

# Willis Towne Crier

*In Willistown, nearly everybody reads the Crier!*



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## Green Renovation in Willistown

What could have been a tear-down property at 16 South Cedar Avenue, Paoli in Willistown Township, has become a showcase for green renovation, and it does so beautifully.

The house, a small 1920s bungalow, was purchased by Michael Groman in late 2010. Mike's aim was to renovate it in an eco-friendly manner following LEED\* and Energy Star guidelines. He would build on the "good bones" of the house, keeping within the original framework, while redesigning the space to meet 21st century family needs.

The primary challenge of keeping this renovation "green" was creating more living space without expanding the footprint of the structure. As was typical for a bungalow of this era, all the living space was on one floor—only 700 square feet. Mike would have to find a way to increase the space to accommodate the needs of today's home dwellers. If he built up, he would lose the character of the original structure, leaving it look out of place, increasing building costs, and decreasing energy efficiency. So, instead of building up, Mike dug down—18" into the basement floor—and literally carved out enough space for 2 bedrooms, a full bath (complete with shower stall and tub), and a 7' x 8' utility closet that contains all of the home's system work. The home's livable space was increased from 700 to 1200 square feet.



Despite the fact that the bedrooms are partially below ground level, they are surprisingly bright with the addition of large windows on the south-facing side.

With the challenge of where to put the bedroom areas met, demolition on the main level began in earnest. Interior walls were removed allowing for an open floor plan for the living, dining, and kitchen areas. A half-bath and mudroom/laundry area were installed behind the new kitchen. Both the mudroom and dining area have access to an exterior deck. With clean architectural lines, plenty of natural light, an unobstructed view from front to back, and a vaulted ceiling—this space can make your spirits soar.

## Supervisors Appoint Interim Township Manager

The Willistown Township Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed David R. Burman to the position of Interim Township Manager during their meeting on January 3rd, 2012. Dave has been serving as Finance Director for the Township since August 1, 2011. Prior to joining Willistown, Dave served as Township Manager in Worcester Township (Montgomery County) and Assistant Manager of Easttown Township. The Board also appointed Dave as Township Secretary and Treasurer. Please look for further information in the next *Towne Crier*.



The house at 16 South Cedar Hollow Road is now a model for green modern living. It has a long list of green features, including an eco-friendly insulation package, high-efficiency Energy Star-certified heating and AC systems, efficient LED and fluorescent lighting, cork flooring, energy-efficient appliances, natural quartz countertops, Water Sense-approved bath fixtures, and a rain garden that captures all storm runoff

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\*LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a world recognized standard for green buildings established by the US Green Building Council.



# Willistown Parks and Recreation

*Creating community through people, parks, and programs*

## COMING TO GREENTREE PARK THIS SPRING!

**Thanks to the determination of the Friends of Greentree Park, this glorious play set is coming to Willistown Township's Greentree Park this Spring!**



**B**ack in 2010, having travelled to and used many area parks, the Moms Club of Malvern realized that they wouldn't need to travel so far and they'd have one of the best parks right around the corner if Greentree Park offered a play set for 5–12-year-olds. Greentree had everything else families look for in a park—restrooms, parking, fencing, shade, and swings. The group began researching park equipment and communicating with the township about the project. In June 2010 the group requested \$45,000 in funding from the Township Board of Supervisors, but the township was unable to grant the funds at that time. This did not stop the Moms! Their offshoot, the Friends of Greentree Park, was formed to raise money for the playground—one dollar at a time.

Under the leadership of Kristin Thomas and Lori Bartlett and with the assistance of Willistown Parks and Recreation along with Erika Luongo, Tammy V'Soske, Danielle Haugh, Kate Teti, Steph Gunderson, Nicole Brook, Amanda Snyder, and many other volunteers (and dads!), the group began a community outreach campaign and hosted a Family Fun Walk & Park Party at Greentree and a Touch-A-Truck at General Wayne School. Donation cans popped up in local shops along with coloring books created by Kristin. Contributions of materials, funds,

and services started flowing in from inspired community members and businesses.\* In fewer than six months, the grassroots effort had raised \$20,000 of the \$45,000 needed for the play set and installation.

