

Willis Towne Crier

In Willistown, nearly everybody reads the Crier!



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Willistown Holds the Line on Taxes



**Township Manager,
Hugh Murray**

Thanks to the efforts of our Police, Public Works, and Administrative Departments, Willistown was able to finish the year in the black. Willistown Township Manager, Hugh Murray, credited the staff with keeping a close eye on the budget categories over the past three months of the year. "In these difficult economic times, it was

encouraging to see the effort given by the staff to stay within the budget. Towards the end of the year, it looked as if we could be anywhere between

\$100,000 and \$300,000 in the hole but thanks to a combination of some late revenues and only spending on absolutely necessary expenditures we were able to meet our goal. The credit goes to them."

As a result, Willistown will have no tax increase for 2009. "Budgeting is sometimes a guessing game and with the economy in the state it is, we have to be prepared for the worse case scenarios." Murray said. "In looking at projected figures for this year [2009], we have to be realistic that we could come in over budget. However the Board of Supervisors has made it clear that they will not short-change our residents on any of the services we normally provide."

State Road Maintenance Our Township Road Department Hard at Work

Although it is the end of the winter season (hopefully), we wanted to remind our residents of how many of the State roads are plowed by the Township during the snow season. We clear these roadways due to the Liquid fuel taxes we receive from the State and as part of an Agility agreement between the State and the Township.

State Roads (and Route Numbers) Within the Township

N. Cedar Hollow Road	1053
Delchester Road	2013
Devon Road	2024
Goshen Road	2010
King Road	2022
Lancaster Avenue	0030
Paoli Pike	2014
Providence Road	2016
South Valley Road (Devon Road to Whitehorse Rd)	1005
Street Road	0926

Sugartown Road	2022
Warren Avenue	2015
West Chester Pike	0003

State Roads Maintained by Township Road Department During Winter

- Devon Road
(Paoli Pike to Darby Road)
- Providence Road
(Sugartown Road to Goshen Road)
- Sugartown Road
(King Road to Goshen Road)
- Warren Avenue
(Paoli Pike to Providence Road)
- N. Cedar Hollow Road
(N. Valley Road to Tredyffrin Twp. Line)

The township maintains the signage of State roadways within the Township that have a speed limit of 35 mph or less. This is throughout the year and has nothing to do with any season of the year.

Free Document Shredding

Saturday, April 18 • 9 AM–1 PM

**St. Francis in the Fields Church
689 Sugartown Road, Malvern**

This is your opportunity to dispose of sensitive documents that you've been storing, but have been concerned about disposing of in a recycling bag or mixing with your trash. Cancelled checks, new checks that you'll never use, Medicare/Blue Cross, etc., statements, tax forms, charge/bank/debit statements, receipts, savings passbooks, confidential letters, and brokerage statements are some of the many types of sensitive documents that people need to dispose of with finality in this age of identity theft. It's a major problem. Signatures, social security numbers, and account numbers are being stolen regularly...Willistown's Recycling Committee to the rescue!

April 18: Shredding will take place in the parking lot behind St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, across from the Township's Towne Hall on Sugartown Road. Shredding will take place 9 AM–1 PM.

Limit: No more than five boxes of sensitive documents will be accepted for shredding. **Do not bring newspapers, magazines, cardboard, wallpaper, books, Pendaflex folders with metal strips, or fully loaded three-ring binders. Remove all binder clips. No items in plastic sheets/sleeves will be accepted for shredding. Staples, standard paper clips, and rubber bands do not need to be removed.**

Proof: Each resident will be provided with a certificate of destruction, and you will be able to watch the power shredder make confetti of your documents.

This is a program for Willistown residents, not for commercial enterprises seeking to empty file cabinets. Five-box limit. No exceptions. 9 AM–1 PM. Truck leaves at 1 PM. Documents will not be accepted or stockpiled after 1 PM!

Vendor: North Shred, LLC, Exton, PA
610-524-5960. E-mail: info@northshred.com

Questions? Call Jim Tate, Recycling Committee Chairman, at 610-647-7361.

Don't Forget to Vote!

Primary Election – Tuesday, May 19

This year's primary election date is May 19, 2009. For full, up-to-date details on candidates and polling locations, visit www.votespa.com. Upon sign-up, this user-friendly site even offers a voting reminder via email or text message.





Willistown Parks and Recreation Calendar of Events

Visit www.willistownparks.org for further information and updates as events approach!

CELEBRATING BIRDS AT OKEHOCKING

VALLEY FORGE
AUDUBON BIRD WALK

Sunday, April 25
8:30 AM

with Edie Parnum

Willistown's Okehocking Preserve offers a variety of bird habitats that include meadows, woods, ponds, and the riparian area along the creek—it's a great place to see birds! Edie Parnum, our walk leader, is from the Valley Forge Audubon Society (www.valleyforgeaudubon.org) which 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.

12th ANNUAL CRC STREAMS CLEANUP

Saturday, May 2 • 9–11:30 AM

Malvern location: Randolph Woods
Ruthland Avenue, Malvern Borough
Volunteer lunch at Rose Tree Park, Media



Everyone is encouraged to take part in this massive stream clean up hosted by Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) throughout its three watersheds. Last year's CRC clean up brought out over 400 volunteers!

