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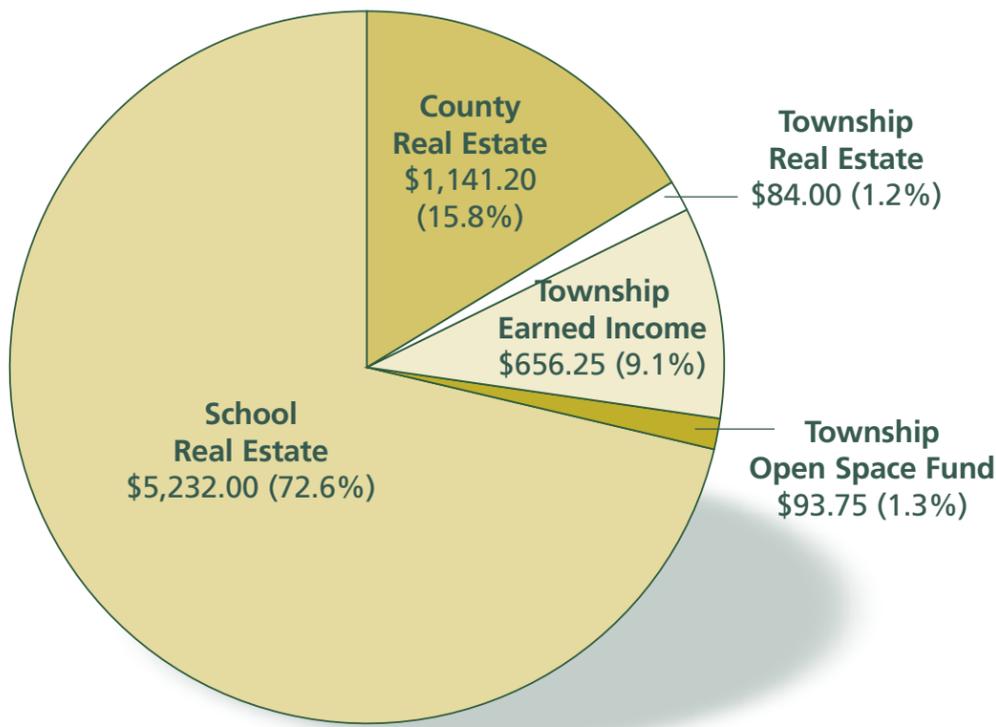
In Willistown, nearly everybody reads the Crier!



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## 2008 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Where are Your Tax Dollars Going in 2008?



Taxes on an average household income of \$75,000 and a property assessment of \$300,000. One mill equals \$1.00/\$1,000 of the assessed value of a property. Tax and mill rates are as follows: Willistown Open Space Rate – .1250%; Earned Income Rate – .8750%; Great Valley School Real Estate Tax – 17.44 mills through June 30, 2007; County Real Estate Tax – 3.804 mills and Willistown Real Estate Tax – .028 mills.

### Board of Supervisors Approved 2008 Budget

	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund	\$ 7,181,860	\$ 7,180,336
Parks & Recreation	\$ 484,216	\$ 444,277
Open Space Fund	\$ 858,558	\$ 644,883
Penn's Preserve Sewer	\$ 129,125	\$ 119,472
Valley Forge Sewer	\$ 1,084,819	\$ 1,562,223
Willistown Low-Pressure Sewer	\$ 68,385	\$ 253,625
Bartram's Bridge	\$ 10,770	\$ 11,754
Capital Reserve	\$ 104,514	\$ 21,500
State Liquid Fuels	\$ 289,325	\$ 410,888

While estimated expenditures will exceed estimated revenues by \$437,386, the township's anticipated cash balance at the end of 2008 is "healthy."



[willistown.pa.us](http://willistown.pa.us)

Watch for our new and improved, user-friendly Willistown Township website—coming to your favorite computer before the end of March!

## Primary Election History in the Making!

Tuesday, April 22nd

### Presidential Nominees

*Republican*

John McCain

*Democrat*

Hillary Clinton

Barrack Obama

### US House of Representatives

*Republican*

Craig Williams

*Democrat*

Joe Sestak

### PA State Senate

*Republican*

Steve Kantrowitz

*Democrat*

Andy Dinniman

### PA House of Representatives

*Republican*

Duane Milne

*Democrat*

Carol Palmaccio

*Reminder:* In the Pennsylvania Primary, you can only vote for the party for which you are registered. Independents cannot vote for Republicans or Democrats in a primary, however, you can vote on ballot questions.



YOUR  
VOTE  
COUNTS!



## Willistown's Spring Road Preserve Is Growing!

Willistown Township is teaming up with Greener Partners at the Spring Road Preserve to create an 85- by 100-foot teaching garden area and a fruit grove. They will be used to educate children and adults about a host of sustainable agricultural, environmental, and cultural topics—and to inspire gardening in all of its visitors!

What is sustainable agriculture? Sustainable agriculture integrates three main goals: environmental stewardship, farm profitability, and prosperous farming communities. It employs environmentally friendly methods of farming that allow the production of crops or livestock without damage to the farm as an ecosystem, including the effects on soil, water supplies, biodiversity, or other surrounding natural resources. Terms often associated with such farms include "self-sustaining," "organic," "ecological," and "biodynamic." Everything grown at the Spring Road teaching gardens will be all-natural and organically grown, from seed to harvest.

The teaching gardens will include:

- **A Pollination Garden**—focusing on bees, hummingbirds, and more to illustrate the importance of pollination and point out the severe dropoff in bee colonies.
- **A Colonial Garden** (that will be connected to the teachings of Historic Sugartown)—focusing on historic seeds used during the colonial era. Examples will include varieties grown in historic figures' gardens, such as Thomas Jefferson's Monticello estate in Charlottesville, VA.
- **A Beneficial Insect Display**—focusing on plants that attract beneficial insects, such as parasitic wasps, green lacewings, hoverflies, and ladybeetles.
- **A Soil Nutrient Area**—exhibiting techniques of improving the soil naturally without using bagged fertilizer.

