

# Willis Towne Crier

*In Willistown, nearly everybody reads the Crier!*



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## Township Campus Named After Charles E. Coxe



### Who is Charles E. Coxe?

Passersby the new Willistown Police Department building will notice the sign reading "Charles E. Coxe Memorial Campus" and might wonder, "Who is Charles E. Coxe?"

In the years following the Civil War, Willistown Township consisted largely of small farms linked by a few dirt roads. As time passed, the increasing use of more advanced farming techniques and machinery began to make the small farm holdings less and less efficient. The trend was to consolidate the small parcels into larger farms that could more readily take advantage of the economies of scale. Charles E. Coxe, together with his wife Louisa, was a keen innovator in this agricultural revolution of the late 19th century. He purchased and consolidated nine small farm parcels\* on the east and west sides of Sugartown Road and immediately

instituted what were at the time strikingly new methods and practices in farming. Coxe planted the first hedgerows. What are today's picturesque Osage Orange tree hedges were a hardy and fast-growing means of arresting wind and rain driven erosion of fields. Coxe brought the first combine reaper/binder to the Township, turning a week of hand harvesting by a dozen laborers with scythes into a day's work by two laborers and two horses. The future of dairy lay in the 100-plus cow operations being seen at Delchester Farm just down the road. With that in mind, Coxe closed the dairy operations on his small farms, as his were 8-10 cow herds. He also brought into

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## Willistown Township 2015 Budget at a Glance

### Willistown Township 2015 Approved Budget • All Funds Available for Appropriation

*(View the Township Manager's Budget Message and approved Budget at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us))*

Description	Governmental Funds Available for General Appropriation				Governmental Funds Available for Restricted Purposes				Funds Available for Restricted Purposes				Total
	General Fund	Operating Reserve Fund	2013 General Bond Proceeds	Capital Reserve Fund	Open Space Fund	Bartram Bridge Fund	Municipal Life Insurance	State Liquid Fuels Fund	Penns Preserve Sewer Fund	2013 Sewer Bond Proceeds	Valley Forge Sewer Fund	Low Pressure Sewer Fund	
<b>Revenue:</b>													
Real Estate Taxes	\$330,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$330,000
Local Service Tax	\$210,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$210,000
Real Estate Transfer Tax	\$500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$500,000
Earned Income Tax	\$5,250,000	-	-	-	\$580,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,830,000
Fines, Forfeitures and Other Costs	\$30,377	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30,377
Cable Franchise Fees	\$240,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$240,000
Interest Dividends and Rents	\$2,476	\$2,000	-	-	\$1,500	-	\$225	\$500	-	-	\$5,000	-	\$11,701
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$325,685	-	-	-	\$850,000	\$1,500	\$283,214	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,460,399
Park & Recreation Fees	\$12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,000
Charges for Services	\$301,795	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$131,854	-	\$1,526,713	\$60,600	\$2,020,963
Miscellaneous	\$3,064	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,064
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,205,396</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,431,500</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$283,714</b>	<b>\$131,854</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,531,713</b>	<b>\$60,600</b>	<b>\$10,650,003</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>													
General Government	\$1,358,544	-	-	\$351,000	\$7,500	-	-	-	\$4,536	-	\$112,381	-	\$1,833,961
Sanitary Sewer Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$127,320	\$429,786	\$1,419,256	\$43,465	\$2,019,827
Public Works	\$912,930	-	-	\$156,000	-	-	-	\$374,000	-	-	-	-	\$1,442,930
Culture & Recreation	\$293,883	-	-	\$7,500	\$560,960	\$3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$865,343
Public Safety - Police	\$4,335,533	-	-	\$441,740	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,777,273
Public Safety - Fire	\$407,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$407,000
Interfund Transfers	\$1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,500
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,309,390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$956,240</b>	<b>\$568,460</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$374,000</b>	<b>\$131,856</b>	<b>\$429,786</b>	<b>\$1,531,637</b>	<b>\$43,465</b>	<b>\$11,620,276</b>



**Drum Roll, Please...**

*GO WilMa!* stands for Get Outside around Willistown and Malvern. Inspired and modeled after the Healthy York County Coalition's Get Outdoors York program, our outdoor adventure program combines parks and recreation, health and wellness, and reading. The program is based on the national K-5 and teen summer reading program themes identified annually by the National Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP).

