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Township Buildings Renovation Update

Several months ago, we updated you on plans to renovate the Township buildings on Sugartown Road. At that time, we explained that the Police building needed extensive renovation to meet ADA requirements and to comply with the constantly evolving legal requirements for law enforcement facilities. We also laid out the issues with the Township Administration building which, in addition to ADA-compliance, required modernization of its plumbing, HVAC, life-safety, and electrical systems, as well as extensive repair and remediation to deal with long-standing water intrusion and related issues.

Since that time, the Board of Supervisors and Township and Police staff have been engaged in detailed planning with the architects and engineers to finalize the project and develop a budget for the work. The guiding principles of this process have been: first, that the final result must meet all legal and other requirements; second, that the design should be based on projected 15–20 year needs; and third, that the total project cost must be sustainable without raising taxes.

When all the issues were brought together, we concluded that we will move forward with the project to renovate and modernize the Police building using available funds. In so doing, we will be able to continue to support the essential

and highly effective work of the Willistown Police Department. The costs for the work required for the Township Administration building, however, have proven to be prohibitive. Therefore, until another solution can be found, the Township Administration will continue to occupy the leased office space at the Greentree Office Plaza on Lloyd Avenue, Malvern. We will continue to explore further options for the current administration building on Sugartown Road, including a possible new location for the South One Precinct polling place.

We firmly believe that this plan makes the most prudent use of the Township's resources by living within our income and not raising taxes while at the same time maintaining the high level of quality services that the residents of Willistown expect.

Township Administration Change of Mailing Address

The Willistown Township Administration mailing address is now 40 Lloyd Avenue, Suites 204–206, Greentree Office Plaza, Malvern, PA 19355. Please send all correspondence to this address until further notice. The Police Department remains at 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA 19355 and all mail for them should be sent to that address.

New YMCA Branch Opens in Malvern



The YMCA of The Upper Main Line Association made a resolution for 2011 to not only change its look and logo but expand its reach and support in the community. A new YMCA branch opened its doors on December 8, 2010 in Malvern to continue its commitment and meet the needs of a growing community. The Y at Great Valley is located in the Shops at Great Valley at 10-20 Liberty Boulevard, formerly Level 5 Fitness and Conditioning. The new branch will follow the Y's mission to promote healthy living and give back to the community while making their award winning programs and services more accessible to Great Valley neighbors.

"It's been an exciting endeavor finding a new location where we can better serve the Great Valley community," adds Sharon Veitz, Y at Great Valley Associate Director. "The large space allows us to accommodate both neighboring businesses and residents during optimal hours with tailor-made programs and services."

The new facility offers over 24,000 square feet of cardio and strength

Sewer Billing Adjustments

Starting January 1, 2011, there will be no sewer adjustments unless there is an error caused by the Township or Aqua PA. If you have a swimming pool or sprinkler system, you can install a deduction meter and submit the information. For more details call the Township.

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The mission of the Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Department is to create community and enrich lives through people, parks and programs.

Get Ready for Spring!

Looking to get through the cold winter months with some sunshine in your heart? Thinking of our wonderful Willistown park activities and spending time with your family, friends and neighbors will warm you right up! T3@Greentree events, bird walks at Okehocking, Sugartown Garden goings on, and more are coming your way in 2011.

Sign up for *Happynings*, Willistown Parks and Recreation Department e-announcements that let you know what's going on in Willistown's Parks—*your parks!* Go to www.willistownparks.org and click on *Happynings* e-nouncement sign up.

And coming soon to willistownparks.org—a Willistown area community calendar listing what's happening in our neck of the woods!

WILLISTOWN SUMMER CAMPS

June – July
General Wayne School

20 Devon Road, Malvern

Willistown Summer Camp programs are available for township and nonresident children. Programs include an elementary school-age camp for children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade; a preschool-age camp for four and five year olds; and a cheerleading clinic for girls who have completed kindergarten through fourth grade. Children will have loads of fun in an affordable camp close to home. See www.willistownparks.org for further information.



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Welcome 2011 – A Great Year to Volunteer!

