



WEST PIKELAND NEWSLETTER

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Fall 2017

Turnpike Expansion Update

The expansion is set to go out to bid in Fall 2019 and construction is expected to start Spring 2020 and last through the Fall of 2022. Construction will double the width of the Turnpike with one more lane being constructed in each direction and shoulders will be widened. The Turnpike Commission will construct and maintain all stormwater facilities. Three bridges will be replaced including the ones over Route 401 and Upper Pine Creek. Sound barriers will be installed along the Turnpike in Uwchlan Township but not in West Pikeland. The cost will be \$25-30 million per mile and this phase is for 7 miles with 20% in Charlestown Township on one end and a very small amount in Upper Uwchlan. The balance is in Uwchlan and West Pikeland Townships [slightly over 1 mile in West Pikeland].

Volunteers Needed!

- *West Pikeland Land Trust*
- *Open Space Committee*
- *Planning Commission*
- *Historic Commission*

New Website

In an effort to simplify the usability of our website and make information easier to access, we have recently migrated our website to a new platform. If you cannot find what you are looking for or have ideas to improve the layout or content of the new site, please let us know and we will be happy to hear your suggestions.



SAVE THE DATE!
Friday December 8, 2017

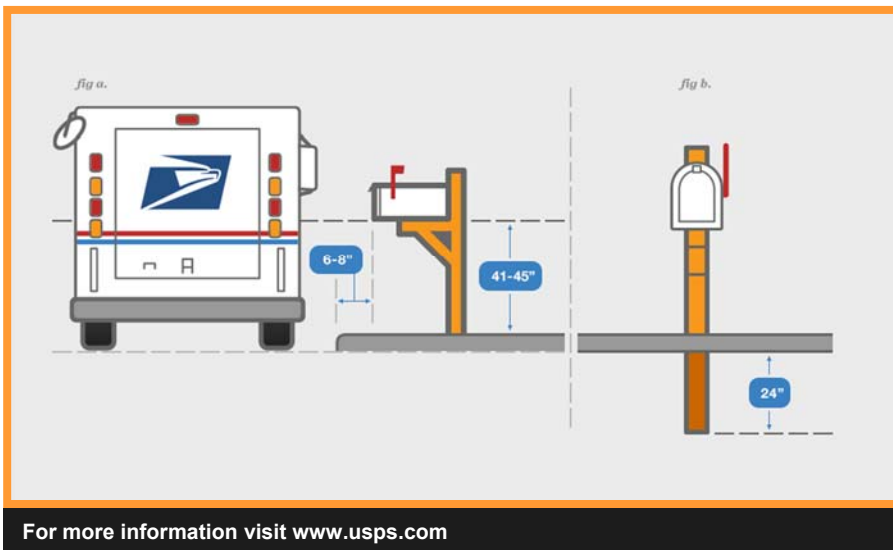
HOLIDAY STROLL

in the
Historic Village of Yellow Springs

yellowsprings.org
westpikeland.com
chesterspringslibrary.org

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- Holiday Stroll
- Vote for Township Supervisor
- Septic Ordinance
- PennDOT Customer Care
- Arts and Culture presents
- Christmas Tree Disposal
- Right of Ways



Election November 2017

West Pikeland Township residents will have the opportunity to vote for two Township Supervisor and twelve other municipal positions this year. Two members of the current Board of Supervisors' have terms expiring at the end of 2017. Come out and vote for your next Township Official in the Election on November 7th at the West Pikeland Township Building. Polls open at 7am.

Septic Ordinance

The Septic Maintenance Ordinance approved on February 6th, 2017 and effective April 1, 2017 requires homeowners who have on-lot septic systems to have them inspected and pumped out every three years by a certified hauler and inspector. The full text of the ordinance is available for review at www.westpikeland.com. Homeowners need not submit proof of inspection. Haulers will submit the report to the County which will then be reviewed by the Township.

Reporting State Road Issues

The PennDOT Customer Care Center (CCC) is designed to assist the Commonwealth's citizens to quickly and efficiently file their concerns and suggestion via the internet. The types of customer concerns that PennDOT would address include, but are not limited to, potholes, drainage issues, deer carcass removal, ditching, berms, road signs, utility issues, etc. Specifically, these concerns would be attended by the Bureau of Maintenance and Operation. Customer concerns also provide important information regarding the condition, serviceability, and safety of the highways. They frequently provide timely, pertinent notification of highway conditions. Visit <https://customercare.penndot.gov/> or call 717-787-2838 to report an issue on state roads.

Prevent FROZEN Aqua Pipes

In freezing temperatures, metal pipes contract as the water inside expands. This is what causes pipes to burst. Let Fred Wags and Felicia Fluff help you identify and protect your household pipes and water meter in cold weather.

- #### Insulate Pipes. ①

Insulate pipes located against exterior walls in unheated areas of your home like basements and crawl spaces. Use heat tape or pipe insulation found at most hardware or home improvement stores. **Or just sit on them...**
- #### Open Cabinet Doors. ②

Allow the warmth inside your house to surround your pipes in extreme cold.
- #### Remove Hoses. ③

Exterior faucets and hoses are first to freeze. Remove outdoor hoses before the cold weather sets in.