The 2015 CSLP themes are "Every Hero

# 2014 Go WilMa! outdoor Adventure Program Theme Unveiled

has a Story!" and "Unmask!" These themes are used as inspiration for our *GO WilMa!* outdoor adventure program theme which is...drum roll, please..."Nature Heroes—You Can Be One Too!" The program is paired with the summer reading program, so kids who sign up for the summer reading program at Malvern or Paoli Library are provided the *GO WilMa!* program guide. If you haven't "checked out" *GO WilMa!*—it's a must-try!

Spearheaded by Willistown Township Parks & Recreation, the *GO WilMa!* Program Team also includes Malvern and Paoli Libraries. *GO WilMa!* is all about fun outdoor adventures with family, friends, and neighbors spending time together scavenger

hunting throughout the parks and other special places in our community. The explorers locate rubbing posts where they stamp their program books—passports of sorts. Prize raffle tickets are provided for each stamp shown to the libraries.

Stay tuned to the Crier for more information, and to be in the know: sign up for Willistown Parks and Recreation announcements at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) and visit *GO WilMa!* under Parks & Recreation Community Programs. Like *GO WilMa!* on Facebook. The program is paid for in large part by Willistown Township with assistance from Malvern Borough and East Goshen Township.

## Willistown Township Summer Camps!

### GREENTREE PARK CAMPS

40 Lloyd Avenue, Malvern  
Held by Jump Start Sports

#### Registration

Via [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) or [www.jumpstartsports.com](http://www.jumpstartsports.com)

#### Questions

Michael Stefani 267-587-7154 or [mstefani@jumpstartsports.com](mailto:mstefani@jumpstartsports.com)

#### Hummingbirds Soccer

Boys and girls ages 3–6 years old learn dribbling, passing, trapping, shooting, and positioning through age appropriate drills designed to teach skills, and fun, low-key, non-competitive games.



#### Spring Session

Dates: Saturdays, April 11–May 23  
(No session April 25)  
Time: 1–2pm

Fee: \$70 Resident \$80 Non-Resident  
(includes team t-shirt)

#### Summer Session

Dates: Saturdays June 6–July 18  
(no class on July 4)  
Time: 1–2pm

Fee: \$70 Resident \$80 Non-Resident  
(includes team t-shirt)

#### Fall Session

Dates: Saturdays, Sept. 12–Oct. 17  
Time: 1–2pm

Fee: \$70 Resident \$80 Non-Resident  
(includes team t-shirt)

#### Introductory Lacrosse

Boys and girls in grades 1–5 learn passing and catching, fielding

ground balls, cradling, spacing and positioning, and defense. Equipment is provided including soft balls and plastic sticks. Kids play fun game-situational scrimmages. No checking permitted! No helmets or shoulder pads will be used.

#### Summer Session

Dates: Saturdays, June 6–July 18  
(no class July 4)

Time: 11–12pm

Fee: \$70 Resident \$80 Non-Resident  
(includes Jump Start Sports t-shirt)

#### Summer Sports Camps

Boys and Girls Entering Grades K–6 will have a meaningful summer filled with fun, learning, and new friendships.

#### June 22–26: World Cup Soccer Camp

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, small teams represent a country and participate in a fun "World Cup" competition.

#### June 29–July 3: Lacrosse Camp

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

#### July 6–10: Hoop it Up Basketball Camp

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 13–17: Olympics Camp

A combination of sports, culture, and crafts, campers learn the fundamentals of each event in track and field and participate in a mock Olympics. 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.

Grades K–6 9am–12pm

Any 1 week: \$110 Resident

\$120 Non-Resident

Full Camp: \$340 Resident

\$350 Non-Resident



### MILL PARK CAMPS

1 Mill Road, Malvern

Held by Jump Start Sports

#### Willistown T-Birds T-Ball

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

#### Summer Session

Date: Thursdays, June 11–July 16

Time: 5:30–7:30pm

Fee: \$70 Resident \$80 Non-Resident  
(includes team t-shirt)

#### Fall Session

Dates: Saturdays, Sept. 12–Oct. 17th

Time: 10:30–11:30am

Fee: \$70 Resident \$80 Non-Resident  
(includes team t-shirt)

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## Willistown Township Community Service Award Presented to David E. Watt

We are pleased to announce that the Willistown Township Community Service Award 2015 recipient is Dave Watt, 18-year member and current Secretary of the Planning Commission and 45-year Willistown resident. When looking for a place to live Dave and his wife, Toni, found a home they fell in love with in northern Willistown. Dave was immediately “sold” as the home was only six minutes from his work as a social studies teacher in the Tredyffrin-Easttown School District. Dave lives in the same house to this day. He and Toni were married for 44 years prior to her passing in 2009.

