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Manager's Message



Greetings Willistown Residents!

It's early October now, temperatures are a bit cooler, the leaves are beginning to turn, and the Township has been working on next year's budget.

Willistown provides a variety of services including police protection, public works, sanitary sewers, stormwater management, parks maintenance, recreation programming, planning, zoning, and code enforcement. Much of this is often unseen and sometimes unnoticed, but it's necessary to maintain the high quality of life in our community. For example, the Township's Public Works Department works very hard to ensure our existing stormwater infrastructure remains clear of sediment or debris. They clean and maintain our park pavilions and restrooms, collect garbage in our preserves, and ensure the safe and efficient operation of our sewage pumping stations. During snowstorms, our crews will work around the clock to ensure the roads are safe and passable. The Township also provides several recycling events each year and contributes financially to our volunteer fire companies and local libraries. Willistown delivers all of these services, and many others, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our community.

Each Pennsylvania municipality determines their service levels based on local needs. Today's service levels are the result of a series of decisions, both implicit and explicit, made by generations of elected township officials and key members of the community who have participated in local government over the years. As employees of the Township, our goal is to continue providing these services at the level you have come to expect while responding to requests for additional services from Supervisors and residents alike.

During the budget process, we compare Willistown to other municipalities. Such comparisons can be challenging because municipalities vary significantly in terms of size, population, services provided, and financial reporting. In consideration of these differences, we analyzed a group of Pennsylvania townships similar to Willistown that met the following criteria:

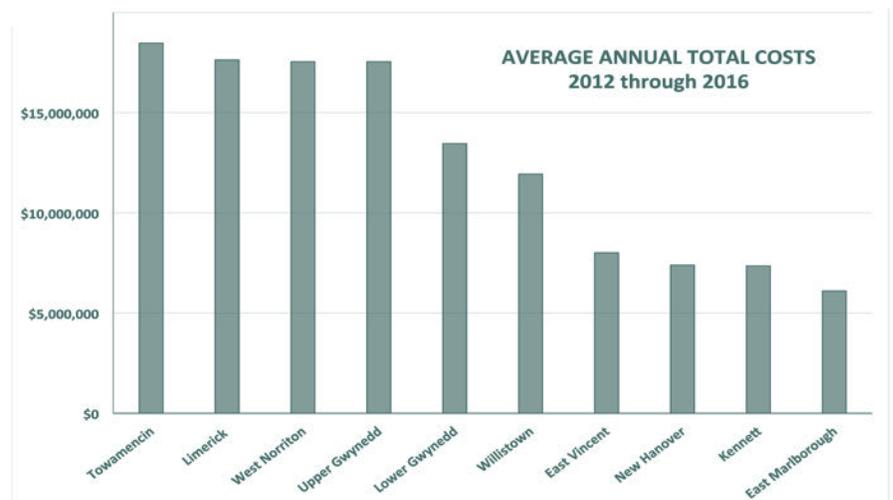
- Located in the four Philadelphia suburban counties
- Land area greater than 5 square miles
- Population less than 20,000 residents
- Solid waste collection provided by private haulers
- Some or all sanitary sewer service provided by the municipality
- Police protection provided by the municipal police department
- Fire protection provided by volunteer fire companies

These municipalities are: East Marlborough, East Vincent, Kennett, and Willistown Townships in Chester County; and

Limerick, Lower Gwynedd, New Hanover, Towamencin, Upper Gwynedd, and West Norriton Townships in Montgomery County. Charts on page five show the size of each Township in square miles and the local road miles for which they are responsible. You'll notice that Willistown is one of the larger municipalities in the group.

Having established that Willistown is similar in size and services to these townships, we analyzed the total costs of each municipal operation. Because operations and expenses fluctuate from year-to-year, we compared the average annual total costs for each municipality over the last five reporting years (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016) according to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Municipal Statistics Office's database. The chart below illustrates the results of this analysis.

You can see that Willistown's average annual total costs over the five-year period is well within the range of townships of a similar size and magnitude of services.



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Spotted Lanternfly: Action Required!

What is it?

