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Willistown Township Welcomes the Okehocking Nature Center!

The Willistown Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the opening of the *Okehocking Nature Center* at the Garrett Farmhouse, 5316 West Chester Pike, in Willistown's Okehocking Preserve. Festivities are being planned for late April/early May.

"We are looking for a long-term relationship with the Okehocking Nature Center," states Hugh Murray, Sr., Willistown Township Manager. "The goals of the dedicated volunteers of the *Okehocking Nature Center* Board are completely in line with Willistown's desire to provide a valuable learning experience while enjoying the beauty of Okehocking Preserve."

Providing Shelter

The Okehocking Nature Center will provide a much-needed sheltered facility that will allow for environmental programming for our community. The stone farmhouse will be further renovated to provide an ADA-compliant bathroom and a kitchen, while also providing shelter for scheduled programming in inclement weather. It will serve as a small interpretive center and a starting-off point for self-guided and planned tours and events.

"The ability to provide access to running water, toilets, and shelter was of utmost importance," said Derek Stedman, President of the Okehocking Nature

Center board. "The Preserve contains a remarkable variety of habitats and animals, ideal for environmental education and recreation. Now schools and other groups will be able to schedule programs that are long enough for full exploration of the site without worrying about the weather. This is really a wonderful opportunity to showcase the remarkable Okehocking Preserve."

The all-volunteer board of Okehocking Nature Center will assume a low-cost, long-term lease from Willistown Township in exchange for environmental improvement projects and providing educational, stewardship, and recreational opportunities for visitors. Community partners of the Okehocking Nature Center include: the Upper Main Line YMCA; Boy Scouts of America (Malvern Troop 7 and Willistown Troop 78); Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Assn.; Great Valley School District; Habitat Resources Network of SEPA; Paoli Hospital Wellness Center; and Willistown Township Parks and Recreation.

The 180-acre Okehocking Preserve—bordered by West Chester Pike (Route 3), Delchester Road, and Garrett Mill Road—includes old-growth woodland, meadowlands, uplands, the Delchester Run tributary to Ridley Creek, and a meandering section of the main stem of Ridley Creek in a habitat ideal for inspiring and teaching those of all ages the joys and benefits of the natural landscape of historic Chester County.

This special place was named after the Okehocking band of the Lenni Lenape Indians who spent summers on this land. Part of the mission of the Okehocking



Garrett Farmhouse, 5316 West Chester Pike, future home of Okehocking Nature Center

Nature Center is to show the same respect and reverence for this land as they did. The Center will showcase Willistown's commitment to open space, environmental stewardship, and recreation—all things that make our township unique.

The Center will include demonstration gardens and workshops on sustainable gardening and energy conservation, with take-home projects for homeowners to improve their own properties. It will also teach about the many habitats represented at the Preserve, including native plant and animal species, vernal pools, old growth forests, meadows, and uplands. The Center will address many local issues through its programming, including the growing demand for outdoor recreational activities to improve physical health and mental well-being.

Most of all, the Okehocking Nature Center will be a fun and peaceful place for people and nature!

For more information or to get involved with the Okehocking Nature Center, please email us at onc@gmail.com.

NEW Township Office Hours

In order to better serve our residents, the Township Administration Offices at Greentree Office Plaza will now be open during lunch. Administration hours of operation are now 8 AM–4 PM, Monday–Friday.

Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Household Hazardous Waste, Computer Monitors and Peripherals, and Portable TVs

Saturday, April 9 • 9 AM–3 PM

Location: Center for Arts & Technology

1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460 (not far from Charlestown Elementary School)

Once again, Chester County (not Willistown) has organized a hazardous waste disposal program for all residents of the county. This year's first opportunity to dispose of harmful chemicals and computers will take place on April 9th, 9 AM–3 PM. This category includes items such as oil-based paint, lawn sprays, fertilizers, oil, computers, and portable TVs.

Water-based paints will not be accepted. Dispose of them by dripping the paint onto cat litter, shredded paper, or wood chips in a container and letting the mixture dry. It can then be disposed of with your household trash. Or you may purchase a waste-paint hardener at Lowe's or Home Depot. Small amounts of water-based paint remaining in a paint can may be air-dried by removing the lid. Air-dried water-based paint may be disposed of with your household trash. However, do not replace the lid when you do so.

Computer monitors and portable TVs may also be disposed of at this site. Console TVs will not be accepted here but may be disposed of at the Willistown Township recycling event (date and time to be determined—see "About Special Recycling Programs" on next page).

Directions: Turn onto Route 29 from Route 30 in Malvern. Proceed north past Great Valley Corporate Center. Go under turnpike overpass. At the four-way intersection, go straight ahead and up the hill (do not follow signs for Route 29 to the right). You are now on Charlestown Road. Follow this winding road past Charlestown School for several miles until you pass Coldstream Road on the left. The Center for Arts and Technology is 1/8th of a mile farther along on the right side of the road. Watch for "Household Hazardous Waste" signs.