When asked what inspired him to serve, Dave replied, “I was always interested in local government—not as a participant—it was curiosity, and I liked keeping up with things.” His interest led him to get to know the Planning Commission Chairwoman, Rita Reves. One day she said there was an opening on the Commission and asked if he would apply. That was 18 years ago.

Dave has served as the Planning Commission Secretary for almost as long. He recalls with a snicker, “I won the hard fought battle to be Secretary after Bill Shoemaker bailed from the position.” Dave reported that as a retiree, he had the time to do the job and to work with Rita carrying out the duties.

When asked what keeps him serving, he replied that he has watched a lot of significant changes in the Township and continues to be inspired by the process. He gives high marks to the Township’s professional consultants: planner John Gaadt, and engineer Mike Conrad. He is impressed by the “smorgasbord of skills” that the Commission members bring to the table including legal, construction, engineering, architectural, ordinance, and local knowledge. Once the applicants jump through all the hoops of the Commission’s thorough review, Dave gets a lot of satisfaction that the final



result is usually a lot better than when first proposed.

We caught up with Dave in Ocala, Florida where he likes to go for walks, read, and travel to the Gulph of Mexico to see the manatees. He describes the area as “beautiful countryside very similar to the horse country in Willistown and Unionville—with the exception of the occasional palm tree.”

Rita Reves, who has been on the Commission with Dave during his tenure, gives rave reviews regarding his service as Secretary. She is also sure to mention his “wonderful sense of humor” — “He brings a quote each week that delights us all!” Dave says he appreciates things that seem funny when he is doing the minutes, and the Commission meetings do not disappoint. He notes that the majority are “you had to be there” witticisms but shared the following. An applicant’s consultant was the last to present to the Planning Commission. It was getting later and later, and clearly it had been

### Willistown Township Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is a Willistown Township initiative created to honor and recognize a Willistowner who gives his or her time to our community. Willistown’s volunteer board and commission positions total 71 residents quietly making unique and valuable contributions to our community. These boards and commissions include:

- Zoning Hearing Board
- Planning Commission
- Historical Commission
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Recycling Commission
- Environmental Advisory Council
- UCC Board of Appeals
- Open Space Review Board
- Land Conservancy Authority Board
- Agricultural Security Committee
- Malvern Library Board
- Paoli Library Board
- Bartram’s Bridge Commission
- Vacancy Board

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your dedication to community service. Your willingness to serve demonstrates leadership, integrity, and a love of your community that is nothing short of inspirational!

a long day, the consultant began nodding off. When their name was called, “Auhhh...” came out as they awoke. The quote at the following Planning Commission meeting a month later was simply, “Auhhh.” Dave explained that, “It’s a serious operation, but you can’t be serious all the time or you’ll go nuts!”

#### OKEHOCKING ECO-DISCOVERY

5316 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square  
Held by UMLY Environmental Education Center

#### Registration Information

Via [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) or [www.ymcabwv.org](http://www.ymcabwv.org) or at UMLY

#### Questions

Jen Long 610-647-9622 or [jlong@ymcagbw.org](mailto:jlong@ymcagbw.org)

Boys and girls ages 7-11 years old explore Ridley Creek and test their crayfish catching skills, search for

salamanders on woodland hikes, and observe birds and butterflies in the meadows of the 180-acre Okehocking Preserve! Campers will participate in nature games, arts and crafts, stories, daily hikes, and creek exploration. Bring a bag lunch. Drop-off/pick-up is at the farmhouse.

**Dates:** July 13–17 and/or July 20–24

**Time:** 9:00am–4:15pm

**Fee/week:** Full YMCA Member: \$275  
Program Member (non-Y-member): \$300



# LIBRARIES

## Malvern

For more information call: 610-644-7259  
or visit [www.ccls.org](http://www.ccls.org).

### ANNUAL PHONATHON March 22 & 23

This is our major fundraiser for the Library, and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make the phone calls or write the follow up notes. Our goal this year is to top \$25,000. The money raised is used by Malvern Library to improve our collections and programming. Call the Library (610-644-7259) for more information.



