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Stormwater is Everybody's Business

You can make a difference!

Stormwater picks up debris, trash, fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, motor oil, dirt, manure, and other pollutants as it flows over surfaces such as driveways, roads, and lawns. Without proper stormwater management, this polluted runoff flows untreated into our streams, rivers, and wetlands threatening the purity and affordability of our water supply. Over 15 million people get their drinking water from the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers. Streams and rivers also supply drinking water and habitat to wildlife, and offer opportunities for canoeing, boating, swimming, and fishing.

Polluted stormwater runoff is the greatest threat to clean water. Although rain is important for drinking water supplies, recreation, and wildlife habitats, even a small amount of rain becomes a problem as it carries pollutants left on the ground from our activities into our streams and rivers. Residents, municipalities, businesses, and developers need to work together to manage stormwater in order to protect our critical drinking water resources and achieve the goal of a clean water supply. Decreasing stormwater runoff and increasing stormwater infiltration, allowing the water to soak into the ground, will reduce flooding and erosion and can help prevent our stormwater and wastewater infrastructure from being overwhelmed.

There are many best management practices (BMPs) for homeowners. The *Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater, How to develop and implement a stormwater management plan for your property*, by the Little Conestoga Partnership and Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center, is a great video and text resource to find out which BMP would best fit your property. Stormwater BMPs include: rain gardens, riparian buffers, tree plantings,

native meadows, pervious pavers, and rain barrels. You can create your own stormwater management plan online at www.stormwaterguide.org. The Penn State Extension, www.extension.psu.edu, has links to the guide and videos—enter "Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater" in the search bar or call 1-717-948-6609 for a paper copy of the guide.

Another great resource is the Chester County Water Resources Authority's *Green Guide for Property Management, A guide to help large property owners identify innovative green projects to reduce stormwater pollution*. Go to www.chesco.org, enter the Authority's name in the search bar, then find the link to the guide under Popular Publications. The guide includes BMPs that can also apply to smaller properties, including a "Downspout Planter".

What's your next step in managing stormwater and making a difference in the effort for a cleaner water supply? Share your stormwater reclamation story with us! Contact Mary at 610-647-5300 x224.

Be the solution to stormwater pollution—follow these practices:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly
- Repair auto leaks
- Dispose of household hazardous waste (see page 5 for info)
- Clean up after your pet
- Wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved area
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down paved areas
- Compost or recycle yard waste
- Recycle plastics, aluminum, paper, and glass
- Use stormwater best management practices on your property

Message From the Manager



Greetings Willistown residents! If you have taken a drive down Sugartown Road recently, you probably noticed that construction on the new police building is coming along nicely. The police are expected to move into the new space sometime late this fall.

At that time, we will complete some relatively minor renovations to the current police station in preparation for the administrative staff's return to Sugartown Road. These renovations will include the creation of a meeting space for the public meetings of Township Boards and Commissions.

By late this year, all Township personnel will be located on the same campus and will be better equipped to serve you. We look forward to welcoming you there!

Like Willistown Township on Facebook and sign up for Administration alerts through Notify Me on the left hand button bar on our website, www.willistown.pa.us, for timely updates, and keep an eye out for a status report in the November Crier.

— Dave Burman
Township Manager



WILLISTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION

Celebrating our community through people, parks, and programs

End of summer FUN!

GO WilMa!

(Get Outside around Willistown & Malvern!)

If your K-5th grader or teen has not yet signed up for Fizz, Boom, Read!, the national public library summer reading program at the Malvern and Paoli Libraries, and *GO WilMa!*, the outdoor adventure program, it's not too late! Your kids can experience the magic of reading and the thrill of adventure through this innovative outdoor adventure program based upon Get Outdoors York County.

Our Storm Chasers will explore the great outdoors through scavenger hunt clues, or "Radar Blips", in the Eruption Log they'll be provided. The Radar Blips will lead to Hotspots hidden in the wonderful parks and special places in and around Willistown and Malvern. A great



feature of this program is that you can do it on your own time. Meanwhile, you'll be reaping all the benefits of getting fresh air, being in nature, walking, and sharing quality time with family and friends. We all know that it feels good to get outside!