Please contact Jim Tate, Chairman of Willistown's Recycling Committee, with questions: 610-647-7361.

Your HHW Checklist

Use the following checklist and clean out your cabinets!

Household Hazardous Waste Materials Accepted at Collection Site (if properly labeled)

Paint Products

- Oil-Based Paints*
- Other Solvent-Based Paint Products
- Paint Thinners
- Strippers & Removers
- Shellac
- Stains, Varnish
- Turpentine
- Wallpaper Cement

Outdoor Products

- Asphalt Sealers
- Caulking Compounds
- Joint Compound
- Roof Cements
- Septic Tank Degreasers
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Weed Killers

Automotive Products

- Antifreeze
- Carburetor Cleaners
- Fuel Additives
- Gasoline
- Grease & Rust Solvents
- Oil
- Transmission/Brake Fluid

Household Products

- All Types of Light Bulbs, Including Tubular & Compact Fluorescent
- Adhesive/Solvents
- Drain Openers
- Dry Cleaning Fluid
- Kerosene
- Moth Balls/Flakes

- Smoke Alarms
- Spot Removers
- Rechargeable Batteries Only
- Rug Cleaners
- Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- Wood & Metal Cleaners

Household-Other**

- Acids, Caustic Solvents
- Asbestos
- Flammables
- Gas Cylinders - 20 lbs or less
- Lead
- Mercury-Bearing Items
- Organic Peroxide
- Oxidizers
- Pesticides
- Reactive Metals
- Reactives

Computer Monitors & Peripherals, Portable TVs

Keyboards, CPUs, printers, modems, scanners, servers, terminals, network equipment, speakers, mice, cathode ray tubes (CRT), and other computer parts. Portable TVs with a screen no larger than 27" will be accepted. Large TVs and consoles will be refused. **DO NOT BRING THEM!** No other electrically-powered equipment will be accepted.

* Solvent acrylics will be accepted.
Latex acrylics will not.

** No ammunition

Recycling and Waste Services in Willistown Township



Recycling and waste services are provided to Willistown residents by at least four companies that we know of, each of which contracts directly with a homeowner or a Homeowners' Association Organization (HOA). The contract includes direct billing of residents or the HOA.* Selection of a waste/recycling hauler is up to the homeowner/HOA, not the Township. The same is true for commercial accounts. (The focus of this article is residential.)

To categorize the haulers, Allied Waste and A.J. Blosenski are the dominant companies providing service to residents in all parts of the Township. Opdenaker Trash Removal and Suburban Waste provide service to a small percentage of residents almost exclusively in the West Chester Pike corridor, i.e., the "southern end" of the Township.

Recyclable items include newspapers, magazines, stationery, office paper, other paper, and flattened cardboard; plastic bottles/jars and packaging with a recyclable symbol on the base, i.e., a #1 up to a #7 inside the triangular symbol; clear, brown, and green bottles/jars; aluminum cans; and bi-metal "tin" cans. All recyclable items must be CLEAN.

Classification of recycling services: Single-stream recycling permits all categories of recyclables, described above, to be commingled in one collection container. Dual-stream recycling requires sorting certain items to be placed in separate collection containers.

For efficient service, place the waste container on one side of your driveway and the recycling container on the other. When both are placed side by side on one side of the driveway, both are very likely to be collected as waste!

Willistown Township, like most townships in Pennsylvania, is mandated by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to have residential and commercial recycling programs. Recycling is required, and it helps fund both this newsletter—*Towne Crier*—and special recycling programs. PA DEP awards Willistown a

grant based on the weight of all recyclables collected in the Township each year. The message: Make the effort to recycle; doing so helps sustain important recycling programs and newsletter communications.

Local Services Available

Allied Waste/Republic Services (formerly BFI): 610-265-6337

- Provides both waste and recycling services on a twice- or once-a-week basis.
- Single-stream recycling.
- Provides one 96-gallon waste container on wheels and one 32-gallon recycling container at no charge to residences.
- Provides service in all areas of the Township.

A.J. Blosenski (AJB) 610-942-2707

- Provides both waste and recycling services on a twice- or once-a-week basis.
- Single-stream recycling—almost! Newspapers must be separated from all other recyclables and placed in a separate collection container. All other recyclable items may be commingled.
- Provides one 96-gallon waste container on wheels and one 20-gallon recycling container at no charge to residences.
- Provides service in all areas of the Township.

Opdenaker Trash Removal 610-459-3515

- Provides waste service on a twice- or once-a-week basis.
- Provides recycling service on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
- Single-stream recycling.
- Provides one 96-gallon waste container on wheels and one 96- or 60-gallon recycling container at no charge to residences.
- Provides service in West Chester corridor area of the Township.

Suburban Waste: 1-302-475-9780

- Provides waste service on a twice- or once-a-week basis.
- Provides recycling service on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
- Single-stream recycling.
- Provides one 96-gallon waste container on wheels and one 25-gallon recycling container at no charge to residences.
- Provides service in West Chester Pike corridor area of the Township.

