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Serpentine Preserve

A culmination of conservation efforts that began in 1961.

Willistown Township's 22-acre Serpentine Preserve, located at 143 Line Road in Malvern, is officially open to the public! The Preserve is adjacent to Natural Lands Trust's 126-acre Willisbrook Preserve and Serpentine Barrens therein. The Barrens are a rare ecosystem because of the underlying serpentine stone geology. Our new park is so named because it is an important buffer to the Barrens, which are a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory site and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Wild

lands (\$500,000) made this acquisition possible. These types of funding partnerships are critical to the protection of open space and recreational lands, and Willistown Township thanks Chester County and the state DCNR for their support!

This project is the culmination of the efforts of conservation minded people that began in 1961 when Township Supervisor Bob Lange's grandmother, Jane Gordon Fletcher, gave 30 acres of woods and 16 acres of serpentine barrens to Natural Lands Trust.



Photo by Denise Van Valkenburgh

Doing the honors officially opening the Preserve are, from left, Ken Lehr, Willistown Parks & Recreation Vice Chairman; Dick McDonnell, Parks & Recreation Board Member; Darin Groff, Natural Lands Trust Preserve Manager, Duane Milne, 167th District PA State Representative; Bob Lange, Willistown Board of Supervisors Chairman; Bill Gladden, Chester County Director of Open Space Protection; Molly Morrison, President of Natural Lands Trust; Mary McLoughlin, Willistown Director of Parks & Recreation; Bill Shoemaker, Willistown Board of Supervisors Vice-Chairman; Bob Kacergis, Willistown Parks & Recreation Board and Open Space Review Board Member; George McHugh, Willistown Board of Supervisors and Parks & Recreation Board Member; and Dave Burman, Willistown Township Manager.

Plant Sanctuary—"the best examples of habitat supporting wild plants of special concern throughout Pennsylvania".

A partnership leveraging Willistown Township Open Space funds (\$450,000) with Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation and Preservation Partnership funds (\$850,000) and Chester County Municipal Grant Program

Hers was the first donation of land to the fledgeling land trust. As Bob Lange, puts it, "My grandmother was way ahead of her time. Her donation gave NLT credibility and got the ball rolling for them." Mrs. Fletcher's generosity inspired her neighbors, brothers and sisters Ed, Margaret and Ruth Neilson, to give 20 additional acres of woods to NLT.

In honor of Mrs. Fletcher, NLT named

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***Nominations due by
Monday December 8, 2014!***

Willistown Township Community Service Award 2015—Make Your Nominations!

Eric Gerst, recipient of the 2014 Community Service Award, is a 23-year Willistown resident who has been volunteering on the Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board for over 20 years and co-authored *Bartram Covered Bridge:*



Spanning History, a book detailing the rich history of this 154-year-old bridge. You can purchase the Kindle version of the book on Amazon. The Willistown Township Board of Supervisors is looking to acknowledge such devoted Willistown Board and Commission people with the Community Service Award.

The spirit of volunteerism in Willistown is strong. Willistown's volunteer board and committee positions total 66 residents quietly making unique and valuable contributions to our community. Thank you to all of our volunteers past and present for your personal dedication and your consistent commitment to community service. Your willingness to get involved is admirable, and your volunteer service demonstrates leadership, integrity, and a love of your community that is nothing short of inspirational!

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Message from the Manager



Greetings Willistown Residents!

The change in season provides the perfect opportunity to improve the attractiveness of your property with a seasonal cleanup of your yard. It also provides an opportunity to help the environment. Here's how:

- DO follow the schedule of your private trash hauler for collection of yard waste. DO NOT use plastic or paper grocery bags, only paper yard waste bags.
- DO compost leaves or yard waste whenever possible. Find out more about composting and yard disposal from the Chester County Solid Waste Authority (www.chestercountyswa.org/).
- DO NOT remove leaves and other woody debris from the ground in natural areas of your property, which may include hedgerows and wooded areas. Leaves and down woody material provide a great source of food and nutrients for microorganisms that

are critical to maintaining healthy soils and plants.

