

the Village of Westover



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Proposed Eagle Scout Project in McCord Commons



My name is Shane Snyder, I am an 8th grade student at Mountain View Middle School, and I live in the Westover community. My favorite subjects in school are History and Science. I play baseball for Hampden and I hope to eventually play for Cumberland Valley High School. I am a fan of the Philadelphia Eagles and the Philadelphia Phillies.

I am currently a Life Scout in Troop 279 for Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America) and am working on the rank of Eagle Scout. In order to receive the rank of Eagle Scout, I am required to do a project that helps the community. I have chosen to build park benches at McCord Commons Park. The benches I am proposing will be durable and made of an eco-friendly recycled plastic.

I chose McCord Commons Park for my Eagle Scout project because I live in the Westover community and I have spent a lot of time in the park playing with friends or walking my dogs. I also know that a lot of other people enjoy the park, as much as I do, and could use some additional places to sit down, relax, and enjoy the open space.

The eco-friendly, durable benches are an investment and the Civic Association is supporting Shane in his Eagle Scout project. The projected budget is over \$6,000 for the benches, potential mulch beds for them, and other materials. This is not currently an item in the Civic Association budget, is not supported by dues, and is a special project.

The projected completion is summer/fall 2026. The work will be done by the Scout, his troop, and other supervising adults. Per the rules of the project, any money raised must be on the project beneficiary's behalf. This means Westover Civic Association is a beneficiary of the project. Hampden Township is also involved in the approval process since the Commons is Township park property. In December, Shane presented his project at the Township meeting to the Board of Commissioners.

We continue to fundraise through the winter and spring if needed to support the project. Thank you for your consideration and support! If you have any questions about the project, please email us at westover@villageofwestover.org and we will forward your inquiry. You can donate to the project at the Westover Store by clicking "Civic Association – Donation" and entering the amount of your donation. See the side bar for further instructions.

Civic Association Board 2026

President: Amanda Szar
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Important Dates

February 10th
Westover Board Meeting (virtual) at 8pm
March 8th
Daylight Savings Time Begins

How to Donate to the Eagle Scout Project in Westover:

Visit the Westover Store and Click "Civic Association-Donation"

Proceed to enter the Donation Amount you would like to contribute.

At checkout, in the Order Comments, you must put EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT so we know to direct your donation there.

New Year, New President for Westover Civic Association

We are pleased to announce our Election Results! Amanda Szar is our new President and Dave Krall was re-elected as our steadfast Treasurer. Officer roles are elected every 2 years. Amy Waugh will resume the role of Vice President and Liz Potter remains our committed Secretary. Thank you again to all Board members who helped us not only navigate but grow last year during our transition.

Introducing Amanda Szar:

Amanda lives with her family on Pennsboro Drive. She and her husband, Dave, live with their 4 children, ages 12, 11, 10, and 2. Amanda is frequently heard saying, "I just love this neighborhood!" She joined the Board last year and served on the Events Committee, which helped us organize the Egg Hunt and Chili Cook Off. Amanda is a residential realtor and brings that experience to the Board. The Board is well served by several active realtors who help enhance the Civic Association with their knowledge, community acumen, and foresight. Please join us in welcoming Amanda to this leadership role and expressing our support!

"The purposes of this Association shall be to represent the common interests of the members of the Association in matters affecting the general well-being of the Village of Westover; to provide a representative voice within the community regarding matters of common concern to the membership; to organize and conduct meetings and promote open discussion; to foster informed opinion concerning problems and questions affecting the membership; to develop programs to promote and maintain the civic social, recreational, and educational interests of the membership; and to care for the improvements and maintenance of street signs, entrance ways, and the facilities dedicated to the Community use."

Hampden Township Snow Removal Policy

Following are highlights from the Township's snow and ice emergency ordinance:

A "general" or "limited" snow emergency will be declared whenever street conditions are dangerous because of snow accumulation. A "limited" emergency normally will be called when eight or more inches of snow is forecast. The emergency will continue for 24 hours after the snowfall ends or until cancelled by the Township Manager. A "general" emergency will be declared under dire blizzard conditions. Vehicles traveling in the Township during a general emergency must have four-wheel drive capability or be equipped with chains or snow tires (all season radial tires are not considered snow tires). The parking of vehicles on any street, road or highway during a general or limited emergency is banned.

Following are snow removal priorities:

Plowing will begin when snow is three inches deep. Top priorities are all main and secondary roads, including Orr's Bridge Road, Good Hope Road, Lamb's Gap Road, Salem Church Road, Creekview Road, Central Boulevard, Erb's Bridge Road, Skyport Road and Technology Parkway. After the main roads are clear and remain passable, road crews will attempt to open the principle access road to each development. However, if main roads require additional attention, development plowing may have to be halted.

