



WILLISTOWNE CRIER

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WILLISTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Willistown Police Department's Officer of the Year Award is presented annually to the officer who has demonstrated exemplary service to their profession, their department, and the Township they serve. The award is voted on by the officer's peers; every officer casts a vote for the officer they believe has distinguished themselves during the past year. **The 2022 Willistown Officer of the Year is Amber Davenport.**



The first female officer in Willistown Township, Amber was hired in November of 2019 after working as a Chester Township police officer for 2 years. She serves as both Patrol Officer in Charge and as one of the Township's Community Police Officers. Amber is a graduate of Rosemont College, having earned her degree in Criminal Justice. Amber is also a trained child forensic interviewer and has assisted other police departments with child abuse investigations.

After having her first child, Peyton Elizabeth, in 2022, Amber returned to work and began service in a supervisory role as an Officer in Charge. Amber is popular in the local community, respected by her peers, and incredibly deserving of this accolade. Congratulations, Amber, and thank you for your service!

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

I am thrilled to be writing to you from the pages of the beloved WillisTowne Crier, back in your mailbox after a 2-year hiatus.

If you have been reading our E-Crier, the digital version of this newsletter, during the last few months, you may know that I began work as your Township Manager last fall. However, I'm not new to Willistown; I'm back after my own "hiatus," returning to the Township where I served as the Assistant to the Township Manager from 2014-2017. I'm delighted to be back and happy to be keeping the tradition of a message from the manager in the Towne Crier going.

We are pleased to be presenting The Towne Crier in full color, and hope this will catch your eye among the assortment of correspondence in your mailbox. As ever, the Crier contains a calendar of upcoming events, helpful tips for home and community health and safety, and news from local organizations.

As you peruse the pages of Volume 90 of the Crier, I hope you find helpful information to heed and perhaps consider attending upcoming events. The residents of Willistown make this community the wonderful place it is, and I'm proud to serve you.

- Shanna Lodge, Township Manager

GOSHEN FIRE COMPANY NEWS JOIN US!

Goshen Fire Company is one of four fire companies serving the residents of Willistown. Our Fire, EMS, and Fire Police divisions always welcome new volunteers; training and equipment are provided at no cost to you! Have a special skill you can share with us?

We also need volunteers to help with marketing, administration, finance, fundraising, and special events. Go to www.goshenfireco.org for information on how you can join us. Follow us on Facebook at Goshen Fire Company.

74TH ANNUAL GOSHEN COUNTRY FAIR July 31 - August 5, 2023

1320 Park Ave #6251, West Chester, PA

Gates open at 6 pm, Monday- Friday, and Saturday at 5 pm with reduced tickets for rides until 7 pm. Enjoy games of chance, amusement rides, and delicious food. We invite all residents to enter the agriculture & family living contests. Visit the dairy cow, sheep, goat, rabbit, and poultry exhibits and much more. Fair benefits the Goshen Fire Company. View the full schedule at goshencountryfair.org.

RECYCLE RIGHT IN WILLISTOWN!

Did you know all Township residents are required to separate recyclable materials from all waste generated on their properties by the Township Code?

All it takes is a few minutes a day to rinse, sort, and place the recyclables curbside for your weekly trash and recycling pickup. This simple habit has a big impact right here in Willistown! At the end of every year, your trash and recycling hauler must file an annual PA Act 101 report listing residential and commercial recycling tonnage for the year.

The Willistown Township Environmental Advisory Committee uses the reported tonnage to apply for a grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection. Every year, Willistown puts the grant money towards offering residents free recycling events such as e-waste recycling, wood chipping, and paper shredding.

So, keep on recycling right, Willistown, and keep these tips in mind when it's time to put recyclables curbside:

Paper: Newspaper, cardboard (broken down), office paper, magazines, junk mail, food boxes, rinsed juice and milk cartons, and paperback books. Remember no dirty take-out containers or pizza boxes!

Metal and Glass: Clean, empty aerosol and non-aerosol containers, aluminum beverage and food containers, including pie pans and trays. Clean, empty clear or green and brown glass bottles and jars. Labels and lids may be left on.

Plastic: Well-rinsed containers marked #1-#5 and #7. Labels and lids may be left on. Remember #6 or Styrofoam is NOT recyclable curbside.

Yard waste: Leaves and branches are picked up curbside on days designated by a resident's hauler. These will be composted. Bags of yard waste placed at curbside on days other than those designated for yard waste pick up will be comingled with trash. They will not be composted by the hauler.