—Jim Tate, Chairman
Willistown Township Recycling Committee

UPCOMING

Special Recycling Events

Electronics & Metal Drop-off

Paper Shredding

Wood Chipping

Due to potential construction complexities on township property that are inhibiting the Willistown Recycling Committee's ability to set specific dates and a location for its three big Spring recycling events—Drop-off of electronics and metal, Paper Shredding and Wood Chipping—and the need to finalize copy for this issue of *Towne Crier* in late February, we can only say that the events will be held in April and May or June—two Saturday dates—and that all residents will receive notification prior to the dates so that you can participate.

*Depends on HOA-hauler contract



2011 PARKS & REC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

■ **GREENTREE PARK** (Located at the corner of Grubb and Woodland)

Thrilling Third Thursdays at Greentree Park (T3 @ GT!)

Willistown Township Parks and Recreation celebrates our community with our third annual *Thrilling Third Thursday* event series. Enjoy the fabulous entertainment, food, and company of your family, neighbors, and friends at Greentree from 5:30–7:30 PM (or 8 PM as noted).

MAY 19—May Magic and Puppet Shows: Nonstop entertainment with comical puppets and dazzling magic. What are magic and puppets without popcorn? Free popcorn for the kids!

JUNE 16—School's Out! Let's Celebrate with Alex & the Kaleidoscope Band! With over 14 national awards for excellence in children's entertainment, including a Parent's Choice Recommendation and Best Song Award from the Independent Music Awards, Alex & the Kaleidoscope Band uplift and engage audiences of all ages with their lively, interactive, and music-infused performances. Check out kaleidoscopesongs.com. Free homemade Kitchen Witch treats for the kids!

AUGUST 18—Country Fair: Ride ponies and pet farm animals as *Sleepy Hollow*



Farms brings their farm to Willistown. Enter your fruits and veggies in our **Prize Produce Contest**. Kids' games, face painting, and local community group tables will add to the fun.

SEPTEMBER 15—Party in the Park! 5:30–8 PM: Join the **UncleBuck Band**, a 5- to 6-piece cover band based in the Philadelphia area and playing fun, hit party songs drawing from today's latest releases back to '60s and '70s classics. Check out their multiple set lists at unclebuckband.com.

■ **SUGARTOWN ORGANIC GARDEN** (Located on Spring Road across from the Historic Sugartown bank barn)

APRIL 30—Historic Sugartown Day, 10 AM–4 PM: Sugartown Organic Garden will have a table with an organic garden-themed activity. Check out the traditional artisans and crafts amidst the restored 19th century homes and buildings of this picturesque village. Visit historicsugartown.org.

SEPTEMBER 17—Family Fall Fest, 1–4 PM: Bring the family for a fun-filled and relaxing afternoon of games, crafts, and garden exploration at the third annual Family Fall Fest. More info coming at willistownparks.org as fall approaches.

■ **OKEHOCKING PRESERVE** (Located on Route 3 between Delchester and Garrett Mill Roads)

MAY 1—Bird Walk, 8 AM: Valley Forge Audubon Society. Leader: Edie Parnum, 610-964-8331, eparnum2@verizon.net (See sidebar on next page.)

■ **DUFFRYN TRAIL/RANDOLPH WOODS**

MAY 7—Creek Cleanup and Trail Clearing, 9–11:30 AM: Meet at Malvern Borough's Randolph Woods. To register, please contact Blake Goll at Willistown Conservation Trust (WCT), bhg@wctrust.org or 610-353-2562, ext. 20. For more information, see sidebar on next page, contact CRC at 610-892-8731 (crc@nni.com), or visit www.crcwatersheds.org.

■ **DO THE CAN-CAN!**

One in 10 Chester County residents goes without food each day. You can help! We are supporting their backpack program, please go to willistownparks.org for the most needed items. We will deliver the food to the Chester County Food Bank. We will also have a monetary donation box. Visit chestercountyfoodbank.org to find other ways to help our neighbors. (See article on page 6.)

There will be more events at the garden and Okehocking throughout the season. Sign up for our happynings alerts at willistownparks.org and check the memo boards. To volunteer or if weather is a question, please call 610-647-5300, ext. 224 for a message. Please note: Entertainment and schedule are subject to change. Rain dates are generally scheduled for the following Thursday for T3@GT events. No dogs please. Check the website for details on food and beverages available for purchase at the events.

Spring Greetings Willistown Residents!

Willistown Township Parks and Recreation is looking forward to playing in the parks, how about you? The 2011 calendar of events is conveniently located on page 4 in this edition of the *Towne Crier*, should you want to tear it out and put it on your fridge. Please sign up for our Happynings e-announcements at willistownparks.org if you haven't already. We (thanks to volunteer help!) will send reminders of upcoming events and announcements of newly scheduled events.