- For those who live near or adjacent to streams, please DO NOT dump or blow yard clippings, leaves, and other debris into stream valleys and floodplains. This is a serious problem and is often illegal under state and local floodplain and water quality ordinances.
- Yard waste like leaves, grass, and brush piled along stream edges suffocates and kills the trees and shrubs that are critical for avoiding stream bank erosion.
- Yard waste piled along streams can easily be washed into streams during large rain events. Once in the stream, this burst of organic material contributes a harmful excess of nutrients, which in turn robs the stream of oxygen needed by fish and aquatic insects. Oxygen depletion can be observed for a long distance downstream of these localized deposits of yard waste ultimately impacting the Delaware Bay.
- Leaves and other yard waste raked into streets often wash into storm drains causing flooding, impeding stream flow, and creating areas of stagnant water that may create mosquito problems.

Thank you for taking the time to review these easy ways to improve the quality of both our community and our environment.

— Dave Burman, Township Manager

Serpentine Preserve

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Willisbrook Preserve after her beloved Willisbrook Farm where she raised saddlebred horses and a portion of which she donated to NLT. At the ribbon cutting for Serpentine Preserve, Molly Morrison, President of Natural Lands Trust, said, "Mrs. Fletcher was a pioneer of what is now a collection of 42 preserves amounting to 22,000 acres of lands protected and managed by NLT."

Then, in 1993, Mrs. Fletcher and the Lange family placed the 58 acres of farmland known as Sugartown Strawberries under perpetual agricultural easement with the Chester County Agricultural Preservation Program. These farmlands are next to Willisbrook Preserve. At this time, 94 acres of Willisbrook Farm were conserved, and more protected lands were to come.

In 2000, the 99-acre Applebrook Golf Club and 100-acre addition to East Goshen Township Park were acquired. The protected lands were starting to really add up!

In 2003, Willistown Township, Natural Lands Trust, and Greater Chester Valley Soccer Association (GCVSA) purchased an additional 108.61 acres from Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital. The Township acquired 27 acres adjacent to Serpentine Preserve, currently under long-term lease to GCVSA, NLT acquired 61.2 acres including the remainder of the Serpentine Barrens, and GCVSA acquired the 20.61 acres where their ball fields are located. These lands are protected in perpetuity. The Township and GCVSA lands are protected by conservation easements held by Willistown Conservation Trust.

Serpentine Preserve was the hole in a doughnut of 390 acres of privately and publicly owned protected lands. The Preserve is an ecologically important landscape and is recreationally beneficial to our community. On this front, we are very pleased to report that we have partnered with Natural Lands Trust. Serpentine Preserve is providing a much-needed trail head and parking area for NLT's Willisbrook Preserve and our Preserve's trails are connected to their 4 mile trail system. Serpentine Preserve is open from dawn to dusk.

Little did Jane Gordon Fletcher know that her initial love of this landscape and gift would lead to over 325 acres of it being protected in perpetuity and accessible to the public. Indeed, one person really can make a difference, and taking the first step can lead to big things!

Willistown Website & FB for Your Convenience!

Check out the Willistown Township website at www.willistown.pa.us if you haven't already! This interactive site is designed for efficient communication and information distribution between Willistown Township and Willistown residents. You can sign up for notifications or report a concern at any time, day or night.

Sign up for notifications of Township news alerts, public meetings, community event information, road closings, and much more.

Utilize the "Report a Concern" link to create your own service requests which are sent directly to the appropriate Township staff member. Service request

categories include: Property Maintenance, Park or Trail Maintenance, Pot Holes, Street Name Signs, and Miscellaneous. There is also a list of contact numbers for items to be reported to Police Dispatch as well as whom to contact for wild animal control, dogs at large, and street light outages.

Our facebook pages provide timely information from the Administration Department ("Willistown Township"), the Parks & Recreation Department ("Willistown Township Parks and Recreation"), and the Police Department ("Willistown Township Police Department").

Willistown Township Snow Removal Tips and Information

The Willistown Township Public Works Department takes great pride executing snow removal operations. The eight-man crew clears 57 miles of Township roadways and 12 miles of PennDot roadways in a quick, efficient, and safe manner to ensure the safety of its residents.