We associate recreation with physical and emotional health and fun with friends through exercise and play. Well, it's time to consider volunteerism as a form of recreation and to think about how you may want to "play". We all realize the feel good benefits of volunteering, but did you know that studies show the benefits derived from service to others and good causes include better health in addition to providing social benefits?* Yes, research demonstrates that volunteering leads to improved physical and mental health. *Sign me up!*

We have a wealth of local volunteer opportunities ranging from health and wellness to societal needs, education, environment, the arts, animal welfare, local government, and global concerns, including:

- Paoli Hospital
- Fire companies
- West Chester homeless shelters
- Our children's schools
- Boy and Girl Scouts
- Our places of worship
- Malvern or Paoli library
- Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association
- Willistown Conservation Trust
- Chester County SPCA
- Main Line Animal Rescue
- Thorncroft Equestrian Center
- Chester County Food Bank
- The YMCA
- Sugartown Garden
- Historic Sugartown
- Rushton Farm
- Chanticleer
- Ridley Creek State Park
- Tyler Arboretum
- Longwood Gardens
- People's Light and Theatre Company
- Chester County Fund for Women and Girls
- Maternal and Child Health Consortium
- Salvation Army
- Goodwill
- Rotary clubs, and more!

Volunteers are seldom paid because they are priceless. You have the power to create the positive energy of giving and

spreading good will—as an added bonus, the goodness comes back to you many fold!

Volunteering can be an individual or a family endeavor. www.Kidshealth.org gives guidance on how to get started for kids, teens, and families. Please let us know about your volunteer adventures and the powerful positive energy you put out there through your actions. We'd like to share your inspiration! Write to Mary at mhm@willistown.pa.us or call 610-647-5300 extension 224.



Volunteers help move a carriage into Historic Sugartown's Carriage Museum in central Willistown.

Many thanks go to all of the resident volunteers on Willistown Township's boards and commissions, and special thanks to Jim Tate (of the *Towne Crier* and the Recycling Commission) and Judy Young (of the Parks and Recreation Board) for their powerful good energy towards Willistown residents! Their contributions to our community include resident communications, working for our environment, and supporting our parks and recreation programming.

Volunteer for your health and the health of our community!

* For further information on volunteer benefit research go to www.nationalservice.gov/about/volunteering/benefits.asp and read *The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research, 2007*, Corporation for National and Community Service.

It's new at the Willistown Conservation Trust and...

It's For the Birds

Last spring, a new Bird Banding Program was created at the Willistown Conservation Trust's Rushton Woods Preserve, providing an open classroom for the entire Willistown community to enjoy. Word of the banding program spread quickly bringing over 500 visitors this year who witnessed the banding of hundreds of birds, and gained a better understanding of the wild wings of Rushton Woods. As enthusiasm for the program has grown, so has the need for a permanent shelter for the banding station at Rushton Woods Preserve.



Photo by Kaitlyn Greiner

education space. With some shelter from the elements, research instruments will be protected and banding sessions can be conducted more effectively.

Okehocking Preserve, owned by Willistown Township, and

WCT's Rushton Woods Preserve and Kirkwood Preserve, are all part of the Audubon designated Upper Ridley/Crum Important Bird Area. Collectively they provide a significant stop-over habitat for migratory birds.

The Trust's banding program takes place every spring and fall, beginning again in mid-April, 2011. Sessions are open to the public; anyone interested in attending should contact Lisa Kiziuk for more information: lkr@wctrust.org. For more information on all the programs at Willistown Conservation Trust, visit wctrust.org.



Enter Cody Pitz, a local high school senior and Eagle Scout candidate, who volunteered to build the shelter, and the Marjorie L. and Arthur P. Miller, Jr. Fund, a fund of the Chester County Community Foundation, which generously awarded a grant in support of the project. By the start of the 2011 banding season, visitors and school groups will have a better experience in this unique outdoor

FREE! Lawn Alternatives for the Real World

Sunday, February 20 • 2-3:30 PM

On February 20th, Larry Weaner, noted ecological and garden landscape designer and instructor, will present "Lawn Alternatives for the Real World" at Penn State Brandywine, 25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media. This free educational program will be hosted jointly by Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association, Habitat Resource Network, and Penn State Brandywine, in partnership with your municipality's stormwater education program. Pre-

registration is requested: crc@nni.com or 610-892-8731.

