

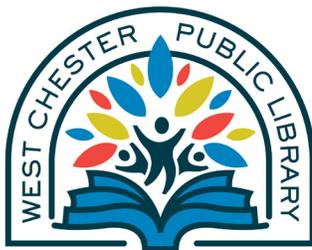
## West Chester Library: So Much More Than Books

Do you have ambitions to get your writing published? Want help managing your newborn's sleep schedule? Thinking of making changes to your Medicare coverage? Looking for children's story times and afterschool activities, both virtual and in-person? West Chester Public Library has fall programs lined up to cover all that, and more.

With your Chester County Library System (CCLS) card you have access to local and regional attractions like the Museum of the American Revolution, the Brandywine River Museum, and Mt Cuba, as well as ebooks, emagazines, specialized databases including ancestry.com (in-house use), and all the books and DVDs in the libraries across the county. If West Chester Public

Library (WCPL) doesn't have that one book you're looking for, you can reserve it for pick-up at WCPL, and if need be the library will look outside the county for a copy you can borrow via their Inter-library Loan Service.

**Visit the website [wcpublib.org](http://wcpublib.org)** to register for programs, reserve a pass, access the online catalog, and find out more about the library. Don't have a library card? Stop in with your current ID and get one on the spot or apply online and they will mail your card. And, yes, there is an app – available for Apple and Android devices; search for Chester County Library System. ●



## Stormwater: True or False

Rain, rain and more rain. Since approximately 2017, we've been getting much more of it than we used to, and in larger chunks and more than most of us want. As a result, the Township has been hearing many things regarding stormwater runoff from its residents that aren't completely accurate. Regardless of what may be causing this phenomenon, higher rainfall appears to be something that we need to adjust to and understand the concepts and related laws.

In upcoming newsletters, the Township Engineer will be presenting a series of articles based on misconceptions heard from our residents regarding stormwater. In each article, a statement will be presented, along with an explanation of why each statement is a misunderstanding of the concept of stormwater management, drainage conveyance and other related topics regarding stormwater.

**Statement: The Township is responsible for upgrading stormwater piping systems to meet current codes if I am experiencing an issue on my property or if rainfall amounts exceed what the system was designed to handle.**

**Analysis: False.** The Township is responsible for maintaining the capacity of an existing stormwater piping system to the level that it was designed for at the time of the construction of the system. This includes keeping the system cleaned to minimize clogging, making general repairs to inlets, piping, manholes and endwalls and replacing the same. When replacement is necessary, the Township makes every effort to improve the system by the use of larger piping or the use of piping able to convey more stormwater than the pipe being replaced was originally designed to convey, but this is not always possible due to physical constraints, exorbitant costs and/or substantial disturbance to surrounding features.

## The Volunteer Report

East Bradford residents, scouts, and local supporters alike give generously of themselves and their time to improve the overall quality and appearance of the Township's parks, trails, and open spaces. Summer 2022 saw great volunteerism and many noteworthy contributions:



- In May, Eagle Scout candidate Adam Pontzer completed his Eagle project by constructing and installing a new water trail information kiosk at Shaw's Bridge Park. The kiosk will compliment an improved canoe launch being constructed this fall and creatively incorporates an old canoe to tie in with the water trail theme. The Township would like to thank Mr. Pontzer for an inspiring and successful project that helps to raise the profile of the Brandywine Creek water trail.
- In June and July, volunteers helped with the opening of two short sections of wooded trails at Starr Farm Park. Led by volunteer Bob Perna, these wooded trails connect to recently established meadow trails that significantly increase the nature-based recreational experience at the park. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped on these trails.
- In June, the Trail Blazer Run returned after a long hiatus due to the COVID pandemic. Forty volunteers helped the Township deliver a great event that raised money for the Township's recreational trail program. Without a doubt, the volunteers carried the day. It was as though no hiatus had ever been, so on point was everyone that lent a hand.

If you enjoy the outdoors and are interested in receiving email updates on organized volunteer workdays and events, please contact Rich Phifer at [rphifer@eastbradford.org](mailto:rphifer@eastbradford.org) or 610-436-5108 x108. ●