

WillisTowne Crier

In Willistown, nearly everybody reads the Crier!



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~ HOLLYWOOD IN WILLISTOWN ~

The Lovely Bones Experience

The recently released movie, *The Lovely Bones*, based on the novel of the same name written by Alice Sebold, was filmed near the General Wayne Elementary School in Willistown Township, close to where Sebold and her family moved to when she was a teenager. The movie, directed by Peter Jackson, features actors Mark Wahlberg, Rachel Weisz, Susan Sarandon, and Stanley Tucci.

A number of Willistown residents watched or were involved with the production. Lee Gardner noted that it was thrilling to watch the comings and goings of the crew and the stars. And homeowners on Bryan Avenue, the focal point of the outdoor filming, were more than willing to have their houses stripped of their vinyl siding and shingled and TV antennas added onto rooftops to create the 1970s suburbia look. Homes were re-sided after the filming at the production company's cost. Period cars were brought in on 18-wheel car carriers (Plymouth Duster, Chevy Impala, and Oldsmobile) and parked along the street during filming.

The Cookie Lady

Betty and Guy Seeley had the added distinction of having their home selected as the film's main character's home. And what was the impact of that honor? From June through early December of 2007, Betty had almost daily interactions with set designers, movie crew, location

managers, film director, and actors. (Guy escaped most of the action by retreating to his Maryland cabin.)

And then there was that late afternoon call in October that left Betty stunned: Peter Jackson, Susan Sarandon, Ryan Gosling (Mark Wahlberg replaced Ryan right before filming began), Rachel Weisz, and Saoirse Ronan wanted to stop by her house at 9 AM the next day. She said that would be no problem and telephoned Guy, in Maryland, and asked, "What do I serve these talented people?" His reply, "Do something you are familiar with like chocolate chip cookies." Betty got up at 5:30 that morning to bake. She served her guests Earl Grey tea because Abigail, one of the main characters in the book, drank that brand of tea. The refreshments were well received. And from that day forward whenever they were filming at her house, she made a fresh batch of cookies for the crew. Betty came to be known to the crew as "The Cookie Lady".

Her observations of the celebrities were that they were nice, down to earth, and easy to talk to: Ryan greeted her with a big hug; Susan commented on the stenciling in the living and dining rooms, and they all thanked her for her gracious hospitality. Betty and Guy both remarked on how respectful the actors and the production team were towards them.

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The chairs of Susan Sarandon (Grandma Lynn) and Rachel Weisz (Abigail Salmon) await the actors in the Seeley living room.



The Seeley's home served as the main character's home. Footage of the exterior was used in the film. An exact replica of the home was constructed on a set in Hatfield, PA, where the interior shots were filmed.



A New Look for the Towne Crier



"Tightening our belt" ... how often did we hear that in 2009? Unfortunately, Willistown Township is not immune to economic challenges. In order to reduce costs, the *WillisTowne Crier* has undergone downsizing—smaller size, one color, less pages. The terrific upside? We will produce a newsletter that's "greener" using less materials and choosing a paper that is FSC Certified (you'll see the stamp on the back cover). Thank you for your continued readership!

SUMMER CAMPS!

WONDERFUL WORLD SUMMER CAMPS

June – August
Sugartown
Exploration Garden

in the Village of Historic Sugartown

Building on the highly successful Growing Greener Summer Camps, Willistown Parks and Recreation along with the Sugartown Exploration Garden Team present the *Wonderful World Summer Camps*. The Sugartown Exploration Garden is a community-created learning and exploration garden designed to engage the five senses through joyful experiences that inspire and promote healthy living, self discovery, outdoor activity and life-long connection to the earth—the *Wonderful World Summer Camps* fulfill this mission!

Camp Description: Located at Willistown Township's Sugartown Exploration Garden in the village of Historic Sugartown, the *Wonderful World Summer Camps* will be held weekly from June through August for children ages 5–7 and 8–11. Campers in each age group can elect to attend one or two weeks of camp. Camps will run from 9 AM until 2 PM. Children will take home the wonder of nature from garden-based activities and hands-on experiences that include a heavy dose of fun and whimsy. Yoga and

movement, nature observation, gardening and garden experiments, free play, creative healthy snacking, music, writing, art and nature crafts will deepen the children's connection to the outdoor world and themselves. Insect, plant, and Native American themes are creatively woven throughout the camp curriculum.