Stamp the Eruption Log at the Hotspot rubbing posts and receive one raffle ticket per stamp that will be drawn for prizes at the Willistown Country Fair, August 19th at 6:30 PM.

Check out *GO WilMa!* at www.willistown.pa.us to find out more, like us on Facebook, and sign up at Malvern or Paoli Libraries to receive the Log and get started! The last day to submit your final stamps for prize raffle tickets is August 18th.

Willistown's Country Fair @ Greentree Park

Tuesday, August 19 • 5:30–7:30 PM



To wrap up summer and gear up for the new school year, nothing's more fun than enjoying a beautiful afternoon in the park at our down-home Country Fair!

Join us at Greentree Park for:

- Live, local bluegrass band, Raven Hill
- Sleepy Hollow Farms pony rides
- Petting zoo
- Stacey's Face Painting
- Center on Central's Interactive Music Circle
- *GO WilMa!* Prize Drawing @ 6:30 PM
- Interactive community booths
- The Pizza Wagon
- Whirled Peace Frozen Yogurt

Please leave your four legged friends at home. Rain date: Thursday August 21, 5:30–7:30 PM. Call 610-647-5300 x224 if weather is a question.

Fall Sports Programs

Willistown Hummingbirds Soccer Ages 3-6

A fun way for 3-6 year-old boys and girls to learn the basics of soccer: dribbling, passing, trapping, shooting, and positioning. Each session consists of instruction in each aspect of the game, participation in fun, age-appropriate drills that are designed to teach skills, and low-key, noncompetitive games. Dates: Saturdays, Sept. 6–Oct. 11
Time: 1:30–2:30 PM
Where: Greentree Park
Fee: \$70 Resident, \$80 Nonresident (includes team T-shirt and award)

Willistown Rookie League Baseball Ages 5-7

A fun baseball experience for 5-7 year-old boys and girls. Players will receive instruction in all basics of the sport, and will apply what they have learned in fun games. All players begin the season playing tee-ball and are slowly introduced to Coach Pitch Baseball over the course of the season. Players who are not able to hit a pitched ball will be able to use a tee while learning. Jump Start Sports staff members conduct the instruction and

oversee the game play while volunteer team coaches participate in a detailed coaches training program provided by Jump Start Sports.

Dates: Saturdays, Sept 6–Oct. 4
Time: 11:30 AM–12:15 PM
Location: Garrett Mill Field
Fee: \$70 Resident, \$80 Nonresident (includes team T-shirt, MLB baseball cap, and award)



Willistown Tee-Birds Tee-Ball Ages 3-4

A fun and highly instructional introduction to baseball for 3 and 4 year-old boys and girls. Players learn the basics of throwing,

catching, fielding, batting, and base running, and then apply what they have learned in fun, noncompetitive games. Sessions are one hour long, one day per week, and include all instruction and game play in one outing. Jump Start Sports staff coaches attend and supervise every game. Players receive a Major League Baseball hat, team T-shirt, and participation trophy. Jump Start Sports staff members conduct the instruction and oversee the game play while volunteer team coaches assist. Volunteer coaches also participate in a detailed coaches training program provided by Jump Start Sports.

Dates: Saturdays, Sept 6–Oct. 4
Time: 10–11 AM
Location: Garrett Mill Field
Fee: \$70 Resident, \$80 Nonresident (includes team T-shirt, MLB baseball cap, and award)



REGISTER ONLINE

www.JumpStartSports.com

For more info contact Mike Stefani:
MStefani@jumpstartsports.com
or 267-587-7154

Serpentine Preserve Grand Opening

Saturday, September 6 • 1:00–4:00 PM



Come ready to hike through the Serpentine Preserve and the adjacent Natural Lands Trust's (NLT) Willisbrook Preserve and Serpentine Barrens. The Serpentine Barrens are a rare ecosystem because of the underlying serpentine geology. Our new park is named Serpentine Preserve because it is an important buffer to the Barrens. The Barrens are a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory site and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Wild Plant Sanctuary—"the best examples of habitat supporting wild plants of special concern throughout Pennsylvania". In addition to the open air experience of the

Barrens, visitors can enjoy a woodland hike through the 22.1 acre Serpentine Preserve that connects to the 65 acre NLT woodland.