Willistown Township is partnering with Malvern Borough under the leadership of the Willistown Conservation Trust to clean up Malvern's Randolph Woods, located adjacent to Willistown Township's northern communities. Malvern's Randolph Woods contains a headwater of the Crum Creek that flows down through Willistown to the Delaware River and is an important drinking water resource and watershed habitat.

Here is an opportunity to improve this 45-acre property that is accessible to many northern

Willistown residents and has an important water resource. We need your help to improve this property and its water for the benefit of people and the environment. Be a part of a special regional effort to improve and protect our precious drinking water resources!

Following the cleanup, all volunteers are invited to a thank you picnic at Rose Tree Park, Media, where you will receive a CRC Stream Cleanup T-shirt (quantities limited—sign up soon!). For more information on the Randolph Woods clean up, please contact Lisa Rubin at Willistown Conservation Trust: lkr@wctrust.org or 610-353-2562, ext. 25.

For more information on the partners: Willistown Conservation Trust (www.wctrust.org); Malvern Borough (www.Malvern.org); Willistown Township (www.willistown.pa.us); or (www.willistownparks.org).

Red Alert to Dog Owners

Okehocking Is Not Just “For the Dogs!”

Red alert to dog owners—Okehocking is not just for the dogs! Numerous complaints have been received. Please take note of the dog memo posted at Okehocking that addresses the issues some dogs and their owners are creating on the property. There must be significant improvement in dog and dog owner behavior throughout this spring in order to continue to permit dog access at Okehocking. Please spread the word and check the Okehocking kiosks for updates!



THRILLING THIRD THURSDAYS

May–August • 5:30–7:30 PM

Greentree Park

Located at corner of Woodland Avenue and Grubb Road, Malvern

Come celebrate our community and Greentree Park with the series of *Thrilling Third Thursdays* this spring and summer. Enjoy the fun, food, free entertainment, and the company of your family, neighbors, and friends!

May 21 – May Magic and Puppet Show

Nonstop entertainment! Enjoy the dazzling magic of the famed *Philip and Henry* magicians, and the comical puppets of the *Segal Puppet Theater*.

June 18 – “School’s Out!” Spree

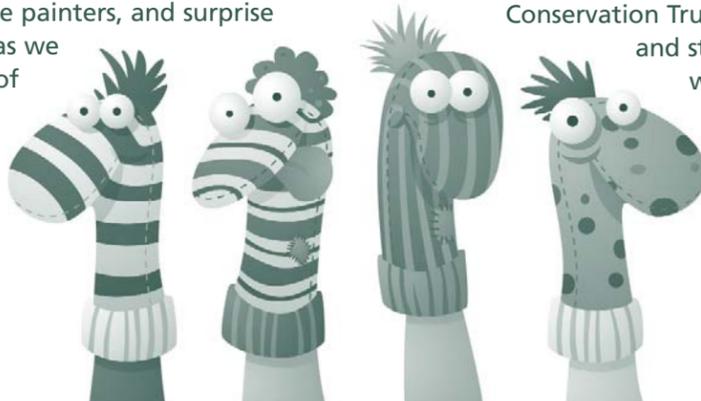
Bring the whole family for food, ice cream, professional face painters, and surprise entertainment as we cheer the start of summer.

July 16 – Summertime Sizzle

Join the fun as *Steve Pullara and his Cool Beans Band* entertain us with an award-winning concert. Steve's a favorite Philadelphia area performer, and his music is featured on *WXPN'S Kid's Corner*. Visit www.coolbeansmusic.com for more about Steve and the band.