Please go to www.willistownparks.org under "Programs and Projects" to find out more or contact Willistown Parks and Recreation at 610-640-1669 or mhm@willistown.pa.us. Space is limited!



Creative Community Member Appeal:

As a part of incorporating our community in the garden and the summer camps, we have an inquiry: Do you have a special interest or gift you would like to share with our campers (ages 5–7 and/or 8–11) for an hour this summer? In particular we are looking for teens and adults who enjoy storytelling, acting, dancing, leading songs, playing a portable instrument, creating art, leading yoga for kids and guiding creative writing. You can share your passion for Native American history and culture, local history, colonial themes, puppetry and the visual arts. If you are inspired to participate in this way, please contact Willistown Parks and Recreation at 610-640-1669 or mhm@willistown.pa.us by February 15th.



We will partner with you to present your gift as it relates best to the campers and the *Wonderful World Summer Camp* experience. (Please note: Not all proposals can be accepted.)

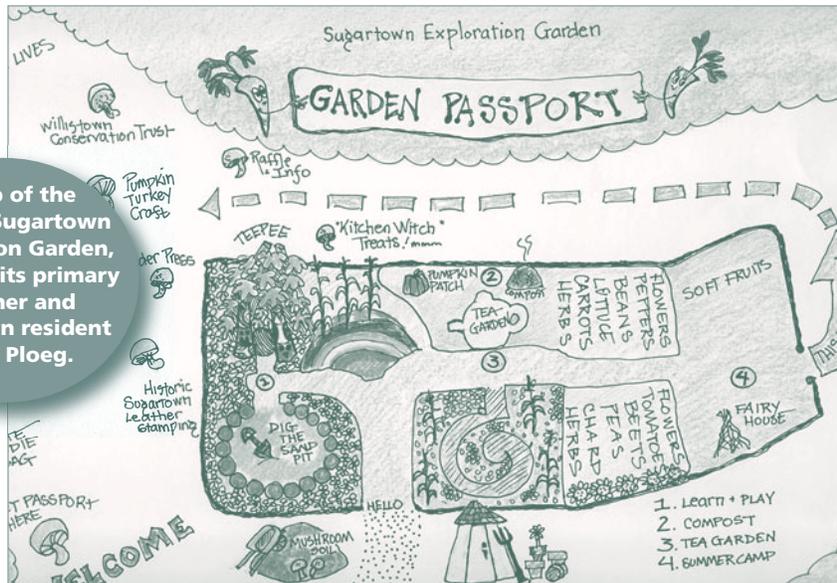
Lend a Hand: Join our team by adopting a small area of the garden to weed and groom. This would require about an hour per week during the growing season. Areas include flowers, vegetables, herbs and vines. Other opportunities are available...contact Willistown Parks and Recreation at 610-640-1669.

WILLISTOWN SUMMER CAMPS

June – July
General Wayne School

20 Devon Road, Malvern

Willistown Summer Camp programs are available for township and nonresident children. Programs include an elementary school-age camp for children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grades; a preschool-age camp for four- and five-year-olds; and a cheerleading clinic for girls who have completed kindergarten through fourth grade. Children will have loads of fun in an affordable camp close to home. See www.willistownparks.org under "Programs and Projects" for further information.



A map of the magical Sugartown Exploration Garden, drawn by its primary designer and Willistown resident Susan Ploeg.

The mission of the Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Department is to create community and enrich lives through people, parks and programs.

Check it Out!

Willistownparks.org

2009 marked the first full year of operation for the Willistown Township Parks & Recreation website at www.willistownparks.org. It's an easy-to-use resource for residents looking for news and information about our Willistown parks and community.

After relaxing at the view of a beautiful photograph of Okehocking Preserve on the home page, you can click on our interactive map to explore Willistown's different parks and preserves. You can also link to pages describing our park and preserves, our programs and projects, and our community partners in areas such as environmental stewardship and recreation. There are many super photographs of our park system and our community programs...you might even see a picture of a neighbor, a friend, a family member, or yourself!

