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In Willistown, nearly everybody reads the Crier!



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2010 CENSUS What's its purpose?

The US Constitution requires that the *number of members* each state sends to the US House of Representatives be based on its share of the nation's population. Further, that the *number of seats* in the House, currently 435, are to be distributed proportionally among the states on the basis of the census, which has been conducted every ten years since 1790. If a state's population increases or declines "measurably" over what it was in 2000, the number of members of the House representing a state will do likewise. If a state's population remains the same as it was in 2000, so, too, will its number of US House representatives. However, once the census figures are compiled and certified, they will be passed to the legislatures of each state for the purpose of drawing new congressional districts in order to keep each district equal in terms of population.

In addition to collecting census data for the purpose of accurately apportioning congressional districts, the federal government uses the data for other reasons:

- The allocation of federal funding for education in states and communities.
- National social and health statistics used by a variety of agencies for policy purposes.
- The allocation of federal dollars for law enforcement, federal highway projects, hospitals, and community services such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers.
- A wide variety of economic statistics that become the basis of the nation's economic policies.

Census forms should begin arriving in March and April. Completing and returning them promptly will eliminate the need for a census taker to visit your home to obtain the information. If a visit is necessary, Chief John Narcise advises residents to be aware that every 2010 Census worker will be wearing photo identification on a lanyard that is worn around their neck. The census worker will also be carrying an attaché case that will display an official 2010

LOOKING BACK: The population of Willistown Township in 2000 was 10,011, up from 9,380 in 1990. It is estimated the number of residents will have increased by 7.5% since 2000. Stay tuned for the final number!



Census logo. There is no reason that a census worker should enter your residence. If a census worker asks or insists on entering your residence, deny him/her entry and contact the Willistown Police Department. Lastly, by law, the Census Bureau cannot share response data with anyone, including federal law enforcement agencies.

2010 Willistown Township Budget

Township Accounts	Revenue	Expense	Balance
General Fund	\$ 6,316,515	\$ 6,001,417	\$ 315,098
Open Space	\$ 545,000	\$ 605,281	(\$60,281)
State Liquid Fuels	\$ 257,120	\$ 251,445	\$ 5,675
	\$ 7,118,635	\$ 6,858,143	\$ 260,492

NOTES

The General Fund includes Police, Public Works & Roads, Parks & Recreation, Bartram's Bridge, and Township Administration.

Open Space is funded by the 1999 Open Space Referendum 1/8 of 1 pct Earned Income Tax. The 2010 budget does not

include the expected revenue from the planned sale of 28 Duffryn Avenue.

State Liquid Fuels is funded by Pennsylvania for the maintenance of State roads in the Township. These funds may not be used for any other purpose and any balance must be returned to the State.

WILLISTOWN SUMMER CAMPS



It's A Wonderful World!



WONDERFUL WORLD SUMMER CAMPS

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 week-long Wonderful World Summer Camps will be held 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–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.

Gardening and garden experiments, nature observation, yoga and movement, 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. Children will bring home tasty treats from the garden as well as the "fruits" of their creativity and inspiration. Sign your children up now to ensure that you can give them the gift of this unique summer experience. Space is limited!

Camp Cost: (price includes snack and supplies) \$175/child per week for Willistown residents and \$195/child per week for non-Willistown residents.

What to bring:

1. Bring lunch and a drink (with cold pack, no refrigeration). The camp fee includes one light snack.
2. Apply sunscreen on your child(ren) prior to coming to camp, and pack sunscreen.
3. Bring a clearly marked backpack or bag and water bottle.
4. Wear clothes that can get dirty. No sandals or flip-flops please.
5. A towel for yoga.

Location: Willistown's Sugartown Exploration Garden. From the Willistown Township building at 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA 19355, travel 75 yards southeast on Sugartown Road to Spring Road, turn left onto Spring Road, travel 75 yards to Sugartown Preserve on right—camp drop-off is on left just beyond the barn. It is a horseshoe shaped drive that circles around the barn. We ask that you pull in, the camp staff will help get your children out of the car and check them in, and off you go! Pick up is the same. For directions to the Township building go to [www.willistownparks.org/visit/park/Sugartown Preserve/Maps and Directions/Google Maps](http://www.willistownparks.org/visit/park/Sugartown%20Preserve/Maps%20and%20Directions/Google%20Maps).

Contact: Willistown Parks and Recreation 610-640-1669 or mhm@willistown.pa.us. For further information and registration forms, go to www.willistownparks.org under the *What's Happening* sidebar or under Programs and Projects/Wonderful World Summer Camps. Paper copies are available at Towne Hall, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern PA 19355 between 8 AM–12 noon and 1 PM–4 PM.