Place recyclables in a large Toter or bin curbside. No plastic bags! Bags can tangle in the sorting machine and cause damage. Items that do not fit in your Toter or curbside bin can be placed in paper bags and placed by the curb.

Visit willistown.pa.us/recycling for more information on recycling in Willistown.

MALVERN LIBRARY NEWS

Happy 150th Birthday to The Malvern Public Library!

This year marks Malvern Public Library's 150th birthday! In 1873, members of the Society of Friends formed the Malvern Library Company for \$5 a share. Today, MPL houses over 28,000 physical items. Besides books, cardholders can borrow museum passes, board games, puzzles, or attend one of our 250 free programs held each year. Please keep checking our website for more sesquicentennial celebrations! Thank you, Willistown, for your continued support, and here is to 150 more years of reading, sharing, gathering and learning at the Malvern Public Library!

NEW AT GREENTREE PARK!

Read and stroll around Greentree Park when you visit the new ArtLit Walk! The featured story for spring is "Spring Stinks" by Ryan T. Higgins. Ruth the Bunny is excited to share the smells of spring with Bruce, but Bruce thinks spring stinks! Skip, run or walk from page to page as you and your little ones explore the smells of spring at Greentree Park. ArtLit Walk is brought to you by the Malvern Library in partnership with Willistown Parks and Recreation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Malvern Library hosts story-times and other events for kids, as well as adult programming regularly throughout the year. At www.malvern-library.org/calendar you'll find details about poetry circles, book clubs, and more. Visit the website to learn more and register.

creativebug® BEAT SUMMER BOREDOM WITH FREE ONLINE CLASSES

Malvern Library cardholders may access over 1000 online arts and crafts classes for free! All classes remain online so you can work at your own pace. To access, go www.ccls.org and click "databases" or go to www.creativebug.com/lib/chescolibraries.

PAOLI LIBRARY NEWS

International Resources at Paoli Library

Across the borders of language and culture, new immigrants find can community at Tredyffrin Township's public libraries, where library programs and activities provide a welcoming environment for all.

Parents who speak Russian, Ukrainian, Japanese, Chinese, Urdu, Tamil, Spanish, or German can find library books in their native language to read to their children. Newly arrived grandparents bring their grandchildren to storytime and learn English along with them. Tutors from the Chester County Volunteer English Program meet with their students at the library for weekly conversation sessions. New immigrants enliven and enrich the library environment for other library patrons and the staff.



The children's department programs and displays highlight holidays from a variety of ethnic and religious traditions, including Ramadan, Cinco de Mayo, Passover, Lunar New Year, Diwali, and St. Patrick's Day. Program attendees learn about the things we celebrate in common—the changing seasons, lifecycle events, and historic occasions—and the special customs that lend significance to these celebrations.

Thanks to a generous library donor, Tredyffrin Public Library and Paoli Library now have Citizenship Corners for newcomers, featuring the Citizenship Toolkit provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The toolkit includes copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and a comprehensive guide from the US Citizenship and Immigration Services, *Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants*. There are also flashcards and study guides to help immigrants prepare for the Naturalization Test. One Citizenship Toolkit is always available in the library for reference, and each library also has an additional Citizenship Toolkit available for checkout. Learn more at www.tredyffrinlibraries.org.



Maggie Stanton, Malvern Library Director, speaks with Senator Carolyn Comitta before the presentation of a Citation from the Pennsylvania Senate commemorating the 150th birthday of the Malvern Library.



WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

GO WilMa! OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM

GO WilMa! combines parks and recreation, reading, health and wellness, and lots of fresh air fun. Outdoor exploration also brings families, friends, and our community together. Many of our adventurers report feeling pride and awe at the beauty of our region. GO WilMa! is a state-wide Excellence in Parks and Recreation award winner.

This year's theme, based on the National Collaborative Summer Reading Program theme of *All Together Now* is...drum roll, please... **Experience Nature Together!**

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Children throughout the Willistown and Malvern region – and patrons of the Malvern and Paoli Libraries – are encouraged to explore the natural and historic treasures of our area through a series of scavenger hunts to “Inspiration Stations.” Kids and their families and friends can participate on their own schedule throughout the summer. Children receive a raffle ticket for each Inspiration Station they find, and earn a GO WilMa! patch for completing 6 outdoor adventures. Raffle winners will be drawn at the Willistown Country Fair. There is no fee for GO WilMa! The program is funded and presented by Willistown Township.

Sign ups begin June 20 at our School's Out - Let's GO WilMa! Park Party or in-person at the Paoli and Malvern Libraries beginning June 21.