Join in guided hikes throughout the woodlands and the unique ecosystem of the Serpentine Barrens or stroll on your own. Bring binoculars for birding, bug juice just in case, and don't forget to apply sunscreen.

The Preserve is located at 143 Line Road, Malvern. The rain date for this event is Saturday, September 13th. Please call 610-647-5300 x224 for a recorded message if weather is a question.

Healthy Moves Walk Your Way to Health!



- On average, every minute of walking can extend your life by 1.5 to 2 minutes.
- Walking an extra 20 minutes each day will burn off 7 pounds of body fat per year.
- To burn off 1 plain M&M candy, you need to walk the full length of a football field. Think about that next time you dip your hand into a candy bowl!
- Longer, moderately-paced daily walks (40 minutes at 60% to 65% maximum heart rate) are best for losing weight.
- Shorter, faster walks (20-25 minutes at 75% to 85% maximum heart rate) are best for conditioning your heart and lungs.

Walking is much preferable to running or jogging because it creates less stress on your joints, including hips, knees, and ankles. Remember to properly warm up before and cool down after every walking session... your muscles will love you for it!

(Excerpted from *Walking Facts and Benefits*, Iowa State University)

SUGARTOWN GARDEN

Scouts Garden, Glean, & Give @ Sugartown Community Garden

Our Great Valley High School Girl Scout Troop # 42118 has grown produce at the Sugartown Community Garden for three years with other members of the Willistown Township community. We are going to be Juniors at Great Valley High School.

The Sugartown Garden is in Willistown Township's Sugartown Preserve in the village of Historic Sugartown. Local gardeners weed, water, and harvest in their own beds each summer. Our troop plants two raised beds as well as two plots of land.

The raised beds we manage were built by the Chester County Food Bank as part of their Raised Bed Garden Program. There are over 600 raised beds in Chester

County that are a part of the Raised Bed Garden Program. We donate all of our produce to local food pantries that help feed local families. Other gardeners at the Sugartown Garden grow for their personal use and donate to the Food Bank as well. Last summer we donated over 150 pounds of food!

This year we are growing green beans, radishes, carrots, peppers, watermelon and cantaloupe. In the past we have grown tomatoes, cucumbers, bok choy, tomatillos, and a lot of other yummy vegetables.

These past few summers have been so much fun, and we are glad to have the opportunity to learn about gardening.



Okehocking Nature Center News



The all-volunteer Okehocking Nature Center was formed with a simple mission: To connect people with nature. The Okehocking Preserve, owned by Willistown Township, is a precious jewel right here in Willistown. Once you step away from your parked car and are greeted by the expansive views encompassing a green landscape mostly unchanged from a simpler time, you understand that being outdoors is simply good for you. If you need more to lure you outdoors, the Okehocking Nature Center is offering the following enticements:

Birding & Hawk Watch Festival at Okehocking Preserve
Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 Get up close with live birds of prey at the beautiful, 180-acre Okehocking Preserve. Join us for:

- Guided bird walks for families and advanced birders
- Migration hawk watch
- Okehocking Nature Center open farmhouse
- Wildlife photography gallery
- Birding presentations
- Crafts and live animals from the Upper Main Line Y's Nature Center
- Live bluegrass by Raven Hill, sponsored by Willistown Parks and Recreation.

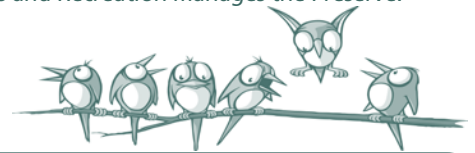
This event is free to the community! Find more information at www.okehockingnaturecenter.org.

Self Guided Trail Map

The 180-acre Okehocking Preserve includes mature woods, meadow lands, uplands, wetlands, and riparian areas along Delchester Run and the main stem of Ridley Creek. There are about 5 miles of mown and wooded walking trails. To enrich your hike, the Okehocking Nature Center and Willistown Township Parks and Recreation team plotted a 2.4 mile trail with 11 location markers.

Thanks to the generosity of the Marjorie L. and Arthur P. Miller, Jr. Fund, trail walk brochures are now available to guide your walk at the Preserve. The brochures feature a map of Okehocking Preserve and descriptions of the designated location markers. You may pick up (and return) the brochures at the Lucite boxes located on the message boards at the Delchester Road and at West Chester Pike entrances as well as at the farmhouse. You may also download a version from www.okehockingnaturecenter.org or www.willistown.pa.us.

