

# Willis Towne Crier

*In Willistown, ~~not~~ everybody reads the Crier!*



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## Message From the Manager



Greetings Willistown Residents!

The Township Administration looks forward to welcoming you to our Open House on May 26 from 5 PM to 7 PM. The

Open House will give you an opportunity to visit us in our new home in the renovated building on the Coxe Memorial Campus at 688 Sugartown Road. The Board of Supervisors and staff will escort you through the building and answer any questions you may have.

As the spring cleaning and recycling season gets underway, Willistown Township continues to explore ways we might become more efficient and reduce our environmental impact. Over the past few years, we have increased our electronic outreach by enhancing our website with the "Notify Me" feature and by establishing a social media presence through Facebook pages for the Parks & Recreation Department, Police Department, and Township Administration. As a result, it has been suggested that the traditional printing of the Towne Crier may be unnecessary.

Before making this decision, we wanted to obtain feedback from our residents. For this purpose, we have created an online survey at [www.willistown.pa.us/survey](http://www.willistown.pa.us/survey). Please visit the link and take a few moments to answer the questionnaire. We want to stay in contact with our residents, and we need your feedback on how you'd like to hear from us.

Thank you for your assistance in making Willistown Township the great community it is!

— Dave Burman  
Township Manager

## Heathy Yards = Healthy Streams!

*From our Friends at*



**Chester • Ridley • Crum**

No matter how close you live to a stream, the way you take care of your lawn has a big effect on your local watershed. What you spray or spread on your lawn affects the quality of the creek's water—sources of our drinking water—and the plants and wildlife that depend on it. Storms wash lawn care chemicals into streams and pollute them, particularly if these products are not properly applied. Many insect and weed killers broadcast over lawns affect the soil as well. They harm the microorganisms that give soil life, create nutrients for plants, and add texture that improves the soil's ability to absorb and retain water. Pesticides applied to plants may harm beneficial insects, such as ladybugs, and the birds which feed on them thus impacting the greater ecological web. For more information on managing your lawn, visit the Penn State Extension website at [www.plantscience.psu.edu](http://www.plantscience.psu.edu).

### Environmentally Friendly Lawn Care Tips

- Mow lawns yo 2 ½ to 3 inches high to reduce the chance of weeds taking hold.
- Go easy on the nitrogen! Healthy lawns need about 4 pounds per square foot over the growing season—more than that creates excessive growth and fertilizer runoff during storms. By leaving mulched grass clippings on the lawn, you reduce this need by 25%. Check that you or your lawn care service are not exceeding the amount of nitrogen your lawn needs.
- Select a slow-release fertilizer with a high percentage of Water Insoluble Nitrogen and without any broadleaf weedkiller listed on the label. Slow-release fertilizer breaks down gradually in soil rather than quickly dissolving in stormwater, so it is less likely to wash into our local streams. Hand pull weeds or spot spray only when necessary with products specific for that problem.



## 2016 EVENTS & PROGRAM CALENDAR

**Kids Party in the Park @ Greentree**  
*Featuring the Zany Antics of Puppet's Pizzazz!*  
May 11 • 5:30–7:30 PM

Enjoy the nonstop entertainment of the latest and greatest comical puppet show by Puppet's Pizzazz. Kids receive a cookie while supplies last. Enjoy The Pizza Wagon's brick oven 'za and Whirled Peace Froyo. No entry fee. Rain date: May 13.

**Schools Out! Let's GO WilMa!**  
**Park Party @ Greentree**  
June 14 • 5:30–7:30 PM

Once school's out, let's get outside and celebrate the arrival of summer with a sizzling Park Party! The kids will be elated having their faces painted, visiting the Sleepy Hollow Farms petting zoo, feeding the animals, taking pony rides, and dancing and prancing to the DJ's tunes—grownups will have fun too! Kids of kindergarten age through teens can sign up for the *GO WilMa!* outdoor adventure program. Featuring The Pizza Wagon and Whirled Peace Froyo. No entry fee. Rain date: June 16.