### ART EXHIBITS

Tired of the winter weather? Stop in and enjoy the colors and energy of our latest art exhibit by Art by Ten artists. Many of the pieces are for sale, and the artists generously donate 15% of the price to the Library.

The wonderful murals in our Children's room will soon be complemented by paintings in the Malvern Borough Building lobby. The Malvern Community Arts Project is spearheading the 125th Anniversary of the Borough Project. Randall Graham is painting several works depicting King Street, which will be displayed in the lobby. Thanks to the Malvern Community Arts Project for beautifying the Borough!

### BE IN THE LOOP

In the case of bad weather or for adjusted program information, call the library or become our friend on Facebook.

## Paoli

For more information call: 610-296-7996  
or visit [www.tredyffrinlibraries.org](http://www.tredyffrinlibraries.org).

### THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Friends of Paoli Library is regrouping and is working diligently to increase their membership. Public funding is flat, and operating costs have increased. Even with the much-appreciated 3% increase in funding from Willistown and Tredyffrin Townships, the future of Paoli Library is at immediate risk.

There is a serious budget deficit at the main Tredyffrin Public Library. This deficit may cause additional closed days, shorter hours, or cuts in services at Paoli Library.

The Friends of Paoli Library are asking that you join the fight to make sure Paoli Library stays vital and stays in Paoli. You can help by joining the Friends and becoming part of the critical mass to save "The Biggest Little Library Around". Join now by contacting Marie Thibault at 610-296-7443 or [marietbo@aol.com](mailto:marietbo@aol.com).

### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME & CRAFT

Join us Mondays, March 9 and 23, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, from 1-2pm for stories, lots of fun, and an easy craft! Ages 3-6 with an adult. Register on the website or give us a call.

### BOOK CLUBS

#### Mystery Book Club

Join the new Mystery Book Club on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30pm. Read an Irish mystery of your choice and come for a lively discussion. For more information or to sign up, contact Beverly Michaels at 610-296-7996 or [bmichaels@ccls.org](mailto:bmichaels@ccls.org).

#### Art Book Club

This is one of the only fine art book clubs in the area. For more information or to sign up, call us or contact Victoria Skelly at [victoriaskelly@comcast.net](mailto:victoriaskelly@comcast.net). The group's Spring books are:

***The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde**  
Wednesday, March 25, 6:30pm

Oscar Wilde's only novel explores the pitfalls of a life lived only for the sake of art, aesthetics, and "beauty". Once banned in Victorian England, this gothic tale features the handsome, clever, and rich protagonist, Dorian Gray, who makes a Faustian bargain.

***Sargent's Daughters* by Erica Hirschler**  
Wednesday, May 13, 6:30pm

This book is a biography about a painting, "The Daughters of Edward Darley Boit", by one of the most celebrated American artists of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, John Singer Sargent. The author highlights the cultural, social, and artistic lives of Sargent and his fellow expatriates at the dawn of the Modern Age. Included is an assessment of how professional critical reviews have affected the reception of this painting by the public.

## Pack 98 Cub Scouts Collect 453 Coats for Those in Need!



Willistown and area residents showed their generosity by dropping off 453 coats during the Township's 11th annual coat collection last fall. Cub Scout Pack 98 was fully engaged picking up and sorting coats. Our drop-box hosts include Malvern and Paoli Libraries, Paoli United Methodist Church, Willistown Township's administration office, Sugartown and General Wayne Elementary Schools, and Paoli Hospital.

"Miracle Mom" Danielle Turner directed the coat collection efforts while allocating 75% of her dining room to sorting and bagging.

Wayne Presbyterian Church delivered 200 coats to the homeless served by Outley House Men's Shelter and Broad Street Ministry, of Philadelphia, and City Team Ministries in Chester. St. Mary's Episcopal Church delivered 253 coats to The Branches mission outreach in Rio Grande, NJ. Many thanks to our donors, the Cub Scouts, Danielle Turner, our drop-box hosts, and the churches. Our 11-year total of coats collected and distributed is 3,953!

### From the Battlefield...

Help the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund as we work towards getting National Landmark Status from the National Park Service by attending our lecture series at the General Warren Inne in Malvern, PA, from 6-8pm. Receive a chance to win a free overnight stay at the Warren at each lecture.