The Spotted Lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula*, is an invasive planthopper that has arrived in many southeastern Pennsylvania counties including Chester and Delaware. These counties are under Plant Pest Quarantine because of the Lanternfly. Native to China, India, and Vietnam, it was introduced to Korea where it is now a major pest. This insect has the potential to significantly impact the grape, hops, plant nursery, landscape, and logging industries in PA.

Early detection and control are vital for the protection of Pennsylvania businesses and agriculture. Important identification, quarantine, and management information can be found at willistown.pa.us under Parks Department/Stewardship. Call the Penn State Extension Spotted Lanternfly hotline with questions and to report your sightings, 1-888-422-3359, and please read on to find out what property owners need to do.

What does it do?

It does not bite or sting humans. The Lanternfly's favored host is Tree of Heaven, and its primary targets are landscape plant material (nursery trees and ornamentals—what's planted in your yard), fruit and hardwood trees, willows, grape vines, and hops. It is documented to feed on over 70 species of trees and plants. It damages its host causing sap to ooze from the trees, plant wilting, leaf curling, and possibly death.

The insect sucks up the plant sap and excretes a substance known as honeydew that can coat plants, the ground underneath, and porches attracting gnats, bees, and other unwanted insects to your yard. The nymphs eat the leaves of the plants. The insects weaken the plants and can kill them.

Why should I care?

According to the Penn State Extension, this insect directly or indirectly affects everyone who lives in Pennsylvania. On a homeowner's scale, the Spotted Lanternfly can damage and kill your landscape plants and spread to those of your neighbors, be unsightly, and impact your quality of life. Thousands of them can gather if left unchecked. Not just a costly nuisance, this small insect has the potential of lowering property values.

On a state-wide scale, the Lanternfly is a severe threat to PA's hardwood (maple, cherry, oak, poplar, beech, hickory), fruit (peaches, apples, wine grapes), nursery stock,

landscape, and hop industries and businesses which comprise \$18 billion in revenue for the state. For further perspective, Pennsylvania is the number one exporter of hardwoods in the country, if not in the world. Pennsylvania's tourism industry brings in \$41 billion annually and is also in jeopardy. These are significant components of the PA economy.

There are no natural predators for this insect. A female can lay up to 200 eggs in her lifespan. Cold winters do not kill the egg masses—they hatch in spring unless people remove them. Containing the Lantern Flies is particularly challenging because they don't merely lay eggs on plants or in the soil—they deposit their eggs on nearly anything including wheel wells, trailers, shipping containers, and train cars. This mobility is very concerning...it is no wonder that the PA Department of Agriculture is asking for everyone's help with controlling this invasive insect.

What do I need to do?

At home:

Right now through the winter walk your property looking for and destroying adult Spotted Lanternflies and their eggs. The adults die after the first or second frost, but it's important to destroy them until then because they are busy perpetuating their species and laying egg masses until they die. Fresh egg masses look like smeared putty and dried ones look like cracked mud. Look for the eggs on hard surfaces outside including trees, outdoor furniture, rocks, and benches. Destroy the egg masses through mid-May—they hatch in June! Scrape them with a stick or credit card into a plastic bag with hand sanitizer in it. See the Willistown or Penn State Extension website for life cycle images and management calendars.

Identify any Tree of Heaven on your property—do not cut it down! The plant has a re-sprouting capability and comes back exponentially when cut down—it must be appropriately treated first. For more information on this, please search for Tree of Heaven at extension.psu.edu.

At the park or preserve:

Please help us by contacting Mary at mhundert@willistown.pa.us with your sightings of adult Lanternflies and egg masses. Provide the property, specific location, and any action you took. There are sanitizer dispensers near the dog waste stations at Okehocking and Serpentine Preserves. Please use the dog

waste bags, sanitizer, and a stick or credit card to scrape any egg masses you see, then tie the bag and put it in the trash. The Willistown Township website links to a video on how to remove the egg masses.

INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETING

Learn about the Spotted Lanternfly, its identification, and how to manage it and its favored host tree, the Tree of Heaven.

**Homeowners
Landscapers
Property managers
Municipal Employees**

Thursday, November 15 • 7 PM

**Presented by Michael E. Panuschka, Forester
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Plant Industry, Entomology Division**

**Hosted by: Willistown Township Parks & Recreation
Location: General Wayne Elementary Auditorium**

Look before you go!

