

# Willis Towne Crier

*In Willistown, nearly everybody reads the Crier!*



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## Message from the Manager



Greetings, Willistown Residents!

As I write this, snow is piled along Willistown roadsides. In the days following January's historic blizzard, our Road Crew worked around the clock—and against the wind—to clear our roads. Many of us here in Willistown are looking forward to springtime, excited for the beautiful renewal the change of seasons brings to our local landscape.

The seasons aren't the only things

changing in Willistown. Township administration is always seeking out new ways to serve you better. This year, the Willistown Township Real Estate Tax will be collected by the Chester County Treasurer's Office. This change gives taxpayers in Willistown more payment options including:

**In Person:** Payments may be made at the Chester County Treasurer's Office, 313 West Market Street Suite 3202, West Chester, PA 19382.

**Online:** Payments may be made by electronic check or credit card at [www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org) (additional fees apply).

**Bank Bill Pay:** Payments may be made through your online banking institution.

Please be sure to use your invoice number listed on the tax bill as the account number.

**Mail:** Payments may be mailed: Use the envelope enclosed with your bill, and be sure to include the payment stub.

**DNB Bank:** Payments may be made at any DNB First branch. Please be sure to bring a copy of your bill with your payment. Only cash or check will be accepted at DNB First.

For more information about Real Estate tax payments, please contact the Chester County Treasurer's Office by visiting [www.chesco.org/Treasurer](http://www.chesco.org/Treasurer) or call the office at 610-344-6370. Additional information

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## Willistown Township 2016 Budget at a Glance

### Willistown Township 2016 Approved Budget • All Funds Available for Appropriation

*(View the Township Manager's Budget Message and Approved Budget at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us))*

Description	Governmental Funds Available for General Appropriation		Governmental Funds Available for Restricted Purposes			Funds Available for Restricted Purposes				Total
	General Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Open Space Fund	Bartram Bridge Fund	State Liquid Fuels Fund	Penns Preserve Sewer Fund	2013 Sewer Bond Proceeds	Valley Forge Sewer Fund	Low Pressure Sewer Fund	
<b>Revenue:</b>										
Real Estate Taxes	\$340,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$340,500
Local Service Tax	\$230,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$230,000
Real Estate Transfer Tax	\$600,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$600,000
Earned Income Tax	\$5,400,000	-	\$580,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,980,000
Fines, Forfeitures and Other Costs	\$29,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$29,500
Cable Franchise Fees	\$250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$250,000
Interest Dividends and Rents	\$2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,500
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$365,189	-	\$850,000	\$1,500	\$283,214	-	-	-	-	\$1,499,903
Park & Recreation Fees	\$13,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$13,000
Charges for Services	\$577,550	-	-	-	-	\$136,601	-	\$1,749,197	\$61,000	\$2,524,349
Miscellaneous	\$1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500
Interfund Transfers	\$135,130	-	-	\$1,500	-	-	-	-	-	\$136,630
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,944,869</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,430,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$283,214</b>	<b>\$136,601</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,749,197</b>	<b>\$61,000</b>	<b>\$11,607,882</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>										
General Government	\$1,601,306	\$59,000	\$552,760	-	-	\$6,843	-	\$122,067	-	\$2,341,976
Sanitary Sewer Operations	-	-	-	-	-	\$136,250	\$2,956,721	\$1,634,819	\$55,000	\$4,782,790
Public Works	\$1,001,831	\$110,000	-	-	\$324,000	-	-	-	-	\$1,435,831
Culture & Recreation	\$290,325	\$50,850	-	\$3,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$344,175
Public Safety - Police	\$4,766,700	\$466,417	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,233,117
Public Safety - Fire	\$402,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$402,000
Interfund Transfers	\$1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,063,662</b>	<b>\$686,267</b>	<b>\$552,760</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$324,000</b>	<b>\$143,093</b>	<b>\$2,956,721</b>	<b>\$1,756,886</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>	<b>\$14,541,389</b>

# WILLISTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION

*Celebrating our community through people, parks, and programs.*



## Go WilMa! Outdoor Adventure Program 2016

Inspired by and modeled after the Healthy York County Coalition's "Get Outdoors York" program, our outdoor adventure program combines parks and recreation, health and wellness, and reading. *GO WilMa!* stands for *Get Outside around Willistown and Malvern!* This popular outdoor adventure program is paired with the National Collaborative Summer Reading Program available to kindergarteners through adults at the Malvern and Paoli Libraries. The *GO WilMa!* theme is based on the annual National Summer Reading theme. The 2016 Summer Reading theme for K-5 is "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!", the teen theme is "Get in the Game: Read!", and the adult theme is "Exercise Your Mind—Read!" This year's *GO WilMa!* theme is...drum roll, please... "Be Well, Be Fit—Get Outside & Move It!"