**Monday, March 9: Seized in September—The Revolutionary War in Delaware**  
by Kim Burdick

**Monday, April 13: The Great Divide: The Conflict Between Washington and Jefferson that Defined a Nation**  
by Thomas Fleming

**Monday, May 11: Anthony Wayne and the Northwest** by Dr. Michael Gabriel  
For more information, like us on Facebook (Paoli Battlefield Historic Park), follow us on Twitter (@PaoliBattle), or visit [www.pbpfinc.org](http://www.pbpfinc.org).

## Bob Lange Named Farmer of the Year

Congratulations to Willistown Supervisor, Bob Lange, AKA Farmer Bob, on being awarded 2014 Farmer of the Year by the Board of Chester County Commissioners and the Chester County Agricultural Development Council! The Farmer of the Year award recognizes a farmer, farm family, or partnership that maintains and exemplifies outstanding farming practices.

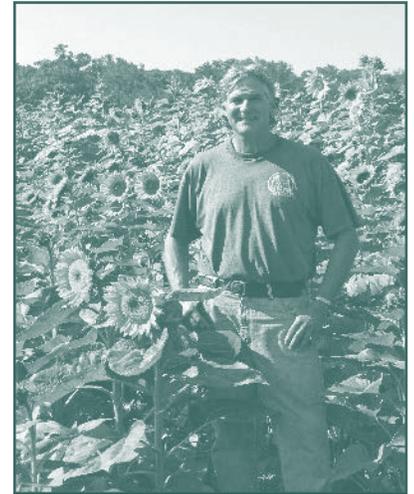
Hillary Krummrich, on behalf of the Agricultural Development Council, commended Bob for his passion for agriculture and conservation. Krummrich also highlighted Bob's willingness to support and promote other agricultural producers and his service to his community through agricultural organizations. Farmer Bob, as he is fondly known to many Willistowners, is also the only farmer in Chester County that has been awarded both Farmer of the Year and the Distinguished Service to Agriculture award.

Bob's farm, Sugartown Strawberries, is located at Willisbrook Farm, a 230-acre working farm in Chester County that has been in the family since 1896! In 1996, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge attended the farm's 100-year celebration and presented the state's "Century Farm" certificate to the family. The farm has 100 acres of tillable land and is registered as a Natural Wildlife Habitat by

the National Wildlife Federation.

In addition to growing asparagus and strawberries in the spring, Bob also specializes in growing sweet corn, vegetables, and sunflowers. He is probably most known for providing fall family fun on the farm with just a few pumpkins in the mix!

Bob shares his passion for farming and conservation with over 5,000 school children each year. Children learn about agriculture, pollination, nutrition, land preservation and conservation, wildlife, technology, weather, and Native American and Quaker history.



Farmer Bob—outstanding in his field!



### Historic Sugartown News

#### Volunteer Interest Meeting March 9, 7pm, Carriage Museum

Love history? Long to share your passion for the past with others? Historic Sugartown wants your help with school tours, programs, and events, as well as caring for our artifact collections. Meet the staff and learn more about volunteer opportunities at Historic Sugartown. Registration is not required, but we would be glad to know you are coming! Sign up online or contact Faith McCarrick at 610-640-2667 or [famccarrick@historicsugartown.org](mailto:famccarrick@historicsugartown.org).

#### Mother's Day Gift Workshop for Kids May 2, 11am-2:00pm

##### Calling All Kids and Dads!

Come on down to Historic Sugartown! Our c. 1880 General Store will be set up so your children can "shop" for gift materials. Then join us at our Design Station to create a gift that Mom will cherish forever. Gift Workshop Admission: \$6/Child for their gift-making supplies. Adults free. Regular adult admission prices apply for guided tours. **Tours Starting May 2!** 11am-4pm Saturdays and 1-4pm Sundays