For more information or weather contingencies, check CRC's web site, www.crcwatersheds.org. Participants and registrants will also be able to sign up for a tour of converted lawn areas and naturalized stormwater basins to be held on Saturday, June 18th, as a follow-up to both this year's and last year's programs.

FREE! Certified Master Composter Classes 2011

All classes 7-9 PM

Find out how to divert kitchen scraps and yard waste from landfills and turn them into the best mulch, fertilizer, and soil amendment your garden will ever know!

Three Convenient Locations:

Chester County Solid Waste Authority
7224 Division Highway
(Route 322 W) Honey Brook

Monday, March 14
Monday, March 21
Monday, March 28

(Snow date: Monday, April 4)
Call to register at
610-273-3771 ext. 228.

Owen J. Roberts High School
981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA

Tuesday, March 15
Tuesday, March 22
Tuesday, March 29

(Snow date: Tuesday, April 5)
Must register through the
Adult School Evening Classes:
610-469-5830

**Government Services Center
Room 171**

601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA

Wednesday, March 16
Wednesday, March 23
Wednesday, March 30

(Snow date: Wednesday, April 6)
Call to register at
610-273-3771 ext. 228.

You must attend all 3 evening classes and perform 6 hours of volunteer time to receive certification. For more information, call 610-273-3771 ext. 228.

*Sponsored by the
Chester County Board of
Commissioners through the Chester
County Solid Waste Authority*

2011 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Schedule for Chester County

All events start at 9 AM and close at 3 PM sharp!

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011

Cat Pickering Campus
1580 Charlestown Road
Phoenixville, Pa 19460
Computers Accepted

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011

Owen J. Roberts Middle School
981 Ridge Road
Pottstown, Pa 19465
No Computers Accepted

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2011

Cat Brandywine Campus
1635 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, Pa 19320
Computers Accepted

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

New Garden Township
Maintenance Bldg.
8934 Gap Newport Road
Landenberg, Pa 19350
No Computers Accepted

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011

Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road
West Chester, Pa 19380
Computers Accepted

Prescription and OTC Drug Disposal

If you wish to dispose of prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medicines in liquid, pill, capsule, tablet, granule or ointment form, you now have a pharmacy where this can be done: Gateway Good Neighbor Pharmacy, 165 Nutt Road, Phoenixville. Daytime hours are best, 9 AM–5 PM, Monday through Saturday.

Gateway requires that people who wish to use this free disposal service allow enough time for one of their pharmacists to quickly review the items brought in to ensure there aren't any narcotics or other legally or illegally obtained controlled substances, or needles. These will not be accepted for disposal. A prescription container containing a controlled substance should be identified as such. If in doubt, check the pharmacy from which you obtained your prescription before you take it to Gateway Pharmacy.

If a pharmacy cannot accept controlled substances, how does one dispose of them properly?

Step #1: Place solids (capsules, tablets, pills, granules) in a baggie.

Step #2: Add water and seal the bag. Let it sit for an hour. The goal is to convert intact solids to slush.

Step #3: Add coffee grounds or pet litter to the slush and mix together. Seal the bag tightly with tape.

Step #4: Place the bag with the mixture in it in another plastic bag and seal it with tape.

Step #5: Dispose of in your trash can.

For liquids—

Step #1: Pour liquid in a baggie and add coffee grounds or pet litter to absorb the liquid. Seal the bag tightly with tape. Follow steps #4 and #5 for solids.

Gateway's drug Take Back Program is active now and comes well ahead of the implementation of the federal government's Safe and Secure Drug Disposal Act, signed in October, 2010. Improper disposal of unwanted or expired medications (including OTC drugs) can lead to drug abuse, accidental ingestion, or pollution.

