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Message from the Manager

Greetings Willistown Residents!

In light of recent events, I'd like to share my perspective of our law enforcement professionals.

Recently, I participated in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Citizen's Academy, an eight-week program that provides an up close and personal look at how the FBI operates. The community's civic, business, and religious leaders are invited to experience firsthand how the FBI investigates crimes and national security threats. Participants learn about the various tools and techniques the FBI employs to carry out their mission to protect the American people and uphold the Constitution of the United States.

The FBI Citizen's Academy dispels the myths about the FBI that we've seen on TV and in the movies. It presents a fascinating curriculum including FBI jurisdiction and congressional oversight, FBI field office and resident agency structure and operation, challenges with evidence collection and preservation, FBI ethics and discipline, civil rights, criminal trends, firearms training, and much more. Admission to the Citizen's Academy is a selective process, and I feel quite fortunate to have been included.

Shortly after completing the Academy, I spent a Saturday night "on-duty" with Officer Matt Brown of the Willistown Police Department. With over 18 square miles and more than 50 miles of roads in the Township, there is a lot of ground to cover. Although the evening likely was quite routine for

Officer Brown, there is nothing routine about police work. There were several calls for assistance, from car stops to a neighbor dispute. In every case, Officer Brown was well prepared, always professional, and constantly aware of his surroundings.

I also recently witnessed a live training exercise of the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team (ERT) here in Willistown Township. As a regional SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team, the West Chester ERT is comprised of officers from 7 municipalities that are specially trained to handle critical incidents within their districts. During the exercise, members of the ERT, including Willistown Officers Andy Wahn and Kevin Ashe, simulated many scenarios in a home slated for demolition. The members of the ERT were methodical in their approach, using extreme caution to protect life and property while bringing each situation to a safe conclusion.

My experience with the FBI Philadelphia Citizen's Academy, my evening with Officer Brown, and my observations of the West Chester Regional ERT give me a deeper appreciation for, and greater understanding of the important and often very dangerous work performed by our law enforcement professionals. Let us continue to respect and appreciate all who work in law enforcement.

Thanks to the FBI for protecting our nation, the ERT for serving our region, and the Willistown Police Department for protecting our community!

— **Dave Burman**
Township Manager



FBI Philadelphia Field Office Special Agent in Charge William F. Sweeney, Jr. presenting Dave with the Citizen Academy Certificate of Completion.



CRC, Willistown, & You—Protecting our Precious Water Resources!

*Join in the Serpentine Preserve
Riparian Buffer Planting*

October 14 & 15 • 9 AM–12 PM

Willistown Parks & Recreation is grateful to the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) for their partnership in acquiring funding to design and plant a riparian buffer along an intermittent tributary to the Serpentine Run. Both streams are located in Willistown's Serpentine Preserve and are headwater streams of the upper Ridley Creek watershed. Headwaters are the source waters of a river. Their health is crucial to the health of the entire freshwater ecosystem.

Riparian buffer plantings are conducted in lands adjacent to water bodies to improve water quality. They filter sediment and pollutants before they enter the stream, stabilize the stream banks from erosion, slow flood waters and rainwater runoff, keep the water cool for and provide energy and nutrients to stream communities, and create valuable wildlife habitat.

Stroud Water Research Center* describes headwater tributaries like these as "the

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Okehocking Preserve Trails

Trail Assessment & Prescriptions Report

The Parks & Recreation Department commissioned Penn Trails, a distinguished trail assessment, planning, construction, design, training, and management firm, to deliver a trail assessment and prescriptions report for the existing 5.75 mile multi-use trail system at Okehocking Preserve. The Penn Trails assessment expands upon the USDA Forest Service Trail Assessment and Condition Survey process, or TRACS. TRACS is the organization's required methodology for conducting trail inventory, condition assessment, and maintenance prescriptions for National Forest System trails.

The Penn Trails report on Okehocking, all 80 pages of it, contains very thorough empirical data on current trail tread-way and trail corridor conditions as well as an inventory of features contained within the trail corridor.

The report provides the Township with critical information needed to objectively determine the tasks and budget required to stabilize the trails for both sustainability and user enjoyment.