After the snow has stopped falling, plows will return to the developments to make a pass on each of the roads in each direction. Once all development roads are open, plows will return to widen them, if possible, to the curb.

Residents can help in three ways: don't travel unless necessary; don't shovel or blow snow onto plowed or treated streets (the Township has an ordinance that prohibits this, under penalty of law); and move your car off the street, so that plows have more room to operate. This is especially critical in cul-de-sacs.

Snow removal from sidewalks is generally required within 48 hours after a storm. Please note that snow removal is not conducted in any Township Park. McCord Commons and the Lower Commons are Township park property.



Chili Cook Off & Pumpkin Carving Success

Westover hosted our first Chili Cook Off with the Pumpkin Carving last fall! It was great success judging by the gathering, tasting, voting, and new neighbors! It was a sunny, windy fall day and we had 10 chilis entered in the contest! Congratulations to our Chili Cook Off Winner, Rajat Sud, and our runner-up, Samantha Charney. Both of these chili cooks just moved to Westover in 2025! What a way to be welcomed! Thank you to each entrant for your generous contribution. Thank you to our Board members and event volunteers for your time and efforts to organize this fun event!



Thank you for your Participation!

The 4th Annual Westover Turkey Trot was a success! Over 170 people registered to run the 5k and Kids Fun Runs! Many thanks to Lauren Ortiz, the Race Director, for her work and enthusiasm. We were able to collect \$310 to benefit families in need throughout the year at Hampden Elementary. Thank you again to all who participated and donated.



Westover Mailbag

Dear Westover Civic Association,

Q: Can anyone attend a Board meeting?

A: All members who are current on dues are able to attend quarterly Board meetings. Only elected Officers and Zone Directors may vote at Board meetings unless it is a General Membership Meeting which is advertised in advance. Access to virtual meetings is provided by a link in advance via email. If you are not a Board member and plan to attend or have an agenda item, please email westover@villageofwestover.org to let us know.

Q: It seems like the Facebook page and events are mostly for families on the west side of Westover. Is that true?

A: Thank you for reaching out! Westover Civic Association encompasses the whole of the Village of Westover, including the east and west sides as one. Many events are held in McCord Commons simply because it is a beautiful space that is a cornerstone of the neighborhood. We have made efforts to recruit zone directors from the east side of Skyport Rd as we currently only have 2 of 7 zones represented in that area. One is from Devonshire Square and one lives on the 5900 block of Stephens Crossing. We would welcome more involvement as a zone director or on a committee of the Board! If you are newer to the neighborhood, even in the past 5 years, it may also help to know that Westover Women's Club, for many years, hosted monthly gatherings and other neighborhood events. The pandemic, kids growing up, families aging as they do, and other transitions ended the formal continuation of the group. Over the past 2 years, Westover Civic Association took on leadership of some of the favorite events including the Egg Hunt and Pumpkin Carving. If you have an idea and would like to host or share an event, please feel free to use the Facebook page or contact us westover@villageofwestover.org to let us know! Events rely on volunteers like you! And whether you cross Skyport Rd or not, we hope you feel connected through our emails, directory, newsletters like this one, and just in saying hello or getting to know your neighbors.

Westover Willie



Dear Westover Willie,

How do you and your feathered friends survive this extreme cold we've been having? And can you run a campaign to replace that groundhog that said 6 more weeks of winter?

Signed,
Cold Averse in the Cul-de-Sac

Remember that winter survival is harder for all of us!

Honestly, my feathered friends and I do things that I've seen some of the folks in Westover do. We try to eat more and build up body weight to keep us warm. We hunker down to save energy exertion, and tuck away in places to protect us from the wind. We also try to protect our feet since we don't have feathers there. We pull them up in as close to the body as possible, like you might do with a blanket. Our base layers trap body heat and we fluff up our outer feathers to keep more insulation. Some species also like to huddle together, like I've seen some of you through warm lit windows cuddled up on couches after dark.

As for the groundhog, I'm afraid I can't do much there. He's part of Pennsylvania lore since 1887. Maybe look on the bright side, and know that winter is halfway over! Besides the weather, you'll know it's spring when your neighbors start spending more time outside, we can see the grass again, and you'll get those emails for Westover events like the Egg Hunt and Spring Picnic! Stay strong and steady!



Keep Those Dues Coming

Thank you again to all members who have paid their dues for 2026. If you forgot to pay dues, got lost in shoveling snow, or are getting finances in order for tax season, take a few minutes to pay your dues! The dues cycle runs from January 1st to December 31st each year, and dues letters were mailed out before Thanksgiving in 2025. Dues for this year are \$50 per residence/family.

