

# Willis Towne Crier

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



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## Manager's Message



Greetings Willistown Residents!

Willistown is unique because generations of visionary residents and community

leaders invested the time, energy, and resources to create such an exceptional community. Over many decades, local elected officials and residents have established a vision for the Township which is outlined in our Comprehensive Plan, "Guidelines for Growth." The vision is refined in the Willistown Township Code and the Ordinances, Resolutions, rules and regulations authorized therein. All of this has occurred within the framework of two PA State Codes.

Willistown was established pursuant to PA State law and, in particular, the Second Class Township Code. Willistown's land use regulations are in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

As employees of Willistown Township, we do everything in our power to translate the Supervisors' vision into real results. We align our administrative systems with the values, mission, and policy goals of the Supervisors and, of course, the residents. Our mantra is simple: "we're here to help," and it is our sincere hope that we convey that refrain to everyone with whom we come into contact.

One key system that aligns with the vision

for Willistown is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. Known as an MS4, the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System is a collection and conveyance system designed to move stormwater away from public infrastructure and into local waterways. The MS4 system includes inlets, pipes, swales, open channels, and other components.

Since stormwater can become contaminated during overland flow, pollutants are likely to end up in local waterways. The negative impacts from this could include harm to freshwater ecosystems, degradation of the aesthetic value of waterways, and contamination of drinking water.

**"A good government implies two things; first, fidelity to the objects of the government; secondly, a knowledge of the means by which those objects can be best attained."**

**– Joseph Story**

Our goal is to improve water quality by reducing the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent possible as required by the federal Clean Water Act and the Pennsylvania

Clean Streams Law. These regulations require the development and implementation of Pollutant Reduction Plans for discharges into the three watersheds in Willistown—the Crum Creek, Ridley Creek, and Valley Creek watersheds.

Over the next several months, we will be working to develop our Pollutant Reduction Plans. Each Plan will establish a baseline pollutant load for discharges to local streams and indicate ways in which the Township will reduce the pollutant load, in quantifiable terms, by 2023. The projects identified in the Pollutant Reduction Plans will involve stormwater best management practices expected to have a measurable

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*Nominations due by  
Monday December 4, 2017!*

### Willistown Township Community Service Award 2017—Make Your Nominations!

Dick McDonnell, the 2016 Willistown Township Community Service Award recipient, is a lifelong resident of Willistown who served on the Parks and Recreation Board for 14 years.



The spirit of volunteerism in Willistown is strong. A total of 66 residents serve on the many Willistown Township boards and committees. We recognize and honor the efforts of our volunteers and each year we present the Community Service Award to one such volunteer.

Willistown's Board of Supervisors is looking for nominations for this year's award. 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 committees, including:

- Bartram Bridge Commission
- Board of Appeals
- Historical Commission
- Land Conservancy Authority Board

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Celebrating our community through people, parks, and programs

# PECO Green Grant Awarded for Greentree Park Project

## Tough Competition

Willistown Township is one of three municipalities in Chester County to receive \$10,000 in grant funding from PECO Green Region, the company's municipal open space and environmental grant program. The program is part of PECO's ongoing efforts to support environmental initiatives across southeastern Pennsylvania including park and recreation resource improvements, open space preservation, and ecological conservation.

"The municipalities and nonprofits receiving grants are putting their energy into the environment, and we're proud to support these initiatives as PECO remains committed to increasing the environmental sustainability of the communities we serve across southeastern Pennsylvania," said Craig Adams, PECO President and CEO. "Each of these projects will positively impact the region as they create new green spaces, revitalize vacant lots, beautify trails, and much more."

## Project Description

The Green Region Grant, along with Township, Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association, and other partner resources, will allow Willistown Parks and Recreation

to undertake and complete Phase 1 of the Greentree Park Best Management Practices Retrofit. It's a mouthful! Simply put, we are looking to implement stormwater and ecologically-minded land management practices in the park.

Phase 1 of the project consists of 3 components:

### Site Assessment and Analysis

Conduct an existing conditions survey including topographic, utility, and physical conditions; a geotechnical investigation at proposed porous paving and bioswale sites; field reconnaissance to evaluate site conditions and understand factors affecting the feasibility and design of the proposed site improvements; and, base map preparation.

### BMP Concept Plan

Create a Plan that will show stormwater and landscape best management practices (BMPs) and site improvements. A public meeting and other modes of public outreach will be conducted for input on the Plan.

