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TMACC Needs Your Input for Its Paoli-Chester Valley Trail Connector Study!

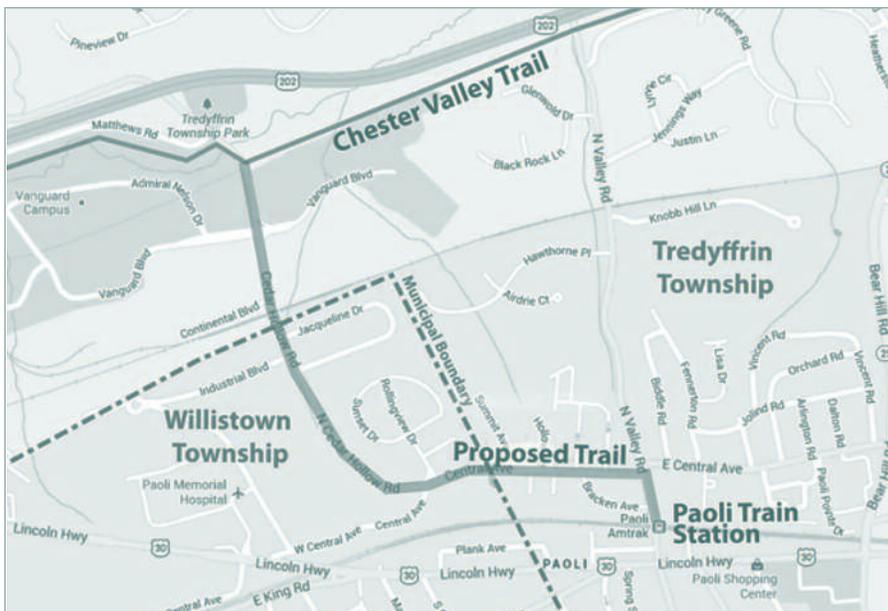
Public Meeting to be Held on September 30th

The Transportation Management Association of Chester County (TMACC) received a planning grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) Regional Trails Program, funded by the William Penn Foundation. The TMACC has retained the consulting services of Simone Collins Landscape Architecture, with Hunt Engineering as its sub-consultant, to examine the feasibility of creating a pedestrian/bicycle trail connector between the Chester Valley Trail and the Paoli Train Station along Cedar Hollow Road, West Central Avenue, and North Valley Road.

In order for this study's recommendations to be contextually appropriate, the TMACC needs to get as much feedback as possible from residents, business owners, employees, and individuals who will use the trail to connect to the Chester Valley Trail and the Train Station.

The TMACC scheduled two public meetings to provide information on the project and to solicit feedback. During the first meeting on June 27th, the consultant team presented their analysis of the existing conditions within the study area and preliminary trail design concepts. The second meeting will be held on September 30th, 2013, (7 PM to 9 PM), where the consultant team will present the draft plan. The meeting takes place at the Greentree Office Plaza, 40 Lloyd Avenue, Suite 208, Malvern.

For more information about the project, visit the project blog at paolictvconnector.wordpress.com or contact Mary Alice Springs, TMACC Transportation Planning and Operations Manager.



Paoli-CVT Trail Connector Study Area

Willistown Acquires Additional Parklands

The 22.1-acre property located at 143 Line Road, Willistown Township, is the latest addition to the Willistown Township parkland and open space system. The wooded property abuts over 390 acres of existing protected open and recreational space with existing trails.

Those lands are comprised of:

- 27 acres of potential future active recreation owned by Willistown Township and under conservation easement with Willistown Conservation Trust (WCT).
- 125+ acres of passive recreational open space, including rare serpentine-barren ecology and almost 65 acres of contiguous woodland known as Natural Lands Trust's Sugartown Barrens and Willisbrook Preserve.
- 59+ acres of private land under agricultural easement.
- 114+ acres of private lands under conservation easement.
- The property is across the street from:
 - the 160+ acre Applebrook Golf Course under WCT conservation easement.
 - East Goshen's Applebrook Park, 100 acres of passive recreation including 3 miles of trails.
- The property is adjacent to East Goshen Park, 55 acres of active and passive recreation that includes a .9 mile walking/jogging trail.