You'll recall from the last *Towne Crier* the discussion of volunteerism as recreation and how both are good for your mind and body. Some people say it is human nature to want to help others. We know it *feels* good. Further incentives to volunteer include:

- Volunteering connects you to others. You make new friends and contacts and increase your social and relationship skills.
- Volunteering increases your self-confidence, self-esteem and life satisfaction, providing a natural sense of accomplishment, pride, and identity.
- Volunteering helps you develop a solid support system, which in turn protects you against stress and depression when you're going through challenging times.
- Volunteering studies have found that older adults who volunteer have a lower mortality rate than those who do not, and volunteering has been shown to lessen symptoms of chronic pain or heart disease.
- Volunteering can advance your career by providing career experience and teaching you valuable job skills.
- Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life, providing you with renewed creativity, motivation, and vision that can carry over into your personal and professional life.

Remember, when it comes to volunteering, passion and positivity are the only requirements. Tips for getting started volunteering include first asking yourself if there is something specific you want to accomplish.

For example, do I want...
 ...to make it better where I live?
 ...to meet people who are different from me?
 ...to try something new?
 ...to do something with my spare time?
 ...to see a different way of life and new places?
 ...to have a go at the type of work I might want to do as a full-time job?
 ...to do more with my interests and hobbies?
 ...to do something I'm good at?

(Source: *World Volunteer Web*: worldvolunteerweb.org)

Ask yourself the following questions to help find the right volunteer opportunity and narrow down your options:

- Would you like to work with people or would you rather work in solitude?
- Do you prefer to work alone or as part of a team?
- Are you better behind the scenes or do you prefer to take a more visible role?
- How much time are you willing to commit?
- How much responsibility are you ready to take on?
- What skills can you bring to a volunteer job?
- What causes are important to you?

Consider several possibilities. Try to visit different organizations and get a feel for what they are like and whether you click with other staff and volunteers. The more satisfaction you have as a volunteer, the better your contributions and the more likely you'll continue. Please see the February 2011 edition of the *Towne Crier* for a short list of local volunteer opportunities. Or visit www.handsonnetwork.org, www.philacares.org (Greater Philadelphia Cares), and www.1-800-volunteer.org, among others.

National Volunteer Week is April 10th–16th. Will you consider helping your neighbors, a good cause, and yourself? And please inspire us by sharing your volunteer experience via email at mhm@willistown.pa.us or call Mary at 610-647-5300, ext. 224.

(Source of volunteer benefits and finding the right opportunity: www.helpguide.org)

Okehocking Bird Walk

May 1 • 8 AM

Willistown Township's Okehocking Preserve is part of the Upper Ridley/Crum Important Bird Area. Birds can be found in a variety of habitats that include meadows, woods, ponds, and the riparian area along Ridley Creek. Be prepared for walking in wet areas. The leader has been conducting a bird census here for many years, has tallied 134 species, and is with the Valley Forge Audubon Society (www.valleyforgeaudubon.org).

Directions: Going west on Route 3 (West Chester Pike) 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.

Leader: Edie Parnum, 610-964-8331, eparnum2@verizon.net.

CRC Stream Cleanup Day!

May 7 • 9 AM

The 14th Annual CRC Streams Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at dozens of streamside locations in Chester and Delaware Counties. Those residents wishing to assist at their local site can volunteer to help clean up Ruth Run and Randolph Woods in Malvern Borough, from 9 AM–11:30 AM in this joint effort of the Township, Borough, Willistown Conservation Trust (WCT), and Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC). The effort will include establishing a trail connection between Willistown Township's Duffryn Avenue trail and the Randolph Woods trail system. Please bring leaf rakes and hand pruners. Volunteers are invited to pick up free t-shirts and attend a complimentary picnic afterwards, from 11:30 AM–1 PM, at Pavilion 8 at Ridley Creek State Park. To register for the Malvern site, please contact Blake Goll at WCT, bhg@wctrust.org or 610-353-2562, ext. 20. For more information about the cleanup, please contact CRC at 610-892-8731 or crc@nni.com, or see CRC's Website www.crcwatersheds.org.

Do the Can-Can...

Willistown Parks and Recreation Kicks Off Food Drive



Each day, one in ten people in Chester County goes without food. The Chester County Food Bank is a nonprofit organization that collects, grows, stores, and distributes food to the hungry of Chester County. As

reported by Larry Welsch, Food Bank Executive Director:

- In 2010 the Food Bank served over 123,000 people, including 73,163 adults; 31,143 children; and 19,416 seniors.
- Nearly one million pounds of food per year are distributed.
- We serve the hungry through a network of 27 food cupboards and 41 meal sites.
- About 2,600 volunteers contribute their time in helping those in need.
- We have seen an average 42% increase over last year in the number of people coming for food.
- Some food cupboards and meal sites are experiencing as much as a 54% increase. For example, our Mobile Pantry in Parkesburg has gone from serving 152 families a month to serving 242 families per month.

Here in Willistown, the Church of the Good Samaritan and Paoli Presbyterian Church have partnered with the Food Bank in the fight against hunger. Through the Willistown Parks and Recreation **Can-Can** project, Willistown area residents **can** help. Simply bring a **can** if you **can** to Willistown Township Parks and Recreation events. We will get the food to the Chester County Food Bank. We will also have a cash and check donation box. You may also drop off **cans** at the Township Administration office at 40 Lloyd Avenue, Malvern, suites 204-206, between 8 AM and 4 PM weekdays, except for holidays.



