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# WEST PIKELAND NEWSLETTER

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Fall 2016

## West Pikeland Township Welcomes New Manager

The Board of Supervisors appointed James "Jim" Wendelgass as Township Manager on May 2nd, 2016. Mr. Wendelgass brings 12 years of experience as a Chester County Township Manager with 20 employees and an annual budget of \$6 million. In that role, Mr. Wendelgass was responsible for budgeting, open space planning, construction of new buildings for maintenance and salt storage, and the application for and management of grants.

Additionally, Mr. Wendelgass served as a member of the Planning Commission (Chair), Environmental Advisory Council, Land Trust, and Open Space Advisory Committee in West Vincent Township.

Mr. Wendelgass was Phi Beta Kappa at Syracuse University and Associate Editor of the Law Review and Order of the Coif' at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He is an active member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

**Tax Update:** *Chester County Treasury is now the property tax collector for the Township. Please call (610)344-6370 for assistance. Keystone Collections Group is still the earned income tax collector and can be reached at (724)978-0300.*

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Entrance to Township Administration Building

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**Did you know...** West Pikeland Township manages several miles of trails for community use? Check out our trails in Pine Creek Park, Pickering Grove Park, and the Bridge to Bridge trail at the corner of Pikeland Road. and Rt. 113. The West Pikeland Land Trust has also established several trails including the Dogwood Trail at the end of Dogwood Lane which leads to Yellow Springs Road and Pine Creek Park; River Birch Trail on Pikeland Road near Rt.113 with access to fishing in Pickering Creek; and Hickory Trail on Street Road which travels around horse pastures and connects to Elbow Lane. Trail maps will soon be available on the Township website.

## Proposed Septage Management Ordinance Update

Most municipalities have areas that can never be physically or cost-effectively served by public sewer facilities. West Pikeland Township is comprised primarily of parcels with on-lot



septic systems, Twin Hills and Pickering Meadows being the only areas with public sewer. Areas may contain suitable soils, but have scattered malfunctioning on-lot treatment systems that can cause public health and other hazards. Malfunctioning individual on-lot systems will also often be found in areas that have poor soils and/or small lot sizes. It may become impossible to repair or

replace these systems on an individual lot-by-lot basis. Repairing on-lot systems as they malfunction typically will not solve the problem permanently until regular management and maintenance of on-lot systems is established to help keep the problems that lead to malfunctions from recurring. FOR FULL ORDINANCE DRAFT AND MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO [WWW.WESTPIKELAND.COM](http://WWW.WESTPIKELAND.COM) AND CLICK ON THE LINK FOR SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT.

**The potential to enact this ordinance will be discussed at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on September 19th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building.**

## What You Need to Know About the New Shared Driveways Ordinance

The ordinance was enacted to require residences, whose driveways are utilized by multiple homes, to clearly distinguish the street number of each residence, tract, lot or parcel of land. The Board of Supervisors passed this ordinance in response to emergency service personnel being unable to locate a particular address when attempting to provide medical assistance to a resident in distress. Street numbers must be four-inch high, reflective letters placed at mailboxes, shared driveway entrances, and at branches from the shared driveways into individual residences. Numbers on mailboxes must be on both sides of the mailbox or support post unless several mailboxes are side-by-side, then numbers should appear on the front of each mailbox. While not required, other residents are urged to consider the same concept. The full ordinance can be viewed at [www.westpikeland.com/ordinances/](http://www.westpikeland.com/ordinances/)

In addition to local hardware stores, Kimberton Fire Company will provide compliant signage for \$15/sign, and will assist residents with mounting if needed. For more information please visit: <http://www.kimbertonfire.org/content/address/>

## Volunteers needed!

Various Township Boards, Committees and Commissions are in need of additional volunteers to help make positive change within their respective groups. If you are interested in any of the committees below, please contact Jonathan: [office@westpikeland.com](mailto:office@westpikeland.com)

### 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 Wednesday at 4pm

### Open Space Advisory Committee

Second Thursday at 7pm

### WPT Land Trust

Fourth Monday at 6:30pm



Yoga at Hallman's field near the Bridge to Bridge Trail

workout that accommodated all fitness levels. The series completed on August 27 with a record of 16 participants and an age and gender diverse group. The greatest accomplishment beyond providing a free outdoor workout amidst nature, was exposing participants to beautiful parks, trails and historical sites throughout our township. The six classes were held at Pine Creek Park, The Township Outdoor Amphitheater, Pickering Grove, The Mill at Anselma, Binky Lee Preserve and The Bridge to Bridge Trail. We hope to have another series soon! Please contact the township office or consider attending a Park and Recreation board meeting if you would like more information about our parks and trails or future events.

## Yoga in the Park

Park and Recreation recently completed a 'Yoga in the Park' series in July and August on Saturdays at 9am. The series was the first of its kind and consisted of six weekly classes led by certified yoga instructors. Township resident Julie Heasley ran four classes and Maria Garcia of Sacred Centers East, located in the Shoppes at Pickering Mill, taught two classes. The instructors led a challenging

## 2016 Holiday Stroll

Historic Yellow Springs and West Pikeland Township join together to welcome our friends and neighbors for an evening of holiday cheer. Take a step back in time as you stroll along the luminaries to the sound of old time carolers and musicians. Enjoy activities including a tree lighting, art show, story time, ornament craft, live music, refreshments, Santa, and much more! It is fun for all! This year's holiday stroll will take place on Friday December 9th, from 5:30-8pm.



In 2015, 2,732 people in Pennsylvania died by drug overdose and the numbers are rising. Are you concerned about someone who is abusing prescription opioids or heroin? Act now and contact the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services for more information on help and drug abuse prevention. All calls are confidential.

Website: [www.chescor.org/drugandalcohol](http://www.chescor.org/drugandalcohol)  
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