

# Willis Towne Crier

*In Willistown, nearly everybody reads the Crier!*



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## New Township Supervisor Appointed



George McHugh, of northwestern Willistown, was appointed to the Board of Supervisors at their January 27 meeting to fill the position vacated by Norman MacQueen. The Township thanks Norman for his service and wishes him all the best in his new position as County Controller.

George and his family moved to Willistown in 1999, and shortly thereafter he and his son became involved in Chester Valley Little League. After two years, George was asked to join the little league

board and served for ten years finding and soliciting team sponsors to help underwrite the costs of running the league. Around the same time, he was approached by Peter Zion, the originating force behind the Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Board, chief mastermind of the Greentree Park lease from the Great Valley School District, and in memory of whom Greentree Park is dedicated. Peter asked George if, as a resident and parent with young children, he would be interested in joining the Willistown Parks Board. He has served on the board for twelve years.

George and his wife of 27 years, Maggie, have one boy and three girls ranging in age from 11 to 21. They are members of St. Patrick's Parish, and George and his brother run a family business headquartered in Malvern Borough. In addition to his civic and

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## Willistown Township 2014 Budget at a Glance

### Willistown Township 2014 Approved Budget • All Funds Available for Appropriation

(View the Township Manager's Budget Message and approved Detailed Budget Proposal at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us))

Description	Governmental Funds Available for General Appropriation				Governmental Funds Available for Restricted Purposes				Funds Available for Restricted Purposes				Total
	General Fund	Operating Reserve Fund	2013 General Bond Proceeds	Capital Reserve Fund	Open Space Fund	Bartram Bridge Fund	Municipal Life Insurance	State Liquid Fuels Fund	Penns Preserve Sewer Fund	2013 Sewer Bond Proceeds	Valley Forge Sewer Fund	Low Pressure Sewer Fund	
<b>Revenue:</b>													
Real Estate Taxes	\$337,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$337,000
Local Service Tax	\$210,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$210,000
Real Estate Transfer Tax	\$550,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$550,000
Earned Income Tax	\$4,924,500	-	-	-	\$580,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,504,500
Fines, Forfeitures and Other Costs	\$43,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$43,000
Cable Franchise Fees	\$240,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$240,000
Interest Dividends and Rents	\$1,500	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$3,000	-	\$1,200	-	\$200	\$9,000	\$1,500	-	\$31,900
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$309,500	-	-	-	\$500,000	\$1,500	-	\$260,360	-	-	-	-	\$1,071,360
Park & Recreation Fees	\$12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,000
Charges for Services	\$285,095	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$121,412	-	\$1,508,500	\$75,000	\$1,990,007
Miscellaneous	\$29,264	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$29,264
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,941,859</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$1,083,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>\$260,360</b>	<b>\$121,612</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$1,510,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$10,020,531</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>													
General Government	\$1,424,333	-	-	\$150,000	\$7,830	-	\$15,000	-	\$12,796	-	\$134,567	-	\$1,744,526
Sanitary Sewer Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$107,750	\$1,000,000	\$1,372,954	\$70,000	\$2,550,704
Public Works	\$898,188	-	-	\$75,000	-	-	-	\$361,000	-	-	-	-	\$1,334,188
Culture & Recreation	\$306,256	-	-	-	\$246,010	\$3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$555,266
Public Safety - Police	\$4,889,885	\$900,000	\$1,253,000	\$679,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$7,722,385
Public Safety - Fire	\$415,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$415,000
Interfund Transfers	\$1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,935,163</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$1,253,000</b>	<b>\$904,500</b>	<b>\$253,840</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$361,000</b>	<b>\$120,546</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,507,521</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$14,323,570</b>

*Celebrating our community through people, parks, and programs*

## Willistown Awarded \$850,000 Parkland Acquisition Grant

The Township has received a Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant award from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in the amount of \$850,000 for the acquisition of 22.1 acres on Line Road. Including the \$500,000 Chester County Municipal Grant Program award, grant funding totals \$1.35 million for the \$1.8 million acquisition. The Township invested \$450,000 from the Open Space Fund. For every dollar of Open Space Funds, the Township received three dollars of grant funds.