Here's what is needed most (and we'll do the *can-can* with boxes and bags too!):

- canned veggies, fruit
- beans, tuna, canned meat and ravioli
- stews, soups
- cereals, pasta, rice
- granola bars

The Chester County Food Bank grows food through a Gleaning and Raised Garden Bed Program. They grow an average of 70,000 pounds of food every year from 39 participating farms and many volunteer gardens. In the spring and fall, the produce is harvested with the help of over 500 volunteers. The Sugartown Garden Committee is coordinating participation with the Food Bank. Stay tuned for more info.

Visit chestercountyfoodbank.org to find other ways to help our hungry fellow Chester Countians.

You **can** make a difference—do the **can-can** for the Chester County Food Bank!



WILLISTOWN CONSERVATION TRUST

Rushton Farm Update

- Willistown Conservation Trust's Rushton Farm Plant Sales are May 7th and 8th, and May 28th and 29th from 11AM–3PM. (The produce farm is located in Willistown at the corner of Delchester and Goshen Roads in Newtown Square.)
- The Farm market will be open Saturdays from 11AM–3PM starting June 18th.



- The first Saturday of each month is *Family Volunteer Day*.

- Summer intern openings! Inquire at rushtonfarm@wctrust.org.

Visit www.wctrust.org for more information or call 610-353-2562.



Greentree Park: News from the Playground



The Moms Club of Malvern has been working on a proposal to add new and improved playground equipment to Greentree Park on Grubb Road. Greentree is home to the “Thrilling Third Thursday” summer family events and is located in northern Willistown, less than 1 mile from Rt. 30, between the towns of Malvern and Paoli.

Greentree Park offers fences for safety, swings, a small play system, a gazebo for picnics, a basketball court, and lots of open green space. Greentree also has restrooms and parking! This park is a dream come true for any parent or grandparent of small children living in the greater Willistown area. However, Greentree currently does not have enough exciting playground equipment for a broad age range of kids.

The proposal submitted in 2010 by the Moms Club, in partnership with Willistown Parks & Recreation, was well received by the Board of Supervisors. But times are tough and the economy is not in great shape. The township is not able to fund any new equipment for the park this year. The club did its best to select modestly priced equipment, but playground equipment and its installation is expensive. This is where you come in.

We have created a community group called “FRIENDS OF GREENTREE PARK.” We plan to raise money to help fund the

new equipment and make this project a reality. The Moms Club of Malvern raised several hundred dollars for the park at Malvern’s Victorian Christmas. But we need to go bigger than that. We need over \$40,000. We need your help.

If you are interested in joining our efforts to create a better park for the kids in our community, you can find us on Facebook under “Friends of Greentree Park on Grubb Road” or you can email momsclubofmalvern@gmail.com.

If you are interested in donating funds for the park, sponsoring a piece of equipment, or donating materials, please contact us and/or make a check payable to the MOMS CLUB OF MALVERN with a note “Care of Greentree Park”. MAIL TO: Moms Club of Malvern, P.O. Box 474, Malvern, PA 19355. We will soon have a separate bank account for this project.

To view the details of our proposal, please visit www.momsclubofmalvern.org. We will give residents updates through this newsletter and our Facebook page. Thank you for your interest, support, and excitement about this project.

—*Friends of Greentree Park*

*Kristin Thomas, Co-President,
Moms Club of Malvern*

*Lori Bartlett, Co-President,
Moms Club of Malvern*

Take Advantage of Spring Showers

...and show your support for the environment!

The Chester County Conservation District is selling rain barrels—while supplies last.

Price: \$100.00

(Cash or check only. Please make checks payable to “CCCD”.)

For sale location or more information: Call the Chester County Conservation District at 610-925-4920, ext. 100.

Rain Barrel Specifications:

- 40 gallon capacity, neutral color with the Chester County Conservation District Logo on the front
- Made from a durable resin material with a simulated wood grain appearance
- Flat back for close placement against your house
- 21.5”L x 21.5”W x 28.25”H

Why buy a rain barrel?

- Provides alternative water source during periods of dry weather.
- Decreases the amount of stormwater runoff.
- Reduces demand for treated water.
- Makes a great gift!



WILLISTOWN 2011 SUMMER CAMPS

LOCATION: All camps held at General Wayne Elementary School • 20 Devon Road, Malvern, PA 19355

** NOTE: All camps are 4 days per week due to the summer schedule for the school—it is closed on Fridays during the summer.

Download registration forms from www.willistownparks.org or pick them up at Township building. (See below)



ELEMENTARY RECREATION CAMP

Children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grades may participate. The children are separated into age/grade-appropriate groups for arts & crafts, outdoor games, indoor games and free-play. Each week we will have a special spree, which could be a talent show, snow cones, ice cream sundaes, etc. And of course, every day our special snack: a popsicle. Children should be brought to the Grubb Road entrance of the school.

