



WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Zoning Hearing Board – Steven Rhoads, Patricia A. Rugh and a vacancy and Charles Knapp and Peter Hughes, *Alternates*

SAVE THE DATES!

June 30 to August 8 - Summer Camp - at Historic Yellow Springs - Equine Sculpture, Drawing and Painting Workshop Unique and enriching Day Camps for children and youth ages 6-16 yrs in the Arts, History & Nature Camp. Day runs from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Before care 8-9:30 a.m. & after care 3:30 - 5 p.m.

July 12 - Mill at Anselma - 18th century ice cream making demonstration

July 14 to August 9 – Sara Rose Academy of the Arts Performing Arts Camp - Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for ages 8 to 16 at the West Pikeland Township Cultural Center and Theatre. See courses available on Page 3 or check out – www.darcinfo.com.

July 19 – Malvern Gardener’s Market – Burke Park - www.malverngardenmarket.org

August 7 - Town Tours and Village Walks - at Historic Yellow Springs

August 9 - Mill at Anselma - 18th century cheese making demonstration

August 16 – Pennsylvania Academy of Performing Arts (PAPA) - Summer Concert –7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center Theatre

September 13 - Mill at Anselma - Children’s Book Signing - featuring author Carolyn Eaglehouse and illustrator Dru Kring



Township Manager's Corner by Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G.

The Cultural Center is really taking off! On April 19 and 20, the Chester County Craft Guild held its semi-annual event at the West Pikeland Township Cultural Center.

In May, People's Light and Theatre Company produced three one-act plays by Horton Foote for three performances in the Cultural Center Theatre.

In June, 12 performances of *Almost, Maine*, a play by John Cariani and produced by Village Productions, graced the Cultural Center Theatre stage. Over 600 theatre-goers enjoyed the play and various related activities, including a meet the director night, a meet the author night, a before-show brunch, and an after show opening night reception and beer-tasting!

Since publishing the Spring 2008 newsletter, we said good-bye to long-time public works employee Mark A. Miller and welcomed John Lambert and John Sciandra to the public works department.

On June 11th the Township partnered with East Bradford and Thornbury Townships in auctioning off some unused or unneeded municipal equipment, vehicles and other miscellaneous items. Township Resident Ted Wiederseim of Wiederseim Associates, Inc. conducted the auction. West Pikeland Township netted \$4,033 from the sale.

PROJECT UPDATES

Act 537 Plan Update – At the end of March a soil survey was conducted at the Windolph Knoll property located at the corner of Route 401 at Upper Pine Creek Road to determine suitability for wastewater drip distribution. By early April specific needs regarding sewage disposal were determined.

In June we further determined soil suitability at this property by digging test pits while a PADEP inspector was present. This helped the engineer determine the types of disposal alternatives that are available to the Township. In late June, the Township Manager and Engineer met with County Health Department officials to discuss our findings of failed septic systems. The County concurred with the Township that there are multiple failed systems. The Engineer continues to determine feasibility of each disposal alternative and a detailed cost evaluation will be prepared.

In late July or August comments from the public on the Act 537 Draft Plan will be solicited. Check the Township website – www.westpikeland.com for information about the public meeting.

Pine Creek Park – In late June, the public works department added stone to all abutments of the three park bridges as the final project obligation from the June 2006 storm. Money received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant helped to pay for this work.

Bridge Inspections – The park entrance bridge and double bridge located further south on Yellow Springs Road were inspected to determine factors such as: safety, noise, weight capacity, etc. The report showed that the park entrance bridge requires repairs which will be completed later this summer.

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New Soccer Field – A full-size soccer/lacrosse field was approved to be built on the bluff adjacent to the half-size practice field. Cost estimates must still be approved. When construction is completed later this summer and once the grass surface is established in spring of 2009, the Township will have created one field for every one hundred children participating in the Lionville Youth Association sports program.