The Penn Trails assessment process observes and records the physical conditions of the trail's structural components. These observations are then related to "productivity factors" which determine the structural stability and sustainability. The assessed productivity factors for the Preserve trail system include linear grade, cross slope, side slope, trail tread surface, trail tread width, and trail corridor (clearing width and height). These data points are considered in the trail "prescriptions", or the practices selected and scheduled for

application to rehabilitate and maintain a particular trail segment. The trail system was assessed as 24 distinct sections.

Penn Trails also designed conceptual alignments for 2.25 additional miles of trails at Okehocking. Two of those trails have been mown into the native grass fields on the northeast and northwest corners of Route 3 and Delchester Road. An additional conceptual trail will be used to re-route the existing trail through the woods currently located above the Willistown Conservation Trust barn in the middle of the property.

Join the Okehocking Trail Corps! *Get outside. Dig in the dirt. Smile :)*



The Parks and Recreation Department is establishing the Okehocking Trail Corps to implement the Penn Trails maintenance prescriptions. We'd like to have the different user groups of the Preserve represented in the Corps. Essentially, cross-

pollinating these groups will build camaraderie and a sense of community within the Trail Corps and during the user experience. These groups include hikers, dog walkers, runners, equestrians, artists, photographers, scouts, and birders. Earlier this summer Willistown Parks and Recreation hosted members of these groups at a presentation of the Penn Trails report and the accompanying software as well as a discussion of priority projects.

The end goal for the Okehocking Trail Corps is to rehabilitate and maintain the trails within parameters of ecological

protection so that all visitors may use the trails safely while building a strong sense of community around caring for and using the Preserve. It is incredibly rewarding to be a part of a trail team and see the benefit of a properly maintained or newly rerouted trail! Join the Okehocking Trail Corps by contacting Mary, Director of Parks & Recreation, at 610-647-5300 x224.

To view the Trail Assessment and Prescriptions Report and an interactive map, please go to www.willistown.pa.us, click on the Parks and Recreation Department button in the left-hand column, and go to Stewardship. On your mobile, go to the drop-down menu, click on Departments, Parks & Recreation, and Stewardship.

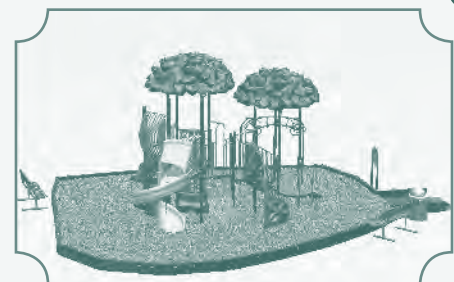
Penn Trails Bed and Tread Workshop October 8 & 9 • 8:30 AM-4 PM

This two-day trail workshop focuses on bed and tread planning, layout, and construction of natural surface trails like those throughout Okehocking! The trail's intended uses, the design parameters determined by those uses, and materials and construction techniques along with ongoing trail maintenance will be covered.

Participants will experience expertly guided classroom learning and hands-on site experience working on an Okehocking trail. Lunch will be provided. Willistown Parks & Recreation hopes to have at least one representative from each user group participate in this free workshop, with the idea that they will become a part of the Okehocking Trail Corps. They will work with other workshop attendees to lead volunteers on projects. If you are interested in the Okehocking Trail Corps, the workshop, or both, please contact Mary, Director of Parks & Recreation, at 610-647-5300 x224 or mhundert@willistown.pa.us. Workshop space is limited, so contact Mary now! Pre-registration is required.

Introducing The Tree Fort @ Garrett Mill!

We are pleased to announce that "The Tree Fort" is now open at Willistown Township's Garrett Mill Park! The previous system served our residents very well for over 20 years—let's hope The Tree Fort, so named because of its canopy-like roofs, lasts just as long! The public may rent the pavilion and fields at Garrett Mill Park, and some of our other parks, through the Parks & Recreation Department. You can find Pavilion and Field Rental Applications, and more information about Garrett Mill Park, at www.willistown.pa.us.





WILLISTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION

Celebrating our community through people, parks, and programs.

GO WilMa!

(Get Outside around Willistown & Malvern!)

Has your K-5 or teen child signed up for the national public library summer reading program and *GO WilMa!* at the Malvern or Paoli Libraries? Do not fret, it's not too late!

This year's *GO WilMa!* theme, based on the summer reading theme, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!", is "Be Well, Be Fit—Get Outside and Move It!" Following scavenger hunt clues provided in our Field Guide, participants explore the great outdoors and find Activation Stations hidden in the wonderful parks and special places in and around Willistown and Malvern. Your kids can experience the magic of reading and the thrill of adventure through this innovative outdoor adventure program based upon Get Outdoors York County.

