s Facebook page in case of bad weather.

**WELCOME  
THE FALL  
HARVEST  
AT THE  
SUSTAINABILITY FAIR**



This year’s Sustainability Fair will be held on **October 14th, 2017** from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the WVT Elementary School located at 2750 Conestoga Rd. (Rte. 401). In conjunction with the West Vincent Sustainability Committee is proud to organize this community-building event. Combining education, fun, and participation, the fair is designed to bring awareness to sustainable practices through exhibits, vendors and educators.

A product of the West Vincent Sustainability Committee, this free event has proven to be a family-friendly experience for people of all ages and is a perfect way to celebrate fall in our own community.

Those attending this year’s free event can see variety of exhibits, from vendors selling sustainable products such as soaps, candles, locally crafted jewelry, and other earth-friendly, hand-made products.

In addition, visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy delicious, locally-grown and prepared foods while learning about organic, non-gmo gardening and farming practices from the experts. A Kid’s Corner will provide exhibits and contests for children to enjoy the fair providing an educational and fun way to explore their role in sustainability.

Board of Supervisors

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM

Environmental Advisory Council:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 PM

Open Space Review Board

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 5:00 PM

Park and Recreation Commission

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 7:30 PM

Planning Commission

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7:30 PM

Sustainability Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 PM

Zoning Hearing Board

Hearings Scheduled as Needed

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Upcoming Events and Other Items of Interest



West Vincent Township Police are pleased to announce a partnership with OfferUp's MeetUp Spots Program. This program is designed help improve in-person transactions for internet purchases within communities across the country.



The Township has designated two parking spaces in the main parking lot as MeetUp Spots. This area is under video surveillance and monitored by the police. We thank MeetUp Spots for donating these signs!

To further help keep you safe during an exchange, whether you use our Township parking lot or some other place, we highly recommend you meet during daylight hours, always have a cell phone with you and, if something doesn't seem right, leave immediately and call 911.

## \*\*\* DIAL 911 FOR ANY EMERGENCY \*\*\*

Look for both West Vincent Township and West Vincent Township Police Department on Facebook and Twitter!! We will periodically post news items and other items of interest, plus keep you informed of any emergency situations via Twitter or Facebook as necessary. Like or Follow us to stay up to date concerning Township news, and programs. The Township's Social Media Policy is available for review on the Township website, as well as links to safety/security resources at [www.westvincentwp.org](http://www.westvincentwp.org).

 <https://www.facebook.com/West-Vincent-Township>

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## TREE TRIMMING

Tree pruning \ trimming on the sidewalk or private property side of the tree is the responsibility of the property owner. Due to safety concerns for larger vehicles (buses, fire trucks, delivery trucks etc.), and as a courtesy to the residents, tree trimming is necessary. Please trim the tree trunk- maintaining a minimum clearance of 14' above the road surface and at least 4' wider than the street itself. This especially helps in snow plowing when the conditions may be difficult to know where the road bed is. Tree trimming at intersections must allow for clear sight distance for all vehicles. Of course you may trim street trees yourself or have a professional landscaper perform the work for you. In the event a tree interferes with Township work, the Township will have to take care of it.



<p><b>Tips for Motorists</b></p> <p><b>STAY ALERT</b> Bicycles are legal vehicles in Pennsylvania and are subject to the same rules as cars</p> <p><b>GIVE SOME ROOM</b> When passing a bike, give at least four feet of space - It's the law!</p> <p><b>TAKE A LOOK</b> Check for bikes before turning or opening your car door</p> <p><b>LAY OFF THE HORN</b> Don't honk at a bicyclist unless they are in immediate danger</p> <p><b>PAY ATTENTION</b> Texting and emailing is against the law - and downright dangerous!</p>	<p><b>Tips for Bicyclists</b></p> <p><b>OBEY THE LAW</b> A bicycle is a legal vehicle with the same rights and responsibilities as a motor vehicle.</p> <p><b>RIDE ON THE RIGHT</b> But if the road is too narrow for cars to safely pass or when there are hazards, ride in the center of the rightmost lane.</p> <p>Never ride against traffic.</p> <p><b>BE PREDICTABLE</b> Don't weave in and out of traffic. Signal when possible.</p> <p><b>STAY VISIBLE</b> Use a front light and rear reflector in low light and bright clothing all the time.</p>
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To find out more about bicycling in Chester County go to: [wcbiur.org/ShareTheRoad](http://wcbiur.org/ShareTheRoad)