Each child who signs up for the summer

reading program at Malvern or Paoli Library receives a *GO WilMa!* Field Guide—a passport of sorts. The Guide includes scavenger hunt clues leading to hidden "Activation Stations" in our local landscape. Each Station is named after a fun activity including yoga poses and calisthenics. Program participants and their friends and families will do the movements at each station, and leave inspired to move more throughout the day! The Stations include a rubbing post with an etching on the top where the kids "stamp" their field guide. Then it's back to the library where participants receive raffle tickets for each Activation Station stamp they have earned.

Last year, there were 623 *GO WilMa!* explorers and their accompanying adventurers out and about in the area's parks and special places throughout the summer. If you haven't tried it yet, join the fun!

The program kicks off at the School's Out—Let's *GO WilMa!* Park Party on June 14 at Willistown's Greentree Park, 21 Grubb

Road, Malvern. Sign-up is ongoing at the Malvern and Paoli Libraries throughout the summer. *GO WilMa!* concludes on August 20, and the raffle drawing will take place at the Willistown Country Fair at Greentree Park on August 23.

The program team is led by Willistown Parks and Recreation and includes Malvern and Paoli Libraries. There will be 15 Activation Station locations this year. We are grateful to our station hosts: East Goshen Township, East Whiteland Township, Historic Sugartown, Malvern Borough, Natural Lands Trust, Paoli Battlefield, Paoli Hospital Research Library, Willistown Conservation Trust, and Willistown Township. *GO WilMa!* is funded in large part by Willistown Township with assistance from Malvern Borough and East Goshen Township. There is no participation fee for this program. For more information, go to the Parks and Recreation tab at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) or contact Mary Hundt, Director of Parks and Recreation, at 610-647-5300 x224.

## Willistown Township Summer Camps!

### GREENTREE PARK CAMPS

40 Lloyd Avenue, Malvern  
Held by Jump Start Sports

#### Registration

Via [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) or  
[www.jumpstartsports.com](http://www.jumpstartsports.com)

#### Questions

Michael Stefani 267-587-7154 or  
[mstefani@jumpstartsports.com](mailto:mstefani@jumpstartsports.com)

#### Hummingbirds Soccer

Boys and girls ages 3–6 learn dribbling, passing, trapping, shooting, and positioning through age appropriate drills designed to teach skills, and fun, low-key, non-competitive games.

Time: Saturdays, 1–2 PM

Fee: \$75 Resident \$85 Non-Resident  
(includes team t-shirt)

#### Spring Session

April 16–May 21

#### Summer Session

June 18–July 23

#### Fall Session

September 17–Oct. 29

#### Summer Sports Camps

Boys and girls entering grades K–6 will have a meaningful summer filled with



fun, learning, and new friendships.

Time: 9 AM–12 PM

Fee Any 1 week: \$115 Resident

\$125 Non-Resident

Fee Full Camp: \$345 Resident

\$355 Non-Resident

#### June 27–July 1: World Cup Soccer

Children get their kicks learning foot skills, passing, shooting, goal keeping, and team concepts. They play games each day. The last few days of camp, small teams represent a country and participate in a fun "World Cup" competition.

#### July 5–July 8: Lacrosse

Campers learn cradling and stick work, passing, catching, fielding ground balls, spacing, positioning, and defense. All equipment is provided. Daily scrimmages.

#### July 11–15: Hoop it Up Basketball

Kids participate in fun drills and competitions that help improve shooting, passing, ball handling, and defensive techniques. Players have the opportunity to play 3 on 3 and 5 on 5 games. A fun "March Madness" tournament is held at week's end.