The group, having exhausted all of its community donation possibilities (and themselves!), made a formal request of the township to donate \$25,000 to the project. In November 2011 the Township Supervisors unanimously approved the matching funds.

"In my mind, it's almost a case study—the perfect model for a partnership between the township and the community," said Chairman of the Township Supervisors, Norman MacQueen.

Another component of the fundraising program is the Pickets-for-the-Playground campaign. You can purchase a fence picket, personalize it, and it will be proudly displayed in a fence line around the play set while providing assistance to keep the little ones within reach. Additional funds from the pickets will go toward site amenities including benches and small riding and climbing equipment. The personalized picket fence will also add to the sense of community of this special place. Please consider purchasing your picket as soon as possible so the fence can be installed along with the play set.

Keep your eyes on the *Towne Crier* and your email\*\* for the grand opening announcement. See you in the park!

*\*For a complete list of these contributions, please see [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) or [www.momsclubofmalvern.org](http://www.momsclubofmalvern.org).*

*\*\*To join our Park Party and E-News list, go to [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) and sign up next to the blue fox.*

## Sugartown Organic Community Garden

### Sprouts From the Garden

The Sugartown Community Garden may be dormant, but the gardeners are full of energy! The group gathered with Parks and Recreation Director Mary McLoughlin to cultivate a mission for the garden that reflects community spirit and coincides with the Parks and Recreation mission to create a sense of community and enrich lives through people, parks, and programs. Here's what they came up with:

The mission of the Sugartown Community Garden is to promote a member- and community-driven organic garden that fosters education, outreach, and community giveback.

The following are key goals of the garden as defined by the group:

- Advocate the health benefits and merits of locally grown fruits and vegetables.
- Maintain an organic gardening environment.
- Learn from each other; learn by doing; openly share experiences and knowledge with fellow gardeners, garden visitors, and attendees of various community events.
- Grow for yourself and share with the Chester County Food Bank.
- Create an environment that is both functional and aesthetic.
- Work together to be responsible for and maintain the entire garden ecosystem with a sense of community.

The gardeners will be exhibiting at Historic Sugartown Day on April 21st ([www.historicsugartown.org](http://www.historicsugartown.org)) and at Willistown's Greentree Country Fair on August 16th. In addition, they will be hosting garden gatherings once a month where they will be available to chat about the garden and give garden tours.

Stay tuned to the *Towne Crier*, [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org), the memo boards, and the Willistown parks e-news (sign up at [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org)) for more details as spring approaches. Please contact Mary at 610-647-5300 x224 with garden questions or volunteer inquiries.



— Adventurous New Programming —

Labor Day. The summer reading theme is used as an inspiration for our Get Outside (GO) Willistown and Malvern summer programming theme, which is "GO and Reach for the Stars!"

In addition to the 650 library CSLP summer reading tracking booklets that Malvern and Paoli Libraries give out, a second booklet will be handed out that acts as a passport of sorts—this year, our GO WilMa "Captain's Log." The log includes scavenger/treasure hunt clues that lead the participants to spots in the parks and community. Each spot, or "Star," will be named and have a post with a rubbing plate on it where the kids will stamp their 2012 Captain's Logs. Each Star has an associated page in the log that includes the scavenger hunt information as well as factoids, recommended reading, recipes, health and safety tips, and the length of the walk/hike to the star. This content relates to the "GO (Get Outside) and Reach for the Stars!" theme. Kids who collect a certain number of stars will either get a prize and/or raffle tickets for a grand prize (a Wii was last year's GO York grand

prize). Stay tuned for more details! Your kids can easily glean the benefits of such a program that promotes healthy minds and bodies and a love of the outdoors—as can you!