The property is currently being referred

to as Serpentine Preserve, because it is a buffer to Natural Land Trust's Willisbrook Preserve and the serpentine barrens located there. The barrens have been identified as a DCNR Wild Plant Sanctuary—"the best examples of habitat supporting wild plants of special concern throughout Pennsylvania". The barrens contains at least 14 known plant species of special concern (classified as endangered, threatened, or rare) in PA and one that is globally threatened.

Serpentine Preserve is slated to open to the public midsummer, with a grand opening celebration in the fall.

## 2014 Go WilMa! Outdoor Adventure Program Theme Unveiled

### Drum Roll, Please...

GO WilMa! stands for Get Outside in Willistown and Malvern! Our program is based on the national K-5th-grade and teen summer reading program themes identified annually by the National Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). The 2014 CSLP themes are "Fizz, Boom, Read!", and "Spark a Reaction!" These themes are used as inspiration for our GO WilMa! outdoor adventure program theme which is...drum roll, please... Fizz, Boom, Spark—Nature! Stay tuned to the Crier for more information and sign up for Willistown Parks and Recreation announcements at [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) to be in the know!



## Greentree & Okehocking Summer Camps!

### GREENTREE SPORTS CAMPS Hummingbirds Soccer

Boys and girls ages 3-6 years old.  
Dates: Saturdays, June 21-July 26  
Time Options: 9-10 AM or 10:30-11:30 AM  
Fee: \$70 Resident (R) \$80 Non-Resident (NR) (includes t-shirt and award)

### Introductory Lacrosse

Boys and girls grades 1-5. Plastic sticks and soft balls will be provided. No helmets or shoulder pads needed.  
Dates: Saturdays, June 21-July 26  
Time: 11-12 PM  
Fee: \$65 R \$75 NR (includes t-shirt)

### Summer Sports Camp

Boys and girls grades Pre-K through 6 play a different sport each week.

Dates: June 16-July 4 (no class on July 4)  
Time: Grades 1-6: 9:00 AM-Noon  
Pre-K-K: 1-2 PM  
Fee: Grades 1-6  
Any 1 week: \$90 R \$100 NR  
All 3 weeks: \$240 R \$250 NR  
Fee: Pre-K-K:  
Any 1 week: \$65 R \$75 NR  
All 3 Weeks: \$185 R \$195 NR

Week 1: Soccer Camp • Week 2: Lacrosse Camp grades 1-6, Basketball Pre-K-K • Week 3: Olympics

### Contact: Jump Start Sports

Michael Stefani [mstefani@jumpstartsports.com](mailto:mstefani@jumpstartsports.com) or 267-587-7154  
Online registration: [www.jumpstartsports.com](http://www.jumpstartsports.com)

## Message From the Township Manager



2014 brings two service changes for our residents. The Township Administrative office and employee hours are now 8 AM-4

PM Monday through Friday. I appreciate the staff's willingness to forgo their flexible four-day work schedules after many years in order to better serve you five days a week.

We have also been working hard on a new, interactive website that will enable you to sign up for automatic notifications including Township Administration and Police news alerts, meeting and event information, and more. Stay tuned for more details in the April issue of the Crier.

As always, our staff welcomes your concerns, constructive criticism, and positive feedback.

Here's to a great year in Willistown!

— Dave Burman, Township Manager

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community related interests, George also sits on the advisory board for the iMBA Program of the Pennsylvania State University.

When asked what inspired him to volunteer for the Supervisor position he replied, "I live in the Township and work in the Borough. There are days I don't even cross route 30—and I like that. We have roots here. I'm not going anywhere, and I decided I wanted to give back to the community in a different way." When asked what he will bring to the table, he said, "I am happy that Bill and Bob have shown their confidence in me through this appointment. I am a fiscally responsible individual and, with my business experience, am well prepared to assist the Township in maintaining a steady financial course. I also have a strong interest in sustaining and furthering the special open space and recreational character of Willistown Township."