On any page on the site you can check out the *What's Happening* sidebar to learn about upcoming community events and hot topics. You can also sign up for our Happynings E-nouncements, so you never miss an event or program and so you are in the know! Also listed are links to resources like the *Town Crier* online. *What's Happening* is clearly the place to go when you want to know what's going on in the neighborhood.

Striving to constantly improve the site, we welcome your suggestions and comments at sitesuggestions@willistownparks.org. Thanks for your continuing support of and involvement in our mission to create community and enrich lives through people, parks, and programs!



What's Happening sidebar

~ A SUNNY SUCCESS ~

Sugartown Exploration Gardens Fall Fest

Where is the garden? A bunch of folks discovered Willistown's Sugartown Exploration Garden at the 2009 Family Fall Fest. After a rainy and dreary morning, the sun came out and provided us with a beautiful, crisp fall day. The event provided an opportunity to learn about the garden, its special spots and tasty treats, and to find out about the summer camps held at the garden.

FALL FUN FEST PHOTOS!
Go to willistownparks.org to view images of November 2009's Fall Fest, photographed and graciously donated by Willistown resident **Babby Davis of Mary Hunt Davis Photography.**

It was fun for the whole family: kids made turkey pumpkins, pressed homemade apple cider, enjoyed sack races, and practiced leather stamping with the help of period dressed volunteers from Historic Sugartown, a garden project partner. Tasty treats from *The Kitchen Witch of Malvern* were enjoyed by all as they perused the garden and its offerings. A representative from *Hives for Lives* was on hand to educate families on

the bees that live at the garden, and Willistown Conservation Trust provided conservation information. Guided tours led families through the garden, introducing them to the special spots the garden offers, the summer camps, Native American themes, and a taste of herb tea from the garden teapot. The Fall Fest was organized by terrific Willistown community volunteers who put together a great event. This wonderful community resource is located in the village of Historic Sugartown and provides educational and volunteer opportunities for the local community and school groups. For information about our summer camps, the garden, and volunteer opportunities, please see www.willistownparks.org, or contact Willistown Parks and Recreation at 610-640-1669. Special thanks go to *Greener Partners* for partnering with the Township to build the garden!

Local Churches Provide Food to Those in Need

Two Paoli churches help provide food year round to area residents in need. Good Samaritan, 212 West Lancaster Avenue, and Paoli Presbyterian, 225 South Valley Road, have food closets open to the public at specific times throughout the year. Both also conduct special food distribution programs during certain holidays. For more information about eligibility requirements, or how to donate your time or food items, please contact Good Samaritan at 610-644-4040 or Paoli Presbyterian at 610-644-8250.



Willistown's Director of Parks and Recreation Recognized



Mary Hundt McLoughlin, Director of Parks and Recreation for Willistown Township, lifetime Willistown resident, and former Willistown Supervisor, received the Watershed Steward award at the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) 5th Annual Awards Dinner held on November 4 at White Manor Country Club. Bernard Cooker, a Willistown resident, member of the Township's Open Space Review Board, and last year's award recipient, gave the tribute and presented the award on behalf of CRC. State Representative Duane Milne (pictured) also presented Mary with a Citation of Merit from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and Pennsylvania State Senator Andy Dinniman sponsored a congratulatory citation recognizing Mary's work and her contributions and service to the community.

From Mary, "I am very grateful to CRC and to Representative Duane Milne and Senator Andy Dinniman for the recognition, and I share the award with them as they have partnered and sponsored many of the great projects I and others have been involved in. I share the awards with my husband, Mike, and my family and friends for their support, enthusiasm and encouragement, and I share it with my work colleagues, partner organizations and community leaders and volunteers for their good efforts and without whom the work could not have been done. The list of accomplishments isn't mine alone, but is theirs as well."

Plan to Protect Crum Creek Coldwater Species Completed



In partnership with its consultants Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) and Taylor Geoservices, and with funding from Pennsylvania's Coldwater Heritage Partnership, Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) has completed a Coldwater Conservation Plan for West Branch of Crum Creek. As an Exceptional Value stream, the West Branch is among the top 4% of streams in Pennsylvania which have received this designation. The purpose of a Coldwater Plan is to outline specifics steps which are needed to protect an existing, naturally reproducing trout population. In 2001, naturally reproducing brown trout populations were documented throughout the Upper Crum by the PA Fish and Boat Commission and DEP.