The goals of the GO WilMa program include:

- Promoting physical activity
- Promoting Willistown Township's and Malvern Borough's parks, open space, historic and community treasures, and the Town of Malvern
- Promoting reading
- Promoting curiosity about the natural world
- Promoting health/fitness/wellness
- Creating a sense of community

Our coalition is working out the details of the program and hopes you are as excited as we are by this creative and fun concept!

Sponsorships are available and if you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary McLoughlin at Willistown Parks and Recreation, 610-647-5300 x224.

Our GO WilMa program combines parks and recreation, health and wellness, and reading. The program is inspired by and modeled after the Healthy York County Coalition's GO York program (www.goyork.org). The Willistown/ Malvern coalition members are Willistown Township Parks and Recreation, Malvern Borough, Malvern Library, Paoli Library, Paoli Hospital, and Activate Chester County.

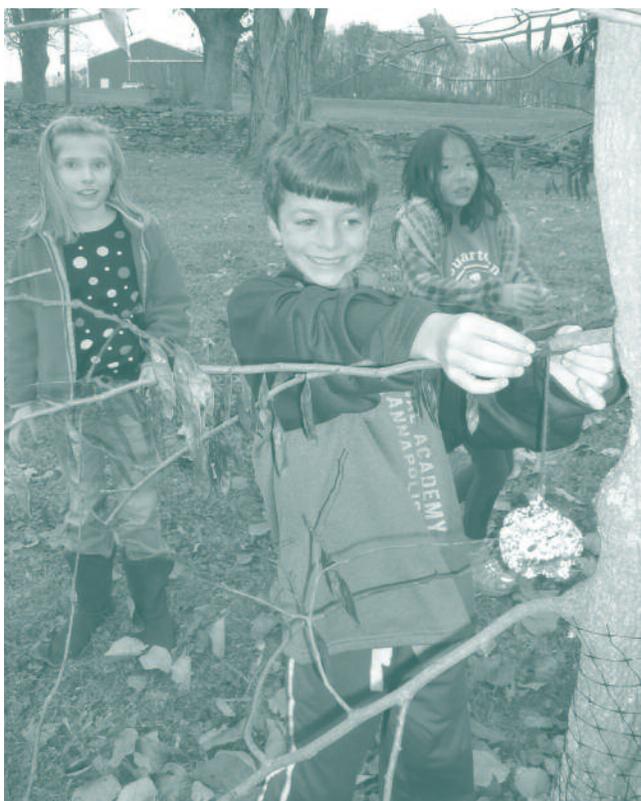
Our GO WilMa program is based on the library summer reading program theme identified annually by the National Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). The 2012 CSLP theme is "Dream Big—Read!" The program is designed for K–5th graders and runs from June through

**Programming note: The Willistown Township Summer Camp Program at General Wayne School will not be conducted this year. We are sorry for any inconvenience.**

**Okehocking Preserve**

The Okehocking Nature Center will reopen this spring at the Garrett Farmhouse. Check out www.willistownparks.org for more information about Okehocking and the Nature Center. Sign up there to receive Willistown Parks & Recreation Park Party and E-News for event information. Join in the fun!

**The Okehocking Nature Center will be conducting nature programming of all sorts at Willistown Township's Okehocking Preserve in 2012... JOIN IN THE FUN!**



VALLEY FORGE  
AUDUBON SOCIETY  
**Okehocking Bird Walk**  
Sunday, April 28 • 8 AM

Willistown Township's Okehocking Preserve is part of the Upper Ridley/Crum Important Bird Area. Birds can be found in a variety of habitats that include meadows, woods, ponds, and the riparian area along Ridley Creek. Be prepared for walking in wet areas. The leader, Edie Parnum, is with the Valley Forge Audubon Society (www.valleyforgeaudubon.org) and has been conducting a bird census here for many years, tallying 134 species.

**Directions:** Going west on Route 3 (West Chester Pike), drive past the lights at Providence Road and Delchester Road. The Preserve entrance is on the right, 1/2 mile past Delchester Road. If going eastbound on Route 3, because the highway is divided, you will need to make a U-turn at Delchester Road.