Whew, that's a mouthful! And it illustrates the extensive recreational and open space network of which this parcel was a hole in the doughnut.

The property is also highly important

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Willistown Parks and Recreation

End of summer FUN!

Willistown's Country Fair @ Greentree Park

Tuesday, August 20 • 5:30–7:30 PM



To wrap up summer and gear up for the new school year, nothing's more fun than enjoying a beautiful afternoon in the park at our down-home Country Fair!

Join us at Greentree Park for:

- Live, local bluegrass band, Raven Hill
- Sleepy Hollow Farms pony rides
- Petting zoo
- Stacey's Face Painting
- Center on Central's Interactive Music Circle
- **GO WilMa!** Prize Drawing @ 6:30 PM
- Interactive community booths
- Glenmoore Grill food truck
- Whirled Peace Frozen Yogurt

Please leave your four legged friends at home. Rain date: Thursday August 22nd, 5:30–7:30 PM. Call 610-647-5300 x224 if weather is a question.

GO WilMa!

(Get Outside Willistown & Malvern!)

If your K-5th grader or teen has not yet signed up for Dig Into Reading!, the national public library summer reading program at the Malvern and Paoli Libraries, and **GO WilMa!**, the outdoor adventure program, it's not too late! Your kids can experience the magic of reading and the thrill of adventure through this innovative programming based upon a program in York County, PA.



Meanwhile, you'll be reaping all the benefits of getting fresh air, being in nature, walking, and sharing quality time with family and friends. We know it feels good to get outside!

Stamp the Field Guide at the Burrow rubbing posts and receive one raffle ticket per stamp that will be drawn for prizes at the Willistown Country Fair, August 20th at 6:30 PM.

Check out **GO WilMa!** at www.willistownparks.org to find out more, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and sign up at Malvern or Paoli Libraries to receive the Field Guide and get started! The last day to submit your final Burrow stamps for prize raffle tickets is August 19th.

Explore the great outdoors through scavenger hunt clues in the Field Guide you'll be provided. The clues will lead you to Burrows hidden in the wonderful parks and special places in Willistown and Malvern. You can do this on your own time.

Sugartown Elementary Improves Crum Creek In Willistown Township

Sugartown Elementary School third-grade students, with their teachers and Principal Dr. Karen Schneck, planted 250 native wet meadow plants in the drainage swale that conveys the stormwater runoff from the school property to the West Branch of Crum Creek. The project is part of an effort by the Chester Ridley Crum

Watersheds Association (CRC) and Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited to reduce polluted runoff and warming of the West Branch of Crum Creek, rated an "Exceptional Value, Cold Water Trout Stream" by the State of Pennsylvania—the highest rating of Special Protection streams.



Sugartown school third graders, their teachers, and principal install an important watershed protection planting with the help of Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association and PA Trout Unlimited.

The effort includes educating and assisting streamside landowners in the establishment of "riparian buffers" to shade and protect streams. CRC's Executive Director, Anne Murphy, explained to the students that the meadow plants and grasses will absorb and filter much more runoff than regularly mowed grass because of their greater height and deeper roots. This helps to reduce downstream flooding and stream bank erosion. The native plants also naturally extract more nitrogen and phosphorus, which are in oversupply in our local streams and create excessive and undesirable forms of algae in Crum Creek and Springton Reservoir, a drinking water resource that serves about 250,000 people.

In addition to benefitting Crum Creek, drinking water, and the wild trout population, this meadow area will also provide habitat for birds and other critters and beneficial pollinators such as butterflies. CRC and Willistown Township thank the teachers, administration, and the students for planting this important demonstration project! Anyone wishing additional information on the project, please contact CRC at 610-359-1440.

Celebrating our community through people, parks and programs

Girl Scout Volunteers Make a Difference in Willistown!