An important component of sustainable agriculture is captured by the slogan, "Buy Fresh, Buy Local." Buying locally grown foods reduces carbon dioxide emissions and packing materials. Additionally there is a great health benefit from buying locally, as you receive fresher, more nutrient-rich foods. Did you know, according to [buylocalpa.org](http://buylocalpa.org), that:



**Most food travels anywhere from 1,500 to 2,500 miles from farm to table.**



**Most fresh fruits and vegetables produced in the U.S. are shipped from California, Florida, and Washington.**



**Fruits and vegetables shipped from distant states and countries can spend as many as seven to fourteen days in transit before they arrive in the supermarket.**



**Most fruit and vegetable varieties sold in supermarkets are chosen for their ability to withstand industrial harvesting equipment and extended travel, not taste. This results in little variety in the plants grown.**

To find out more about buying fresh, local foods, go to Buy Fresh, Buy Local website at [buylocalpa.org](http://buylocalpa.org).

- **An Heirloom and Organic Seed Garden**—highlighting unusual varieties
- **A Native American Garden**

Greener Partners will be constructing the garden, doing the farming, and providing educational programming along with Willistown Township. The Greener Partners group has a passion for farm-fresh food and an abundant enthusiasm for advancing sustainable agriculture within the Greater Philadelphia region. Greener Partners' mission is to collaborate with like-minded organizations in an effort to establish and advance sustainable agriculture initiatives for the benefit of local communities. A few of the founding members of the group are Willistown Township residents. Greener Partners is working with many partners in addition to Willistown Township, including the Brandywine Conservancy, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and Tyler

Arboretum. You can visit Greener Partners in the big tent at Historic Sugartown Days on April 26. See page 7 for details.

Special thanks go to Cub Scout Pack 98 from General Wayne Elementary School and to Willistown resident Andy Schenk for their assistance with the Spring Road site preparation!

Keep your eyes on the Sugartown Road and Paoli Pike memo boards, and check for event announcements at [willistown.pa.us](http://willistown.pa.us) and the upcoming (spring 2008) [willistownparks.org](http://willistownparks.org). If you wish to be on a special announcement email list for events at Spring Road, email [mhm@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhm@willistown.pa.us). Local organizations, groups, and individuals may contact Willistown's director of parks and recreation, Mare McLoughlin, with any inquiries or programming requests and ideas: 610-640-1669 or [mhm@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhm@willistown.pa.us)

*Willistown Residents Host*

### "How to Create a Backyard Habitat and Install Green Technology at Home"

**Saturday, May 10 • 9 am – 11 am**

**108 Grubb Road, Malvern**

Susan and Bernard Cooker invite the public to a guided tour and demonstration of the varied wildlife habitat they've created on their one-acre property and the green technology they utilize. The Cooker's property has been certified by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) as an Ecologically Beneficial Wildlife Habitat, supplying the four key elements to sustain wildlife: food, water, shelter, and places to breed.

Much of their lawn has been replaced by deciduous native woodland and scrub habitat, along with beds of native plants, brush piles, and log edging, which also shelter wildlife. A variety of native tall and warm-season grasses have been planted, and hedgerows have been established to provide cover and food for wildlife across the property. The Cookers have applied to the Willistown Conservation Trust (WCT) for certification of their back yard under the new Willistown Wildscapes program. Information on the NWF and WCT backyard certification



programs ([www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org) or [www.wctrust.org](http://www.wctrust.org)) will also be presented at the event.

Green technologies to be demonstrated at the Cooker's property include compost bins for garden and kitchen waste, three rain barrels collecting rooftop runoff, a south-facing passive solar greenhouse that significantly supplements the house heating during the winter, solar panels, and reuse of wood chips, masonry, and sound lumber. A 4.8 kW photovoltaic array was recently installed on their garage roof, supplying approximately 50% of their total electrical power. Sponsored by the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC), this event is free and will be held rain or shine. Please park in the athletic field lot opposite. English tea, coffee, and refreshments will be served.

To register for the program or for directions, please contact CRC at: 610-892-8731 or [info@crcwatersheds.org](mailto:info@crcwatersheds.org).

**June • July • August**

*Calling all Fun Seekers*

**Greentree Summer Gatherings – We Need Your Input!**

We would like to host community gatherings at Greentree Park this summer, and we need to hear what you'd be up for. Some ideas: Have an ice cream social on a summer week-night after dinner time, perhaps with kids music or entertainment. Have an event with a variety of music to appeal to all ages and people could bring picnic dinners. Have a moon-bounce party. In order to have Greentree Summer Fun, we need to hear from everyone! Please email your ideas to Mare McLoughlin at [mhm@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhm@willistown.pa.us). Also please let her know if you are willing to be a neighborhood representative and/or volunteer in this mission for community fun.



# Willistown's Okehocking Preserve Celebration Series

Okehocking Preserve, Willistown Township's 180-acre green jewel, is a special place protected forever with the help of Willistown residents through the Willistown Open Space Fund, established as a result of the 1999 Open Space Referendum. The preserve is an outstanding asset that provides many opportunities for community celebration—hence, we introduce the Okehocking Celebration Series and **Fun in the Sun!**

## Celebrating Youth Service Day and National Wildlife Week

UMLY ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH SUMMIT 2008

**Friday, April 18 • 9 am - 2 pm**

Celebrating Youth Service Day, Earth Day, and National Wildlife Week, this event is for area high school students and their teachers. Morning workshops at the Upper Main Line YMCA will include environmental professionals discussing why they chose their career path and describing the diversity of the environmental professional field.

Afternoon workshops at Okehocking will include service projects such as invasive plant removal, trail maintenance, and wildlife inventory walks. The event is sponsored by the YMCA Earth Service Corps, Great Valley Ecology Club, and Willistown Township.

For more information, please contact Brian Raichich, Senior Program Director – Upper Main Line YMCA, at [brian.raichich@umly.org](mailto:brian.raichich@umly.org) or 610-647-9622, x2404.

## Celebrating Birds

VALLEY FORGE AUDUBON BIRD WALKS

**Sunday, April 27 • 8 am**

Willistown's Okehocking Preserve offers a variety of bird habitats that include meadows, woods, ponds, and the riparian area along the creek, a great place to see birds. Edie Parnum, the walk leader from Valley Forge Audubon Society (VFAS), has tallied 134 bird species at Okehocking—now that's a wealth of birds!

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

**Wednesday, May 14 • 9 am**

**Walk Leader:** Joe Hudson

If weather is a question, please contact walk leader Joe Hudson at 610-489-1381 or [jchudson@comcast.net](mailto:jchudson@comcast.net).