Horseshoe Trail East Bridge Study – The Horseshoe Trail East Bridge was inspected in March/April this year and was found to require repairs for an estimated cost of \$30,000. The Township has tasked Yerkes Engineers to prepare bid specifications for this project. It is anticipated that the repairs will be made later this year or early in 2009.

Upper Pine Creek Culvert Replacement – Wexcon, Inc. was the successful bidder for this project. At newsletter publishing time, the Township was preparing to conduct a bog turtle study which is a significant part of the permit application for PADEP approval so that we can enter the stream to do the work.

Windolph Knoll Master Site Plan Steering Committee – On May 5, 2008, the Board of Supervisors appointed Robert Shemonsky (*Supervisor Chair*), Todd Bachofer, Wayne Freese, Linda Glaum, Beth Madarang, Nancy Bartley, and Rob Kocher. Two meetings have been held to date and progress is being made toward design of a park.

Open Space – Also on May 5, 2005, the Board of Supervisors appointed the Open Space Advisory Committee which serves as a subcommittee to West Pikeland Township and the Land Trust and consists of five members of the Land Trust, one member each from the Park and Recreation and Historic Commissions and three resident members. Appointments included: Curt Grogan, Ann Orth, Teresa Wood,

Jim Rowan, Sean O'Neill, Darin Groff, Roberta Rometsch, Bob Haskell, Catherine Renzi, and Ted Gacomis.



Farmers and Artisans Market
Located on the grounds of
The Historic Mill at Anselma on
Conestoga Road
Open Wednesdays, 2 - 7 pm

The Sarah Rose Academy of the Arts Performing Arts Camp

The Performing Arts summer camp programs for children and teenagers (ages 8 to 16) will be offered in Chester Springs for four weeks beginning July 14, 2008 through August 8, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each single week of camp will conclude with a short performance. The camp will culminate in a live musical production on Saturday, August 9, 2008. This final performance will feature students from all four camp genres, and will be open to the public. Students can choose to attend all four weeks of camp or individual weeks; however, attendance during the last week is required for those who wish to be in the Saturday, August 9 performance. Campers will receive individual instruction in their chosen genre throughout each week and will also spend time learning their roles and rehearsing for the performances. Individualized instruction will also be provided. Camp Selections include:

- *Musical Theatre* – for ages 8 to 16
- *Orchestra for Musical Theatre* – for ages 10 to 16
- *Dance for Musical Theatre* – for ages 8 to 16
- *Costume Design and Construction for Musical Theatre* – for ages 10 to 16

Cost to Downingtown Area Recreational
Consortium (DARC) residents - \$200/week and

for non-resident - \$215/week

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WHAT'S NEW IN TOWNSHIP LAND DEVELOPMENT?

The following projects are being considered by the Township's Planning Commission and Supervisors:

ACMEC of North America – Conditional Use Application - Located at 1459 Conestoga Road, the applicant (the Adhi Parasakthi Charitable, Medical, Educational and Cultural Society of North America) proposes a 27,000 sq. ft. Temple with a connecting 9,000 sq. ft. accessory building and 106-space parking lot. A conditional use hearing was scheduled before the Board of Supervisors on July 10th; however, the applicant has requested a delay. A new date for the conditional use hearing is pending. Watch the Township website for more details as information becomes available.

Yasgur Minor Subdivision Plan – Located at 1479 Conestoga Road, the property is proposed to be subdivided from one lot to two lots.

Anselma Crossing Land Development – Sketch Plan – Located on Conestoga Road, the plan proposes a 5,468 sq. ft. post office, 11,675 sq. ft. feed store and other retail space totaling 4,700 sq. ft. A conditional use hearing was conducted on June 26, 2008.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATE

**Chester County Solid Waste Authority
Household Hazardous Waste Collection
September 13, 2008
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**New Garden Township Maintenance Bldg.
8934 Gap Newport Road
Landenberg, PA 19350**

For more info:
www.newgarden.org/HHW.htm