Welcome to West Chester Township!

We’re pleased to welcome you to our community with this helpful packet of information about West Chester Township.

West Chester offers a traditional suburban lifestyle with the vitality and energy of an urban setting. Our community offers high quality housing, services and amenities. West Chester is the largest township in the state of Ohio by population with 61,000 residents. The community also benefits from a diverse tax base with nearly 3,500 businesses.

West Chester is a community “where families grow and businesses prosper™.”

The community is strategically and conveniently located along the I-75 Corridor between Cincinnati and Dayton. The community can be conveniently accessed from five interstate interchanges and enjoys three distinct business districts known as – Uptown, Midtown and Downtown.

Please take some time to review the materials provided here as well as the township’s website (WestChesterOH.org). Our website is updated frequently with new information, so please save it as a “favorite” and visit often. Also, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to stay up-to-date and well-informed.
**Administration**

West Chester is a Limited Home Rule Township governed by three elected trustees and an elected fiscal officer. Day-to-day operations of the township are managed by an administrator appointed by the Trustees.

9113 Cincinnati-Dayton Road  
(513) 777-5900  
Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
*Administrator: Larry D. Burks*

**Police Department**

The West Chester Police Department is comprised of highly trained, professional law enforcement professionals committed to keeping our community safe.

9577 Beckett Road, Suite 500  
(513) 777-2231 (non-emergency)  
Records Section Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
*Police Chief: Joel Herzog*

**Fire Department**

West Chester Township employs a full-time professional fire department with a part-time complement to provide fire suppression and emergency medical services while focusing on prevention and education in the community. There are five fully operational fire stations located throughout the township to provide efficient response times.

9119 Cincinnati-Dayton Road (fire headquarters)  
(513) 777-1133 (non-emergency)  
Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
*Fire Chief: Rick Prinz*

**Community Development**

The Community Development Department provides residents and businesses with information relating to zoning, permitting, maintenance code enforcement and economic development.

9577 Beckett Road, Suite 100  
(513) 777-4214  
Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
*Director: Aaron Wiegand*

**Community Services**

The township’s road system, projects, parks, facilities and vehicle maintenance are managed by the Community Services Department.

9113 Cincinnati-Dayton Road  
(513) 777-6145  
*Director: Tim Franck*
The primary source for community information is the township’s website WestChesterOH.org. The website is updated regularly with the latest news, events and more.

**Online Services**
Features on WestChesterOH.org enable users to easily make public records requests, report concerns and ask questions. Many of these services can be found via the “How Do I?” link on the homepage of WestChesterOH.org.

**Facebook**
“Like” West Chester’s Facebook page and stay in touch with the community, see photos from community events and more. Find us at www.facebook.com/WestChesterOH.

**Twitter**
Follow West Chester to receive quick updates about community events, road closures and more. The township’s Twitter handle is @westchestertwp.

**West Chester News**
West Chester publishes a monthly electronic newsletter to keep community members up-to-date on what’s happening around the township. Sign up for this and other Township communications in the “How Do I?” section of the website.

**West Chester Community Television**
The Integrated Multimedia & Marketing Department produces award-winning West Chester Community TV programming, available through Spectrum, at WestChesterOH.org and on Vimeo. Programming includes informative videos highlighting township services, videos of official meetings and local sporting events.

These meetings and more are also available for viewing by Spectrum customers as follows:

**Government programming:** channel 24 with converter box / channel 5.12 without a converter box

**Community programming:** channel 4 with converter box / channel 5.11 without a converter box

**Education/Schools:** channel 15 with converter box / channel 5.13 without a converter box
West Chester offers residents the peace of mind of an enhanced 9-1-1 system for emergency calls.

**Dial 911 in an emergency only.**

**Communicator**

All West Chester residents with a listed land-based telephone line are automatically registered to receive emergency telephone alerts through the Communicator. This service is deployed to let residents know of significant emergencies and critical road closures (examples: Amber Alerts, chemical spills, etc.) It is not used for weather warnings.

Residents with an unlisted number or who rely upon cell phone for communication should register an alternate telephone number to receive these messages. To enter an alternate number into the system, visit WestChesterOH.org (must have a valid West Chester address and only 1 number per address can be included)

**West Chester’s Policy for Activation of Severe Weather Warning Sirens**

West Chester Township has 11 emergency sirens located throughout the community that are intended to alert those who are outdoors during severe weather situations. West Chester’s sirens are activated only in the following situations –

- When the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for all of Butler County;
- When the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for our specific area;
- Or when a reputable source reports a tornado sighting in the immediate area.

West Chester employs a storm-based policy with regard to activating outdoor weather sirens, rather than a policy based upon jurisdictional boundaries. The Township monitors the latest storm prediction technology available through the National Weather Service in predicting storms and their paths, in determining the appropriate and most effective times for sounding the sirens.

**West Chester tests its outdoor weather warning sirens at noon on the first Wednesday of every month.**

The sounding of the sirens in West Chester is designed to solicit immediate action by those individuals who are outdoors at the time. The sirens are meant as an immediate warning to take cover and are not designed to provide warning to those who are indoors.