## Celebrating Creek Weeks

CHESTER RIDLEY CRUM WATERSHEDS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CLEANUP

**Sat., May 3 • 9 - 11:30 am**

Our local Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (CRC) established Creek Weeks to raise awareness and encourage stewardship of these three local creeks. As a part of Creek Weeks, the 11th Annual CRC Stream Cleanup will be held throughout the three watersheds on May 3. Last year's event drew over 400 volunteers, who removed 10 tons of trash from 38 different sites! Willistown Township is proud to be one of the many sponsors of this event, as the quality of our watersheds impacts the quality of our lives.

Join CRC's Anne Murphy at Willistown's Okehocking Preserve to clean up the riparian buffer along Ridley Creek and do some native grass and flower seeding. Meet at the Route 3 entrance to Okehocking at 9 am.

Following the cleanup, all volunteers are invited to a thank you picnic at Rose Tree Park, Media. Plus you'll receive a CRC Stream Cleanup T-shirt. For more information, contact Anne at CRC: 610-892-8731 or [crc@nni.com](mailto:crc@nni.com). For more information on CRC's efforts, go to [crcwatersheds.org](http://crcwatersheds.org).

## Celebrating Wellness and Nature

NATURAL WONDERS WALK

**Sat., May 31 • 9 - 10:30 am**

We all know how great being out in nature makes us feel—it's critical to our well-being! Come familiarize yourself with the scenic beauty of Okehocking and learn more about improving your health. Bring friends and family to take a walk for wellness at the preserve with a naturalist. Shorter walks will suit those up for a shorter stroll, and we'll have a fun-filled children's walk.

Mare McLoughlin of Willistown Township will tell us about the Okehocking Preserve and why it and Willistown Township are so special. She will also update us on the Okehocking Nature Center project.



Paoli Hospital Cancer Center will provide cancer awareness information, Paoli Hospital Community Services will provide wellness information, and the Upper Main Line YMCA will have information on their environmental education programs, summer camps, and health and wellness programs. Kids and adults alike will be awed by the native birds and other critters that Great Valley Nature Center and the YMCA will bring and discuss, and "please touch" displays will entertain all. The YMCA environmental education table will include live critters, plastic animal tracks, animal pelts, and more.



We will gather at the Delchester Road entrance to Okehocking. Registration will be on the day of the event. For info/rainy day cancellation, call Willistown Township's Parks and Recreation at 610-647-5300 ext. 286, or The Paoli Hospital Cancer Center at 610-648-1253.

## Celebrating Native American Heritage

**Saturday, September 27**

This new event replaces the Okehocking Powwow as our celebration of the rich Native American heritage of Okehocking and our area. More details to follow!

## Celebrating Pets and People

HALLOWEEN HOWL

**Saturday, November 1**

Bound to be a howl! Mark your calendars now for the Halloween pets and people parade at Okehocking! More details to follow.

### DIRECTIONS

#### Delchester Road Entrance:

From the township building, go south on Sugartown through the village of Historic Sugartown to the dead end at Goshen Road. Turn left onto Goshen, then take your first right (at the bend in the road) onto Delchester Road. Proceed past the horse farms and look for the blue and white "Okehocking Preserve" sign on your right. From the intersection of Delchester Road and Route 3, go north on Delchester to the top of the hill. The Delchester entrance to Okehocking will be on your left.

#### Route 3 Entrance:

Proceed past the Delchester Road entrance down the hill to Route 3. Turn right onto Route 3, and the entrance is ½ mile on the right.



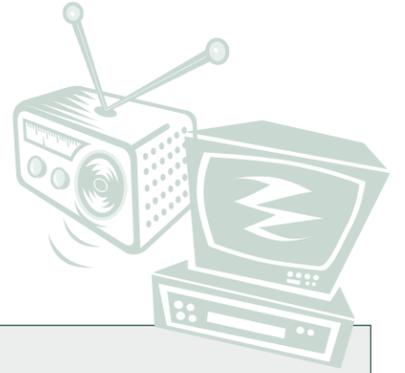
## RECYCLING ROUNDUP

# Willistown Township Drop-off

Saturday, April 12th • 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

— Location —

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



Willistown's Recycling Council has organized a 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.
- 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.
- 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
- Printer cartridges (ink jet, laser, toner)
- Rechargeable household batteries

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 eighth large drop-off recycling event. The amount dropped off during the previous events was staggering, totaling tens of thousands of pounds. April 12th 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 12th.

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

### \* EXCEPTIONS

- No chemicals, paints, oils, or other hazardous waste will be accepted at the Willistown site.
- All oil and gasoline must be completely removed from lawn mowers and any other equipment containing same. Do not bring the oil, however. Batteries must also be removed from lawn mowers.
- Oil tanks of up to 275 gallons 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 household batteries, and light bulbs will not be accepted.
- Large tractor and truck tires will not be accepted.

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.**

## 340 Coats Recycled to the Needy



### COAT RECYCLING CREW

**Back row (l. to r.): Mike Tredinnick, Andy Schenck, Alice Heiman-Dowd.**

**Front row (l. to r.): Mike Pisano, Evan Anderson, Kevin Beck, Robert Dowd, Harry Tredinnick, Drew Schenck.**

Thanks to the generosity of Willistown residents, primarily, and with the help of Cub Scout Pack 98, a total of 340 coats were collected during our annual coat collection in November and December. The coats were donated to the Methodist Home for Children (women's and children's coats) and Our Brother's Place (men's coats) during the month of January.

Thank you, Paoli and Malvern Libraries, General Wayne and Sugartown Elementary Schools, and Willistown Township management for allowing us to place collection boxes in their premises. Thanks also to Willistown Township's Recycling Committee for providing the collection boxes and to Willistown Parks and Recreation for providing temporary storage for the coats.

Additional special thanks go to Robert, Ali, Michele, Sharyn, Cheryl, Brett, and Patrick for sorting, bagging, loading, and transporting the coats to their destinations. And to Alice Heiman-Dowd who organizes this program for township residents. This is a wonderful program to benefit those who are in need. We've recycled close to 1,500 coats over the past three years! We'll do it again in November and December '08!

# Camps for Kids

## WILLISTOWN SUMMER CAMPS

### WEEK LONG SUMMER CAMPS

#### ELEMENTARY RECREATION CAMP

Children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grades may participate. The children are separated into age/grade-appropriate groups for arts & crafts, outdoor games, indoor games and free play. A snack will be provided each day. Children should be brought to the Grubb Road entrance of the school.