Sugartown Elementary School Daisy Troop #4996

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania's (GSEP) 2013 Green Project theme is "Make a Difference in Your Community", and our local Sugartown Elementary Daisy Troop did just that! The girls celebrated Earth Day 2013 with a planet-friendly project right in our own Sugartown Community Garden. The first phase of the troop's Green Project was recycling the contents of the discontinued garden summer camp sand pit, which had become a haven for bees. The girls treated the sand as a reusable resource and spread it over the gravel parking lot using wheel barrels, shovels and rakes from the Community Garden. The second phase of the project consisted of planting seedlings to be harvested and shared with the Chester County Food Bank. The seedlings were grown by the Troop's 5- and 6-year-old girls using the Ziploc bag germination method.

In addition to earning the GSEP Green Project 2013 patch and their Clover and Rosie petals, the girls learned to make a difference in their community and how to use resources wisely, making the world a better place. Girl Scout programming encourages girls to develop self-confidence and leadership skills so that *they* can change the world.

General Wayne Elementary School Brownie Troop #41839

As part of the 16th annual Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association Stream Clean-Up, General Wayne Brownie Troop members joined other Willistown volunteers to plant 200 native perennial plugs in a stormwater bioretention basin at Paoli Methodist Church in Willistown. The basin is designed to allow stormwater from the 2-acre parking lot to infiltrate and be cleansed prior to entering the watershed.

Volunteers were led by Craig Thomas of the Chester County Water Resources Authority and included Tony Fernandes from Aqua; Willistown resident Richard McCloskey, Mary and Molly McLoughlin and Tracy Ramondo of Willistown Parks and Recreation, and Willistown Township Manager, Dave Burman, with his three-year-old son, Kyle. The Brownies did this as their



Photo by Meta Christaldi



Sugartown Elementary School Daisy Troop members Cameron Palmer, Jaimee Hooven, Sofia Mendez, Lindsay Potterton, and Siana Christaldi in action at Willistown Township's Sugartown Community Garden under the guidance of troop leader Meta Christaldi and parent helpers Chris Hooven, Lauren Palmer, and Mark Christaldi. Troop mascot, Daniel Christaldi, also pitched in. Thanks team! For more information about the troop, contact Meta at 215-805-8717 or metapoustaldi@yahoo.com.



General Wayne Brownie Troop and fellow Willistown volunteers at the Paoli Methodist Church perennial planting included: (bottom row) Tony Fernandes, Molly McLoughlin, Mary East, Molly Dowd, Courtney Cato, Julia Romanoff, and Craig Thomas; (middle row) Rachel Hubley, Caroline Oswald, and Harmony Johnson; (last row) Tracey Ramando, Mary McLoughlin, Laurie Cato, Grace Angert, Ashley DiAntonio, Rob Dowd, Jenn Johnson, and Alice Heiman-Dowd.

final project for their WOW (Wonders of Water) Journey. Thanks go to Troop Leader and Willistown resident Alice Heiman-Dowd and to Rob and Robert Dowd. Congratulations and thanks Brownies! For more information about the troop, contact Alice at 610-725-0475 or heimandowd@verizon.net.



News from Okehocking Nature Center



The all-volunteer Okehocking Nature Center was formed with a simple mission: To connect people with nature.

The Okehocking Preserve is a precious jewel right here in Willistown. Once you step away from your parked car and are greeted by the expansive views encompassing a green landscape mostly unchanged from a simpler time,

you understand that being outdoors is simply good for you. If you need more to lure you outdoors, the Okehocking Nature Center is offering the following enticements:

"Celebrate Okehocking," hosted by the Okehocking Nature Center on Saturday, September 14th (raindate September 15th) from 1– 5 PM at the Garrett Farmhouse on Okehocking Preserve. This free family event will highlight the gorgeous preserve, the Okehocking Lenni Lenape people, and the Okehocking Nature Center. Hay rides, critters, music, an Eastern Woodland Indian display, and L.L.Bean Outdoor Discovery School activities are now being planned. Friend us on Facebook for updated information.

