



WEST PIKELAND NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2018

We Need Your Help!

Come to West Pikeland Township's first Spring Clean-Up Day May 5th, 2018, 9am—1pm

Pine Creek Park - 1488 Yellow Springs Rd
Refreshments and Educational tables 9:00am-10:00am
Clean up around Township 10:00am-1:00pm

Volunteer to help keep our community clean! Participants will gather at Pine Creek Park, 1488 Yellow Springs Road, Chester Springs, which will serve as HQ. Enjoy light refreshments and get information from different organizations on various environmental topics, then grab some gloves, vests and trash bags provided by West Pikeland and disperse to various roads and locations throughout the Township. Please register via the link at www.westpikeland.com or call and let the office know how many people will be attending All participants will be entered in a raffle to win a **Wawa gift basket!**

Participants: West Pikeland Land Trust • Green Valleys Watershed Association • AJ Blosenski Trash and Recycling • Information from Chester County Solid Waste Authority • Information from West Chester University Office of Sustainability • Chester County Citizens for Climate Protection • Energy Cooperative Association of PA

West Pikeland Land Trust

West Pikeland Land Trust is an all-volunteer organization and a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates for and facilitates land preservation in our Township. The Land Trust board members are excited to share our updated Township trail map. Please visit www.wplandtrust.org to see the map, and discover new paths for 2018! The trails are great for hiking, walking your dog on a leash, and bird watching, for example. Follow the Land Trust on Facebook for more suggestions about identifying trees, clouds, insects, and other natural features on our trails.

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The West Pikeland Township Arts & Culture Committee presents



Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Beethoven, Brahms and Beautiful Blossoms

A bouquet of classical favorites for cello and piano



Thomas Mesa, Cello



Natalia Kazaryan, Piano

Thomas Mesa and Natalia Kazaryan are represented by Astral Artists

Tickets at the door only: \$10 adults, \$5 children/students

www.theatretheyellowssprings.com

Mark your calendars!

Programs brought to you by West Pikeland Township

Yoga in the Park

In June 2018, Park and Recreation will hold their 5th 'Yoga in the Park' series, led once again by township resident and yoga instructor Julie Heasley of 'Be & Breathe' yoga studio in West Chester. This popular series is free to the public and will be offered every Saturday this coming June - 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23 and 6/30 from 9-10am. The final locations are being determined. The series will likely be tour style, meeting each week at a different location to show off the beauty of our township. Registration and details will come out soon on the Township website and Facebook.

Volunteers Needed

West Pikeland Township is always looking for volunteers to help out on various committees. This is a great way to get involved and make the community you live in a better place! Contact the administration office for more details.

Lyme Disease Awareness

Lyme Disease is a bacterial infection, most commonly contracted from a tick bite, that may initially cause a flu-like sickness. One unmistakable sign for having contracted lyme disease is the development of a "bulls eye" rash around the site of the tick bite. Ticks are most plentiful in areas where woodlands transition into fields and meadows where tall grass is found. Ticks cannot jump or fly and are rarely found more than 3 feet above the ground. Deer paths are also a hotbed for ticks, along with leaf litter, wood piles and rock walls. One way to prevent a tick bite is to treat clothing with permethrin spray which lasts for 6-8 weeks. For more information on tick bite prevention and Lyme Disease please visit: <http://www.chesco.org/848/Lyme-Disease>

Chester County Overdose Prevention Task Force

2017 Accidental Overdose Statistics

- In 2017, there were **144 accidental overdose deaths** in Chester County.
- In Chester County, from 2016-2017, there was a **47%** rise in the number of accidental drug overdoses
- In the 144 accidental overdose deaths, **fentanyl, heroin, and cocaine** were among the top drugs present
- Fentanyl was present in almost 73% of deaths in 2017 compared with 43% in 2016.
- **Fentanyl, heroin and prescription opioids** are categorized under the opiate family, which means they have similar effects on the brain/body.
- The age group 25-34 accounted for 37% of the 144 accidental overdoses

To get help or information, Visit the Task Force at StopODChesco.org

Thank You, Volunteers!

The West Pikeland Board of Supervisors would like to thank the many resident volunteers who donate their time and effort to the Township's various committees and commissions.

Board of Supervisors

1st and 3rd Monday at
7:30 pm

Planning Commission

Second Monday at
7pm

Zoning Hearing Board

First Wednesday at
7pm

Parks 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 Tuesday at
7pm

Open Space Advisory Committee

Second Thursday at
7pm

WPT Land Trust

Fourth Monday at
6:30pm

Chester Springs Library

The Chester Springs Library is one of the smallest libraries in the Chester County Library System, located in the old Infirmary Building in the Village of Historic Yellow Springs. After the School closed in 1912, the building was in use with the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Country School and Good News Productions. In 2016, it was transformed into the new location of the Chester Springs Library and provides the community with a 21st century public library in a facility that combines the best of the old with the new, and with improved parking and handicap accessibility. At the library, you'll find access to computers, the Internet, laptops, iPads, printers and copiers, and more recently, 3D printing. Plus, we still lend audiobooks free of charge, and DVDs and Blu-Rays for a very low rental fee, with an option available to borrow them for free. **Ready to Read Story Time, Build-a-Band, Young Robotics, and Game Lab** are some of the regularly scheduled programs for children, and with summer not far away, the **Summer Reading Club** will be in full swing starting in June. For adults in June, the Chester County Historical Society will be here to present a program titled, "**How old is that picture?**" Learn the process of researching and dating old photos. Call the library at 610-827-9212, visit us online at: www.chesterspringslibrary.org, or email at info@chesterspringslibrary.org.

Dangerous Spotted Lantern Fly

The Spotted Lantern Fly is a type of plant hopper native of Asia which feeds on plant juices and leafy foliage. They are best known in the area for being an invasive pest that was first identified in Pennsylvania in 2014 and have recently been discovered in Chester County. The Spotted Lantern Fly poses a significant threat to the state's more than \$20.5 million grape, \$134 million apple, and more than \$24 million stone fruit industries, as well as the hardwood industry which accounts for \$12 billion in sales. While there are no known impacts on public health, this discovery has prompted a mandatory quarantine of certain items within affected municipalities due to the potential impacts agricultural commodities. West Pikeland residents who find spotted lanternflies are asked to take a photograph if possible, immediately destroy them, and then alert the State Department of Agriculture at (717) 787-4737. Some things you can do to assist in eradicating this pest are: Check vehicles for egg masses, buy firewood locally, Check lawn furniture, wood products, construction materials, tarps, lawnmowers, trailers and other items stored outdoors before bringing them in for the winter, covering them or moving them. For more information and tips on prevention and removal please visit:

<https://www.chesco.org/3361/Lantern-Fly>



Shown Above: Spotted Lantern Fly and Egg Masses Typically Found on 'Tree of Heaven'

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Important Dates Coming up:

May 5th, 9 a.m.—Spring Clean-Up Day
@ Pine Creek Park

May 6th, 4:00 p.m.—Beethoven & Brahms
@ the Township Building

Saturdays in June, 9 a.m.—Yoga in the Park
@ various locations

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