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From the Manager



Greetings
Willistown Residents!

You are cordially invited to a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held outdoors, under the pavilion

at the northwest corner of Garrett Mill Road and West Chester Pike, on Monday, June 12th at 7:00 PM. During the meeting, the Board of Supervisors will adopt a Resolution to rename this park the "Rita Reves Park."

Please let me explain.

No Willistown resident can boast a record of service to the Township as lengthy and comprehensive as Rita Reves. A resident of Willistown since 1960, Rita has served the Township in nearly every capacity—as an elected official, a volunteer, an appointed commission member, and as a member of the Township staff. In 1980, Rita was elected to the Board of Supervisors, where she served for 12 years. In 1994, Rita joined the Township staff and, for the past twenty years, Rita has been a volunteer member of the Willistown Planning Commission. Rita has contributed her expertise and countless hours of service to the development Willistown Township into the lovely community it is today.

Rita's dedication and service extend beyond the borders of our Township and certainly far beyond the limits of any space for this article. Please join us on June 12th to honor Rita Reves and learn more about her contributions to our community.

— Dave Burman
Township Manager



GO WilMa! Wins Statewide Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award

GO WilMa! is a summer outdoor adventure program that stands for Get Outside 'round Willistown and Malvern that is spearheaded by the Willistown Parks & Recreation Department.



Mary Hundt, Director of Parks and Recreation, with Ken Lehr, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board, at the awards ceremony in Hershey. Ken also serves as the Director of Parks and Recreation for West Goshen Township.

Willistown Parks & Recreation is delighted to announce that GO WilMa! has received an Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award from the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS). PRPS is a statewide organization that promotes quality recreation and park training, networking, and leadership opportunities. It is a membership organization comprised of parks and recreation professionals, educators, and volunteers. The Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award recognizes programs that demonstrate outstanding quality, innovation, range and value of appeal,

community support, promotions and publications, and efficient use of funding.

GO WilMa! is funded in large part by Willistown Township with contributions from Malvern Borough, East Goshen and East Whiteland Townships, and Willistown residents Bart and Denise VanValkenburgh. Thank you all!

A note from Mary, Willistown's Director of Parks and Recreation

I want to share this Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award with all of the people that help make GO WilMa! possible. Special thanks to my GO WilMa! program partners—the Malvern and Paoli Libraries! And big thanks to my fellow Inspiration Station Hosts (East Goshen Township, Historic Sugartown, Malvern Borough, Natural Lands Trust, Paoli Battlefield, Paoli Hospital, East Whiteland Township, and Willistown Conservation Trust), our adventuresome GO WilMa! explorers, our volunteers, the Get Outdoors York County program after which GO WilMa! is modeled, and its creator, Kevin Alvarnaz of Wellspan Health—you are all-stars! Special thanks also to the Willistown Parks & Recreation Board, Willistown Supervisors, and Dave Burman for their support and encouragement. I hope that the recognition from this PRPS award gets the word out about GO WilMa! and GO York and encourages other parks and recreation departments statewide to undertake similar programming for their communities!



2017 EVENTS & PROGRAM CALENDAR

Kids Park Party @ Greentree

Featuring the Zany Antics of Puppet's Pizzazz!

May 10 • 5:30–7:30 PM

Enjoy the nonstop entertainment of the latest and greatest comical puppet show by Puppet's Pizzazz. Kids receive a cookie while supplies last. Enjoy The Pizza Wagon's brick oven 'za and Whirled Peace Froyo. No entry fee. Rain date: May 12.

149th Annual Malvern Memorial Parade & Family Fun Weekend

June 3 • Activities all Day June 4 • Parade at 1:30 PM

On June 3, join the Run for Freedom 5k, 1mile, or kids run and other fun activities. At 5 PM the Annual Community Spaghetti Dinner & Concert is held at Monument Park—tickets must be purchased in advance. The oldest continuously held Memorial Parade in America is June 4 followed by a memorial ceremony and a traditional cake walk. See malvernmemorialparade.com for details.

Naming of Rita Reves Park!

June 12 • 7 PM

Join the Willistown Supervisors under the pavilion at 1040 Garrett Mill Road (Garrett Mill Park) to kick off their Board meeting with the renaming of the Park and three cheers to Rita for all she has done for our community. Meet this amazing lady and...of course there will be cake!

Fox Hollow Trail Grand Opening!