We are in a Plant Pest Quarantine Area. Spotted Lanternflies are not strong fliers. They will hitchhike a ride on such things as you, your vehicle, plants, items that sit outside, and yard waste. Look for the insect and its egg masses on your yard waste before you put it at the curb and on your vehicles and anything you are transporting that has been outside.

Spread the word!

Please plan to tell your family members, friends, and neighbors about the Spotted Lanternfly, our public meeting and the Penn State Extension website, extension.psu.edu.

Attend our Public Meeting

Please plan to attend our public meeting and spread the word, details above. Michael E. Panuschka, Malvern resident and forester with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will give a presentation and answer your questions.

Where's the most up to date information?

Go to the Penn State Extension at extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly. The information in this article was compiled from the Penn State Extension and the PA Department of Agriculture.

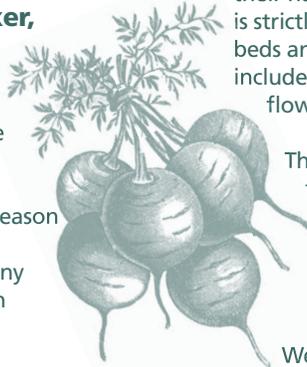
WILLISTOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sugartown Preserve • Willistown Parks & Recreation

Rain, Rain, Go Away!

From Jennifer Becker,
Project Manager

What grows well in rain-soaked garden plots? The gardeners at Willistown Community Garden have been wondering this all season long! The never-ending summer rains created many issues for those of us with green thumbs.



Washed-away seeds, lanky plants deprived of sunlight, molds, fungi, and soil compaction were just some of the challenges we faced this year at the garden. Unfortunately, the weeds were one of the few prolific crops.

The Willistown Community Garden is a place for residents who are interested in gardening to gather, garden, and learn from one another. Each gardener who

becomes a member donates a portion of their harvest to those in need. The garden is strictly organic. Members work personal beds and share "community" plots which include blackberries, a cutting garden for flowers, and an herb garden.

The garden is a busy place, thanks to those who volunteer their time and talent mentoring new members, sharing ideas, and harvesting food for local food cupboards including Good Samaritan and Paoli Presbyterian Churches and West Chester Food Cupboard.

November arrives with the red and gold leaves cascading to the ground and turning brown. Their crunch beneath our feet is a sign that it is almost time for the earth and her gardeners to rest and dream about next year's perfectly-watered, weed-free garden. If you are interested in garden membership, please contact Mary Hundt, the Parks and Recreation Director, at 610-647-5300 x224.

ADMINISTRATION

Willistown Township Community Service Award

Make Your Nominations!

The spirit of volunteerism in Willistown Township government is strong. A total of 66 residents serve on Willistown's many boards and committees. We recognize and honor the efforts of our volunteers by presenting the Community Service Award to one such volunteer.

Willistown's Board of Supervisors is looking for nominations. In order for a candidate to qualify for the Willistown Township Community Service Award, he or she must be currently serving or have served on one of the Township boards and committees, including:

- Bartram Bridge Commission
- Board of Appeals

- Historical Commission
- Land Conservancy Authority
- Malvern Library Board
- Open Space Review Board
- Paoli Library Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Planning Commission
- Recycling Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Vacancy Board

Send your nomination in today! Include your name with a letter of recommendation to Mary Hundt at mhundt@willistown.pa.us by Monday, December 4. Please contact Mary at 610-647-5300 x224 with any questions.

**24/7
Twp
Drop
Boxes**



We offer convenient, locked drop boxes by the front and back entrance doors of the Township Administration office. If you are visiting after hours or are just in a hurry, simply lift the lid and slip your correspondence through the slot. Staff members check the boxes regularly.

Outside @ Okehocking

You're Invited! Cocoa & Coffee Klatch

11/18 & 12/2 • 8:30 AM

Klatch (noun): a social gathering, especially for coffee (or cocoa) and conversation.

Willistown Parks & Recreation cordially invites you to join staff and board members for coffee, cocoa, confections, and conversation about all things Okehocking at 8:30 AM on November 18 and December 2. Share a cup and a treat with us before you head off hiking. We will meet by the meadow across from the Leash Free Field. We will have treats for furry friends on leash as well.

