

# Willis Township Crier

*In Willistown, nearly everybody reads the Crier!*



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## Willistown Township 2013 Budget

On December 10, 2012, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2013 Budget. Again this year, there is no increase in Township taxes for Willistown residents. Services remain constant, despite relatively flat revenue streams during the economic downturn of the past few years.

The majority of Willistown Township's operating budget is accounted for in the General Fund. It receives the most attention, not only because it is the largest fund, but because

your taxes make up a large portion of General Fund revenue. The 2013 General Fund Budget of \$7.2 million reflects a modest increase of 1.6% as compared to the 2012 Budget. This modest increase is only possible as a result of the cost saving efforts of each of the major operating departments: Police, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Planning, Code Enforcement, and Administration & Finance.

Across all funds, the 2013 Budget is significantly higher than that of

2012 primarily due to planned capital expenditures. Over the years the Township has carefully managed its reserve funds in preparation for these projects, and the competitive economic climate provides an opportunity for the Township to complete projects more cost effectively.

During 2013 the Township expects to complete the design and begin construction of a new, one-story police station on the site of the former Township Administration Building. At the

conclusion of construction projected in 2014, the Township Administration would move into the current Police Administration Building as the police move into their new facility. This project provides many benefits including the consolidation of all Township operations back into the Sugartown Road complex and the elimination of rental expense at the Greentree Office Plaza. Furthermore, this project addresses a number of functional concerns with the current Police Administration Building.

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### Willistown Township 2013 Budget All Funds Available for Appropriation

Description	Governmental Funds Available for General Appropriation			Governmental Funds Available for Restricted Purposes				Proprietary Funds Available for Restricted Purposes			Total
	General Fund	Operating Reserve Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Open Space Fund	Bartram's Bridge Fund	Municipal Life Insurance	State Liquid Fuels Fund	Penns Preserve Sewer Fund	Valley Forge Sewer Fund	Low Pressure Sewer Fund	
<b>Revenue:</b>											
Real Estate Taxes	\$338,004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$338,004
Local Service Tax	\$210,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$210,000
Real Estate Transfer Tax	\$575,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$575,000
Earned Income Tax	\$4,800,000	-	-	\$650,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,450,000
Fines, Forfeitures and Other Costs	\$43,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$43,000
Cable Franchise Fees	\$225,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$225,000
Interest Dividends and Rents	\$3,250	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	-	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$400	\$1,700	-	\$30,050
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$309,950	-	-	-	\$15,000	-	\$259,862	-	-	-	\$584,812
Park & Recreation Fees	\$15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$15,000
Charges for Services	\$263,642	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$117,200	\$1,456,300	\$75,000	\$1,912,142
Proposed Sewer Revenue Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,041,841	-	\$3,041,841
Miscellaneous	\$159,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$159,798
Interfund Transfers	\$422,495	-	-	-	\$15,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$437,495
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,365,139</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$656,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>\$261,362</b>	<b>\$117,600</b>	<b>\$4,499,841</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$13,022,141</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>											
General Government	\$1,615,990	-	-	\$9,275	-	\$15,000	-	\$12,317	\$87,137	-	\$1,739,719
Sanitary Sewer Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$111,700	\$3,896,047	\$70,400	\$4,078,147
Public Works	\$840,605	-	\$200,000	-	-	-	\$450,000	-	-	-	\$1,490,605
Culture & Recreation	\$267,363	-	-	\$4,500	\$30,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$301,863
Public Safety - Police	\$3,991,272	-	\$800,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,791,272
Public Safety - Fire	\$406,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$406,000
Health & Welfare	\$8,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$8,800
Debt Service	\$44,487	-	-	\$252,863	-	-	-	-	\$273,378	-	\$570,728
Interfund Transfers	-	\$422,495	\$15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$437,495
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,174,517</b>	<b>\$422,495</b>	<b>\$1,015,000</b>	<b>\$266,638</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$124,017</b>	<b>\$4,256,562</b>	<b>\$70,400</b>	<b>\$13,824,629</b>

## Message From the Township Manager



Without question, Willistown is a wonderful community in which to live and work. Located in close proximity to several major highways and centers of commerce, Willistown retains a

rural charm amid its residential developments. Willistown's picturesque landscape provides a backdrop for several important educational, religious, medical, social, and recreational institutions.