About the Partners:

Willistown Township Parks & Recreation

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

programs. We highlight what makes Willistown Township special and unique—through walkable neighborhood parks to organic gardens to a 180-acre nature preserve—we celebrate our people, parks, and nature.

Sugartown Exploration Garden Team and Camp Creators

The Sugartown Exploration Garden Team is made up of volunteer Willistown residents who have a love of and keen interest in children, nature, and whimsy. The steering team members bring project management, education, gardening experience, herbology, art, landscape design, event planning, creativity, and enthusiasm to the Garden and its programs. Without this team there would be no Garden or Garden programming!

Historic Sugartown, Inc.

Historic Sugartown, Inc. (HSI) is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to historic preservation in the crossroads village of Historic Sugartown in Willistown Township. Willistown's Sugartown Preserve, where the Wonderful World Summer Camps are held, is located in the village of Sugartown. Visit www.historicsugartown.org for more information.



Willistown Township Summer Camps at General Wayne School

Contact Debbie Luciano at summercamps@willistownparks.org or visit www.willistownparks.org under the *What's Happening* sidebar for further information and registration forms. Paper copies are available at Towne Hall, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern PA 19355 between 8 AM–12 noon and 1 PM–4 PM.

PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMPS

These summer camps are designed for children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade. The children are separated into age/grade-appropriate groups for arts and 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, to name a few. And of course, every day our special snack: a popsicle! Children should be brought to the Grubb Road entrance of the school. Please note: All camps are 4 days per week due to the summer schedule for the school—it is closed on Fridays during the summer. The camps run from 9 AM–12 noon, June 28 through August 5, and are located at General Wayne Elementary School, 20 Devon Road, Malvern, PA. The cost is \$40/week per elementary-aged child and \$50/week per preschool-aged child (children must be 4 years old by June 1). Please note: These camps are not run for profit, but to break even.



LUNCH BUNCH

Children will eat lunch, play board games, or have free play. Children should bring their own lunch, including drink. You may sign up for one day or the whole week. The group will be limited to 15 children and the cost is \$7/child per day (discounted rate for children who come all week is \$25). Lunch Bunch is offered weeks 3 and 5 (July 12–July 15 and July 26–July 29) from 12 noon–1 PM.

CHEERLEADING CLINIC

This is a fun clinic where girls who have completed kindergarten through fourth 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. There are three sessions: July 12–July 15; July 26–July 29; and August 9–August 12 from 1 PM–3 PM and the cost is \$50/child.

**SEE YOU IN
THE PARKS!**

Willistown Parks and Recreation Calendar 2010

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

May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19
Greentree Park



Get ready for
a gigglin'
good time at
Thrilling Third
Thursdays!

Willistown Parks and Recreation is proud to announce the second year of Thrilling Third Thursdays (T3) at Greentree Park in northern Willistown. On third Thursdays this spring and summer, we will celebrate life and community at the park with entertainment, food, and fun. Join your friends and neighbors for these evenings at your community park, located at the corner of Woodland Avenue and Grubb Road in Malvern. Check willistownparks.org for event information as the gigs approach, and we will have reminders on the memo boards and our banners and yard signs...look for T3@Greentree!

Willistown Summer Camps

June – August
General Wayne Elementary School

Willistown Summer Camp programs include an elementary school-age camp; a pre-school-age camp for four- and five-year-olds; lunch bunch, and a cheerleading clinic for kindergarten through fourth grade girls. Camps are available for Township and nonresident children. See full description above.

It's A Wonderful World!

Wonderful World Summer Camps

June – August
Sugartown Exploration Garden,
Sugartown Preserve

Willistown Parks and Recreation along with the Sugartown Exploration Garden Team present the Wonderful World Summer Camps for children ages 5–11. These week-long camps will engage children's senses through joyful experiences that inspire and promote healthy living, self discovery, outdoor activity and a lifelong connection to the earth. See full description on previous page.

Family Fall Fest

September 25
Sugartown Exploration Garden,
Sugartown Preserve

Bring the family for a fun and relaxing afternoon of games, crafts, and garden exploration at the second annual Family Fall Fest at Sugartown Exploration Garden. Check www.willistownparks.org for information as the fall approaches.

Halloween Howl

October 16
Greentree Park

Be prepared for a howling good time at the Halloween Howl! Come see the finest costumed canines in Willistown Township compete for prizes and barking rights. Check the next edition of the *Towne Crier* for details or willistownparks.org for registration information as the fall approaches.



Bird Walk at Okehocking Preserve

VALLEY FORGE AUDUBON SOCIETY

Saturday, April 24 at 8:30 AM

with Edie Parnum

Willistown'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. Edie Parnum, our walk leader, is from the Valley Forge Audubon Society and has tallied 134 bird species at Okehocking.