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## Willistown Township Community Service Award Presented to Eric Gerst

We are pleased to announce that the Willistown Township Community Service Award 2014 recipient is Eric Doran Gerst, 20-year member and current Chairman of the Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board and 23-year Willistown resident. When looking for a place to build their dream home, Eric and his wife, Carol, were immediately attracted to the open space and conserved lands of Willistown Township. They purchased a portion of the old Summerhill property along Goshen Road in large part because of its bucolic setting overlooking the Crum Creek and Bartram Bridge. They were so enamored of the view that they oriented the house with the bridge as the focal point.

Eric recalls, "In 1990, when we built our house, we knew we were looking at a pretty run down bridge." The bridge spans the main

### Willistown Township Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is a Willistown Township initiative created to honor and recognize a Willistowner who gives his or her time to our community. The spirit of volunteerism in Willistown is strong. Did you know that Willistown's volunteer board and commission positions total 71 residents quietly making unique and valuable contributions to our community? These boards and commissions include:

- Zoning Hearing Board
- Planning Commission
- Historical Commission
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Recycling Commission
- Environmental Advisory Council
- BOCA Board of Appeals
- Open Space Review Board
- Land Conservancy Authority Board
- Agricultural Security Committee
- Malvern Library Board
- Paoli Library Board
- Bartram's Bridge Commission
- Vacancy Board

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your personal dedication and your consistent commitment to community service. Your willingness to get involved is admirable, and your volunteer service demonstrates leadership, integrity, and a love of your community that is nothing short of inspirational!

stem of Crum Creek connecting Willistown Township in Chester County and Newtown Township in Delaware County. It is a precious piece of history as the only remaining covered bridge in Delaware County and one of fifteen in Chester County. In 1993, Willistown and Newtown Townships created the Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board ("Board"). Eric voiced interest in volunteering on a Township committee in 1994. It so happened that there was a Willistown resident vacancy on the fledgling Bartram Bridge Board, as the five-member Board composition alternates. One township has three representatives for two years, then two representatives for two years. This was Willistown's year to expand to three members.

The group got right to work garnering township and state funds along with local contributions to pay for planners and engineers to rehabilitate the bridge, taking special consideration of Crum Creek. The initial renovation was completed in 1996, and the grand re-opening was attended by members of the Bartram family whose ancestors used to live where Eric does today. Mordecai and his father Israel Bartram donated the land to build the bridge in 1860, having also bid on the construction, however being underbid. The bridge was built by Ferdinand Wood of Londonderry Township utilizing the Burr Arch design. A fairly prolific bridge builder, having constructed at least fourteen bridges, Wood charged less than \$1,200 for the sixty-foot long and thirteen-foot wide bridge.

Eric explained the importance of this stream crossing, "At the time, Goshen road was a key element of the Pennsylvania highway transportation system serving to move crops and supplies to and from Philadelphia and the outlying counties including Chester and Lancaster." Remember, there was no Route 3 or 30! Although the travelers were able to ford the creek, a bridge would make it a lot easier and a covered bridge would provide shelter in bad weather. Imagine the horse drawn carriages "pulled over" on the bridge during a heavy rain, their carriages laden with farm crops for the city, or Abe Lincoln crossing on horseback.

The bridge continued operation when cars and trucks came in until 1940 when the state straightened Goshen Road, eliminating the sharply angled entrance to the bridge, and installing the two-lane concrete bridge that presently exists. Eric points out an optical illusion, "When you look at the bridge, it appears it has been lifted up by a crane and



moved over to accommodate the new road; however, they didn't move it at all—the original bridge was installed on an angle. One can still see a small portion of the original road on the Willistown side."

In 2010, the Bartram Board hosted a 150th Anniversary celebration bringing together local, county, and state representatives along with hundreds of locals to this special bridge, which is recognized on the U.S. Department of the Interior National Register of Historic Places. The PA Senate adopted a resolution praising the 150th Anniversary and the Bartram Board for their preservation efforts.

In honor of the Anniversary, Board members including Eric Gerst and the late George Conn of Willistown, and Chris Driscoll of Newtown, with Newtown resident Doug Humes, wrote an historical essay on the Bridge from its beginning to current time including photos and fun anecdotes from local residents ranging from people being married to mischievous boys hiding from their fathers. The authors divided up the chapters, finishing the compilation in only three months. [Bartram Covered Bridge: Spanning History](#) was awarded the Delaware County Historical Commission's Community Historical Award for Publications. Books are available at and at local libraries and [www.historicnewtownsquare.org](http://www.historicnewtownsquare.org).