As 2013 gets underway, we renew our commitment to providing a level of service that is commensurate with the community we serve. Whether your interaction is over the telephone, via email, or in person, our goal is to provide a genuine resident-friendly experience.

Our renewed focus on service encompasses everything we do. Your experience on Township roads and in our parks leaves a lasting impression in your mind. Most days, our dedicated staff excels in ways that are both routine and extraordinary, whether it's clearing debris and repairing infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Sandy, clearing roads during snowstorms, maintaining sanitary sewer systems, planting new trees in the parks, or leading the *Go WilMa!* summer outdoor adventure program. Adding depth and quality to our core services is an ongoing priority for every Willistown Township employee.

One of the key steps toward improving service is improving our communication with residents. In that regard we are committed to providing relevant information in our Township newsletter, the *Towne Crier*. Similarly, we will work this year to improve your online experience by exploring new and improved layouts for the Township website. We want residents and visitors to find the information they need, and to find it quickly.

Our commitment to improving your experience with the Township may occasionally fall short of your expectations. In the event that you are not satisfied please feel free to express your concerns by calling the Township Manager, (610) 647-5300, or sending an email to [comments@willistown.pa.us](mailto:comments@willistown.pa.us).

— Dave Burman, Township Manager

# Willistown Parks and Recreation

*Celebrating our community through people, parks and programs*

## 2013 *Go WilMa!* Outdoor Adventure Program Theme Unveiled

### Drum Roll Please...

*GO WilMa!* stands for *Get Outside Willistown and Malvern!* Our program is based on the national K-5th-grade summer reading program theme identified annually by the National Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). The 2013 CSLP theme is "Dig into Reading!" The summer reading theme is used as an inspiration for our *GO WilMa!* outdoor adventure program theme which is...*drum roll please!*...Get Outside and Explore the Earth!



### What's New This Year?

We are including teens! Teens can sign up at Paoli Library or sign up for the "Beneath the Surface" teen reading program at Malvern Library and receive a *GO WilMa!* Explorer's Log. In addition to the nutrition and safety tips, recipes, activities, and elementary-aged book list, the log will include teen and adult book lists based on the "Explore the Earth" theme. New destinations are also being considered for our Earth Explorers.

### Not Familiar With Our Fabulous Outdoor Family Program?

Our *GO WilMa!* program combines parks and recreation, health and wellness, and reading. The program is modeled after the Healthy York County Coalition's *GO York* program ([goyork.org](http://goyork.org)). The *WilMa* program team includes Willistown Parks and Recreation, Malvern Library, Paoli Library, Paoli Hospital, and Activate Chester County. It is funded in large part by Willistown Township with assistance from Malvern Borough. The program is open to children who sign up for the Paoli and Malvern Libraries' K-5th-grade summer reading programs and, as mentioned above, to teens. The Explorer's Log includes scavenger/treasure hunt clues that lead participants to hidden spots in parks and special places in our community. Explorers find the hidden rubbing plate and "stamp" their Explorer's Logs. Raffle tickets and other incentives are given for each stamp shown to the librarians, and a prize drawing is held at a park party at the end of the program.

*GO WilMa!* runs from June 13th through August 21st. Check out [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) and sign up for Willistown Parks and Recreation announcements to be in the know! Like *GO WilMa!* on Facebook. To volunteer, contact Mary McLoughlin, Director of Parks and Recreation, at 610-647-5300 x224 or [mmcloughlin@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mmcloughlin@willistown.pa.us).

### Willistown Township 2013 Budget *continued from cover...*

Also during 2013 the Public Works Department will begin work on a long-term and much needed road improvement program starting with the most deteriorated road sections. Some of the early work will include repairs to the road base and less-visible infrastructure. Over the next several years, however, residents should experience improved road surfaces throughout the Township. The 2013 Budget also includes significant capital expenditures out of the sanitary sewer funds. The majority of Willistown's sewage is conveyed by the Valley Creek Trunk Sewer (Tredyffrin Township) to the Valley Forge Sewer Authority for treatment. Willistown shares in the operating and capital costs for those facilities under

agreements that date back to the 1970s.