August 20 – Country Fair

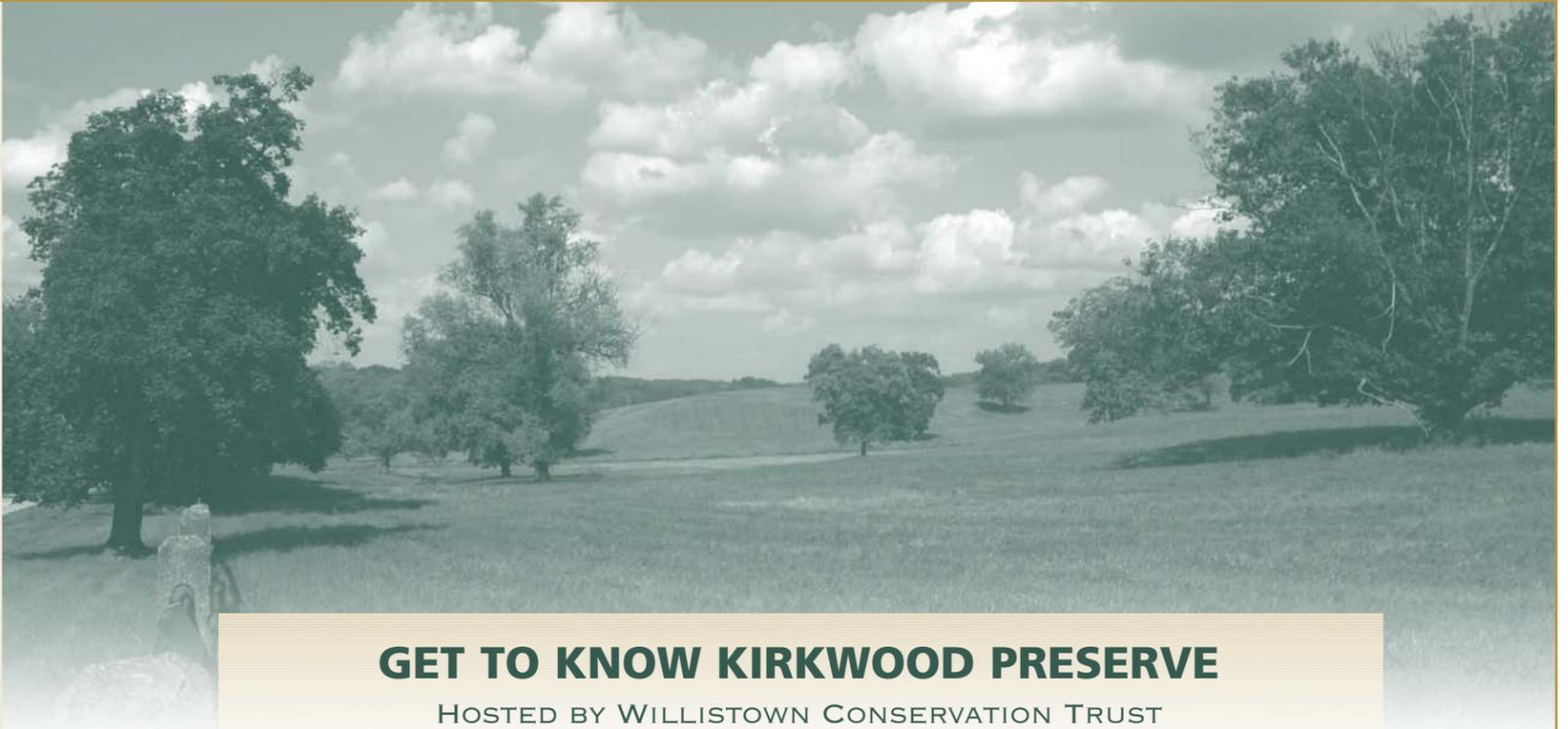
Ride ponies and pet farm animals as *Sleepy Hollow Farms* brings the farm to Greentree. Play games and visit with local organizations including Greener Partners (our farming friends at www.greenerpartners.org) and Willistown Conservation Trust (our land conservation and stewardship friends at www.wctrust.org).



Don't miss these family friendly celebrations!



WILLISTOWN CONSERVATION TRUST



GET TO KNOW KIRKWOOD PRESERVE

HOSTED BY WILLISTOWN CONSERVATION TRUST

Thursday, June 25 • 5-7 PM

Kirkwood Preserve

Grubbs Mill Road, 1/4 mile north of its intersection with Goshen Road

Willistown Conservation Trust invites Willistown residents to a special event at Kirkwood Preserve "A Sanctuary for People and Wildlife." Come get to know the picturesque Kirkwood Preserve—83 acres of open fields, mature woodlands and the meandering Crum Creek.

- Bring your family and a picnic supper
- Enjoy refreshments provided by the Trust
- Explore through a scavenger hunt and discover Kirkwood's special places
- Bring your binoculars and search for nesting and airborne birds
- Stroll along the scenic 2-mile loop trail
- Experience live raptors and owls close up

- Check out the Trust's restoration projects along Crum Creek

Kirkwood Preserve was purchased by the Willistown Conservation Trust in 2005 with assistance from the Willistown Township Open Space Fund. Kirkwood is open to the public daily from dawn to dusk. For a map locating Kirkwood Preserve in Willistown, go to www.willistownparks.org and see the interactive map on the home page.

Please contact Lisa Rubin at the Willistown Conservation Trust with questions regarding this event at 610-353-2562, ext. 25.

SUMMER SEND-OFF

Wednesday, August 26
Time to be determined*

Okehocking Preserve
5316 West Chester Pike,
Newtown Square

Last year over 150 kids and adults attended the Summer Send-off and enjoyed beautiful views, live music, and hayrides at Willistown's Okehocking Preserve. A big hit were the hayrides through Okehocking that offered guided tours describing the diversity of plants and animals in the preserve, a touch of the history, and the land management projects taking place there. Join us in August as the Willistown Parks and Recreation Department and the Okehocking Nature Center Board again co-host this outdoor Send-off to summer!

* Check www.willistownparks.org for update.



Photos from last year's Summer Send-off



Survey!

Have your opinion heard and spread the word!

The Parks and Recreation section of Willistown's comprehensive plan is being updated and your input is needed. For your opinion to be heard, complete the Parks and Recreation survey by April 10 at www.willistownparks.org. For more information, see back cover.



SUMMER CAMPS

Willistown Summer Camps

Note: This year, all Willistown Summer Camps are 4 days per week (Monday–Thursday) due to a new summer schedule for the school—it will be closed on Fridays during the summer.