#### Township Campus Named *continued from page 1.*

his home a new-fangled device, only the second in the area: a telephone. Charles E. Coxe was a man of the new era! It may be difficult to imagine in 2015, but at the time Coxe arrived in Willistown, one of the chief problems facing residents was the serious crime of horse theft. In the world before motor vehicles, horses were the keystone of economic life. They provided transportation, pulled the plow, and turned the wheel. Many small farmers could only afford one horse, and losing it to a thief could condemn a farmer and his family to poverty or even death. No one could survive long without a horse. Naturally, such a valuable commodity would be the target of thieves who could readily sell their stolen goods in the city where the demand was high. At that time, Willistown had no police department. Residents relied on a single Constable for all police and public safety needs. Shortly after settling in the Township, Coxe

was elected Justice of the Peace—what we call the District Justice today. As Justice of the Peace, he performed weddings, dealt with small claims and lawsuits, and conducted arraignments of suspected horse thieves and other lawbreakers arrested by the Constable. Needless to say, in the absence of cars, there was no traffic court! And, as there was no Township building in Willistown, for many years Mr. Coxe handled the duties of Justice of the Peace out of his home on Sugartown Road. This system worked well until one day, after having been repeatedly awakened in the early hours of the morning by the Constable bringing miscreants to the door, Louisa Coxe told her husband that she would no longer tolerate having criminals arraigned in her Living Room. Charles Coxe solved his problem (and the Township's) by acquiring and donating the land that became the first part of what is now the Township campus on Sugartown Road. He built what many will remember

as the "Old Township Building" which was demolished in 1991 and replaced with what is soon to be the Administration Building. The Old Township Building served as a location for the business of the Constable and the Justice of the Peace. Additionally, its second floor was set aside as a community hall where local groups gathered and public dances were held on Saturday nights. Willistown Township has certainly changed since Charles Coxe settled here 120 years ago, yet we honor and remember him today as a founding and leading citizen, innovative farmer, and Justice of the Peace. \*The consolidated lands include the following: On the west side of Sugartown Road, the farm began at Boot Road and headed north, including the property just north of Willisbrook Preserve. On the east side of Sugartown Road, the farm began at Spring Road and headed north up to and including Old Barn Lane. The farm also included some parcels in the crossroads village of Historic Sugartown.

## Chester County's Household Hazardous Waste Spring Recycling Event

Saturday, April 11 • 9 AM–3 PM

Center for Arts & Technology: 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville

This is a Chester County-sponsored event, not a Willistown Township event. Please note: E-waste will not be accepted. *Do not leave chemicals, paints, poisons, etc. at the Township building. The Township does not have any capabilities for disposing of this material. Note: E-waste will be accepted at the Township building on April 11.*

### Household Hazardous Waste Materials Accepted (if properly labeled)

#### Paint Products

- Oil-based paints
- Paint thinners
- Shellac
- Solvent-based paint products
- Stains/varnishes
- Strippers/removers
- Turpentine
- Wallpaper cement

#### Household Products

- Adhesives/solvents
- Drain openers
- Dry cleaning fluid
- Kerosene
- Mothballs/flakes
- Rechargeable batteries – lithium, ni-cad, and button
- Rug cleaners
- Spot removers
- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Wood/metal cleaners

#### Outdoor Products

- Asphalt sealers
- Caulking compounds
- Joint compound
- Rodent poison
- Roof cements
- Septic tank degreasers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Weed killers

#### Automotive Products

- Antifreeze
- Batteries – lead-acid type: car, truck, motorcycle, and marine
- Carburetor cleaners
- Fuel additives
- Gas/oil mixtures
- Gasoline
- Grease/rust solvents
- Transmission/brake fluids

#### Other

- Acids/caustics/solvents
- Flammables
- Lead
- Mercury-bearing items – thermometer switches
- Organic peroxide
- Oxidizers
- Pesticides

- Reactive metals
- Reactives

#### Acceptable E-Waste

Due to a disagreement between manufacturers of E-Waste (computers and televisions, primarily) and the PA Dept of Environmental Protection, the collection of E-Waste at Chester County sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events has been suspended for 2015. Effort to reach a new agreement is underway, but there is no timetable for when that will be finalized. Willistown's Recycling Commission will monitor this situation and periodically post the status on the Willistown website and in the Towne Crier newsletter.