### Stormwater Basin and Swale Naturalization Design

Prepare a naturalization plating plan for the

existing stormwater basin and swale.

## Purpose

Willistown Township acknowledges the correlation between open space, recreation, land and stormwater management and the quality of life of its residents and neighbors. It also recognizes the lack of publicly accessible properties where people can see ways to manage their land to benefit water resources and wildlife. The Greentree Park BMP project is an effort to "green the park" so it can serve as a model that demonstrates the best landscape and stormwater management practices to municipalities and homeowners while making notable environmental improvements to the park. Additionally, the Park's proximity to General Wayne Elementary School, Malvern Prep School, The Malvern School, and Sugartown Elementary School lends itself to use as an outdoor classroom.

Mary Hundt, Director of Parks and Recreation for Willistown Township, shared, "This grant funding is a critical component of Phase 1 of the Greentree Park BMP Retrofit project. I am excited to launch this effort to green the park—thank you PECO Green Region!"



**"Research has proven time and again that green amenities like parks, natural areas, and trails are essential ingredients for healthy, prosperous communities."**

—Molly Morrison, President of Natural Lands, a regional land conservation organization that administers the PECO Green Region grant application process.



## Let's Get Walking Willistown! Join Team Willistown at WalkWorks ChesCo

Did you know that, on average, every minute of walking can extend your life by 1-1/2 to 2 minutes? Brisk walking reduces body fat, cholesterol, and the risk of bone fracture. Walking daily for 20 minutes will burn off 7 pounds of body fat in a year! If you already walk, or if you are looking for a reason to get started, please join us in achieving one billion steps in Chester County in 2017—participate in WalkWorks ChesCo!

Chester County walkers who track their travels in WalkWorks have taken MILLIONS of steps in the past six months. Join in the fun by registering at [chesco.org/walkworks](http://chesco.org/walkworks). Once you sign up, join the Willistown Township team to track steps with other residents, volunteers, and staff members!

@WillistownTownship

# Get Outside in Willistown!

Willistown Parks & Recreation offers kids and adults lots of fun opportunities to get outside. From the summer excursions of our *GO WilMa!* program to our spring and summer Park Parties to our Okehocking Trail Corps and Weed Warrior programs, we are having a ball in the great outdoors. Our key ingredient is fun!

## Okehocking Trail Corps Fall Workshop

### Get outside. Dig. Happy Trails!

Have you noticed the work that has been done below the barn ruins by the farmhouse and on the trail between the Water Reclamation Fields? That was the work of the Okehocking Trail Corps at our fall Trail Workshop. Members of the Corps are trained in the field by our Penn Trails trail guru, Amy Lutsko. We had a great time working on these trails, and we aren't done yet. Three Eagle Scout Candidates from Malvern Troop 7 and East Goshen Troop 21 are going to finish up the trail between the fields, and Sugartown Elementary Girl Scout Troop 4996 will be maintaining the Springhouse Trail.



Are you interested in pitching in? Join us! Find out more under Parks & Recreation at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us). Join the Okehocking Trail Corps by contacting Mary, Director of Parks & Recreation, at 610-647-5300 x224 or [mhundt@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhundt@willistown.pa.us).

## Okehocking Weed Warrior Program

### Weeds Beware!

Looking for fresh air exercise this fall and winter? After the leaves fall is a perfect time to tackle unwanted non-native plants. Join the Weed Warriors at Okehocking Preserve the first Saturday of every month through April 1 from 9 AM–noon! Help fight the plants and vines that threaten the overall health of the Preserve and encroach on trails. Thanks go to Dave Smith our Head Okehocking Weed Warrior for taking the lead! Email Dave at

[okehockingweedwarrior@gmail.com](mailto:okehockingweedwarrior@gmail.com) or Mary at [mhundt@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhundt@willistown.pa.us) for more information, or visit [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) under Parks & Recreation Department.

## WILLISTOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sugartown Preserve • Willistown Parks & Recreation

### Déjà Vu in the Garden

From Joe Munley,  
Co-Project Manager

As I write this, I feel as if I am having déjà vu. Glancing back over the article that I wrote for the Crier this time last year, I see some striking similarities. Although the spring and early summer had its share of moisture, leading up to and during September is best described as hot and dry. Some environmentalists have predicted that the dry weather will impact the vibrancy of the fall foliage color transitions that so many look forward to seeing.

