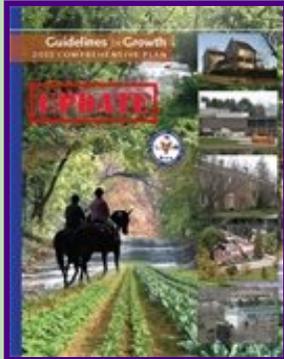




## WillisTowne Crier – eNews Edition

### March 2023



### Comprehensive Plan Update We want to hear from you!

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*.

The [draft for Chapter 7](#) has been posted and we are **accepting your comments now through Friday, March 31**.

31. Missed the comment periods for 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.

### Earth Month in Willistown! April 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, Malvern 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](#)



### Is Your Lawn Stormwater Friendly?

Achieving a lush green lawn, beautiful spring flowers, and hearty summer crops are understandable gardening goals, and applying pesticides and fertilizers is a common practice for many gardeners. Unfortunately, those lawn care chemicals often wind up washing right into local

waters. The excess nutrients from fertilizers can cause drinking water contamination, massive algal blooms, and fish kills. The contaminants from pesticides can result in waters

that are not fishable or drinkable. Here are a few gardening tips that will help minimize the effect that fertilizers and pesticides have on water resources:

- **September is the best month to fertilize** but if you want to fertilize more than once, don't fertilize in the spring until you have mowed the lawn three times.
- **More is not always better!** Skip the "step programs" offered by many lawn care companies, and be sure to apply fertilizers and pesticides only as directed, no more than one to two pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet. Using less will save you money, too! If you do use a lawn care company, ask them about their environmental options and certifications.
- Mow high and **leave grass clippings on the lawn**. It helps improve the lawn's health and quality, and you're less likely to need fertilizer.
- Avoid using fertilizers or pesticides **near wellheads or within 75 feet of waterways**.
- Check the weather forecast before applications, and **don't apply fertilizers or pesticides when there is rain predicted**.

Visit the website: <http://www.ristormwatersolutions.org> for more information.

## Code Corner: How to Display Your House Number



If you live at 123 Main Street, emergency responders must be able to easily see the house number "123" to swiftly, accurately respond to police, fire and ambulance calls. Every owner or occupant should follow these rules for clearly displaying street numbers on homes and businesses.

- **Post numbers in the proper size.** Numbers must be at least 3 inches tall, with 6 inches recommended for businesses.
- **Do not spell out numbers.** Use numerals and letters that contrast with the background and have a stroke width of at least a half-inch.
- Place the numbers in a **readily visible location** near each entrance that faces a public road.
- Make sure the numbers are **not concealed by any object or foliage** such as bushes or trees.
- While not required by the code, it's a good idea to **mark both sides of your mailbox** if it's in front of your home or business so it's easy to see in both directions.

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## Willistown Parks & Recreation News

### Okehocking Preserve Tree Care Event

**Willistown Parks and Recreation and CRC Watersheds Association**  
Saturday, April 15, 9-11 am, Preregistration Required

Join [Willistown Parks and Recreation](#) and [Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association](#) for some fresh air and tree care at Willistown's Okehocking Preserve. We will be tending to the 100-tree planting from last year and previous years by pulling weeds, adjusting deer protection cages, and mulching, and there may be some vine cutting to free some trees as well. Preregistration required. Register through CRC by [emailing Lynn Meza](#), Director of



Volunteerism. Please [email Mary](#), Willistown's Director of Parks and Recreation, with questions.

## Celebrating 20 Years of Willistown Parks & Rec

As we celebrate 20 years of Parks and Recreation in Willistown Township, we'd love to have photos for our social media, website, Breaking Good News e-newsletter, and our Greentree Park ArtLit Walk. Your photo(s) will add to our celebration of two decades of the fun in the sun in Willistown. You may submit photos from Willistown Parks and Rec events, your outings in Willistown's parks and preserves, and from your *GO WilMa!* outdoor adventures. Please [submit](#) by end of day on April 10. Our online form includes all of the details. Should you have questions, please [contact Mary](#). Thank you for helping us share our happy Willistown memories!