Residents can do their part to facilitate the process. No vehicles should be parked on roadways or cul-de-sacs from the onset of the snow until the roadways have been completely cleared. Cars that are parked on roadways and cul-de-sacs can hinder the snow removal operations and may cause a delay in plowing because of access and available location to pile plowed snow. Crews will make every attempt to clear the area, but may have to return the following day after the vehicles are moved. Please refer to chapter 108 of the Willistown Township code, available at www.willistown.pa.us, for a complete list of rules and regulations.

Mailboxes should be located at least one foot behind the face of the curb at a height of four feet. Mailboxes located closer to the street and lower to the ground are most vulnerable to damage during plowing operations. Make sure your mailbox is sturdy and add extra support if needed. The Township is not responsible for mailbox replacement due to the snow coming off the plow; we will, however, replace a mailbox that is physically hit by the plow truck.

Do not deposit shoveled, blown, or plowed snow onto public streets or storm sewers. This can cause dangerous conditions and is a

violation of the law, punishable with a fine up to \$1,000. Please refer to Chapter 119-39 through 119-42 of the Township Code for a complete list of rules and regulations.

When possible, wait to clear your sidewalks and driveway aprons until the Public Works Department has completed their snow removal operations. During plowing, crews may make a pass in and a pass out of a roadway in order to allow access for emergency vehicles, and the roadway may be completed at a later time when the snow has stopped.

Please be patient. Snow removal does take time, especially in heavy snowfall. Crews will begin salting at the onset of the storm. Once two inches of snow has fallen, plowing will begin. Roads are plowed in an order based on traffic: state roadways will be plowed first, major secondary roadways will be plowed second, and the tertiary roads will be plowed last.

Report any problems to Willistown Township at 610-647-5300, 7 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. Please leave your name, address, contact number, and the nature of the problem. Calls received after 4 PM may not be acted upon until the next business day. You may also report potholes for Township roads under Report a Concern on the left side menu of our website: www.willistown.pa.us. On Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, emergencies may be reported to the Willistown Township Police Department at 610-647-1440.

Willistown Township has a winter maintenance agreement with PennDot to plow and salt the following roadways:

- Providence Road from Goshen Road to Sugartown Road
- Sugartown Road from Goshen Road to King Road
- Devon Road from Paoli Pike to South Cedar Hollow Road
- Warren Avenue from Goshen Road to Paoli Pike
- South Valley Road from Devon Road to Whitehorse Road
- North Cedar Hollow Road from Central Avenue to Treddyfrin Township Line

The following roadways are plowed by PennDot:

- King Road from Sugartown Road to the East Whiteland Township Line
- Paoli Pike, from Line Road to Lancaster Avenue
- Providence Road, from Goshen Road to West Chester Pike (Route 3)
- Goshen Road
- Delchester Road
- West Chester Pike (Route 3)
- Lancaster Avenue (Route 30)
- Street Road (Route 926)

PennDot Contact Information:
Call 1-800-FIX-ROAD to report potholes.
Call 610-566-0972, PennDot District 6 offices, with general questions or concerns regarding state roadways.

Willistown Township Community Service Award

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The Community Service Award is a Willistown Township initiative created to honor and recognize a Willistowner who gives his or her time to our community. Willistown's Board of Supervisors is looking for nominations for the 2015 award. Please send your name, phone number, email address, and your nomination, with a letter of recommendation including a brief summary of your nominee's community service, to Mary McLoughlin at mmcloughlin@willistown.pa.us by Monday, December 8th. Contact Mary at 610-647-5300 x224 with any questions.

Previous awardees include Jim Tate,

Chairman of the Willistown Township Recycling Commission; Penny Goulding, Chairwoman of the Willistown Township Historic Commission and co-author of *Acres of Quakers*, a history of Willistown Township; and Eric Gerst, Chairman of the Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board comprised of Willistown and Newtown Township residents.

In order for a candidate to qualify for the Willistown Township Community Service Award, he or she must be currently serving or have served on one of the Township boards and commissions, including:

- Zoning Hearing Board
- Planning Commission
- Historical Commission
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Recycling Commission
- Environmental Advisory Council

- BOCA Board of Appeals
- Open Space Review Board
- Land Conservancy Authority Board
- Malvern Library Board
- Paoli Library Board
- Bartram Bridge Commission
- Vacancy Board

Send your nomination in today!