Questions? Contact Edie Parnum, 610-964-8331, eparnum2@verizon.net.

# Willistown's 11th 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,

**Saturday, March 31 • 9 AM–3 PM**  
**LOCATION: Willistown Township Building**  
**688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA 19335**

- 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.\*
  - Lawn mower, auto, and boat batteries
  - Propane tanks
  - Videotapes, audiotapes, and computer disks
  - Cell phones (we remove Sim cards)
  - 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 eleventh large drop-off recycling event. The amount dropped off during the previous events was staggering, totaling hundreds of tons. March 31st 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 on March 31st.

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 and will manage this operation with the assistance of

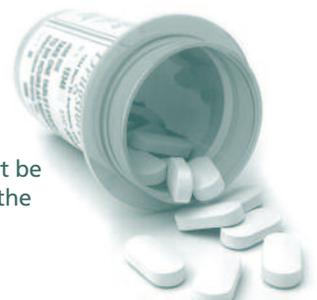
our very capable township employees. Note: Visitors will not be permitted to linger in or around the dump area.

- \*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 14. See Household Hazardous Waste article 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.

## National Drug (Prescription/OTC) Take Back Program Day

**Saturday, April 28 • 10 AM–2 PM**

The Drug Enforcement Agency is conducting another drug collection program on April 28th. Locations won't be finalized until March. When they are known, they will be listed on the Willistown Township Website and in the next issue of the *Towne Crier*. Please hold onto your to-be-disposed-of drugs until April 28th. Thank you!



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

# Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Oil Paint, Chemicals, TVs, and Computer Monitors and Peripherals

Saturday, April 14 • 9 AM–3 PM

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



Directions from Route 30: Take Route 29 north (as if you were going to Wegman's in Malvern). Once you reach Phoenixville Pike, continue through the intersection to Charlestown Road. Follow until you begin to see "Household Hazardous Waste Collection" signs at the side of the road. The CAT campus is on the right. (Approx. a 10-minute journey from Route 30.)

Saturday, April 14th, is the first of five Household Hazardous Waste events in 2012. A wide variety of hazardous substances that will be accepted are listed. Computers will be accepted! Note that latex paint is NOT accepted. This raises the question of how to dispose of it. The simplest way is to purchase a product named "Waste Paint Hardener" in a community hardware store, Home Depot, or Lowe's. One 3.5 ounce bag will harden up to two-thirds of a gallon of latex paint in minutes. Once the paint is hardened, it may be disposed of with other trash. Keep the lid and the can separated.



## Your HHW Checklist

Use the following checklist and clean out your cabinets!

### 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

#### Other

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

#### Automotive Products

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

#### ALSO Accepted— Computer Monitors & Peripherals and all TVs

Keyboards, CPUs, printers, modems, scanners, servers, terminals, network equipment, speakers, mice, cathode ray tubes (CRTs), and other computer parts. All TVs!

### 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
- Unidentified waste
- Used motor oil
- White goods

Is it possible to recycle a freezer? An air conditioner, computer, TV, metal furniture, or styrofoam? Yes, but with caveats! We wish we could provide easy solutions for recycling all items; unfortunately, such is not always the case. However, we can provide many solutions, most of which are "easy" and some of which will require additional work.

#### Styrofoam

Some UPS retail stores will accept clean pellets in large plastic bags. Styrofoam forms used to protect items when packed in shipping cartons may be recycled at Dart Container, 60 Main Street, Leola, PA. A large container for styrofoam is available 24/7 on the Dart lot for dropping off the forms and the pellets. Leola is 10 miles west of Shady Maple Farms (grocery and restaurant) Route 23, for those who are devotees of this popular spot.

