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New Website & Facebook Pages!

Willistown Township Administration, Parks & Recreation, and Police are pleased to announce the launch of the new and improved consolidated and interactive Township website! Now Willistown Township departments and functions can all be found in one place: www.willistown.pa.us

Using the same URL, residents will be connected to the most up to date Township news and information. The new site is designed to improve communication and information distribution between Willistown Township and Willistown residents.

Now, through "Notify Me" on the left sidebar of the home page, residents can sign up for notifications of Township news alerts, public meetings, community event information, road closings, and much more. Residents may choose email and/or text

message notifications. It's easy to subscribe or unsubscribe.

Another new feature in the same location is the "Report a Concern" link. Here, residents can create their own service requests which are sent directly to the appropriate Township staff member in Code Enforcement, Public Works, and Parks. A Miscellaneous category is also available.

The Township has also created Facebook pages for Township Administration, Willistown Township Parks and Recreation, and Willistown Police. "Like" these sites and receive timely information from these departments.

We hope you enjoy the new website and Facebook pages! Feedback is always welcome at comments@willistown.pa.us.

Message From the Manager



Securing the health, safety and welfare of our residents

is our primary duty. With a near record number of snow storms and over 58 inches of snow this past winter, I again wanted to thank the Township's eight-member Road Crew for their dedication and hard work in fulfilling their responsibilities.

Although the warmer weather is here, we continue to clear debris and repair roads that were damaged by the devastating ice and snow storms. Efforts of this magnitude are not something typically required here in Willistown, and we appreciate your patience as we complete the recovery.

As we look forward to the summer months, we face the reality that our annual Repaving Program may be affected by budget overruns in labor, fuel, and road salt. We are adjusting the Repaving Program Plan as required and, as always, the final plan will be presented to the Supervisors and published on the website after it is approved. In the meantime, we welcome your feedback, questions and concerns.

— Dave Burman
Township Manager

Fledgling Bountiful Bird Box Program Takes Flight!



Willistown Parks and Recreation is working with the Willistown Conservation Trust Homeowner Bird Box Program experts to

create bird box master plans for each of our Township parks. The Township will be doing its part for bird conservation through what is being dubbed the "Bountiful Bird Program".

Starting this year with Okehocking Preserve and Greentree Park, the Trust and Parks Department are identifying which species of birds can be attracted to the available habitat and choosing optimal locations for the boxes. Bluebirds, House Wrens, Chickadees, Tree Swallows, Kestrels, Flickers, and Owls will be

served by the array of boxes provided by the Trust program.

Not only do bird boxes offer opportunities for people to enjoy the feathered flyers in action and observe their eggs and babies, they also provide critical habitat for these cavity-nesting birds—many of which are declining in population. According the Trust, "Eastern Bluebird populations in Pennsylvania, for example, were down by 90% in the mid-1900s as a result of habitat loss, pesticides, and competitive invasive species like House Sparrows and European Starlings." The Trust attributes the Bluebird recovery to "closely monitored nest boxes that are safeguarded against invasive bird competition."

The Trust credits Ken Leister, County Coordinator for the Bluebird Society of PA,

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2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

A New, Healthier, Whole Food Vendor Joins Whirled Peace Froyo at Park Parties!

Willistown Parks and Recreation welcomes The Pizza Wagon to this year's Park Parties. Featuring an Italian-made Valoriani pizza oven, the Pizza Wagon uses only the freshest ingredients to create outstanding brick oven pies. Check out www.ilovethepizzaoven.com. We thank Whirled Peace Froyo Paoli for once again providing delicious and healthy froyo confections. Check out www.whirledpeacefroyo.com. Food and beverages are available for purchase, and The Pizza Wagon takes cash and credit cards.

Kids Party in the Park

Featuring the Zany Antics of Puppet's Pizzazz & A Kitchen Witch Cookie for the Kids

May 14 • 5:30–7:30 PM

(Greentree Park, 21 Grubb Road, Malvern)

Enjoy the nonstop entertainment of the latest and greatest comical puppet show by Puppet's Pizzazz. Kids receive locally made Kitchen Witch cookies while supplies last. Featuring The Pizza Wagon and Whirled Peace Froyo. No entry fee required. Rain date: May 21.

Hummingbird Soccer Camp: Free Demo Classes!

Space is limited, sign up today!

