

# Willis Towne Crier

*In Willistown, nearly everybody reads the Crier!*



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## Willistown Police Department Heads Local Effort to Support U.S. Troops in Afghanistan

Many of you know Hugh Murray as our Township Manager; however, you may not know that Hugh was the former Chief of Police at Willistown prior to becoming Township Manager. Hugh's son, 35-year-old Hugh Murray Jr., recently deployed to Afghanistan as a member of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Division.



Hugh Murray Jr.

the lives of our brave men and women of the Armed Forces a little bit better.

As I wrote in a prior newsletter, one of our own officers, Mark Monroe, was a Marine attached to Marine Wing Support Squadron 472. Mark was stationed in Al Asad, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mark was hired by this

department in February 2008. He has been an outstanding addition to our department and we are very pleased to know that he will help lead this project to assist our troops.

Many of us have family that has served our Country. I was always proud of the fact that my father served in WWII. We can honor their memory or service by supporting the men and women who serve this Country with courage and honor.

I met with Hugh Jr. just prior to his deployment and told him that our officers wanted to show their support for him and his fellow soldiers. The members of the Willistown Police Department have donated money to purchase supplies that are desperately needed by the members of our Armed Forces. These supplies will be shipped to Afghanistan and hopefully, we can make

At the time of this publication, this project has received donations from the Willistown, Westtown East Goshen and Chester County Chief's of Police Associations, Chester County F.O.P Lodge 11, as well as several friends of the Willistown Police Department. If you would like to help in this effort, you can send a donation to the following:

Willistown Police Department  
688 Sugartown Road  
Malvern, PA 19355

Please make checks payable to:  
**Willistown Police Troop Relief.**  
Donations are not tax deductible.

The members of this department will keep the Murray family in our thoughts and we hope and pray for Hugh's safe return. We are proud of you Hugh Jr.!!!!

Stay Safe!

— John M. Narcise, Chief of Police

Jump-starting the collection effort are (l. to r.) Officer Zachary Bullock, Supervisor Norman MacQueen, Lieutenant Robert Klinger, Chief John Narcise, Township Manager Hugh Murray, Sergeant Michael LaPira, Administrative Assistant Diane Moore, Gerry and Ed Leaf from Leaf Floor Covering.



Willistown  
Township  
Administrative  
Offices have  
moved!

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details.

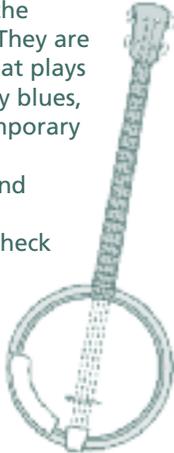


# WILLISTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION

## T3 @ Greentree Bluegrass! Aimless Pursuit

Thursday, September 16  
5:30–8 PM

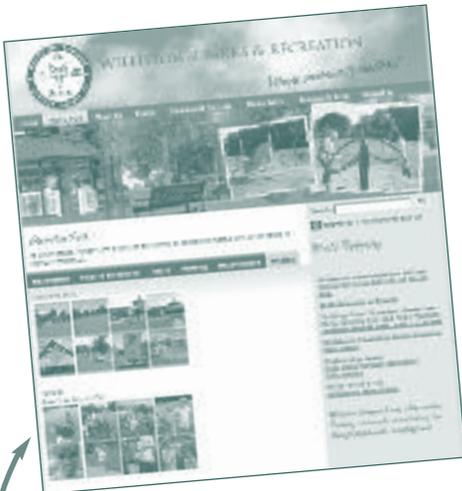
We are wrapping up the Township's Thrilling Third Thursdays at Greentree Park with the down-home sounds and witty personalities of the Aimless Pursuit musicians. They are a local roots/string band that plays bluegrass, old time, country blues, western swing, and contemporary bluegrass. Take a peek at [www.aimlesspursuit.com](http://www.aimlesspursuit.com) and come check them out at Greentree! For more info check [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) closer to the gig!



**Please Note:** The T3 @ Greentree Halloween Howl People and Pet Parade has been canceled.

### Catch a Glimpse of the Fun

For photos of Thrilling Third Thursday events at Greentree visit [willistownparks.org](http://willistownparks.org) and go to *Visit a Park*, then *Greentree Park*, then *Photos*, and for Sugartown Garden activities and events go to *Visit a Park; Sugartown Preserve; Photos*.



Visit [willistownparks.org](http://willistownparks.org) for more event photos!