To cover the costs of these long-term capital projects, the 2013 Budget includes revenue from a proposed debt issue. It is anticipated that sewer revenue bonds would be issued in early 2013 to cover costs of an upgrade and expansion in the Valley Creek Trunk Sewer and at the Valley Forge Treatment Plant. Bond revenue would also be utilized to pay for projects within the Township's sanitary sewer systems, including pump station upgrades and implementation of a strategic inflow and infiltration reduction program. The costs for the debt service associated with the proposed bond issue would appear in the budget for 2014.

## Willistown's Okehocking Nature Center Happenings

Willistown's Okehocking Nature Center has just completed its first year of operation at Willistown Township's Garrett Farmhouse at Okehocking Preserve.



Township's Okehocking Preserve and the Garrett Farmhouse headquarters of the Nature Center.

Following on the successes of the 2012 Fall Fest, held in conjunction with Willistown Township's Parks and Recreation Department, and the 2012 Black Friday Turns Green event the day after Thanksgiving, Okehocking Nature Center's all-volunteer board of managers has embarked on several major projects to enhance the experience visitors will have when visiting Willistown

First, a number of exhibition gardens have been added around the farmhouse, providing a variety of benefits. There is a garden designed to attract birds, a perennial native species garden near the entrance, a rain garden off the back porch, and two raised-bed gardens planted as part of the Chester County Food Bank gleaning program that provides fresh vegetables for needy families in our area.



**We turned Black Friday green with a nature hike at Willistown Township's Okehocking Preserve!**

Next in the works is a bird's nest exhibit, thanks to the donation of Willistown resident and local arborist Tom Allison, who collected the nests over a period of 25 years. Okehocking Preserve and the entirety of Willistown Township are located within the Upper Ridley-Crum Important Bird Area, so designated by the National Audubon Society for providing essential habitat to birds and other biodiversity. The Valley Forge Audubon Society has recorded 140 different bird species at Okehocking Preserve over the past decade. This display will help visitors identify and enjoy our feathered friends.

Finally, through the support of a grant from the Marjorie L. and Arthur P. Miller Fund of the Chester County Community Foundation, Willistown's Okehocking Nature Center is in the process of developing a self-guided tour of Okehocking. It will lead visitors to a number of marked points of interest that



**Okehocking Nature Center Board Members\* and friends of the center at their Okehocking Preserve Garrett Farmhouse headquarters: Debbie Lee and Bob Wingert, Derek Stedman\*, Gary Sheehan, Susan\* and Ron Ploeg, Mike Mostello\*, Tom Allison, Amory Stedman, and Kate Okie.**

highlight the unique nature, importance, and beauty of Okehocking Preserve. So they can get to know the wonders of Okehocking, visitors will be able to pick up a brochure at the trailheads with a map and descriptions of what they see.

For more information or to get involved with Okehocking Nature Center, please visit [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) or email [onc@gmail.com](mailto:onc@gmail.com). *Willistown Township owns Okehocking Preserve and leases the farmhouse and immediate area around it to Okehocking Nature Center, a 501c3 registered non-profit.*

## Restoring Habitat, Landscape Structure, and Health in our Watersheds

Sunday, March 10 • 2-3:30 PM • Penn State Brandywine

*Tom Brightman, Longwood Gardens Land Steward Manager*

Willistown Township is conducting a comprehensive stormwater management program mandated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and monitored by the state Department of Environmental Protection. A major component of the program requires an effort by the Township to increase citizen stormwater awareness, participation in stormwater protection, and knowledge of land management.

Providing healthy habitat and promoting biodiversity and watershed health is a challenge in our regional landscape. In his talk, Tom Brightman of Longwood Gardens will cover topics such as restoring biodiversity and habitat structure, landscape aesthetics, and stormwater runoff challenges and solutions in residential and institutional settings.

Tom Brightman is the Land Steward at Longwood Gardens, where he is responsible

for the care of over 700 acres of wetlands, meadows, forests, and agricultural lands. He is a seasoned speaker and teacher. Advance registration is strongly recommended. Please contact the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association at 610-359-1440 or [crc@nni.com](mailto:crc@nni.com) to reserve a spot or ask any questions. The talk is being held at the Tomezsko Auditorium at 125 Yearsley Mill Road and Route 352 in Middletown.

## Willistown Township Community Service Award Bestowed Upon Penny Goulding

We are pleased to announce that the Willistown Township Community Service Award 2013 recipient is Penny Teaf Goulding, a Willistown resident of 27 years who has been volunteering on the Willistown Historical Commission for the past 26 years.