"Self-Guided Trail Walk" brochures, including a map of Okehocking Preserve, are now available at the Preserve thanks to the generosity of the Marjorie L. and Arthur P. Miller, Jr. Fund, and map designer Marilyn Smith. The Okehocking Nature Center and Willistown Township Parks and Recreation team plotted a 2.4 mile loop with location markers and a description of what you can expect to see. You may return the brochures to the lucite boxes at the Farmhouse and the Preserve entrance kiosks.

L.L.Bean's Outdoor Discovery School, operating out of their King of Prussia office, is now an official ONC Program Partner. Look for upcoming announcements for flycasting on the lawn, geocaching (a treasure hunt game using GPS), birding essentials, slacklining, and herping (searching for amphibians and reptiles)—all free and fun, giving you more reasons to go outside!

Mark your calendar now for Black Friday turns Green on November 29th 2013, when you can enjoy a post-holiday stroll in the

Preserve plus music and hospitality at the Nature Center.

Display gardens have been installed at the Farmhouse to illustrate the beauty of native plants that attract and support birds and insects. Our rain garden shows you how to deal with storm runoff in a simple, nature-friendly way using native plants. Finally, see our raised bed garden that supports the Chester County Food Bank effort to provide fresh produce to our struggling Chester County neighbors.

Boy Scouts and UMLY Earth Service Corps continue to improve your experience at Okehocking Preserve. Under the leadership of ONC volunteers Pam Costanzi and Kevin Murphy, Boy Scout Troop 78 arrived on a wet Saturday this spring to remove the tree protectors from the saplings planted in the riparian buffer. Also this spring, UMLY Youth Earth Service Corps volunteers Ben Bussmann and Jesse Florio joyfully dug trenches for the installation of the rain garden at the Farmhouse, led by ONC volunteer Sarah Hutchin. Great job volunteers!

Visit us online at www.okehockingnaturecenter.org. For specific questions, please email us at okehockingnaturecenter@gmail.com

Okehocking Bird Walk

Sunday, September 29 • 9 AM

Join leader Edie Parnum of the Valley Forge Audubon Society (www.valleyforgeaudubon.org) for a birdwalk at Okehocking Preserve. So far, 140 species have been tallied.

Be prepared for walking in wet areas. If weather is a question, contact Edie at 610-964-8331 or eparnum2@verizon.net.

Directions: Going west on Route 3, drive past the lights at Providence Road and Delchester Road. The Preserve entrance is on the right, 1/2 mile past Delchester Road. If going eastbound on Route 3, because the highway is divided, you will need to make a U-turn at Delchester Road.

Willistown Acquires Additional Parklands *continued from cover...*



ecologically:

- It is located in the headwaters of the Ridley Creek Watershed, a High Quality designated stream system and acts as a buffer and important drainage area to the Serpentine Run tributary to Ridley Creek.

- It is also a buffer to the Natural Lands Trust's Willisbrook Preserve, a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) site that contains rare habitat and ecology and a Pennsylvania Wild Plant Sanctuary—one of the best examples of habitat supporting wild plants of special concern throughout Pennsylvania.
- The property itself has "hit" as a potential PNDI site.
- The property is in the Upper Ridley/Crum Important Bird Area (#72). The Audubon Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program is a global effort to identify and conserve areas that are vital to birds and other biodiversity. IBAs include sites for breeding, wintering, and/or migrating birds.

Recreationally, the property will offer a small parking area and trail head that will provide access, in partnership with Natural Lands Trust, to the four-mile trail system throughout the Willisbrook Preserve.

The parcel was purchased with Open Space Funds of \$1.8 million. A Willistown Parks and Recreation-authored grant to the Chester County Municipal Grant Program garnered \$500,000, and a state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant awards announcement will occur this fall. Both of these grants provide reimbursement funding. The Open Space Fund was established in 1999 through a public referendum which established a 1/8 of 1% Earned Income Tax to be allotted for fee-simple land acquisition and conservation easement purchases based on the Pennsylvania Legislature Act 153 of 1996. This acquisition will not result in any tax increase.