June 17 • 9 AM

Attend the brief ribbon cutting ceremony and walk the 3/4 mile trail to a refreshment tent where you will enjoy time with your neighbors over coffee, doughnuts, and juice. We will then walk back. Let's start the morning at the trail entrance at Devon and Cedar Hollow Roads. If you are driving, there will be parking along Devon Road and on the adjacent streets.

Rain date: June 24.

Come Together for a Better World!

GO WilMa! Award Winning Outdoor Adventure Program
Sign-Up begins June 13

GO WilMa! stands for Get Outside 'round Willistown and Malvern! Our annual theme is inspired by the National Collaborative Summer Reading program for K-teens. The 2017 summer reading theme is "Build a Better World, Read!" This year's GO WilMa! theme is "Come Together for a Better World!"

Kids who sign up for the summer reading program at Malvern or Paoli Library receive a GO WilMa!

Field Guide—a passport of sorts. The Guide includes scavenger hunt clues leading to hidden "Inspiration Stations" in our local

landscape. Each Station is named after an organization that makes a difference for the great outdoors and our natural resources thus bettering our lives and the world! Information on these groups will be included in the Field Guide, as well as things we can do to make a difference. We hope children and adults continue to be inspired to act on behalf of our environment in some way! Sign-up is ongoing throughout the summer and kicks off at the School's Out—Let's GO WilMa! park party described below. The program ends August 20, and a prize drawing will be held on August 22 at the Willistown Country Fair described below. There is no participation fee, but we encourage our explorers to bring non-perishable foods for the Chester County Food Bank to the park parties.

Schools Out! Let's GO WilMa!

Park Party @ Greentree

June 13 • 5:30–7:30 PM

Once school's out, let's get outside and celebrate the arrival of summer with a sizzling Park Party! The kids will be elated having their faces painted, visiting the Sleepy Hollow Farms petting zoo, feeding the animals, taking pony rides, and dancing and prancing to the DJ's tunes—grownups will have fun too! Kids of kindergarten age through teens can sign up for the GO WilMa! outdoor adventure program. The Park Party features The Pizza Wagon and Whirled Peace Froyo. No entry fee. Rain date: June 15.



Willistown Country Fair @ Greentree

August 22 • 5:30–7:30 PM

Celebrate friends, family, neighbors, our community, and the end of summer at Greentree Park with live acoustic bluegrass music by Raven Hill (ravenhillbluegrass.com), Sleepy Hollow Farms pony rides and petting zoo, face painting, Center on Central's music circle, and interactive local community group stations. The GO WilMa! outdoor adventure program prize drawing will be held at 7 PM. Enjoy the down-home country fair experience! The Park Party features The Pizza Wagon and Whirled Peace Froyo. No entry fee. Rain date: August 24.

PLEASE NOTE:

- For a recorded message if weather is a question, call 610-647-5300 ext. 224 or check FB or the web.
- No dogs at Township events please.
- Schedule subject to change.

**SIGN UP FOR PARK PARTY
REMINDERS & E-NEWS @
WILLISTOWN.PA.US/LIST.ASPX
UNDER "NOTIFY ME"**

Celebrating our community through people, parks, and programs.

CAMPS & PROGRAMS

GREENTREE PARK CAMPS

40 Lloyd Avenue, Malvern
Hosted by Jump Start Sports



Registration

Via willistown.pa.us
or jumpstartsports.com

Questions

Michael Stefani 716-997-7998 or
mstefani@jumpstartsports.com

Hummingbirds Soccer

Boys and girls ages 3–6 learn dribbling, passing, trapping, shooting, and positioning through age appropriate drills designed to teach skills, and fun, low-key, non-competitive games.
Time: Saturdays, 12–1 PM (3-4 yr. olds)
1–2 PM (5-6 yr. olds)
Fee: \$75 Resident \$85 Non-Resident (includes team t-shirt)

Spring Session

April 22–May 27

Summer Session

June 17–July 22

Fall Session

September 9–October 14

Summer Sports Camps

Boys and girls entering grades K–6 will have a meaningful summer filled with fun, learning, and new friendships.
Time: Weekdays, 9 AM–12 PM
Fee Any 1 week: \$115 Resident
\$125 Non-Resident
Fee Full Camp: \$345 Resident
\$355 Non-Resident

June 19–June 23: World Cup Soccer

Children get their kicks learning foot skills, passing, shooting, goal keeping, and team concepts. They play games each day. The last few days of camp, teams represent a country in a fun “World Cup” competition.