**DATES:** June 30 to August 8 *There are six, one-week sessions.*  
**TIMES:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon  
**LOCATION:** General Wayne Elementary 20 Devon Road, Malvern, PA  
**COST:** \$40.00 per week per child

#### PRESCHOOL RECREATION CAMP

Designed for the pre-school child ages 4 & 5. Structured activities include weekly thematic arts and crafts, stories, songs, free-play and outdoor play. And of course, a snack! A hands-on program for children ready to have new experiences and make new friends. Children must be 4 years old by June 1st to attend, no exceptions, please.

**DATES:** June 30 to August 8 *(six, one-week sessions)*  
**TIMES:** 9:00am - 12:00 Noon, Monday through Friday  
**LOCATION:** General Wayne Elementary School, 20 Devon Road, Malvern, PA  
**COST:** \$50.00 per week

*Thank you for your interest in Willistown's Summer Camp Program!*

**You must complete both sides of the registration form. The form and payment must be received in advance in order for your children to participate. You must register by Friday at 12:00 Noon in order to attend camp the following week.**

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not hear from us, that means your child is in the program! You will be notified only if the program for which you are registered is full or cancelled. Transportation is not provided to any of the programs. Your cancelled check is your receipt. Children are grouped according to age and grade for all programs. To register, please complete and return the Registration Form and the Summer Camp Permission Form (on back). Registration fees **MUST ACCOMPANY THE FORMS** and be made payable to WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP. The completed forms and fees should be sent to:

Debbie Luciano  
 Willistown Township Building  
 688 Sugartown Road  
 Malvern, PA 19355

Please submit one Registration form per child. **NO REFUNDS CAN BE GIVEN.** Additional forms are available at the Willistown Township Building or on the web at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us). For financial assistance, contact Debbie Luciano at the above address. For more information call: 610-647-5300 extension 6 and leave a voice message.

### CLINICS

#### CHEERLEADING CLINIC

This is a fun clinic at General Wayne Elementary School 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. We will meet outside of the school's main entrance on Devon Road.

<b>Session 1</b> Monday - Friday July 7 to July 11 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Cost \$50.00 per child	<b>Session 2</b> Monday - Friday July 21 to July 25 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Cost \$50.00 per child	<b>Session 3</b> Monday - Friday August 4 to August 8 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Cost \$50.00 per child
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#### LUNCH BUNCHERS

Cost is \$7 per child, per day (discounted rate for children who come all week is \$30). 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.

#### Weeks 2, 4, and 6 only:

Monday - Friday July 7 to July 11, July 21 to July 25, August 4 to August 8  
 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

#### SOCCER CLINIC

At this instructional clinic, children are taught the fundamentals of soccer in a fun environment. Skills such as dribbling and ball control are introduced and basic rules discussed. Some games will be played. We will meet at Greentree Park in Malvern (Corner of Grubb Road and Lloyd Avenue). Your child should wear shin guards and bring a water bottle.

<b>Session 1 (3 weeks)</b> Tuesday & Thursday July 1 to July 17 5 - 7 year olds, 5:15 - 6:15 pm 8 - 10 year olds, 6:15 - 7:15 pm Cost: \$35.00 per child	<b>Session 2 (3 weeks)</b> Tuesday & Thursday July 22 to August 7 5 - 7 year olds, 5:15 - 6:15 pm 8 - 10 year olds, 6:15 - 7:15 pm Cost: \$35.00 per child
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## WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM—2008



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact Name and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon at General Wayne Elementary

Elementary Recreation Camp (\$40.00/child)  Preschool Recreation Camp (\$50.00/child)

For the weeks of: June 30\*  July 7  July 14  July 21  July 28  August 4

\*Week of July 4th: Only 4 days for school age, cost \$32.00  
 For pre-school age, cost \$40.00

AMOUNT DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: Camp is over promptly at 12 noon. Parents will be charged \$5.00 for every 15 minutes they are late picking up their children.**

#### SUMMER CAMP LUNCH BUNCHERS

Available for Elementary and Preschool Recreation Campers, Monday – Friday, Weeks 2, 4 and 6 only  
**\$7.00 per child, per day, or discounted weekly rate: \$30.00 per child per week**

For the weeks of: June 7  July 21  August 4

Or please specify which days and write in specific dates:

MONDAY  TUESDAY  WEDNESDAY  THURSDAY  FRIDAY

AMOUNT DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SOCCER CLINIC: TUESDAY & THURSDAY at Greentree Park

Session 1 (July 1 to July 17) (\$35.00/child)  Session 2 (July 22 to Aug. 7) (\$35.00/child)

5-7 yrs. (5:15pm - 6:15pm)  5-7 yrs. (5:15pm - 6:15pm)  
 8-10 yrs. (6:15 pm - 7:15 pm)  8-10 yrs. (6:15 pm - 7:15 pm)

AMOUNT DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CHEERLEADING CLINIC: MONDAY - FRIDAY at General Wayne Elementary

Session 1 (July 7 to July 11) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (\$50.00/child)  
 Session 2 (July 21 to July 25) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (\$50.00/child)  
 Session 3 (Aug. 4 to Aug. 8) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (\$50.00/child)

AMOUNT DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_



# WONC Update

Pictured left to right are Bill Shoemaker, Vice Chairman Willistown Board of Supervisors; Mary McLoughlin, Willistown Director of Parks and Recreation; Senator Andy Dinniman; and Township Manager Hugh Murray. Senator Dinniman is an active supporter of the Willistown's Okehocking Nature Center (WONC) project, recently collaborating with the Township on a grant application to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. He worked diligently on the project's behalf and was able to secure an \$80,000 grant for continued planning work. The WONC Board of Directors will be leveraging those funds to garner the remaining \$480,000 needed to complete the design development and construction documentation phases of the project. Willistown Township is a partner in this project which is being pursued by the newly formed non-profit organization, Willistown's Okehocking Nature Center. Inquiries about the project and any funding opportunities may be sent to woncmail@gmail.com