The property is not open to the public at this time, as improvements need to be made. We expect to host a grand opening mid-year 2014 and will keep you posted. Contact Mary McLoughlin with any questions about the project at 610-647-5300 x224 or mmcloughlin@willistown.pa.us.

Chester County's

Household Hazardous Waste (and E-Waste!) Fall Recycling Event

Saturday, October 12 • 9 AM–3 PM

County Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road, West Chester

Chester County will have its final Household Hazardous Waste collection of the year on Saturday, October 12th. E-waste will be accepted. This is a Chester County-sponsored event, not a Willistown Township event. Do not leave any household hazardous waste at the old township building, 688 Sugartown Road. The Township does not have any capabilities for disposing of this material.

Household Hazardous Waste Materials Accepted (if properly labeled)

Paint Products

- Oil-based paints
- Paint thinners
- Shellac
- Solvent-based paint products
- Stains / Varnishes
- Strippers / Removers
- Turpentine
- Wallpaper cement

Household Products

- Adhesives / solvents
- Drain openers
- Dry cleaning fluid
- Kerosene
- Mothballs / flakes
- Rechargeable batteries – lithium, ni-cad, and button
- Rug cleaners
- Spot removers
- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Wood / metal cleaners

Outdoor Products

- Asphalt sealers
- Caulking compounds
- Joint compound
- Rodent poison
- Roof cements
- Septic tank degreasers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Weed killers

Automotive Products

- Antifreeze
- Batteries – car (lead-acid), truck, motorcycle, and marine
- Carburetor cleaners
- Fuel additives
- Gas / oil mixtures
- Gasoline
- Grease / rust solvents
- Transmission / brake fluids

Other

- Acids / caustics / solvents
- Flammables
- Lead
- Mercury-bearing items – thermometers / thermostats
- Organic peroxide
- Oxidizers
- Pesticides
- Propane cylinders (20 pounds or less)
- Reactive metals
- Reactives

Acceptable E-Waste

- CPUs / Laptop Computers
- Monitors
- Printers
- Copiers (desktop & stand-alone)
- CRT Televisions and non-CRT Televisions
- Answering Machines
- Camcorders
- Cell Phones
- Docking Stations
- Electric Typewriters
- Fax / Copy Machines / Duplicators
- Microwaves
- Pagers
- Radios
- Remote Controls / Gaming Consoles / Controllers
- Stereo / Tape / CD Players
- Telephones & associated equipment
- Toner / Ink Cartridges
- VCR / DVD Players
- Testing Equipment

Did You Know?

Latex paint is not hazardous waste... It can be solidified and then placed in regular trash. Take the top off the paint can and place it outside, away from pets and children. Allow it to harden. If the can is very full, absorb the paint by mixing it with sawdust, clay-based cat litter, or rags. Stir with a stick until all the paint is absorbed. When the paint is solidified, it can be placed in the trash.



Items NOT Accepted at HHW Collection Sites

- Alkaline batteries
- Ammunition
- Appliances – small, large, & Freon (including dehumidifiers)
- Asbestos
- Explosives
- Freon appliances
- Oxygen / helium gas cylinders
- Infectious / medical waste
- Latex paint (water-based)
- PCBs
- Pressurized CFCs & HCFCs
- Radioactive waste
- Tires
- Used motor oil

Sophisticated Shredding

Many well-meaning residents own and use paper shredders on a regular basis and mix the loose shreds with other recycled paper in the belief that all of it is processed as recyclable paper by one's hauler. During a recent recycling discussion with a hauler, it was learned that a high percentage of shredded paper, when mixed loose with newspapers, magazines, etc., in a paper bag, for example, gets lost in the processing cycle and ends up as waste. There is a very understandable reason.