#### July 18–22: Olympics

A combination of sports, culture, and crafts, campers learn the fundamentals of each event in track and field, and practice their skills in a mock Olympics at the end of camp. Teams of "countries" each make a flag and uniform and learn about their country's culture. Each camper receives a medal and their team uniform.

### MILL PARK CAMPS

1 Mill Road, Malvern

Held by Jump Start Sports

#### Willistown T-Birds T-Ball

Boys and girls ages 3–4 learn throwing, catching, fielding, batting, base running, and playing games. Kids receive a trophy and MLB hat. Staff members oversee the games while volunteer team coaches assist.

Time: Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 AM

Fee: \$80 Resident \$90 Non-Resident  
(includes team t-shirt)

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# WILLISTOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sugartown Preserve • Willistown Parks & Recreation

## Planting Seeds of Hope and Change

by Jennifer Becker, Willistown Gardener

Longing for the warmth of the sun's rays, the barren gardens, covered with a light early-morning frost have not been forgotten. The earth lies dormant during the winter months, but not true for the mind, heart, and soul of a gardener. It is in the quiet of winter as snow blankets the land and the sun is a distant friend that gardeners find rest. This rest, this welcome slumber, is when the best dreaming happens.

Gardeners' dreams are filled with seeds of hope and change. Many gardeners have their tried-and-true favorites: Purple Cherokee tomatoes, Tom Thumb lettuce, Chioggia beets. Each year curious gardeners step away from their comfort zones and try a new variety or two (or several)!

The Willistown Community Garden at Sugartown Preserve is a place for Willistown residents who are interested in gardening to gather to sow seeds of hope and change.



Each gardener who becomes a member donates a portion of his/her harvest to those in need through local food pantries. The garden is strictly organic. Members have their own plots and may share several "community" plots which include blackberries, a cutting garden for flowers, and an herb garden.

Willistown Community Garden is thriving thanks to gardeners who volunteer time and talent mentoring new gardeners, sharing ideas with one another, and harvesting hundreds of pounds of food for the Chester County Food Bank. In fact, for the 2015 season, more than 400 pounds were donated!

March is here. The smell of damp spring earth is upon us. Winter will soon be a fleeting memory and the gardeners who have been dreaming of rich, dark soil, verdant plants, and a rife harvest will once again be in their glory.

## Park Parties & Programs

Mark Your Calendars!

### PARK PARTIES AT GREENTREE PARK

21 Grubb Road, Malvern

#### Pizza & Puppets in the Park

May 11 • 5:30-7:30 PM Rain Date: May 18

#### School's Out! Let's GO WilMa!

June 14 • 5:30-7:30 PM

Rain date: June 16

#### Willistown Country Fair

August 23 • 5:30-7:30 PM

Rain date: August 25

## OKEHOCKING PRESERVE PROGRAMMING

### Chester County Trail Club Hike

March 12 • 9 AM

Chester County Trail Club Hike Leader Thelma Douglas will take you on a 6-mile hike throughout Willistown Township's Okehocking Preserve. For further information, please call Thelma at 610-644-9077. Call 267-565-0690 with questions the day of hike only. Meet in the parking lot of Garrett Mill Park, 1040 Garrett Mill Road, Newtown Square. Bring snack and water.

### Come Out and Play at Okehocking Preserve!

May 21 • 11 AM-4 PM

Hosted by the Okehocking Nature Center Group

Join in a fun family day at Willistown Township's Okehocking Preserve! This event is hosted by Okehocking Nature Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the beauty and natural habitat of Okehocking Preserve.

There will be games and activities for all ages along with the Upper Main Line Y's Zoo on Wheels, our bird nest display, gardening tips

from master gardeners, guided nature hikes with birding experts (binoculars provided), face painting, live music, and food available for purchase.

For more information or to get involved with Okehocking Nature Center, please email [info@okehockingnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@okehockingnaturecenter.org) or visit [www.okehockingnaturecenter.org](http://www.okehockingnaturecenter.org).