"Proper disposal of drugs has become imperative to living healthy lives. When drugs are flushed or tossed down the drain, most of them end up in groundwater, rivers, streams, and even our oceans. Wastewater treatment plants cannot remove most of the (drug) chemicals during the 'purification' process," states Willistown's recycling chairman, Jim Tate. "Studies have identified traces of antibiotics, oral contraceptives and steroids--to name a few drug classes--in large bodies of water from which the public's drinking water is obtained. This isn't a new phenomenon; it's a growing phenomenon," says Tate.

So take advantage of the generosity of Gateway Good Neighbor Pharmacy. Clean out your medicine chests and other cabinets and take your unused and/or expired medications to Gateway. Remember, no narcotics—legally or illegally obtained, other controlled substances, or needles.

Bottle Tops & Caps: Are they recyclable?

Yes and no! Sorry to confuse you, but...

Plastic bottle and jar "tops" are made in different shapes and sizes with or without liners. There are those that may be screwed onto a bottle or jar and those that are flat and friction-fitted to a container. Some bottle tops have a plastic or paper liner. The varieties are many! Almost all plastic bottle caps/tops/lids are, TECHNICALLY, recyclable; however, once they

reach the recycling plant and enter the sorting process, the reality is they don't get recycled. The reason is lids are small and drop through the recycling conveyor belt screens along with other debris that is not recyclable. This debris is then "captured" as "residual" and sent to a landfill.

Does leaving plastic lids on bottles increase the percentage of lids that will be recycled? No. Almost all lids pop off once the

plastic bottle gets crushed during the sorting and compacting process and then become residual.

Metal lids. Here, too, there are many varieties. Those that are magnetic will be captured by magnets, segregated and recycled! Aluminum bottle caps will drop through the recycling plant's conveyor belt screens and be disposed of with other waste debris (residual) just as the plastic tops.



Rules of thumb:

I. Remove all plastic and aluminum caps/tops/lids from glass bottles and jars and plastic containers and dispose of them in your trash container. (They won't be recycled.)

II. Metal caps/tops/lids may be left on or off their containers. Place the intact unit or the separate lid and container in your recycling bin. (They will be recycled.)

There Is Always Hope!

A Willistown Mom's Campaign Against a Deadly Disease...

Willistown resident Hillary Schmid had always dreamed of becoming a mom.

"I would daydream about who my children would look like: me, their father, both? What sports would they play, and how would their laugh sound?"

Her dream came true in January 2009, when she and her husband Keith became parents to twin girls, Avery and Zane. The Schmidts were overjoyed.

When the girls were one month old, Keith and Hillary noticed that Zane was not moving her limbs as Avery was. "We didn't think much of it at the time," Hillary says, but a few days later at a routine pediatrician appointment, she shared her observations with the girls' doctor. He assessed Zane, made a few phone calls, and suggested she immediately take Zane to the emergency room. After being admitted and put through a battery of tests, the doctors concluded that Zane had Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Type I (SMA).

"We had never heard of this disease. Just from hearing the name, we assumed that Zane would have physical disabilities, possibly having to use a wheelchair. We were saddened by this, but ready to take on her challenges with her. As we further educated ourselves, we learned that SMA just wasn't any disease; it is the #1 genetic killer of children under two years old. Statistics said our child would not live to see her first birthday. Our world was shattered!"

The family sprung into action, willing to do whatever it took to save Zane and help her have a happy life. Her room now included nine life saving machines and numerous boxes of medical supplies, and there were weekly doctor's appointments. Their lives were turned upside down, but it had become a "new normal."

As Zane grew older, the disease progressed. Her muscles became weaker, she had low muscle tone throughout her body, and she

lost the ability to swallow. She had to be fed through a G-tube that was surgically placed into her stomach. But Zane was happy and smiled often and enjoyed her play times with her sister Avery. She maintained relative good health for 4½ months.

Zane became ill one beautiful spring day and was rushed to the hospital where she was admitted for 27 days in the Intensive Care Unit.

After fighting so hard, Zane passed away in her parents arms on

June 18, 2009. She was 5 months, 16 days old. She was surrounded by those who loved her—parents, family, and friends.