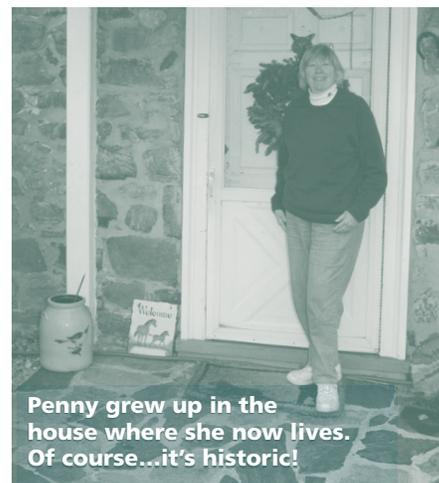
Penny lives in the Willistown house where she grew up, the 1727 Mordecai Yarnall House. Penny came by her interest in history honestly—she picked up researching this house where her mother, Frances Teaf, left off and soon discovered that it was built by a distant cousin of her ex-husband Bill's family. The house was in that family until 1901, and Penny's parents bought it in 1944. Then when she was simultaneously doing research on her and her husband's families and on the Okehocking Historic District, she discovered that Bill's 7th great-grandparents were the

first residents of Willistown Township—John and Frances Bowater built the farmhouse at what is now the Hunter's Run community on Route 3. The house was torn down in 1986. History *is* entertaining and the world *is* small!

Penny joined the Willistown Township Historical Commission in 1986, shortly after it was formed. The members of the Commission had seen local historical structures rendered unrecognizable by additions or torn down, and their shared interest in preservation brought them to the Historical Commission. Penny explained that the philosophy of the Historical Commission was to base historic identification in fact, through thorough research of deeds and wills and to teach people the rich history of Willistown.

The first order of business for the Commission was to write an ordinance to guide the protection of historic structures. The group, wanting an objective way to identify historical structures, chose the *Breou Map* of 1883 as the framework for the ordinance. The map noted structures as stone, wood, or frame and included barns and other outbuildings. If a building was on the Breou map, it was identified as a Class 1 Historic Structure in the ordinance. Penny recalls that the Commission did not want to be overly restrictive, but wanted to preserve the core of historical structures and their streetside façades. She feels Willistown's ordinance is pretty liberal compared to other ordinances. Even so, it took about a decade to get the historic ordinance adopted and enforceable.

The next preservation mission for the Historical Commission was the Okehocking Indian Land Grant Historic District application to the National Park Service for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The application was based upon a 500-acre land grant from William Penn to the Okehocking band of the Lenni Lenape Indians. This grant may have been the only such grant and was reportedly the first Native American land grant in the country and the only one in Pennsylvania. Penny and fellow Historical Commission member Lil Chance conducted the research for the application. Penny started at the courthouse with the original deed books and took property owners living in the proposed historic district with her to show them how to research their homes. Enrolling the property owners in the process encouraged their buy-in to both the "Historic District" designation and preservation. The bid was successful, and the Okehocking Historical District is on the National Register. To see the application, visit [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org).



**Penny grew up in the house where she now lives. Of course...it's historic!**

In 2003 the Historical Commission, with Penny as chair, was asked to compile a brief history booklet in honor of the 2004 Willistown Township Tricentennial. Penny originally thought the booklet would be about 36 pages. John Nagy, also a commission member, thought otherwise. Realizing the wealth of Willistown's history, they received permission from the Board of Supervisors to record the full history of the Township. Thus began the 685-page *Acres of Quakers* book based on the Breou map.\*

Three members of the Historical Commission shared the research, and Penny and John Nagy wrote the book. Penny did the Okehocking area, John did Historic Sugartown and west, and Kathy McCoy did Crum Creek and east. When Kathy later moved out of the Township, Jane Dorchester, architectural historian, was brought on to do further research. Penny described the book as an encyclopedia: "We wrote it so that each house is its own separate chapter unrelated to the others, so the reader didn't have to do a lot of referencing to other pages."

John, armed with a flashlight and measuring tape, and Penny, with a letter from the Township about the project, knocked on every door and saw every house and outbuilding in the book, identifying their age by telltale signs in the basements and attics. The book includes 183 properties. Site visits happened on weekends and Penny's vacations, followed by writing at night. Penny reported that she and John worked very well together, "I was a bit concerned as I did not know John well. Although we both could be quite opinionated, we respected each other. We couldn't have gotten it done if we didn't." By the end of the project, Penny got to know John and described him as a "big, huggable bear."