Please be prepared for walking in wet areas. These walks are free to the public. Willistown Township thanks the Valley Forge Audubon Society for their wonderful partnership at Okehocking! Meet at the parking lot, Route 3 entrance. If weather is a question, please contact walk leader Edie Parnum at 610-964-8331 or eparnum@comcast.net.

For more information on the Valley Forge Audubon visit their informative website at www.valleyforgeaudubon.org.

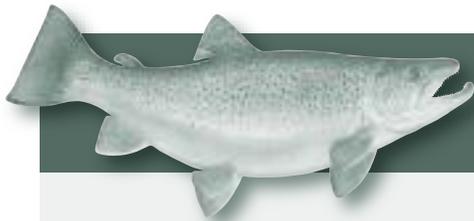
White Manor Country Club Expands Buffers on West Branch of Crum Creek

In partnership with Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) and with funding from Aqua Pennsylvania/TreeVitalize, White Manor Country Club has 50 more trees and shrubs planted in no-mow buffer areas along the West Branch of Crum Creek and a tributary. The project helps implement West Branch Coldwater Plan recommendations to increase stream shading and prevent erosion. The new native plantings also increase habitat for wildlife and over time will help intercept rainwater going into the West Branch. Over the past two years, White Manor Country Club has greatly expanded the use of reduced or no-mow areas along the main stem of the West Branch and in out-of-play areas throughout the course, and they are expanding their use of warm season native grasses.



White Manor TreeVitalize Streamside Buffer Planting: Superintendent Mike Mulhare (left) and Director of Golf Course Operations Don Brown check trees that were planted along the West Branch of Crum Creek with CRC.

Project funded by: 



JOIN THE COLDWATER SPECIES CONSERVATION EFFORT ATTEND THE JUNE 3RD INFORMATIONAL MEETING!

Did you know that the Upper Crum Creek is a High Quality-Coldwater Trout Fishery, one of the few streams in Southeastern Pennsylvania to still support the natural reproduction of trout? Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) has completed a Coldwater Conservation Plan for the Upper Crum Creek, with special attention to the Exceptional Value West Branch of Crum Creek. Comparative analyses of the Upper Crum reveal a decline in the superior biological quality of the West Branch from 2002 to 2008, indicating a need for more forested buffers along the stream. Forested (riparian) buffers of 50 or more feet, as recommended



in Willistown's ordinances, are best, but even smaller buffers can help protect streambanks from erosion, filter pollutants, provide habitat, and provide shade to keep streams cold enough for trout and their food sources.

Landowners are invited to attend a free informational meeting on the Plan and its specific recommendations to be held on Thursday, June 3, 7-8:30 PM, at White Manor Country Club located at 831 Providence Road in Malvern. The meeting is co-sponsored by CRC and the Willistown Conservation Trust. The Plan's Steering Committee, which includes CRC, Willistown Conservation Trust, Brandywine Conservancy, Willistown Township, Delaware Riverkeeper, and White Manor Country Club, was formed to engage and assist property owners in implementing the Plan's recommendations. The meeting will be informative to all of Willistown's streamside landowners, and Crum Creek landowners will also have the opportunity to sign up for additional technical assistance. Please consider this opportunity to learn more and join with others in reducing the footprint of your property on the local environment and protecting the naturally occurring trout in our streams. To download the West Branch Coldwater Conservation Plan, see www.crcwatersheds.org/resources/view/101.

Reservations are requested: crc@nni.com or 610-892-8731.

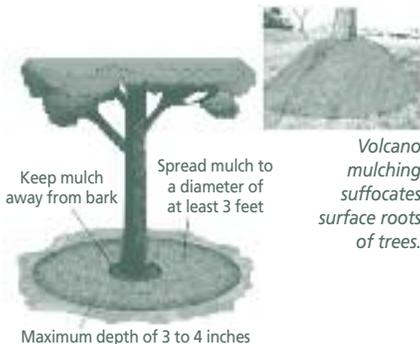


A Seasonal Guide for Stormwater Management: April through September

Here are several simple, seasonal yard care practices that encourage the absorption of rainfall and water runoff into the soil in residential landscapes. These actions benefit your community by preventing flooding, soil erosion, and polluted runoff that threaten our streams, drinking water, and ecosystems.

APRIL Leave grass clippings; mulch properly

- Cut grass at 2½ to 3 inches tall. Mow often enough so that clippings are not longer than one third (1/3) of the grass blade, so they can decompose easily into the soil.
- Excess nitrogen and phosphorus from lawn fertilization is frequently a pollutant to streams, fostering the growth of algae which deplete oxygen levels, harming fish. Spare your stream by avoiding spring fertilization, and leave your grass clippings on your lawn instead. Grass clippings supply between 25% and 50% of nitrogen and phosphorus needs.