#### Refrigerators/Freezers/ Air Conditioners

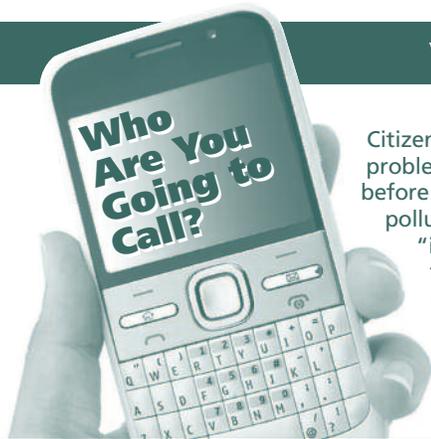
None of these items may be disposed of with regular trash. Each one contains Freon gas, which must be removed by a certified Freon-removal specialist. The average cost to have this done is \$60. Once accomplished, you then have to contact your hauler to arrange a special pickup, which usually involves a separate charge. Here are two better ideas:

- For PECO customers only: PECO will pick up these items with Freon still in them from your home and pay you \$15! Note: Air conditioners will be accepted only if you are requesting either a refrigerator or freezer to be picked up. To arrange removal, call 1-888-573-2672.
- On 3/31/12, Willistown Township will accept these items with or without Freon at 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern. No charge. Recycling Commission volunteers and township employees will unload them from your vehicle.

#### Computer, Computer Peripherals, TVs, and Metal Items

On March 31st, Willistown Township will accept these items at no charge at 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern.

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Citizens can help report violations or problems they notice in their local streams before they cause more damage and pollution. You may be the first to recognize "illicit," nonpermitted discharges—typically any flows other than rainwater—being directed into storm sewers or out of pipes into streams. "Dry weather flows," defined as flows from stormwater outfall pipes after a 48-hour period without rain,

should also be reported to your municipality for further investigation.

New stormwater regulations from Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) require that your municipality investigate more thoroughly potentially illicit discharges into our streams. You can help by promptly reporting the following events to the authorities listed in the "Hotlines" box below.

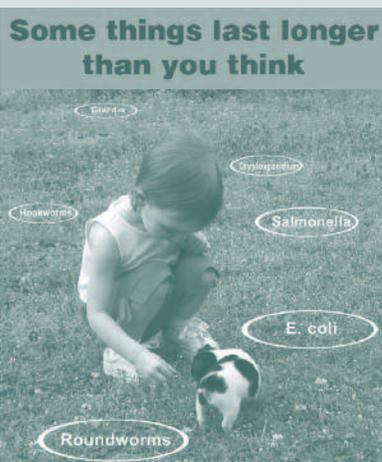
DEP 24-Hour Water Quality Hotline	484-250-5900	Anytime, including evenings and weekends
DEP Water Quality Complaints – Weekdays	484-250-5991	Weekdays 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Off-site discharge of sediment, erosion, & other improper controls during construction	Delaware Co. Conservation District 810-892-9484, or Chester County Conservation District 610-925-4920	Send photo, full address, and directions
Clogged or leaking sanitary sewer lines; sewage smell in creek; illegal discharges into creeks or storm drains	Willistown Township 610-647-5300	After hours call 911 
Fish Kills	PA Fish and Boat Commission 717-626-0228	DEP 24-Hour Water Quality Hotline 484-250-5900
Dry weather outfall flows (flows from stormwater outfall pipes after a 48-hour period without rain)	Willistown Township 610-647-5300	
Broken water mains	Chester Water Authority 610-876-8181 Aqua Pennsylvania 610-525-1402	24 hour

For updates, contact the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association (610-892-8731)

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## Let's "Pick It Up" for Safer Recreation and Cleaner Water

Pet waste is a source of many harmful microorganisms that can be transmitted from the waste to humans if it is not promptly picked up and disposed of. This list includes *E. coli*, *Giardia*, *Cryptosporidium*, *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Brucellosis*, and roundworm parasites. Many of these microorganisms will last months in the soil and some up to four years, if not immediately cleaned up from lawns, along trails, or in parks or preserves. Studies have shown that dog waste is also a significant source of bacterial and nutrient contamination in streams, especially during the "first flush" from a rainstorm, which carries the majority of the pollution washing off of lawns and hard surfaces.