**Come Out & Play @ Okehocking!**  
May 21 • 11 AM–4 PM  
*Hosted by the Okehocking Nature Center at Willistown's Okehocking Preserve. See page 4 for details.*

**148th Annual Malvern Memorial Parade & Family Fun Weekend**  
June 4 • Activities all Day June 5 • Parade at 1:30 PM

On June 4, join the Run for Freedom 5k, 1mile, or kids run and other fun activities. Go to [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com) for details. At 5 PM the Annual Community Spaghetti Dinner & Concert will be held in Memorial Park—tickets must be purchased in advance.

The oldest continuously held Memorial Parade in America is June 5 followed by a memorial ceremony and a traditional cake walk. See [www.malvernmemorialparade.com](http://www.malvernmemorialparade.com) for details.

**Willistown Country Fair @ Greentree**  
August 23 • 5:30–7:30 PM

Celebrate friends, family, neighbors, our community, and the end of summer at Greentree Park with live acoustic bluegrass music by Raven Hill ([www.ravenhillbluegrass.com](http://www.ravenhillbluegrass.com)), Sleepy Hollow Farms pony rides and petting zoo, face painting, Center on Central's music circle, and interactive local community group stations. The *GO WilMa!* outdoor adventure program prize drawing will be held at 7 PM. Enjoy the down-home country fair experience! Featuring The Pizza Wagon and Whirled Peace Froyo. No entry fee. Rain date: August 25.

**Be Well, Be Fit—Get Outside & Move It!**  
**GO WilMa! Outdoor Adventure Program**  
Sign-Up begins June 13

*GO WilMa!* stands for Get Outside around Willistown and Malvern! Our annual theme is inspired by the National Collaborative Summer Reading program. The 2016 summer reading themes are "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" for K-5th-grade, "Get in the Game: Read!" for teens, and "Exercise Your Mind—Read!" for adults. This year's *GO WilMa!* theme is "Be Well, Be Fit—Get Outside & Move It!" Children who signs up for the summer reading program at Malvern or Paoli Library receive 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 do the movements at each station and leave inspired to move more throughout the day! Sign-up is ongoing throughout the summer and kicks off at the School's Out—Let's *GO WilMa!* park party described to the right. The program ends August 20, and a prize drawing will be held on August 23 at the Willistown Country Fair described to the right. No participation fee.

**Okehocking Bird Fest**  
*Save the Date! Hosted by Willistown Parks & Recreation and the Okehocking Nature Center*  
September 24 • 9 AM–2 PM

### PLEASE NOTE:

- To volunteer or for a recorded message if weather is a question, please call 610-647-5300 ext. 224.
  - No dogs at Township events please.
  - Schedule subject to change.

**SIGN UP FOR PARK PARTY  
REMINDERS & E-NEWS @  
[WWW.WILLISTOWN.PA.US/LIST.ASPX](http://WWW.WILLISTOWN.PA.US/LIST.ASPX)  
UNDER "NOTIFY ME"  
*See you in the park!***

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

## CAMPS & PROGRAMS

### GREENTREE PARK CAMPS

40 Lloyd Avenue, Malvern  
Hosted 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 716-997-7998 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)

#### 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: Weekdays, 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

Hosted by Jump Start Sports

#### Willistown T-Birds T-Ball

Boys and girls ages 3–4 learn throwing, catching, fielding, batting and base running, and play 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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### OKEHOCKING WEED WARRIORS

5316 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square

Led by Dave Smith

Join the Weed Warriors at Okehocking Preserve! We need volunteers looking

for fresh air, exercise, and camaraderie to help fight the invasive species that threaten the overall health of the Preserve. This spring we invite all who can come out on select Saturdays to help tackle the bad guys by cutting vines and removing invasive bushes from a small focus area by the main stem of Ridley Creek. We will meet at the Okehocking Farmhouse. Some tools are available, but please bring your own if you can. Please contact Dave Smith at [okehockingweedwarrior@gmail.com](mailto:okehockingweedwarrior@gmail.com) for more information on this project and to let him know which date(s) work best for you. More Weed Warrior info will be coming to the website soon, so please check frequently: [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) under Parks & Recreation Department. Thank you in advance!

### LITTLE LIBRARY @ GREENTREE Donated by Brownie Troop 4011

General Wayne Elementary School  
Brownie Troop 4011 is giving back to our community!



In an effort to share our love of reading we are sponsoring a book box at Greentree Park. Our troop members have

worked hard fundraising to support troop activities, and we want to give back to our community using some of the proceeds for this project.