Proper mulching can help keep a tree healthy. (Sarah Cox, Purdue University)

- Mulched beds trap and infiltrate more rainwater than lawn or bare soil. Spread out any excess mulch away from trees and shrubs, making sure the tree's "flare" is exposed, and allowing it to decompose. Top off with a thin layer of fresh mulch, making sure the mulch is no deeper than 3" and does not touch the tree bark. Never spread fresh woodchips around trees or shrubs; their decomposition will harm plants. Volcano mulching suffocates surface roots of trees.

MAY Replace some turf with mulched beds, a rain garden, or pocket meadow

- Create new areas in the yard that will absorb roof water from downspouts, runoff from paved areas, and puddles in compacted soil areas. Start a flower or vegetable patch, build a bog or rain garden, or establish a pocket meadow, to absorb rainwater. Mulch all bare soil in planted beds and under trees and shrubs with composted leaf mulch from your municipal leaf composting operation.
- Learn more from downloading CRC's rain garden brochure: www.crcwatersheds.org/resources/view/96 Check out Swarthmore College's Sustainability web site: www.scottarboretum.org/Sustainability/ourpractices.html

JUNE Raise mower height; judiciously control weeds and pests

- Raise your mower height to 3 inches for summer months. Taller grass grows deeper roots; shades and protects the soil; is less prone to disease, pests, and weeds; and captures excess rainwater on the property.
- Leave an unmowed edge (three feet or more in width) along streams, ponds, and drainage channels to prevent erosion.
- Late May or early June is a good time to spread biological controls on your lawn or garden, such as beneficial nematodes to control Japanese beetle grubs. Avoid use of chemical pesticides and herbicides if possible, they damage beneficial insects and soil structures. If weed problems develop, spot treat specific weed patches rather than treating the entire lawn or garden.

For further information about stormwater, please visit www.willistownparks.org, go to "Environmental Stewardship," and click on "Stormwater Awareness."

JULY Plant flowering plants; attract beneficial predators

- Plants of all kinds help reduce stormwater runoff from residential properties. Their roots absorb water and break up and aerate the soil as they grow.
- Flowering native perennials will attract beneficial predators and pollinator birds, butterflies, and other insects. Perennials also develop extensive root systems to hold and enrich the soil. Monitor plants for pests and control them with environmentally friendly applications or use plain water to avoid contaminating water runoff with chemicals that endanger streams.

AUGUST Redirect roof runoff; install pervious surfaces

- Consider landscape modifications to help your yard retain excess rainwater and prevent runoff. Redirect all downspouts which drain onto paved surfaces and storm sewers to flow into a rain barrel, rain garden, mulched bed or grassy area, located downgrade from your house. Attend a rain barrel workshop hosted by your municipality, Master Gardeners, or local watershed association.
- Minimize impervious surfaces such as asphalt and concrete on walks, patios, and driveways on your property. Replace them with gravel or pervious blocks or pavers that allow rain and excess water runoff to soak into the soil.

SEPTEMBER Renovate or overseed your lawn; use slow-release fertilizer

- Labor Day signals the best time of year to renovate your lawn. Core aerate, then overseed a closely mowed lawn with a fine fescue grass seed mixture and spread a slow-acting, organic fertilizer. Fine fescues require less fertilizer and water. Slow-release fertilizers are less water soluble and therefore less polluting to streams. Less compacted soils absorb more rainwater.

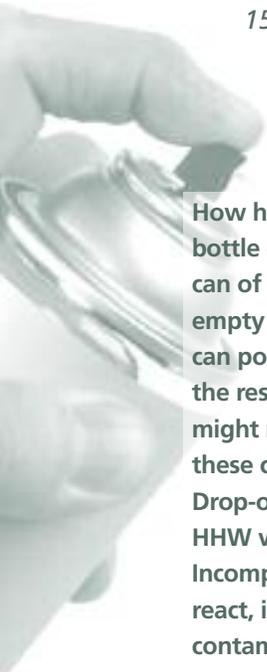
Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

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

Saturday, April 10 • 9 AM–3 PM

Location: Center for Arts & Technology

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



How harmful is that empty bottle of carpet cleaner or can of spray paint? Even empty containers of HHW can pose hazards because of the residual chemicals that might remain. Dispose of these containers at the HHW Drop-off. And never mix HHW with other products. Incompatible products might react, ignite, or explode, and contaminated HHW might become unrecyclable.

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.

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 will take place on April 10, 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 on April 17.