ELEMENTARY RECREATION CAMP

Children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade 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 offering, 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 29–August 6 (six, one-week sessions)
Times: Monday–Thursday, 9 AM–12 Noon
Location: General Wayne Elementary School, 20 Devon Road, Malvern, PA
Cost: \$40.00 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 Monday–Thursday July 6–July 9 1 PM–3 PM Cost \$50.00 per child	Session 2 Monday–Thursday July 20–July 23 1 PM–3 PM Cost \$50.00 per child	Session 3 Monday–Thursday August 3–August 6 1 PM–3 PM Cost \$50.00 per child
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PRESCHOOL RECREATION CAMP

Designed for the pre-school child ages 4 and 5. Structured activities include weekly thematic arts and 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 new experiences and make new friends. Children must be 4 years old by June 1, 2009 to attend, no exceptions, please.

Dates: June 29–August 6 (six, one-week sessions)
Times: Monday–Thursday, 9 AM–12 Noon
Location: General Wayne Elementary School, 20 Devon Road, Malvern, PA
Cost: \$50.00 per week

LUNCH BUNCHERS

Children will eat lunch, play board games, or have 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.

Session 1 Monday–Thursday July 6–July 9 12 Noon–1 PM Cost is \$7 per child per day, or \$25 per child per week	Session 2 Monday–Thursday July 20–July 23 12 Noon–1 PM	Session 3 Monday–Thursday August 3–August 6 12 Noon–1 PM
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Summertime
Fun for
Your Kids!



For registration forms, go online to www.willistownparks.org. Links are under "What's Happening" sidebar. Or stop by the Willistown Township Building, Monday through Friday, 8 AM–Noon, 1 PM–4 PM. For questions about Willistown Summer Camps, please call Debbie at 610-647-5300, ext. 6. Best mode of communication is by email at summercamps@willistownparks.org.



SUMMER CAMPS

Growing Greener Summer Camps

Growing Greener Summer Camps offer two differently themed week-long (Monday–Friday) camps for preschool and elementary school age children, ages 4 through 5th grade, at the organic garden at Willistown Township's Sugartown Preserve in Malvern. These unique camps are made possible by the partnership of Willistown Township, Greener Partners, and Historic Sugartown Inc.

Registration Deadline: May 1—however, first come first served. Space is limited!

FARMING FUN!

**July 20–24 and August 3–7
9 AM–12 noon
(ages 7–11 years)**

Experience the joys and wonders of organic gardening at Sugartown Preserve! Your kids will enjoy a fun-filled week of outdoor discovery in the garden. We will start our day with yoga, stretching, and songs followed by garden-related crafts and activities. These activities will all lead up to a Farmers Feast at the end of week. Mid-morning we will refuel with a yummy nutritious snack and then dig our hands into the soil! We will finish with a sharing circle and story.



FAIRY GNOME WEEK

**July 27–31 and August 10–14
9 AM–12 noon
(ages 4–6 years)**

Your kids will enjoy a magical week of outdoor discovery and creativity at Sugartown Preserve! We will collect natural materials to make our own gnome and fairy homes. We will start our day with yoga, stretching, and songs followed by fairy and gnome related crafts and activities in the garden. These activities will all lead up to a Magical Garden Party at the end of the week. Mid-morning we will refuel with a yummy nutritious snack and then dig our hands into the soil! We will finish with a sharing circle and a fairy story.



Pricing

Willistown Township residents:
\$80/child (\$55 for camp, \$25 for supplies)
Non-residents: \$100/child (\$75 for camp, \$25 for supplies)

Contacts

For July camps
Greener Partners: Erin Herz
erin.herz@greenerpartners.org
Office: 484-318-8691
www.greenerpartners.org

For August camps
Willistown Parks and Recreation:
Mare McLoughlin
Office: 610-640-1669
mhm@willistown.pa.us
www.willistownparks.org

Location

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. For directions to the Township building go to www.willistownparks.org, click on the "Visit a Park" drop down menu, and click on "Sugartown Preserve." Click on "Maps and Directions" brown tab, then "Google maps."

What to Bring

The camp fee includes craft supplies and materials. Please put sunscreen on your child(ren) prior to coming to camp, and have child(ren) bring a clearly marked backpack or paper or canvas bag and water bottle and dressed in clothes that can get dirty. Growing Greener summer camps are "Leave No Trace" camps—we carry out what we carry in.

Camp Directors

Amy Johnson: Amy launched the Red Hill Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program at the Sisters of St. Francis in Aston, PA in 2000. Since then she has grown it to a 150 member CSA with a waiting list of more than 80 families. She and her husband, Chris McNichol, were the subjects of Rich Hoffman's film about sustainable agriculture called "Fridays at the Farm." Amy is the Director of Farming Operations at Greener Partners.

Julie Frieswyk: A certified holistic health counselor (CHHC), Julie was trained at the Institute for Integrative Nutrition and has a wealth of knowledge in healthy food preparation, diet concepts, and food systems. Julie is Director of Wellness Initiatives at Greener Partners, and her affinity for fresh, local foods began in her youth as she visited local farmers markets and orchards in the Chester County area and more recently as a local foods buyer in Maine. She enjoys sharing her passion for healthy living with children and adults by influencing their eating habits and encouraging them to support a sustainable food system.

About the Partners

Willistown Township Parks and 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—walk-able neighborhood parks, organic gardens, and a 180-acre nature preserve. We celebrate our people, parks, and nature.