As Girl Scouts, we promise to live by the girl scout law. Part of the law is to make the world a better place. Swap books you are finished with for a book from the box or help yourself to a book. We hope that the Willistown community enjoys this Little Library @ Greentree and reading in the park with the help of troop 4011!

# WILLISTOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN

## Sugartown Preserve • Willistown Parks & Recreation

Sugartown Preserve includes 16.2 acres with elements of protected open space, meadows and woods, a 1.2 acre building envelope, and the 0.6 acre Willistown Community Garden. The organic garden is managed by community members. The property is under a conservation easement with Willistown Conservation Trust.

The Willistown Community Garden is a volunteer garden where Willistown and area residents share fellowship and work the earth—bringing us an abundance of joy! We reap from this world of wonder organic fruits, vegetables, and herbs as well as beautiful flowers.

While toiling and sweating, the gardeners behold a calming and refreshing spectacle of deer grazing warily outside the garden, riders on horseback meandering through the meadows, birds chirping gaily, bees buzzing busily, hummingbirds thrumming quietly, and two white swans swimming in a nearby pond. Oh, what a wonderful world!



**Picking zinnias from the garden, all ages enjoy their time in Willistown's Community Garden.**

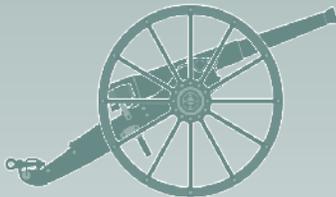
As a part of the Chester County Food Bank Raised Bed Program, which provides fresh food to over 70,000 hungry Chester County residents, the Willistown Community Garden is home to two raised beds that are managed by local Daisy or

Girl Scout Troops who grow, harvest, and deliver organic produce to local food cupboards. All of the gardeners donate a portion of their harvest to local Chester County Food Bank food cupboards. Six hundred and thirty-nine total pounds were donated during the 2015 growing season!

In addition, Willistown Community Gardeners and Willistown Parks & Recreation host a booth at the annual Willistown Country Fair at Greentree Park in August and the Bird Festival at Okehocking Preserve in September. See page 2 for more information on these events.

This wonderful place exists at 257 Spring Road, Malvern, PA, 19355. If you would like to experience the world of a gardener at Willistown Community Garden, email Mary Hundt, the Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Director, at [mhundt@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhundt@willistown.pa.us). Please note, space is limited!

### COMMUNITY NEWS



## From the Battlefield

### Introducing Cell Phone Tours!

The Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund is installing a new Cell Phone Tour at several locations in the park located on Monument Avenue. Folks will be able to access a local telephone number and prompt three different short narratives about The Paoli Massacre battle, General Anthony Wayne at Paoli, and the story of the battle cry "Remember Paoli!" Our new Tour is part of the Valley Forge Park program and can be accessed from any location or telephone.

### GO WilMa!

The Battlefield will once more host the GO WilMa! summer adventure program. Each year we write interesting history clues and questions for kids and their parents while they stroll through this historic Revolutionary War open space. Sign up

to enjoy the 2016 GO WilMa! summer program. Information is on page 2, and don't forget to take your cell phone!

### Mark Your Calendars! Heritage Day

September 24

The 4th annual Heritage Day is a family event with food, military re-enactors, crafters, live music, local historical organizations, and military vehicles.

### Annual Dinner

October 13

The Paoli Memorial Association and the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund will host our third annual dinner and auction at People's Light and Theater Company to benefit both organizations.

More information will be included in the next Towne Crier and please visit [www.rememberpaoli.org](http://www.rememberpaoli.org).

### Come Out & Play @ Okehocking!

May 21  
11 AM-4 PM  
Hosted by the Okehocking Nature Center



Join in a fun family day at Willistown Township's Okehocking Preserve!

- Games and activities for all ages
- Upper Main Line Y's Zoo on Wheels
- Bird nest collection on display
- Master gardener gardening tips
- Guided nature hikes with birding experts (binoculars provided)
- Face painting
- Live music
- Food available for purchase

This event is hosted by the Okehocking Nature Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the beauty and natural habitat of Okehocking Preserve.