During my latest visit to the garden, I noticed that the last “hangers on” are fewer in number on the plants and vines. The heat and lack of rain made sowing fall crops more challenging, with those gardeners able to make daily visits to tend and water the only ones seeing early success. The blackberries were again quite sparse on the plants, and not long after the blueberries began to ripen, the birds feasted on them.



It was great to have several new folks join us this season, and I enjoyed our random encounters and conversations. After touring a couple of other community gardens, I was reminded of how fortunate we are to have so many dedicated members here in Willistown. With some crops trickling off and fall vegetables emerging, our incredible and edible donations to local Chester County Food Bank food cupboards will continue.

While some gardeners continue to scratch and dig away, others have begun clearing out their beds to give them rest for the winter. As fall weather approaches, I reflect on cleaning up my planting beds and consider whether or not to sow some soil enhancing cover crops. As things wind down, I realize it won't be long before the new seed catalogs begin to arrive in the mail and that gardening itch returns once again.

For information on Willistown Community Garden membership, contact Mary, Director of Parks & Recreation, at 610-647-5300 x224.



## Where Can I Take Fido?

### Willistown Parks & Recreation Fans: A Friendly Reminder

According to the Township Code, Chapter 96, Parks, the only parks where your four legged friends are permitted are Okehocking and Serpentine Preserves! Your furry friends are welcome at these Preserves giving you access to over 300 acres of beautiful Willistown landscapes. Be aware that dogs must be leashed throughout each property, and may be released only in the off-leash field at Okehocking.

We are receiving complaints about dog feces at Greentree and Mill Park. Dogs are not permitted in these parks. These grounds are where children play and run free—they are not there for Fido to pee! The rules are posted at each park. We prefer not to post additional signage. Please be considerate of our community's children and adults who visit our parks and preserves! Thank you!

These are not new guidelines. Visit the [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) under Government, Township Code, then Chapter 96 for more information.



# Willistown Snow Removal Tips & Info

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 are to 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 snow removal operations and may cause plowing delays because of access and available locations to pile plowed snow. Crews make every effort to clear the snow, but may have to return the following day after the vehicles are moved to finish. Please refer to chapter 108 of the Willistown Township Code, available online, 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/or 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 snow coming off the plow; we will, however, replace a mailbox

that is physically hit by a 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 takes time, especially in heavy snowfall. Crews begin salting at the onset of the storm. Once two inches of snow falls, plowing begins. Roads are plowed in an order based on traffic: state roadways first, major secondary roadways second, and the tertiary roads last.

Report any problems to Willistown Township at 610-647-5300, 8 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](http://www.willistown.pa.us). On Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, emergencies may be reported to the Willistown Township Police Department at 610-647-1440.

## Who Plows Willistown Roads?

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 Tredyffrin 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.

## Manager's Message

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decrease in the pollutant load.

We anticipate that our Pollutant Reduction Plans will be available for public review and comment in early 2018. Please monitor our quarterly newsletter, the Crier, In Great Valley Magazine, the Township's website, and our social media outlets for updates.

As always, please feel free to contact me at [dburman@willistown.pa.us](mailto:dburman@willistown.pa.us) if there is any way that I can help you.

*-Dave Burman, Township Manager*

## Community Service Award

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- Malvern Library Board
- Open Space Review Board
- Paoli Library Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Planning Commission
- Recycling Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Vacancy Board

Send your nomination in today! Include your name with a letter of recommendation to Mary Hundt at [mhundt@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhundt@willistown.pa.us) by Monday, December 4. Please contact Mary at 610-647-5300 x224 with any questions. Thank You!



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# Ask the Chairman



Many residents ask me, "Does the Township make any money on the metal and electronics brought by residents to the annual spring recycling event?"

The Township does not receive any income from the sale of the 50,000 pounds of items dropped off at our one-day recycling event. Actually, the Township pays to have these items collected and recycled. In the end, though, it does not cost the Township residents any money! Huh...how is this possible? Read on.

## April 2017 Recycling Event

- **TVs, Computer Monitors & peripherals, Electrically/ Electronically-powered items:** 31,295 pounds, \$12,970 to recycle
  - **Tires:** 800 pounds, \$242 to recycle
  - **Scrap Metal:** Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, any item made of metal: 23,200 pounds, \$0 to recycle\*
  - **Fluorescent lamp tubes:** Not weighed, \$212 to recycle
- Total weight:** 55,295 pounds, **Total cost to recycle:** \$13,424

\*The scrap metal vendor retains any income from selling the scrap metal to mills. In return, the Township is not charged for delivery and pickup of dumpsters and the Freon removal from 124 appliances.