## Sugartown Exploration



# Fall Fun on the Farm

## Sugartown Garden Family Fall Fest

Sunday, Sept. 25 • 1–3 PM  
Rain Date Sept. 26

Join the Sugartown Garden team for a couple of hours of fun in the sun in this magical place! The passionate and creative group of Willistown residents that make up the garden committee will be hosting kids and their parents to enjoy the tastes and wonders of the garden. Please check [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) and the memo boards for more info. You can also be alerted via email by signing up for Willistown Parks and Recreation's Happynings e-ouncements under the *What's Happyning* sidebar on [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org).

rich, fluffy soil with very little work from the gardener. The name "lasagna gardening" has nothing to do with what you'll be growing in this garden. It refers to the method of building the garden, which is, essentially, adding layers of organic materials that will "cook down"



Farmer Ron and Susan at the garden.

## Lasagna Gardening Workshop — No Digging Required! Lead by "Farmer Ron"

This Fall – Date to be determined

Prep your garden this fall for the 2011 season! According to Colleen Vanderlinden, organic gardening guide, lasagna gardening is a no-dig, no-till organic gardening method that results in

over time, resulting in rich, fluffy soil that will help your plants thrive. Also known as "sheet composting," lasagna gardening is great for the environment, because you're using your yard and kitchen waste and essentially composting it in place to make a new garden.

Join "Farmer Ron," Willistown resident and chairman of the Sugartown Exploration Garden Steering Committee, in the garden for this informative and fun workshop.

## Garden

It's A Wonderful World! 

### Wonderful World Summer Camps at Sugartown Preserve 2010

Many thanks to our Wonderful World Team: Susan (camp director) and Ron Ploeg ("Farmer Ron"), Henrietta the hen; Lori Stefancic (head teacher) and Dan Radzanowski (artist) and their children Abigail, Jordan and Nik; Alexi Vastardis, Julia Scott, Ethan Tankel, Cheryl Snyder (bookbinding), Rachel Owen (puppeteer), and Gabi Kecskes (herbalist). Special thanks to Historic Sugartown and St. Francis-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church for sharing their properties and facilities with us!

Many thanks to the Sugartown Exploration Garden Volunteer Committee for creating the garden and the camp curriculum! Susan and Ron Ploeg, Kelly DeCurtis, Lori Stefancic, Cate Stevenson, Rika Schmitt, Judy Young, and Cheryl Snyder.

For more photos of volunteers and garden camp visit [willistownparks.org](http://willistownparks.org) and go to *Programs and Projects* then *Sugartown Exploration Garden*.



Kelly and Gabi with Parks and Recreation Board Chairman, Dick McDonnell, at the Sugartown Garden booth on Historic Sugartown Day.



Garden harvest herbal tea bag station—so that's where tea comes from!



### Bird Walk at Okehocking Preserve

VALLEY FORGE  
AUDUBON SOCIETY

Saturday, October 9 • 8:30 AM

This township-owned 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. Walk leader, Edie Parnum, has been conducting a bird census here and has tallied 134 species.

Please be prepared for walking in wet areas. These walks are free to the public. Willistown Township thanks the Valley Forge Audubon Society for their wonderful partnership at Okehocking! Meet at the parking lot, Route 3 entrance. If weather is a question, please contact Edie Parnum at 610-964-8331 or [eparnum@comcast.net](mailto:eparnum@comcast.net).



### Parks and Rec Alerts and Information—How Do I Know?

Please check [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) for more details about our parks and events including getting directions to the parks and information on field and pavilion rentals. To sign up for parks and rec alerts about activities, events, and our parks, please go to [willistownparks.org](http://willistownparks.org) and click on *Happynings e-nouncement sign ups!* located at the top of the right sidebar. *And keep your eyes peeled on the memo boards at the township building and at the corner of Cedar Hollow Road and Paoli Pike for upcoming happynings!*

# Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

Saturday, October 9 • 9 AM–3 PM

**Location: Government Services Center**

601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA

Last chance for 2010!

**Household Products and Chemicals, Computer Monitors/Systems and Peripherals, and Tabletop TVs**

**Directions:** 202 South to one exit past the West Chester Pike exit. This will be the Westtown Road exit. Turn right at bottom of ramp. Follow for about 300 yards. Signs for the event will be posted.

Chester County is sponsoring its fifth and final 2010 collection of household hazardous waste on October 9. Please refer to the chart below for a list of acceptable items.