"The purpose of *Acres of Quakers* is to educate Willistown's residents of the rich history here," Penny noted. "Willistown is lucky that we had a Board of Supervisors who supported the Historical Commission effort to protect the architecture and landowners who,

### Willistown Township Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is a Willistown Township initiative created to honor and recognize a Willistowner who gives his or her time to our community. The spirit of volunteerism in Willistown is strong. Did you know that Willistown's volunteer board and commission positions total 71 residents quietly making unique and valuable contributions to our community? These boards and commissions include:

- Zoning Hearing Board
- Planning Commission
- Historical Commission
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Recycling Commission
- Environmental Advisory Council
- BOCA Board of Appeals
- Open Space Review Board
- Land Conservancy Authority Board
- Agricultural Security Committee
- Malvern Library Board
- Paoli Library Board
- Bartram's Bridge Commission
- Vacancy Board

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your personal dedication and your consistent commitment to community service. Your willingness to get involved is admirable, and your volunteer service demonstrates leadership, integrity, and a love of your community that is nothing short of inspirational!



# Willistown's Annual Township Drop-off Recycling Event

## Metal, Tires, Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, and Electronics

Willistown's Recycling Commission has organized its annual one-day, no-charge, drop-off recycling program for the following items:

- All computer monitors and peripherals: keyboards, CPUs, printers, modems, scanners, servers, terminals, network equipment, speakers, mice (no live mice, please!), cathode ray tubes (CRTs), and other computer parts.
- Fax and copying machines, typewriters, telephones, tape recorders, VCRs, DVRs, CD and DVD players, record players, tuners, amplifiers, cameras, projectors, audio and music equipment, speakers, test equipment, transformers, videotape recorders, antennae, cables, wire, and circuit boards.
- Television sets and radios, including portables, stereos, radio/TV tubes.
- Household appliances, including irons, toasters, microwave ovens, mixers, blenders, vacuum cleaners, hair dryers, electric cooking pans/pots, lamps, clocks, kitchen ovens, cooking ranges, outdoor grills\*, dishwashers, clothes washers/dryers, water heaters, and dehumidifiers.
- Metal items (any type), including bedsprings, bed frames, lawn mowers (push and rider), gym equipment, auto wheels, doorknobs, shelving, kitchen utensils, toys, kitchen cabinets, metal furniture, pipes, wire, etc. If it's metal, it will be accepted.\*
- Items containing Freon, such as refrigerators and air-conditioning units. Freon will be removed free of charge, representing a savings of \$60/item!
- Tires, on or off the rim. There will be an enforced limit of six (6) automobile tires per carload. Truck tires larger than 16.5 inches in rim diameter must be off the rim or they will not be accepted.\*

**Saturday, April 6 • 9 AM–3 PM**

**LOCATION: Willistown Township Building  
688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA 19335**

- Lawn mower, auto, and boat batteries
- Propane tanks
- Videotapes, audiotapes, and computer disks
- Cell phones
- Printer cartridges (ink jet, laser, toner)
- Rechargeable household batteries (NiCAD nickel-cadmium, lithium)
- Fluorescent tubular, compact fluorescent, and incandescent light bulbs

Our goal is to change our "throwaway" mentality to a recycling mentality. Used copper, brass, cast aluminum, steel, iron, tin, and other lesser-known metals can be recaptured, reprocessed, and reused—if we take the time to recycle them. Toxic metals can be diverted from landfills. This will be our twelfth large drop-off recycling event. The amount dropped off during the previous events was staggering, totaling hundreds of tons. This event will be another opportunity to add to that tonnage while diverting the same from landfill disposal.

We've made this program as broad as we can in the variety of items being accepted. However, those described in the "Exceptions" paragraph will not be accepted under any circumstances. Furthermore, Willistown's Recycling Commission reserves the right to be the final judge of items that will or will not be accepted.

This program is being funded by a recycling grant awarded to the township for the annual recycling performance of our

residents. So we are recycling grant money due to your recycling efforts—the system is working! Volunteer members of the Recycling Commission have organized this operation with the assistance of our very capable township employees. Note: Visitors will not be permitted to linger in or around the dump area.