For more information, please visit willistown.pa.us/GOWilMa.

SPECIAL THANKS AND KUDOS

Special thanks to our many Inspiration Station Hosts including Willistown Conservation Trust, Natural Lands, East Whiteland Township, East Goshen Township, Malvern Borough, Paoli Battlefield, Historic Sugartown, and Willistown Parks and Recreation.

Special thanks to Kevin A. Alvarnaz, WellSpan Health, and the Healthy York County Coalition's Go Outdoors York County (goyork.org) program, for sharing their inspiration.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMP!

Learn more and register: willistown.pa.us/SummerCamps

WILLISTOWN SUMMER FUN DAY CAMP

Under the leadership of Jump Start Sports, the weekly camps for children entering grades K-5 focus on summertime fun as well as cooperation, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Camp runs weekdays June 19 - August 11. Choose one week or all eight weeks.

CAMP LOCATION:	Sugartown Elementary School, 611 Sugartown Road, Malvern
CAMP TIMES:	Half-Day 9 AM-12 PM • Full-Day 9 AM-3 PM Before Camp Care 8-9 AM After Camp Care 3-5:30 PM
RESIDENT FEES*:	Half-Day \$130 week / \$950 all 8 weeks Full-Day \$190 week / \$1400 all 8 weeks Before Care \$20/week • After Care \$30/week
NON-RESIDENT FEES:	Half-Day \$140 week / \$1030 all 8 weeks Full-Day \$200 week / \$1480 all 8 weeks Before Care \$20/week • After Care \$30/week



PHILADELPHIA UNION SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

Willistown Parks and Recreation is pleased to partner with the Philadelphia Union's youth soccer program for another four-day week of soccer camp this summer. The Philadelphia Union Youth training programs offer a variety of summer camps throughout the region for players ages 6-14 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 and allow players from different soccer organizations to come together to play the beautiful game. Coaching is delivered by the Professional Union Youth Coaching Staff.

CAMP LOCATION:	Rita Reves Park, 1040 Garrett Mill Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073
CAMP TIME:	Monday, July 17 - Thursday, July 20, 2023, 9 AM-12 PM <i>Friday, July 21 will be used in the event of a weather-related cancellation.</i>
FEES*:	\$189 Resident / \$209 Non-Resident

*Willistown residents: Please email parks@willistown.pa.us with your address for resident verification to receive a discount code before registering.

PARKS AND RECREATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are located at Greentree Park, 21 Grubb Road, Malvern

SCHOOL'S OUT—LET'S GO WilMa!

JUNE 20 • 5:30-8:00 PM • RAIN DATE 6/22

Summer is here! Let's celebrate with our annual School's Out – Let's GO WilMa! This family-friendly event includes Puppets Pizzazz, pony rides, a kid's DJ, food for purchase, GO WilMa! sign up, and more!



GREENTREE IN TUNE & ON TAP

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a relaxing summer evening with music. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. *Please leave your four-legged friends at home.*

JUNE 27: SUN BROTHERS • 5:30-8:30 PM • RAIN DATE 6/29

Enjoy covers from Steely Dan, Eagles, Stones, Doobies, Ray Charles, Elton John, The Beatles, Billy Joel, and much more!

JULY 11: THE FRACTION • 5:30-8:00 PM • RAIN DATE 7/13

Classic rock including the Allman Brothers, Grateful Dead, Little Feat, The Band, Bonnie Raitt, Fleetwood Mac, CSN, and more.

WILLISTOWN COUNTRY FAIR

AUGUST 22 • 5:00-7:30 PM • RAIN DATE 8/24

Wrap up summer with a beach band, community booths, face painting, a petting zoo, entertainment, GO WilMa! prizes, and more.



BE STORMWATER SMART

Take Steps to Protect Our Waterways

If you've been thinking about reducing your environmental footprint, you can take steps to decrease the amount of pollution that flows from your home into local waterways every time it rains. Known as stormwater, once rain or snow hits the ground, it can carry dirt, chemicals, and other pollutants downstream from your home and yard to the rivers and lakes in your community. Here are just a few steps you can take to be stormwater smart at home:

In the Garden:

- Rain is great for your lawn, but excess rain can run off from your yard and walkways into the street, where it flows from the storm drain into local rivers, lakes, or streams, taking any chemical you've applied with it.
- Apply fertilizers and pesticides carefully on your lawn or garden and not on pavement.
- Avoid using fertilizers and pesticides completely if rain is in the forecast.
- Consider installing a rain garden, which is a depressed area planted with grasses or perennials that collect stormwater.