To protect your family and to be considerate of your fellow residents and other trail users, please remember to "scoop the poop" with a plastic bag and dispose of it promptly in a public trash can or your own trash receptacle (not your neighbor's trash can or down storm drains, please). Composting or burying your pet's waste does not destroy harmful organisms.

Sources: Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association; Companion Animal Parasite Council; Snohomish County Public Works Department, Washington State.

## Hard-to-Recycle Items

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Recycling Commission volunteers and township employees will unload them from your vehicle.

If you have a compelling need to recycle computers and TVs before March 31st, you may drive to the Landchester Landfill-Small Load Facility west of Honey Brook on Route 322—about 22 miles from Willistown—and pay a fee of \$5.00 per set dropped off. Hours of the landfill: Weekdays: 7 AM to 4:30 PM; Saturdays: 7:30 to 11:30 AM. Always check the Chester County Solid Waste Authority's Website to obtain current information about the landfill and recycling: [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org).

TVs with a screen measuring up to 32" on the diagonal and computers with hard drive removed may be recycled at no charge at any Best Buy retail store. King of Prussia and Downingtown are the closest locations. Recommendation: Call before going to a Best Buy to verify terms.

Please see other articles in this issue for details about special recycling events.

**Malvern Public Library**

1 East First Avenue, Malvern  
Phone: 610-644-7259  
www.malvernpubliclibrary.org

Mon–Wed: 9 AM–9 PM  
Thurs: 9 AM–8 PM; Fri: 9 AM–5 PM  
Sat: 9 AM–4 PM; Sun: Closed



What weighs 175 pounds, likes biscuits, and loves to listen to stories? That would be BRUNO, Malvern’s Tail Waggin’ Tutor. Bruno is an 8-year-old Great Dane who has been certified by Therapy Dogs International to participate in our Tail Waggin’ Tutor program. He will listen to children practice their reading skills and offers a relaxed and “dog-friendly” atmosphere for readers. He will be available for reading sessions on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Call the library to sign up (610-644-7259) and get to know our newest staff member!

Check out our Book Club selection (www.malvernpubliclibrary.org) for the coming months. The Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 AM. No registration is required.

We will be conducting our annual Phonathon in early April. This is our major fundraiser for the Library, and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make the phone calls or write the follow-up notes. Call the library (610-644-7259) for more information.

**Paoli Library**

18 Darby Road, Paoli  
(behind the Wachovia Bank)  
Phone: 610-296-7996  
www.tredyffrinlibraries.org

Mon, Wed, Thur: 9:30 AM–8 PM  
Fri: 9:30 AM–6 PM; Sat: 9:30 AM–5 PM  
Sun: 1–5 PM; Closed Tuesdays

**eReaders and eBooks**

Test drive various e-readers at the library before buying your own. Or if you’ve already purchased an e-reader, learn how to check out library e-books and digital audiobooks. Call 610.296.7996 or email bmichaels@ccls.org for more information.

**Mystery Book Club**

Meets on the first Monday of the month, 10:30 AM, in the meeting room on the lower level. For more information, please call the library at 610.296.7996. New mystery lovers are always welcome!

**Art Book Club**

Courtney Waring, Director of Education at the Delaware Art Museum, continues discussions of books where art plays a significant role—some fiction, some nonfiction. Meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, on March 14th, April 25th, and June 6th. Call 610.296.7996 or email Beverly Michaels at bmichaels@ccls.org for book titles and registration information.

**“Second Opinions” Health Seminars**  
Seminars cover health information from Paoli Hospital experts to help you sort out all the conflicting health advice you read and hear. Call the library (610-296-7996) for upcoming dates and topics, or email bmichaels@ccls.org

**Children’s Storytimes**

Drop-in sessions on Wednesday and Thursday mornings for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, with their caregivers. Siblings are welcome.  
10 AM—Children under 3  
11 AM—Ages 3–5

**Starbucks Family Storytime**

at Paoli Starbucks, 1 PM on the last Friday of each month. For children of all ages.