DATES: June 27–August 4
There are six one-week sessions.
TIMES: Monday–Thursday, 9 AM–12 Noon
COST: \$40.00 per week per child

PRESCHOOL RECREATION CAMP

This program is designed for the preschool child ages 4 and 5. Structured activities include weekly thematic arts & crafts, stories, songs, free-play, and outdoor play. Each week we will have a special spree, which could be a talent show, snow cones, ice cream sundaes, etc. And of course, every day our special snack: a popsicle. A hands-on program for children ready to have fun and make new friends. Children must be 4 years old by June 1st to attend, **NO EXCEPTIONS, PLEASE.**

DATES: June 27–August 4
There are six one-week sessions.
TIMES: Monday–Thursday, 9 AM–12 Noon
COST: \$50.00 per week per child

CHEERLEADING CLINIC

This is a fun clinic where girls who have completed kindergarten through 4th grade will learn basic cheerleading moves as well as a cheerleading dance. At the end of the week, the girls will demonstrate everything they've learned in a performance for the parents. Your child should bring a water bottle. Each day the girls will have a popsicle break. We will meet outside of the school's main entrance on Devon Road.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Monday–Thursday	Monday–Thursday	Monday–Thursday
June 27–June 30	July 11–July 14	July 25–July 29
1 PM–3 PM	1 PM–3 PM	1 PM–3 PM
Cost: \$50 per child	Cost: \$50 per child	Cost: \$50 per child

LUNCH BUNCHERS

Cost is \$7.00 per child per day (discounted rate for children who come all week is \$25.00). Children will eat lunch and have some time for free play. Children should bring their own lunch, including drink. Sign up for one day or the whole week. The group will be limited to 15 children.

Offered weeks 1, 3, & 5:
DATES: June 27–June 30, July 11–July 14, July 25–July 28
TIMES: Monday–Thursday, 12 Noon–1 PM
COST: Cost is \$7.00 per child per day (discounted rate for children who come all week is \$25.00)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please email Debbie at summercamps@willistownparks.org or go to www.willistownparks.org. Debbie will retrieve voice mail messages from 610-647-5300, ext. 6.

Preferred mode of communication is by email at: summercamps@willistownparks.org

TO REGISTER: Registration forms can be downloaded from www.willistownparks.org. Look for the link in the yellow *What's Happening* sidebar. They are also available at Willistown Township Building (now open through lunch, Monday–Friday). Registration fees **MUST ACCOMPANY THE FORMS** and be made payable to WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION. The completed forms and fees should be sent to: DEBBIE LUCIANO, WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 40 LLOYD AVENUE, SUITE 204/206, MALVERN, PA 19355 **Registration forms and fees must reach township building by Friday before the week being registered for to guarantee placement for the week!! NO REFUNDS CAN BE GIVEN.** For financial assistance, contact Debbie Luciano at the above address.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION, PLEASE NOTE:

- If you do not hear from us, that means your child is in the program! You will be notified only if the program for which you are registered is full or cancelled.
- Transportation is not provided to any of the programs.
- Your cancelled check is your receipt.
- Children are grouped according to age and grade for all programs.
- These summer camps are run to break even, not for profit.

Registration forms and fees must reach township building by Friday before the week being registered for to guarantee placement for the week!!!!

Check it Out! (At the Library)



Malvern Public Library

1 East First Avenue, Malvern
Phone: 610-644-7259

Mon–Wed: 9 AM–9 PM
Thurs: 9 AM–8 PM; Fri: 9 AM–5 PM
Sat: 9 AM–4 PM; Sun: Closed

Early Literacy Programs

While many residents know how library programs enhance their children's enjoyment of books, most are unaware that the programs are designed to meet many of the goals set forth in the Pennsylvania Department of Education Blueprint for Early Literacy. Storytime is so much more than listening to a good story! Linda Meachen, the Children's Librarian, conducts storytime programs for infant- through kindergarten-age children throughout the year. While reading stories, she asks the children to predict outcomes and determine cause and effect. She teaches them to look for clues from words and illustrations and to draw conclusions. She often engages the children in discussions of the characters' appropriate and inappropriate behavior. Further, she integrates creative arts, music, and dramatic puppets or feltboard activities into the story presentation. Over the course of the storytime session, the children grow in their ability to maintain focus and attention. All of these activities are crucial to early literacy education and prepare children for elementary school.

Summer is around the corner, and the library is planning reading programs and activities around the theme of **One World, Many Stories**. During the summer, programs are expanded to engage preschool- through elementary-age children. The library's programs are designed to keep students reading throughout the summer and include book discussions on authors of required reading books. Besides language art-based activities, Malvern Public Library will once again host Science in the Summer, sponsored by Glaxo SmithKline. In this week-long program, children get to explore selected topics in science through classroom teaching guided by professionals in the field as well as daily hands-on laboratory experiments. This free program is very popular, and residents are encouraged to register early.