In the Driveway:

- Wash your car with biodegradable soap to avoid chemicals floating downstream or visit a carwash.
- Direct water from downspouts and car washing to grassy areas, so it can soak into the ground rather than hit the pavement.
- Don't hose down your driveway and flush dirt down the storm drain.
- When watering your lawn, direct the spray toward your lawn and plants, not the pavement.
- Look for spots on the ground that indicate your car leaks oil or fluid. Don't let your leaks pollute!

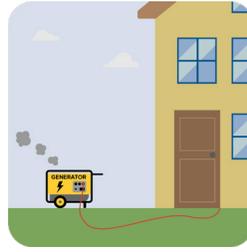
In the Yard:

- Use permeable pavers instead of hard stones or pavement in your yard to help water absorb into the ground.
- Don't rake leaves or yard clippings into the storm drain to avoid clogs and debris that could cause flooding.
- Install a rain barrel to help prevent rain from flowing into storm drains (and also save water for dry spells!)

Source: EPA

GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS AFTER SUMMER STORMS

Portable generators are often used to supply partial power during loss of electricity. Portable generators are generally easy to operate, but it's important to follow some simple safety practices that can help prevent a few common hazards associated with them: carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock, and fire.



Carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Do not assume that you are safe. Carbon monoxide from generators is completely colorless and odorless, so you won't know if it's there. It could kill your family and your pets.
- Do not use a generator indoors or in partially enclosed spaces- including homes, garages, and crawl spaces - even those areas with partial ventilation.

Electrocution or electric shock:

- Plug tools and appliances into the generator directly or using grounded (three-prong) extension cords that are appropriately rated for the amperage or wattage of those devices and suitable for outdoor use.
- Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs), which help prevent electric shock, especially in damp conditions, by cutting the power as soon as electricity begins to flow outside its intended path. The GFCIs can be integrated into longer extension cords.

Fire:

- Keep your generator outside and fuel your generator outside.
- Do not store fuel for your generator in your house. Gasoline, propane, kerosene, diesel, and other flammable liquids should be stored outside living areas in properly labeled, non-glass safety containers.
- Before refueling the generator, turn it off and let it cool down. Gasoline or other flammable liquids spilled on hot engine parts could ignite,

- Do not operate near open doors and windows. Using fans will not prevent carbon monoxide build-up in the home.
- Install battery-powered carbon monoxide alarms inside your home to alert you of dangerous levels. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommended placement.

- Ensure that the generator is properly grounded according to the manufacturer's instructions and OSHA guidance on portable generator grounding.
- Keep the generator dry. Don't use the generator if your hands are wet or you're standing in water.
- Start and stop the generator only when there's nothing connected to it.

- and invisible vapors from the fuel can travel along the ground and be ignited by the generator's pilot light or by arcs from electric switches in the appliance.
- Don't overfill the fuel tank. Allow some space for the fuel to expand.
- Let the generator cool before moving it inside for storage.

Source: FEMA

WILLISTOWN THEN AND NOW From The Willistown Historic Commission

Did you know that Willistown Township had its own Pennsylvania Railroad Station? In the 1880s the PRR straightened the roadbed of the existing track so trains could run faster. They constructed a bridge over the Lancaster Turnpike grade crossing in 1882 and followed in with a new 3-story stone and frame "Greentree" station opened in 1886. The "old" photo by Lucy Sampson, a noted historic photographer from Berwyn Pa. about 1890-1900 was taken from the north side of the railroad on today's Central Ave. The "today" photo is from the same location across from Villa Maria Academy school. The station was retired and torn down in 1939. One could say that Greentree was the real end of the Main Line and not Paoli.



TIPS FOR AVOIDING SCAMS!