## No-Cost Mathematics 101

The \$13,294 cost was covered by recycling grant money given to Willistown Township from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Recycling Performance Grant Fund. The Fund is derived from a \$2/ton charge to each waste hauler that dumps municipal waste in approved landfills in PA.

The Township's Recycling Commission files a grant application annually which has yielded the Township an average of \$33,420 each year over the past 16 years—more than adequate to cover the cost of our annual recycling event! The size of the grant is determined by the total weight of all recyclables collected at curbside from

Willistown residents and businesses each year. So keep recycling Willistown!

The PADEP grant money also funds many other recycling programs in the Township including wood chipping, paper shredding, recycling of video/audio tapes and CDs, smoke alarm recycling, and the annual coat collection.

The Recycling Commission is dedicated to being pro-active in offering free recycling events for our residents. We encourage you to be pro-active as well—become an avid recycler! Please view the "Curbside Recycling In Willistown" list at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us). Go to Services, drop down to Refuse and Recycling, and then Curbside Recycling List. Remember, the more Willistown residents recycle, the higher the annual grant from PADEP. Indeed, it pays to recycle!

## Thanks Jim!

Jim Tate has been volunteering as the Recycling Commission Chairman for over 20 years. He has organized all of the annual recycling drop off, document shredding, and wood chipping events at Willistown. During Jim's tenure as Chairman, his grant applications have brought in over \$500,000! Yes, a half a million dollars to aid in Willistown recycling efforts—as Jim would say, "It pays to recycle!" Jim is stepping down as Chairman at the end of this year, but he will continue to be a Recycling Commission board member. Thanks Jim for all your hard work!

## Leaf, Yard Waste, & Christmas Tree Pickup

Waste haulers serving Willistown Township are required to notify their clients of the special dates when their leaves, yard waste, and Christmas trees will be picked up for composting. Leaves and yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags available at most hardware and home supply stores. Plastic bags with these items will not be picked up on these dates. Paper bags with leaves and yard waste put out with trash and recyclables on a non-special pickup date will be treated as trash. De-trimmed Christmas trees do not require a separate bag or wrap. Please contact your hauler if you haven't received the pickup dates by early November.

# 14th Annual Coat Collection

Cub Scout Packs 98 & 76

November 6 – December 8

Many people will be in need this winter. Keep the Coat Collection rolling for the 14th consecutive year by recycling coats that are in great shape, but are taking up space in your closet. **Good condition and clean used or new coats only** may be dropped off by end of day December 8.



### Drop-off Sites (during regular facility hours):

- **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**  
Devon Road entrance, Malvern
- **Sugartown Elementary School**  
Sugartown Road entrance, Malvern
- **Paoli Hospital**  
Lower west lobby near cafeteria
- **Willistown Twp. Administration Building**  
688 Sugartown Road, Malvern  
(8 AM–4 PM weekdays)

The coats are given to an outreach program for distribution at no cost to anyone in need. In the first 13 years, more than 4,800 coats were donated. Thank you all! Let's not stop now. Our goal is to collect an additional 500 coats in 2017.

Willistown Cub Scout Packs 98 and 76 have volunteered to coordinate the program. Thank you, Cub Scouts, and thank you to scout moms Kim Hynes and Jenn Duffy for leading this community service program!

## Questions?

Contact Recycling Commission Chairman, Jim Tate, at 610-647-7361



## From the Chief

After an extensive search, the Department is fortunate to hire Officer William Viebahn, an exceptionally qualified officer who comes to us after serving 14 years with the West Chester Borough Police Department.

With the addition of Bill, we can now dedicate a full-time officer to Traffic Safety allowing us to solve some of the traffic issues we deal with on a daily basis. Once again, I would like to thank our Board of Supervisors for supporting our department and recognizing the need to assign a full-time officer to our Traffic Safety Unit. Our Police Department is grateful for the continued support we receive from our Board of Supervisors.

Bill was born and raised in Willistown Township and attended Great Valley schools. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served a four-year tour in the Security Forces as a law enforcement specialist. While in the Air Force, he attended Midwestern State University and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Upon returning to this area, Bill was hired by the Springfield Township Police Department and attended the Delaware County Police Academy, graduating in 1999 as the

class's Honor Graduate.

In 2003, Bill transferred to the West Chester Borough Police Department. During his tenure, Bill was a Patrol Officer and Community Policing Officer, and he remains a member of the

Emergency Response (SWAT) Team. He is a certified DARE Officer, EMT, and Bicycle Patrol Officer. Bill is married to Jacquelyn, who is a Special Education Teacher.