All mixed recyclable materials picked up at curbside begin their new life by being separated by type. This is accomplished using conveyor belts, air currents (fans), screens, and magnets. Shredded paper, when mixed loose with other paper, is very small and light in weight and leaks through screens in the separation process. In the end, virtually all of it is captured in a receptacle with bits of glass, plastic shreds, and other items that are too small to be processed by the conveyor belt separation system. This agglomeration is described as "residue," otherwise known as waste, and is thrown out.

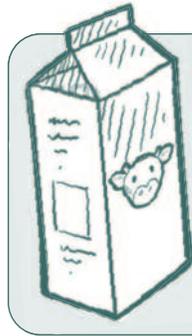
Owners of paper shredders have achieved their goal of having important documents shredded believing that all of it is recycled if placed in a recycle container at curbside. But as described above, the shreds become waste instead of being recycled. So what is the solution?

Enter "Sophisticated Shredding!" S.S. is nothing like learning to shag dance! It's very simple. Buy clear, lightweight, plastic bags—emphasis on the word clear. Place your shreds, and only shreds, in this bag. When full, top-tie it closed and deposit it in your recycling container with other recycle items. When the bags begin their journey on a conveyor belt at the recycler, line attendants can see the paper shreds through the clear bags and remove them. They are then treated separately to eliminate the plastic bag, and the shreds are recycled. Solid white, black, and supermarket plastic bags don't have the see-through feature. Don't use them for shredded paper or any other recyclable material! Make Sophisticated Shredding your new mantra!

—Jim Tate
Chairman, Recycling Commission

Wood Chipping and Leaf Collection

Yes, there will be drop-off wood chipping by the Township and leaf collection by Allied Waste/Republic Services and AJ Blosenski this fall. Unfortunately, as of June 17th, when this copy was prepared, the Township hadn't yet set a date for the chipping and the leaf collection vendors indicated they won't set their leaf pick-up dates until September or October. Our advice is to check the Willistown website regularly, beginning in August, because it is possible the next newsletter may be issued after these events have already taken place.

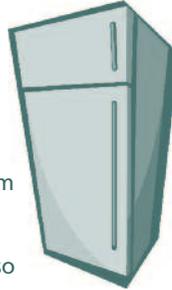


Unacceptable for Recycling

The latest recycling rumor is that cardboard milk and juice containers can be recycled at curbside. Not true! Yes, if there was a truck just for these containers, they could be recycled. But when mixed with other recyclables, they reduce the value of mixed paper significantly when sold to mills. In fact, they really don't want mixed paper "contaminated" with these beverage containers. Please use your trash can to discard the cardboard milk, juice, and other cardboard beverage containers.

Refrigerators and Freezers

Recycling these two "elephants" via your regular waste hauler is costly. Residents are required to pay (\$60-\$80) for the removal of Freon by a certified Freon-removal firm before arrangements can be made to have these items picked up at curbside. Don't hit the panic button, however! PECO still has its Smart Appliance Recycling Program to not only pick up these refrigerators and freezers from your residence, but also



pay you \$15! AS LONG AS YOU ARE A PECO CUSTOMER. A pickup must be scheduled with PECO, and there are other details that should be clarified with them. Call PECO at 1-888-573-2672. Willistown Township administration does not make arrangements for residents with PECO.

Recycling Information Resource

Occasionally questions arise about how to recycle items that are not acceptable by your hauler of curbside recyclables. What is one to do? The first place to check is the Chester County Solid Waste Authority website: www.chestercountyswa.org. This is a very informative and fun website with facts about composting, waste disposal, wildlife, and photos of the area. You will also find that Chester County's Landchester landfill site is open to the public for drop-off recycling/disposal of different items. It's a bit of a ride from Willistown to Honey Brook, but if you're motivated to dispose of a specific item and cannot do so via your waste hauler, load up the old Plymouth and take a pleasant ride up Route 322 to the Landchester Landfill.

HELP KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN!

Citizen Awareness Needed to Report Water Pollution

Citizens are encouraged to be on the lookout for illicit (illegal) discharges to our creeks and to call 911 or the "Hotline" numbers at right to report them. Remember, all our storm drains lead to creeks, and only rain should be going into these drains.