#### Items NOT Accepted!

- Non-recyclable alkaline batteries
- Ammunition
- Appliances
- Asbestos
- E-Waste
- Explosives
- Freon appliances
- Oxygen/helium/propane gas cylinders
- Infectious/medical waste
- Latex paint (water-based)
- PCBs
- Pressurized CFCs & HCFCs
- Radioactive waste
- Tires
- Used motor oil
- White goods
- Unidentified waste



**NOTE: It's not necessary to bring regular alkaline household batteries to an HHW collection site. They may be thrown in the trash. Better yet, buy rechargeable batteries!**

## Willistown's 14th Annual Township Drop-off Recycling Event

Saturday, April 11 • 9 AM–1 PM

Willistown Township Building 688 Sugartown Road

### Metal, Tires, Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, and Electronics (E-Waste)

Willistown's Recycling Commission has organized its annual one-day, no-charge, drop-off recycling program for the following items:

- All computer monitors and peripherals: keyboards, CPUs, printers, modems, scanners, servers, terminals, network equipment, speakers, mice, cathode ray tubes (CRTs), and other computer parts.
- Fax and copying machines, typewriters, telephones, tape recorders, VCRs, DVRs, CD and DVD players, record players, tuners, amplifiers, cameras, projectors, audio and music equipment, speakers, test equipment, transformers, videotape recorders, antennae, cables, wire, and circuit boards.
- Television sets and radios, including portables, stereos, radio/TV tubes.
- Household appliances, including irons, toasters, microwave ovens, mixers, blenders, vacuum cleaners, hair dryers, electric cooking pans/pots, lamps, clocks, kitchen ovens, cooking ranges, outdoor grills\*, dishwashers, clothes washers/dryers, water heaters, and dehumidifiers.
- Metal items (any type), including bedsprings, bed frames, lawn mowers (push and rider), gym equipment, auto wheels, doorknobs, shelving, kitchen utensils, toys, kitchen cabinets, metal furniture, pipes, wire, etc. Bring copper, brass, cast aluminum, steel, iron, tin, and other lesser-known metals. If it's metal, it will be accepted.\*
- Items containing Freon, such as refrigerators and air-conditioning units. Freon will be removed free of charge, representing a savings of \$60/item!
- Tires, on or off the rim. Limit of six (6) car tires per vehicle. Truck tires larger than 16.5 inches in rim diameter must be off the rim or they will

not be accepted.\*

- Lawn mower, auto, and boat batteries
- Propane tanks
- Videotapes, audiotapes, and computer disks
- Cell phones
- Printer cartridges (ink jet, laser, toner)
- Rechargeable household batteries (NiCAD nickel-cadmium, lithium) Note: Non-recyclable alkaline batteries may be placed in the regular trash.
- Fluorescent tubular, compact fluorescent, and incandescent light bulbs

To date, residents have recycled over 100 tons of material.

Items listed as "Exceptions" will not be accepted under any circumstances. Willistown's Recycling Commission reserves the right to identify items that will or will not be accepted.

This program is funded by a recycling grant awarded to the Township for the annual recycling performance of our residents. Let's keep recycling Willistown!

Note: No lingering in or around the dump area.

#### \*EXCEPTIONS—Will Not Be Accepted!

- No chemicals, paints, oils, or other hazardous waste will be accepted at the Willistown site.
- Completely remove all oil and gasoline from equipment. Remove batteries from lawn mowers.
- No oil tanks.
- No upholstered furniture. Removed metal will be accepted.
- Outdoor grills must be clean.
- No mattresses.
- No sneakers.
- Large tractor and truck tires will not be accepted.

Have questions about recycling or recycling events?

Contact Jim Tate, Chairman of Willistown's Recycling Commission: 610-647-7361.

## From the Chief

I hope you all had a great Holiday. Thanks to everyone who brought cookies, food, and candy to the station for our officers during the holiday season. What a kind gesture!



On December 10, 2014, we hosted a ribbon cutting and open house for our new police building. What a great turnout! Thanks for the feedback and kind words. We also thank our outstanding District Attorney Tom Hogan, Senator Tom McGarrigle, Representative Duane Milne, County Controller and former Supervisor Norman MacQueen, Magisterial District Justice Tom Tartaglio, and former Magisterial District Justice Chet Darlington for joining us.

Several years ago, I approached our then Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Bill Shoemaker, and expressed concerns that the current police building had serious safety and space deficiencies. Mr. Shoemaker reviewed the issues, and the process began. I want to thank Mr. Shoemaker for his time and energy assuring that we brought the building in on budget, solved our legal requirements, and built a facility that would last 15-25 years. Thanks, Bill, for your unwavering commitment to public safety.

The building was meant to capture the history of Willistown.