**\*EXCEPTIONS**

- No chemicals, paints, oils, or other hazardous waste will be accepted at the Willistown site. Household hazardous waste may be recycled at the Chester County-sponsored event located at the Center for Arts & Technology event on April 13th. See next page for details.
- All oil and gasoline must be completely removed from lawn mowers and any other equipment containing the same. Do not bring the oil, however. Batteries must also be removed from lawn mowers. (They will be accepted if removed.)
- Oil tanks of up to 275-gallon capacity must be completely drained of all oil.
- Upholstered furniture containing a small amount of metal will not be accepted. The metal, if removed, will be accepted.
- Outdoor grills must be clean or they will not be accepted.
- Mattresses will not be accepted.
- Sneakers will not be accepted.
- Large tractor and truck tires will not be accepted.

*For questions, contact Jim Tate,  
Chairman of Willistown's Recycling  
Commission: 610-647-7361.*

along with the Willistown Conservation Trust and Brandywine Conservancy, protected the land, which preserved the structures indirectly." Indeed, a drive through the middle of Willistown Township is a visually historic feast that is much as it was 175 years ago.

Penny has recently retired from her guidance counselor career of 42 years, the last 28 of which were spent in the Coatesville School District. In her retirement, she remains Chair of the Historical Commission, which recently provided Willistown's resources to the Chester County Historical Resource Atlas and continues to review construction plans on all

Breou map structures as part of the Township construction review process. She is also entering her 13th year as a board member of Historic Sugartown, the restored Willistown crossroads village at Spring and Sugartown Roads.

Penny also devotes her time as a board member of the Dana How Scholars Program of the University of Pennsylvania Christian Association. The board oversees a Penn student mentor program in which 15 students mentor 60 Philadelphia high school students and two Penn students are counselors for 20 summer campers.

Penny is not done writing about history. She is thinking about an elementary reading level book, perhaps from a child's perspective, about early 20th century life in Willistown. She has two sons. Rick, married to Beth, lives in Connecticut with sons, Jack, Sydney, and Ben. Todd and wife Wendy, live in Colorado with their son Mason.

\*You can purchase the *Acres of Quakers* book at the Township Administration Office between 7 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday, for \$206.70 (includes tax). A book can be mailed to you for an additional \$6.00.

WOW!



# Household Hazardous Waste (and E-Waste!) Spring Recycling Event

Saturday, April 13 • 9 AM–3 PM

Center for Arts & Technology (CAT)  
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville

Chester County will have its first Household Hazardous Waste collection of the year on Saturday, April 13th. E-waste will be accepted. This is a Chester County-sponsored event, not a Willistown Township event. **Do not leave any household hazardous waste at the old township building, 688 Sugartown Road. The township does not have any capabilities for disposing of this material.**

### Household Hazardous Waste Materials Accepted (if properly labeled)

#### Paint Products

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

#### Household Products

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

#### Outdoor Products

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

#### Automotive Products

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

#### Other

- Acids / caustics / solvents
- Flammables
- Lead
- Mercury-bearing items – thermometer switches
- Organic peroxide
- Oxidizers
- Pesticides
- Propane cylinders (20 pounds or less)
- Reactive metals
- Reactives

#### Acceptable E-Waste

- CPUs/Laptop Computers
- Monitors
- Printers
- Copiers (desktop & stand-alone)
- CRT Televisions and Non-CRT Televisions
- Answering Machines
- Camcorders
- Cell Phones
- Docking Stations
- Electric Typewriters
- Fax / Copy Machines / Duplicators
- Microwaves
- Pagers
- Radios
- Remote Controls / Gaming Consoles / Controllers
- Stereo / Tape / CD Players
- Telephones & Equipment
- Toner / Ink Cartridges
- VCR/DVD Players
- Testing Equipment



It's not necessary to bring regular alkaline household batteries to an HHW collection site. They may be thrown in the trash. Better yet, buy rechargeable batteries!

### Items NOT Accepted at HHW Collection Sites

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

## 674 coats recycled to those in need. That's 200 more than in 2011!

The annual, pre-Christmas Willistown Township coat drive is a true example of a community service project involving the following participants:

- Willistown Township's Recycling Commission initiated the drive and supplied the collection boxes. Willistown Parks and Recreation helped get the word out.
- Malvern Library, Paoli Library, Paoli Hospital (employee collection), Willistown Administration Office, Sugartown Elementary, General Wayne Elementary, and Paoli United Methodist Church provided collection locations.
- Cub Scout families in packs 98 and 71 picked up coats three times a week from seven different locations over a five-week period.