Okehocking Weed Warrior Program

Weeds Beware!

First Saturdays through April
9 AM to Noon

Looking for fresh air exercise this fall and winter? After the leaves fall is a perfect time to tackle unwanted non-native plants. Join the Weed Warriors at Okehocking Preserve the first Saturday of every month through April 1 from 9 AM-noon! Help fight the plants and vines that threaten the overall health of the Preserve and encroach on trails. Thanks go to Dave Smith our dedicated Weed Warrior for taking the lead! Email Dave, okehockingweedwarrior@gmail.com, or Mary, mhundt@willistown.pa.us, for more information or visit willistown.pa.us under Parks & Recreation Department.

We want to hear from you

Sign Up Today!

- PARKS & REC**
- Event info •
 - Programming Surveys •
 - News •

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Willistown Snow Removal Tips & Info

The Willistown Township Public Works Department takes great pride executing snow removal operations. The eight-man crew clears 57 miles of Township roadways and 12 miles of PennDOT roadways in a quick, efficient, and safe manner to ensure the safety of its residents.

Residents can do their part to facilitate the process. No vehicles are to be parked on roadways or cul-de-sacs from the onset of the snow until the roadways have been completely cleared. Cars that are parked on roadways and cul-de-sacs can hinder snow removal operations and may cause plowing delays because of access and available locations to pile plowed snow. Crews make every effort to clear the snow, but may have to return the following day after the vehicles are moved to finish. Please refer to chapter 108 of the Willistown Township Code, available online, for a complete list of rules and regulations.

Mailboxes should be located at least one foot behind the face of the curb at a height of four feet.



Mailboxes located closer to the street and/or lower to the ground are most

vulnerable to damage during plowing operations. Make sure your mailbox is sturdy and add extra support if needed. The Township is not responsible for mailbox replacement due to snow coming off the plow; we will, however, replace a mailbox

that is physically hit by a plow truck.

Do not deposit shoveled, blown, or plowed snow onto public streets or storm sewers. This can cause dangerous conditions and is a violation of the law, punishable with a fine up to \$1,000. Please refer to Chapter 119-39 through 119-42 of the Township Code for a complete list of rules and regulations.

When possible, wait to clear your sidewalks and driveway aprons until the Public Works Department has completed their snow removal operations. During plowing, crews may make a pass in and a pass out of a roadway in order to allow access for emergency vehicles, and the roadway may be completed at a later time when the snow has stopped.

Please be patient. Snow removal takes time, especially in heavy snowfall. Crews begin salting at the onset of the storm. Once two inches of snow falls, plowing begins. Roads are plowed in an order based on traffic: state roadways first, major secondary roadways second, and the tertiary roads last.

Report any problems to Willistown Township at 610-647-5300, 8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. Please leave your name, address, contact number, and the nature of the problem. Calls received after 4 PM may not be acted upon until the next business day. You may also report potholes for Township roads under Report a Concern on the left side menu of our website: willistown.pa.us. On Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, emergencies may be reported to the Willistown Township Police Department at 610-647-1440.

Who Plows Willistown Roads?

Willistown Township has a winter maintenance agreement with PennDOT to plow and salt the following roadways:

- Providence Road from Goshen Road to Sugartown Road
- Sugartown Road from Goshen Road to King Road
- Devon Road from Paoli Pike to South Cedar Hollow Road
- Warren Avenue from Goshen Road to Paoli Pike
- South Valley Road from Devon Road to Whitehorse Road
- North Cedar Hollow Road from Central Avenue to Tredyffrin Township Line

The following roadways are plowed by PennDOT:

- King Road from Sugartown Road to the East Whiteland Township Line
- Paoli Pike, from Line Road to Lancaster Avenue
- Providence Road, from Goshen Road to West Chester Pike (Route 3)
- Goshen Road
- Delchester Road
- West Chester Pike (Route 3)
- Lancaster Avenue (Route 30)
- Street Road (Route 926)

PennDOT Contact Information:
Call 1-800-FIX-ROAD to report potholes. Call 610-566-0972, PennDOT District 6 offices, with general questions or concerns regarding state roadways.