Analysis of macroinvertebrate samples taken at the Warren Avenue bridge in 2008 and 2009 indicate a significant decrease in

diversity in comparison with the 2001 baseline done by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, pointing to a need for further protective measures on the part of watershed property owners. The Plan summarizes key issues and priorities by stream segment and outlines key enhancement opportunities for specific properties. The Plan can be downloaded from CRC's website: www.crcwatersheds.org/resources/view/10

A Steering Committee comprised of CRC, Brandywine Conservancy, Willistown Conservation Trust, Willistown Township, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, and White Manor Country Club reviewed the Plan's recommendations, and will be instrumental in following up with landowners.

Project funded by:  **TreeVitalize**
A partnership to restore tree cover in Southeast PA

WORKSHOP

Integrating Nature with Stormwater Control

Sunday, February 7 • 2-3:30 PM

Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association (CRC), Habitat Resource Network, and Penn State Brandywine will jointly sponsor a lecture on the design, improvement, and maintenance of stormwater best management practices on Sunday, February 7, 2-3:30 PM. Mark Gallagher, M.S. in Plant Ecology and Vice President of Princeton Hydro, will present "Integrating Natural Elements into the Design and Maintenance of Stormwater Facilities".

The program will assist homeowners and associations who desire to improve the functioning and appearance of their own basins, swales, slopes, and low lying areas, as well as municipalities and institutions desiring to meet water quality standards by redesigning these areas.

A discussion of common problems related to the design and maintenance of stormwater management practices, including swales and dry and wet basins, will be provided. The

presentation will provide examples of stormwater management techniques that successfully integrated natural design elements and native plants to control stormwater, and will reference requirements of Pennsylvania's new stormwater regulations as well as principles championed by renowned author Professor Doug Tallamy.

The program will be held in the Tomezko building auditorium, located on 25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media 19063. The program is free and open to the public, but space is limited, so reservations are recommended. Contact CRC at crc@nni.com or 610-892-8731. For more information see www.crcwatersheds.org or www.habitatresourcenetwork.org.

For even more information about controlling stormwater, check out the "Cleaner Creeks" section on the www.willistown.pa.us home page.

Township-Sponsored Recycling Plans for 2010

NEWS FLASH!
Computers may be recycled at all Best Buy stores, year-round. Call King of Prussia # for details: 610-265-7718.

We will continue with the ever-popular drop-off event of electronics, metal, tires and specific miscellaneous items in April.

Paper shredding will be staged in May...after the "dreaded" April 15th date with the IRS.



Our first "You bring 'em, we'll chip 'em" event in the fall when we chipped tree limbs and branches was a success, as well as a learning experience for the Recycling Committee and Township Public Works staff. We will continue with this drop-off program in the spring and another in the fall.

The drop-off bin for videotapes, CDS, DVRs and audiotapes is positioned outside of the township administration building and is available 24/7. All of the materials dropped

in this bin are shredded and recycled.

Chester County will once again stage drop-off events for household hazardous waste in the spring at the Center for Arts & Technology near Phoenixville and in the fall at the West Chester Government Services Center.

Unfortunately, specific dates for all of these events were not known when this copy was prepared. Once they are known, the information will be made available.

Now, "while I have your eye," let me remind you to become an avid recycler of the lengthy list of items that can be recycled: newspapers, office paper, junk/regular mail, magazines, plastics #1 through #7, glass bottles and jars—clear, green and brown, and cardboard as long

as the material is folded or cut to approximately 2' X 2' squares. The cardboard must be able to fit into the buckets on the sides of the collection trucks. Allied Waste permits residences and businesses to mix all recyclable items in one container. Not necessary to separate! A.J. Blosenski requires residents to continue separating paper from plastics, glass and metal cans—paper in one container, plastics/glass/metal in another.

Thank you for your recycling efforts. Stay with the program!

