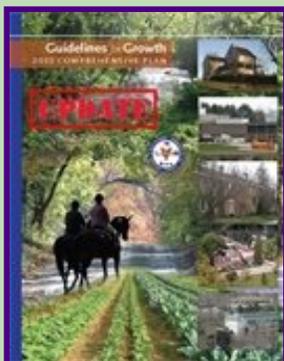




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Comprehensive Plan Update - We Need Your Input

The Willistown Township Planning Commission, consultants, and staff are working to finalize the latest update to the Township Comprehensive Plan, *Guidelines for Growth and Sustainability*.

We have posted [Chapter 6](#) and we want your feedback! Submit comments via email to:

comments@willistown.pa.us now through March 1, 2023.

A draft of Chapter 5 is expected in late February, and by March, Chapter 7 and the Plan Maps will be made available. Did you miss commenting on the previous chapters? A full plan draft will be shared in April, and public comments will be accepted through April 21.

A Public Meeting presenting the final draft is planned for late May. Sign up for the [Comprehensive Plan Update Bulletins](#) to be notified of the upcoming news on the Comprehensive Plan.

Save the Date for Our Recycling Events

Thank you to our Environmental Sustainability Committee for organizing these events. All three events will be held on the Township campus at 688 Sugartown Road from 9 am to 12 pm. Please note all events are for Willistown Residents only:

[Saturday, April 1 - Chipping Day](#)

[Saturday, April 15 - E-Waste Recycling Drop Off](#)

[Saturday, April 29 - Document Shredding](#)



Call For Photographs!

Calling all Willistown Photographers! We need your help. Township volunteers, staff and consultants are working to finalize the latest edition of our Comprehensive Plan, and we are in need of photographs to accompany the narratives and maps. The plan, entitled *Guidelines for Growth and Sustainability*, explores Willistown history, considers current



conditions, and charts a vision for the Township's future. We'd like to include images of **the Township's natural beauty and wildlife, scenic vistas, residential streetscapes, historic buildings and resources, and community spirit.**

If you have taken a photograph in Willistown that fits this description, we'd love to showcase it! Visit www.willistown.pa.us/SubmitPhoto. To be considered for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan, photographs

must be submitted by March 10, 2023.

Zero Waste Event and Giveaway

The Environmental Sustainability Commission of Willistown Township invites you to an evening of education with a free giveaway!

When: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Where: Poseidon Restaurant, 128 Paoli Pike, Paoli
Who: Open to all residents of Willistown Township, on a first-come, first-serve basis



We have been awarded a grant from the Chester County Solid Waste Authority to educate residents about ways to reduce food waste. This event is open to all Township residents, **but you must register in advance in order to attend.**

The event will consist of a short presentation with light snacks and (non-alcoholic) beverages served. You may choose to dine at the restaurant, before or after the presentation, but the presentation does not include a meal. If you'd like to sign up, [please do so here](#).



Volunteer Opportunity!

Looking to get involved in your community? There is a vacancy on Malvern Library Board. Interested candidates should be a Willistown resident, library supporter and able to regularly attend meetings held at 7:00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month, as well as additional library events as needed. Please visit our [website](#) to learn how

to apply.

Welcome to Willistown, Marquetia!

Marquetia Bufkin is an administrative professional with over 10 years of experience, half being in municipal government. Marquetia specializes in the area of code enforcement, having earned her Permit Technician certification from the International Code Council. She is thrilled to have joined the Administration department at Willistown and looks forward to pursuing her professional goals to become an even greater asset to the Township. She believes that having been raised in south Philadelphia and rural Michigan has contributed to making her the well-rounded person she is today. Her hobbies include reading, painting, all things Marvel comics and she's an



avid automobile enthusiast. Marquetia resides in Montgomery County with her two sons, Kameron, 15 and Kendrick, 3.

Willistown Parks & Recreation News



CRC'S 25TH ANNUAL STREAMS CLEANUP

REGISTRATION Required

Okehocking Preserve: site 400

REGISTER BEFORE FEBRUARY 25TH AND GET A FREE T-SHIRT!

25th Annual CRC Creek Cleanup

Okehocking Preserve, Saturday, March 25, 9-11:30 AM

Willistown Parks and Recreation is excited to participate in the 25th annual [Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association](#) Creek Cleanup once again by hosting a station at [Okehocking Preserve](#) where we conduct trash removal and critical habitat management. Join us for a fun morning of fresh air in the company of friends and neighbors tackling trash and cutting back vines that choke the trees critical to the health of the Ridley Creek watershed. Help to protect this local drinking water resource. The cleanup runs from 9-11:30 AM followed by a picnic at [Rita Reves Park](#). Registration is required.