RECYCLING ROUNDUP



2018 has certainly been a wild year for recycling! Changing political and economic landscapes have ushered in historic lows in the recyclables markets. Glass has little value; cardboard must be clean and free of plastic to be marketable, and landfills are receiving more and more recyclables due to the lack of American markets.

Are you a Willistown resident who is passionate about recycling? If so, please

consider applying for the vacancy on our Recycling Commission! Jim Tate's impending move has left us not only bereft but in need of another enthusiastic, hardworking, dedicated person willing to volunteer their time for this vital cause. Please send seven copies of your resume and a brief cover letter to the Willistown Recycling Commission, 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA 19355.

Waste haulers serving Willistown are required to notify their clients of the

special dates when leaves, yard waste, and Christmas trees will be picked up for composting. Leaves and yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags available at hardware and home supply stores. Do not use plastic bags—they won't be picked up. Please contact your hauler if you haven't received the pickup dates.

Our annual coat collection has come to an end after many years of great success. You may go to onewarmcoat.org to find coat drive donation sites near you.

Questions? Contact Recycling Commission Chairman, Molly Perrin, at molly_birmingham@hotmail.com

Manager's Message

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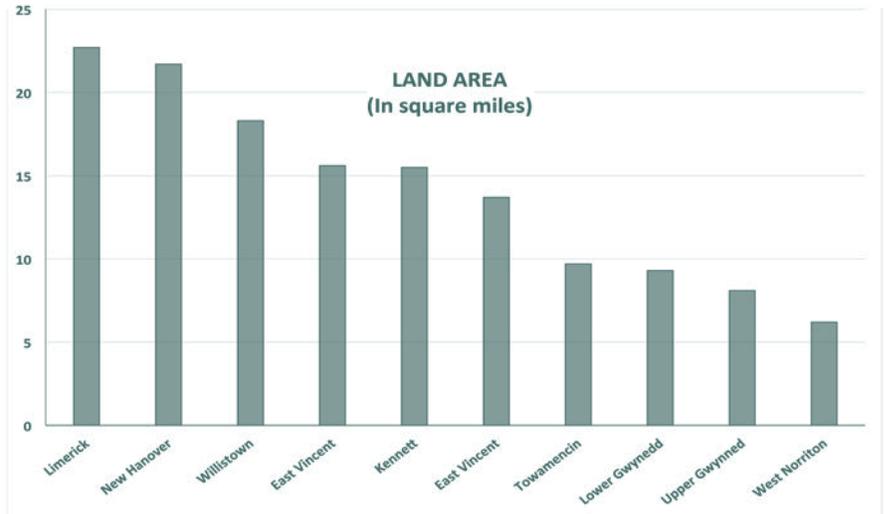
As part of this analysis, we also consider reports on Willistown's operations from the financial services industry. Moody's Investors Service provides international financial research on bonds issued by commercial and government entities. Earlier this year, Moody's reported that "Willistown Township's credit position is very high quality, and its Aa1 rating is stronger than the median rating of Aa3 for cities nationwide." Furthermore, in 2016, Moody's commented on Willistown's "... strong financial management..." Willistown's Supervisors and residents should be proud of the community in which they live.

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In the coming weeks, we will present the 2019 budget proposal to the Board of Supervisors. The budget will be advertised locally and available on our website and in person beginning on or about November 23, 2018. The Supervisors will consider

adoption of the budget during their meeting on December 17. As always, please email me directly with questions, concerns, or comments, and feel free to attend the Supervisors' meeting to provide your input.

–Dave Burman, Township Manager



Indeed, we are proud of this good news. That said, we are well aware that Willistown is not immune to the unique challenges facing local governments nationwide. The financial impact of federal and state stormwater management regulations sometimes referred to as "MS4" cannot be overstated. We are also very concerned with the sharply declining numbers of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians. In addition, we face potential volatility in the cost of fuel, utilities, healthcare benefits, and postretirement liabilities. We must also look at the long-term capital and infrastructure needs of the Township. We consider all of these factors during the budget process, always focused on providing the highest quality services with your tax dollars.



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From the Chief

Our successful "Growing Beards for Charity" program raised \$4,000 last year, and once again members of the Willistown Police Department are permitted to grow facial hair through January 1, 2019. I want to thank the Willistown Police Association for supporting this effort through their donation. We have

"challenged" the West Goshen Township and Malvern Borough Police Departments to join us in raising money for Unite for HER and Beards for Buc.