May 17 • 10:00–11:00 AM or 11:15–12:15 PM

(Greentree Park, 21 Grubb Road, Malvern)

Willistown Parks & Recreation and Jump Start Sports are offering free demo soccer classes for children ages 3-6 years old at Greentree Park. Come have fun, score goals, and play soccer related games in a non-competitive, learning environment! Space is limited so sign up today by contacting Michael Stefani at mstefani@jumpstartsports.com.

146th Annual Malvern Memorial Parade & Family Fun Day

June 1 • Activities all day; Parade at 1:30 PM

Recognized as the oldest continuously held Memorial Parade in America, this is a special year as it is the 250th anniversary of Malvern Borough. Following the parade, there will be field games and more in Memorial Park on Monument Avenue. After a memorial ceremony at approximately 3 PM, a live band will play in the park. The parade is sponsored by the Upper Main Line Memorial Association, a volunteer group of Willistown Township and Malvern Borough residents. On May 31, join in a morning 5k or kids run and other fun activities. For details, visit www.malvernmemorialparade.com.

Fizz, Boom, Spark—Nature...Let's GO WilMa!

Outdoor Adventure Program

Sign-Up begins June 17

GO WilMa! stands for Get Outside in Willistown and Malvern! Our program is based on the national K-5th-grade and teen summer reading program themes identified annually by the National Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). The 2014 CSLP themes are "Fizz, Boom, Read!", and "Spark a Reaction!" These themes are used as inspiration for our *GO WilMa!* outdoor adventure program theme which is Spark, Fizz, Boom—Nature!

Upon signing up for the summer reading programs, beginning June 17 at the School's Out—*Let's GO WilMa!* Park Party described below and thereafter at the Malvern and Paoli Libraries, kindergarten through teen-aged kids will receive a *GO WilMa!* Nature Lab Book. The Book includes scavenger hunt clues leading the participants to hidden "Weather Stations" in our local landscape. These Weather Stations represent the Sparks, Fizzes, and Booms of nature. Each station is named and has a post with a rubbing plate where the kids "stamp" their Lab Books.

As they collect stamps and show their Lab Books to the libraries, they receive prize raffle tickets and other incentives. The Lab Book also has factoids, experiments, recommended reading, health and safety tips, nutrition tips, and the length of the walk/hike to the Weather Station. Sign-up will be ongoing throughout the summer. The program ends August 19, and the prize drawing will be held on that date at the Willistown Country Fair, described at right.



Schools Out—Let's GO WilMa! Park Party

June 17 • 5:30–7:30 PM

(Greentree Park, 21 Grubb Road, Malvern)

School's out, so let's get outside and celebrate the arrival of summer with a sizzling Park Party! The kids will be elated having their faces painted, visiting the Sleepy Hollow Farms petting zoo, feeding the animals, taking pony rides, watching the juggling one-man band, and dancing and prancing to the DJ's tunes—and you grownups will have fun too! Kids of kindergarten age through teens can sign up for the *GO WilMa!*



outdoor adventure program. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Featuring The Pizza Wagon and Whirled Peace Froyo. No entry fee required. Rain date: June 19.

Willistown Country Fair
August 19 • 5:30–7:30 PM

(Greentree Park, 21 Grubb Road, Malvern)

Celebrate friends, family, neighbors, our community, and the end of summer at Greentree Park with live acoustic bluegrass music by Raven Hill (www.ravenhillbluegrass.com), Sleepy Hollow Farms' pony rides and petting zoo, face painting, Center on Central's music circle, and interactive local community group tables. The *GO WilMa!* outdoor adventure



program prize drawing will be held at 7 PM. Enjoy the down-home country fair experience! Featuring The Pizza Wagon and Whirled Peace Froyo. No entry fee required. Rain date: August 21.

Serpentine Preserve Grand Opening!
September 6 • 1:00–4:00 PM

(143 Line Road, Malvern)

Come explore the Township's new 22+ acre Serpentine Preserve and adjacent Natural Lands Trust's Willisbrook Preserve and Serpentine Barrens. Participate in guided hikes throughout the woodlands and the unique ecosystem of the serpentine barrens or stroll on your own. Bring your binoculars for birding! The Preserve will be open to the public this summer.