## RIGHT OF WAYS IN THE TOWNSHIP

The Public Works Department has a road maintenance program for the 29.39 miles paved roads and 17.29 miles of unpaved roads in West Vincent Township. The Township provides road maintenance to all Township roads. The Township employees 4 full-time public work members.

Road maintenance includes roadside mowing, which allows for better sight distances for motorists. It is important that Township residents realize that trees and objects like boulders should not be put in the road right-of-way. Such items represent a potential hazard to motorists both on the road and on the roads and driveways which intersect those roads. In addition, such objects damage the 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. Residents should always maintain this area as it is your property. Call the Township to find out how large yours is. It is important to remember that the Township employees have the right to enter, use, maintain and improve the right-of-way. State law gives municipalities the right to remove obstructions in the right-of-way at the owner's expense, so please do not cause yourself undue stress by having to see your gardens destroyed if maintenance requires it. If you see road conditions which need attention please call the Township office 610-458-1601. Works Department.

## ROAD PROGRAM UPDATE

West Vincent Township completed projects this year includes the bituminous seal coat on St. Andrews Lane, Pine Drive, Barrington Lane, St. Anthony Lane, Art School Road, Dewees Lane, Adelphia Lane, and Clarkson Road. In addition, the Township contracted with Marino Corporation to do the paving of Horseshoe Trail and Nantmeal Road. Repairs to Hollow Road Bridge are underway by By-State Construction Co. Inc. with the paving to be done in the Spring.

The Township secured \$31,803 in grant funds from the Pennsylvania Dirt & Gravel Road Program to fund stormwater pipe replacement, extensions, lining, and other reinforcements along Green, Jaime, and Bartlett Lanes in the Township which should be done this Fall.

To find the complete road report go to the Township website: <http://www.westvincentwp.org/government/plans-reports-policies/>



## SPOTTED LANERNFLY INFORMATION

This invasive species is under the watchful eye of the Department of Agriculture. West Vincent Township is now under quarantine for this insect. They offer the following tips on helping to control the insect's movement:

- In months when adults are active, do a quick inspection of your vehicle any time you move in or near a quarantine area, to find any spotted lanternfly hitchhikers.
- If you see eggs on trees or other smooth outdoor surfaces: Scrape them off, double bag them and throw them in the garbage, or place the eggs in alcohol or hand sanitizer to kill them.
- If you collect a specimen: First, place the sample in alcohol or hand sanitizer in a leak proof container. Submit the specimen to your county Penn State Extension office or to the department's entomology lab for verification. Don't move live specimens around, even within the quarantined area. There are many places under quarantine that do not yet have active populations of spotted lanternfly - you do not want to help them establish a new home base.

If you take a photo: Submit photo of adults or egg masses to [badbug@pa.gov](mailto:badbug@pa.gov).

If you report a site: Call the invasive species report line at **866-253-7189** with details of the sighting and your contact information.



## SNOW PLOW POLICY AND YOUR MAILBOX

Snow plowing is difficult work that is usually done under the worst of circumstances. Township employees are professionals who take pride in their work, and accidents due to direct hits from plows are rare. West Vincent Township has adopted a policy in 2017 that you are responsible for your own mailbox if the damage has happened due to snow or slush discharge from the plow blades. Claims for damages must be in writing to the Township Manager within 48 hours of the snow event.

The complete policy can be found on the Township website: <http://www.westvincentwp.org/government/plans-reports-policies/>