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A Monthly Insight of Current Events in Westampton Township

# WESTAMPTON WATCH



Westampton Township

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# TOWNSHIP BUILDING BUILDING BUILDING BUILDING

## Committee Comment

To our Residents,

A final reflection on 2022...although we are still emerging from the pandemic, Westampton Township continues to flourish! Although the landscape may be different, we are continuing to strive to bring the very best to our small town. We are working to ensure that our residents continue to be prosperous, but also embrace the change of the times! We hope that our residents and visitors have a very happy holiday season, and have a safe and healthy New Year!

We can't wait to see what the future brings to Westampton, and we hope that you will continue to stand with us and help our community grow! Cheers, to 2023!

Your Committee Members.

### What's New WTES

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season. HOLIDAY DECORATING:

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

#### HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING:

Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.

- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

#### BEFORE HEADING OUT OR TO BED:

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed

As always, if you have any questions please call us at 609-267-2041.





#### **Public Works >>>**

- -Appliance pick-up will be December 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Please call to be put on the list.
- BRUSH PICKUP WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER

#### **Spring Meadows:**

- -Playground installation coming soon.
- -Tennis Court repairs are being scheduled.

Our 3rd Annual Holiday Light Contest

All Westampton Residents are welcome to participate.

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$100 gift card

2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$50 gift card

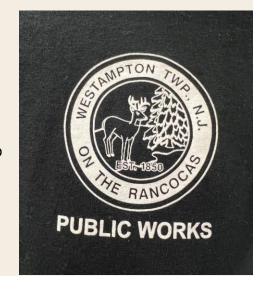
3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$25 gift card

- -Light up the town
- -Toyland
- -Oh what fun

90 Gallon Recycling cans are in! Please come to the municipal building to reserve one.

\*THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE REINSTATING THE FEE FOR NEW CANS. THE COST IS \$60, AND MUST BE PAID AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING BEFORE DELIVERY.

Leaf Collection: December, wrapping up the 31st.



Register by Dec 16<sup>th.</sup>
Judging starts Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Hello Westampton Residents,

My name is Dennis Davis, Jr. and I am a member of the Westampton Township Police Department. I began my career in Westampton Township in January of 2012 when I was hired as a patrol officer. I held the position of patrol officer until recently being promoted to patrol sergeant in May of 2022. Prior to my time in Westampton, I was employed by the Burlington County Sheriff's Department from 2009 until 2012 while simultaneously serving as a Special Law Enforcement Officer in Mt. Holly Township and Pemberton Borough between 2010 and 2012.



In my current capacity I am in charge of running one of four patrol squads that patrol your neighbourhood's, businesses and roadways daily and nightly. I am also responsible for the operation of the Field Training Officer Unit which takes new officers and puts them through a rigorous hands-on training process upon their graduation from the Police Academy. I co-lead the department's Traffic Safety Unit which investigates all serious and fatal motor vehicle crashes within Westampton Township as well as monitors traffic safety issues. In addition to these duties, I am also the President of the Westampton Township Fraternal Order of Police where I am proud to represent the men and women who serve within the Police Department. I grew up locally in Lumberton Township and attended Rancocas Valley Regional High School,

graduating in 2004. Upon graduation I attended Burlington County College before enrolling at The Richard Stockton College of NJ where I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Historical Studies in 2008. After graduating, I immediately enrolled in the Burlington County Police Academy as an Alternate Route Candidate. I previously resided in both Deerwood and Tarnsfield neighborhoods for several years and have worked at some local Westampton businesses prior to my law enforcement career. While I no longer reside within the borders of Westampton Township, I still consider it home and am always looking to improve the town from within the Police Department.

When I am not at work, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two young daughters, as well as fishing, exercising and wood working. I try to live my life both personally and professionally by four principles: honesty, integrity, hard work and treating people with respect and dignity. Over the course of the last 11 years, I have met many residents and look forward to meeting many more in the years to come. I value our residents, business owners and stake holders as well as their opinions; if there is ever anything that I can help you with please do not hesitate to ask!

Sincerely,

Sergeant Dennis Davis, Jr.

2022 Senior Holiday Dinner: For residents 62 or older, Please call 609-267-1891 for reserve your free dinner, by Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.



For more information, please visit the link below:

https://westamptonnj.myrec.com/info/activities/program\_details.aspx?Pro

gramID=29949

email the Recreation Director at <u>Tmitzelman@Westampton.com</u> Or call 609-267-1891 ext 120



#### ZONING APPLICATIONS

Zoning applications are now required for any construction work done on the outside of your home.

For example: Fences, pools, pergolas and more.

Please call the Construction office to see if you need a zoning app for your next project.

#### **TAXES**

Please be advised that DELINQUENT NOTICES have been sent out.

Next tax payment is due Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

# finalthoughts...

#### With Administrator Wendy Gibson



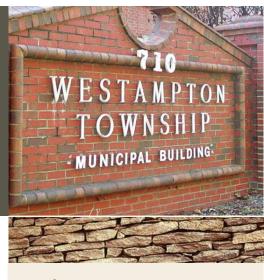
The holiday season is upon us! It feels like this year has gone by in a flash! Looking back at 2022, we have had a lot to celebrate. The township has been prosperous, despite some of the unfavorable circumstances from the last few years. We are beginning to enter a new year, full of the possibility of success, health, and happiness. While we continue to strive to provide you with the services we have always been able to give our residents, we are actively pursuing new and better opportunities for a greater future. It is my hope that Westampton Township continues to thrive and grow, while looking toward the future. To all our residents, I wish you the happiest of holiday seasons. See you next year!

Wendy Gibson, Township Administrator

Contact: 609-267-1891 Email: WGibson@westampton.com

We love hearing from our residents. If you have any questions or there is something that you would like to see in next month's edition, please lets us know. We look forward to hearing from you!

Email: Clerk@Westampton.com



coming soon >>>

#### Dates to Remember:

\*Municipal Building Will Be Closed: Dec 26th & 27th

-Committee meeting: Dec 6th & 20th

-Land Development Board: Dec 7th

-Recreation meeting: Dec 14th
-Historic Commission: Dec 28th

Important links and phone numbers:

https://www.facebook.com/WestamptonTownship/

Westampton Municipal Court: 609-267-1895 Burlington County Landfill: 609-499-5300 Burlington County Clerk: 609-265-5000

Animal Control: 609-267-8300 To report code enforcement:

https://westamptonfire.formstack.com/forms/westampton\_code\_enforcement

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