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

Household Hazardous Waste Materials ACCEPTED at collections site (if properly labeled)

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR PRODUCTS	 AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD – OTHER**	COMPUTER MONITORS & PERIPHERALS, PORTABLE TVs
 Oil-Based Paints* Other Solvent-Based Paint Products Paint Thinners Strippers & Removers Shellac Stains, Varnish Turpentine Wallpaper Cement	Asphalt Sealers Caulking Compounds Joint Compound Roof Cements Septic Tank Degreasers Swimming Pool Chemicals Weed Killers 	Antifreeze Carburetor Cleaners Fuel Additives Gasoline Grease & Rust Solvents Oil Transmission/ Brake Fluid	All types of Light Bulbs, including Tubular & Compact Fluorescent Adhesive/Solvents Drain Openers Dry Cleaning Fluid Kerosene Mothballs/Flakes Smoke Alarms Spot Removers Rechargeable Batteries Only Rug Cleaners Toilet Bowl Cleaners Wood & Metal Cleaners	Acids, Caustic Solvents Asbestos Flammables Gas Cylinders 20 lbs or less Lead Mercury Bearing Items Organic Peroxide Oxidizers Pesticides Reactive Metals Reactives	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

Willistown's Annual Township Drop-off Recycling Event

Metal, Tires, Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, and Electronics

Saturday, April 17 • 9 AM–3 PM

Location: Willistown Township Building

688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA 19335



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

- All computer monitors and peripherals: keyboards, CPUs, printers, modems, scanners, servers, terminals, network equipment, speakers, mice (no live mice, please!), cathode ray tubes (CRTs), and other computer parts.
- FAX and copying machines, typewriters, telephones, tape recorders, VCRs, DVRs, CD and DVD players, record players, tuners, amplifiers, cameras, projectors, audio and music equipment, speakers, test equipment, transformers, videotape recorders, antennae, cables, wire and circuit boards.
- Television sets and radios, including portables, stereos, radio/TV tubes.
- Household appliances/items such as irons, toasters, microwave ovens, mixers, blenders, vacuum cleaners, hair dryers, electric cooking pans/pots, lamps, clocks, kitchen ovens, cooking ranges, outdoor grills*, dishwashers, clothes washers/dryers, water heaters, and dehumidifiers.
- Metal items (any type) including bedsprings, bed frames, lawn mowers (push and riding), gym equipment, auto wheels, doorknobs, shelving, kitchen utensils, toys, kitchen cabinets, metal furniture, pipes, wire, etc. If it's metal, it will be accepted.*
- Items containing Freon, such as refrigerators and air-conditioning units. Freon will be removed free of charge, representing a savings of \$60/item!
- Tires, on or off the rim. There will be an enforced limit of six (6) automobile tires per carload. Truck tires larger than 16.5 inches in rim diameter must be off the rim or they will not be accepted.*
- Lawn mower, auto, and boat batteries
- Propane tanks
- Videotapes, audiotapes, and computer disks

- Cell phones (we remove Sim cards)
- Printer cartridges (ink jet, laser, toner)
- Rechargeable household batteries (NiCad, Lithium)
- Fluorescent (tubular) and compact fluorescent light bulbs and incandescent bulbs

Our goal is to change our "throwaway" mentality to a recycling mentality. Used copper, brass, cast aluminum, steel, iron, tin, and other lesser-known metals can be recaptured, reprocessed, and reused—if we take the time to recycle them. Toxic metals can be diverted from landfills. This will be our tenth large drop-off recycling event. The amount dropped off during the previous event was staggering—totaling hundreds of tons. April 17 will be another opportunity to add to that tonnage while diverting the same from landfill disposal.

We've made this program as broad as we can in the variety of items being accepted. However, those described in the

"Exceptions" paragraph will not be accepted under any circumstances. Furthermore, Willistown's Recycling Committee reserves the right to be the final judge of items that will or will not be accepted on April 17.

This program is being funded by a recycling grant awarded to the township for the annual recycling performance of our residents. So we are recycling grant money due to your recycling efforts—the system is working! Volunteer members of the recycling committee have organized and will manage this operation with the assistance of our very capable township employees. Note: Visitors will not be permitted to linger in or around the dump area.

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

GOOD TO KNOW

CFL Bulbs can be Recycled at The Home Depot



At any Home Depot store, customers can simply bring in any expired, unbroken CFL bulbs, place them in a plastic bag and deposit them both into a collection unit. The bulbs will then be managed responsibly by an environmental management company who will coordinate CFL packaging, transportation and recycling to maximize safety and ensure environmental compliance. Customers will be able to locate the CFL receptacle on the front end of the store near the entrance, by the Returns desk or near the exit doors inside the store.