Greener Partners

Greener Partners is transforming public spaces and underutilized land into community-teaching gardens and forward-thinking farms. By re-establishing sustainable, organic farming operations, Greener Partners is impacting the way people think about their food and the environment. Greener Partners is engaging local schools, camps, and communities in bringing children and their families outside to develop a better understanding of how the natural world shapes our future.



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 Growing Greener summer camps are held, is located in the village of Sugartown. Representatives from HSI will show Growing Greener campers farming tools and implements from their extensive historic tool archive. HSI is also graciously sharing their field off of Spring Road to allow for camper drop off and pick up as well as their restroom—many thanks HSI!



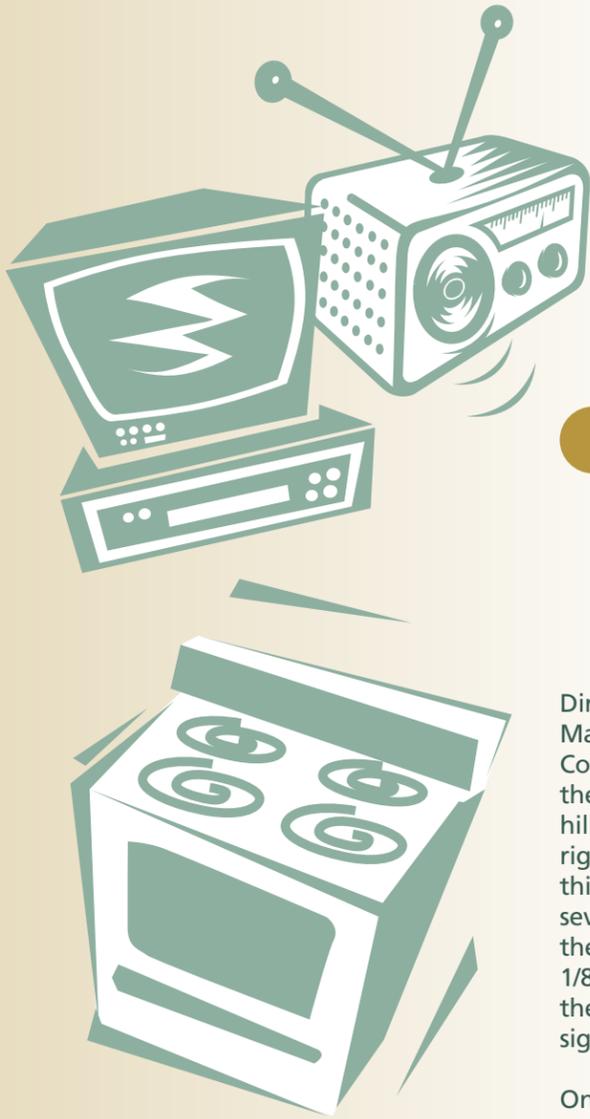
Tax deductible gifts to the garden and our garden programming at Sugartown Preserve* will be gratefully received and may be made payable to either Willistown Township Parks and Recreation or Greener Partners.

Willistown Township Parks and Recreation
Attn: Mary McLoughlin
688 Sugartown Road
Malvern, PA 19355

Greener Partners
Chester County Community Foundation
28 West Market Street
West Chester, PA 19382

**Please note Sugartown Preserve in your correspondence or on the memo line of your check.*

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Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

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

Saturday, April 4 • 9 AM–3 PM

— Location —

**Center for Arts & Technology
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460**

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 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.

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 trash. However, do not replace the lid when you place the can in your household trash.

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 4, 9 AM–3 PM. This category includes items such as oil-based paint, lawn sprays, fertilizers, oil, etc.

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 18.

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

From the Recycling Bin of Jim Tate, Recycling Chairman...

Trash Truck or Recycling Truck?

Some residents have complained that waste haulers are picking up recyclables and tossing them into a trash truck. While it might appear that a waste hauler is doing this, it is almost always not the case. Let's call it a case of mistaken identity due to single-stream recycling, which is becoming more common among haulers that pick up recyclables. When collecting single-stream recyclables, haulers often use the same kind of trucks as those used for trash. And therein lies the reason for the mistaken identity.

As mentioned in the previous issue of *Towne Crier*, single-stream recycling is a system whereby residents can place all recyclable items in a single container. Newspapers, magazines, first-class and junk mail, paper, metal cans, glass bottles, and plastic containers and bottles can be mixed; no need to separate. However, this consolidation of recyclables only pertains to residents using Allied Waste and Suburban Waste. Residents using other haulers of recyclables must continue to separate them as instructed by their hauler.