Acres of Quakers
An Architectural and Cultural History of Willistown Township

You can purchase the *Acres of Quakers* book at the Township Administration Office between 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday, for \$206.70 (includes tax). A book can be mailed to you for an additional \$6.00.

Celebrating our community through people, parks, and programs

GO WilMa! 2014

Another Great Year



Young tree huggers on their Kirkwood Preserve *GO WilMa!* adventure. Kirkwood Preserve is owned by Willistown Conservation Trust and was purchased with funding assistance from the Willistown Township Open Space Fund.

GO WilMa! stands for Get Outside around Willistown and Malvern! This outdoor adventure program is based on the summer reading themes for K-5th-grade children and teens identified annually by the national Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). We combine the Malvern and Paoli Library summer reading programs with *GO WilMa!* based upon the CSLP theme. Under the leadership of Willistown Parks and Recreation, the program team of Paoli Library, Malvern Library, and Paoli Hospital brought *GO WilMa!* 2014 to life.

The 2014 reading themes were "Fizz, Boom, Read!" and "Spark a Reaction". This year's *GO WilMa!* theme was "Get Outside and be Amazed!" based upon the fizz, booms, and sparks of nature. Upon signing up, kids were deemed Storm Chasers and received *GO WilMa!* Eruption Logs with scavenger hunt clues, or "Radar Blips", leading to hidden "Hot Spots" in our local landscape. Each Hot Spot had a post with a weather event etched into a rubbing plate on which the kids stamped their Logs. The Storm Chasers, upon showing their stamps, received prize raffle tickets

and other incentives along with reading program incentives. The Logs had factoids, recommended reading, healthy recipes, health and safety tips, QR codes that linked to live videos of the weather events, and more!

Many thanks go to our Hot Spot hosts: Malvern Borough, Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund, Paoli Hospital, Historic Sugartown, Willistown Conservation Trust, and East Goshen Township.

The *GO WilMa!* program children and their families and friends found adventure outside, explored treasured and often unknown places in our community, and ran into others doing the same thing.

The program team gratefully acknowledges the Willistown Township Supervisors for major program funding and the Malvern Borough Council and the East Goshen Township Supervisors for their funding assistance. Check out more about the *GO WilMa!* program at www.willistown.pa.us under Parks and Recreation and on Facebook. Contact Mary McLoughlin at 610-647-5300, ext. 224 with inquiries or comments.



GO WilMa! Stats 2014:

- Grand total child participants: 651!
- If you conservatively average 3 people per trip, including parents, siblings, and friends, that's 1,953 people getting outside around Willistown and Malvern!
- Storm Chasers and their guests who made it to all 13 Hot Spots travelled 13 miles, averaging one mile per adventure!
- A total of 1,482 recorded Hot Spot walks/hikes were completed. Averaging 3 people per trip, that's 4,446 trips!
- At an average of 1 mile per trip, that's 4,446 miles. Let's put it this way, Our Storm Chasers and their guests walked from Willistown Township's Greentree Park to Grand Canyon National Park and back!
- The longest hike was East Goshen Township's at 4 miles!
- Most talked about Hot Spot: Kids raved about the stream stepping stone crossing at Willistown Conservation Trust's Ashbridge Preserve!
- Malvern Library K-5th-graders read 159,480 minutes, and Malvern Library teens read 264 books!

Healthy Moves Walk Your Way to Health!



"Walking is man's best medicine."

— Hippocrates

According to Richard Weil, MEd, CDE:

- Walking can help decrease the risk of heart attack and prevent type 2 diabetes.
- Walking can decrease high blood pressure.
- Walking can increase bone density.
- Walking strengthens your heart.
- Brisk walking can reduce stress and depression levels as well as reduce the risk of breast and colon cancer.



Looking Ahead: Recycling 2015

Next year, Willistown's Recycling Commission will organize the annual document shredding event; a wood chipping event; and an electronics, TVs, tires and metal drop-off event in the Spring. Wood chipping will be repeated in the Fall.

Chester County will stage at least two Household Hazardous Waste Disposal events in locations convenient for Willistown Township residents.

The Drug Enforcement Agency, in cooperation with the Willistown Police Department will stage Spring and Fall Prescription Drug Take-Back programs.