## Willistown Administration

### Open House

May 26 • 5-7 PM



The Willistown Township Administration team is looking forward to serving you from the Coxe Memorial Campus in 2016! Please join us for an Open House on May 26 to see the renovated administration building and meet your Township administrators. First row from left: Shanna Lodge, Caroline O'Connor, Dave Burman, Rita Reves, Dottie McClintock, Theresa Simmons, Second row from left: Neil Vaughn, Mary Hundt, Ed Tiernan, Ray Urbach, John Voglesang, Steve Jamieson, Jim Stairs, Ted Oswald, Joe Hires, Dave Egan, Bill Hagan, and Marty McKenzie.

# LIBRARIES

## Malvern

For more information call: 610-644-7259 or visit [www.ccls.org](http://www.ccls.org).

### NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Malvern Public Library is pleased to announce a new Director has been appointed. Christina Celona comes to us from the Atglen Public Library. She started full time on Monday, February 1st, 2016. Please help us welcome her!

### TAX FORMS

We have a limited number of free tax forms and booklets. Come get yours before they're all gone!

### ART EXHIBIT

The Art of Ten has a new multimedia display in the library.

Select pieces are available for sale. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the library.

### PERENNIAL BOOK SALE

Come check out our on-going book sale. Donation recommendations are 3 for \$1, children's books 5 for \$1.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

**Storytimes** for children and their caregivers:

Babies up to 2 years: Mondays at 11 AM  
 2-year-olds: Wednesdays at 10 and Thursdays at 9:30 AM  
 3-4-year-olds: Wednesdays at 10:45 and Thursdays at 11 AM.  
 4-6-year-olds: Wednesday at 1:30 PM and Thursdays at 10:15 AM  
 Spanish Storytime is on Tuesdays. Call for details.  
 Family Storytime is the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM.  
 Mother-Daughter Book Club is the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 PM. Please call for registration and more details.  
**ADULT PROGRAMMING**  
**The WoolGatherers** meet the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:45 PM.  
**Book Club** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10 AM. No registration needed to join this lively group!

## Paoli

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

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

**STEM Club:** Calling all science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) enthusiasts! The Paoli Library STEM Club is open to children ages 7-12.

Join us every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 4-5 PM, including a special program on March 14 from the Franklin Institute.

**Storytimes** for children and their caregivers:

Little Learners Lapsit: Thursdays at 10 AM for children under 18 months.

Family Storytime: Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11 AM Children under 5 years.

German Storytime every 1st and 3rd Friday at 10 AM

Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime every 1st Wednesday at 4:30 PM.

**Block Parties:** The library hosts social time Block Parties for children under 7 years on Fridays from 4-5 PM

**Creative Movement dance** every 3rd Monday from 4:30-5:15 PM.

### ADULT PROGRAMMING

**Mystery Book Club:** 10:30 AM March 14, April 11, May 9

**Art Book Club:** This is one of the only fine art book clubs in the area. The group's Spring books are:

*The Impossibility of Love* by Hannah Rothschild

*The Lives of the Muses: Nine Women and the Artists they Inspired* by Francine Prose



## Willistown Conservation Trust Rushton Woods Preserve Programs

Woodcocks & Cocktails

**March 18 • 6:15 PM**

Join us for our fifth annual BYOB to hear and hopefully see the Woodcocks performing their courtship flights. Mixers, soft drinks, and snacks (and Woodcocks) will be provided. Bring your binoculars and warm clothes. Families welcome! Suggested donation: \$5.

Spring Bird Migration Banding

**Tuesdays and Thursdays April 19 thru mid-June, Sunrise to Late Morning**

See the beautiful birds that thrive on Willistown's conserved open spaces as they head north from their winter vacations. Learn about our Bird Conservation Program.

Rushton Woods Preserve is located at 911 Delchester Road, Newtown Square. Visit [www.wctrust.org](http://www.wctrust.org) for the latest information.

## Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association

Spring Meeting

*A Citizen's Guide to Land Use and Water Quality*

by Ann Hutchinson of Natural Lands Trust  
**Sunday, April 10 • 2-4 PM**

Old Mill, Rose Valley  
 Register for this free event at [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org)



19th Annual CRC Streams Cleanup

**Saturday, April 30 • 9-11:30 AM**

To register and view cleanup locations visit [www.crcwatersheds.org/streams-cleanup](http://www.crcwatersheds.org/streams-cleanup)

## 86th Radnor Hunt Races Saturday, May 21

Race for Open Space!