The Okehocking Nature Center was established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in 2007 to help develop and manage a nature center located at Willistown Township's Okehocking Preserve. Willistown Township owns the Okehocking Preserve and leases the Garrett Farmhouse and immediate area to the Okehocking Nature Center. Willistown Parks and Recreation manages the Preserve.



Okehocking Bird Walk

Sunday, September 28 • 9 AM

Join leader Edie Parnum of the Valley Forge Audubon Society (www.valleyforgeaudubon.org) for a bird walk at Okehocking Preserve. So far, 140 species have been tallied.

Be prepared for walking in wet areas. If weather is a question, contact Edie at 610-964-8331 or eparnum2@verizon.net.

Directions: Going west on Route 3, drive past the lights at Providence Road and Delchester Road. The Preserve entrance is on the right, 12 mile past Delchester Road. If going eastbound on Route 3, because the highway is divided, you will need to make a U-turn at Delchester Road.

RECYCLING ROUNDUP

Recycling—Big First Half in Willistown!

Willistowners upheld their reputation as "residents who recycle" through the special events that were organized for the benefit of our residents by the Township's Public Works Department, Recycling Commission, and Police Department. April and May were particularly active months with drop-off programs and special curbside pick-up of storm-damaged trees and shrubs. Oh, were they ever active! Following are our stats to date:

E-Waste: 39,697 lbs.
Metal, including items containing Freon: 23,680 lbs.
Storm damage curbside chipping and removal: 228,000 lbs.
Wood chipping drop-off: 8,890 lbs.
Tires: 2,380 lbs.
National Drug Take Back Program: 150 lbs.*

Document shredding: 7,008 lbs.

A total of 309,805 pounds of various materials were diverted from a landfill, and 99% of that was recycled—Thank you for your participation in this important effort! There is some non-recyclable waste in the e-waste and metal objects, but 100% of the shredded documents, wood chips, tires, and drugs are recycled/reused. The drugs are incinerated, taking waste to create energy.



Don't forget to be aggressive recyclers at home by placing the following in your recycle bins: newspapers, magazines, mail, cardboard, glass containers, food and

beverage cans, and plastics identified with a 1 through 7 number in a triangle usually located on the bottom of the container. And keep in mind that food waste is also worthy of recycling...well, composting. Americans generate 21.5 million tons of food waste each year. If we composted that food, it would reduce the same amount of greenhouse gas as taking 2 million cars off the road! Gardeners call compost "black gold"—use it on your lawn, and in your ornamental and vegetable gardens. Go to www.chestercountyswa.org, the Chester County Solid Waste Authority, to find out more about composting.

*The Drug Take Back program for disposing of prescription drugs was our first in Willistown, and it was very well received. It is a national program organized by the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency but managed locally by municipal police departments, Willistown's being one of them.

Chester County's

Household Hazardous Waste (and E-Waste!) Fall Recycling Event

Saturday, October 11 • 9 AM–3 PM

**County Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road, West Chester**

Chester County will have its final Household Hazardous Waste collection of the year on Saturday, October 11th. E-waste will be accepted. This is a Chester County sponsored event, not a Willistown Township event. Do not leave any household hazardous waste at the old Township building, 688 Sugartown Road. The Township does not have any capabilities for disposing of this material. Contact Jim Tate, Willistown Township Recycling Commission Chairman, with questions: 610-647-7361.

Household Hazardous Waste Materials Accepted (if properly labeled)

Paint Products

- Oil-based paints
- Paint thinners
- Shellac
- Solvent-based paint products
- Stains/varnishes
- Strippers/removers
- Turpentine
- Wallpaper cement

Household Products

- Adhesives/solvents
- Drain openers
- Dry cleaning fluid
- Kerosene
- Mothballs/flakes
- Rechargeable batteries – lithium, ni-cad, and button
- Rug cleaners
- Spot removers
- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Wood/metal cleaners

Outdoor Products

- Asphalt sealers
- Caulking compounds
- Joint compound
- Rodent poison
- Roof cements
- Septic tank degreasers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Weed killers