All households and businesses are encouraged to have a battery-operated NOAA radio available and an emergency plan in place.

Public safety officials indicate that a basement, lower level or interior room/hallway on the ground floor is the safest place to be in case of severe weather/tornado. If outdoors with no shelter available, seek low ground or ditches in which to take cover.

The West Chester Police and Fire departments encourage businesses and families to have an emergency plan in place and to practice that plan. An emergency kit should be a part of every home and business, and should include flashlights, batteries, water and other essential items.

**Plan for Damages, Recovery Should Severe Weather Strike**

Should West Chester be impacted by severe weather, suffering significant damages, officials have multiple notification tools that could be deployed to keep residents and businesses informed. The scale of damage and condition of utilities, such as power, will determine which resources are utilized in each individual situation.

- **The Communicator (see above)** This notification system will not be used to warn residents of dangerous weather conditions, but could be deployed to deliver critical information if severe weather causes significant damage in the community.

- The West Chester website will be updated with critical recovery information in case of emergencies. Save WestChesterOH.org as a “favorite” on your computer.

- Local media will be notified regularly by West Chester Township with regard to managing emergency situations.

- **West Chester Community Television** on Spectrum will also be a valuable resource for information.
As a Township, West Chester’s ability to assess taxes is very limited. West Chester does receive tax revenue through the state of Ohio and Butler County, including a portion of property taxes. A Bed Tax is paid directly by local hotels to West Chester Township. West Chester does not have its own taxing division. The Township also receives a limited income tax assessed inside the boundaries of a specific geographic area of the community through a Joint Economic Development District. This income tax is assessed and collected by the City of Fairfield and then is dispersed according to a set contract arrangement.

**What is the Township's millage rate?**

The Township’s millage rates are adjusted annually and are dependent upon decisions made by voters at the ballot box, assessed valuation of property by the Butler County Auditor, as well as commercial and residential market factors. Details of our current effective millage rates can be found at [www.butlercountytreasurer.org](http://www.butlercountytreasurer.org).

**What is the bed tax?**

A 3-percent bed tax is charged to visitors staying in our local hotels. Hotels self-report and send payment directly to West Chester Township.

**Are there other taxes West Chester receives as part of its revenue?**

West Chester also receives a portion of the Motor Vehicle License Tax and the Gasoline Tax. These taxes are assessed by the State of Ohio and then are distributed to the local communities. Residents are encouraged to list West Chester Township as their community of residency when applying for motor vehicle licenses in order to ensure these revenues are directed appropriately.

**Is there an income or payroll tax in West Chester?**

As a Township, West Chester does not assess an income or payroll tax. Individuals working within the Township’s limited Joint Economic Development District (JEDD), however, are assessed an income tax by the District. A percentage of the tax collected within the JEDD is dispersed to West Chester. The JEDD area is approximately 43 acres of property located on the northwest corner of Cincinnati-Dayton Road and Union Centre Boulevard. For more information related to the Joint Economic Development District, as well as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts, visit [www.westchesteroh.org/government/township-administration/jedd-tif-districts](http://www.westchesteroh.org/government/township-administration/jedd-tif-districts)

**Tax Increment Financing**

Tax Increment Financing Districts are geographic districts established in commercial areas throughout the Township. Property owners within these districts volunteer to make "payment in lieu of taxes" -- the same amount they would have paid in property taxes on appreciated values -- to a TIF Fund. In TIF Districts created after 1994, local school districts and the township have negotiated terms to ensure each receives an appropriate share of the "payment in lieu of taxes" generated by the new development within the district.

Tax increment financing dollars can be spent on infrastructure improvements, amenities and critical services directly impacting the district from which the funds were collected. In West Chester, TIF funds have been used for various public improvements including roadway improvements in the Union Centre area, construction of the new fire headquarters and fire station 71, acquisition and renovations of the West Chester Safety Services Center/Police Department and construction of amenities such as the new library.
Gas & Electric
Duke Energy: (513) 421-9500 or www.duke-energy.com

West Chester Township participates in an “opt-out” aggregation program for natural gas and electric. New residents are not automatically enrolled in the aggregation programs. To learn more about the rates offered through the aggregation program and/or to enroll phone 1-877-331-3045 (electric) or 1-855-838-5606 (natural gas). Visit WestChesterOH.org for more information.

Water and Sewer
Butler County Department of Environmental Services (SCDES)
(513) 887-3066 or www.butlercountyohio.org

Telephone
Cincinnati Bell (513) 565-2210 or www.cincinnatibell.com
Spectrum (513) 489-5911 or www.spectrum.com

Rubbish Removal
Note: West Chester Township does not have an exclusive contract with a trash hauling company. Residents must arrange for their own service. Some services operating in the community include:

CSI Waste Service (513) 771-4200
Rumpke Waste Systems - (513) 742-2900 or www.rumpke.com

Recycling
Most rubbish removal companies offer curbside recycling. West Chester, however, also provides several locations for recycling drop-off. Proceeds from recycling in West Chester benefit the township’s Connections program and efforts to develop and promote walking, biking and jobbing routes that connect people to places.