PLEASE NOTE: To volunteer, or for a recorded message if weather is a question, please call 610-647-5300, ext. 224. No dogs at Township events please. Schedule subject to change. Sign up for Park Party Reminders and E-news at www.willistown.pa.us. See you in the park!

SUMMER CAMPS!

OKEHOCKING PRESERVE ECO-DISCOVERY CAMPS

Hosted by the Upper Main Line Y
Ages 7 to 10 years
Weekly July 7–28 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Eco-Discovery camps return to the meadows, woodlands, wetlands, and Ridley Creek at Okehocking! The Garrett Farmhouse provides indoor facilities in case of inclement weather. Camp is led by a staff of UMLY professional naturalists, teachers, and certified instructors. Pre- and post-camp care options are available. Drop-off/pick up is at Okehocking Preserve farmhouse.

Weeks and Themes

- July 7 • Woodland Creatures
- July 14 • Reptiles & Amphibians
- July 21 • Water Wonders
- July 28 • Flying Friends

Camp Fee: \$135
Early Drop-off 8:00–9:00 AM Fee: \$30
Lunch Bunch 12:00–1:00 PM Fee: \$30
To register visit www.umly.org/campumly, or call 610-647-9622, ext. 2405.
(Okehocking Preserve, 5316 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square)

GREENTREE SPORTS CAMPS

Hummingbirds Soccer

Boys and girls ages 3–6 years old.
Dates: Saturdays, June 2–July 26
Time Options: 9–10 AM or 10:30–11:30 AM
Fee: \$70 Resident (R) \$80 Non-Resident (NR) (includes t-shirt and award) See previous page for free demo classes!

Introductory Lacrosse

Boys and girls grades 1–5. Plastic sticks and soft balls will be provided. No helmets or shoulder pads needed.
Dates: Saturdays, June 21–July 26
Time: 11–12 PM
Fee: \$65 R \$75 NR (includes t-shirt)

Summer Sports Camp

Boys and girls grades Pre-K through 6 play a different sport each week.

Dates: June 16–July 4 (no class on July 4)

Time: Grades 1–6: 9:00 AM–Noon
Pre-K–K: 1–2 PM

Fee: Grades 1–6
Any 1 week: \$90 R \$100 NR
All 3 weeks: \$240 R \$250 NR

Fee: Pre-K–K:
Any 1 week: \$65 R \$75 NR
All 3 Weeks: \$185 R \$195 NR

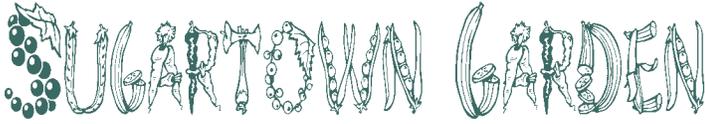
Week 1: Soccer Camp
Week 2: Lacrosse Camp grades 1-6, Basketball Pre-K–K
Week 3: Olympics



Contact: Jump Start Sports

Michael Stefani mstefani@jumpstartsports.com or 267-587-7154
Online registration: www.jumpstartsports.com
(Greentree Park, 21 Grubb Road, Malvern. Special thanks to Greentree Office Plaza for accommodating our camp pick-up and drop-off!)

Spring Sprouts from...



The Sugartown Preserve Community Garden, located in Willistown Township's Sugartown Preserve, is a volunteer community garden where Willistown and area residents share fellowship over gardening and gather to grow organic fruits, vegetables, and herbs. The gardeners donate a portion of their harvest to the Chester County Food Bank's local food cupboards. Last year, over 200 pounds of fresh produce was donated.

"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden." Ruth Stout

If you are a gardener or a wannabee gardener, would you like to join us greeting spring in our community organic garden that fosters education, outreach, and community giveback?

"My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece." Claude Monet

At this time, our 2014 members include a Daisy Girl Scout troop, a high school aged Girl Scout troop, and fourteen families. Join us and create your own beautiful masterpiece on a limited number of garden plots 3 feet wide by 27 feet long. Garden members are anxious to share their experiences and knowledge. If you have little experience, do not fear—we all learn together.

"I cultivate my garden, and my garden cultivates me." Robert Brault

If you would like to cultivate yourself through Willistown's Sugartown Community Garden and find out details on how to become a member, contact Willistown's Director of Parks, Mary McLoughlin, at mmcloughlin@willistown.pa.us or 610-647-5300 x224. She will fill you in on the details and then get you in touch with one of us.

Happy gardening!