STORAGE
(a.k.a. Felicia's House)

MORE TIPS →

FROM Beethoven TO THE Romantics

A PERFECT PROGRESSION

Join us for an intimate "guided tour" of the development of classical music from Beethoven through the Romantic period, with acclaimed "tour guides" Christine DelBono and Michal Schmidt.

Italy's *Il Messaggero* has called Christine "...a great American soloist so in tune with the music she so intimately interprets."

Composer and Composition Professor Jay Reise of the University of Pennsylvania praises Michal as "...a splendid musician...inspired and inspiring, always dazzling with superb performances."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 4 PM
1645 Art School Road, Chester Springs at the West Pikeland Township Building
Tickets at the Door | Adults \$10 | Children and Students \$5

theatreatyellowsprings.com | 610-590-5300
Performance sponsored by West Pikeland Township

Board of Supervisors

1st and 3rd Monday
at 7:30 pm

Planning Commission

Second Monday at
7pm

Zoning Hearing Board

First Wednesday at
7pm

Park and Rec Board

First Thursday at
7:30pm

Historic Architectural Review Board

Third Thursday at
5:30pm

Historic Commission

Fourth Tuesday at
5:30pm

Arts and Culture Committee

Second Wednesday
at 4pm

Open Space Advisory Committee

Second Thursday at
7pm

WPT Land Trust

Fourth Monday at
6:30pm

Those interested in volunteering for one of these groups are encouraged to attend a meeting and introduce yourself!

Christmas Tree Disposal

Please remember that West Pike-land does NOT collect Christmas trees. In order to properly dispose of your tree this year call or visit the website of your private hauler to learn their pick-up dates or special instructions for discarding Christmas trees. Taking your tree (and other household waste) to the Lanchester Landfill in Narvon is also another option. Please visit www.chestercountyswa.org/ for more information.

Township Right of Ways

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, but are also reminded that municipalities have the right to enter, use, maintain and improve the right of way. Ensure obstructions are removed and landscaping in this area is far enough back. This helps immensely when crews are sent out to clear the roads of snow and ice.



PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE COMMUNITY AWARENESS BULLETIN

CAB 005-17

October 3, 2017

TRANSIENT CRIMINAL SCAM – DIVERSION THEFTS/IMPOSTER FRAUDS

Throughout the year, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania plays host to transient criminals who travel great distances in search of victims for their various money-making scams. In many cases, their targets are the elderly. The greatest defense against these "scam" artists is to share some basic crime prevention tips.

One of the more recent prevalent scams being perpetrated by transient criminals in Pennsylvania is Diversion Thefts/Imposter Frauds. In this scam, criminals approach and distract a homeowner, luring them toward a particular room of the house with ploys such as feigning illness, asking for a drink of water, saying that they are looking for a lost pet, etc. They may also pose as a repairman from the local power company or water department in an effort to gain access to the victim's house or lure the victim out of the house. They present an identification badge, or may be wearing what appears to be a work uniform, and convince the victim that they need to test the water pressure, electricity, or determine where the property line is. The scammers then advise the victim that company regulations do not allow them to be on the property or in the house unaccompanied. Their purpose is to distract the victim while unseen accomplices enter the residence and steal valuables, such as jewelry and cash. In some instances, the suspects communicate with hand-held radios or cellular telephones while committing these offenses. Some other frequently used ploys include claims that the perpetrator works for a tree pruning service, driveway paving service, or fence installation company.

im-pos-tor

Noun

A person who pretends to be someone else in order to deceive others, especially for fraudulent gain.

Synonyms

impersonator, masquerader, pretender, imitator, deceiver, hoaxer, trickster, fraudster, swindler

Prevention Tips:

- Always lock your doors when doing yard work, getting mail, or anytime you go outside - both front and back doors.
- Be careful with whom you let in your home. Never allow strangers inside your home, even if they appear to be in distress or with a young child.
- Check with your utility company by telephone if an employee wants to enter your home, or wants you to come outside with them. If you do not see any identification or company credentials, ask for it; however, keep in mind some of these criminals have become skillful at making their own identification cards. Do not hesitate to check each individual's identification and verify information with their respective company.
- Write down the license plate number of any vehicles that suspicious individuals may be operating. Try to obtain a good physical description of anyone who comes to your door.
- **CALL THE POLICE TO REPORT THE INCIDENT IMMEDIATELY!** Never be too embarrassed to report that you may have been victimized or swindled.

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If you have any suggestions for content contained in this Newsletter or would like to share photographs taken within West Pikeland Township, please contact us at 610-590-5300 or via email to office@westpikeland.com.

Entrance to administrative office only, not police department.

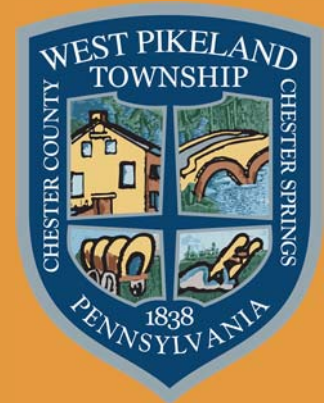
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