Automotive Products

- Antifreeze
- Batteries – lead-acid type: car, truck, motorcycle, and marine
- Carburetor cleaners
- Fuel additives
- Gas/oil mixtures
- Gasoline
- Grease/rust solvents
- Transmission/brake fluids

Other

- Acids/caustics/solvents
- Flammables
- Lead
- Mercury-bearing items – thermometer switches
- Organic peroxide
- Oxidizers
- Pesticides
- Reactive metals
- Reactives

Acceptable E-Waste

- CPUs/laptop computers
- Monitors
- Printers
- Copiers (desktop & stand-alone)
- CRT & flat screen televisions
- Answering machines
- Camcorders
- Cell phones
- Docking stations
- Electric typewriters
- Fax/copy machines/duplicators
- Microwaves
- Pagers
- Radios
- Remote controls/gaming consoles/controllers
- Stereo/tape/CD players
- Telephones & equipment
- Toner/ink cartridges
- VCR/DVD players
- Testing equipment

Did You Know?

Latex paint is not hazardous waste... It can be solidified and then placed in regular trash. Take the top off the paint can and place it outside, away from pets and children. Allow it to harden. If the can is very full, absorb the paint by mixing it with sawdust, clay-based cat litter, shredded paper, or rags. Stir with a stick until all the paint is absorbed. When the paint is solidified, it can be placed in the trash.



Items NOT Accepted at HHW Collection Sites

- Non-recyclable alkaline batteries
- Ammunition
- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Explosives
- Freon appliances
- Oxygen/helium/propane gas cylinders
- Infectious/medical waste
- Latex paint (water-based)
- PCBs
- Pressurized CFCs & HCFCs
- Radioactive waste
- Tires
- Used motor oil
- White goods
- Unidentified waste



Ask Jim!

"How do I dispose of a large household item?"



This is a question I am often asked by residents, and the response depends on the condition of the item and excludes all categories of e-waste (see list on left).

If the item is in poor condition, the first call for a pick-up from curbside should be made to your trash hauler. There are four companies operating in Willistown Township (that we know of) collecting trash and recyclables via scheduled, weekly, curbside pick-ups: A.J. Blosenski, Allied Waste/Republic Services, Opdenaker Waste Services, and Suburban Waste Services. Each of these companies provides a pick-up of a single bulk item at a time for which there may or may not be a charge. It is necessary to determine a date when you can place the large item at curbside; which types of items the company will or will not take; and whether there is a cost, or not.

Be aware that any appliance that contains Freon will require a resident to have the Freon removed by a certified Freon removal contractor before a waste hauler will accept it. Your trash hauler can provide more details.

If you have a large item or items that are in good condition or in working order, please contact Habitat for Humanity to arrange a pick up at 610-466-1890. It may take a few weeks before this exceptional organization can schedule your pick-up. On the plus side, Habitat will take more than one item at a time.

—Jim Tate
Chairman, Willistown Recycling Commission

Historic Sugartown Happenings



Historic Sugartown presents

SHUGART'S Sunday

Hayrides Family Fun 2-6 PM September 14th

BBQ & BLUEGRASS

For tickets and information:

HistoricSugartown.org

Shugart's Sunday BBQ & Bluegrass

Sunday, September 14, 2-6 PM

Enjoy an afternoon of down-home family fun at Historic Sugartown! Tap your toes to great local bluegrass music by Lenape Grass while enjoying finger-licking barbeque by award-winning Fat Jack's BBQ of Malvern, and mouth-watering sweet corn and watermelon from Sugartown Strawberries. Willisbrook Farm hayrides, sack races, and more will surely delight. To purchase tickets, visit www.historicsugartown.org or call 610-640-2667. Admission: \$35 adults, \$10 children ages 3-10 (ages 2 & younger are free)

A History of Book Binding Tools

Tuesday, September 23, 6 PM

Historic Sugartown's Book Bindery is home to the world-class collection of bookbinding tools and equipment once

owned by master bookbinders and conservators Fred and Elko Shihadeh of Ardmore. The Shihadeh's preserved items of national significance including Declaration of Independence broadsides and the original works of John James Audubon. Steve Beare, an independent scholar and author, will talk about the history of bookbinding in the Carriage Museum following guided bindery tours from 6-7 PM. Admission: \$5

Historic Sugartown Fall Tours

Saturdays, 11 AM-4 PM
Sundays, 1-4 PM

Enjoy a guided tour of the 19th Century village. You'll "shop" in the c. 1880 General Store, stamp leather as bookbinders do in the Book Bindery, view a wonderful collection of Willistown tall-case clocks in the c. 1805 Garrett House, and travel back in time in the presence of the Conestoga wagon in our Carriage Museum. Admission: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children ages 3-17



Swimming Pool & Hot Tub Drainage Guidelines—Do Not Pollute!