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



Household Products

- 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



Household – Other**

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

Automotive Products

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



Computer Monitors and Peripherals, and Portable TVs

Keyboards, CPUs, printers, modems, scanners, servers, terminals, network equipment, speakers, mice (no live mice, please!), cathode ray tubes (CRT), and other computer parts. Portable TVs with a screen no larger than 24" 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 ROUNDUP

Willistown's Annual Township Drop-off Recycling Event: Metal, Tires, and Electronics

Saturday, April 18 • 9 AM–3 PM

— Location —

**Willistown Township Building, "Towne Hall"
688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA 19335**

Willistown's Recycling Council 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, CD and DVD players, record players, tuners, amplifiers, cameras, projectors, audio and music equipment, speakers, test equipment, transformers, videotape recorders antennae, cables, wire, etc.
- 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 rider), gym equipment, auto wheels, doorknobs, shelving, kitchen utensils, toys, kitchen cabinets, metal furniture, pipes, wire, etc. If it's metal, it will be accepted.*
- Items containing freon, such as refrigerators and air-conditioning units. Freon will be removed free of charge, representing a savings of \$60/item!
- Tires, on or off the rim. 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)

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 ninth large drop-off recycling event. The amount dropped off during the previous events was staggering, totaling tens of thousands of pounds. April 18 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 18.

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 Council 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.

*EXCEPTIONS

- No chemicals, paints, oils, or other hazardous waste will be accepted at the Willistown site. Household hazardous waste may be recycled at the County sponsored event located at the Center for Arts & Technology event on April 4. 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, disposable alkaline household batteries, and light bulbs will not be accepted.
- Large tractor and truck tires will not be accepted.



STORMWATER CORNER

For Cleaner Creeks, Save Fertilizing for the Fall Tips for Stormwater Management on Your Property

DID YOU KNOW?

- Fertilizers contain nitrogen and phosphorus which leaches into our streams and ponds.
- Even small levels of these nutrients can overload ponds or streams and result in undesirable weed and algae growth. Algae depletes oxygen, killing fish and limiting the diversity of what lives in our streams.

To minimize the impact of lawn fertilization on our streams:

1. Fertilize in the fall.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection discourages spring application of fertilizer because it creates excessive tip growth of grass. DEP recommends instead that homeowners *fertilize lawns around Labor Day* and use a second application in late October if needed. Fall fertilization promotes vigorous root growth and prevents fertilizer from leaching into streams and ponds in the spring.

2. Do a soil test and consider phosphorus-free fertilizers.

Phosphorus is typically the limiting nutrient in algae growth. If your phosphorus levels are already adequate, select a phosphorus-free fertilizer. If your property drains to a stream, pond, or reservoir, do not use phosphate fertilizers. Mail-in soil test kits are available from your County Extension Service.

3. Use slow-release and organic alternatives.

Select fertilizers with "slow-release" forms of nitrogen which release more slowly into the soil and are less likely to leach. Choose organic rather than chemical-based fertilizers.

4. Limit application amounts to designated levels, and recycle grass clippings.

Lawns typically require 2.5–3 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet per year. Recycling grass clippings on your lawn can meet between 25% and 50% of nitrogen needs.

5. Avoid stream edges and stormwater conveyances.

Do not fertilize stormwater basins, or drainage swales leading to basins, or within 25 feet of stormwater basins or streams.

This message is brought to you by Willistown Township in partnership with Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC), www.crcwatersheds.org.

Sources: PA Department of Environmental Protection "Grasscycling: It's OK to Let it Lay"



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



Check it Out! (At the Library)



Malvern Public Library

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

Hours: Monday–Wednesday: 9 AM–9 PM
Thursday: 9 AM–8 PM
Friday: 9 AM–5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM–4 PM
Sunday: 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 you missed our Phonathon and still want to contribute, 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 the last week in July at Malvern Public Library. 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 at 610-644-7259.

Paoli Library

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

Hours: Monday–Thursday: 9:30 AM–8 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM–6 PM
Saturday: 9:30 AM–4 PM

Paoli Library is the perfect destination for Willistowners in these tough economic times. Committed to providing excellent resources for all your information needs, our professional and attentive staff is always ready to make your visit a pleasant and rewarding experience. Our regular patrons are appreciating now more than ever just how important an impact “the biggest little library around” has on their quality of life.

For those of you who haven't been to the library in a while, come on over to Paoli Library. You'll see why public libraries are amazing alternatives to bookstores! We have new releases, mysteries, novels, biographies, dozens of magazines and newspapers, reference books, and a cozy children's department. If it's entertainment you want, check out our shelves of recent DVDs as well as many classics at bargain rental prices.

Interested in purchasing books but not spending bundles? In the hallway outside the library door,

you'll be able to browse shelves full of priced-to-sell books. The “Friends of the Library” will hold a book sale in May.

This summer, Be Creative @ Your Library! Have fun exploring the world of music, dance, drama, and visual arts at Paoli Library. Paoli Library will be offering its 2009 Summer Reading Program **“Be Creative @ Your Library”** from June 8–August 14. The Summer Reading Program is open to preschoolers through young adults, with diverse offerings of programs, visiting artists, and story hours. Keep your mind and body active throughout the summer months with fun, free activities! Summer Reading Program details will be available in April by contacting Elektra Greer at egreer@ccls.org or going online at www.adlibonline.org/childrenprograms.asp.

And don't forget about the **“Science in the Summer”** program: a hands-on, week-long, science program sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline.

Historic Sugartown Day Watch History Come Alive

Saturday, April 25 • 10 AM–4:30 PM

Imagine living in the quaint 19th century village of Sugartown. On any typical, Saturday this bustling Willistown Township town was the center of commerce and family life. On Saturday, April 25, from 10 AM to 4:30 PM, this crossroads village magically comes alive to celebrate spring's reappearance with a grand

festival called Historic Sugartown Day, hosted by Historic Sugartown Inc., which is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to historic preservation.