The most recent restoration to the bridge was replacing the cedar roof with tin. Although the tin roof is historically accurate, only the wealthy would use tin. The original Bartram Bridge's roof was cedar, a plentiful material. The Board chose to use tin, because it will last twice as long, versus only 15 years, in the shady and moist conditions. Eric thanks Bill Hagan, Willistown Public Works Director, and George Sherretts, Newtown Public Works Director, for their assistance with this project.

An ongoing investigation revolves around an inscription that, according to two historians, is from 1860 and says, "Lincoln—Save the Congress and the Union!" At the time, the Civil War was beginning and people feared an all out war in Pennsylvania that could get

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## Willistown's Okehocking Nature Center Happenings



Okehocking Nature Center is partnering with Malvern Library and Longwood Gardens in an area-wide Community

Read program featuring Aldo Leopold's

seminal book *A Sand County Almanac* about conservation and land stewardship. The Nature Center will hold the following events in honor of Aldo Leopold and his message. Learn more about the Community Read program at [www.longwoodgardens.org/community-read](http://www.longwoodgardens.org/community-read).

### How to Improve Your Backyard Habitat April 5 • 10:00 - noon

Meet at the farmhouse to hear a National Wildlife Federation host describe the basics of creating a healthier habitat for birds and insects, especially butterflies, at your home. Our own wildlife gardens, designed for a home setting, will serve as an example. Then, enjoy a guided nature walk of the stunning 180-acre Willistown Township Okehocking Preserve. Contact us at [okehockingnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:okehockingnaturecenter@gmail.com) and visit us at [www.okehockingnaturecenter.org](http://www.okehockingnaturecenter.org).

### Birds and the Architecture They Create April 12 • 10:00 - noon

Meet at our Garrett Farmhouse headquarters and be introduced to our collection of bird nests with local bird lover Tom Allison who will talk about the birds and their innate sense of design. Then, enjoy a guided nature walk of the stunning 180-acre Willistown Township Okehocking Preserve.

### Visions of Okehocking Art Show June 20 • 5:30 - 7:30PM Show Opening June 21 • 10 - 5pm June 22 • 10 - 5pm

Okehocking Nature Center will present an art show and sale at the farmhouse featuring works created by area artists. The artists will show pieces inspired by the Okehocking landscape including the historic Garrett Farmhouse headquarters of the Nature Center. The artists will donate a portion of sales to support the Nature Center. This is a unique opportunity to view Chester County art and its source of inspiration all in one magnificent location, with the bonus of a self-guided nature walk using our new map and trail guide!

Okehocking Preserve is owned by Willistown Township. The Nature Center leases their Garrett Farmhouse headquarters from the Township. 5316 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square.

Contact the Nature Center for further information visit us at [www.okehockingnaturecenter.org](http://www.okehockingnaturecenter.org).

## Protecting our Water Resources and our Environment through Reduced Chemical Use

February 23 • 2-3:30 PM • Penn State Brandywine

Mike Leventry, Pest Management Consultant

Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association, Penn State University Brandywine (PSU), Willistown and other municipalities are jointly hosting Mike Leventry. Mike has a degree in Biology and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) from the University of Delaware. He has worked as an IPM professional for ten years at Longwood Gardens, University of Delaware, and the Kennett Collection. Mike's talk will cover how homeowners can reduce the need for chemical

pesticides by utilizing IPM. Topics include physical controls, cultural practices, and conservation of natural predators. Pests to be addressed include weeds, insects, algae and some mammals. The program will be in the Tomezsko Building Auditorium at the PSU Brandywine Campus, 25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media. The program is free to the public. Advance registration is recommended, as space is limited. To register go to [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).

## LIBRARIES

### Malvern

For more information call: 610-644-7259 or visit [ccls.org](http://ccls.org).