Celebrate 86 years of horseracing in the open countryside! Join us and start your own spring tradition. Invite friends to tailgate on the rail or enjoy the view from a box seat. \$180,000 in purses bring the best in steeplechasing to Radnor Hunt in Willistown Township. Don't miss the action or the fun—purchase your spot now! Advance sales only at 610.388.8383 or [www.radnorhuntraces.org](http://www.radnorhuntraces.org). No sales on Race Day. Proceeds benefit the open space programs of the Brandywine Conservancy.



Photo by Jim Graham



## HISTORIC SUGARTOWN

690 Sugartown Rd. Malvern, PA 19355  
610.640.2667 [HistoricSugartown.org](http://HistoricSugartown.org)  
Sign up online, call Faith McCarrick or email  
[famccarrick@historicsugartown.org](mailto:famccarrick@historicsugartown.org)

### Paper Marbling Workshop

**March 5th • 9 AM–3 PM in the Bindery**

Learn to create marbled paper in Historic Sugartown's Bindery! Marbling is the art of floating and designing watercolors on a base fluid then permanently transferring the design to paper. Colonial Williamsburg-trained instructor Ramon Townsend of [www.ColonialBindery.com](http://www.ColonialBindery.com) will lead the class through the marbling process. Participants will take home their finished papers.

Admission: \$65/Adult, \$50/Child (Ages 8–17). All supplies included.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited to 8 participants.

### Volunteer Interest Meeting

**March 21 • 7 PM at the Carriage Museum**

Love history? Long to share your passion for the past with others? Historic Sugartown wants your help with school tours, programs and events, and caring for our artifact collections. Our Volunteer Interest Meeting is a chance to meet the staff and learn about our volunteer opportunities. Registration is not required, but we would be glad to know you are coming!

The Way Books are Bound: A History of Bookbinding

**March 31 • 7 PM at the Carriage Museum Bindery** Open 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM

Explore the history of bookbinding with Ramon Townsend, a Colonial Williamsburg-trained master bookbinder. View 18th & 19th century tools and bindings from Historic Sugartown's collection. Arrive early to tour our world-class Book Bindery.

Admission: \$8/Person

Registration is not required, but we would be glad to know you are coming!

### Weekend Guided Tours

**Beginning May 1**

Historic Sugartown is a beautifully restored 19th-century village crossroads located in Willistown Township. Named after tavern keeper Eli Shugart, Sugartown became a bustling village corner during the late 1800s bringing people together to exchange news, conduct business, and share their lives as a community. Visitors enjoy a guided tour of the c. 1880 General Store, a 19th-century School Exhibit, the c. 1805 Garrett House, the Book Bindery, the 19th century bank barn & agricultural exhibit, and the Carriage Museum.

Hours: Saturdays, 11 AM–4 PM, and Sundays, 1–4 PM

Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors (60+ yrs), \$3 Children (3–17 yrs). Children ages 2 and younger admitted free.

### Squirrel Gallery Revival

**April 29, 30, and May 1**

The Squirrel Gallery art show, held in Willistown from 1996-2011, is being revived! Local Chester County artists spearheading the effort include: Patricia Wall, Amory Stedman, Josephine Winsor, Abigail Joseph, Mimi Favre, and Maryanne Buschini. The exhibit will feature over 30 artists and will take place at the William Garrett House and Cheever Barn at Historic Sugartown. This 3 day art exhibit will welcome the public, and art works shown will be for sale. Proceeds will benefit the Valerie Lamb Smith Art Fund and ArtPartners in Coatesville PA.

Further information about the Squirrel Gallery 2016 Show:  
[squirrelgallery@gmail.com](mailto:squirrelgallery@gmail.com) or  
<http://www.squirrelgallery.net>



## Lecture Series

The popular Paoli Battlefield Lecture Series is celebrating its 5th year! The lectures and dinners are held at The General Warren Inn, known as the Warren Tavern during the 1777 Paoli Massacre. Famous authors and experts speak about topics related to the Revolutionary War period and often have their latest books available for purchase and autographing.