Recycling bins are located at:

• Beckett Park – 8682 Beckett Road: Bins are accessible from the Beckett Road entrance of the park only and are located beyond the Muhlhauser Barn, near the boundless playground.
• Keehner Park – 7211 Barret Road: Bins are located near the tennis courts.
• West Chester Activity Center – 7900 Cox Road: Bins are located at the far end of the parking lot, behind the building.

Please only leave items accepted for recycling. Items accepted at these locations include: paper, plastics, glass and cardboard. Bins may not be accessible during community events. Please don’t leave items outside of the bins. This is considered littering and is punishable by a fine. For disposal of additional items, including hazardous wastes, please visit butlercountyrecycles.org.
Title Branches:

**West Chester:**
4872 Union Centre Pavilion Blvd., West Chester, OH 45069
(513) 860-9702

**Fairfield:**
530 Wessel Drive, Suite H, Fairfield, OH 45014
(513) 737-7308

License Bureaus:

**West Chester:**
775 Reading Road, Mason, OH 45040 *(Warren County)*
(513) 398-8928

**Hamilton:**
1720-A S. Erie Blvd., Hamilton, OH 45011 *(Butler County)*
(513) 868-2180

**Fairfield:**
530 Wessel Drive, Suite L, Fairfield, OH 45014 *(Butler County)*
(513) 829-6224

**Sharonville:**
11177 Reading Road (Rt. 42), Suite 203, Cincinnati, OH 45241 *(Hamilton County)*
(513) 563-1420
Butler County Board of Elections
1802 Princeton Road, Suite 600
Hamilton, OH 45011
(513) 887-3700
www.ButlerCountyElections.org

Elected Officials

Federal

President: Donald Trump (R) (whitehouse.gov/contact)
Vice President: Michael Pence (R) (whitehouse.gov/contact)
United States Senator: Rob Portman (R) (portman.senate.gov)
United States Senator: Sherrod Brown (D) (brown.senate.gov)
United States Representative (8th District): Warren Davidson (R) (davidson.house.gov)

State

Governor: Mike DeWine (R) (www.governor.ohio.gov)
Lieutenant Governor: Jon Husted (R)
Attorney General: Dave Yost (R) (www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov)
State Senator (4th District): Bill Coley (R) (www.OhioSenate.gov/senate/Coley)
State Representative (52nd District): George F. Lang (R) (http://www.ohiohouse.gov/george-f-lang)

Local

Trustee: Ann Becker (abecker@WestChesterOH.org): (513) 759-7203
Trustee: Mark S. Welch (mswelch@WestChesterOH.org): (513) 759-7205
Trustee: Lee Wong (lwong@WestChesterOH.org): (513) 759-7204
Fiscal Officer: Bruce Jones (bjones@WestChesterOH.org): (513) 759-7225
Township Administrator: Larry D. Burks (lburks@WestChesterOH.org): (513) 759-7209
There are multiple organizations that offer club sports and/or recreational programming for West Chester residents of all ages. Many of the programs register players early, so please plan accordingly.

**Soccer**

- Cincinnati United Soccer Club: [www.cincinnatiunitedsoccer.com](http://www.cincinnatiunitedsoccer.com)
- Lakota Sports Organization (soccer, baseball, softball, football): [www.lakotasports.org](http://www.lakotasports.org)
- Ohio Elite Soccer Academy: [www.ohioelite.com](http://www.ohioelite.com)
- Southern Ohio Adult Soccer Association: [www.soasa.com](http://www.soasa.com)
- West Chester Soccer Club: [www.wcsoccer.org](http://www.wcsoccer.org)

**Hockey**

- Cincinnati Amateur Hockey: [www.cincinnatihockey.org](http://www.cincinnatihockey.org)

**Lacrosse**

- Lakota Lacrosse: [www.lakotalacrosse.org](http://www.lakotalacrosse.org)

**Football & Cheer**

- Lakota Sports Organization (soccer, baseball, softball, football): [www.lakotasports.org](http://www.lakotasports.org)
- Lakota Stallions Youth Football and Cheer: [lakotastallions.sfllst.com](http://lakotastallions.sfllst.com)
- Lakota Tomahawks Youth Football: [www.lakotatomahawks.com](http://www.lakotatomahawks.com)
- Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports (basketball, flag football, cheerleading): [www.cincyupward.org](http://www.cincyupward.org)
- West Chester Outlaws Football and Cheer: [www.wcoutlaws.org](http://www.wcoutlaws.org)

**Basketball**

- Lakota Thunderbirds Basketball: [www.tbirdhoops.org](http://www.tbirdhoops.org)
- Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports (basketball, flag football, cheerleading): [www.cincyupward.org](http://www.cincyupward.org)

**Baseball/Softball**

- Lakota Sports Organization (soccer, baseball, softball, football): [www.lakotasports.org](http://www.lakotasports.org)
- Pisgah Youth Organization (baseball, softball): [www.pyobaseball.org](http://www.pyobaseball.org)