Over the past four months, residents in our watersheds have used these Hotline numbers to report the following illicit discharges and practices that can foul our creeks and drinking water: leaking sanitary sewer manhole covers (especially during dry weather), soapy or power-washing water entering storm drains, strong sewage odors, gasoline odors, swimming pool discharges into streets, broken water mains, drainage of sump pumps directly into creeks, dumping of trash and yard waste near creeks, running hoses into creeks or storm drains, and fish kills. Please save these numbers for future reference. Your efforts are key to protecting clean water!

Willistown Township Citizen Water Quality Hotlines

PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Water Quality Complaint Hotline
Daytime - 484-250-5991
Weekdays 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

PA DEP 24 Hour Water Quality Hotline
484-250-5900
Anytime, including evenings and weekends

Spills and other Emergencies Hotlines
PA DEP
484-250-5990
PA Emergency MGT Agency
1-800-424-7362

Clogged or Leaking Sanitary Sewer Lines; Sewage Smell in Creek
Willistown Township
610-647-5300
Weekdays 7 AM to 4 PM
After hours call 911

Fish Kills, Illegal Fishing
PA Fish Commission
1-855-FISHKILL
Also call DEP Water Quality
484-250-5991

Broken Water Mains
Chester Water Authority
610-876-8181 - 24 hours
Aqua Pennsylvania
610-525-1402 - 24 hours

Sanitary Sewer Backup
In the event of a sanitary sewer backup at your property, please call the Township office first. The administration office hours are 7 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday. After those hours, call 911 and a Township highway crew will be dispatched to check the line. Although the Township conscientiously maintains its sewer system, periodic backups into homes or businesses inevitably occur. In most cases, the Township's responsibility ends when the line is cleared and the problem causing the blockage has been addressed. Responsibility for cleanup and damage to the premises rests with the resident. The Township will not reimburse a property owner for plumbing fees. Most homeowners insurance policies have optional riders for sewer backups that, if purchased, will provide coverage.



LIBRARY NEWS

Malvern Public Library

What a great summer! There is still time to bring in your reading logs and **GO WilMa!** Field Guides. Friday, August 16th, is the last day to turn in your reading logs and get your Wishing Well Tickets for our weekly drawings and the Grand Prize drawing. You need to present your *Go WilMa!* Field Guide with your completed "Burrow" stamps by Monday, August 19th, to get the raffle tickets for the prize drawing at The Willistown Country Fair in Greentree Park on Tuesday, August 20th (see page 2 for more info). If you took photos while searching for your Burrow stamps, why not share them on the Library website or Facebook page or twitter for *Go WilMa!*

Mark Saturday, September 28th on your calendars! We will be hosting an **art auction** at Hershey's Mill Golf Club at 7 PM. Admission is \$10 per person in advance; \$15 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Library. The auction will feature art in all media and price ranges and will include sport and music memorabilia. The event is conducted by Marlin Art. Tickets and more information are available at the Library. Hope to see you there!

Book club starts up again in the fall. We'll be discussing the memoirs by Alexandra Fuller: *Let's Not Go to the Dogs Tonight* and *Cocktail Hour under the Tree of Forgetfulness* on Tuesday, September 10th at 10 AM.

Registration for the fall **Storytime** will start in September. Be sure sign up and give your child a leg up in school readiness.

Paoli Library

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Summer Reading Club

List the books you read, recommend your favorites, and receive weekly prizes!

Underground Stories: Join Paoli Library as we discuss how important setting is in the telling of a story. You'll be writing a story set underground and creating a book! Wednesday, August 7, 4:30–5:30 PM For ages 8–11. Registration required—

Register online at tredyffrinlibraries.org.

GO WilMa! Outdoor Adventure Program continues until August 19th. *GO WilMa!* (Get Outside Willistown and Malvern!) combines parks and recreation, health and wellness, and reading. Sign up at the library to receive your Field Guide, then explore the amazing parks and historical treasures right in your own backyard! Participants earn a raffle ticket for each *GO WilMa!* "Burrow" they locate. Prize drawing will be on August 20th at the Willistown Country Fair. See article on page 2 for more info on the Country Fair.