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



## Wood Chipping for Residents!

May 7 • 9 AM–1 PM

Coxe Memorial Campus

Willistown's Recycling Commission is pleased to offer another wood chipping event! Residents may bring tree, bush, and shrub limbs and branches no greater than 14" in diameter. They will be unloaded and chipped free of charge, then returned to Mother Earth for trails. Thanks go to the Public Works Department for their assistance!

### Specifications

Wood other than that described above will not be accepted. No wooden furniture, ladders, fence posts/railings, telephone poles, landscaping wood, construction wood, paneling, scrap wood, or wood with nails, hooks, or metal. The Township can not dispose of these items for you! Also, no leaves or grass.

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

## Recycling Plastics...



## It's a Numbers Game!

Willistown residents select their own waste and recyclable haulers. If you have questions about the items on this list, please contact your hauler.

*NOTE: Recyclable items must be rinsed clean!*

Rigid Plastics are jugs, bottles and product packaging with the "chasing arrows" recycle symbol, like those you see above, with a number #1 through #7 on the base or side of the container/packaging. Some products are packaged in more than one type of plastic. Here's the scoop on the plastic recycling numbers game:

**#1 Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE) or (PET):** soft drink, water, mouthwash, ketchup, and vegetable oil bottles; peanut butter and salad dressing containers, and oven ready food trays.

Note: PETE is the most common type of plastic used for recyclable bottles.

**#2 High Density Polyethylene (HDPE):** milk jugs, water and juice containers, liquid detergent and bleach bottles, yogurt, butter and margarine

tubs, and shampoo bottles.

**#3 Vinyl (Polyvinyl Chloride or PVC):** clear food packaging, shampoo and window cleaner bottles.

**#4 Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE):** some squeezable bottles.

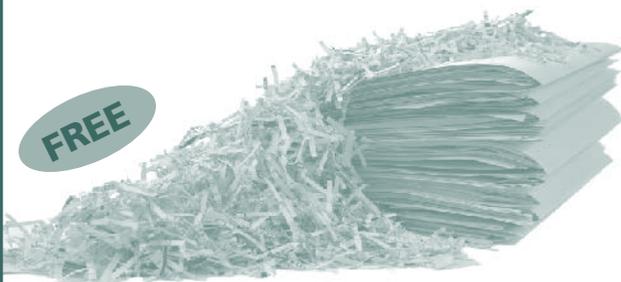
**#5 Polypropylene (PP):** ketchup bottles, yogurt containers, and medicine bottles.

**#6 Polystyrene (PS):** There is both a soft PS and a hard PS. Soft PS is styrofoam cups and plates. Hard PS is rigid plastic cups, plates and bottles. Both forms usually contain #6 on the bottom of the item. Hard PS is recyclable. Note: Styrofoam is not recyclable in curbside recycling programs.

**#7 Other:** Use of this code indicates that the package in question is made with a resin other than the six listed above or is made of more than one resin. Examples: three and five-gallon reusable water bottles, some citrus juice and ketchup bottles, and clear baby food containers. Do not put recyclables in vinyl plastic bags for pick up. Place your recyclables in the boxes or containers supplied by your hauler.

*Willistown Township is a state-mandated recycling community, meaning its residents are required to recycle!*

## Shred for Security!



### Document Shredding for Willistown Residents

May 21 • 9 AM–1 PM

Coxe Memorial Campus

Dispose of sensitive documents that you've been storing but have been reluctant to put in the trash. Cancelled checks, new checks that you'll never use, insurance statements, tax forms, charge/bank/debit statements, receipts, savings passbooks, confidential letters, legal documents, and brokerage statements are some of the many types of sensitive documents that you should dispose of with finality in this age of identity theft.

Shredding will take place on site in a specially equipped truck. Limit: six boxes. Do not bring newspapers, magazines, cardboard, wallpaper, books, sheets of plastic, photographs, Pendaflex folders with metal strips, or three-ring binders. Items containing staples, standard paper clips, or rubber bands will be accepted. Remove all binder clips.

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

Contact Jim Tate, Chairman, Willistown Recycling Commission with questions about recycling at 610-647-7361.

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Malvern

A huge thank you to the volunteers who “dialed for dollars” during our annual Phonathon and our generous donors! This is our only fundraiser and we truly appreciate the response we get from our patrons. More donation forms are at the circulation desk.