*EXCEPTIONS

- No chemicals, paints, oils, or other hazardous waste will be accepted at the Willistown site. Household hazardous waste may be recycled at the Chester County-sponsored event located at the Center for Arts & Technology event on April 10. See Household Hazardous Waste article for details.
- All oil and gasoline must be completely removed from lawn mowers and any other equipment containing the same. Do not bring the oil, however. Batteries must also be removed from lawn mowers. (They will be accepted if removed.)
- Oil tanks of up to 275-gallon capacity must be completely drained of all oil.
- Upholstered furniture containing a small amount of metal will not be accepted. The metal, if removed, will be accepted.
- Outdoor grills must be clean or they will not be accepted.
- Mattresses will not be accepted.
- Sneakers will not be accepted.
- Large tractor and truck tires will not be accepted.



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

If you were kind enough to make a pledge during our Phonathon in late March, please be sure to send in your check. If we missed you, stop by the Library and fill out a donor card. We thank all our hard working volunteers and generous donors.

Science in the Summer will be held in late July at Malvern. If your children are interested in attending, stop by during the month of May and fill out an application.

Spots will be filled by lottery drawing in early June.

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
(behind the Wachovia Bank)
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

Paoli Library 1910–2010: A Century of Reading

Paoli Library celebrates its 100th birthday this year! We're lining up a series of special events and exhibits that will feature visits from celebrated local authors and literary history displays. The highlight of the year-long celebration will be an old-fashioned community Ice Cream Social on Saturday afternoon, June 19th, at Paoli Presbyterian Church, whose chapel was the library's first home. There will be games and activities for children and their families and, of course, ice cream! For more detailed information, check out our special events website page: www.tredyffrinlibraries.org/specialevents.asp

When you visit Paoli Library, of course you'll still find lots of books—including bestsellers and classics—but you'll also be amazed to see how our services and materials have changed over the last 100 years. Come in soon to see what we mean.

New Branch Manager

We're pleased to announce that Beverly Michaels is our new Branch Manager. Beverly brings with her many years of library experience and a strong connection with Paoli Library and the community, having served as its Children's Librarian from 1996–2002.

Children's Programs

Morning Storytimes for babies thru preschool
Contact the library (610-296-7996) for days and times.

Young Artists Program for ages 6–12; 1–3 PM

- Saturday, April 17 "Litter Bugs"
- Saturday, May 1 "Mom in Mind"

Registration required: forms and program details are available online at <http://tredyffrinlibraries.org/pkids.asp> or in the library; materials fee: \$5.

Adult Programs

Mystery Book Club: First Monday of each month, 10:30 AM

- April 5: Financial mysteries – bring your favorite to share with the group
- May 3: The Secret Servant by Daniel Silva

Services

- Free wireless Internet access
- Free public computers
- Magazines: 62 subscriptions!
- Newspapers: 7 subscriptions!
- DVDs and CDs – New releases and classics at a low rental price
- Databases you'll only find at libraries
- Access to the services of the 18-member Chester Co. Library System

Visit our website for up-to-the-minute announcements, changes, and details of programs and services.

RACING
FOR OPEN SPACE

Radnor Hunt Races

May 15

Grounds open at 10 AM

First race at 1:30 PM

The Brandywine Conservancy's Environmental Management Center is the beneficiary of the Radnor Hunt Races, a horse steeplechase event, that will be celebrating its 80th anniversary this coming May 15. The event is held on the grounds of the Radnor Hunt in Malvern, PA, Willistown Township. The mission of the Brandywine Conservancy's Environmental Management Center is to conserve the natural and cultural resources of the Brandywine River watershed and other selected areas with a primary emphasis on conservation of water quantity and quality.

It is estimated that 20,000 people attend the races. The races are sanctioned by the National Steeplechase Association—the Radnor Hunt Races rank among the highest in the circuit of racing. The thunder created by the galloping of horses and the brilliant flash of colorful silks on jockeys creates great excitement. The Radnor Hunt Races are a spring tradition, growing every year. The races are over at about 4:30 PM and the grounds are closed at 6 PM.

For further information and tickets (available by advance sale only and must be bought by May 8 by ordering online or calling 610-388-8383) go to www.radnorhuntraces.org.



Historic Sugartown Day

Saturday, April 24 • 10 AM–4 PM

Celebrating the Grand Opening of the Historic Sugartown Carriage Museum

Travel back in time and experience life in a rural 18th and 19th century crossroads village. On any typical Saturday, this bustling Willistown Township town was the center of commerce and family life. On Saturday, April 24, from 10 AM–4 PM, this crossroads village magically comes alive to celebrate spring's reappearance with Historic Sugartown Day, hosted by Historic Sugartown.