**Water-based paints will not be accepted.** Dispose of them by dripping the paint onto cat litter, shredded paper, or wood chips in a container and letting the mixture dry. It can then be disposed of with your household trash. Or, you may purchase a waste paint hardener at

Lowe's or Home Depot. Small amounts of water-based paint remaining in a paint can may be air dried by removing the lid. Air-dried water-based paint may be disposed of with your household trash. However, do not replace the paint can lid when you do so.

Note: If you prefer to drop off your HHW earlier than 10/9, participate in the Delaware County event on Thursday, 9/16. Location: Rose Tree Park near the Route 1 and the Providence Road intersection. 9 AM–3 PM.

Please contact Jim Tate, Chairman of Willistown's Recycling Committee, with questions: 610-647-7361.

## Household Hazardous Waste Materials ACCEPTED at collections site (if properly labeled)

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR PRODUCTS	 AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD – OTHER**	COMPUTER MONITORS & PERIPHERALS, TABLETOP TVs
 Oil-Based Paints* Other Solvent-Based Paint Products Paint Thinners Strippers & Removers Shellac Stains, Varnish Turpentine Wallpaper Cement	Asphalt Sealers Caulking Compounds Joint Compound Roof Cements Septic Tank Degreasers Swimming Pool Chemicals Weed Killers 	Antifreeze Carburetor Cleaners Fuel Additives Gasoline Grease & Rust Solvents Oil Transmission/ Brake Fluid	All types of Light Bulbs, including Tubular & Compact Fluorescent Adhesive/Solvents Drain Openers Dry Cleaning Fluid Kerosene Mothballs/Flakes Smoke Alarms Spot Removers Rechargeable Batteries Only Rug Cleaners Toilet Bowl Cleaners Wood & Metal Cleaners	Acids, Caustic Solvents Flammables Gas Cylinders 20 lbs or less Lead Mercury Bearing Items Organic Peroxide Oxidizers Pesticides Reactive Metals Reactives	Keyboards, CPUs, printers, modems, scanners, servers, terminals, network equipment, speakers, mice, cathode ray tubes (CRT), and other computer parts. Tabletop TVs with a screen no larger than 27" will be accepted. Large TVs and consoles will be refused. <b>DO NOT BRING THEM!</b> No other electrically powered equipment will be accepted.

\* Solvent acrylics will be accepted. Latex acrylics will not.

\*\* No ammunition



## Ongoing Recycling Programs

### Leaf Pick Up

Contact your trash and recycling hauler to determine which days they will pick up bags of leaves. Special recycling bags must be used. These are available from Ace Hardware, Home Depot and Lowe's. Leaves placed for recycling collection in plastic bags will not be picked up for recycling (composting).

### Computers and TVs

Best Buy accepts these items under certain conditions. Contact your nearest Best Buy store for details.

### CDs, DVDs, Audio- and Videotapes

A drop box in front of the "old" township administration building, 688 Sugartown Road, is accessible 24/7. These materials are packed and shipped to a company that shreds every component, which is then recycled.

### Plastic Bags

Virtually any and all food supermarkets have drop boxes/barrels for used, but clean, plastic bags and newspaper sleeves. Just stuff all your plastic bags into a plastic bag and drop them in the provided containers at the entrances to the supermarkets. Accessible during regular store hours.

### Tubular and Compact Fluorescent Bulbs and Incandescent Bulbs, Including Spotlights

All Home Depot outlets have a well-marked container for these items next to their return desks. Accessible during regular store hours.

### Small Household Items and Clothing

Purple Heart Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps military veterans and their families, has a special need for clothing, small appliances, toys, and other household items. They can use jewelry, pots and pans, dishes, utensils, knick-knacks, sporting equipment, radios, games, records, linens, shoes, tools, and small furniture items. Items should be clean and in good condition! Arrange a pick up by calling 215-638-1020.

### Large and Small Household Items and Clothing

Habitat for Humanity does more than build homes for people in need. It has retail stores that sell items that have been donated to the organization. Income is used for construction projects and other costs. The closest H4H to Willistown Township is at 1853 E. Lincoln Highway, Thorndale, PA. Clean usable items may be dropped off on Tuesdays, 9 AM-4 PM, Saturdays, 9 AM-12 Noon. However, arrangements may be made to have items picked up. Call 610-466-1890.