Located in Malvern, in the middle of Willistown Township, Historic Sugartown Day visitors will enjoy “The Craft of Fine Art Show,” traditional artisans, hay rides and horse shoeing, dog agility shows, and retriever trial demonstrations in the pond at Sugartown Strawberries. As always, this family-fun event includes self-guided tours through the renovated buildings, restoration demonstrations, great food, Americana music, and the ever popular Children's Tent which is full of period dress-up clothes and games to play!

Visit www.historicsugartown.org for directions and to find out more about this wonderful place or contact Cheryl Snyder at 610-640-2667 for more information on Historic Sugartown Day.



79th Radnor Hunt Races Racing for Open Space

Saturday, May 16
Grounds open at 10 AM; First race starts at 1:30 PM

It's time to think about joining 20,000 fans of steeplechasing and the Brandywine Conservancy for the 79th Radnor Hunt Races on Saturday, May 16 at the Radnor Hunt in Malvern. The Radnor Hunt Races, with a total purse of \$210,000 will host the third leg of the Triple Crown of Steeplechasing.

Similar to the Triple Crown of flat racing (the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes), the steeplechasing series consists of three races run just a few weeks apart. The series will bring out the best young horses in the sport and the third leg is sure to provide Radnor Hunt fans with quite a show. Five other races fill out the card and plenty of action is guaranteed.

A day at the races includes fun-loving people, creative picnics, and an appreciation for the green rolling Chester County countryside. (An easement with the Brandywine Conservancy protects the 100 acres surrounding the Radnor Hunt racecourse.) Come out and be a part of this spring tradition. Even the tailgating is exciting! This year's theme is Myths, Legends and Folklore. Join the crowd in the Picnic Patrons' section and compete for prizes.

It's “Racing for Open Space.” The



Radnor Hunt Races have contributed over \$2,000,000 to the Brandywine Conservancy's environmental programs over the years. The most important factor in this continuing success is corporate partnership. And in 2009, an important partner, BNY Mellon Wealth Management, will be back as Presenting Sponsor. This year will be the 25th anniversary of Mellon's association with the races.

Don't miss the action on race day! Parking is all on the Radnor Hunt grounds. Cost ranges from \$50 (unlimited occupancy) up to \$500 per car. Check out www.radnorhuntraces.org for detailed information or call 610-647-4233.

For sponsorship information call Kathie Brown at 610-296-9096.



ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Sewer Billing Information

Sewer bills are mailed twice a year. The first bill, for the base rate, is mailed by April 15 covering January 1 through December 31. The second bill is mailed the following January covering any water overages. Please call the Sewer Billing Department at 610-647-5300, ext. 237 with questions or concerns.



It's Your Turn...

Residents Are Invited to Contribute to the *Towne Crier*

From time to time, we highlight a Willistown resident in our Resident's Report. Do you have a unique project underway, a story to tell, or are you involved in a local charity? Let us know! Past Resident Reports have focused on deer management, preservation of monarch butterflies, homemade cleaning products, and a resident's photography.

Contact newsletter editor Traci Watson with your idea at 610-450-5818 or traci@watsondesignonline.com. You can

either submit article and photos for consideration, or we can interview you and take photos.

Note that all articles and images are subject to approval, and will run space permitting. Material may be held for future issues. If this is the case, the subject will be contacted at that time to ensure information is still accurate or pertinent.

This opportunity is for Willistown residents only.

New Editor for *Towne Crier*

Starting this issue, Traci Watson has taken over Mary McLoughlin's place as Editor in Chief for the *Towne Crier*. Traci has designed the newsletter for over 10 years and is looking forward to her expanded role.

Mary deserves much kudos for her job as Editor. She has juggled her position as Director of Parks and Recreation with the Editor position for over 2 years, and will now be able to devote her time exclusively to Parks and Recreation. Under her leadership, the *Towne Crier* was awarded first place in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Township Citizen Communication Contest. We wish Traci the same success!

To contact Traci concerning newsletter matters, call 610-450-5818 or email at traci@watsondesignonline.com.



POLICE UPDATE

From the Chief



On January 26, 2009, the Willistown Police Department held its annual awards night at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Officer Thomas Eno was recognized as the 2008 Officer of the Year. This is an award that is voted on by the members of the Willistown Township Police

Department. We congratulate Tom as this award is well deserved.

Dr. Edward Dickinson was recognized for his outstanding work with our Department. Dr. Dickinson helped establish our First Aid and CPR training along with teaching officers the use of the Automated External Defibrillator. He has been an important part of our success in the area of First Aid and Critical Care techniques and provided our officers with some of the finest training available. Thanks Doc!

Medic Rich Constantine of the Malvern Fire Company also received an award that night. Rich was injured while helping our officers on a call. I personally served with Rich when I was assigned to our Patrol Division. Rich is a true professional and we wish him a healthy recovery.

On another note, it is great to report that crime is down! Yes, in 2008 crime was down in Willistown Township by 34%.