Every year, there are fish kills in our local streams due to the discharge of water that has not been fully de-chlorinated to storm drains. The discharge of any sewage or industrial waste, including swimming pool water, to waters of this commonwealth without a permit is a violation

of the Clean Streams Law, the Act of June 22, 1937, P.L. 1987, as amended. The Law prohibits the discharge of any swimming pool water without a permit. However, it has been the PA Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) policy not to require permits for discharges from single resident pools provided the guidelines outlined below are followed.

Residents and property managers who drain water from swimming pools and hot tubs must minimize environmental impact from water which contains chemicals that may be harmful to the environment.

- Please note: You are not permitted to discharge pool or hot tub water to sanitary sewers in Willistown Township.
- Never drain pool water directly into a stream, pond, or other body of water. Pump pool water out over an open area, such as a lawn, at a rate slow enough so that it is absorbed and does not reach the stream or storm drains. Ensure that the water does not flow off of your property.
- Standing water or accumulated rain and/or pool water from the previous season should be pumped from the top so as not to disturb settled solids. Solids on the pool bottom should not be discharged. After the water has been removed, solids

- should be cleaned out manually.
- Shut off the chlorination system, if you have one, or stop adding chlorine. Leave the water in the pool or hot tub for two weeks prior to draining.
- Test the pH and chlorine residual of the water to be discharged. Drain the pool only when a test kit indicates no detectable chlorine levels, and the pH level is between 6.5 and 7.8.
- If your pool contains algae or a black film of organic matter, collect it and compost it. This water may also contain low dissolved oxygen or have elevated temperatures, so discharge it over a grassy area to avoid it from reaching storm drains.
- Assure that the discharged water does not create nuisance conditions such as odors and fly and mosquito breeding areas.
- Properly store pool chemicals to prevent leaks and spills, and follow the instructions on labels for disposal.

By following these simple steps, you can help ensure that your pool will not only provide months of summer fun, but will also leave minimal pollution to our precious natural water supplies.

Questions? Contact DEP
Southeast Regional Office
2 East Main St.
Norristown, PA 19401
Main Telephone: 484-250-5900
24-Hour Emergency: 484-250-5900

LIBRARY NEWS

Malvern Public Library

What a great summer! And the good news is, there is still time to bring in your reading logs and Go WilMa! Eruption Logs. Friday, August 15th, is the last day to turn in your reading logs and get your Wishing Well Tickets for our weekly drawings and the Grand Prize drawing. Last day to present your Go WilMa! Eruption Log with your Hotspot stamps is Monday, August 18, to get the raffle tickets for the prize drawing at The Willistown Country Fair in Greentree Park on Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 PM. If you took photos while searching for your Hotspots, please share them on the Willistown Township website or GO WilMa! Facebook page.



Have you picked up your Abibliophobia T-shirt yet? It's a great way to start conversations and support the Library. The shirt can be yours for a \$25 donation.

Mark your calendars for these other fun library happenings:

- Mark Sunday, September 21st on your calendars!! We will be participating in Family Fest at People's Light and Theatre from noon to 5 PM. We will have a craft table at the Fest and there will be lots of interesting events happening on the campus of People's Light.
- Book club starts up again in the fall. We'll be discussing *The Aviator's Wife*, by Melanie Benjamin, and *Gift from the Sea*, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh. We will also discuss the line-up of books for the coming 10 months. We will meet in the program room at the library at 10 AM on September 9th.
- Registration for the Fall Storytime will start in September. Be sure to sign up and give your child a leg up in school readiness. We have storytimes for babies, 2 year olds, and children from 3 to 6. Call the library for specific days and times.