June 26–June 30: Lacrosse

Campers learn cradling and stick work, passing, catching, fielding ground balls, spacing, positioning, and defense. All equipment is provided. Daily scrimmages.

July 3–17 Hoop it Up Basketball

Kids participate in fun drills and competitions that help improve shooting, passing, ball handling, and defensive techniques. Players have the opportunity to play 3 on 3 and 5 on 5 games. A fun “March Madness” tournament is held at week’s end.

July 10–14: Olympics

A combination of sports, culture, and crafts, campers learn the fundamentals of each event in track and field and practice their skills in a mock Olympics at the end of camp. Teams of “countries” each make a flag and uniform and learn about their country’s culture. Each camper receives a medal and their team uniform.

MILL PARK CAMPS

1 Mill Road, Malvern
Hosted by Jump Start Sports

Willistown T-Birds T-Ball

Boys and girls ages 3-4 learn throwing, catching, fielding, batting and base running, and play games. Kids receive a trophy and MLB hat. Staff members oversee the games while volunteer team coaches assist.

Time: Saturdays, 10–11 AM

Fee: \$80 Resident \$90 Non-Resident (includes team t-shirt)

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LITTLE LIBRARY @ GREENTREE Donated by Brownie Troop 4011

Located by the Rainbow Castle at Greentree Park, the little library is a book swap for children’s books. Thanks General Wayne Brownies!

OKEHOCKING TRAIL CORPS Get outside. Dig in the dirt. Happy Trails!

Come get some fresh air and

enjoy the company of others in the great outdoors! The Okehocking Trail Corps rehabilitates and maintains existing trails and creates new ones based on a trail assessment done by Penn Trails. Trail Corps volunteers receive hands on, outdoor training.

Trail Corps Workshop Openings

Willistown Parks & Recreation provides free, customized two day workshops to educate and inspire its members. Led by Penn Trails, there is some classroom instruction, and about a day and a half of working in the field at Okehocking applying skills learned. We are rescheduling our spring workshop due to rain, so you still have time to get involved now. You can find out more under Parks & Recreation at willistown.pa.us, and please contact Mary, Director of Parks & Recreation at 610-647-5300 x224 or mhundt@willistown.pa.us.

Experience the reward of being part of the team and making a difference in the community with us!



CUB PACK 76 PITCHES IN @ THE PARK!

Boys from Willistown Pack 76, Den 3 Cub Scouts from Sugartown and K.D. Markley elementary schools cleared the trail entrance to Greentree Park at the intersection of Lloyd Avenue and Paoli Pike thanks to the initiative of Den Leader Kim Hynes. Great job and thank you all for pitching in at Greentree Park! For information on volunteering for our Pitch in at the Park program, please contact Mary at 610-647-5300 x224.

WILLISTOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sugartown Preserve • Willistown Parks & Recreation

Spring Greetings!

From Joe Munley, Volunteer Garden Manager

Mother Nature played some cruel tricks on us as the winter came to a close and spring limped in. The home centers and box stores lured us with displays of beautiful tomato, pepper, and herb plants for sale back in March. Now gardeners are outside scratching around in the soil and soaking up the sun.

Most gardeners have heard that working soil that is too wet is a bad thing. Why? Quite simply, it can lead to compaction. Compaction affects plant growth and productivity by restricting root growth, drainage, and air circulation. A simple soil moisture test is as follows: Grab a handful of earth and squeeze tightly for ten seconds—if it breaks apart when you let it go then it's workable, but if it lands like a ball of mud, then it needs to dry out more.

Have you already planted your crops, or

are you awaiting the standard Mother's Day "safe from any frost" planting date? No matter your situation, you can still consider intercropping or interplanting. This method may be thought by some to be old-fashioned, but it allows you to grow a more diverse selection of crops in a smaller space and to take advantage of companion planting as you lay out your garden.

Consider plants that have shallow roots, shorter growing seasons, or are mutually beneficial to each other when planting. Use broadleaf vegetables and flowers to provide some shade for plants like lettuce. Research what plants don't get along when planted near or next to each other.

If you don't already have a good gardening reference book, it may be beneficial for you to pick one up or borrow one from your local library. There is also plenty of sound information and advice available on the internet. Just be sure to take anything that looks suspicious with a grain of salt, cross reference when you can, and don't forget to save some of that salt for those pesky slugs. Happy gardening!



Hip Hip Hooray for Lisa & Troop 42118!