On another note, you will notice improvements to the West Chester Pike and Dutton Mill Road area. Left turns onto West Chester Pike will be restricted from both ends of Dutton Mill Road. Curb stops will be placed to block traffic from crossing onto and across West Chester Pike. This improvement is necessary, as we have had 24 crashes at that intersection since January 2012. The project has PennDOT approval.

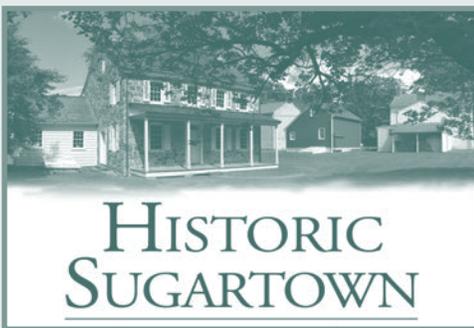
During November, you might notice members of the Police Department, Township, or maybe even a member of the Board of Supervisors sporting facial hair for Cancer Awareness. The Police Department is enrolled in this program. More information will be on our Facebook page if you'd like to join in our cause. Let's help those in need!

*—John M. Narcise*



**Pictured at the Board of Supervisors meeting welcoming Officer Bill Viebahn to the Willistown Township Police Department are Lieutenant Robert Klinger, Chief John Narcise, Bill, and Supervisors George McHugh, Bill Shoemaker, and Bob Lange.**

## COMMUNITY



### Hand Bookbinding Workshop

**Sunday, November 18  
9 AM–3 PM**

Try your hand at traditional bookbinding in Historic Sugartown's Book Bindery! Colonial Williamsburg-trained instructor, Ramon Townsend of ColonialBindery.com, will lead the class through the binding process. Surround-

ed by a world-class collection of 19th-century bookbinding tools, participants will create a book using traditional methods employed at that time. Along with their book, participants will be given step-by-step written instructions they can take home.

Visit [HistoricSugartown.org](http://HistoricSugartown.org) or call 610.640.2667 to register. Admission: \$75/Participant, Ages 14 and up.

### A Sugartown Christmas Saturday, December 9 11 AM–3 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! Kids will get a chance to decorate cookies and gingerbread houses, and try their hand

at making Victorian-style ornaments and Christmas cards. Visit with Santa at our c. 1805 William Garrett House and enjoy holiday treats and hot cocoa! Admission: \$6/person, children ages 2 and younger admitted free.

### Guided tours Through End of November 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: \$7/Adult, \$5/Child (3–17 years).

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Malvern Public Library

[www.ccls.org](http://www.ccls.org) or 610-644-7259

We extend a warm welcome to Maggie Stanton, our new Library Director! Maggie comes to us from the Phoenixville Library after years of experience as the Circulation Manager. Be sure to say hello next time you drop in.

Holiday and winter storytime for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers signup begins on Monday, November 13. Please go to our events calendar at [malvern-library.org](http://malvern-library.org) or email Kelly Shea at [kshea@ccls.org](mailto:kshea@ccls.org) to register. The holiday storytime session runs from November 27–December 21, and the winter session runs from January 8–March 15.

Show us your crafty side! Tween Craft Nights are every third Monday of the month from 4:30 PM–5:30 PM. Tweens and teens in grades 5 through 8 are welcome to attend. Pre-register please.

The Adult Book Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 10 AM. Check our website or call the library at 610-644-7259 for the monthly title. No need to register.

Drop by the library during Malvern Victorian Christmas on December 2 from 11 AM – 2 PM for a Christmas-themed craft. We will be a reading of Polar Express at 11:30 AM. Join the Polar Express Storytime and craft night on Wednesday, December 13 at 4:30 PM.

Stay tuned and check out our online event calendar for more fall adult, teen, and children's programs!

## Paoli Public Library

[www.tredyffrinlibraries.org](http://www.tredyffrinlibraries.org)  
or 610-296-7996

Although it has been in the same location since 1910, Paoli Library has been hard to find...until now! Thanks to a lighted Paoli Library sign by the Wells Fargo Bank on Route 30 in Paoli, now the "Biggest Little Library Around" is no longer Paoli's best-kept secret.

Thanks go to the efforts of many different organizations including the Friends of the



Library for funding, Tredyffrin Township for zoning requirements and approval, FARGO Signs for design and installation, and Wells Fargo. Special thanks to Tredyffrin Libraries Director Chris Kibler and Library Board President C. T. Alexander.