Named after a calisthenic or yoga move, our Activation Stations are

intended to get participants and their families moving. We hope that the simple activities inspire our adventurers to move more throughout the day!



A great feature of this program is that you can do it on your own time. Meanwhile, you'll be reaping all the benefits of getting fresh air, being in nature, walking, and sharing quality time with family and friends. Stamp the Field Guide at the Activation Station rubbing posts and receive one raffle ticket per stamp. Attend the prize raffle at the Willistown Country Fair, August 23 at 6:30 PM in Greentree Park.

Check out *GO WilMa!* at www.willistown.pa.us, like us on Facebook, and sign up at Malvern or Paoli Library to receive the Field Guide and get started! The last day to submit your final stamps for prize raffle tickets is August 20.

End of summer FUN!

Willistown's Country Fair @ Greentree Park

Tuesday, August 23 • 5:30–7:30 PM



Wrap up summer and gear up for the new school year—join friends and neighbors for a beautiful afternoon in Greentree Park at our down-home Country Fair!

- Live, local bluegrass by 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
- The Pizza Wagon
- Whirled Peace Frozen Yogurt



Please leave your four legged friends at home. Rain date: Thursday, August 25, 5:30–7:30 PM. Call 610-647-5300 x224 if weather is a question.

Fall Sports Programs with Jump Start Sports

Willistown Hummingbirds Soccer Ages 3–6

Boys and girls 3–6 years old learn the basics of soccer: dribbling, passing, trapping, shooting, and positioning. Each session consists of instruction, participation in fun, age-appropriate drills that are designed to teach skills, and low-key, non-competitive games. Dates: Saturdays, September 17–October 22 Time: 1–2 PM Where: Greentree Park Fee: \$75 Resident, \$85 Non-resident (Includes team T-shirt and award.)

Willistown Rookie League Baseball Ages 5–7

A fun introduction to coach pitch baseball for 5-7-year-olds. Players receive instruction in all basics of the sport and apply what they have learned in fun games. The games are non-competitive, no score is kept. Players who are not able to hit a pitched ball will be able to use a tee while learning. Each session

includes instruction and game play. Dates: Saturdays, September 17–October 22 Time: 9 AM–10:15 AM Location: Mill Park Lower Field Fee: \$80 Resident, \$90 Non-Resident (Includes team T-shirt, MLB baseball cap, and award.)

Willistown Tee-Birds Tee-Ball Ages 3–4

A fun and highly instructional introduction to baseball! Boys and girls learn the basics of throwing, catching, fielding, batting, and



base running. They apply what they learn in fun, non-competitive games. Sessions are one hour long, one day per week. Players receive a Major League Baseball hat, team tee shirt, and participation trophy. Jump Start Sports staff members conduct the instruction and oversee the game while volunteer team coaches assist.

Dates: Saturdays, September 17–October 22 Time: 10:30–11:30 AM Location: Mill Park Lower Field Fee: \$80 Resident, \$90 Non-resident (Includes team T-shirt, MLB baseball cap, and award.)

REGISTER ONLINE
www.JumpStartSports.com
 For more info contact Mike Stefani:
MStefani@jumpstartsports.com
 or 716-997-7998



Parks & Recreation Board Openings

The volunteer Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Board (Board) is looking for enthusiastic Willistown residents to join their team!

The group advises the Board of Supervisors on parks and recreation related issues including improvements, programs, and policies. Board members assist the Director of Parks and Recreation by attending park events, registering guests, talking about our programs and parks, chatting with our constituents and receiving their feedback on our parks and programs. There are four events per year. Board members also assist with programs.

Board meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM, however, the board meets about six times per year. To find out more about Willistown Parks and Recreation, visit www.willistown.pa.us.

Please address letters of interest and resumes to the Parks and Recreation Board and send to Mary Hundt, Director of Parks & Recreation, at mhundt@willistown.pa.us, or call 610-647-5300 x224 to discuss. The Parks and Recreation Board will review the applications, the Board will interview the applicants and make appointment recommendations to the Board of Supervisors who make the final decision.

WILLISTOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN
Sugartown Preserve • Willistown Parks & Recreation

Bee Conscientious

By Jennifer Becker, Willistown Gardener

Trekking through the field to my garden plot, I stop mid-stride as I notice them. From several yards away, through the groundhog-proof fencing, I spot them... tomatoes! Small, green, and unripe, they patiently nap on the long sun-drenched days. Hundreds of tiny tomatoes emerge from where, just days ago, there were bright yellow flowers awaiting pollination. In anticipation, I reminisce about summers gone by and eating these luscious treats—red, ripe, and juicy—right off the vines. My anticipation high, I can not wait to get back to my kitchen with the rest of my harvest to slice and sample.

As I turn to inspect the squash, cucumbers, fennel, chard, and watermelon, I notice them: Bees! Small, black and yellow, I hear their gentle buzzing as they busy themselves with their life's work collecting nectar to return to their hive and make honey for their offspring. They flit from flower to flower doing a crazy "number eight" dance. I watch amazed. Tiny grains

of pollen stick to their furry bodies. A gift to us, a bonus of their work—pollination occurs. We then receive an abundant harvest, all because of the busy bees.

There are more than 20,000 species of bees inhabiting the continents, except Antarctica. Queen honeybees lay 2,000 eggs every day in the early spring and 1,500 each day replace the daily casualties. Some worker bees perish naturally, but many are killed by the spraying of insecticides, pesticides, and herbicides. So much of our food supply is dependent upon bees, yet how do we thank them?

Have you had the pleasure of tasting a vine-ripened, sun-warmed tomato? Experienced the juice of a succulent peach drip down your arm after biting into this summer bounty? If you have had the pleasure of smelling fragrant spring flowers, tasting wild raspberries, or slicing a crimson-colored Brandywine tomato, then you must be thankful for the bees!

The Willistown Community Garden is a vibrant place to be. For information about becoming a garden member, contact Mary Hundt at mhundt@willistown.pa.us.

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lifeblood of our streams and rivers", and states that "protecting and restoring the watersheds in which they arise will provide benefits vital to the health and well-being of Pennsylvania's water resources and its citizens." Indeed, among other things like recreation and natural beauty, these local streams provide our community and others with drinking water essential to our survival.

According to CRC, the Upper Ridley Creek Watershed supplies 2.7 million gallons per day of drinking water for over 40,000 residents in Upper Providence, Middletown, and Nether Providence Townships, and Media Borough. Another 815,000 gallons are withdrawn daily from private and public wells in the watershed. Ridley Creek flows into the Delaware River. According to the Delaware River Basin Commission, the Delaware River, the longest free-flowing river east of the Mississippi, provides drinking water to 15 million people in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. The work we do in the headwaters of Willistown Township has wide-reaching impact. Together, CRC, Willistown Township, and you can make a difference—please join us!

Friday, October 14 is preparation day. The group will cut cages to go around the trees for deer protection and cut weed mat. The mat is put on the ground around the plants so the grasses don't grow up inviting voles to nest and chew on the trunks. The plants will also be placed. A minimum of 10 volunteers is needed.

Saturday, October 15 is planting day. The group will be digging holes, laying down weed mat, planting 35 trees and 75 shrubs, caging them, and watering them. A minimum of 25 volunteers is needed.

These events are rain or shine with the exception of heavy rain or thunderstorms. If there are extreme weather predictions for Saturday, the storm date will be Sunday, October 16. Call CRC at 610-359-1440 for a recorded message if weather is a question.

Volunteers will be instructed on all aspects of the preparation and the planting. Gloves, water, and snacks will be provided. Volunteers can be as young as seven years old when accompanied by a parent. Please contact Lori Schnick of CRC to volunteer at

lori@crwatersheds.org or 302-883-6767. If you are unable to attend all morning, please let Lori know what time frame you can help. Thank you!

CRC collaborated with Willistown Parks & Recreation and a landscape architect to come up with the riparian planting area, design, and plant list. To view the details of the project, go to www.willistown.pa.us under Departments, Parks & Recreation, Stewardship, and Serpentine Preserve.

Many thanks go to CRC for applying for the grants and to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for providing TreeVitalize and Rivers Conservation Program funding to CRC for this project!

* Stroud is a preeminent and renowned water research center located in Avondale. Find out more about Stroud, and view their research publication, *Protecting Headwaters: The Scientific Basis for Safeguarding Stream and River Ecosystems*, at www.stroudcenter.org.

Okehocking Outings
Mark Your Calendars!