Get ready for our exciting summer reading program and the super-popular *GO WilMa!* outdoor adventure program! The theme this year is “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!” Complete this athletics-themed summer reading program and receive a medal! Registration for the summer reading program and *GO WilMa!*, and our storytimes, crafts, and other special events begins June 13.

**Science in the Summer: Genetics** will be held the week of July 25. Online registration starts on May 3 at noon.

**Adult Book Club** will be discussing *All The Light We Cannot See* on May 10th, and *Molokai* on June 14th.

The library has eBooks and audiobooks available through Overdrive! If you have a library card, you have access to Overdrive which can be viewed on any of your mobile devices or on your computer.

There is now a CCLS mobile app. Download this app on your phone or tablet and have access to your account online and the catalog.

## Paoli

### DROP-IN SPRING STORYTIMES

#### Family Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays,  
11 AM–12 PM

Music, movement, and crafts celebrate books and literacy! For children ages 18 months–5 years and their families.

#### Little Learners Lapsit

Thursdays, 10–11 AM

Stories, rhymes, songs, toys, and lots of interaction! For ages birth–18 months and their caregivers.

#### German Storytime

May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, 10–11 AM

Stories, songs, playtime and sing-alongs all in German! For children ages birth–5 years and their caregivers.

#### Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime

May 4, 4:30–5:30 PM

Speakers of all languages are welcome! For children ages birth–6 years and their families.

#### CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

##### STEM Club

May 9 & 23, 4–5 PM

Fun and interactive Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math activities for children ages 7–12.

##### Science in the Summer: Genetics

July 18–21

Check with the library for registration information and other details.

##### Summer Reading Club

“On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!”

Our summer reading program and the *GO WilMa!* outdoor adventure program kickoff at Greentree Park on June 14. Register at the library starting June 13.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

##### Mystery Book Club

May 9 & June 13, 10:30–11:30 AM

Choose any mystery that fits the monthly theme and drop by for a lively discussion.

##### Art Book Club

May 11 & June 22, 6:30–8 PM

Discussion of fiction, nonfiction, and criticism in which art plays a central role.

May: *The Lives of the Muses: Nine Women and the Artists They Inspired* by Francine Prose. June: *All Passion Spent* by Vita Sackville West.

#### CONTACT THE LIBRARIES FOR MORE INFO!

Malvern Public Library  
[www.malvernpubliblibrary.org](http://www.malvernpubliblibrary.org)  
610-644-7259

Paoli Public Library  
[www.tredyffrinlibraries.org](http://www.tredyffrinlibraries.org)  
610-296-7996



## Historic Sugartown Programs

### Tours

Historic Sugartown opens May 7 for guided weekend tours.

Come experience this beautifully restored 19th-century village crossroads in central Willistown!

**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.

### Paper Marbling Workshop

May 7 • 9 AM–2 PM

### Hand Bookbinding Workshop

May 21 • 9 AM–3 PM

### Plein Air Art Show and Sale

June 4–6 • 9 AM–3 PM

### 19th Century Baseball

June 16 • 7 PM

### Event Information

610.640.2667

[www.HistoricSugartown.org](http://www.HistoricSugartown.org)

690 Sugartown Rd. Malvern, PA 19355

## Radnor Hunt Races

May 21



The 86th running of the Radnor Hunt Races will take place in Willistown at Radnor Hunt, 824 Providence Road, Malvern. With the theme “Racing for Open Space”, the event benefits the Brandywine Conservancy open space and clean water programs. Tickets must be purchased in advance—online cut-off is May 16, and phone deadline is noon on May 20. Visit [www.radnorhuntraces.org](http://www.radnorhuntraces.org) or call 610-388-8383.

## From the Chief



The Willistown Police are proud to announce that we now have a Drug Drop Box for unused prescription medication located in the lobby of the police building. I know you have read all of the recent articles on the abuse of prescription medication. There has also been a surge in the use of heroin, and the deaths related to heroin overdoses are staggering.

Willistown is not immune. This movement from pills to heroin is like nothing I have seen in my 32 years in law enforcement. We have very young children abusing pills, cough medicine, and, unfortunately, turning to heroin. Our police are equipped with NARCAN to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose; however, it doesn't always work. I can only hope that our society's infatuation with drugs diminishes at some point. We have lost too many lives and too many families have been ruined as a result of drug addiction.