Special thanks from Willistown Parks to Lisa Sybrandt, Girl Scout Leader extraordinaire, and her terrific group of Scouts! Lisa and the girls took charge of the Chester County Food Bank raised beds. The girls started their work when they were in Great Valley Middle School and continued through graduation, and as you can see, they had a great time!

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to Dick McDonnell!

The spirit of volunteerism in Willistown is strong. Residents quietly make unique and valuable contributions to our community by serving on Willistown's volunteer boards and committees. The Community Service Award was created to acknowledge and honor a dedicated Township volunteer each year.

The Board of Supervisors is pleased to recognize Richard McDonnell as the recipient of the 2016 Willistown Community Service Award. Dick is a lifelong resident of the Township—he grew up on Crumley Avenue and lives in northern Willistown today. Since 2004, Dick has served as a member of the Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Board, including serving as Chairman for several years. He was introduced to Willistown Parks and Recreation through his work with the Chester Valley Little League as a coach



and facilities director. He volunteered for the little league for a decade, continuing to serve even after his son had "graduated" from the league. He also supported his daughter's love of softball and ensured that the fields at Mill Park could accommodate girls' softball tournaments.

"The best design comes from the users." -Dick McDonnell

When he joined the Parks and Recreation Board, Dick became interested in finding out more about the way the Township parks and open spaces were used. Over the years, he made a point of ensuring that park and trail users' voices were heard. As a means to this end, public outreach and surveys provided valuable guidance to the Parks and Recreation Board—in Dick's words, "the best design comes from the users."

During his time on the Parks and Recreation Board, Dick was a familiar face at the Park Parties, he was part of the initiative to rehabilitate Greentree Park, he advised on the improvements at Mill Park, and he was a champion of the new trail in northern Willistown known as the Fox Hollow Trail.

In 2016, Dick retired from the Parks and Recreation Board after over a decade of faithful service. Willistown Township thanks him for his notable contributions! When you see him with his wife, Kim, and collie, Tess, on Fox Hollow Trail, please be sure to say "Hello" and "Thanks!"

Coat Collection Brings Warm Thanks!



The 2016 Coat Collection was another great success thanks to Cub Scout Packs 98 and 76, the Willistown Recycling Commission, and you! Following is a thank you letter from a member of Wayne Presbyterian Church who arranged the distribution of the coats.

"Dear Mr. Tate and Cub Scout Packs 98 and 76, Thank you all so much for your hard work and tremendous effort collecting nearly 400 coats for men, women, and children in our area and Philadelphia. Your generosity extended to Baker Industries, Broad Street Ministries, City Lights, the kids at Mitchell Elementary School, City Team, Feel the Warmth, and Great Valley Food Closet. Everyone was so grateful, especially with the colder temperatures right before Christmas."

Thanks also to the Cub Scout den mothers, Malvern and Paoli Libraries, Paoli Hospital, Sugartown and Wayne Elementary Schools, Paoli Methodist Church, and Willistown Township for hosting collection boxes.

We are also indebted to Cube Smart for providing us with a storage unit during the collection. Their storage units are spotless, and the facility manager was always ready to help in any way she could. What a pleasure it was working with this company.

Willistowners, THANK YOU! Each and every coat donated made a difference in someone's life.



"Can I Recycle this Stuff?" Yes! Here's the What, Where, and How!

TV & Computer Monitors

Lanchester Landfill has renewed its free computer and TV recycling program. This includes all types of monitors and screens. Dropoff hours are 7 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday and 7 to 11:30 AM on Saturday.



For full details about the program and directions to the landfill go to willistown.pa.us, click on the Newsletters button, go to the August

2016 issue and see the Recycling Roundup section on pages 6 and 7.

Video & Audio Tapes, CDs, DVDs

Drop these items at the Willistown Township campus, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, 24/7! Proceed to the rear of the Police Building where you will see a gasoline pump. The drop box for tapes, discs, and cassettes is to the left of the pump.



Smoke Detectors

Drop your smoke detectors at the Willistown Township Administration Building, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern. The drop box is in the lobby, open 8 AM to 4 PM. Do not remove any components of a smoke detector. Leave the unit in its as-is condition when removed from a ceiling.



Prescription Drugs

You will find drop boxes in the Willistown Police Building lobby, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, 8 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday, and the Paoli Hospital Main Entrance lobby, the valet entrance, 255 West Lancaster Avenue, Paoli, 7 AM–9 PM, 7 days a week. No questions asked, no forms to complete, just drop your items in the specially sealed blue boxes and away you go!