Cathy Bennett and Lucille Pardo
Garden Project Co-Managers



Okehocking Nature Center Happenings

Lenape Life and Culture in Willistown and the Delaware Valley

June 1 • 2 PM

273 Boot Road, Malvern

Okehocking Nature Center and Historic Sugartown are delighted to offer an interactive program about the Lenape people at Historic Sugartown's Carriage Museum. The program will be presented by Shelley DePaul, the Assistant Chief of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania, and a teacher and researcher specializing in Lenape culture and language. She will share the rich history of the Lenape people and how they remain active today as caretakers of their homeland and the Delaware River. Children will be invited to participate in music, games and dance, as well as handle Lenape artifacts.

William Penn granted the Lenapes a 500-acre tract in Willistown Township where they lived during the summer months until the 1730s. Today, 180 acres of this land grant remain largely untouched and is now known as Okehocking Preserve.

Program Admission: \$8 Adults; \$7 Seniors (60+) and \$5 Children (ages 3-17 years). Admission includes a tour of Historic Sugartown.

Visions of Okehocking

Art Show and Sale

June 20 • 5:30–7:30 PM

June 21 • 10:00–5 PM

June 22 • 10:00–5 PM

5316 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square

Area artists will show pieces inspired by Okehocking Preserve and the historic Garrett Farmhouse, headquarters of the Nature Center. A portion of sales will support the Nature Center. This is a unique opportunity to view and purchase Chester County art and experience the subject of that art with your own eyes. You can also enjoy a self-guided nature walk using the trail map and guide.

The Okehocking Nature Center is a 501c3 registered nonprofit that leases the Garrett Farmhouse and immediate area from Willistown Township. Visit www.okehockingnaturecenter.org.

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for helping to establish and administer the Homeowner Bird Box Program by building boxes, supplying informational materials, and providing guidance. The program installed 113 bird boxes in the Willistown area last year. Residents reported the great pleasure they and their children experienced watching the birds fly in and out of the boxes and seeing the eggs, then babies during their monitoring activities. Imagine how engaging and exciting this experience is for a child—not to mention an adult's delight! Please note, the Trust's program is full for this year. For more information, email land@wctrust.org.

We are working with 17 Jr. Troop 41311 Girl Scouts from Penn Wood Elementary School



Kids at Willistown Friends Meeting learning about locating and maintaining bird boxes from Marilyn Smith, Willistown resident and Willistown Conservation Trust Homeowner Bird Box Program volunteer.
Note: As the snow indicates, you've got to clean them early—before March!

(West Chester) fourth and fifth grades to locate the boxes and conduct monitoring at Okehocking. Their Bountiful Bird Program participation will earn the Troop its Bronze Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve.

Do you live near or frequent Greentree Park or Okehocking Preserve? Are you intrigued by this program? If so, you can become a monitor of the Bountiful Bird Program boxes in our parks! Contact Mary at 610-647-5300 x224, and visit the Parks and Recreation Department at www.willistown.pa.us for all kinds of great

materials and links including those shared by the Trust on bird box locating, monitoring forms, nesting timetables, and more!



**FREE
Wood Chipping for
Willistown Residents!**

Saturday, May 17 • 9 AM– 3 PM

Location: “Old” Willistown Township Administration Building, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern

Willistown’s Recycling Committee to the rescue! Residents may bring tree, bush, and shrub limbs and branches no greater than 12” in diameter. They will be unloaded and chipped free of charge, then returned to Mother Earth for trails... Willistown recycles!

Specifications

Wood other than as described above will not be accepted. NO wooden furniture, ladders, fence posts/railings, telephone poles, landscaping wood, construction

wood, paneling, scrap wood, or any wood with nails, hooks, or metal in it. These types of wood will have to be taken home if brought for chipping. Also, no leaves or grass.

Questions may be directed to Jim Tate, Recycling Committee Chairman, 610-647-7361.

Note: This is a wood-chipping event only. No other items will be accepted. Willistown residents only—no contractors.

**Shred for
Security!**



**FREE
Document Shredding
for
Willistown Residents**

**Saturday, June 7
9 AM–1 PM**

Location: “Old” Willistown Township Administration Building Site, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern

Here is another opportunity to dispose of sensitive documents that you’ve been storing but have been reluctant to dispose of as trash. Cancelled checks, new checks that you’ll never use, insurance 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. Willistown’s Recycling Committee to the rescue! Shredding will take place on site in a specially equipped truck.