The General Warren offers buffet dinners designed especially for the Lecture Series. The guests share stories and fine food prior to the lecture and enjoy deserts afterwards while chatting with the featured speaker.

Reserve your space online at [www.rememberpaoli.com](http://www.rememberpaoli.com) or call the General Warren Inn 610.296.3637. The cost per person is \$49.00. The doors open at 5:45 PM and the event usually finishes around 8:00 PM. There is also a raffle where each guest has a chance to win a night's stay at the Warren. Here is the line-up:

**March 14 • Christian McBurney** will speak about the Special Operation that captured General Charles Lee and Richard Prescott.

**April 11 • Don Hagist** will profile the British Soldier in the Revolution and specifically the British Troops who fought at Paoli.

**May 9 • Dennis Conrad** presents "A Sea Change; Naval Warfare in the Spring of 1778" discussing navies of the 17th century.

**July 16 • Charlie Zahm** plays Revolutionary War music and tells stories from the 1770's.

## Mark Your Calendar

**September 24 Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day**—a fun interactive history event for the entire family held at Paoli Battlefield on Monument Avenue in Malvern. All of these programs are fundraisers for the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund, a nonprofit that manages and supports the Paoli battlefield.

Like us on Facebook (Paoli Battlefield Historic Park), visit [www.pbpfinc.org](http://www.pbpfinc.org), or follow us on Twitter (@PaoliBattle).

## Message From the Manager *cont'd from page 1.*

about taxes in Willistown can be found at the Tax Department section of [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us). We hope this change is beneficial for Willistown residents, and we are eager to hear from you about your experience with this new tax collection method.

As always, please let us know if you see anything in the Township that needs our

attention. You can visit our website 24/7 at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) and click "Report a Concern" on the bottom left side of our home page. You can also contact me directly at [dburman@willistown.pa.us](mailto:dburman@willistown.pa.us) if you have any specific questions or concerns.

Regards,

— **Dave Burman, Township Manager**

## Recycling—Myth and Truth

### Myth

*“There is no need to recycle because all recyclables end up in a landfill.”*

Not true! If all recyclables ended up in a landfill, why would waste/recycling haulers use separate trucks to pick up just recyclables? Recyclables have a value—that’s why. Think about this: Haulers are charged a fee per ton to dump trash. Recyclables disposed of as trash add to their disposal fees. Selling these materials to mills and other industries that make products out of them is a source of income for recycling companies.

### Truth

*“Recycling benefits Willistown Township.”*

True. The total tonnage of all recyclables collected at curbside and from commercial accounts in Willistown each year generates approximately \$33,000 for the Township from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). The program has run for 14 years. Here’s how the system works: Each year, the Willistown Recycling Commission obtains tonnage reports from recycling companies serving the Township. The Commission then files an application with PADEP to receive a grant based on the total tonnage collected by all of the haulers. In 2015, for example, the amount received was \$43,496! This money is used to help pay for the free recycling programs offered to Willistown residents each year. Don’t buy into the myth about all recyclables going into landfills.

*“The recycling industry is facing significant challenges at present.”*

True! The modern-day recycling industry is entering its 26th year. It’s now a mature business that began experiencing the effects of volatile market dynamics in recent years. The “golden days” of baling recycled paper, loading it onto a ship and sending it abroad for a high price are over. Declining oil prices, a strong U.S. dollar, a weakened

Chinese economy, and lower prices for commodities have made the global business of recycling less profitable.

Another major issue is contamination. More and more recycling haulers have switched to single-stream recycling where all recyclables are co-mingled and placed in one container at curbside leaving the sorting to materials recovery facilities. Glass, for example, breaks during the sorting process and gets mixed with other recyclables—paper, plastic, and cardboard—contaminating them. Contaminated bales of individual commodities are treated as trash. This waste cuts into the profit of recycling companies. Also, single-stream, curbside recycling has facilitated an increase in garbage getting mixed with other recyclables resulting in contamination. There is no wiggle room on the requirement for non-contaminated bales of material in the market.

While single-stream collection has simplified and increased residential recycling, and, therefore, the tonnage of recyclables collected, it has also resulted in a higher percentage of recyclables being rejected by mills and other industries.