Medicines that are allowed to languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. If you no longer have a need for a certain drug, get rid of it. The blue boxes can accommodate expired, unused, and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs including pills, capsules, tablets, patches, liquids, creams, and powders in their original manufacturer or pharmacy prescription containers. Lids and caps should be securely affixed. You may remove labels from pharmacy prescription containers; however, it isn't necessary. You will be dropping your drugs in a safe and secure metal box the contents of which will be incinerated.

CAUTION!

The usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—pose potential safety and health hazards!



NOT ACCEPTED: needles, sharps, IV solutions, or illicit substances such as cocaine, heroin, and marijuana.

Please remember that Willistown Township is a state-mandated recycling community, meaning its residents are required to recycle!

LIBRARY NEWS

Malvern



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

The Wool Gatherers meet the first and third Mondays of the month at 3 PM. Beginners and experts are welcome.

Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10 AM.

Coloring Club is hosted at the Buttery. We meet every third Friday of the

month at 2 PM.

Book Craft Afternoon every third Friday of the month at 3:30 PM. Upcycle broken down books into cool paper crafts!

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Weekly Summer Storytimes

June 12 to August 17 for ages birth-6 years. Call Miss Kelly at 610-644-7259 or email her at kshea@ccls.org to register.

Read to Holly our Therapy Dog

Join Holly at 4:30 PM on Thursday afternoons. Holly loves to be pet while you read to her!

K-5 & Teen Summer Reading Clubs: Build a Better World, Read!

Beginning June 12, register at the Malvern Public Library for our summer reading club and *GO WilMa!* Children entering grades pre-K through 5 can read their way to cool prizes. Stop by the library or join us at the *GO WilMa!* kickoff party June 13 at Greentree Park to register. Tweens and teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to join their version of the summer reading program as well as join in *GO WilMa!*

K-5 Summer Programs

Join us for a wide variety of programs including crafts, STEM activities, theater games, and more! Register at the library beginning June 12.

Teen Grab Bag:

Every Wednesday from 4-6 PM teens can participate in different activities including board games, paper crafts, writing, and STEM.

EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS ON OVERDRIVE

If you have a library card, you have access to Overdrive on your mobile devices and computers!

Paoli

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Museum Passport Program

Explore some of the Delaware Valley's most exciting sites using a special 3-Day Museum Passport available at Paoli Library. With your library card it's easy and free! Visit us or call for more info.

GO WilMa! Outdoor Adventure Program

GO WilMa! Brings families together to explore parks and recreation, health and wellness, and of course, reading. Sign up at the library starting June 13, then follow your Field Guide to explore the amazing parks and historical treasures right in your neighborhood.

Summer Reading Club

This summer, join your friends and neighbors for special Summer Reading Program events that encourage all of us to "Build a Better World." List the books you read, recommend your favorites, and receive weekly prizes!

Early Literacy Programs

Weekly Storytimes for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers:

German Language Storytime

Chinese Musical Storytime

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Mystery Book Club

Second Monday of the month, 10:30 AM.

Art Book Club

See web for dates and time.

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See AdLib on website.

CONTACT THE LIBRARIES FOR MORE INFO!

Malvern Public Library
malvernpubliclibrary.org

610-644-7259

Paoli Public Library
tredyffrinlibraries.org

610-296-7996

Download the CCLS mobile app and take the library with you!



Weekend Tours

This restored 19th-century village crossroads in central Willistown opens May 6 for guided weekend tours!

Hours: Saturdays, 11 AM-4 PM, and Sundays, 1-4 PM

Admission: \$7 Adults, \$5 Children (3-17 yrs). Children ages 2 and younger admitted free.

Sugartown Elementary Art Show

April 28 to May 14 • Weekend Tour Hours

Chester County Studio Tour

Book Bindery May 20 • 10 AM-6 PM
May 21 • 11 AM-5 PM

Paper Marbling Workshop

June 10 & July 29 • 9 AM-2 PM

Hand Bookbinding Workshop

June 24 • 9 AM-3 PM

Philadelphia Watercolor Society

Show & Sale July thru September
July 1 • 11 AM-4 PM, Opening no charge
July 2 • 1 PM-4 PM, Opening no charge

Event Information: 610-640-2667

HistoricSugartown.org
690 Sugartown Road, Malvern 19355

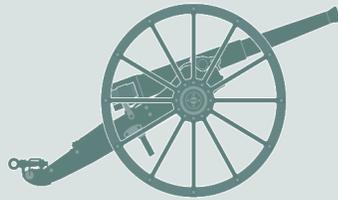
Radnor Hunt Races

May 20



The 87th running of the Radnor Hunt Races will take place in Willistown at Radnor Hunt, 824 Providence Road, Malvern. With the theme "Racing for Open Space", the event benefits the Brandywine Conservancy open space and clean water programs. Tickets must be purchased in advance! Visit radnorhuntraces.org or call 610-388-8383.