There are always many factors as to why crime is down. Mainly, it takes a professional organization to identify and solve crime. This organization would not only need the personnel, but the resources to complete this difficult mission.

As always, I thank the fine work by the officers of Willistown Township who I think are truly some of the best police officers available. I thank our administrative assistants and our Information Technology person.

I would also like to thank our Board of Supervisors. Our strategy for 2008 was to increase the size of our Investigation Division so we could better address growing complexities of modern criminal activity. Our Board of Supervisors agreed to increase the size of the Division and it was a tremendous payoff for our department and the citizens of Willistown Township. The increase in personnel gave our Patrol Division the ability to involve our Investigative Division more and remove some of the burden off of the officers on patrol.

The Investigation Division solved many cases in 2008 and our Patrol Division once again turned in another strong year. I received numerous calls of thanks involving our officers on patrol and how satisfied people were after interaction with our officers. Keep your letters coming as it is nice to hear when we are doing a good job!

The Patrol Division did a terrific job in utilizing several traffic grants that were received. We received a seatbelt grant which was intended to educate motorists on the importance of wearing a seatbelt to reduce injuries. We also received a grant for identifying aggressive drivers on our roadways. Another area we addressed was speeding motorists on our roadways. We used modern technology to identify which roads required enforcement. The use of our speed spy device and speed display

board enabled us to gather data and use our resources wisely.

We increased the number of officers assigned to the West Chester Area Regional Emergency Response Team to four officers. We have seen a positive training advantage to having officers assigned and training with this team. The increase in personnel also gives the ability to have trained officers for rapid responses to incidents that may occur in our jurisdiction.

Once again, I would like to thank our Board of Supervisors for their continued support. This support has allowed the Willistown Police Department to maintain the high standards we set for ourselves. With the proper resources we were able to solve 59.77% of the crime reported to our department. This is the type of work that keeps our neighborhoods safe.

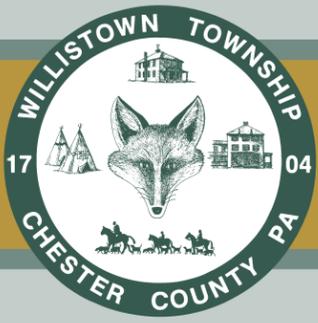
As always, I have the highest praise for our Police Department and know the quality of the support staff and the officers in this department. With the continued support of our Board of Supervisors and the citizens, I know we can keep Willistown as one of the safest places to live.

John M. Narcise

Chief of Police



Pictured left to right: Chief John Narcise, Malvern Medic Rich Constantine, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Bill Shoemaker, Officer of the Year Tom Eno, Supervisor Robert Lange, Dr. Edward Dickinson, and Supervisor Norman MacQueen.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 4
Chester County HHW Disposal
Drop-off
Phoenixville, 9 AM-3 PM

April 10
Parks and Recreation Online
Survey Deadline
www.willistownparks.org

April 18
Willistown Township
Metal/Tires/Electronics
Recycling Drop-off
Towne Hall, 9 AM-3 PM

April 18
FREE Document Shredding
St. Francis in the Fields Church
9 AM-1 PM
(Willistown residents only)

April 25
Historic Sugartown Day
10 AM-4:30 PM

May 2
CRC Streams Cleanup
Malvern Borough's Randolph
Woods Preserve
9-11:30 a.m.

May 16
79th Radnor Hunt Races

May 19
Primary Election

May 21
May Magic and Puppet Show
Greentree Park, 5:30-7:30 PM

June 8-August 14
Be Creative @ Your Library
2009 Summer Reading Program
Paoli Library

June 18
"School's Out!" Spree
Greentree Park, 5:30-7:30 PM

June 25
Get to Know Kirkwood Preserve
5-7 PM

July 16
Summertime Sizzle
Greentree Park, 5:30-7:30 PM

July 27-31
Science in the Summer
Malvern Library

August 20
Country Fair
Greentree Park, 5:30-7:30 PM

August 26
Summer Send-Off
Okehocking Park

**See inside articles for
summer camp dates.**

**Fill out the Parks
and Recreation survey
by April 10 at
www.willistownparks.org.
Have your opinion heard
and spread the word!**



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Parks and Recreation Plan Update

Complete the Online Survey by April 10!

As announced in the last *Towne Crier*, the Parks and Recreation section of Willistown's comprehensive plan is being updated. Take this opportunity to have your opinion heard by filling out the parks and recreation survey online at www.willistownparks.org—it will only take 5 to 10 minutes!

Comments received are a critical part of the future planning process! Submissions must be received by Friday April 10, 2009. The 2004 survey received almost a 10% response from residents; let's go even higher this year—please spread the word! Go to www.willistownparks.org and click on the link in the right sidebar under "What's Happening."

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

The vision of the Willistown Parks and Recreation Department is to have a thriving, close-knit, healthy community.

Remember, you can find out what's going on with parks and recreation by visiting www.willistownparks.org often or by checking the street-side memo boards (located at the corner of Cedar Hollow and Paoli Pike and in front of the Township building on Sugartown Road). Please contact the parks and recreation office if you do not have the internet to access the survey: 610-640-1669.

**Have Your
Opinion Heard
and Spread the
Word!**