- Malvern United Methodist Church allowed us to use space in the church to store and sort the coats.
- Great Valley Middle School's Girls on Track, Great Valley High School's Key Club, scout families, and Malvern United Methodist church members helped by sorting the coats based on size and ensuring all items were of good quality.
- Scout parents made weekly deliveries to Kennett Square.

Jill Holsclaw, Malvern, was the "el supremo" coordinator once again. What a fantastic job she does, from placing the collection boxes to orchestrating regular collections by those mentioned above, and then arranging transport to the mission in Kennett Square. It's an intense five-week commitment from mid-November to mid-December.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Anna Anderson of Greater Works Ministries in Kennett Square for sorting and distributing the coats to those in need.

Have questions about recycling or recycling events?  
Contact Jim Tate, Chairman of Willistown's Recycling Commission: 610-647-7361.

## Greetings from the Willistown Township Police Department Traffic Safety Unit

We would like to offer some cold weather travel tips: Have your vehicle checked to make sure the anti-freeze level is where it should be, there is plenty of windshield washer solvent, and you have the proper tires and tire inflation for wintery conditions. Keep the fuel tank above half full in the event that your vehicle becomes stuck or disabled. If you're taking a trip, make sure you have a few snacks, some water, an extra blanket or two, and a working flashlight. Make sure you stay aware of road conditions and watch for "black ice". Take your time and always maintain a safe following distance from the vehicle in front of you.

Please note: In times of inclement weather, (rain, fog, snow), you are required to turn on your headlights no matter what time of day. Remember, "Wipers On? Lights On!" This law is in effect in most states.

When you approach an area where an emergency vehicle such as police, ambulance, fire or tow truck, or the

highway department is working, you must do the following. If it is a 4 lane highway such as West Chester Pike, and an emergency vehicle is pulled over, you are required to move over to the left lane. If you can't move over due to other traffic, then you are required to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed. On a two lane roadway such as Paoli Pike, you are required to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed, passing by with caution. A violation of this law has a fine of up to \$250.00, and was put into effect for the safety of our emergency responders and highway workers.

When a left turn arrow at the traffic light will not turn green, usually this is caused by driver error. At every traffic light intersection there is a white stripe painted in the roadway that is known as a "stop line" or "limit line". You are required to stop behind this white line for two reasons. First, stopping behind this line allows for proper movement of other vehicles through the intersection. If you are pulled too far forward, another vehicle cannot safely turn and traffic flow is interrupted. Second, there are underground sensors behind the stop line that send a signal to the traffic control box alerting it that there is a car waiting at the red light. If you pull across the line, the traffic light does not know you are

there and it won't turn green until you back up, or until another vehicle pulls up behind you. Also note: If you are stopped in a left turn lane and see a sign that says "Left Turn Signal" on the traffic light, and the light is red, you must remain stopped in the left turn lane. Even if the other lanes proceeding in your direction have a green light, you need a green left turn light or arrow to proceed.

We receive numerous complaints from residents about vehicles speeding through their neighborhoods. Please remember to watch your speed, the speed limit for the roadway, and have respect for your neighbors. Do not create a hazard, please drive with care. The minute or two you may save by speeding isn't worth a ticket from us, or even worse an accident for you.

Finally, remember that with shorter, darker days please wear some reflective clothing and have appropriate lighting while walking, biking and jogging. Make sure you can be seen at all times.

Be safe, and happy motoring.

—Officer Robert Will  
Willistown Police Traffic Safety Unit

## COMMUNITY

### Local History Highlight: The Paoli Memorial Association

The Paoli Memorial Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1896 whose purpose is the management and maintenance of the Paoli Memorial Grounds located on Monument Avenue in Malvern. This mission is supported by life memberships, contributions, and rent from the gatehouse on the grounds. The Memorial Grounds include the Boy Scout Cabin at the corner of Monument Avenue and Sugartown Road and, going east, the two baseball fields, the playground area that is maintained and leased by the Malvern Park and Civic Association, and the gatehouse at the east entrance. In the south end of the grounds is the gravesite of 53 men killed during the September 1777 Battle of Paoli. The field adjacent to the burial mound where the battle was fought is also open to the public. It is owned by the Borough of Malvern and is managed by the nonprofit Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund.

