



Trustee Amanda Ortiz Quarterly Newsletter

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Hi Let's Keep the Momentum Going!,

Happy Spring, and welcome to my first quarterly newsletter!

Throughout my career as a veterinarian, I have always valued open communication, and I will continue that commitment as your West Chester Township Trustee. I will be sending quarterly updates to keep interested residents (and supporters) informed about projects, priorities, and upcoming events.

*Please note that the most accurate and up-to-date information can always be found at www.westchesteroh.org. You can also subscribe to weekly West Chester updates by signing up for the Township "Newsroom" on the website.





I was honored to be sworn in on January 13, 2026, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my community. Since taking office, I have been working with township departments, meeting with local organizations and learning about the many projects underway. I enjoy being part of the decision-making process and am eager to update you!



Projects in Progress

- **Cincinnati–Dayton Road / 747 Corridor Study**

The township is partnering with MKSK to update the comprehensive plan for this 3,200-acre corridor. The goal is to develop clear, strategic recommendations to guide future land use, infrastructure investment, and development decisions.

[Learn More](#)

- **Beckett Park Expansion**



Following more than **1,400 resident survey** responses, the township will be adding new amenities to Beckett Park. In 2026, **pickleball courts and a circular trail** will be added to the east side of the park and **additional trails and a new playground** are planned for the west side in 2027.

- **Mill Creek District Property**

The township has completed the purchase of the 75-acre property at the I-75 and Union Centre Boulevard exit. We're in the brainstorming stages for this site, but I am eager to see a plan that is unique and resident-focused.



Upcoming Events



Earth Day Cleanup – April 22

West Chester is partnering with the Butler Soil and Water Conservation District for a cleanup event at Ellis Lake Wetlands. Volunteers are welcome, and additional details can be found at www.butlerswcd.org/volunteer.

USS Cincinnati Cold War Memorial Peace Pavilion

The pavilion will officially open on **Saturday, May 16**, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9:30 a.m. This long-anticipated project will be located next to the Voice of America Museum and will become an important attraction.





Quarterly Coffee Chats

I will continue hosting informal coffee chats at locations throughout the township. Thank you to everyone who attended the first one in March. Next Coffee Chat will be:

📅 June 10, 2026

🕒 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

📍 MOKA 🍵



ON GOING PRIORITIES

Pedestrian Safety

Improving sidewalks, bike lanes, and safe connections between neighborhoods, schools, and shopping areas remains one of my top priorities.

Community Center

Many residents have expressed interest in a community center that serves students, families, and seniors. This continues to be an important long-term goal.



~ Important Issue to Watch ~

There is currently an effort in Ohio to abolish property taxes, with the goal of placing the issue on the November ballot. Property taxes fund schools, police and fire services, roads, parks, libraries, and many other essential services. In West Chester, **property taxes make up approximately 73.5% of township revenue**, and the loss of that revenue would be devastating for our community. I will do my best to keep you informed of this situation.



Thank you for taking the time to read this update. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at aortiz@westchesteroh.org



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Ortiz".

Amanda Ortiz
West Chester Township Trustee

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