A drop box for video and audiocassettes, CDs and DVDs will continue to be available 24/7 at the 688 Sugartown Road location.

Our motto for 2015 is "Resolve to Recycle." Make it one of your New Year's Resolutions!

Leaf and Christmas Tree Pickup

Both AJB (A.J. Blosenski) and Republic/ Allied Waste mailed each of their customers a postcard indicating leaf pickup dates this Fall. December 7th is the last leaf pickup date for both of these companies. Christmas tree pickup dates are yet to be announced. When leaves and Christmas trees are picked up on the listed dates, the trees and leaves will be recycled. If they are placed at curbside on any date other than those listed on the postcards, they will end up in a landfill with all other refuse. Please make an effort to recycle your leaves and trees. Doing so helps to complete our efforts to improve broad-based recycling in the Township. Thanks!

Eleventh Annual—Always Successful Coat Collection

By Cub Scout Pack 98

Drop-off Period: November 4 – December 13

Keep the "Always Successful" coat collection program rolling for the eleventh consecutive year by recycling those old outerwear coats that are in great shape and that you are no longer wearing. There will be many people who are in need of outerwear coats this winter, and you can help them by donating. Only GOOD CONDITION and CLEAN, used or new COATS please!

Drop-off Sites (only when facilities are open):

- **Malvern Public Library**
First and Warren Avenues, Malvern
- **Paoli Public Library**
Rear entrance to Wells Fargo Bank
Lancaster Avenue, Paoli
- **Paoli United Methodist Church**
81 Devon Road, Paoli
- **General Wayne Elementary School (lobby)**
Devon and Grubb Roads, Malvern
- **Sugartown Elementary School (lobby)**
Sugartown and School Roads, Malvern
- **Willistown Twp. Administration Office**
40 Lloyd Avenue, Suite 204, Malvern
Township office building is open for drop-off from 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

Remember—the cutoff date for this program is December 13th, after which drop-off bins will no longer be available.



All coats will be given to a mission outreach program for distribution at no cost to anyone in need. Anyone. Free! In our first ten years, we've collected and donated more than 3,500 coats. Thank you all, but don't stop now! Our goal is another 500 coats this year. This "recycling" program makes sense, and it works. Please make an extra effort to gather the coats you are no longer using and drop them at one of the aforementioned locations.

Willistown Cub Scout Pack 98 has volunteered to coordinate this program, as they have done so successfully in previous years. Thank you, Cub Scouts! And thank you, Danielle Turner, for coordinating this community service program. Questions about this program may be directed to Jim Tate, Willistown Recycling Commission Chairman: 610-647-7361.



Wood Chipping for Willistown Residents!

Saturday, November 15 • 9 AM – 1 PM

Location: 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern

Willistown's Recycling Commission 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 Commission Chairman, 610-647-7361.

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



Okehocking Nature Center

The Okehocking Nature Center Board of Managers leases the Garrett Farmhouse from Willistown Township and provides programming at the Township's Okehocking Preserve. Visit www.okehockingnaturecenter.org.

Fall Birding & Hawk Watch Festival a Soaring Success!

Local birders and families flocked to the Okehocking Preserve on Saturday, September 27 for the first annual Fall Birding and Hawk Watch Festival. The event was co-hosted by the Okehocking Nature Center, Upper Main Line Y, and Willistown Township Parks and Recreation with help from the West Chester Bird Club, Birding Club of Delaware County, and L.L. Bean.

Guests enjoyed guided bird walks throughout the Preserve. Hawk Watch counters observed various migrating raptors including northern harriers, ospreys, bald eagles, and broad-winged hawks. Some of the experienced local birders also identified migrating song birds that utilized the Preserve as a pit stop on their travels south. These birds included various warblers, vireos, and a rare sighting of a summer tanager.

The Philadelphia Zoo entertained guests with their "Birds of Prey" show featuring upclose views of a kestrel, zone-tailed hawk, spectacled owl, and a great horned owl.

The skies stayed blue for relaxing hayrides and live music by Ravenhill Bluegrass Band. Inside the Nature Center Farmhouse an exhibit displayed dazzling bird and nature photography while bird lover and Willistown resident Tom Allison introduced a collection of local bird nests.

eBird is an online database of bird observations providing scientists, researchers, and amateur naturalists with real-time data about bird distribution and abundance. The site lists Okehocking Preserve in the top ten of Chester County birding sites based on the number of different species reported.