Chester County Trail Club Hike

August 21 • 1:30 PM

Chester County Trail Club Hike Leader Thelma Douglas will take you on a 5 to 6-mile hike throughout Willistown Township's Okehocking Preserve. For further information, please call Thelma at 610-644-9077. Call 267-565-0690 with questions the day of hike only. Meet at the red pole barn by the Route 3 (West Chester Pike) parking lot. Walk up the farmhouse driveway and you will see the barn nestled in the hillside. Bring a snack and water.



Okehocking Nature Center

Birding & Hawk Watch Festival

September 24 • 9 AM–2 PM

The all-volunteer Okehocking Nature Center was formed with a simple mission: To connect people with nature through programming and improvement projects at Willistown Township's Okehocking Preserve. Join us for our third annual Birding & Hawk Watch Festival! Here's what you can expect:



- Live Raptors
- Guided bird walks for families and advanced birders
- Migration hawk watch
- Wildlife photography gallery
- Birding presentations
- Crafts and live animals from the Upper Main Line Y's Environmental Education Center
- Live bluegrass by Raven Hill, sponsored by Willistown Parks and Recreation.

Rain date: September 25, 9 AM–2 PM



Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Fall Recycling Event

Saturday, October 8 • 9 AM–3 PM

Chester County Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road, West Chester

This is a Chester County-sponsored event, not a Willistown Township event. Please note: No electronics waste. Do not leave chemicals, paints, poisons, etc. at the Township building. The Township does not have any capabilities for disposing of this material. Call the Willistown Township Recycling Commission Chairman, Jim Tate, with questions: 610-647-7361.

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
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Weed killers
- Septic tank degreasers

Automotive Products

- Antifreeze
- Batteries of lead-acid type: car, truck, motorcycle, lawn mowers, 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

Items NOT Accepted

- Non-recyclable alkaline batteries
- Ammunition
- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Electronics Waste
- 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
- Smoke Detectors
- Fire Extinguishers

Note: Latex paint is not hazardous waste! Take the top off the paint can and place it outside, away from pets and children. If the can is very full, absorb the paint by mixing it with sawdust, clay-based cat litter, shredded paper, or rags. When the paint is solidified, put the can in the trash.



Wood Chipping for Residents!
November 5 • 9 AM–1 PM

Coxe Memorial Campus, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern

Residents may bring tree, bush, and shrub limbs and branches no greater than 14" in diameter. They will be unloaded and chipped free of charge. Thanks to the Public Works Department for managing this event!

Only wood described at left will be accepted! No furniture, ladders, fence posts/railings, telephone poles, landscape or construction wood, paneling, scrap wood, or wood with nails, hooks, or metal. Also, no leaves or grass.

Note: This is a wood-chipping event only. Willistown residents only—no contractors.



Recycling News Lanchester Landfill Accepts TVs, Computers, & Accessories in 2016!

We have exciting recycling news—Lanchester landfill temporarily recycles TVs and computers at no charge! It has become impossible to recycle TV monitors, including flat screen TVs, unless one is willing to pay anywhere from \$75 to \$300 to a recyclables' hauler. In response to this problem, Chester County's Lanchester Landfill has established a temporary recycling program to help alleviate the recycling of TVs and computer systems at no charge.

Here's the drill: Go to Lanchester Landfill, located at Route 322 (Division Highway) and Horseshoe Pike in Narvon, PA. It is about two miles past the intersection of Routes 322 and 10, approximately 32 miles from Willistown Township. The site is well marked. Enter on the right, follow the recycling signs for a short distance. No need to drive on the huge scale to weigh your items. Stay to the right in drive-through lane #5. The drop location will be evident. Usually, there is an attendant who will unload items for you. If not, walk to the nearby scale house to ask for assistance. The drop-off hours are 7 AM–4:30 PM weekdays and 7 AM–11:30 AM on Saturdays.

This drop-off recycling program is for residents only. Commercial haulers will not be allowed to drop off large quantities of

TVs and computers at no charge. Lanchester Landfill will accept up to three TV and three computer systems per drop-off at no charge through November 30. Computer and TV peripherals may also be dropped off. An individual may use the landfill multiple times. Chester County will evaluate the program after November 30 to determine if it will continue in 2017.