Details on all summer programs will be available in mid-May at the library and online at www.malvernpubliclibrary.org.

News At the Library

The Annual Library Phonathon was held April 3rd and 4th. Thank you to all who generously donated to our most important fundraiser. Please remember to send in your pledge. It's not too late—donation forms are available at the library or by calling the desk at 610-644-7259.

A big THANK YOU to Wegmans of Malvern, in collaboration with Reading is Fundamental and Colgate-Palmolive, for the recent donation of 125 children's books on healthy living, sports, food, and activities. Wegmans selected the Malvern Library to be the recipient of this great windfall of books.

The Malvern Public Library Website can now be accessed directly through www.malvernpubliclibrary.org. Visit us for program calendars, children blogs, and information on all your library needs. Paoli Library

Paoli Library

18 Darby Road, Paoli
(behind the Wachovia Bank)
Phone: 610-296-7996

Mon, Wed, Thur: 9:30 AM–8 PM
Fri: 9:30 AM–6 PM; Sat: 9:30 AM–5 PM
Sun: 1–5 PM; Closed Tuesdays

Paoli Library's book presentation by Mansfield Bascom, author of *Wharton Esherick, The Journey of a Creative Mind*, is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 20th, 7:30 PM**, to be held at the Paoli Library, 18 Darby Road, Paoli.

"Written by Esherick's son-in-law and lavishly illustrated, *Wharton Esherick: The Journey of a Creative Mind* is the first and only comprehensive look at the colorful life and work of this seminal artist."

2011 Summer Reading Club "One World, Many Stories"

June

- June 10: Kickoff Party with food, games (all ages)
- June 15: Winterthur Museum (ages 5–8)
- June 22: Delaware Art Museum (ages 5–10)
- June 29: Book Bingo (all ages)

July

- July 6: Please Touch Museum (ages 5–10)
- July 13: Crafts Around the World (ages 9–12)
- July 20: Family Yoga (ages 7–12)
- July 27: Book/Movie Night (all ages)

August

- Aug. 3: Tell Your Story: Theatre Workshop (ages 8–12)
- Aug. 10: Music and Crafts Night (ages 7–12)
- Aug. 12: End Party/Ice Cream Social (all ages)

Greetings From East Whiteland-Willistown Patch

A new Website called *East Whiteland-Willistown Patch* now covers happenings in Willistown, East Whiteland, and Malvern. As the editor, I take pleasure in inviting you to check it out. The site has three main components:

- News section, updated daily
- Events calendar
- Directory of businesses and other organizations

Beyond simply presenting information, *Patch* is meant to help Willistown residents connect with their neighbors by posting announcements and commenting on the site's articles. In the few months that the site has been up, I've enjoyed reporting on stories like the Willistown Police awards ceremony, the new Great American Pub replacing Casey's Dugout Saloon, and the

grid-connected solar array slated for installation atop the Paoli Rail Yard. There's even a video of the first sunrise of 2011 over Okehocking Preserve. To see it, enter "happy new year" into the site's search function.

I owe thanks to Chief John Narcise, Hugh Murray, Rita Reves, and Mary McLoughlin for their friendly assistance as the site got up and running.

I hope you will visit the site at eastwhiteland.patch.com and call or e-mail me with feedback, story ideas, or just to say hello. I'd love to hear from you!

—Pete Kennedy
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Township Manager's Son Lunches with Secretary of Defense

PFC Hugh J. Murray, Jr. was selected as one of three soldiers out of a large contingent to have lunch with U. S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates when Gates visited Afghanistan in December 2010. Hugh is the son of Willistown Township Manager Hugh J. Murray, Sr. and is stationed with the 101st Airborne Division in Khandahar. He is due to return home in May.



May Primary Kicks Off 2011 Election Period

The primary election in May is your chance to select the candidates you wish to represent you and your political party in November. The candidates you may vote for will depend on your party registration. For the record, you cannot cross party lines in a primary; you can in a general election. This will become patently obvious when you receive your ballot at the poll on primary election day—it will list only the candidates of the party in which you are registered.

Important dates:

- April 18:** Last day to register
- May 10:** Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
- May 13:** Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots
- May 17:** Primary Election Day (Tuesday)

Offices (with number of open positions in parentheses) for which candidates are vying to represent their party:

State:

Justices of the Supreme Court (2)
 Judges of Superior Court (2)

Chester County:

Judges of the Court of Common Pleas (2)
 County Commissioners (2)
 District Attorney
 Sheriff
 Prothonotary
 Register of Wills
 Recorder of Deeds

Willistown Township:

Supervisor
 Auditor

Great Valley School District:

Board Members:
 Region 1 (1)*
 Region 2 (2)
 Region 3 (3)

* *Charlestown Township*

Again, the primary election is your opportunity to select the candidate you believe will have the best chance of representing you and your party in the November general election. Therefore, take the time to learn who is running, then vote your choices on May 17th. Check www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us for polling places and times.