### Recycling Opportunities Being Explored by Your Recycling Committee:

**Wood Chipping—Sometime in the Fall**  
Date to be determined.

### Disposal of Outdated and Unused Prescription and OTC Drugs

Until the complex details of this program can be finalized, please do not dispose of your drugs by flushing them down your

### Considering a New Fridge?



Your old refrigerator is an energy gobbler. And PECO will take that gobbler off your hands and pay you \$35! Sound too good to be true? Now, really, would your township recycling guru lie to you? If you own a working refrigerator that you'd like to dispose of, contact PECO to set up a pick-up time. That's another advantage of the PECO recycling program: PECO will not only pay you for the refrigerator, but will also pick it up from your home!! Aye, caramba, what a deal!! Use your/a computer to view the PECO program by simply Googling "PECO Recycling." Then check for the *Smart Appliance Recycling* link. Or call PECO for information. This program will run to the end of 2010.

toilet! Water purification systems are not equipped to remove many of the chemicals!! To dispose, please leave them in their original bottle or pharmacy-provided prescription vial. Most vial labels are now peelable. Scrape those that are not with a knife. Seal the lid tightly by wrapping the neck and lid with masking or Scotch tape. Throw into trash. It is important to NOT spare the tape when wrapping.

## Update on Document Shredding Event of June

Your Willistown Township Recycling Committee thanks all of you who expressed your appreciation for the opportunity to dispose of sensitive documents. Your positive comments keep our volunteer committee going! Interestingly, the truck that contained the shredder had a capacity of 10,000 pounds of paper and we were warned that once

the truck is full, shredding would cease no matter how early in the day. Dame fortune smiled upon us: At the cut-off hour, we had shred 9,614 pounds!

Our thanks to Penn Liberty Bank for their participation as a sponsor.

For those of you who would like to "clean

house" of sensitive documents more frequently, check the websites of the many banks located in Chester and Delaware Counties. Many of them hold Saturday shredding events as promotions. Anyone may drop off documents; it is not necessary to be a bank customer. Better yet, there is no cost!



## Check it Out! (At the Library)



### Malvern Public Library

1 East First Avenue, Malvern  
Phone: 610-644-7259

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

Thanks to all the participants in our record breaking Summer Reading Club and Programs. Story times for children up to age 6 will begin after Labor Day. Please call the Library (610-644-7259) for exact days and times.

After a summer hiatus, our **book club**, **knitting group**, and **poetry discussions** will resume in September. Check the Library website ([www.ccls.org](http://www.ccls.org)) to see our calendar of events and get the details on these activities and more.

**Look out Star Wars fans!** We are planning a Star Wars event in October—costumed Star War characters, a short skit, and lots of memorabilia. Be sure to check our calendar for exact date and time.

Visit our table at **Malvern's Paws in the Park** on October 3 in Burke Park. The Library will have **free drawings for book bags** full of books for various age groups (pre-school to adult). We'll also have info on library programs and applications for library cards.

### Paoli Library

#### 1910–2010: A Century of Reading

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

#### NEW HOURS!

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

The celebration of Paoli Library's 100th birthday continues! Please call the library (610-296-7996) to register for the following *Centennial Events*:

#### Visits by Celebrated Authors

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7 PM

**Mark Bowden**, *Philadelphia Inquirer* staff writer and best-selling author of *Guests of the Ayatollah*, *Black Hawk Down*, and *Killing Pablo*.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 4:30 PM

**Tony Abbott**, award-winning children's author of over 75 books for ages 6 to 14 including *The Postcard*, *Firegirl*, and the popular series *Secrets of Droon*, *Danger Guys*, and *Time Surfers*.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7 PM

**Mystery Writers Panel** featuring **Bonnie McDougal Kistler**, **Barbara Clement** and **Jack Dobbyn**.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7 PM

**Barbara Robinson**, author of the beloved *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Best School Year Ever*, and much more!

#### Family Centennial Sundays

#### TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

#### Sunday, September 19, 1:30–3 PM

Join our rowdy crew for "International Talk Like a Pirate Day" and help create a pirate ship, Jolly Roger flag, and treasure map. Come dressed like a pirate and receive a treasure!

#### OCTOBER STORIES

#### Sunday, October 24, 1:30–3 PM

Wear your Halloween costume and listen to seasonal stories by storyteller Colette Krupinski.

#### FESTIVE FALL FUN

#### Sunday, November 14, 1:30–3 PM

Children and their caregivers will make autumn-inspired crafts just in time for Thanksgiving!

#### WINTER WONDERLAND CRAFTS

#### Sunday, December 12, 1:30–3 PM

Stories and art projects including handprint snowflakes and holiday ornaments.

#### Regularly Scheduled Programs

#### CHILDREN'S MORNING

#### STORY TIMES

No registration necessary.

- **Preschool, ages 3 and up:**  
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 AM
- **Toddlers, ages 3 and below:**  
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11 AM

#### ADULT PROGRAMS:

#### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

First Monday of each month, 10:30 AM  
New readers always welcome.