To lighten one's load, we remind you that computers and computer accessories (no monitors), working or not working, may be recycled at any Staples and Goodwill stores. Monitors and TVs are not accepted at these stores or Best Buy; however, Best Buy accepts computer accessories including keyboards, printers, CPUs (towers), mice, VCRs, and set-top boxes.

Lanchester Landfill accepts many other items for recycling, too. There is a "No Charge" and "Charge" list at www.chestercounty.org, click on Recycling, For Residents, and Recycling at the Lanchester Landfill.

Residents may, understandably, question whether it's worth driving 64 miles round trip to dispose of a TV. As of July, Lanchester is the only location that the Willistown Recycling Commission knows of where TVs can be disposed of for free. Waste haulers are not permitted to accept them in curbside trash or recyclables. Special pick-up arrangements are possible with some haulers; however, the cost can be considerable. Your choice is to hold onto a TV forever or make the drive. Our suggestion is to check the list of items on the website that the landfill accepts and take them along with your TV(s) and computers. Once you reach Honey Brook, you are in "Amish Country". There are produce farms to visit, and, to satiate your pallet, restaurants are located about a half mile from the landfill. Make your recycling trip enjoyable as well as productive!

COMMUNITY

Shugart's Sunday BBQ & Bluegrass

Sunday, September 11, 2–6 PM

Named for Sugartown's tavern keeper, Eli Shugart, Shugart's BBQ & Bluegrass is an afternoon of food, music, and family fun at Historic Sugartown. Enjoy hand-crafted spirits tastings by Manatawny Still Works and old time sodas by Maine Root, BBQ by Phoenixville's Uncle B's BBQ Smoke Shack, beer by Victory Brewing Company, music by Summit Hill Bluegrass, hayrides by Sugartown Strawberries, and more. Admission: \$40 Adults, \$10 Children ages 3–10.

Sugartown at Sundown Lantern Tours

Friday & Saturday, October 21–22, 6–9 PM

Experience Sugartown in a whole new light! Join our knowledgeable guides as they lead you through Historic Sugartown by lantern. Along with Sugartown's rich history, you'll hear lesser known and possibly chilling tales about the village.



Enjoy hot cider and treats after your tour. The lantern tours will take place at 6:30 and 7:30 PM, and will last approximately one hour. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Admission: \$8/Adults, \$6/Children ages 10 & younger.

Paper Marbling Workshop

Saturday, November 5, 9 AM–2 PM

Learn to create marbled paper in Historic Sugartown's Bindery! Marbling is the art of floating and designing watercolors on a base fluid then permanently transferring the design to paper. Colonial Williamsburg-

trained instructor, Ramon Townsend of ColonialBindery.com, will lead the class. Workshop Admission: \$65/Adult, \$50/Child (Ages 8–17). All supplies included. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited to 8 participants.

Book Binding Workshop

Saturday, November 19, 9 AM–2 PM

Colonial Williamsburg-trained instructor, Ramon Townsend of ColonialBindery.com, will lead the class through the binding process, and participants will be provided step-by-step written instructions to take home. Workshop Admission: \$75/Participant, all supplies included. Ages 14 & Up. Pre-registration is required.

Weekend Guided Tours

**Saturdays, 11 AM–4 PM
Sundays, 1–4 PM**

To purchase tickets, visit www.HistoricSugartown.org or call 610-460-2667.

LIBRARY NEWS

Malvern Public Library

Our summer programming is winding down! If you participated in the Summer Reading Program, be sure to bring in your reading log by Friday, August 19 to receive your prizes and your *GO WilMa!* Field Guides by Saturday, August 20 for your prize raffle tickets.

Join us at Greentree Park on August 23 for the *GO WilMa!* prize raffle drawing and end of summer celebration!

Sign up for fall storytimes beginning the Wednesday after Labor Day. Check at the Library for the times.

After a summer hiatus, our book club and knitting group resumes in September. Check the Library website to see our calendar of events and get the details about these activities and more.

Mark your calendars for Malvern Harvest on September 25. Visit the Library's table for books, bags, and a special craft!

Read to our therapy dogs! Sign up for a time slot at the library and read to either Kaya or Holly. Time slots are twenty minute intervals on Tuesdays, 4:30–6:30 PM, and Thursdays, 3–4 PM all year long.

The Malvern Library is at Burke Park! On the second Sunday of the month, we'll have a booth there with books and more between 9 AM and 1 PM. We hope to see you there!