—Jim Tate, Recycling Committee Chairman

The Lovely Bones Experience *continued from cover...*

Hippie Chicks and Plaid Pants

Other Willistown residents were cast as extras in the film. Dorothy Verdon played a "hippie chick mall shopper" during filming at the MacDade Mall in southern Delaware. Dorothy's character was in several scenes. In one she exits a

casting agent called and asked him to be in the film. He had dropped off his photo at the casting call a few months earlier, but was one of literally thousands of hopefuls, including professional actors from as far away as New York City and Baltimore.

smoothly. And it can take several minutes to get everything set up to do another take of exactly the same thing. The extras waited, sometimes for hours, in the mall's former movie theater. There were treacherous bolts in the floor where the seats used to be, and the room was dimly lit and cold. But everyone was patient and excited to be part of a movie production."

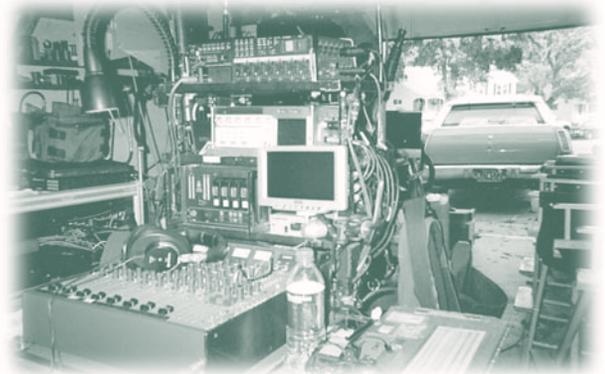
Willistown residents Paul Nordquist and Dorothy Verdon were cast as extras in the film... did they make the cut?

bookstore that the Salmon family (the main protagonists in the story) visits, and then she strolls past an appliance store propped with all the latest gadgets from 1973. Dorothy laughed when she recognized a 16-speed Osterizer blender in the window, just like the one in her own kitchen that still gets the job done! Dorothy notes that it was "A very interesting exercise in planning, coordination, intuition, and teamwork. Working with approximately 200 extras, production assistants and crew met the challenge head-on. Positioning that many people and getting us all to move in a natural manner in the right directions on cue for multiple takes was most impressive."

Paul was cast as one of dozens of shoppers needed to create the ambience of a busy shopping mall. At a wardrobe fitting a week before the shooting, he was outfitted in early-1970s clothes: gray-tan-green plaid pants that, as Paul notes, have thankfully never come back in style, and some snazzy tan boots.

Paul comments that his "Hollywood experience was anything but glamorous. The crew was on set for more than 12 hours to do only a handful of shots that might end up as less than a minute in the finished film. Each shot was done over and over, even when everything seemingly went

During the two months of filming, the Willistown police were used to assist with the site management logistics. Their work helped make the production run smoothly for both filmmakers and residents.



The crew's makeshift editing studio in the Seeley's garage (note the Oldsmobile Cutlass in the background that was used in the film)

Paul Nordquist of Malvern was also cast as an extra in the shopping mall scene. He was surprised and excited when the



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

Annual Phonathon

We are looking for volunteers to work at our annual Phonathon in March. If you would be interested in helping with our one major fundraising event of the year, please call the Library for details.

A new storytime session will begin the last week of February. Call the Library to get days and times. Registration is required for all sessions. Come and join the fun!

Book Club

Tuesday, February 9, 10–11 AM
Join us for a discussion of *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri. No registration required.

Woolgathers

Monday, February 15
6:45–8:45 PM
Join us to share knitting projects and resources. No registration required.

To find a current listing of events at Malvern Library, go to the Chester County Library System home page (www.ccls.org), click on "Find an Event", and then limit your search to Malvern and the month you are interested in. You can print out a calendar of upcoming events. If you have any questions, give us a call (610-644-7259).

Paoli Library

18 Darby Road, Paoli
(in the back of the Wachovia Bank building)
Phone: 610-296-7996 • www.tredyffrinlibraries.org

NEW HOURS! 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

New Hours

Take note that our hours have changed. We've had to close the library on Tuesdays because of reductions in state, county, and local funding. Therefore, we are especially grateful for the level funding that the Willistown Supervisors have given us for 2010!

In order to provide the best service we can under the current challenging circumstances, we've been able to add an extra hour on Saturdays and are now open from **1 to 5 on SUNDAYS!!**

A Century of Reading: 1910–2010

Centennial events will take place throughout 2010 as Paoli Library celebrates its **100th birthday**. Our premier event, an old-fashioned ice cream social, will take place on **June 19, 2010** at Paoli Presbyterian Church's Chapel—Paoli Library's first home! Times to be announced.