#### ANNUAL PHONATHON

March 30 & 31

Volunteers needed for calls and thank you notes.

#### BOOK CHAT

March 20 7PM

*A Sand County Almanac*, by Aldo Leopold

Join this Community Read sponsored by Longwood Gardens. Find more at [www.longwoodgardens.org/community-read](http://www.longwoodgardens.org/community-read).

**NEW CHILDREN'S "ENVIRONMENT"**

Take a break from winter and search for critters in the woods! Funds donated by Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund, Grace and Molly Toner, and Zeyn Uzman.

**LIBRARY BOARD POSITION OPEN**

Willistown resident needed. Visit the library for details.

**WEATHER HOURS OF OPERATION**

Call the library or like us on Facebook for updates.



### Paoli

For more information call: 610-296-7996 or visit [tredyffrinlibraries.org](http://tredyffrinlibraries.org).

#### STORY TIMES

**Wee Ones**

Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 AM

**Toddler Story Time**

Wednesdays and Thursdays 11 AM

Margo Raube, Children's Program Specialist, will lead Wee Ones for kids and their caregivers birth-18 months old and Toddlers for kids and their caregivers 19 months to 3 years old.

**SPANISH/ENGLISH STORY TIME**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays 10-11 AM

Newborns-5-year-olds, accompanied by an adult, beginning March 14. Email Beverly at [bmichaels@ccls.org](mailto:bmichaels@ccls.org) for more info.

**GERMAN LANGUAGE PLAYGROUP**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 10-11 AM

Newborns-5-year-olds, accompanied by an adult. Conducted entirely in German! Email [GermanStorytime@gmail.com](mailto:GermanStorytime@gmail.com) for more info.

**ART BOOK CLUB**

Bi-monthly on Wednesdays 6:30 PM

Contact Victoria Skelly at [victoriaskelly@comcast.net](mailto:victoriaskelly@comcast.net) or call 610-296-7996.

**MYSTERY BOOK CLUB**

1<sup>st</sup> Mondays 10:30 AM

## Willistown's 13th Annual Township Drop-off Recycling Event Metal, Tires, Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, and Electronics (E-Waste)

Willistown's Recycling Commission has organized its annual one-day, no-charge, drop-off recycling program for the following items:

- All computer monitors and peripherals: keyboards, CPUs, printers, modems, scanners, servers, terminals, network equipment, speakers, mice (no live mice, please!), cathode ray tubes (CRTs), and other computer parts.
- Fax and copying machines, typewriters, telephones, tape recorders, VCRs, DVRs, CD and DVD players, record players, tuners, amplifiers, cameras, projectors, audio and music equipment, speakers, test equipment, transformers, videotape recorders, antennae, cables, wire, and circuit boards.
- Television sets and radios, including portables, stereos, radio/TV tubes.
- Household appliances, including irons, toasters, microwave ovens, mixers, blenders, vacuum cleaners, hair dryers, electric cooking pans/pots, lamps, clocks, kitchen ovens, cooking ranges, outdoor grills\*, dishwashers, clothes washers/dryers, water heaters, and dehumidifiers.
- Metal items (any type), including bedsprings, bed frames, lawn mowers (push and rider), gym equipment, auto wheels, doorknobs, shelving, kitchen utensils, toys, kitchen cabinets, metal furniture, pipes, wire, etc. If it's metal, it will be accepted.\*
- Items containing Freon, such as refrigerators and air-conditioning units. Freon will be removed free of charge, representing a savings of \$60/item!
- Tires, on or off the rim. Limit of six (6) car tires per vehicle. Truck tires larger than 16.5

**Saturday, April 12 • 9 AM–1 PM**

**LOCATION: Willistown Township Building  
688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA 19355**

inches in rim diameter must be off the rim or they will not be accepted.\*

- Lawn mower, auto, and boat batteries
- Propane tanks
- Videotapes, audiotapes, and computer disks
- Cell phones
- Printer cartridges (ink jet, laser, toner)
- Rechargeable household batteries (NiCAD nickel-cadmium, lithium) Note: Non-recyclable alkaline batteries may be placed in the regular trash.
- Fluorescent tubular, compact fluorescent, and incandescent light bulbs

Our goal is to change our "throwaway" mentality to a recycling mentality. Used copper, brass, cast aluminum, steel, iron, tin, and other lesser-known metals can be recaptured, reprocessed, and reused—if we take the time to recycle them. Toxic metals can be diverted from landfills. This will be our thirteenth large drop-off recycling event. The amount dropped off during the previous events was staggering, totaling hundreds of tons. Here's another opportunity to add to that tonnage.