From the Willistown Police Department



- 1 Don't fall for imposter scams: the IRS, Social Security Administration, or Medicare will not call you demanding payment. Government agencies will notify you by mail of issues with your accounts or personal information.
- 2 Suspicious texts from unknown phone numbers, asking you to respond to a link, are usually fraudulent. Do not respond or click on links from texts saying they are from Amazon/FedEx or about a package.
- 3 Never give personal or financial information to a request that you did not expect or initiate.
- 4 Scammers often target senior citizens for a common grandparent "Granny" scam. This happens when scammers attempt to impersonate a grandchild or family member, saying there is an emergency, and they may need money. If you get a call like this, confirm that it's a legitimate emergency before sending money.
- 5 Do not fall for pressure tactics! Scammers look for opportunities to catch their victims off guard and pressure them to act.
- 6 Be very careful of pop-up windows saying your computer has been infected with a virus. These messages are fraudulent and will request you to pay for needed repair services.
- 7 Never pay with gift cards or money transfers (cash wires). These are often indicators that the item or service is fraudulent.
- 8 If it sounds too good to be true, then it's most likely a scam. Talk to someone you trust when you're unsure about a situation or phone call.
- 9 Prize or Lottery scams that ask you to pay a fee or taxes in advance are fraudulent.
- 10 Run an annual credit report to check your credit and determine if there are any fraudulent accounts open in your name. Credit Karma and LifeLock are two credit monitoring resources. Check your bank and credit card statements monthly.

These are only some of the most common types of fraud reported to the police. The best way to avoid fraud is to keep your money and personal information to yourself. Never share your financial information with someone who contacts you and claims to need it.

WILLISTOWN CONSERVATION TRUST NEWS

Willistown Conservation Trust (WCT) is busy preparing for all sorts of community events for the summer and beyond! Whether you're looking to enjoy time in nature, learn from experts about sustainable practices, find a fun activity for the family, or indulge in some delicious food prepared with local ingredients, there's something for everyone at WCT.



HERE IS A SAMPLING OF UPCOMING EVENTS:
View the full calendar at wctrust.org.

COMMUNITY SUPPER SERIES PICNIC FT. MOSHAVA FOOD TRUCK

Friday, June 23

TIME: 5 pm

LOCATION: Rushton Conservation Center

COST: \$10 for adults, kids are FREE.

Food and drink are purchased separately.

WEBSITE: wctrust.org/calendar



Each Supper in this series features a different delectable local food truck, complete with brews from our partner, Deer Creek Malthouse. BYO picnic blanket or chair and enjoy your supper overlooking beautiful Rushton Farm and Rushton Woods Preserve.

WILDFLOWER WEEK

Monday, July 17 – Sunday, July 23

TIME: Dawn - Dusk

LOCATION: WCT Nature Preserves

COST: FREE

WEBSITE: wctrust.org/wildflower-week

This self-guided tour during peak summer bloom will highlight wild meadows and planned gardens to inspire you to create your own wildlife habitat, help conserve water, and reduce erosion and greenhouse gas emissions. Feature events during this week include a Lawn Conversion Lecture and an evening of Botanical Cocktails with 13th Street Cocktail.



FOREST BATHING WITH HOLLY MERKER

Sunday, August 20

TIME: 9 – 11:30 am

LOCATION: Rushton Conservation Center
& Rushton Woods Preserve

COST: \$45 **WEBSITE:** wctrust.org/calendar



The lush and thoughtfully stewarded landscapes and garden at Rushton Farm provide the perfect backdrop for reaping the wellness benefits that nature offers. With origins inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin Yoku, Forest Bathing or Forest Therapy, harnesses the health and restorative benefits the natural world holds for us.

HISTORIC SUGARTOWN NEWS

SUNDAY TOURS

Every Sunday, May – November

TIME: Noon – 4 pm

Historic Sugartown's 19th-century crossroad village is open for guided tours. Purchase tickets at historicsugartown.org in advance or on-site.



SUMMER BIERGARTENS

June 15, July 27, and August 24

TIME: 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Join us for fun evenings of music, food, drinks, and community! Enjoy drinks from Locust Lane Brewery & Chaddsford Winery, food from local food trucks, and activities for the whole family. Tickets are required and can be purchased at historicsugartown.org.



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Summer Administration Office Hours:

Effective May 30- September 1
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Township Updates: willistown.pa.us/NotifyMe

willistown.pa.us

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BULLETIN BOARD

Board of Supervisors Meetings:
June 19
July 17
August 21 at 7:00 pm

June 20 5:30 - 8:00 pm
School's Out - Let's GO WilMa! Park Party (rain date 6/22)

June 27 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Greentree In Tune & On Tap (rain date 6/29)

July 3 & 4 Township Offices Closed
Happy 4th of July!

July 11 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Greentree In Tune & On Tap (rain date 7/13)

August 22 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Willistown Country Fair (rain date 8/24)

BE SAFE BE SEEN DAY OR NIGHT

pennsylvania DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- Run opposite oncoming traffic
- Wear reflective gear and bright clothing
- Display movement with reflective shoes, a flashlight or other safety lights
- Run on roads with shoulders when possible
- Wear ID and carry a cell phone

For a full calendar of events,
visit willistown.pa.us/calendar