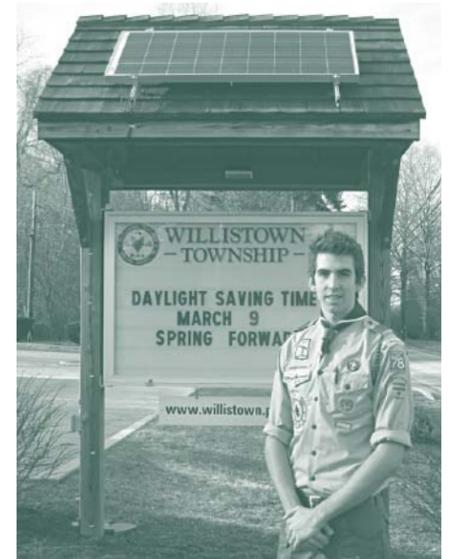
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# A Sign of the Times

## Willistown Scout Takes Township Sign Solar

Willistown Township reflects the strong environmental ethic of its residents in many ways, including utilizing solar energy through roof panels at the township administration building. Thanks to eagle scout Jackson Hunter, we can now see the Sugartown Road memo board in the evenings through solar energy. Many thanks to Jackson and Suntechnics for hooking us up to the sun! The following is Jackson's account of this project.

*One of the final requirements for every boy scout who hopes to attain the highly regarded rank of eagle is to complete a significant service project to benefit the community. I am Jackson Hunter, boy scout of Willistown Troop 78. I wanted my project to coincide with my beliefs about the environment and sustainable living. After approaching Mary McLoughlin of Willistown Parks and Recreation, I chose to pursue a project involving the creation of a solar electrical system to light the announcement board in front of the township building.*



Begun in June 2007, the project was a grand undertaking for an eagle project. There were a series of hurdles, each presenting its own difficulties. My first hurdle was technical support. Knowing from the beginning that the project would take professional expertise, I sought the help of a local solar installation company. Willistown resident Gary Sheehan and his staff at Suntechnics donated numerous hours of time in technical guidance and labor.

More daunting than the question of labor was the question of money. The township was generous enough to meet me part way on the funding for parts, but the majority of the funds were left for me to raise. With the help of numerous private donations, I raised \$1,000 for the project.

After a few weeks for installation involving both Suntechnics and fellow scouts, my project finally came to fruition. The system will turn on the lights with timers after sundown for four hours and then again for two hours before sunrise. It is a completely self-sufficient system with need of little maintenance.

I cannot thank enough all those who were involved with this project. Special thanks to Suntechnics for the extensive help. I'd also like to thank Willistown Township for the opportunity to complete such a fulfilling project. As a senior, I will be graduating from Great Valley High School this spring. Next year I will be studying urban and regional planning at Cornell University and further expanding my education in sustainable development.

If this article interests you, see article on page 2:

**"How to Create a Backyard Habitat and Install Green Technology at Home"**



## WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP SUMMER CAMP PERMISSION FORM—2008



### WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARENTAL/GUARDIAN SUMMER CAMP PERMISSION FORM

Name of Participant(s) Under 18 years of Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Recreation Activity(ies): \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Activity(ies): \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, as legal guardian or parent for the participant(s) listed above, grant permission for participation in the aforementioned Summer Camp Program(s). I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my family may now or hereafter have against Willistown Township and its respective employees and contractors for any and all damages or injuries which may be sustained by me or my family arising out of participation in the above activity(ies).

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, have no objection if my child is included in pictures promoting recreation in the Willistown Township newsletter or Township website, or in local newspapers.

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Parental/Guardian Summer Camp Permission Form is to be signed by the legal guardian or parent of each participant under 18 years of age. Form must be completed and returned to Willistown Township along with the Summer Camp Registration Form to: Debbie Luciano, Willistown Township Building, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA 19355. Questions should be left for Debbie at 610-647-5300 extension 6.



# Historic Sugartown

19th Century History in the Heart of Willistown



## Swing Into Spring Gala

Friday, April 25 • 6 pm

Support Historic Sugartown while having a ball! There will be a cocktail reception at 6 pm, followed by an exquisite dinner catered by Carlino's Specialty Foods & Catering, and dance music provided by The Geezers. Reservations are required and must be made by April 17, 2008.

The magical evening will be full of many surprises. The historic Garrett House will host the cocktail hour and will be decorated by craftsmen and artisans displaying their period crafts. The festivities will then proceed into the Gala Tent for a much-anticipated Silent Auction and Restaurant Tree Drawing (you need to attend to find out what that is!). Dinner and dancing will round out the evening.

Call Jeannie McGinn for an invitation to the HSI Gala at 484-343-4577. Tickets are \$150/single and \$300/couple and must be purchased before the RSVP deadline of April 17.

## Historic Sugartown Day The 19th Century Comes Alive!

Sat., April 26 • 11 am - 5:30 pm

Travel back in time and enjoy the 5th Annual Historic Sugartown Day's "Celebrate Spring". On Saturday, April 26, this historic crossroads-village comes alive with music, artisan demonstrations, and family fun festivities. The event will take place at the corner of Boot, Sugartown, and Spring Roads in Malvern. Visitors will enjoy a juried Fine Arts Show, a juried Craft Show, hayrides, dog agility shows, and retriever demonstration trials. As always, this family-fun event includes a dress-up children's tent, self-guided tours through the renovated historic buildings, period re-enactors, and of course, great food and lively music!

New to the event is the juried Craft Show, where over thirty talented crafters will be displaying and selling their beautiful items and antiques, and a juried Fine Arts Show. A select group of artists will exhibit a variety of media, including paint, pastel, photography, sculpture, and mixed, with an emphasis on traditional images exemplifying beautiful Chester County.

"This year's festival has the widest variety of activities that we've ever had," says Joy Hartshorn, committee chairwoman for Historic Sugartown Day. "We are very excited to be hosting both the juried Fine Arts Show and juried Craft Show. We are also presenting an art show by Great Valley School District third-graders in the Children's Tent. There will be something to catch everyone's interest at this year's Historic Sugartown Day, including live animals."

Parking for the festival will be on Spring Road at \$5 per car. Follow the yellow signs to the event from Sugartown Road and Paoli Pike.

For a map and more information about Celebrate Spring at Historic Sugartown Day, go to [historicsugartown.org](http://historicsugartown.org) or contact Jeannie McGinn at 484-343-4577.



## Check it Out! (At the Library)

### Malvern Public Library

1 East First Avenue, Malvern, PA

In mid-April our volunteers will be making their annual calls during our fundraiser phonathon. We appreciate the support from Willistown residents in past years and hope you will be generous when you get our call!