Today the Memorial Grounds are enjoyed and used by many people for a variety of activities such as walking, jogging, playing tennis, and attending baseball games, and special events such as the Malvern Fire Company Fair and

the annual Memorial Day Parade and Family Fun Day, held annually on the Sunday following Memorial Day. The parade is the oldest continuous memorial parade held in the country, 2013 marking the 145th Malvern Memorial Parade.

The Association has made many improvements to the Memorial Grounds as well as to the gatehouse, which represents its primary source of income. This past year Malvern Boy Scout Troop 7 conducted an Eagle Scout project replacing the wood atop the stone wall surrounding the gravesite. The Association thanks Nick Lindstrom and the other scouts for doing an outstanding job on the project.

This year the organization will monitor the monuments for their stability and any deterioration. Erected in 1817, the monument on the gravesite is the second oldest war memorial in the United States and the oldest in Pennsylvania. The second monument commemorating the massacre was erected in 1877. Additionally, the park road needs repaving at a cost of \$40,000. Donations to the Paoli Memorial Association may be sent to Jim Fooskas, Paoli Memorial Association

Treasurer, P.O. Box 38, Malvern, PA 19355. For a contribution of \$100 you become a life member of the Association. Donations in any amount will be appreciated, are tax deductible, and will be used as possible as matching funds for grants.

To find out more about the battle, the gravesite, the monuments, and more, go to [www.ushistory.org/paoli](http://www.ushistory.org/paoli). Contact Frank Ortner at (484) 527-0100 with inquiries about using the grounds.



**For more on local history, see back cover for info on Revolutionary War Lectures at the General Warren Inne.**



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## Mark your Calendars

### March 10

**CRC Lecture: Restoring Habitat, Landscape Structure, and Health in our Watersheds**  
Penn State Brandywine  
2–3:30 PM

### March 11

**Revolutionary War Lecture (see below)**  
General Warren Inne • 6 PM sharp

### April 6

**Willistown's Annual Township Drop-off Recycling Event**  
Willistown Township Building  
688 Sugartown Road, Malvern  
9 AM–3 PM

### April 7, 8

**Malvern Library's Annual Phonathon**  
Call library to volunteer: 610-644-7259

### April 8

**Revolutionary War Lecture (see below)**  
General Warren Inne • 6 PM sharp

### April 13

**Chester County's Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off**  
Center for Arts & Technology (CAT)  
1580 Charlestown Rd., Phoenixville  
9 AM–3 PM

### March 17

**Saint Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt**  
Paoli Library • 1:30 PM • Ages 7–11  
Registration required: call 610-296-7996

### March 29

**April Fool's Day Crafts**  
Paoli Library • 4:30–5:30 PM • Ages 7–11  
Registration required: call 610-296-7996

**June 13–August 21 Go WilMa!**

For more Malvern and Paoli Library activities, please check their websites:  
[www.malvernpubliclibrary.org](http://www.malvernpubliclibrary.org) and [www.tredyffrinlibraries.org](http://www.tredyffrinlibraries.org) (Paoli)

## Revolutionary War Lectures & Dinner

### General Warren Inne

9 Old Lancaster Road, Malvern

Dine and discuss at the General Warren Inne, the tavern that played an important role in the Battle of Paoli. Feast on special early American cuisine while listening and interacting with noted historians and authors. A \$40 dollar per person fee includes the buffet, desert, and non-alcoholic beverages (cash bar, tax & gratuities extra) **at 6 PM sharp**. Price includes a tax-deductible donation to the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund.

### Monday, March 11

**The Rhode Island Campaign: The First French and American Operation in the Revolutionary War** by author *Christian M. McBurney*

### Monday, April 8

**The Battle of Bennington** – As Howe's armada sailed up the Chesapeake towards Chester County, the Green Mountain Boys crushed part of Burgoyne's invasion from Canada by author *Dr. Michael Gabriel of Kutztown University*

For more information visit: [www.PaoliBattlefield.org](http://www.PaoliBattlefield.org)  
Reserve early as lectures fill up quickly: [www.GeneralWarren.com](http://www.GeneralWarren.com) or call 610-296-3637