Located in Malvern, in the middle of Willistown Township, Historic Sugartown Day, visitors will enjoy hay rides and horseshoeing, dog agility shows, and retriever trial demonstrations in the pond at Sugartown Strawberries. And for the first time, visitors will be able to view 18th and 19th century carriages in the new Carriage Museum. As always, this family-fun event includes self-guided tours through the renovated buildings, craft demonstrators, great food, Americana music and the ever popular Children's Tent which is full of period dress-up clothes and games to play!



Historic Sugartown Carriage Museum



We are very pleased to announce the creation of the Historic Sugartown Carriage Museum

The acquisition of this unique collection of 18th and 19th century horse drawn vehicles was made available by loans from the Chester County Historical Society's collection. As a key 18th Century hub of commerce, politics and education in Chester County, Sugartown is the perfect venue to share the stories of transportation from yesteryear and the role it played in every day life. We have once again been given the gift of sharing the past with the future.

Grand Opening Historic Sugartown Day, April 24th



Historic Sugartown, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) corporation
www.HistoricSugartown.org 610-640-2667

Painting by Henri de Toulouse Lautrec – Dog Cart, 1880

Sundays at Historic Sugartown

June through September • 1–4 PM



If you miss out on the festivities of Historic Sugartown Day, you can still tour Historic Sugartown on Sundays in the summer. Visit Historic Sugartown's General Store, Book Bindery, Quaker Farm House, Bank Barn with antique equipment, and the new carriage museum. Get a glimpse of days gone by!

Tour cost: \$5/person, \$12/family
690 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA 19355
610-640-2667
www.historicsugartown.org

CELEBRATING WILLISTOWN'S HISTORY

Acres of Quakers, the 300th anniversary history of Willistown Township written and compiled by John Nagy and Penny Goulding and underwritten by the Township, contains over 700 pages of information devoted to the history, architecture, culture, transportation, and genealogy of Willistown and more than 500 historic and contemporary photographs. The buildings indicated on the *Breou Farm Atlas* of 1883 (some no longer standing) are included in this volume. This handsome, hardcover book is

now available at the following locations:

- Chester County Book & Music Co.
- The Artful Framer
- Chester County Historical Society
- Willistown Township Building

Mail order slips are also available on the Willistown website at www.willistown.pa.us. The price of the book is \$195.00. PA sales tax is \$11.70 per book and shipping & handling is \$6.00 per book. ■



Goodbye Winter, Hello Election "Season!"

Well, we made it through the winter. Whew! Now it's spring and time to become involved with candidates who wish to represent your political party in November. That's the reason for the primary election in May! Which candidates you can vote for depends on your party registration. For the record, residents cannot cross party lines in a primary; they can in a general election. This will become patently obvious when a person receives his/her ballot at the poll on primary election day because the ballot will only contain the names of the candidates of the party in which one is registered. Some important dates:

Last day to register – April 19

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot – May 11

Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots – May 14

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY – May 18 (Tuesday)

Positions for which candidates are vying to represent their party:

- US Senate
- US House
- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- PA House

A "primary" is one's opportunity to select the candidate whom you believe will have the best chance of representing your party in the November general election. Therefore, take the time to learn who is running and then vote your choices on May 18.



Willistowne Crier Wins Statewide Award—Again!

Willistown Township has received first-place honors for its entry in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 2009 Township Communication Contest in the "Class 1" category (10,001 and over population). This is the second consecutive year that our newsletter has won first place.

All entries were judged on the usefulness of information presented and how well the information was communicated to township residents. Publications were also judged on their overall attractiveness and readability.

Congratulations to all *Towne Crier* contributors!

Another Successful Coat Collection by Cub Packs 98 and 71!

402 coats collected and donated!

Willistown's annual coat collection by cub scouts and adult coordinators pushed the number of coats collected over the years to over 2,000! In January, coats were donated to Gaudenzia in West Chester and to Bethesda Bainbridge House and Shelter. Gaudenzia provides drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services to men, women and children in Chester County. This includes long-term residential treatment, outpatient services, and transitional and permanent housing. Bethesda Bainbridge House is a safe haven for its residents.