From the Chief

Awards Night

On January 24th the Willistown Police Department held its annual Awards Night. This is an opportunity for the

department to recognize outstanding acts by our officers and to present the department's Citizen of the Year Award.

Awards Night started with our new officers, Matthew Brown and Kevin Ashe, taking their oath of office. We welcome Matt and Kevin, and we feel we have hired two terrific officers.

Officer Jim Wusinich was voted by his peers as our Officer of the Year! This is well deserved, as Jim has done a great job for the citizens of Willistown for many years.

Letters of Commendation were issued to Officers Wusinich and Andrew Wahn. Both officers responded to a report of a man with a rifle in the southern end of the township. They established a perimeter and, supported by our Emergency Response Team, took the subject into custody and resolved the incident without anyone getting hurt!

A Commendation of Merit was issued to Detective Will for his outstanding investigation that led to the arrests of several subjects involved in a home improvement scam directed towards our elderly residents. I personally witnessed how intensely Detective Will worked in conducting a thorough investigation that eventually involved other counties and police departments. His immediate intervention may have spared numerous potential victims in Willistown Township.

Ed Leaf from Leaf Flooring was presented with our Citizen of the Year Award. Ed has been a long-time friend of the Willistown Police Department. When we started our Troop Relief effort, Ed called and offered to

donate his time to this project. With his help and generous donations from our residents, we have sent food, clothing, mattress pads, backpacks, and other items to our troops serving in Afghanistan—a most worthwhile and rewarding project.



Police Chief John Narcise, Citizen of the Year Awardee Ed Leaf, and Supervisor Norm MacQueen



Retiree Bill Rosenberry and Supervisor Norm MacQueen

In appreciation for his many years of support, the department issued an award of special recognition to our former Township Manager Bill Rosenberry. Bill is retiring and has been a tremendous influence on the department. I thank Bill for a great job and for his many years as a friend of the Willistown Police Department. Thanks, Bill, and enjoy retirement!

The ceremony ended with the recognition of our two retiring officers, Sergeant Dave Boyle and Officer Jim Wusinich. I wrote about both officers in the last newsletter.

Both Dave and Jim will be missed. They have dedicated their lives to their profession and are considered two of the best! Congrats on your great careers—I wish you all the best in your retirement years.

Once again, I thank all Township residents for their support. The officers of this department work very hard to keep Willistown safe, and there are no better people to work for!

Road Conditions

On another note, I can't wait for winter to be over; like you, I am tired of the snow and ice. With the snow and ice come problems with the roads. I would like to thank our Road Crew for their tireless work, as we have had a tough season.

I received an email from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation concerning potholes. PennDOT urges you to call 1-800-FIX-ROAD (1-800-349-7623) to report pothole problems. Callers are asked to be as specific as possible when reporting pothole locations.

The 1-800-FIX-ROAD hotline should not be used to report traffic accidents, disabled vehicles, or other emergencies. Motorists should continue to call 911 to report those types of incidents.

School Bus Safety

You may have noticed one of our patrol cars at your school bus stop. We have launched an initiative to ensure the safety of your children going to and returning from school. We realize that distracted drivers can sometimes fail to stop properly for our school buses. If you see our officers at your stop, feel free to say "Hi" and fill them in on what is happening in your neighborhood.

Stay safe!

John M. Narcise, Chief of Police

2011 WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAX

It's that time of the year again for property taxes. Willistown Township Real Estate Tax Notices were mailed the first week of March 2011. If you have not received your tax bill yet, please contact the Township. The following information applies:

Discount Period Ends: April 30, 2011
Face Period Ends: June 30, 2011
Penalty Period Ends: December 31, 2011



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Mark your Calendars

April 9
Chester County HHW Disposal Drop-off
Phoenixville, 9 AM-3 PM

April 18*
Last day to register to vote in Primary
Election
Check www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us to
register or check registration status.

April 30
Historic Sugartown Day
Historic Sugartown, Malvern
10 AM-4 PM

May 1
Bird Walk at Okehocking Preserve
Route 3 Entrance
8 AM

May 7
Creek Cleanup and Trail Clearing
Randolph Woods, Malvern
9-11:30 AM

May 7 & 8
WCT Plant Sale at Rushton Farm
Delchester & Goshen Rds, Newtown Square
11 AM-3 PM

May 17*
Primary Election
Check www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us for
your polling place and times.

May 19
Thrilling Third Thursdays**
Greentree Park

May 28 & 29
WCT Plant Sale at Rushton Farm
Delchester & Goshen Rds, Newtown Square
11 AM-3 PM

June 16
Thrilling Third Thursdays**
Greentree Park

June 18
Rushton Farm opens on Saturdays
Delchester & Goshen Rds, Newtown Square
11 AM-3 PM

June 27-August 4
Willistown Summer Camps
General Wayne Elementary School

August 18
Thrilling Third Thursdays**
Greentree Park

September 15
Thrilling Third Thursdays**
Greentree Park

September 17
Family Fall Fest**
Sugartown Organic Garden
Sugartown Preserve

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** Check www.willistownparks.org for updates on events