Regardless of these conditions, Willistowners should continue to recycle as many approved paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum and glass items as possible while being more diligent about recycling only those items that are acceptable. A plastic shovel, tableware, plastic bags, and dishware are not acceptable at curbside. Please see Refuse and Recycling under Services at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) for a list of approved curbside recyclables. Also note that what you recycle should be free of residue. A good rinse helps! If residents do their part, the recycling industry will get a handle on the contamination problem. And remember, your commitment to recycling correctly qualifies Willistown for financial grants that are critical to maintaining our free specialty recycling programs. Let’s resolve to recycle—and do it correctly!

## Wow! 12th Annual Coat Collection Sets Record High!

Greater Willistown-area residents dropped off a record 603 coats during the Willistown Township/Cub Pack 98 12th annual coat collection in November and December, 2015. Thank you all!

Our local Pack 98 fully engaged in its service project, picking up the coats from the Malvern and Paoli Libraries, Paoli United Methodist Church, Sugartown and General Wayne Elementary Schools, and Paoli Hospital. Danielle Turner, whose two sons are members of Pack 98, directed the collection and sorting efforts and did a magnificent job!

All 603 coats were distributed to people in need through several mission organizations. Wayne Presbyterian Church in Wayne coordinated the delivery of 403 of the coats to the homeless served by Outtley Men’s Shelter and Broad Street Ministries in Philadelphia and City Team Ministries in Chester. 200 coats were delivered through St. Mary’s Episcopal Church to The Branches, a mission outreach center located in Rio Grande, NJ. Many thanks to our residents, the Cub Scouts, Danielle Turner, our collection-box partners, Cube Smart, and the churches for helping this program bring our 12-year total of coats collected and dispersed to 4,556!

## Household Smoke Detector Disposal

Willistown Township



Administration building now provides a container to accept unwanted smoke detector units—those that many residents use in the ceilings of their homes.

Your Recycling Commission is filling another void! These types of smoke detectors are not acceptable at the yearly Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in Chester County. They should not be thrown in your trash can or recycling container, because some types contain a very small amount of a radiotoxic isotope. No need to panic about this, but please do dispose of them correctly when the time comes for them to be replaced. Drop your detectors at the administration office between 8 AM and 4 PM Monday through Friday.

### Spring Recycling Events

Recycling events for Willistown residents in April and May will include:

- Electronic waste, metal, tires, computer printer cartridges, cell phones, tubular fluorescent bulbs, lead-acid batteries and any item containing Freon gas

- Paper shredding
- Prescription medications
- Wood chipping
- Household Hazardous Waste

We will publicize dates, locations, and details for these events once the details are finalized.



Have questions about recycling or recycling events?

Contact Jim Tate, Chairman of Willistown’s Recycling Commission: 610-647-7361.

## From the Chief

On January 13, 2016, four of our officers received commendations at the Chester County Police Chiefs Association meeting and were recognized for their outstanding work.



Officer Mark Monroe and Officer Bill Murrin heard the report of a burglary on the police radio that was interrupted by the homeowner in Easttown Township. While on patrol, these officers stopped a vehicle that matched the description of the suspect's vehicle. The actor was taken into custody and a search of the vehicle revealed stolen items that were linked to several burglaries in the area.

Officer Zachary Bullock was on patrol when he observed heavy smoke coming out of the eaves of a home. Officer Bullock entered the home that was full of heavy black smoke and alerted the residents who were asleep at the time. The residents managed to exit to a roof on the second floor. Officers Bullock and Murrin retrieved a ladder, and the residents were able to escape.

Officer Kevin Ashe responded to the report of an unresponsive person in the southern end of the Township. Officer Ashe immediately identified that the subject was suffering from an opioid overdose and was not breathing. Officer Ashe administered Naloxone to the female who began to breathe and became alert. Officer Ashe's quick actions saved her life.

Willistown officers were among the first to carry Naloxone, commonly referred to as Narcan. We are committed to our mission of protecting the people who live, work, or play in Willistown. I am glad that we made an early decision to carry Narcan, as it supports our mission. Patrol officers are always on the frontline and giving them another tool to preserve life is always a good decision. To this date, there have been over 35 people in Chester County that have been saved as a result of the use of Narcan.