On April 27 the Library will be participating in "Malvern Blooms" in the borough of Malvern. Be sure to stop by our table in Burke Park and fill out a ticket. We will have a free drawing to give away gift baskets of books and gardening goodies.

Catch the reading bug this summer with eight weeks full of activities for preschoolers to teens. We will have a reading club and prizes, performers, a family book club, games, a space program, and lots more. Calendars will be available in early June with specific dates and times. To find out what all the buzz is about this summer, stop by the library!

Our poetry and book clubs go on hiatus during the summer months, but this year the library will have weekly prize drawings for adults who share reading suggestions.

For more information on any of these happenings, call the library at 610-644-7259 or visit [ccls.org/libs/malvern.htm](http://ccls.org/libs/malvern.htm)

**Malvern Library Hours:**  
Monday – Saturday: 9 am – 9 pm  
Thursday: 9 am – 8 pm  
Friday: 9 am – 5 pm  
Saturday: 9 am – 4 pm  
Sunday: Closed

### Paoli Library

18 Darby Road, Paoli, PA

The library will be busy all summer with many different kinds of children's programs. The summer reading program will be back, with opportunities to read for prizes and many other fun activities and events as well.

Teens and adults, there are programs for you too! We invite you to check out all the offerings at the circulation desk or visit our website ([www.tredyffrinlibraries.org](http://www.tredyffrinlibraries.org)) to find out what's happening at the biggest little library around. See you there!

For more information, call the library at 610-296-7996 or visit [www.tredyffrinlibraries.org](http://www.tredyffrinlibraries.org)

**Paoli Library Hours:**  
Monday – Thursday: 9:30 am – 8 pm  
Friday: 9:30 am – 6 pm  
Saturday: 9:30 am – 4 pm  
Sunday: Closed

## SUMMER GUIDED TOURS AT HISTORIC SUGARTOWN

Sundays,  
June 1 through August 1 • 4 pm

Travel back in time to the 1800s as you stroll through this historic crossroads village. Experience life as it was in the early days of Willistown Township.

Contact for summer tours:  
Cheryl Snyder at  
610-640-2667 or  
[info@historicsugartown.org](mailto:info@historicsugartown.org)





# WELCOME SPRING!

## A Night in Hollywood Benefits the Upper Main Line Y

Friday, April 25, 7 - 11 pm

The Upper Main Line Y presents "A Night in Hollywood" on Friday, April 25, 7 - 11 pm. Join the stars walking the red carpet while the occasion brings out the paparazzi, flashing cameras, television coverage, and bright lights. There's no telling who you'll be seeing or "who they'll be wearing!"

There will be live entertainment and silent and live auctions offering a week's vacation in Cape Cod and an 18-speed Cannondale Mountain tandem bike. Gourmet food will be served at stations operated by some of the Delaware Valley's top caterers.

The event will be held at the Upper Main Line Y in Berwyn. Tickets are \$100 per person with a patron level of \$500 for 2 tickets. Children giving support can get their name in the program for \$25. Call Debbie Naughton at 610-854-1642 or email her at [Debbie.naughton@umly.org](mailto:Debbie.naughton@umly.org) for further information and an invitation.

## WCT Stream Cleanup at Ashbridge Preserve

Sat., May 3 • 9 - 11:30 am

Please join in this year's local stream cleanup site—the section of Ridley Creek that flows through Willistown Conservation Trust's (WCT) Ashbridge Preserve on Strasburg Road, 1/8-mile west of Dutton Mill Road, in East Goshen Township.

To volunteer at Ashbridge Preserve, please contact Trisha Lambert at the Trust [tld@wctrust.org](mailto:tld@wctrust.org) or 610-353-2562 ext. 12.

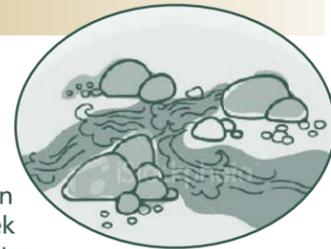
## Bird Walk & Stream Exploration

Sat., May 17, 7 am & 9:30 am

Kirkwood Preserve

Join Art McMorris, PhD, Willistown Conservation Trust board member and expert birder with the Audubon Society, for a guided bird walk along Massey Run, a beautiful stretch of Crum Creek at Kirkwood Preserve. Following the walk, join in a

fascinating interactive exhibit presented by Riverbend Environmental Education Center. Explore the creek and discover stream critters while learning interesting facts about streams. Fun for kids! Waterproof boots, binoculars, and field guides are recommended.