This program accepts the greatest variety of items possible. Those described in the "Exceptions" paragraph will not be accepted under any circumstances. Willistown's Recycling Commission reserves the right to be

the final judge of items that will or will not be accepted.

This program is funded by a recycling grant awarded to the Township for the annual recycling performance of our residents.

We are recycling grant money due to your recycling efforts—the system is working! Note: No lingering in or around the dump area.

### \*EXCEPTIONS—Will Not Be Accepted!

- No chemicals, paints, oils, or other hazardous waste will be accepted at the Willistown site. Exception: e-waste. Household hazardous waste may be recycled at the Chester County-sponsored event located at the Center for Arts & Technology event, also on April 12th. See next page for details.
- All oil and gasoline must be completely removed from lawn mowers and any other equipment containing the same. No oil. Batteries must be removed from lawn mowers.
- No oil tanks.
- No upholstered furniture. Removed metal will be accepted.
- Outdoor grills must be clean.
- No mattresses.
- No sneakers.
- Large tractor and truck tires will not be accepted.

**Questions? Contact Jim Tate,  
Chairman of Willistown's Recycling  
Commission: 610-647-7361.**

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as far as Gettysburg. The inscription appears to be a plea to then President Lincoln to bring the warring factions together in peace.

Bartram Bridge was gated in the 1970s due to vandalism including graffiti, stealing of boards, and general mischief. The Board has discussed the removal of the gates and using security cameras. For now, the 1.5 acre park-like setting of the bridge is open to the public who can look inside the gates. There is limited parking available off of Boot Road.

Eric is currently in his fifth year as Bartram Bridge Board Chairman, having been Vice Chairman for the prior four years. He shares, "It is a great privilege to serve with the rest of the very dedicated Bartram Bridge Board members including Judy Radano of Willistown, and Kerk Farrell, Jan Elston, and Ed Johnston of Newtown."

In addition to his dedication to Bartram Bridge, Eric is an active attorney. He started in litigation in 1968, and ended with a specialty in insurance and transportation as the senior partner, is an active member of the Philadelphia Bar, Pennsylvania Bar, Washington DC Bar, has been admitted to the US Supreme Court, and is a member of the American Bar Association Task force on Federal Insurance Regulation.

Eric has written two award winning books: [Vulture Culture: Dirty Deals, Unpaid Claims, and the Coming Collapse of the Insurance Industry](#), written before the 2008 economic collapse and an amazon.com best seller, and [Bartram Covered Bridge: Spanning History](#). He reports, "I am currently working on a third book about the financial meltdown of 2008 and how to avoid the next one."

Eric has also served the Township and the County as the Judge of Elections for two successive years, during both the primaries and general elections.

Up until 2004 he played high-level tennis when he came down with a spinal cord disorder that affected his ability to walk and move his arms, but that sure hasn't stopped him. Now confined to a wheelchair, he gets around and participates as regularly as everyone else, except, "just my feet and hands don't work". He writes through a headset, describing it as "an interesting challenge". As he puts it, "I show up!"

Eric has been "very, very happily married" to his wife, Carol, since 1965. They have two children working in New York City and two grandchildren.

## Chester County's Household Hazardous Waste (and E-Waste!) Spring Recycling Event

Saturday, April 12 • 9 AM–3 PM

Center for Arts & Technology (CAT)  
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville

Chester County will have its first Household Hazardous Waste collection of the year on Saturday, April 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. Note: E-waste will be accepted at the Township building on April 12.*

### 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 – lead-acid type: car, 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 – thermometer switches
- Organic peroxide
- Oxidizers
- Pesticides
- 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 & equipment
- Toner/ink cartridges
- VCR/DVD players
- Testing equipment



It's not necessary to bring regular alkaline household batteries to an HHW collection site. They may be thrown in the trash. Better yet, buy rechargeable batteries!