From the Battlefield



Paoli Battlefield Art

We are excited to report that the 1782 Xavier della Gatta Painting of the Battle of Paoli is on display at the new Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia! We have also uncovered rather interesting information about the artist and the commissioner of the painting.

Della Gatta lived and painted in Italy and was never even in America! This remarkable painting, done five years after the Battle, accurately portrays the uniforms, fighting units, the death of British officer William Wolfe, and the wounding of British Lieutenant Martin Hunter. Historians believe the artist was given firsthand information by a participant of the Battle but are unsure who the sponsor was.

A second della Gatta painting of the Battle of Germantown on October 4, 1777, shows the wounding of another

British Officer, Richard St. George Mansergh-St. George, a close friend of Lt. Martin Hunter. Several St. George watercolor drawings and documents had the same detail as the della Gatta painting. It leads one to think that St. George may have commissioned this marvelous painting. To see a copy of the della Gatta painting go to our website, pbpfinc.org, and the Battle-of-Paoli page.

Lecture Series: Stories & Music

The final two lectures of our spring season will be at the General Warren. Monday, May 8, Dr. Nancy Loane will present "Soldier Stories from Valley Forge." Tuesday, July 18, singer and guitarist Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks will present "An Evening of Patriotic Music." For reservations go to rememberpaoli.org.

Spring Migration Bird Banding

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Sunup-11 AM • April 11-May 23

Who is thriving in our conserved open space? Meet Willistown's most colorful inhabitants up close! Our spring migration bird banding program runs weekly at Rushton Woods Preserve if it is not raining and it is above 40 degrees. Our federally registered banders gently capture the birds in mist nets and weigh, measure, and examine each bird before gently releasing them. Data is submitted to a national bird conservation database. To see the most birds, arrive no later than 8 AM. Action is often constant until about 11 AM, after which the nets are closed.

Park at Rushton Woods Preserve and Farm, 911 Delchester Road, Newtown Square. Walk behind the wooded hedgerow east of the planting fields, then head south along the grassy path to the bird banding station.

Willistown Conservation Trust

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Rain Gardens: *What are they and How About the Skeeters?*

Excerpted from the Rain Garden Network: raingardennetwork.com

A RAIN GARDEN IS...

A Rain Garden can be your contribution to solving local water pollution issues and localized flooding. By building a rain garden and positioning it correctly in your yard, you take responsibility for the clean rainwater that falls on your property. By stopping that rainwater from picking up oils and sediment from driveways and lawns, you increase the likelihood that the water that soaks into the ground is clean.

By reducing the quantity of the contaminated rainwater or stormwater from reaching the street, sewer, or even direct contact with rivers or waterways, you become a solution to water conservation and pollution reduction.

If each household held back a percentage of the rainwater that fell on their property, it would go a long way to reducing overflows and back ups. Rain gardens are remarkably helpful in this case because of the amount of water they can hold.

Although rain barrels are a great idea, they only hold 50-75 gallons of water where a rain garden can hold and infiltrate into the ground hundreds and (if large enough) thousands of gallons of water.

MOSQUITOES: WHAT THEY NEED TO BREED

Mosquitoes won't find rain gardens to be good breeding areas because a

properly constructed rain garden will drain within 24 hours and usually within an hour or two. The Culex mosquito, the primary variety that can transmit West Nile virus to humans, prefers to breed in small containers with stagnant water such as old tires, pots, birdbaths, and pans under planters.

The development of a mosquito from egg to adult takes ten to fourteen days depending on the air temperature. The warmer the air, the shorter time the eggs take to mature. It takes twenty-four to forty-eight hours for eggs to hatch. After the eggs hatch, the mosquito larva must live in water for seven to twelve days to survive.



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Willistown Parks & Recreation Receives an Excellence in Recreation & Parks Award**
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