



WILLISTOWNE CRIER

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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Every workday, Township staff greet and assist residents, contractors, and business owners who visit the Township Building. Most often, that assistance is provided in the Township Building's front lobby. Since the administrative staff moved into this building in the fall of 2015, our operations have grown, and we've realized that the lobby area is too small to accommodate the breadth and scope of the work that is conducted there. In addition, our front porch needs significant repair.

I am happy to share that, at their July meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a proposal from Gorski Engineering to renovate the building lobby and repair the front porch. The porch floor and stairs will be replaced, and a new ramp will make the front entrance ADA Accessible.

An expanded lobby will provide a larger and more welcoming space for visitors. Lighting and security improvements are also planned. Construction is expected to begin this fall. We are excited to be renovating to better serve the people of Willistown!

– Shanna Lodge, Township Manager

ATTENTION, WILLISTOWN RESIDENTS! Whether you're happy or unhappy with your trash/recycling hauler, this session is for you!

WHEN: Thursday, October 5, 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: General Wayne Elementary School

WHAT: Municipal Trash Services Exploration Public Meeting

The Willistown Township Environmental Sustainability Commission (ESC) has invited key members of the Chester County Solid Waste Authority to present information on the benefits of having a single, township-secured hauler for trash and recyclables. This presentation will educate residents on the details of what it would mean to have a single hauler serving our entire township, instead of our current system where each household needs to secure its own private hauler. There will also be time at the end for resident questions and answers.

NOTE: This does not apply to multiple dwelling units that have homeowner associations; these entities have their own hauler arrangements, which would not be affected by a potential change at the township level.

This is ONLY a presentation, designed to educate residents on this option. It is NOT a signal that Willistown is moving forward with this option. We are considering it, due to cost efficiencies to residents and the ability to have control over the level of service provided to residents, including the reliability of pickups for weekly trash/recycling and for monthly yard waste pickups, Christmas tree pickups, etc. Most of the surrounding townships including Easttown, Westtown and East Goshen Townships are using a single-hauler system, and their residents have enjoyed substantial cost savings and reliability.

Following this presentation, a survey will be sent out to all residents to get their feedback. Please understand that no decision will be made regarding the adoption of a single hauler until all feedback is received and we have considered all angles of a potential change.

We look forward to seeing you on October 5!



MALVERN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

MPL'S VINYL RECORD COLLECTION!

Come explore the world of vinyl records for free! You can now check out vinyl records from MPL's vinyl record collection which spans old and new music across all genres. Don't have a record player? No problem! We also have record players you may borrow. Stop by our reading room and feel free to preview our collection before you decide what to check out. (Headphones and disposable sanitary headphone covers are provided.)



SPECIAL EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

PAOLI BATTLEFIELD PRESENTATION September 12 at 6pm

Join Jim Christ, the President of the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund, as he talks about this historic battle that has been overlooked in history.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR SEMINAR September 13 at 6pm

MEDICARE INFORMATION SEMINAR September 18 at 2pm

BRAVER ANGELS: CROSSING THE DIVIDE WORKSHOP September 30 at 9am

For more events, children's programs, and storytimes, please visit our calendar at www.malvern-library.org/calendar.

We thank all our wonderful patrons for a great summer filled with learning, reading, sharing, and fun! We hope to see you this fall at the Malvern Public Library!

PAOLI LIBRARY NEWS

MAKE, CREATE & EXPLORE AT THE LIBRARY AND AT HOME

Tredyffrin's libraries are delighted to offer the community exciting opportunities to learn new skills, create, tinker, and explore, both in our libraries and at home. This fall, our libraries are launching a new Library of Things (with items at both locations). Paoli's Library of Things will include more board games along with the craft kits, citizenship kits DVDs and DVD players, and Museum Passes that patrons have been enjoying for some time.

The Library of Things is a true expression of the library's commitment to providing all of the tools our community needs to be inspired, learn new things, and explore. Curious about soap-making but want to try it out before investing in all the equipment? You can check out a craft kit with molds and instructions for making your own soap. Vacationing without Wi-Fi? Check out a DVD player and some DVDs for rainy days and movie nights.

Paoli Library's popular Puzzle Exchange programs are another way to explore a new hobby at the library. Gather with other puzzle lovers to chat, and exchange puzzles you've completed for some others have already done.

LITTLE CHANGES HAVE A BIG IMPACT AT THE LIBRARY

If you haven't been over to Paoli Library recently, plan to come see all of the improvements inside soon. Newly painted walls and a screen in our program room make the space bright and welcoming for everything from story time to movie nights. A simple furniture rearrangement in the children's area has made the space cozy and inviting with space to play and read. Our librarians are ready to help you find your next great read. And, if you're looking to explore the library's online resources, including downloadable ebooks and eaudiobooks, and Kanopy for streaming video, you can book an appointment for one-on-one help with Jules, Paoli Library's technology assistant. They can also help you get familiar with the Mango language-learning platform, Ancestry.com for genealogy research, and other CCLS databases.