At our annual Awards Night in February, we recognized the officers previously mentioned as well as Officer Zachary Bullock for being elected Officer of the Year. Our Detective Division was recognized for their outstanding work investigating four separate incidents that involved the sexual abuse or assault of a minor. Our Detectives

do a great job and are highly regarded by local law enforcement. Congratulations to Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Heim, Detective Stephen Jones, and Detective Robert Will!

On another note, we are always looking for ways to improve traffic issues in Willistown. In 2015, there were 281 crashes in Willistown Township. We had 83 crashes on West Chester Pike compared to 67 in 2014. There were 33 crashes on Paoli Pike, 27 crashes on Lancaster Ave, and 24 crashes on Goshen Road. Crashes at the intersection of Street Road and Dutton Mill Road rose to 11 compared to only 3 in 2014. There was only 1 crash on Forest Lane and there were no crashes at Sugartown and Monument. We had 7 crashes linked to Driving Under the Influence. We had 33 crashes involving deer; and unfortunately, we had 1 crash involving a fatality.

We dedicated numerous hours collecting data, reviewing our roadways and attempting to reduce speeding on our roads. We worked with a traffic engineer from the Pennsylvania Local Technical Assistance Program and with representatives from PennDot to evaluate and make improvements. We will continue to address our roads and try to reduce crashes.

We conducted 315 school bus checks in 2015. If you see an officer at your child's school bus stop this year that does not mean there is a problem. We monitor our school bus stops in an attempt to keep our children safe. We also walk through our schools on a daily basis. The purpose of this is to keep our schools safe and to allow our children to become familiar with our officers.

On Saturday, April 30, 10 AM–2 PM we will host the National Drug Take Back initiative at the police station. You can bring expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for disposal. This program has been a great success for us in the past. Please do not bring sharps and syringes as we cannot dispose of them.

Once again, I want to thank you, the residents, for your continued support of your police department. We will continue to work hard every day to keep you safe.

Stay Safe,

*John M. Narcise*

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### What to Know When Working With a Contractor

- 1. Research.** Do your homework. Ask family and friends for recommendations. Then, interview a few of the top candidates. Call their references and take a look at completed jobs.
  - 2. Check the contractor's license and insurance.** When you choose your contractor, make sure he is licensed for residential jobs.
  - 3. Be professional—**don't become best friends with him.
  - 4. Set up an emergency fund.** Give yourself a financial cushion by saving an extra 20% of your total budget if you can.
  - 5. Get everything in writing.** A paper trail protects you and your contractor. Put all the details about the project in a contract and have an attorney review it. As the project is in progress, add any changes to the contract and print out the updated copy for you and the contractor. Include the price detail too.
  - 6. Discuss cleanup before work even begins.** Agree on what kind of cleanup and preventative cleaning the contractor will provide like removing furniture or covering rooms with drop cloths.
  - 7. Take your own measurements and compare them to the contractor's.** This is especially helpful for tile, carpet, and wallpaper.
  - 8. Watch the job site/progress every day.** Talk to the contractor often and ask for regular progress reports. Look for problems as soon as they crop up. When the crew leaves, make sure everything is as it should be. Take photos of the work in progress for your records.
  - 9. Withhold final payment until work is complete.** Keep your down payment to a reasonable number. Make payments during the job based on work completed. Don't make the final payment until the job is done to your liking.
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Help Keep Our Water Resources Clean and Healthy! Join Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association's 19th Annual CRC Streams Cleanup Saturday, April 30 9-11:30 AM To register and view cleanup locations visit www.crcwatersheds.org/streams-cleanup

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Mark your Calendars

April 10 CRC Lecture: A Citizen's Guide to Land Use and Water Quality Old Mill, Rose Valley • 2 PM See www.crcwatersheds.org

April 30 National Drug Take Back Initiative Willistown Township Police Department 10 AM-2 PM

April 30 CRC Annual Streams Cleanup www.crcwatersheds.org 9-11:30 AM

May 11 Pizza & Puppets in the Park Greentree Park 5:30 -7:30 PM

May 21 86th Radnor Hunt Races www.radnorhuntraces.org

May 26 Willistown Administration Open House 5-7 PM

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