Unite for HER is committed to helping women diagnosed with breast cancer navigate their way through treatment by providing complementary therapies designed to promote physical and emotional wellness. Their goal is to be a continued resource and support system for those affected by breast cancer. We are thrilled to receive the 2018-19 Unite for HER Community Partner Award in recognition of outstanding commitment and tireless efforts on behalf of breast cancer patients. We share this award with our friends at the West Goshen Police Department. Find out more at uniteforher.org.

Beards for Buc is in memory of Christopher J. Sambuco, affectionately known as Buc by all who knew him, who passed away suddenly on April 12, 2018. Buc was a Sergeant with the Caln Township Police Department, a devoted husband and father, and a long-time public servant. Now we have the opportunity to serve him by helping his wife, Kristine, and their four young children. Donations go to the Sambuco Children Education Fund. If you are interested in contributing to these charities, donations may be dropped off at our station at 688 Sugartown Road between 8 AM and 4 PM weekdays. If you have any questions or need further details, please contact our staff at 610-251-0222.

PennDOT is implementing a new, flashing yellow arrow signal to provide what they deem is a safer and more efficient left turn for motorists regulating turns from West Chester Pike at the intersection of Stoneham Drive. Please note: a flashing yellow

arrow means "yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians and then proceed with caution."

Our Traffic Unit monitors our roadways and suggests improvements that will enhance the safety of the roads within our Township. We continue to conduct traffic studies and work with PennDOT to reduce speeding and crashes. We appreciate your continued awareness of all speed limits and traffic control devices. Let's keep Willistown safe together.

-John M. Narcise

New Signal Instructions

Steady Red Arrow

Drivers turning left must
Stop and wait.

Steady Yellow Arrow

Drivers turning left should
prepare to stop.

Flashing Yellow Arrow

Drivers turning left may proceed after yielding
to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

Steady Green Arrow

Drivers turning left may proceed after yielding
to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.



Home Firearm Safety

December 6 • 6–8 PM

Township Building • Pre-Registration Required

The Willistown Police Department will host a class on Home Firearm Safety on December 6 at the Willistown Township building. Pre-registration is required, and you must be 18 years or older to attend. Please send an email to signup@willistown.us to register. Our presenter, Officer Andrew Wahn, is a certified firearms instructor responsible for the Use of Force training for our police department. He is also a sniper for the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team.

COMMUNITY



**HISTORIC
SUGARTOWN**

A Sugartown Christmas

Saturday, December 8

11 AM–3 PM

Bring your family to Historic Sugartown for some holiday fun.

Explore the historic village and hear about Victorian Christmas traditions. Sugar up at Sugartown! Kids will get a chance to decorate cookies and gingerbread houses and try their hand at making Victorian-style ornaments and Christmas cards. Visit with Santa at our c. 1805 William Garrett House and enjoy holiday treats and hot cocoa!

Admission: \$7 Per Person. Children ages 2 and younger admitted free. Fun for

the whole family! No pre-registration required.

Guided tours

Through End of November

Saturdays • 11 AM–4 PM

Sundays • 1–4 PM

Enjoy a guided tour of the 19th century village. You'll "shop" in the circa 1880 General Store, see the Book Bindery, view our Willistown tall-case clocks in the circa 1805 Garrett House, and enjoy the Chester County Historical Society transportation exhibit in our Carriage Museum.

Admission: \$7/Adult, \$5/Child (3–17 years).

LIBRARY NEWS

Malvern Public Library

ccls.org or 610-644-7259

What a summer—we had a record number of GO WilMa! and summer reading participants this year, as well as hundreds of submissions in our new adult summer reading program. See you all again next summer!

Save the date: The library is hosting a holiday book sale from Thursday, November 29, to Saturday, December 1. Pick up all your holiday gifts and support the library! For more information including pricing, please check with the library.

Are you attending Christmas on King this year in Malvern Borough? We will have candy canes and a Christmas craft for preschool and school-aged children from 11 AM – 1 PM, and a special reading of The Polar Express at 11 AM.

Winter storytime registration begins on November 12 for children ages birth to six years with the program starting on December 3. For details and registration, please check our online calendar.