Children's Programs

- **Morning Storytimes** – Wednesdays and Thursdays for babies thru preschool
- **Evening Storytimes** – For elementary school students, highlighting holiday themes
- **Family Activities** – Book Bingo, Family Movie Nights

Adult Programs

- **Mystery Book Club**
- **Classes in English for speakers of other languages** – Partnering with the Volunteer English Program in Chester County

Visit our website for a full list of services including:

- Free wireless Internet Access
- Free public computers
- DVDs and CDs – New releases and classics at a low rental price

For specifics about programs and services, check our website: www.tredyffrinlibraries.org or call the library: 610-296-7996.

Upper Main Line YMCA's Triathlon

Sunday, April 25 • 7 AM Start Time

Individual Entry Fee: \$75
Relay Team Entry Fee: \$125
Tri-Team: \$200

USAT Adult One Day License Fee \$1
USAT Youth (17 and under) One Day License Fee \$5

The Upper Main Line YMCA will host their 2nd Annual Triathlon fundraiser on Sunday, April 25. Proceeds from the event will benefit the YMCA's Changing Lives campaign which provides scholarships to ensure no one is turned away from membership due to inability to pay.

This USAT sanctioned triathlon is a Sprint course geared for both the novice or the seasoned vet. The course features a 450-meter swim in the Y's *heated* outdoor 50-meter swimming pool, a 10-mile bike course through the rolling hills of Easttown Township, and culminates with a challenging 5k run.

Willistown resident and Event Chair Lauren George is making every step count. "The YMCA's Triathlon fundraiser is especially vital this year due to the state of the economy. When you participate in the Triathlon, you can feel good about not only challenging yourself but having a part in helping your community," says George. In that spirit, her crusade is infectious and has become a family affair—her husband John is an ardent participant and his company is a corporate event sponsor, and her brother Joe McManus traveled from Pittsburgh to compete in the event last year and plans to do so again this year.

Last year the event drew 125 participants with athletes ranging in age from 15–73. Top winners were found in our own back yard: Willistown residents Joe Hawke and his eleven year old son Sam, along with Malvern's Joe Devine, were victorious as the 2009 winning relay team. Participants can enter the event as either an individual or as part of a three person Tri-Team. "From parents and children competing together, to health-seekers trying the event for the very first time, or to avid competitors—this is an all-inclusive event, and we hope to see a lot of new faces out here this year."

George, an active member of the YMCA Board of Directors, is diligently raising funding and awareness for the event to make this year's Triathlon an even bigger success. Individuals as well as many local corporate sponsors are supporting the event including Hawke Capital LLC of Malvern; JG Resulting, Inc. of Malvern; Kuranda Financial Mortgage Inc of Wayne; and Information Assurance Professionals, Inc. of Lower Gynnedd to name a few. "It's exciting to witness everyone pulling together for the Upper Main Line YMCA's Triathlon. Each individual contributes to the success of the event from corporate sponsors to the UMLY staffs who work the stations and ensure everyone's safety. I am indebted to the Y's gracious board members including John Monahan and Craig Barton and my Co-Chair UMLY Executive Director, Charlie Weidanz—it's truly a community effort," says George.

For more information about the event, contact Charlie Weidanz at 610 647-9622 ext. 2511 or visit the Upper Main Line YMCA's website at www.umly.org

WILLISTOWN LOSES A FAMILY MEMBER

Public Works Director Dave Edge passed away on November 15, 2009, after a long battle with cancer. Dave was employed by Willistown Township for nearly 25 years. His loss is going to be felt for many years to come by both the Township staff and Township residents. Township Manager Hugh Murray remarked, "I've known Dave Edge and his family [wife Gloria, son Shane, and daughter Diana] for over thirty years and his passing is truly like losing a family member. I've never known such an optimistic person as he was going

through his long ordeal. As recently as September, Dave said to me that the cancer wasn't what bothered him; it was realizing he wouldn't be able to come to work in the morning. His knowledge of public works was invaluable and will be greatly missed. His passing has left a severe void here at Willistown".

One resident summed it up best with this statement, "He was the best ambassador Willistown could have".



Police Update



From the Chief

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be in the middle of winter.