Don't forget to check out all our children, teen and adult programming on our event calendar at tredyffrinlibraries.org/programs-events.

MALVERN FIRE COMPANY "Thank You"

The members of the Fire Company would like to thank everyone for their support so far this year, The Ambulance Subscription Service, The Annual Fund Drive, and our Annual Fair. Fire and EMS stats for the first six months of 2023, Fire Runs 179, EMS runs 1018.

If you need additional information and any of the services provided by the Fire Company, please reach out to us by calling the station, at 610-647-0693, website www.malvernfireco.com, or email at Info@malvernfireco.com.

MEMBERS WANTED

The Malvern Fire Company is always looking for many new members to support our mission. We have many different types of membership that we are looking to fill for our community's needs. You do not to be certified to join nor do you need to live with-in our response area to be a member! We will provide the proper training and equipment that you need.

The first step to joining the department is to submit a membership application and bring it to the fire company during any Tuesday of any month at 7pm. Our station is located at 424 E. King Street, Malvern, PA. When you turn in your application, a background check will be performed which usually takes about thirty (30) days.



GOSHEN FIRE COMPANY

UNIQUE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

On Monday 6/19, the four fire companies that serve Willistown Township (Newtown Square FC, Paoli FC, Malvern FC, and Goshen FC) came together with other companies in Chester County for "Water Supply Training." Areas of the township that are a distance from fire hydrants present a challenge to firefighters. The solution is a "tanker task force" where fire tanker trucks are filled off site at the nearest hydrant, transport and dump their water into portable water tanks at the fire scene. Pumper trucks then pump the water out for fire suppression. The water relay continues until the fire is extinguished. This operation requires great coordination under extreme circumstances.



9 P.M. Checklist

#9PMROUTINE

- Remove valuables from your vehicle, lock the doors
- Check mail/ bring in packages
- Close your garage
- Lock your inner garage door
- Close and lock exterior doors and windows
- Turn on an exterior light



BACK TO SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY

Motorists should be alert in school zones and are required to slow down to the posted speed limit of 15 mph in school zones.

Motorists are reminded to be cautious and alert when approaching a school bus stop and to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.

Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended

Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.

Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.

For motorists and students, heads up, phones down! Be aware of your surroundings!



Source: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

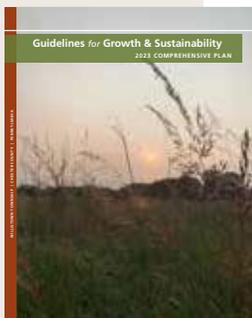
STORMWATER UPDATE

Flooding and water quality have impacted residents everywhere in the Township, and the Township is working on a plan to address stormwater issues here in Willistown. The Board of Supervisors accepted the proposal of Herbert, Rowland, and Grubic (HRG), Inc. to conduct the study and develop the plan. In early Fall, you might see field engineers in your neighborhood surveying existing stormwater infrastructure like inlets and basins. Keep an eye out on the Township website and social media platforms for more updates in the coming months.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Final Version Available

In case you missed it, the new comprehensive plan, *Guidelines for Growth and Sustainability*, was adopted at the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisor Meeting on Monday, June 19. A culmination of a 3-year effort by the Willistown Planning Commission, Township consultants, and staff, the new plan can be viewed and downloaded at willistown.pa.us/CompPlan.



NEWTOWN SQUARE FIRE COMPANY

Upcoming Fundraisers

PINTS IN THE SQUARE 5K RUN AND BREWFEST

Saturday, September 16, 2023

TICKETS: pintsinthesquare.com

All proceeds benefit the Newtown Square Fire Company, No.1 Inc.

FALL FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISING EVENT

Sunday, September 24, 2023

(Rain Date: October 1st)

TIME: 9:00am–3:00pm

LOCATION: Newtown Square Shopping Center

If interested in renting a table for the event visit: www.nsfcc.org

HOLIDAY WREATH SALE

Look for our flyer to find its way to your home in early October or visit our website at www.nsfcc.org to order online.

HISTORIC SUGARTOWN NEWS

SUNDAY TOURS

Every Sunday, May – November

TIME: Noon–4:00pm

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

HALLOWEEN TOURS

October 14 and October 15

See Sugartown in a whole new light! Join our guides as they lead you through the village by lantern. Join us to learn unusual and weird tales about life after dark in the 1800s. Learn more and purchase tickets at historicsugartown.org.



TICKET THROUGH TIME

September through November 19

Now offering combined admission tickets for Historic Sugartown, Historic Waynesborough, and Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation. Learn more and purchase tickets at historicsugartown.org.