Limit: six boxes. Do not bring newspapers, magazines, cardboard, wallpaper, books, sheets of plastic, Pendaflex folders with metal strips, or three-ring binders. Remove all binder clips. Items containing staples, standard paper clips, or rubber bands will be accepted.

This is a program for residents not for commercial enterprises seeking to empty file cabinets. The shredding truck will depart at 1:00 PM or when its five-ton capacity is reached. Come early, shred early, as documents will not be accepted or stockpiled after 1:00 PM, or after the truck has been filled!

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

From the Paoli Battlefield

Did You Know the Revolutionary War Battle of Paoli, also known as the Paoli Massacre, was fought in Willistown Township?

The American Revolutionary War came to Chester County in the Fall of 1777. About 20,000 British Army soldiers commanded by General William Howe invaded from the south and fought many battles in the area against the Continental Army’s 15,000 men, commanded by General George Washington.

In September of 1777, the two armies fought battles and skirmishes at Cooches Bridge Delaware, the Battle of Brandywine in Chadds Ford, PA, the Battle of the Clouds in Malvern, and the Battle of Paoli right here in Willistown—no, it’s in Malvern Borough. Wait, which is it? Today, the Battlefield and Park is located on Monument Avenue in Malvern Borough. Back then, it was Willistown!

Malvern Borough was part of Willistown until 1889 when the area was incorporated as the Borough. This year is the 125th anniversary of the Borough, and many events are planned to celebrate the anniversary including the Malvern Memorial Day Parade weekend on May 31 and June 1, the Malvern Town Tour on August 7, the Paoli Memorial Association/Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund Dinner at the Desmond Hotel on September 18, and the Paoli Battlefield Historic Military Time Line Veterans program on September 20. There are also two paranormal night time tours of the battlefield, one on May 3 and one on September 27.

The Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund also presents dinner lectures at The General Warren Inne where noted historians, authors, and experts educate guests about a variety of topics from the Revolutionary War era. Bring a friend to these great events!

Log on to www.rememberpaoli.org to find out more about this historic gem right in our own community. You can also keep up with us on Facebook, Paoli Battlefield Historic Park, and on Twitter, @PaoliBattle.



The 2014 *GoWilMa!* summer program will again include the Paoli Battlefield and Malvern’s Memorial Park with some new clues and a tour that gives kids and their parents a view back into our colonial history.

2014 Radnor Hunt Races

Saturday, May 17 • Grounds Open at 9 AM

On May 17th horse lovers of all ages and corporate sponsors will gather at the Radnor Hunt, 824 Providence Road, Malvern to enjoy the annual Radnor Hunt Races featuring six horse steeplechase races.

With the theme "Racing for Open Space", the event benefits the Brandywine Conservancy. The Radnor Hunt Races have contributed over \$4 million to the Brandywine Conservancy's environmental programs over the years. To date, over 59,000 acres are permanently protected, including the Radnor Hunt racecourse and surrounding pastures.

The first race goes off at 1:30 PM, and the last race is over at approximately 5 PM. The Radnor Hunt Races are sanctioned by the National Steeplechase Association, and the event is considered one of the best in the steeplechase circuit.

There are many ways to subscribe to the races ranging from \$50 per car (unlimited occupancy) to corporate sponsorship. There will be only advance sale of passes, and the cut-off date is May 10th. Check out www.radnorhuntraces.org for a detailed description of the event and how to subscribe. You can order on-line or by calling 610-388-8383.



Historic Sugartown Programs

Make a Gift for Mom! May 10th • 11 am–2 pm

Calling all Dads! You know that Mother's Day is important, but it's hard to come up with that creative gift that your child would be proud to give her. Bring your kids to Historic Sugartown's c. 1880 General Store where your kids can "shop" for gift materials. Then join us at the design station in our Carriage Museum where your child will create a special gift that Mom will cherish. \$5/child.

Sugartown Elementary School Student Art Show May 31–June 8th

Historic Sugartown has teamed up with Sugartown Elementary School to create a Student Art Show showcasing the students' talents. Participating students and their parents will be treated to a special reception the evening before the show's opening. See the show at Historic Sugartown's William Garrett House during regular hours and by appointment.