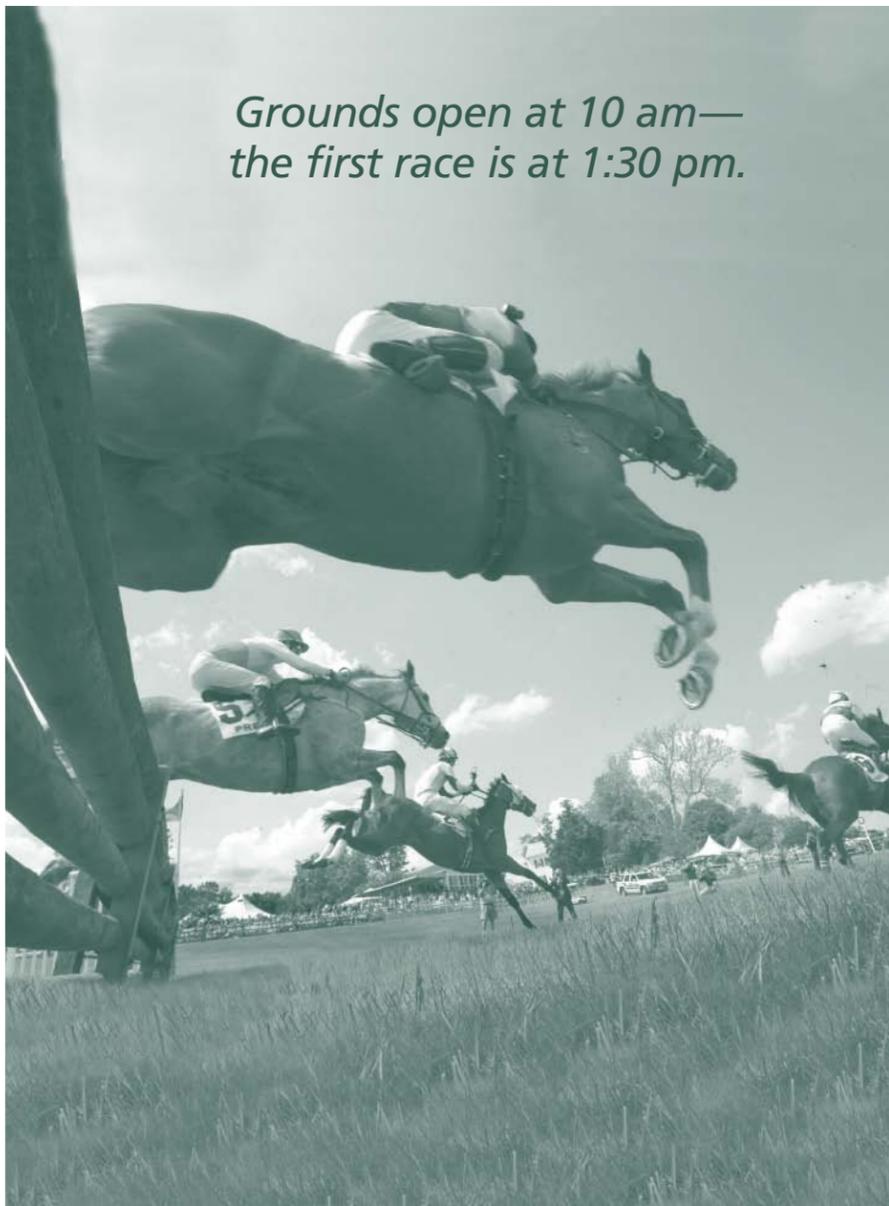
Willistown Township was an acquisition partner in the purchase of the 83-acre Kirkwood Preserve, owned by Willistown Conservation Trust and located on Grubbs Mill Road, ¼ mile north of Goshen Road in Willistown Township. The preserve is open from dawn to dusk.

## Valley Forge Audubon Society Needs Your Help

Saturday, June 7

Spring Bird Count

Every year we count all the birds in VFAS's 15-mile program area on the first Saturday in June. Beginning and experienced birders are needed. New volunteers please contact Edie Parnum, the compiler of the census, at 610-964-8331 or [eparnum@comcast.net](mailto:eparnum@comcast.net) by June 1.



*Grounds open at 10 am—the first race is at 1:30 pm.*

## Racing for Open Space – 78th Radnor Hunt Races

Saturday, May 17

Join 20,000 fans of steeplechasing for the 78th Radnor Hunt Races on Saturday, May 17, to benefit the Brandywine Conservancy. Your day at the races will include six exciting races, fun-loving people, and creative tailgate and tent picnics set in the bucolic setting of Radnor Hunt. The site is forever protected through a conservation easement with Brandywine Conservancy. Horses and jockeys are not the only ones competing on race day—join the crowd in the Picnic Patrons' section and compete for prizes. This year's tailgating theme, "Outlaws, Villains and Scoundrels," is sure to bring out the best in costumes, decorations, and dining fare.

Similar to the Triple Crown of flat racing (the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont Stakes), the Triple Crown of Steeplechasing series consists of three races run just a few weeks apart. The Radnor Hunt Races, with a total purse of \$210,000, are the third leg of steeplechas-

ing's Triple Crown and bring out the best young horses in the sport.

"Racing for Open Space" at the Radnor Hunt Races has contributed over \$2 million to the Brandywine Conservancy's environmental programs over the years. The most important factor in this continuing success is corporate partnership, and in 2008 BNYMellon is the Presenting Sponsor, celebrating 24 years of association with the Radnor event.

Don't miss the action on race day! The grounds open at 10 am, and the first race is at 1:30 pm. Admission is by advance sale only. The last day for purchasing admission passes is Monday, May 12. Cost ranges from \$50 per car (unlimited occupancy) up to \$500 per car. Parking will be on the Radnor Hunt grounds. Go to [www.radnorhuntraces.org](http://www.radnorhuntraces.org) or call 610-388-8383 for information and admission passes. Passes may be purchased on line.



## Police Update

### From the Chief



At the Board of Supervisors' meeting on February 11, Judge Mark Bruno administered the Oath of Office to new Willistown Police Department officer Mark Monroe. Mark's wife Samantha held the Bible during his oath. Mark previously worked in Malvern Borough as a police officer, is a United States Marine Corps veteran, and served in Iraq and Kuwait from 2004 until 2005. We feel very lucky to have such an outstanding officer join our force.

During this same meeting we also recognized the fine work of our other officers. Officer Robert Will was recognized for his actions in shielding a witness from potential harm during an armed disturbance. Detective Sergeant Martin and Detective Heim were recognized for their outstanding investigative work which led to a multi-jurisdictional arrest and the recovery of a stolen handgun.

Our officers do an outstanding job, and I thank them for their dedication and professionalism. I receive many letters of thanks for our officers, and they are always appreciated.

I would also like to thank Officer Steve Jones for his dedication towards our DARE program.

Officer Jones is the township's DARE instructor at Sugartown and General Wayne Elementary schools. DARE teaches 5th grade students the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse while establishing a relationship between the police department and our younger residents. Ceremonies were held on March 5 at Sugartown Elementary and March 27 at General Wayne Elementary for our newest DARE graduates. I would like to congratulate the students for a job well done and thank our board of supervisors for their support of this worthwhile program.

### Get to Know Your Police Officers and Win a Toys R Us Gift!

Calling all trading card collectors! This spring the Willistown Police Department will be printing a set of collectible police trading cards, each featuring one of our 17 police officers. As an added bonus for our younger card collectors, the police department will be sponsoring a special contest for children 12 and under. The first boy and first girl to collect the entire set of 17 cards will each win a \$100 Toys R Us gift card.

The trading cards will be carried by each officer and must be initialed by that officer. The only way to collect the whole set is by asking your local Willistown police officer for "his card." For a complete list of officers and contest rules, see our website at [www.willistownpolice.org](http://www.willistownpolice.org). Good luck!