### Items NOT Accepted at HHW Collection Sites

- Non-recyclable alkaline batteries
- Ammunition
- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Explosives
- Freon appliances
- Oxygen/helium/propane gas cylinders
- Infectious/medical waste
- Latex paint (water-based)
- PCBs
- Pressurized CFCs & HCFCs
- Radioactive waste
- Tires
- Used motor oil
- White goods
- Unidentified waste

## Cub Scouts Collect 470 Coats For Those in Need!

Willistown's winter holiday coat collection was another great success. For ten years Cub Scout Troop 98 has hustled to collect coats from seven locations in the Township, sort and repack them, and then transport them to Greater Works Ministries in Kennett Square for distribution. Understanding the meaning of volunteering begins at an early age, and we are proud of these Cubs! Our thanks to all of you who donated a coat or two. And a special thank you to Jill Holsclaw for skillfully managing this program for the last four years. Jill is retiring as our program coordinator, and befitting of her motivated character, she's already recruited her replacement for 2014!

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## Summer Camps

### OKEHOCKING PRESERVE ECO-DISCOVERY CAMPS

Hosted by the Upper Main Line Y  
Ages 7 to 10 years  
Weekly July 7–28 9:00 AM–12:00 PM



Eco-Discovery camps return to the meadows, woodlands, wetlands, and Ridley Creek at Okehocking! The Garrett Farmhouse provides indoor facilities in case of inclement weather. Camp is led by a staff of UMLY professional naturalists, teachers, and certified instructors. Pre- and post-camp care options are available. Drop-off/pick up is at Okehocking Preserve farmhouse.

#### Weeks and Themes

- July 7 • Woodland Creatures
- July 14 • Reptiles & Amphibians
- July 21 • Water Wonders
- July 28 • Flying Friends

Camp Fee: \$135  
Early Drop-off 8:00–9:00 AM Fee: \$30  
Lunch Bunch 12:00–1:00 PM Fee: \$30  
To register visit [www.umly.org/campumly](http://www.umly.org/campumly), or call 610-647-9622, ext. 2405.

Have questions about recycling or recycling events?  
Contact Jim Tate, Chairman of Willistown's Recycling Commission: 610-647-7361.

## From the Chief

I hope everyone had a great Holiday season! Winter is here and with this cold comes snow and ice. Please remember to



slow down. If you have young drivers in your home, remind them that the roads refreeze at night and they need to drive defensively. Take the time to clean the snow from the top of your vehicle.....it's the law and we don't

want to see any injuries from flying ice.

Please help us and our Public Works employees by moving your car from the street into your driveway when snow is predicted. We all want the roads completely cleared as soon as possible.

I want to thank the members of our Public Works Department, as they have already been tested with all the snow and ice so far this season. They have been working extremely hard and it is not an easy task. I feel everyone will agree they did a great job. The roads in Willistown are the best.

I would like to wish Norman MacQueen, our former Supervisor, the best of luck in his new position as Controller for Chester County. I can't say enough about Norm and the 8 years I have worked with him. He truly cares about the Township. The Police Department could always depend on his support. We will all miss his dedication to the Township, and his friendship.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the residents of Willistown Township, for our new police facility. Our mission is very clear—to keep our residents safe and provide a service that is second to none! Our new building has several improvements that will bring us into compliance with current legal requirements including providing holding cells, interview rooms, an armory, and a lab for our Criminal Investigation Unit. The new building will also offer the ability to utilize modern police practices that the prior building could not accommodate. We extend our appreciation to our residents and our Board of Supervisors for their foresight in planning for the future and allowing your Police Department to be the best it can be.

A recent article by the SafeWise report (safewise.com) listed Willistown as the 28<sup>th</sup> safest community in Pennsylvania. It is an honor to be recognized and is a true

reflection of our efforts. As I enter my 30<sup>th</sup> year of law enforcement, I can say that the relationship our department shares with the citizens of Willistown is a very strong one. The officers truly appreciate the support they receive from the community.