Early Literacy Programs

- Storytimes for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers
- German Language Playgroup for children growing up with a German-speaking parent or caregiver.

Fall session begins September 23.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Second Opinions series on health and wellness, with speakers from Paoli Hospital (watch for announcement of dates and topics)

Art Book Club

Wednesday, September 11, 6:30–8 PM
The Architecture of Happiness by Alain de Botton

Mystery Book Club

Monday, September 9, 10:30–11:30 AM
Letters, Numbers, and Colors: Themed mystery series (by Sue Grafton, Janet Evanovich, etc.)

Subscribe to our email newsletter, AdLib, for the latest information on library programs and services. See Sign-Up box on our website, tredyffrinlibraries.org.

For more information on library hours, services, and programs:

MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

www.ccls.org
or 610-644-7259

PAOLI LIBRARY:

www.tredyffrinlibraries.org
or 610-296-7996

A Message from the Emergency Management Coordinator

Preparing for an Emergency

In recent years, we have seen our share of hurricanes, tropical storms, and severe thunderstorms. These storms can strike quickly, often confining residents to their homes or forcing them to evacuate. What would you do if basic services—water, gas, electricity, or telephones—were cut off?

The American Red Cross recommends three actions everyone can take to help prepare for an emergency:

Get a Kit – Being prepared means being equipped with the proper supplies you may need in the event of an emergency or disaster. Keep your supplies in an easy-to-carry emergency preparedness kit that you can use at home or take with you in case you must evacuate.

Make a Plan – It is important to make sure that the entire family is prepared and informed in the event of a disaster or emergency. You may not always be together when these events take place and should have plans for making sure you are able to contact and find one another.

Be Informed – Learn the types of disasters or emergencies that may likely occur in your area. These events can range from those affecting only you and your family, like a home fire or medical emergency, to those affecting your entire community, like a severe storm.

Many residents of Willistown rely upon wells for their fresh water supply. Likewise, many residents rely upon on-site sanitary sewer systems. It is very important to have enough fresh water on-hand to last several days. Storing bottled water in your home is a good start. Some residents with wells go so far as to fill their bathtubs with water in advance of a storm. This water can be used for flushing toilets and bathing.

For additional information on how you can prepare for an emergency, please visit www.redcross.org.

—Joe Hires
Emergency Management Coordinator



THE NEWSLETTER OF
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP

40 Lloyd Avenue, Suite #204/206
Malvern, PA 19355

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Okehocking Preserve
Raindate: September 15
1–5 PM

September 29
Okehocking Bird Walk
Route 3 Entrance
9 AM

September 21
Run-a-Muck
Willistown Conservation Trust
925 Providence Road
Newtown Square, PA 19073

**For Malvern & Paoli Library
activities, see page 7.**

September 30
2nd TMACC public meeting
40 Lloyd Ave., Suite 208,
Malvern
7 PM–9 PM

October 12
Household Hazardous Waste
(& E-Waste!) Recycling Event
County Govt. Services Center,
601 Westtown Road,
West Chester
9 AM–3 PM



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7 AM–4 PM, Monday–Friday
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Get Ready to Run-a-Muck!

Saturday, September 21 • 2:30–8 PM

Heartwood Farm, 912 Providence Rd., Newtown Square
Runners start at 4 PM • Muckers (walkers) start at 4:10 PM

The fifth annual Run-a-Muck celebrates Willistown's preserved open spaces! Join us for a super-fantastic afternoon and evening of running or mucking (walking) through the beautiful 5K Run-a-Muck trail and enjoying live music, a country supper, and beverages. Kids' activities include a doggie parade and mechanical bull. Fun prizes will be awarded for various categories, including one for best-dressed dog. All funds support Willistown Conservation Trust's open space programs. For more info and to register online, visit wctrust.org or call 610.353.2562.