The library hosts Morning Book Club at 10 AM and Evening Book Club at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of every month. New members can pick up a copy of the book at the front desk. No registration needed.

The library will host a Stewards of Children child sexual abuse prevention training on Tuesday, November 20, from 6 PM–8 PM. One in ten children are assaulted before the age of 18, and over 90% of children know their abuser. We can change that through learning how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for parents, mandated reporters, organizations that serve youth, and individuals concerned about the safety of children. Please RSVP to Deborah Ryan at the Crime Victims' Center of Chester County, Inc. at debr@cvcofcc.org or call 610-692-1926 ext. 220. Walk-ins are welcome.



Giving Tuesday is November 27, 2018. Can you support your local library this year? Thanks to our generous patrons we can maintain high-quality programs and services.

Paoli Public Library

tredyffrinlibraries.org
or 610-296-7996

A Paoli Library card is your ticket to a wealth of resources unheard of in the library of your childhood. Check out a Wi-Fi hotspot or a GoPro camera, or borrow a museum pass for free admission to the Museum of the American Revolution, the Academy of Natural Sciences, or other local attractions. Check out free e-books and e-audiobooks (this collection has doubled since last fall!) from the comfort of your home. If you're new to checking out materials online or have other tech questions, we can help!

Our ever-changing lineup of children's programs includes Little Learners' Lapsit for babies from birth to age 2 with their caregivers. Join Miss Stephanie for weekly Family Storytimes for parents with children five and under. Music Time with Pengfei and German Family Storytime provide opportunities for your preschooler and you to begin learning another language. Each storytime consists of about 30 minutes of developmentally appropriate stories, rhymes, and songs followed by 30 minutes of social play. The full schedule is on our website.

Our school-aged programs range from science challenges to beginner's coding to book bingo. The Just for Fun! Book Club for 9 to 12-year-olds includes discussions with related crafts and snacks. The children who attend choose the next month's book.

New children's offerings include STEM Kits and Starbucks Storytime. STEM Kits for budding scientists include Beginner's Coding, Magnetism, Electrical Currents, and Engineering. Starbucks Storytime, on Monday mornings at 11:30 AM, features songs and stories (and coffee!) for families with young children. See you there!



Paoli Battlefield

From the Field

Our 6th Annual Heritage Day event was a huge success. Families enjoyed the military reenactments, regional historic organizations including Washington Memorial Chapel, Historic Waynesborough, Brandywine Battlefield, Malvern Historic Commission, Tredyffrin Easttown Historic Society and many other local groups. We had live music and, new this year, six great food trucks and a beer and wine garden hosted by Locust Lane Brewery and Chadds Ford Winery.

Upcoming Events

Our last dinner lecture of this season at The Warren Tavern is Monday, November 12 at 6 PM. The topic is Pennsylvania Troops defending Baltimore during the War of 1812.

On Saturday, Dec 15 at 11 AM the Battlefield hosts "Wreaths Across America" to remember and honor our veterans through the laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. Observed annually on the third Saturday in December, National Wreaths Across America Day is a movement to cover all veterans' grave markers with a Christmas wreath. "Remember. Honor. Teach." is the mission of Wreaths Across America. By coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and other veterans' cemeteries around the country, Wreaths Across America strives to remember our fallen heroes, honor those who serve, and teach our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. Join us to honor our deceased veterans, and you may personalize and donate a wreath for your military loved one.

More Info

Please go to our website for information on all of these and other events and programs, rememberpaoli.org.



THE NEWSLETTER OF
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP

Coxe Memorial Campus
688 Sugartown Road
Malvern, PA 19355



The Spotted Lanternfly is here! See inside for what you need to know to control this damaging invader.



*The newsletter of
Willistown Township*

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Mark your Calendars

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General Wayne Elementary Auditorium
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Okehocking Preserve, 996 Delchester Road
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November 22 & 23 Offices Closed
Happy Thanksgiving!

November–April
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Historic Sugartown, see page 6.

**Malvern and Paoli Library & Paoli
Battlefield Activities**, see page 7.

**Stop this wanted
bug in its tracks!**

Hear from the experts
Thursday, November 15
General Wayne Elementary
7 PM in the Auditorium
See page 2 for details.