



WillisTowne Crier – eNews Edition

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Keep Chester County Beautiful!

We are excited to share that Chester County is now an official affiliate of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful! The new affiliate, Keep Chester County Beautiful, is being managed by the Chester County Planning Commission's Sustainability Division. The goal of Keep Chester County Beautiful is to expand capacity within the county for litter abatement, waste reduction, beautification, and environmental stewardship. To learn more, follow along on social media or check out their [website](#).

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](#)



On Street Parking Reminders During Snowstorms

While we've had a mild winter so far, the Public Works Department would like to remind residents, parking on the roads maintained by the Township is prohibited during

snow emergencies. This allows the public works crew to clear the roads quickly and efficiently during storms. See the Willistown Township Code [Chapter 108: Snow Emergencies](#) for more information.

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.](#)

Willistown Parks & Recreation News

WINTER IN WILLISTOWN HIKE

Join CRC and Willistown Township's Parks and Recreation for a morning at Okehocking Preserve.



WHEN? Saturday, February 4th from 10-11:30am

WHERE? 996 Delchester Road, Newtown Square
Leash-Free Field at Okehocking Preserve

The poster features a background of a snowy, rocky landscape. It includes the Willistown Township logo (a circular seal with a fox and buildings) and the CRC Watersheds Association logo (a blue wave with a green leaf). The text is in white and blue, with some words in a stylized, hand-drawn font.

Winter Hike in Okehocking Preserve

Saturday, February 4, 10 am to 11:30 am

Join [Willistown Parks & Recreation](#) and [CRC Watersheds Association](#) for a moderate to challenging hike at the Township's 185-acre [Okehocking Preserve](#). Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the day's weather, keeping in mind the hill climbs and open meadows offered by this beautiful nature preserve.

We'll get lots of fresh air walking through meadows, old field, and mature woodlands in this section of the Ridley Creek valley. You'll hear about these habitats and their management, the partnership efforts of Willistown Parks and Recreation and CRC Watersheds, and any winter wildlife that's out and about.

Please be sure to park at the 996 Delchester Road parking area and walk the gravel drive to the Leash Free Field where we'll gather before the hike. Dogs are welcome on leash.

Our hike leader, Mary Hundt, has worked on behalf of Willistown residents and its landscape for the past 25 years, starting as the first full-time employee of [Willistown Conservation Trust](#) in 1997 followed by 18 years as Director of Parks and Recreation for Willistown Township. Before undertaking conservation work, she was a landscape designer at Montgomery Nursery in Bryn Mawr. She was a life-long resident of Willistown until last year and was elected Township Supervisor in the early 2000s.

Mary's collaboration with CRC has been ongoing for almost as long. She is a former Vice President of CRC, serving from the fall of 2000 through January of 2005, and she received CRC's Environmental Stewardship Award in 2009. Her first tree planting when working for Willistown Conservation Trust was with CRC at Okehocking Preserve circa 2001. The Parks and Recreation office as well as CRC's headquarters are at the Garrett Farmhouse at Okehocking.

Mary graduated from Kenyon College in Gambier Ohio with a B.A. in English and Fine Art followed by Temple University, Ambler, where she started in horticulture and received a B.S. in Landscape Architecture. An entertaining narrative for the brisk winter hike will come from Mary's enthusiasm for the Willistown community and countryside along with her love of Okehocking Preserve.

Please [contact Mary](#) with event questions and stay tuned to the Township's social media or call Mary for a recorded message in the event of inclement weather at 610-647-5300 x224.

Walk-ins welcome. [Preregistration preferred.](#)



Summer Fun Camps at Sugartown Elementary School- Registration Now Open

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](#).



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 opens February 1. 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](#).

Paoli Library News

February 1 is *World Read Aloud Day*, a good time to think about the importance of literacy. Paoli Library has been recognized as Gold Star libraries by PA Forward®, a literacy initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association. PA Forward® resources help libraries thrive as community centers of information, technology, and learning that will fuel educational and economic opportunity for all Pennsylvania residents.

The PA Forward® Star Library Program encourages libraries to incorporate the five key literacies—Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic and Social Literacy, Health Literacy, and Financial Literacy—into their programming activities, displays, and events.

In support of *Basic Literacy*, the library provides storytimes that introduce early literacy skills, after-school and summer reading programs for school-aged children that promote family literacy, and teen and adult book groups.

The library supports *Information Literacy* through access to current technology, online resources, and one-on-one technology instruction. Resources for *Civil and Social Literacy* include programs on local and national history, English language learning classes, and teen programs focused on civic engagement. Library programs that foster *Health Literacy* include online meditation classes, and presentations by health professionals on topics such as balance and bone health.

The fifth key literacy, *Financial Literacy*, is introduced to young children through age-appropriate books and a “Money Matching” activity pack. For adults, there are programs on topics such as home selling and Medicare planning.

More information on the Star Library program can be found on the [PA Forward® website](#). Paoli Library program information is available at the library and on our [event calendar](#).



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