Pay by mail:

Village of Westover Civic Association
c/o David Krall, CPA, Treasurer
6359 Stephens Crossing
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

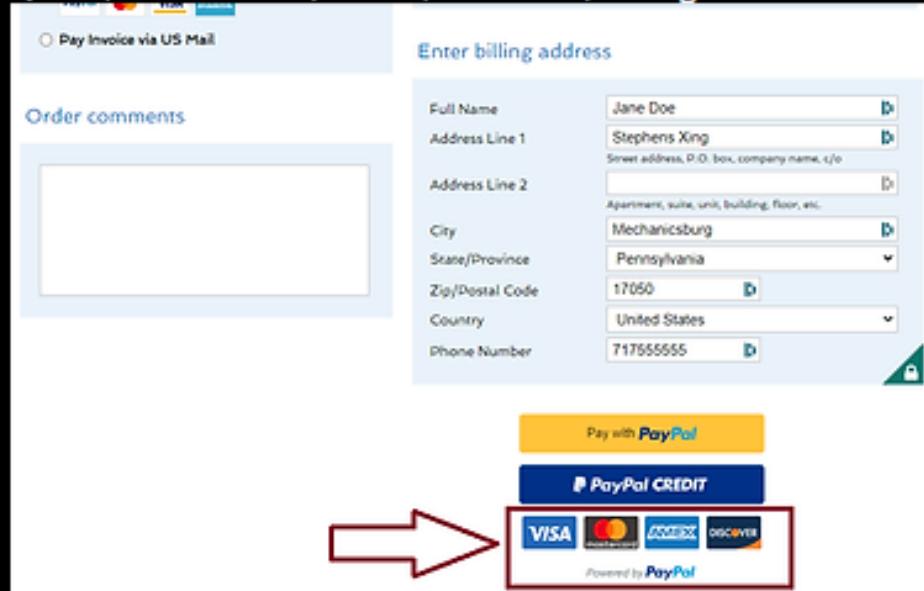
Pay Online: <https://www.villageofwestover.org/store>

See directions below if you would like to pay online without a PayPal account. You will receive an email receipt and can add a donation if you like.

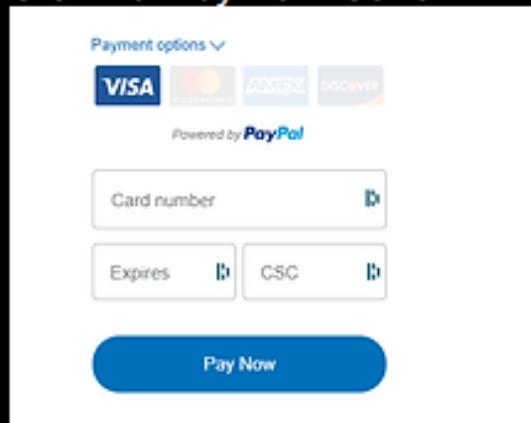
[Not sure what your dues pay for? See here on the website!](#)

It is possible to pay for Village of Westover Store purchases with a credit or debit card. A PayPal account is not required. To do so, add your store selections to your shopping bag and proceed to the checkout screen by clicking the "Checkout" button.

- Complete all required payment details and then click your preferred form of payment (Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Discover) using the icons.



- A drop-down will appear where you will enter the card number, expiration date, and CSC, then click the "Pay Now" button.



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| EMERGENCY – Fire, Police, Ambulance | 911 |
| Westover Civic Association | Villageofwestover.org |
| Comcast Cable | 1-800-934-6489 |
| Cumberland County Offices | 717-240-6100 |
| Cumberland Valley School District | 717-697-8261 |
| District Justice | 717-697-2201 |
| Fredricksen Library | 717-761-3900 |
| Hampden Township | 717-761-0119 |
| Hampden Pool | 717-737-4219 |
| Hampden Recreation Department | 717-761-4951 |
| Hampden Township Utility Department | 717-909-7145 |
| Humane Society | 717-564-3320 |
| PA American Water Co | 1-800-565-7292 |
| P A Dept. of Transportation | 1-800-932-4600 |
| Poison Control Center | 1-800-222-1222 |
| PPL Electric Utilities | 1-800-342-5775 |
| Waste Management | 1-800-869-5566 |
| Township Tax Collector | 717-737-4822 |
| UGI Gas Utilities Inc | 1-800-276-2722 |
| United Water PA | 717-564-3662 |
| Verizon Communications | 1-800-837-4966 |

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