As a parent, I know that we do the best we can to educate our children about the dangers of drugs. These are some very tough times. Our children are bombarded with pressure from all sides. It is time for us, as parents, to keep fighting for and protecting our children. If you need help, we are always here to assist you. We have many parents that come in to speak to our officers asking questions about helping a friend or loved one. We don't only arrest people, our job is to help our community, and my officers are very good at that task. We are all in this together!

I want to thank our District Attorney, Tom Hogan, who was instrumental in getting us this Drug Drop Box. I have known Tom for many years, and when he was approached for his help—he didn't hesitate. We thank D.A. Hogan for his continued support of the Willistown Police Department.

I would like to thank our key players in keeping our community safe. Our Board of Supervisors has always provided me with the

resources I need to continue programs that are beneficial to our community. I would also like to thank Jim Tate from our recycling commission. Jim has always helped out with our bi-annual National Drug Take Back Day. A Drug Drop Box has been a topic of discussion. It has been made possible by the space in our new building and the help of our partners.

If you have unwanted prescription medications, please stop by the police station and take advantage of this service. Items that are accepted are: prescription pills and patches, ointments, over the counter medications, vitamins, samples, and pet medications. Items that we cannot accept are: needles, hydrogen peroxide, inhalers, thermometers, aerosol cans, medication from clinics or businesses, liquids, and lotions.

As parents, we will never stop fighting to save a friend or a loved one. This is your police department—and we are here to help! Willistown is constantly ranked one of the safest communities in the nation and with the great relationship we share with our residents, we hope to retain that ranking!

Stay Safe,

*John M. Narcise*

*"The Drug Drop Box program has proven to be a tremendous success across Chester County. In 2015, we collected over 3,700 pounds of prescription drugs in the drop boxes. Those are drugs that will never be used to fuel an addiction, mistakenly be taken by a child, or enter our drinking water. We are glad that the Willistown Township Police Department, always a key player in law enforcement in Chester County, is adding this valuable service to the citizens of my home township."*

*—Tom Hogan, D.A.*

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### Electrical Permits Can Save Lives!

Essentially, the Building Department is entrusted to implement the provisions of PA Act 45, known as the Uniform Construction Code (UCC). The UCC applies to the construction, alteration, repair, movement, removal, demolition, or any change of occupancy of every building or structure including all existing structures that are not legally occupied. Municipalities in Pennsylvania are required to enforce the UCC.

The state building code requires

that you get an electrical permit if you add or change an electrical circuit. The permitting process requires an inspection of the electrical work.

Often, when a permit is not acquired, tragedy occurs. For example, permit for the installation of an in-floor heating system was not issued on a project in Canada. The electrical contractor neglected to install a heat sensor and the heating system was wired to an incorrect voltage level. The elderly homeowner

fell on the floor and suffered second and third degree burns from the over heated floor. He died of his injuries weeks later.

An electrical inspection would have uncovered these issues. Please contact the Building Department regarding any questions you have about electrical permits at 610-647-5300 x250. Either Theresa or Ed will assist you. You can view Willistown permits at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) under "How Do I" and "Apply for a Permit".



THE NEWSLETTER OF WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP

Coxe Memorial Campus  
688 Sugartown Road  
Malvern, PA 19355



Presorted Standard Mail U.S. Postage PAID Permit No. 50 West Chester, PA



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**HOURS**  
8 AM-4 PM, Monday-Friday

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
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688 Sugartown Road  
Malvern, PA 19355  
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www.willistown.pa.us

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Mary N. Hundt

# Mark your Calendars

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**May 21**  
**Come Out and Play @ Okehocking!**  
11 AM-4 PM  
Hosted by Okehocking Nature Center  
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**May 21**  
**86th Radnor Hunt Races**  
Grounds Open at 9 AM  
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**May 26**  
**Willistown Administration Open House**  
5-7 PM  
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**June 13-August 20**  
**Go WilMa! Outdoor Adventure Program**  
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**June 14**  
**School's Out, Let's GO WilMa!**  
9 AM-1 PM  
Greentree Park 5:30-7:30 PM  
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**Malvern & Paoli Libraries**  
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**Paoli Battlefield**  
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**Historic Sugartown**  
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**Okehocking Preserve & Greentree Park**  
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**Fun in the Sun!**  
**Willistown Township Summer & Fall Camps**  
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