Expanded Hours in 2014 Starting May 3–December 14

Saturday Guided Tours: 11 AM–4 PM, and Sunday Guided Tours: 1–4 PM
Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors (60+ yrs.) and \$3 Children (3–17 yrs.). Children ages 2 and younger admitted free.

Historic Sugartown is located at the crossroads of Sugartown Road and Spring and Boot Roads in Malvern. Visit www.historicsugartown.org

LIBRARY NEWS

Malvern Public Library

A huge thank you to both the volunteers who "dialed for dollars" during our

annual phonathon and our generous donors! This is our only fundraiser, and we truly appreciate your support. Please be sure to send in your donation. We have donation forms at the circulation desk. If we missed you during the phonathon and you'd like to contribute!

Get ready for an exciting summer! The summer reading theme this year is "Fizz, Boom, Read". Registration for our summer reading program, *GO WilMa!*, storytimes, and crafts will begin Tuesday, June 17. Science in the Summer will be held the week of July 21, and the topic is oceanography. Calendars will be available in

late May or early June with all the specifics.

GO WilMa! is back for another adventurous summer of outdoor exploration. See the Parks and Recreation Calendar for more kick-off party info. You can register for *Go WilMa!* at the park party.

Teri Flint has finished the murals in the Children's Room, you'll be amazed by the woodland wonderland!

We are in the process of reregistering all library cardholders. Please fill out an updated registration form the next time you are in the library. Your card will enable us to efficiently maintain your records. Thanks for your cooperation!

Paoli Library

Come meet Margo Raube, the new Children's Program Specialist at Paoli Library. She'll be leading Wee One's Story Time for kids

birth to 18 months with a caregiver on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM, and Toddler Story Time for kids 19 months to 3 years with a caregiver on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11 AM.

German Language Playgroup meets every first and third Friday 10–11 AM for stories, songs, playtime, and sing-alongs—all in German! For more information, email GermanStorytime@gmail.com or call 610-296-7996.

The Art book Club at Paoli Library meets every other month on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Contact Victoria Skelly at victoriaskelly@comcast.net or call 610-296-7996. Join us May 7 to discuss The Painter's Chair: George Washington and The Making of American Art by Hugh Howard.

The Mystery Book Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 10:30 AM, except on holidays. Call the library for more info!

Library Contact Info

Malvern Public Library
www.malvernpubliclibrary.org or 610-644-7259
Paoli Library
www.tredyffrinlibraries.org or 610-296-7996



From the Chief

Great news, crime is down in Willistown Township!

In 2013, crime reported to the Willistown Police was down by 36%.

This was an interesting statistic, as calls for service have continued to increase for five consecutive years. Calls for service rose by 4.3%.

So, how do calls for service impact your police department? Each call is unique and has a different set of circumstances. A call can generate hundreds of hours of follow up investigation or merely be a call that is reported for insurance purposes. They both count as only one call. I can tell you that our officers were extremely busy this year. They once again rose to the task and provided the superior service you have come to expect.

Here are some interesting crime statistics from 2013:

- The clearance rate for crime reported to the Willistown Police Dept: 61%
- Average clearance rate for Pennsylvania: 48%
- Persons arrested for Part I & Part II crimes decreased from 140 to 136.
- Thefts from vehicles were down to 14 from 59 in 2012.

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program divides offenses into two groups. Part I and Part II crimes. Part I crimes are Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson. Part II crimes are all other types of crimes.

So why is our clearance rate higher than the Pennsylvania average? I think our training, the ability to purchase new technology, and the experience of our police officers is the main reason. Our officers investigate every crime and never give up on finding a suspect. We want criminals to know that if they commit a crime in Willistown Township, we will find them!

Let's talk traffic!

With over 18 square miles and increasing pressure from traffic volume, traffic issues continue to be a major concern in Willistown Township. Willistown has experienced little growth in comparison to our contiguous municipalities. That growth in other municipalities affects our township by flooding our roadways with heavy traffic volume.

Officer Will continues to do a great job with our Traffic Division. He, along with our Public Works Director Bill Hagan, continues to address areas of concern. We will continue to dedicate resources to the traffic issues in Willistown Township. This is no easy task, as traffic continues to increase, and we are all aware of the serious consequences of distracted drivers.