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 8 – October 14

Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries? **Cooking safety starts with YOU!** Learn more about cooking safety at fpw.org.



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Pay attention to fire prevention.™

NFPA FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™

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Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove.

NFPA Learn more about cooking safety at fpw.org



Open microwaved food slowly, away from the face.

NFPA Learn more about cooking safety at fpw.org

WILLISTOWN CONSERVATION TRUST NEWS

Upcoming Events



COMMUNITY SUPPER SERIES

Friday, September 22

TIME: 5:30–8:30pm

LOCATION: Rushton Conservation Center

COST: \$10 to attend, free for kids.

Food and beverages sold 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.

RUN-A-MUCK

Saturday, October 21

LOCATION: 912 Providence Road

COST: \$25 - \$50

WEBSITE: wctrust.org/run-a-muck

WCT's Run-A-Muck event is a day dedicated to celebrating with the community our mutual commitment to conserving land. The event includes a 5K run or leisurely walk, live band, country supper, and of course, fun for the whole family, including a bonfire, facepainting, and more! All proceeds directly support local land conservation.



MARKET IN THE MEADOW

Saturday, November 4

TIME: 1:00–4:00pm

COST: FREE to attend, pay per item

WEBSITE: wctrust.org/calendar

Join WCT for a special afternoon to welcome the holiday season! We have teamed up with a group of thoughtful vendors to offer you and your friends a light bite to eat, local artisan and eco-friendly pop-up shopping, and hot apple cider.

SPLISH SPLASH: A Deep Drive Into Proper Pool Water Discharge

DYK? Discharged pool water and waters containing chlorine or other chemicals can be detrimental to aquatic life if not handled responsibly!



When draining a swimming pool this year, make sure to protect Willistown Township and PA by following these tips:

- 1 The pool water and backwash may not be drained directly into any stream, pond, wetland, or any other water bodies. This includes inlets and storm sewers.
- 2 Pool water and water used to clean pools must be dechlorinated before the water may be drained onto the property. Check with your pool service company for information on materials used in dechlorinating pool water.
- 3 Dechlorinated pool water can be discharged over a grassy area on the pool owner's property to allow absorption, filtration, and aeration of the water. The discharge should be at a slow enough rate to prevent erosion and optimize infiltration. The water should not discharge onto a road surface.
- 4 No pool water can be discharged at any time into the sanitary sewer system.

Pool service companies are aware of these requirements and must take the proper precautions when draining and cleaning pools. Pool owners should ensure that their pool service company complies with these regulations. Property owners and pool companies that violate the laws may be prosecuted and penalized for damages. Don't let this happen to you!

WILLISTOWN THEN AND NOW Southern Willistown Serviced by Trolleys

In 1895 the Phila & West Chester Traction Line opened trolley service from Philadelphia to West Chester running along the south side of two-lane West Chester Pike. Arriving in West Chester two other trolley routes made their way to Kennett Square and the second to Downingtown and Coatesville. P & WC had several stops in Willistown and traversed Ridley Creek on a trolley only bridge. A huge power station was located on the SE side of the bridge at Ridley Creek to provide electricity for the trolley cars.

Today only a single concrete pillar can be seen, best in the winter when trees are bare. The line opened before the automobile and by the 1930's was combined with other successful suburban trolley services and renamed Red Arrow division. Post WWII the automobile dominated commuter traffic and "our" trolley was replaced by buses in 1954. The division was absorbed into Septa and now is serviced by the Route 104 bus.

The Newtown Square Railroad Museum at 4140 West Chester Pike has one of the last 1954 trolleys on display.



PST #80 e.b. on Ridley Creek Trestle Dave Cope



PST #17 e.b. at Willistown 4-4-1954 Stan Bowman



*View east between Quaker Lane & Delchester Road
John Gabriel*



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Board of Supervisors

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Shanna P. Lodge

Chief of Police

Robert P. Klinger

Administration Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00am–5:00pm

Police Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 8:00am–4:00pm

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Township Updates: willistown.pa.us/NotifyMe

willistown.pa.us

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BULLETIN BOARD

Board of Supervisors Meetings:
September 11 & 25,
October 9 & 23,
November 13,
and December 11
at 7:00pm

**September 12
Greentree In Tune
& One Tap**
at 5:00–8:00pm
(Rain Date 9/14)

**October 5
Municipal Trash
Services Exploration
Meeting**
General Wayne
Elementary School
at 6:30pm

**October 7
Chester County
Household Hazardous
Waste Drop-Off**
8:30am–2:00pm
Pre-registration
required – go to
chestercountyswa.org

**November 7
Municipal
Election**

**November 11
Document
Shredding**
Willistown Township
Building at
9:00am–12:00pm

**Township
Offices Closed
November 23–24
December 22 & 25
Happy Holidays!**

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