*Our commemoration plaque reads, "Dedicated to the Citizens of Willistown Township for their constant and dedicated support of their police department." The police and residents share an outstanding relationship, and this was an appropriate way to display that for all to see.*

— Chief John Narcise

When people enter Willistown, they think "What a beautiful community!" This building adds to it. Many people have told me how nice the building is and that the design and stonework are perfect. This building belongs to you, our

residents, and it should look good. We were very fortunate that our architect, Dave Schrader, and General Contractor, Frank Houder, are both Township residents. They wanted this building to be the best. Thanks, Dave and Frank, it was great working with you!

We also had several residents that worked on the building during the process. I could see there was a sense of pride among the contractors. We had many meetings, cold days, and a few

setbacks. In the end, however, this building is something that will provide us the ability to maintain best police practices and in turn continue the excellent service you deserve.

When you enter the front lobby of the building, you will see a plaque that reads "Dedicated to the Citizens of Willistown Township for their constant and dedicated support of their police department." As I have said for so many years, the police and residents share an outstanding relationship, and this was an appropriate way to display that for all to see.



Pictured at the grand opening of the new Police building are Tom Hogan, Bill Shoemaker, Frank Houder, George McHugh, Bob Lange, Robert Klingler, John Narcise, Duane Milne, and Dave Burman.

Once again, I would like to thank Supervisors Bob Lange, Bill Shoemaker, and former Supervisor Norman MacQueen for voting "yes" to this important project. I would like to thank current Supervisor George McHugh who was appointed while the project was under way, and who helped with the progress through completion. With their approval of this project, the Supervisors leave no doubt that they are serious about protecting the citizens of Willistown Township.

One of the best Supervisors meetings you will attend is our annual Police Awards Night. Bring your family to meet and support your police department on March 9th, 7pm, at Sugartown Elementary School. Officers will be recognized for their exceptional work. I look forward to seeing you there.

Working together, we can continue to keep Willistown Township one of the safest places to live. Let's keep working hard in 2015 to reach this goal.

Stay Safe, John Narcise

## ADMINISTRATION

### New Hires in Zoning and Public Works



#### Deputy Zoning Officer

Since 2005, Neil Vaughn has worked in zoning and codes enforcement in municipal government with West Chester Borough, West Caln Township, and West Whiteland Township. He has been a member of the Malvern Fire Company for over 20 years and currently serves as the Fire Chief. Neil grew up in Malvern Borough and has lived with his wife and two children in Willistown Township for almost 10 years. Neil looks forward to working with the municipal team here and serving the residents of Willistown.

#### Road Crew

Frank Mischler and Steven Jamieson have joined the Public Works crew. Frank has 6 years of municipal public works experience, serving his last two in Haverford Township. Frank hails from Havertown. Steven has over 20 years of utility line work and backhoe operation experience. He has two daughters and hails from Newtown Square. Both new crew members have Commercial Drivers Licenses.





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**Watershed Improvement: Homeowners Play a Role!**

Join Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association on Sunday, March 8th at 2pm on the campus of Penn State Brandywine for Sustainable Landscape Management for Landowners presented by Jennifer Nichols of GreenWeaver Landscapes. Details and (free) registration: [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).



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## Mark your Calendars

**March 8**

**CRC Lecture: Sustainable Landscape Management for Landowners**  
Penn State Brandywine • 2pm  
See [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org)

**March 9**

**Willistown Police Awards Night**  
Sugartown Elementary School • 7pm

**March 9**

**Historic Sugartown Volunteer Interest Meeting**  
Carriage Museum • 7pm

**March 9**

**Seized in September—The Revolutionary War in Delaware**  
Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund  
General Warren Inne • 6pm Sharp

**April 11**

**Chester County's HHW Drop-off**  
Center for Arts & Technology  
1580 Charlestown Rd., Phoenixville  
9am–3pm

**April 11**

**Willistown's Annual Township Drop-off Recycling Event**  
688 Sugartown Road, Malvern • 9am–1pm

**April 13**

**The Great Divide: The Conflict Between Washington and Jefferson that Defined a Nation**  
Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund  
General Warren Inne • 6pm Sharp

**May 2**

**Historic Sugartown's Mother's Day Gift Workshop**  
690 Sugartown Road, Malvern • 11am–2pm

**May 16**

**Document/Paper Shredding**  
688 Sugartown Road, Malvern • 9am–1pm

**June–August**

**Go WilMa! Outdoor Adventure Program**  
Sign up @ Malvern & Paoli Libraries  
See page 2 inside for details!

**Expanded Willistown Township  
Summer Camps...see pages 2 & 3!**