Mark your Calendars! The festival will return next fall on September 26, 2015.

Black Friday Turns Green!

November 28 • 10:30 AM–1 PM

Burn off some of those Thanksgiving calories and enjoy a different kind of post-Thanksgiving treat of live folk music, nature walks, and activities hosted by the Okehocking Nature Center at their Garrett Farmhouse headquarters.

Local folk singer Mike Madigan will do a singalong with interactive audience percussion! Experience "musical juggling," "the ugly stick," and Newfoundland storytelling of life in the great "Up North."

Enjoy a guided fresh air hike throughout Okehocking's picturesque landscape, learning about its special features, or stroll on your own. Valley Forge Audubon has catalogued over 140 species of birds here, so bring your binoculars.

This free family event offers welcome relief from the shopping frenzy of the Thanksgiving weekend. Refreshments will be provided. Rain or shine.



HISTORIC SUGARTOWN

A Sugartown Christmas Saturday, December 13

11 AM–4 PM

Bring your family to Historic Sugartown for some holiday fun! Explore the historic village and hear about Victorian Christmas traditions. Sugar up at Sugartown by decorating cookies and gingerbread houses, and try your hand at making Victorian-style ornaments and Christmas cards. Visit with Santa and enjoy holiday treats and hot cocoa! Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors (60+ years), \$3 Children (3–17 years).

Guided tours Through December 14

Saturdays • 11 AM–4 PM
Sundays • 1–4 PM

Enjoy a guided tour of the 19th century village. You'll "shop" in the circa 1880 General Store, stamp leather as bookbinders do in the Book Bindery, view a wonderful collection of Willistown tall-case clocks in the circa 1805 Garrett House, and enjoy the transportation exhibit by Chester County Historical Society in our Carriage Museum. Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors (60+ years), \$3 Children (3–17 years).

Malvern's Victorian Christmas

Friday, Dec. 5 • 5:30–9 PM
Saturday, Dec. 6 • 10 AM–3 PM

Coronet bands, carolers, and horse and carriage rides bring scenes from Currier and Ives to mind as you walk through Malvern Borough's Victorian Christmas.

On Friday, at 6 PM in Burke Park, join community members in the lighting of the Town Tree. Thereafter, take in free musical performances throughout town, strolling street performers, children's shows, horse and carriage rides, a hayride, and more. Shopping will be at its best, as many stores will host open houses with refreshments for everyone. Santa Claus will hear the

wishes of all children under the pavilion at Burke Park.

On Saturday, from 11 AM–2 PM, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be found at the Malvern Federal Savings Bank where children can have a complimentary photo taken and enjoy refreshments. Children have a chance to make ornaments courtesy of The Malvern Public Library and Malvern Federal Savings Bank. Partake in a pony ride between

12 and 3 PM or enjoy a horse-and-

carriage or hay ride, or both! Take the opportunity to finish your Christmas shopping at the unique and special stores in Malvern.

Malvern's Victorian Christmas is produced by the Malvern Business & Professional Association with Malvern Federal Savings Bank, the Presenting Sponsor. Bring a non-perishable item for the Association's Chester County Food Bank donation drive. For more information about Malvern's

Victorian Christmas, visit

www.malvernsvictorianchristmas.org.



LIBRARY NEWS

Malvern Public Library

Have you enjoyed the flower pots at the entrance of our building? They are created and maintained by the members of the Little Gardens Club of Malvern. One of their members, Stephanie Miller, has donated an incredible plant to the library. It is a double blooming Medinilla with amazing cascading pink flowers. We are grateful for her generosity in particular and for the work all the members do in providing a welcoming entrance to our building.

The works of the Delaware County Collage Collective are on display at the library. Stop in to see it!

The Library is a drop-off point for the Annual Willistown Coat Drive and Malvern Victorian Christmas Food Drive again this holiday season.