Following are traffic statistics for 2013:

- 92 reportable and 194 non-reportable crashes (A reportable crash involves an injury or vehicle towed.)
- No fatal accidents
- 1446 citations and 909 warnings
- 65 West Chester Pike crashes vs. 65 in 2012; 27 of these were at Rt. 3 and 926
- 33 Paoli Pike crashes
- 28 crashes on Lancaster Avenue
- 24 crashes on Goshen Rd.
- 7 crashes on Dutton Mill Rd. at Street Rd.
- 1 crash at Sugartown and Monument Rds.

We recently upgraded all of our speed display signs to provide us with traffic data that can be analyzed. The information provided is traffic volume and vehicle speed. Armed with this information, we can break down the data to help us address what time of the day has the most volume or the most vehicles exceeding the speed limit. As a result of this upgrade, we conducted 40 traffic surveys. The information from these surveys allows us to best utilize our resources wisely.

We will continue to devote our efforts to assure the motoring public is safe.

If we continue to work together, we can continue to keep Willistown safe.

Stay Informed!

So what else can you do to help us? Please visit our website www.willistown.pa.us and

sign up for alerts. Join our Facebook page and follow on Twitter, @ WillistownPD.

School Safety!

Protecting our youth is of utmost importance to us and once again, we made our schools a top priority. Our officers visit our schools daily in addition to conducting school bus and school zone checks. In 2013, our officers conducted 251 school bus checks and participated in activities and events at our schools. I have received many compliments from school staff and parents about the interaction with our officers and how they appreciate the officers' participation in school activities.

It seems that too many times we see incidents involving school violence across the United States. These issues occur at all different types of schools. I do not know how to solve the problem, but a properly trained police department needs to be prepared to prevent or respond to these emergencies. We continue to fund and train our Emergency Response Team, a group of officers who are specifically trained for potentially violent situations. We owe it to our residents that when the police are called, the officers responding have the ability to stop the threat. I know we all hope that we never have to address this issue. We are committed to our training and working with our schools to be prepared in the event an emergency arises.

Thank You!

You are the reason the Willistown Police Department is considered one of the leaders in the law enforcement community. Your support of your police department does not go unnoticed. Your letters and compliments to your officers go a long way, as it is a tough job. Your financial support is what allows us to continue to modernize and dedicate the necessary resources to prevent and solve crime and keep our children safe. In my tenure at Willistown, you have always been there for us as have our elected officials. Keep up the good work, and I will see you soon!

Stay Safe!

— **John M. Narcise, Chief of Police**



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May 10
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273 Boot Rd., Malvern
11 AM–2 PM

May 14
Kids Party in the Park
Greentree Park
5:30–7:30 PM

May 17
**Hummingbird Soccer Summer
Camp Demo Classes**
Greentree Park
10–11 AM and 11:15 AM–
12:15 PM

May 17
**Free Wood Chipping for
Willistown Residents**
688 Sugartown Rd., Malvern
9 AM–3PM

May 17
2013 Radnor Hunt Races
824 Providence Rd., Malvern
Grounds open at 8 AM
First race at 1:30 PM

May 31–June 8
**Sugartown Elementary Art
Show**
Historic Sugartown
273 Boot Rd., Malvern
(See page 6 for details.)

June 1
**Annual Malvern Memorial
Parade & Family Fun Day**
(See page 2, and page 5
under Battlefield, for details.)

June 1
Lenape Life and Culture
Historic Sugartown
273 Boot Rd., Malvern
2 PM

June 7
Shred for Safety
Willistown Residents
688 Sugartown Rd., Malvern
9 AM–1 PM

June 17 thru August 19
**GO WilMa! Outdoor
Adventure Program**
(See page 2 for details.)

June 17
**School's Out, Let's GO
WilMa! Park Party**
Greentree Park
5:30–7:30 PM

June 20–22
**Visions of Okehocking
Art Show**
Okehocking Nature Center
(See page 4 for details.)

June thru July
Summer Sports Camps
Greentree Park
(See page 3 for details.)

July 7–August 1
YMCA Eco Discovery Camps
Okehocking Preserve
(See page 3 for details.)

August 19
Willistown Country Fair
Greentree Park
5:30–7:30 PM

September 8
Serpentine Preserve Opening
Greentree Park
143 Line Rd., Malvern
1–4 PM

**For Paoli Battlefield activities, see page 5.
For Malvern and Paoli Library activities, see page 6.**