[Find out more and register here.](#)

[Skip straight to registration for site 400, Okehocking Preserve.](#)



Summer Fun Camps at Sugartown Elementary School- Camps Are Filling Up Fast

Eight weeks of fun for kids in grades K-5 | Choose as many weeks as you like!

Jump Start Sports is known for its excellent sports camps. At the request of Willistown Parks and Recreation, Jump Start provides Willistown's Summer Fun camps that include games, arts and crafts, water play, sports, and more for children entering grades K through 5. We focus on cooperation, teamwork, sportsmanship, and summertime fun.

Sports include innovative drills, competitions, and games to help teach children at their level of skill and understanding. Our fun-oriented and instructional camps create an atmosphere that enables children to learn, grow, make friends, and have a meaningful summer experience.

Each day features a full-camp game in the morning, skill instruction in a sport, and recreational games and activities.

2023 RATES

Half Day: Resident*: \$130 per week/\$950 all 8 weeks
Non-Resident: \$140 per week

Full Day: Resident*: \$190 per week/\$1400 all 8 weeks
Non-Resident: \$200 per week

Before Camp Care: 8-9 AM \$20/week

After Camp Care: 3-5:30 PM \$30/week

ADDITIONAL FEE: Please Note: There is a 5% processing fee added to each week due to third party registration charges.

RESIDENT DISCOUNT CODE: **Are you a Willistown resident? [Contact Mary](#) with your address for verification and she will email you the discount code.*

For more information, including weekly camp themes and how to register visit our [2023 Summer Fun Camp page](#).

Celebrating 20 Years of Parks and Recreation

The Willistown Parks and Recreation Department turns 20 this year, and we've got some special fun in store to mark the occasion and commemorate the memories we've shared along the way. Of course, there will be cake! We'll also plant an anniversary tree, and we'll be inviting you to share your stories and photos of your favorite parks, park parties, and programs with us. Stay tuned for more information and [sign up for the Willistown Parks and Recreation Breaking Good News](#) e-newsletter for updates.



Philadelphia Union Youth Soccer Camp

Location: Rita Reves Park, 1040 Garrett Mill Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073

Timing: The week-long camp will run Monday, July 17 through Thursday, July 20, 2023, from 9am to 12pm. Friday, July 21 will be used in the event of a weather-related cancellation.

Description: The Philadelphia Union Youth training programs offer a variety of summer camps throughout PA, NJ, and DE for players who want a fantastic camp experience, additional training outside of their club schedule, and to be part of the Philadelphia Union family.

The unique camp programs are designed to enhance individual skill levels, possess a fun element, and allow players from different soccer organizations to come together to play the beautiful game.

The Philadelphia Union is dedicated to growing the love of the game through cost-effective programs that will allow us to capture the hearts and minds of families and create lifelong Union fans.

Every participant is given the opportunity to attend a Union game for free to watch their heroes play and enjoy the atmosphere and passion of the Philadelphia Union Soccer fans, who are, without a doubt, the best in the country.

Fee: \$189 Resident*/\$209 Non-Resident

*Willistown residents: Please get in touch with Mary, our Parks & Recreation Director, for a discount code before registering and provide your address for verification.

Registration is now open. Please [sign up for the Willistown Parks and Recreation Breaking Good News electronic newsletter](#) for announcements.

Community News

Malvern Library News

Bee Keeping 101

What do bees (and other pollinators) do for us?

What is the lifecycle of bees?

What crazy people keep bees and how can I get started?

Come to the Malvern Public Library to get answers to these questions and more as beekeeper Mark Meaders discusses the importance of bees and how to start caring for your own bees.

Monday February 27, 2023—6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Meet in the Upstairs Meeting Room of the Malvern Library.

For a full list of library events, visit our [event calendar](#).

Did You Know?

Access the best genealogy database for free. [Ancestry.com](#) is available FOR FREE at Malvern Public Library. Also, read the *New York Times* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* daily online from home. If you need help, come to the library for guidance.

Paoli Library News

Baby Storytime

In Person (indoors)

Every Tuesday @ 10:30 am

For birth through 18 months. Join us at the library for a gentle introduction to storytime, as we explore music, rhymes, lap bounces and stories together!

Family Storytime!

In Person (indoors)

Every Thursday @ 11:00 am

For ages birth through 5. It's too cold and yucky to have storytime outside, that's okay!

Join us inside the Library as we come together to enjoy stories, rhymes, music and movement activities.

Pajama Storytime!

In Person (indoors)

February 23 @ 6PM

Ages birth to 5. Have you ever been to the library in your pajamas? Now is your chance!

Come on in to the library and listen to bedtime stories -don't forget your favorite stuffed friend!

All Paoli Library program information is available at the library and on our [event calendar](#).



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