### Ban on Cell Phone Use? Rumor or True?

In other news, I recently spoke to State Representative Duane Milne (167th Legislative District) concerning rumors of a new law that would ban cell phone use while driving. Representative Milne advised me that at this time it is a rumor that the Pennsylvania legislature has passed any type of ban on cell phone use while driving. He told me that there are a number of proposals the legislature is considering that, if passed, would restrict cell phone use while driving.

The two main options are to ban such cell phone use completely or to limit it to a "hands-free" set. Representative Milne said that he anticipates that at some point this year there will be a final vote on one of these proposals. I would like to thank Representative Milne for clearing up this rumor.

The Willistown police would ask that, whenever possible, you use a "hands-free" set while driving. We all know that drivers sometimes become distracted while using their cell phones. Take some extra time and be safe.

Thank you for your support—we will continue to work hard at keeping you safe.

*John M. Narcise*

Chief of Police

**Pictured left to right are new Willistown police officer Mark Monroe; Norman MacQueen, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; John Narcise, Chief of Police; Robert "Max" Klinger, Police Lieutenant; and Bill Shoemaker, Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.**



## Part-Time Position Open

### Assistant to Director of Parks and Recreation

This position requires excellent organization skills and the ability to be a self-starter. The candidate must be detail-oriented, with good verbal and written communication skills. The candidate needs to be able to work independently, multi-task, change directions, and adapt quickly. This position requires a positive, creative, and outgoing personality. Proficiency in MS Word, Excel, Power Point, and Outlook is a must. MS Office Live or Sharepoint knowledge is a plus.

Tasks include administrative assistant duties (scribing meetings, typing, filing and file maintenance, scanning, mail merges, organizing, ordering supplies, scheduling, etc.); event, meeting, and project planning and management in collaboration with parks and recreation director; updating website information (to be constructed this spring); maintaining township memo boards; field use and pavilion rental scheduling; and other duties as assigned by the director. Assistant reports to the director and will interact with other township staff members. Position requires interaction with the public.

The position calls for a valid PA driver's license to run errands, make trips to the township building, and attend meetings/events. The Parks and Recreation office is located at Greentree Office Plaza at 40 Lloyd Avenue in Malvern. There is some flexibility in that the assistant may work from home when or if needed, but there will be office meetings with the director and some weekend and evening events/meetings.

This is a part-time position of 15-20 hours per week and pays \$10.00 – \$14.00 per hour.

Anyone interested in applying should email a letter of interest and resume to Mary "Mare" McLoughlin at [mhm@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhm@willistown.pa.us) or call 610-640-1669 with any questions.

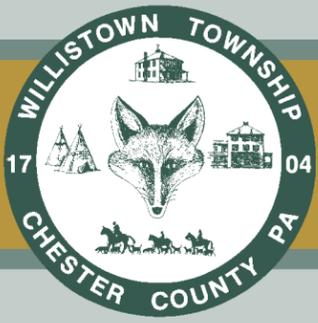
### Thank You, Kelly!

After 10 months of great collaboration and big strides, Kelly DeCurtis is leaving her position as assistant to Willistown's director of parks and recreation to devote more time to her family and her husband's work. Following are some comments from Kelly DeCurtis about the job:

*"I loved the community connection. It's a great chance to meet and work with Willistown residents."*

*"There are so many exciting projects going on with the parks and recreation department that I will miss working on. This is a department with direction and community in mind. There has been a lot of community input and feedback gathered, and I look forward to participating in future community feedback sessions and events."*

Our thanks go to Kelly for her positive contributions and the fun she brought to the job—she will be sorely missed!



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| <b>April 12</b><br>Willistown Township Drop-off<br>Towne Hall, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm                           | <b>May 14</b><br>Okehocking Preserve<br>Valley Forge Audubon Bird Walk<br>9 am         |
| <b>April 18</b><br>UMLY Environmental Youth<br>Summit, 9 am - 2 pm   | <b>May 17</b><br>78th Radnor Hunt Races<br>Post time: 1:30 pm                          |
| <b>April 22</b><br>Primary Election  | <b>May 17</b><br>Kirkwood Preserve<br>Bird Walk & Stream Exploration<br>7 am & 9:30 am |
| <b>April 25</b><br>Historic Sugartown<br>Swing Into Spring Gala, 6 pm                                      | <b>May 31</b><br>Okehocking Preserve<br>Natural Wonders Walk<br>9 - 10:30 am           |
| <b>April 25</b><br>Upper Main Line Y Benefit<br>"A Night in Hollywood," 7 - 11 pm                          | <b>June 7</b><br>Valley Forge Audubon Society<br>Spring Bird Count                     |
| <b>April 26</b><br>Historic Sugartown Day<br>11 am - 5:30 pm   | <b>June 1 - Aug. 1, Sundays</b><br>Historic Sugartown<br>Summer Guided Tours, 4 pm     |
| <b>April 27</b><br>Okehocking Preserve Bird Walk<br>Valley Forge Audubon Walk<br>Okehocking Preserve, 8 am | <b>Sept 20</b><br>Environmental Festival<br>Willistown Friends Meeting                 |
| <b>May 3</b><br>WCT Stream Cleanup<br>Ashbridge Preserve, 9 - 11:30 am                                     | <b>September 27</b><br>Okehocking Preserve<br>Native American Heritage<br>Celebration  |
| <b>May 3</b><br>CRC Stream Cleanup<br>Okehocking Preserve, 9 - 11:30 am                                    | <b>November 1</b><br>Okehocking Preserve<br>Halloween Howl Pet Parade                  |
| <b>May 10</b><br>"Green Technology at Home"<br>Willistown Residence, 9 - 11 am                             |  |

## Willistown Volunteers

Welcome to "Willistown Volunteers", a new segment of the *Towne Crier* which highlights the different volunteer advisory boards of the township. Each board is made up of Willistown residents willing to give their time to their community. A big "Thank you!" to all of these generous residents!

### Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Board



Front row (l. to r.): Coleman Walsh, Ken Lehr, and Bob Kaecergis.  
Back row (l. to r.): Dorothy Verdon, Traci Ramondo (advisory member), George McHugh, Judy Young, and Dick McDonnell.

The Township Parks and Recreation Board has general supervision of all Township parks and their maintenance. It has the authority to conduct and approve recreation programs and events. The Park and Recreation Board recommends to the Board of Supervisors

rules and regulations with respect to conduct at Township parks and recreation facilities. One item that is on the Parks and Recreation Board agenda, whether at its board meetings or through its programming, is FUN!



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