Paoli Library

Paoli Library is a vital community-learning center that has served the Paoli community for over 100 years! The Library not only has a great selection of books, it also has a wonderful collection of movies, music, audiobooks, magazines, downloadable e-books, and e-audiobooks.

Adults can join a book club, find professional and academic resources, get help with technology, and more. Kids can enjoy special events after school, and younger readers can play and learn with storytimes including German Language Storytime and Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime. Kindergartners through teens can participate in the GO WilMa! summer outdoor adventure program.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming fall events at Tredyffrin Public Library, 582 Upper Gulph Road, Strafford, 19087. These events are for the benefit of Paoli and Tredyffrin Libraries:

- Brew for Books, a craft beer tasting on September 20, 6-9 PM.
- Once Upon a Boutique Preview Party, November 7, 7-9 PM with refreshments and entertainment. Admission: \$20
- Once Upon a Boutique, a one-day sale of new and gently-worn dresses on November 8, 11 AM-3 PM.

Ticket information for the Brews for Books and the Preview of Once Upon a Boutique is on the Paoli and Tredyffrin Library website:
www.tredyffrinlibraries.org.

For more information on library hours, services, and programs:

MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY:
1 East First Ave. Malvern
www.ccls.org
or 610-644-7259

PAOLI LIBRARY:
18 Darby Road, Paoli
www.tredyffrinlibraries.org
or 610-296-7996

An Abundance of Garden Goodies? Zucchini Coming Out Your Ears?



Call Your Local Food Cupboard!

The Chester County Food Bank currently collects, stores, and distributes food to over 90 food cupboards, meal sites, and social service organizations. Since its beginning in 2009, the Food Bank has distributed 2.1 million pounds of food, that's equivalent to over 1.7 million meals!

The Food Bank partners with donors, volunteers, farmers, schools and businesses to address hunger and food insecurity. A great success is the Food Bank's farming and raised bed programs that provide fresh, healthy food to the more than 70,000 food insecure people in Chester County. The Sugartown Community Garden houses two raised beds managed by local girl scouts, see page 3, and the Okehocking Nature Center houses two raised beds at the Township's Okehocking Preserve.

Do you have a bumper crop that you can share? The Chester County Food Bank encourages residential gardeners to consider donating excess vegetables from their gardens to the local food cupboards in their area. Your abundance and generosity together could make a huge impact for those people who don't have enough money to buy or have access to nutritious, fresh produce.

If you are interested in helping people in our local community by sharing your harvest, please contact the cupboards to find out their hours of operation. Three food cupboards near us include:

- Church of the Good Samaritan (610) 644-4040, 212 W. Lancaster Ave., Paoli
- Paoli Presbyterian Church (610) 644-8250, 25 S. Valley Rd., Paoli
- Covenant Presbyterian Church (610) 648-0707, (Deacon's Pantry) 400 Lancaster Ave., Frazer



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THE NEWSLETTER OF WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP

40 Lloyd Avenue, Suite #204/206 Malvern, PA 19355



Mark your Calendars

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September 14 Shugart's BBQ & Bluegrass @ Greentree Park 5:30-7:30 PM Historic Sugartown 2-6 PM

September 28 Okehocking Bird Walk Route 3 Entrance 9 AM

September 6 Serpentine Preserve Grand Opening 1-4 PM 143 Line Rd., Malvern Rain date: September 13

September 20 Run-a-Muck Willistown Conservation Trust See info below.

October 11 Household Hazardous Waste (& E-Waste!) Recycling Event County Govt. Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester 9 AM-3 PM

For Malvern & Paoli Library activities, see page 7.



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Get Ready to Run-a-Muck!

Saturday, September 20 2:30-10 PM

912 Providence Road, Newtown Square

Enjoy a fabulous afternoon and evening of running or mucking (walking) through the beautiful 5K Run-a-Muck trail and enjoying live music, a country supper, and beverages. Race prizes, live music by Blue Sky Band, climbing wall, Pet Parade, event T-shirts, country supper, wine and beer—all are included in the ticket price. All proceeds go toward Willistown Conservation Trust's Open Space Programs. Runners must pre-register by September 18 online, visit www.wctrust.org, or call 610.353.2562.