Paoli Library

Stop by Paoli Library and find out why we call it the "Biggest Little Library Around." Stay awhile at our new laptop counter and use our free Wi-Fi. While you're visiting, browse our collection of popular titles and bestselling books, movies, and music CDs. Too busy to stay? Use our app to place holds from home. We'll let you know when your items are ready.

Have you signed up yet for "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read," our summer

reading program for children? When you sign up for summer reading, you'll also be signed up for *GO WilMa!*, the family outdoor adventure program.

There's still time to get your calendar stamped and collect your weekly summer reading prizes. Prizes are awarded until Labor Day weekend. Come into the library today!

Babies and young children are learning all the time and need to hear words every day. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, Paoli Library offers storytimes at 11 AM for children under the age of six. There is also a special storytime for babies up to eighteen months, on Thursdays at 10 AM. We even have a bilingual Spanish/English storytime, and one entirely in German. Storytimes help your child prepare for preschool and kindergarten through developmentally relevant stories, rhymes, songs, and playtime activities. No need to register in advance!

Paoli Library has a new Writers' Group for adults. Members meet on Thursdays at 12:30 PM to review their work, trade literary tips, make friends and have fun! Connect with other writers and build a thriving community together. All writers and should-be writers are welcome!

Our Mystery Book Group and Art Book Club will be meeting again starting in September, dates and times are posted on our website.




Paoli Battlefield Fall Activities

Paoli Battlefield programs are led by the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund (PBBF) and The Paoli Memorial Association (PMA).

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

The PBBF's effort to have the Paoli Battlefield named as a National Historic Landmark is moving along. We are working with government historic preservation agencies on the County, State, and Federal levels. Check our website for updates: www.pbp-finc.org.

REVOLUTIONARY LECTURE SERIES

This September begins our 6th year presenting these extremely popular dinner lectures by many noted authors and historians held at the General Warren Inn. Join us the second Monday of each month except December. This season will include Chris Reardon, Gene Pisasale, Mike Kochan, Don Hagist, Tim McGrath, Laurie Hall, Elizabeth Beatty, and Nancy Loane. The lectures begin seating at 5:45 PM and end about 8:00 PM, and cost is \$49 per person. Many of the authors bring their latest books for purchase and autographing for our guests.

PAOLI BATTLEFIELD HERITAGE DAY

Saturday, September 24, 11 AM–5 PM
The fourth annual family historical fun day will be held on the Battlefield at Monument and Wayne Ave in Malvern. We'll have kids games, food, crafts, numerous demonstrations and more. Our closing memorial military salute begins at 3:30 PM. The Dedication of the new Veteran's Memorial will be part of the Military Salute. We encourage Veterans and their families to attend and Veterans to share about their military service. Admission is by donation: \$8 per person, kids and veterans \$5, and \$20 per family. Parking is free on site. All proceeds are to support the Park and Battlefield projects and upkeep.

PARANORMAL TOUR

Saturday, October 8, 6–11 PM

PMA & PBBF DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Thursday, October 13, 6–9 PM

People's Light and Theater

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1 East First Ave. Malvern
www.ccls.org
or 610-644-7259

PAOLI LIBRARY:
18 Darby Road, Malvern
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Mark your Calendars

August 21
Okehocking Hike
ChesCo Trails Club
1:30 PM

August 23
Willistown Country Fair
@ Greentree Park
5:30-7:30 PM
GO WilMa! Prize Drawing
6:30 PM

September 11
Shugart's BBQ & Bluegrass
Historic Sugartown
2-6 PM

September 24
Birding and Hawk Festival
9 AM-2 PM
Okehocking Preserve

October 8
Household Hazardous Waste
Drop-Off Recycling Event
County Govt. Services Center,
601 Westtown Road,
West Chester
9 AM-3 PM

October 8 & 9
Penn Trails
Bed & Tread Workshop
8:30 AM-4 PM
Okehocking Preserve

October 14 & 15
CRC & Willistown Township
Serpentine Preserve Planting
9 AM-12 PM
Serpentine Preserve

November 5
Wood Chipping Event
Coxe Memorial Campus
688 Sugartown Road
9 AM-1 PM
Willistown Residents Only

For additional Historic Sugartown Events, see page 6.

For Malvern & Paoli Library activities, and Paoli Battlefield Events, see page 7.

**FALL SPORTS
start September 17!
Kids ages 3-7
See page 3**

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