Winter Driving

The snow, ice and wind can cause havoc on the roadways. Remember these few tips for winter driving:

- Remove snow and ice from the roof of your vehicle. Ice and snow that flies off during driving can cause accidents or personal injury, and in Pennsylvania, you can be fined between \$200 and \$1,000 should this occur. Under a new law in New Jersey, simply by driving with ice or snow on the vehicle's hood, roof or windshield the driver can be fined between \$25 and \$75.
- Have your tires checked including tire pressure and all fluids in your car.
- Carry jumper cables in your car.
- If bad weather is planned for your early commute, set your alarm clock so that you can get on the road earlier than normal.
- Show patience with the people that are plowing the roads. This is a tough job and they work many hours to keep us safe.

2009 in Review

While I was reviewing our yearly statistics, I noticed that the accidents in Willistown Township decreased by 73 accidents or 23%. In 2009, we embarked on a state funded program to reduce the incidents of aggressive driving. We also conducted numerous speed studies of our roadways, and in an attempt to improve several of our intersections, placed lime green colored signs that advise drivers that "cross traffic does not stop". I am hopeful that these measures have had a direct impact on the reduced number of accidents in the Township. As always, we will continue to evaluate and monitor our roadways.

During 2009, thefts from vehicles continued to be a problem in the Township. Please take the time to lock your vehicle. The thefts were all on unlocked vehicles. Take extra time to remove valuables and to lock your car.

Recognition

At the January 25th Supervisors' meeting, I had the privilege of recognizing several of our officers for their fine work during 2009. Every year, I receive numerous calls and letters from people expressing thanks for actions our officers have taken. I can personally attest to the fact that all of our officers are dedicated, caring and professional. I watch our officers on a daily basis take extra time to help people, and by the comments that I receive from the residents, it is appreciated!

The following officers were recognized for their fine work:

2009 Officer of the Year: Mark Monroe. This award is given as a result of a vote by every member of the Police Department. Congrats Mark!

Letters of Commendation were issued to Sergeant Jim Daniels, Officers Zachary Bullock, Mark Monroe, Stephen Jones, Luis Bills, and Thomas Eno. Their work ranged from theft arrests to drug arrests. Letters of commendation are awarded for recognition of and appreciation for outstanding acts of public service.

A Commendation of Merit was awarded to Detective Jeff Heim. Detective Heim was responsible for arresting several subjects for burglary, and his investigation led to the breaking of one of the largest burglary rings in recent memory. The victims of the burglary ring were spread throughout several counties. The arrest also led to the recovery of \$500,000 of stolen merchandise. A Commendation of Merit is awarded for an act of intelligent and valuable police service.

On a final note, congratulations to William Shoemaker for his re-election to the Board of Supervisors. I have worked with Bill for a number of years and his dedication to the police department is outstanding.

Stay Safe!

—John M. Narcise, Chief of Police



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Certified Master Composter Classes 2010

You must attend all 3 evening classes
and perform 6 hours of volunteer time
to receive certification.

3 Convenient Locations
All classes 7-9 PM

- **Government Services Center – Room 171**
601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA
Mondays: March 15, 22, 29
(Snow date – Monday, April 5)
Call to register: 610-273-3771, ext. 228
- **Owen J. Roberts High School**
981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA
Tuesdays: March 16, 23, 30
(Snow date – Tuesday, April 6)
Must register through the adult school evening classes: 610-469-5830
- **Chester County Solid Waste Authority**
7224 Division Highway (Rte. 322 W), Narvon, PA
Wednesdays: March 17, 24, 31
(Snow date – Wednesday, April 7)
Call to register: 610-273-3771, ext. 228

*Sponsored by the Chester County Board
of Commissioners through the Chester
County Solid Waste Authority*

For more information,
call 610-273-3771, ext. 228.

Mark your Calendars

February 7
Integrating Nature with Stormwater
Control Workshop
Tomezsko Building Auditorium, Media
2-3:30 PM

February 15
Deadline to submit proposals for
Wonderful World Summer Camps

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Certified Master Composter Class
Government Services Center, 7-9 PM

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April 25
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Start time: 7 AM

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Sugartown Exploration Garden

**For Malvern and Paoli Library
activities, see page 6.**