**First Fridays: Crafts and Creativity for Ages 7–10**

Free after-school program (4:30–6 PM) encourages children to express emotions through art. Call for upcoming dates. Registration required. Contact Alycia Gargano at 610-296-7996 or agargano@ccls.org.

**Teen Yoga, Ages 13–15**

Teen yoga classes offer a fun way to learn flexibility, strength, and toning of the mind and body. There will be a tie-in with a book discussion, which will continue the mind/body focus. Instructor Alycia Gargano, the Paoli Library Children’s Programming Specialist, discovered yoga in her teen years and has practiced ever since. She attended Yoyalife Institute and Childlight Yoga for her certification.

Cost is \$15.00 for the whole series of classes. For more information about dates and times, contact Alycia Gargano at 610-296-7996 or agargano@ccls.org.

**Green Renovation**

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from the site. Also, 70% of the demolition debris was recycled. Mike had considered installing solar panels on the roof, but a neighboring tree line would have greatly reduced the effectiveness. Although not ideal for solar energy, the benefit of having the shade trees is that they will keep the house cooler during hot weather.

The visible transformation of the property over the past six months has attracted many visitors. Mike is happy to show people around his “eco-bungalow” and he is hoping his story may encourage other homeowners to take the same approach.

Mike is no stranger to going green. For much of his career, he was Senior Director of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society’s Philadelphia Green program. As the nation’s largest urban greening program, Philadelphia Green helps lead the city toward a “sustainable” future, building



communities and improving the quality of life in Philadelphia’s neighborhoods and downtown public spaces. Mike is now bringing his passions for sustainable living to more private spaces, helping homeowners renovate their homes in an ecologically sound approach. To learn more the 16 South Cedar Avenue project or about green home renovation in general, contact Mike at 610-996-8763.

“I am starting my new life as a green home renovation consultant, helping homeowners plan and manage their home renovation projects, embracing a combination of good design, energy efficiency, and a variety of eco-friendly products to reduce their overall footprint on planet earth—and to meet their families’ needs. With a focus on Chester County, my goal is to create green communities, one home at a time.”



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## 2011 Willistown Coat Collection Results

Our 8th annual coat collection campaign benefited from another excellent turnout by residents of Willistown and employees of Paoli Hospital. A total of 564 coats were collected! We were pleased to have added Paoli Hospital as a drop site this year, where employees responded with enthusiasm! Thank you, Brad Zerr, Director of Community Services for the Hospital, for promoting the coat recycling program.

Of the 564 coats collected, 460 went to the Greater Works Ministry in Kennett Square and 104 were given to Purple Heart, a well-respected charity that aids American war veterans and their families.

This program requires volunteers. For many years Alice Dowd and a Cub Scout pack enthusiastically and efficiently managed the program. This year Jill Holsclaw was the coordinator extraordinaire with assistance from Cub Scout Packs 71 and 98. Our thanks to Jill and the boys for their energetic volunteer efforts. Well done!



564 coats  
were collected!

Energetic and enthusiastic Cub Scouts  
bagging collected coats

## Mark your Calendars

### March 31

**Annual Township Drop-off Recycling Event  
(Metal, Tires, Refrigerators, Air  
Conditioners, and Electronics)**  
Willistown Township Building  
688 Sugartown Road, Malvern  
9 AM–3 PM

### April 14

**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off  
Including Computers**  
Center for Arts & Technology (CAT)  
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville  
9 AM–3 PM

### April 21

**Historic Sugartown Day**  
Historic Sugartown, Malvern  
10 AM–4 PM

### April 28

**National Drug (Prescription/OTC)  
Take Back Day**  
Locations TBD  
10 AM–2 PM

### April 28

**Valley Forge Audubon Society Bird Walk**  
Okehocking Preserve, Route 3 Entrance  
8 AM

See page 7 for Malvern and  
Paoli Library activities.