## Summer Fun Camps at Sugartown Elementary School Still a Few Spots Available

*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](#).*

## 2023 Parks and Rec Events Calendar Event Line Up Coming Soon

Mark your calendars for our 20<sup>th</sup> year of Willistown Parks and Recreation Events! [Contact Mary](#), our Parks and Recreation Director, with your questions or feedback, and sign up for Willistown Parks and Recreation *Breaking Good News* e-newsletter through [Notify Me](#) on our website for reminders and up-to-date information.



## Philadelphia Union Youth Soccer Camp

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

**Monday, July 17- 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.

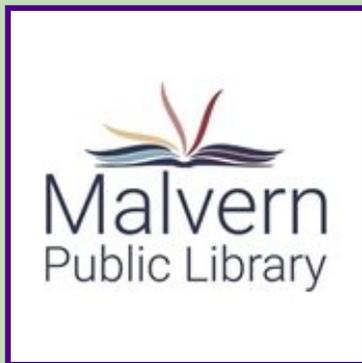
Every participant is given the opportunity to attend a Union game for free to watch their heroes play and enjoy the atmosphere and passion of the Philadelphia Union Soccer fans, who are, without a doubt, the best in the country.

**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

### For The Kids:

**Tinker Time!** March 29 and April 27 at 4:30pm  
Learn how to use Tinkercad to make designs ready for 3D printing with Ms. Megan at the library. All attendees' designs will be printed on the Malvern Library's brand-new 3D printer!

**Bunny Storytime!** April 4 at 10:30am  
Hop on over to the library and join Ms. Megan for a Bunny themed storytime! We'll sing, play, and read as usual and then make a very special bunny craft!

### For the Adults

**Martha Schofield: Forgotten Feminist** March 28 at 6:00pm  
In celebration of Women's History Month, come learn about Martha Schofield, local abolitionist and suffragist whose childhood home was a stop on the Underground Railroad.

**Intro to Braver Angels: Crossing the Divide** April 15 at 9:30am.  
Tired of the divide in America and want to be part of the solution? Come learn about Braver Angels and the grassroots, non-partisan movement which seeks to depolarize American politics.

**Poetry Circle** - April 3, 2:00 pm

**Poetry Circle Writing Group** - April 17, 2:00 pm

**Book Club**- April 18, 9:30 am

FULL LIST OF PROGRAMS: [malvern-library.org/calendar](http://malvern-library.org/calendar)

**NEW for Malvern Library Cardholders! Access Kanopy PLUS, a FREE streaming service with an expertly curated collection of light-hearted films, compelling world cinema, documentaries, and kids' favorites. To get started go to <https://ccls.kanopy.com>**

## Paoli Library News

### **Baby Storytime**

*In Person (indoors)*

Every Tuesday at 10:30 am

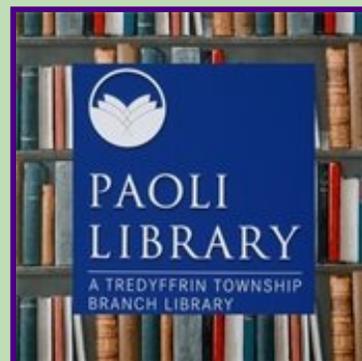
For birth through 18 months. Join us at the library for a gentle introduction to storytime, as we explore music, rhymes, lap bounces and stories together!

### **Family Storytime!**

*In Person (indoors)*

Every Thursday at 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.

### **Paoli Library Writer's Group**

*Virtual (Zoom)*

Every Thursday at 12:30 pm

Connect with other writers to review work in progress, trade literary tips, and build a thriving community together. All writers and should-be-writers welcome! For more information contact Walt Trizna [wtrizna@comcast.net](mailto:wtrizna@comcast.net)

### **Pajama Storytime!**

*In Person (indoors)*

March 23 at 6:00 pm

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 forgot your favorite stuffed friend!

### **In Monet's Garden: Art Class with Guest Svetlana Gazman**

*In Person (indoors)*

March 30 at 5:00 pm

Ages 4-7. Follow the fairies while exploring Monet's garden paintings! Children will learn facts about Claude Monet, listen to a story, and discuss some of his paintings while learning what artists do best - art! Children will get to create a masterpiece of their own, too!

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



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