Don't forget to stop by the Library on Saturday, December 6th during Malvern's Victorian Christmas celebration. We will have a take away holiday craft available from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Looking for an unusual holiday gift? Why not make a donation in honor of someone? We'll purchase the item and create a bookplate naming the honoree. Or, we still have a few t-shirts that will spark conversation around the holiday table!

We are always looking for interested residents to volunteer at the Library. Our volunteers help out at various community events, during fundraising events, and can serve on our Library Board. If you are interested, stop by the Library and speak to Rosalie Dietz or call 610-644-7259.

Did you know you can access e-magazines through the Chester County Library System homepage at CCLS.org? Look for the Flipster icon to see what magazines are available.

CCLS has a new mobile app that provides quick and easy access to your library account and many of our services. The app is free and can be downloaded to mobile devices. Go to the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, and search for "Chester County Library System" to find the app.

Paoli Public Library

Did you know Paoli Library hosts six different storytimes? There's something for everyone, and most do not require reservations! Plus, the Library has a twice-monthly building club for our littlest engineers and architects.

Children ages 2-6 and their families are invited to Move and Groove Storytime every Wednesday through December 17 from 11-11:30 AM for stories, music, and movement. Join us every Thursday through December 18 for Little One's Lapsit, from 10-10:30 AM, to introduce your babies, birth to 18 month, to stories, songs, bounces, and lifts while promoting literacy, language development, and a love of books! Join "Toddler Tales" from 11-11:30 AM for children 18 months to 3 years to make new friends while sharing books, finger plays, music, and movement activities.

Sensory Storytime is scheduled for the first Thursday of the month from 1-1:30 PM. Registration is required and available on the library website: www.tredyffrinlibraries.org/pkids.asp. This unique storytime is an interactive and educational program that can be enjoyed by children ages 3-7, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. It combines books, songs, movement, and therapeutic activities to stimulate all five senses and promote learning. If your child has difficulty sitting through one of the library's other storytimes, this inclusive program of stories, songs, and activities may be just what you are looking for!

German Language Storytime meets the first and third Fridays of the month from 10-11 AM. Kids ages newborn-5 and their families can enjoy stories, songs, playtime, and singalongs—all in German! For questions or more information, email germanstorytelling@gmail.com and join us on Facebook.

The Library hosts a Spanish/English Storytime the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 4:30-5:15 PM. Register online. Parents can introduce children 6 and under and their siblings to another language in this bilingual storytime that will soon have children singing and reading in

both languages! Speakers of all languages are welcome.

Little builders ages 2-5 can join the Duplo Building Blocks Club on the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 10-11 AM. We pull out the Duplo blocks and let everyone go crazy with creation! No registration necessary.

For adult mystery fans, there's a new Mystery Book Club forming at Paoli Library. The first meeting will be Wednesday, November 12 at 6:45 PM. Bring any mystery you've enjoyed over the past year and join a lively discussion! For future dates and information, visit the website or contact Beverly Michaels at bmichaels@ccls.org or 610-296-7092.

Artistically minded adults can enjoy fascinating discussions at the Art Book Club, led by our outstanding and knowledgeable volunteer Victoria Skelly. The next meeting will be November 5, 6:30 PM and the book selections is *The Gravity of Birds* by Tracy Guzeman. On December 3, the group will discuss *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner. For more information on the book selections and the club, visit www.tredyffrinlibraries.org/bookgroups.



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

Malvern Public Library:
www.ccls.org
or 610-644-7259

Paoli Library:
www.tredyffrinlibraries.org
or 610-296-7996



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Mark your Calendars

Ongoing Food Drive Activate Chester County/Chester County Food Bank Drop-off location at Township Administration Building. Please check expiration dates!

November 4-December 13 Cub Scout Pack 98 Annual Coat Collection See page 5 for drop-off locations.

November 27 Happy Thanksgiving!

November 28, 10:30 AM-1 PM Black Friday Turns Green Okehocking Nature Center

December 5, 5:30-9 PM December 6, 10 AM-3 PM Malvern's Victorian Christmas King Street, Malvern

December 8 Community Service Award Nomination Deadline

December 13, 11 AM-4 PM A Sugartown Christmas Historic Sugartown



Enjoy some Christmas cheer at Historic Sugartown! See article on page 6.



Join in the festivities at Malvern's Victorian Christmas! See article on page 6.

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