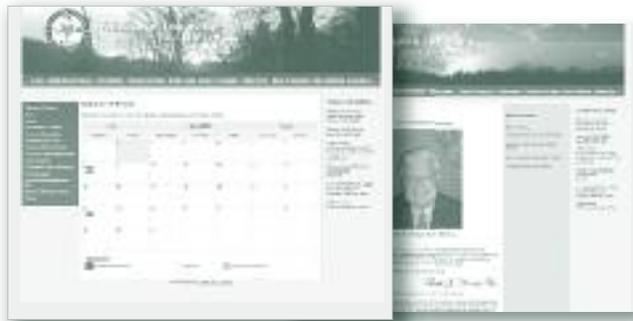
This coat recycling program works because of the supreme efforts of Willistown residents Alice, Cheryl, Michele, Ali, Rob, Robert, and Molly, and Cub Packs 98 and 71 who distribute collection boxes and who collect, sort and transport the coats to recipient locations. Thanks also to Malvern and Paoli Public Libraries, Willistown Township, General Wayne and Sugartown Elementary Schools and Paoli United Methodist Church for providing space for collection boxes.



Proud and happy residents of Bethesda Bainbridge House with their new coats.

www.willistown.pa.us

Stay informed. Check out Willistown Township's newly designed website. Township meetings, times, and agendas can be found on the Calendar of Events page.



Police Update



From the Chief

The Willistown Township Police Department is launching a new community information service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology.

Nixle is a Community Information Service provider built exclusively to provide information to residents in real-time, delivering information to geographically targeted areas and neighborhoods. Information is available over cell phones by text message, by email, and over the web.

The service is free to residents and simple to use. Register now and stay connected to the information that matters most to you!

The service, Nixle, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications instantly sent to you by cell phone text

message, email, and web. There is no Spam.

Nixle is completely free (standard text message rates apply for cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans).

Stay connected to Willistown Police with Nixle, from public safety alerts to neighborhood advisories.

It's free, simple, and trusted.

The service is simple to use, reliable and trusted. For detailed examples of how valuable Nixle can be, visit "Case Studies" section of "Official Agencies and Schools" (www.nixle.com/casestudies.html).

Stay connected to your world, from the public safety alerts that are relevant to you, to the important neighborhood

advisories you want to know about, and other valuable community information. It is our mission to improve the quality of life by providing you with the highest level of professional public safety service through a partnership with the community. We are committed to creating a safe, crime-free environment for all who live, work and visit in Willistown.

You decide what information you want and whether you want it sent to your cell phone by text message, by email, or simply receive it over the web.

Register now and learn more at www.nixle.com. Spread the word to friends, family and neighbors! Help make your community a stronger, safer, and better place to live.

We are very excited to have you experience it for yourself.

Stay Safe!

— John M. Narcise, Chief of Police



From left to right: Detective Jeff Heim, Supervisor Robert Lange, Officer Zachary Bullock, Officer Tom Eno, Chief John Narcise, Officer Mark Monroe, Lieutenant Robert Klingler, Officer Luis Bills, Officer Steve Jones, Sergeant James Daniels, Supervisor Norman MacQueen, Chairman William Shoemaker.

AWARDS NIGHT

Detective Heim: Commendation of Merit for a large burglary arrest

Officers Bullock and Eno: Commendation for a large drug arrest

Officer Mark Monroe: Officer of the Year

Officer Luis Bills: Commendation for his work as part of a grant that was given to the township to stop aggressive driving.

Sergeant Daniels and Officer Jones: Commendation for Theft arrest that solved numerous thefts in the area.



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Mark your Calendars

April 10

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

April 17

Willistown Township Annual Recycling
Drop-off: Metal/Tires/Refrigerators/Air
Conditioners/Electronics
Willistown Township Bldg., 9 AM-3 PM

April 19

Last day to register for Primary Election*

April 24

Bird Walk at Okehocking Preserve
Route 3 Entrance
8:30 AM

April 24

Historic Sugartown Day and
Grand Opening of Carriage Museum
Historic Sugartown, Malvern
10 AM-4 PM

April 25

Upper Main Line YMCA Triathlon
Start time: 7 AM

May 15

Radnor Hunt Races
Grounds open: 10 AM, First race: 1:30 PM
Radnor Hunt, Malvern

May 18

Primary Election Day*
7 AM-8 PM

May 20

Thrilling Third Thursdays**
Greentree Park

June through July

Willistown Summer Camps
General Wayne School

June through August

Wonderful World Summer Camps
Sugartown Exploration Garden

June through September

Tours of Historic Sugartown
Sundays, 1-4 PM

June 3

Coldwater Species Conservation
Informational Meeting
White Manor Country Club, Malvern
7-8:30 PM

June 17

Thrilling Third Thursdays**
Greentree Park

July 15

Thrilling Third Thursdays**
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August 19

Thrilling Third Thursdays**
Greentree Park

September 25

Family Fall Fest**
Sugartown Exploration Garden,
Sugartown Preserve

October 16

Halloween Howl**
Greentree Park

For Malvern and Paoli Library
activities, see page 8



* For more election deadlines, see page 10.
** Check www.willistownparks.org for updates
on events.