I thank you for your calls and letters of thanks and informing me of your positive interactions with our officers. You have my assurance that you will continue to receive the best service and protection possible to maintain the safe environment you have come to depend on. The SafeWise report is a result of the police and community working together. Let's all keep up the good work!



The new Willistown Township Police Department building is currently under construction.

On January 8, 2014, the Chester County Police Chiefs Organization recognized Sergeant James Daniels, Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Heim, Officer Robert Will, and Officer William Murrin for their actions during the arrest of a subject that eventually led to several federal indictments also being filed. Their quick actions and dedication broke a multi-jurisdictional criminal network that numerous law enforcement organizations had under investigation. Once again, our officers exhibited why they are considered the best!

### Awards Night

On February 10, 2014, the following members were recognized at a Board of Supervisors meeting during our annual Awards Night:

- Officers Mark Monroe and Luis Bills for stabilizing a subject during a drug overdose
- Detective Steve Jones and Officer Matt Brown for their creation and instruction of our first "Kids CSI Class" held at General Wayne Elementary School.
- Officer Zachary Bullock for apprehending another jurisdiction's wanted armed robbery suspect.

Commendations of Merit were issued to Sergeant George Hill, and Officers Zachary Bullock and Matt Brown for separate arrests of individuals on the charge of possession with intent to deliver drugs.

Distinguished Unit Citations were given to Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Heim and Detective Steve Jones for their arrest of a burglary suspect linked by a DNA profile.

Officer Kevin Ashe was recognized as Officer of the Year as voted on by his peers. Way to go Kevin!

We also recognized Supervisor Norman MacQueen for his years of dedicated service along with District Justice Chet Darlington and his staff, including Cassie Wahn, Pat Daniels, Anna Marie Levinson, and Mary Lou Boccella, for their years of service. We wish the Judge and the members of his staff a happy retirement. We truly enjoyed your professionalism and will miss you.

A lot goes on at the Township meetings, stop out to one and see your local government at work. The Board of Supervisors generally meet twice per month as published at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us). This is a great opportunity to meet your elected officials and members of your police department.

As always, I thank you for supporting your police department and stay safe!

*John Narcise  
Chief of Police*

## Historic Sugartown Seeks Volunteers

Monday, February 24 • 7 PM

### Volunteer Interest Meeting

Historic Sugartown depends heavily on the passion and dedication of our small, but growing team of volunteers who guide tours, staff events, and take care of our wonderful historic site. We have a lot of fun too! Join us for a Volunteer Interest Meeting at Historic Sugartown's Carriage Museum.

Interested, but can't make the meeting? Contact Heather Reiffer at 610-640-2667 or [hpreiffer@historicsugartown.org](mailto:hpreiffer@historicsugartown.org) for more information.



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# Mark your Calendars

**February 23**  
CRC Lecture: Protecting our Water Resources and our Environment through Reduced Chemical Use  
Penn State Brandywine • 2–3:30 PM

**February 24**  
Historic Sugartown Volunteer Interest Meeting  
Historic Sugartown Carriage Museum • 7 PM

**March 10**  
Reporting the Revolution  
Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund General Warren Inne • 6 PM Sharp  
See rememberpaoli.org

**April 5**  
How to Improve your Backyard Habitat  
Garrett Farmhouse @ Okehocking Okehocking Nature Center • 10 AM–Noon

**April 12**  
Chester County's HHW Drop-off  
Center for Arts & Technology (CAT)  
1580 Charlestown Rd., Phoenixville  
9 AM–3 PM

**April 12**  
Willistown's Annual Township Drop-off Recycling Event  
688 Sugartown Road, Malvern  
9 AM–1 PM

**April 12**  
Birds & the Architecture They Create  
Garrett Farmhouse @ Okehocking Okehocking Nature Center • 10 AM–Noon

**April 14**  
Battle of Quebec  
Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund General Warren Inne • 6 PM Sharp  
See rememberpaoli.org

**June–July**  
Greentree Sports Camps

**June–August**  
Go WilMa!

**July**  
Okehocking Eco-Discovery Camps

**Malvern & Paoli Library Activities**  
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