#### WEBSITE

Visit our website 24/7 ([www.tredyffrinlibraries.org](http://www.tredyffrinlibraries.org)) for up-to-the-minute announcements, changes, and details of programs and services.

#### SERVICES

- Free wireless Internet access
- Free public computers
- Magazines: 62 subscriptions!
- Newspapers: 7 subscriptions!
- DVDs, audiobooks, and music CDs —new releases and classics
- Databases you'll only find at libraries
- Access to the services of the 18-member Chester County Library System

## What's Your Story?

### Residents Are Invited to Contribute to the *Towne Crier*

From time to time, we highlight a Willistown resident in our Resident's Report. Do you have a unique project underway, a story to tell, or are you involved in a community program or local charity? Or, maybe you would like to honor a resident who's serving our country. Let us know! Email newsletter editor Traci Watson with your idea at [traci@watsondesignonline.com](mailto:traci@watsondesignonline.com).

Note: All articles and images are subject to approval, and will run space permitting. Material may be held for future issues. If this is the case, the subject will be contacted at that time to ensure information is still accurate or pertinent.

This opportunity is for Willistown residents only.



## Malvern Fall Festival For The Arts & Paws In The Park

Sunday, October 3

10 AM-5 PM, Rain or Shine  
King Street and Burke Park, Malvern

Malvern's 6th annual Fall Festival for the Arts and Paws in the Park event! Join us for a day of family fun in the quaint Borough of Malvern. Come shop, eat, and enjoy live music. King street and Channing Avenue will be lined with juried craftspeople and artisans, and Burke park will be filled with pet-oriented vendors, community organizations, and free kids activities.



## ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

### Township Building Renovations

The Township is faced with a number of issues concerning both the Township Administration and the Police buildings here on the Sugartown Road campus:

1. The Township building requires extensive repair and remediation to deal with long-standing water intrusion and related issues.
2. The Administration building was built in 1956 and enlarged in 1969. The Building's plumbing, HVAC, life-safety, and electrical systems all require modernization.
3. Neither the Township Administration building nor the Police building is ADA-compliant and must be brought up to standards.
4. Township Administration long ago outgrew its current space and is presently leasing third party office space for the Parks and Recreation department for daily operations.
5. The Police building was extensively renovated in 1992, but also unfortunately quickly outgrew the space available. Modern police techniques and constantly-evolving legal requirements for law-enforcement facilities dictate substantial renovations.

The Board of Supervisors has been reviewing all options to address these requirements, ranging from doing nothing to a complete demolition and reconstruction of the entire campus. While doing nothing was, and is, clearly unacceptable, the price tag for an entirely new facility was prohibitive. We have therefore been working extensively with township staff and outside architects experienced in municipal facilities to develop a renovation and rehabilitation plan for our facilities. We believe that we have come to a base plan that not only satisfies all our legal requirements, addresses the building problems, and leaves room for some expected growth but also does so within a reasonable budget.

On Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Township Board of Supervisors meeting, a lease bid was awarded to the Greentree Office Plaza on Lloyd Avenue. This location will serve as the temporary Administration offices for at least one year. The township meetings will also be held at this location. The Police Department will remain at their current location on Sugartown Road.

*Willistown Township Administrative Offices have moved to:*

**Greentree Office Plaza  
40 Lloyd Avenue  
Suite #204/206  
Malvern, PA 19355  
(Right next to Greentree Park)**



### June Storm Cleanup

Supervisors Bob Lange and Norman MacQueen cleared Garrett Mill Road after June's big storm that left some Willistown residents without electricity for days. Carol MacQueen (not pictured) directed traffic.



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## General Election Day

Tuesday, November 2

Polls open at 7:00 AM and  
close at 8:00 PM.

Important deadlines prior to Election Day:

- October 4 – Last day to register.
- October 26 – Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.
- October 29 – Last day for Chester County board to receive a voted absentee ballot.

Offices to be elected:

US Senator:

Joe Sestak (D)  
Pat Toomey (R)

Governor:

Dan Onorato (D)  
Tom Corbett (R)

Lt. Governor:

Scott Conklin (D)  
Jim Cawley (R)

US House of Representatives  
6th Congressional District:

Bryan Lentz (D)  
Pat Meehan (R)

PA General Assembly (PA House):

Bill Holmes (D)  
Duane Milne (R)

For more information about voting in  
Chester County, visit  
<http://dsf.chesco.org/election>.

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