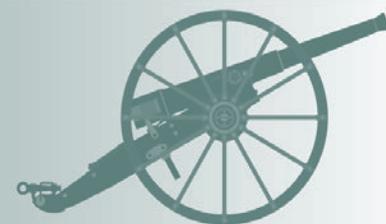
Our new sign is the first step in a library renovation taking place over the next several months. A new layout and comfortable seating will provide an inviting space for community members to meet, relax, or work.

Going on a trip? Rent a wi-fi hotspot or download some free ebooks. Want to check out local museums? The Museum Passport Program has five passes to nearby museums that can be borrowed free of charge.

Joey Ryan will tailor a one-on-one computer lesson to your needs. Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 PM or 6 PM, Joey can assist with smartphones, tablets, e-readers, and more! Register online, by phone, at the circulation desk, or by email to [jryan@ccls.org](mailto:jryan@ccls.org).

We offer two unique book clubs: The Paoli Mystery Book Club meets the second Monday of every month at 10:30 AM. The Art Book Club, led by Victoria Skelly, reads both fiction and nonfiction books where art plays an important role.

Our younger patrons are invited to join Miss Stephanie for storytime! Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11 AM, Family Storytime is for kids ages birth to 5 years with their caregivers to enjoy stories, songs, and fun for all. Also on Thursdays, our Little Learners Lapsit program for ages birth to 2 years is at 10 AM. In addition to these regular storytimes, Paoli Library hosts German Storytime on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, and Chinese Musical Storytime on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays.



## Paoli Battlefield

The 5th Annual Heritage Day and twilight battle reenactment at the hallowed ground of the Paoli Battlefield was a huge success. Hundreds of local family members turned out in the 90-degree sun to mingle with military and historic reenactors and learn about 240 years of American History.

Many groups participated and shared their organization's role in supporting our country and its history. A Colonial beer brewer showed how beer was made 250 years ago.

The Kids Passport Program was a hit. Each family received a "Passport" with tough questions about American History, and kids age 3-10 were given a bag of swag and special prizes.

At the Closing Graveside Salute bagpipers and fife and drums played, a bugler sounded TAPS, and musket volleys were fired to salute the 52 Revolutionary Soldiers buried behind the wood capped stone wall. A huge American flag was unfurled and then folded by dozens of spectators wearing white gloves under the direction of Saving Hallowed Ground director Gene Hough dressed as a WWI doughboy.

General Wayne's American soldiers set up camp in the field. Shortly thereafter, warning shots sounded and the British attack had begun. The crowd watched as the British approached from the east woods across the fields. Wayne's soldiers fired volleys as the women and children fled to the west. Hand to hand fighting began, British bayoneted the fleeing Americans. The American wigwams were set afire. The camp was overrun.

The Battle reenactment by Historic Military Impressions was a year in planning. Search for Twilight Reenactment at Paoli Battlefield on YouTube for a clip of the battle.

Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund thanks the efforts of everyone who made the 240th-anniversary celebration such a success!



THE NEWSLETTER OF  
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP

Coxe Memorial Campus  
688 Sugartown Road  
Malvern, PA 19355



**PECO Green Region Grant Awarded to Willistown Parks & Recreation!**  
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*The newsletter of  
Willistown Township*

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# Mark your Calendars

**November 23 & 24 Offices Closed**  
Happy Thanksgiving!

**November–April**  
Okehocking Weed Warriors, 9 AM–Noon  
First Saturday of the month  
See page 3 for details.

**December 1 & 2**  
Malvern's Victorian Christmas  
[www.MalvernsVictorianChristmas.org](http://www.MalvernsVictorianChristmas.org)

**December 4**  
Community Service Award  
Nomination Deadline  
See page 1 for details.

**December 8**  
Coat Collection Last Day  
Various drop-offs including Township  
Administration Building  
See page 5 for details.

**December 9**  
A Sugartown Christmas, 11 AM–3 PM  
Historic Sugartown  
See page 6 for details.

**Malvern and Paoli Library Activities & Paoli Battlefield Activities**  
See page 7 for details.



**24/7  
Administration  
Drop Boxes**

**Convenient, locked drop boxes have been installed by the front and back entrance doors of the Township Administration office. If you are visiting after hours, or are just in a hurry, simply lift the lid and slip your correspondence through the slot. Staff check the boxes regularly.**