In Zane's honor, Hillary and her family are dedicated to fighting SMA by bringing awareness to the disease, educating people, and raising money to donate to SMA charities that support other families and research. They have set up a website to help facilitate this mission, www.sweetbabyzane.com, where Hillary features fundraising events and can accept donations online. The site reports on current SMA news and personal stories, and provides links to SMA specialists and other informative sites, as well as links to other family's SMA websites. It's also a vital way for Hillary to support and be a part of the international SMA community, helping others by sharing her experience.

"Zane was a very special, beautiful baby. She had big, brown eyes. People were drawn to her—her smile lit up the room. We miss her every single day, but we are thankful for the 5 months and 16 days we had her."



The Schmidts: Hillary, Zane, Avery, and Keith



For more information on SMA and the Schmid's courageous journey, visit www.sweetbabyzane.com.

SMA Facts

- SMA is the #1 genetic killer of children under the age of 2.
- SMA is a recessive, genetic disease that causes muscle degeneration.
- It is also a motor neuron disease that affects the muscles throughout the body.
- Children with SMA lose the ability to walk, sit, eat, swallow, and breathe.
- 1 in 40 people are UNKNOWINGLY carriers of the gene that causes SMA
- If both parents are carriers, each pregnancy has a 25% chance of having a child with SMA.
- SMA does not discriminate—anyone can be a carrier.
- 80% of children do not live to see their first birthday.
- The SMA gene can be detected with a simple blood test.
- Currently, there is NO treatment and NO cure.
- The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) selected SMA as the disease closest to treatment of more than 600 neurological disorders.
- There is always HOPE!

Check it Out! (At the Library)

Malvern Public Library

1 East First Avenue, Malvern
Phone: 610-644-7259

Mon–Wed: 9 AM–9 PM
Thurs: 9 AM–8 PM; Fri: 9 AM–5 PM
Sat: 9 AM–4 PM; Sun: Closed

KNITTING CLUB

The Malvern Library, like all libraries, isn't just about books; it's a vibrant resource and home for several community groups including the Woolgathers. The Woolgathers is a group of people from all walks of life who share a passion for knitting and crocheting. For over 5 years, the group has been meeting at the Malvern Library from 6:45–8:45 PM on the first and third Mondays of each month. The members come together to share ideas, offer tips and advice as they work on their projects. The group has also generously donated beautiful hand-knit items for Malvern Library fundraisers. Membership in the Woolgathers is free and is open to anyone with an interest in knitting and crocheting. Just bring your project to a meeting and join in!

OTHER LIBRARY NEWS

- Volunteers are needed for the library Phone-a-thon in late March. State and municipal funding cuts have severely impacted all libraries resulting in cutbacks on hours and services at most local libraries. However, the funds raised by the annual phone-a-thon have helped Malvern Library maintain its hours and services in the face of severe funding shortfalls. Please consider supporting the library in this vital fund raising activity. Sign up at the library desk or email rdietz@ccls.org.
- A big "Thank you!" to Wegman's, in collaboration with Reading is

Fundamental and Colgate-Palmolive, for generously donating 125 new books on healthy eating habits to the Malvern Library.

- Remember that state and federal tax forms are available at the Malvern Library. Don't forget the library has tax guides available to help answer your tax questions.

Paoli Library

1910–2010: A Century of Reading

18 Darby Road, Paoli
(behind the Wachovia Bank)
Phone: 610-296-7996

Mon, Wed, Thur: 9:30 AM–8 PM
Fri: 9:30 AM–6 PM; Sat: 9:30 AM–5 PM
Sun: 1–5 PM; Closed Tuesdays

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Wednesday and Thursday Storytimes:
10 AM for 3-year-olds and older;
11 am for under-3s.

Teen Yoga: Wednesdays, 4:30–6 PM.
Registration required. Call the library or email [Alycia Gargano \(agargano@ccls.org\)](mailto:Alycia.Gargano@ccls.org).

Friday Afternoon Programs: Monthly programs for elementary school kids; for exact dates and times check out the website (www.tredyffrinlibraries.org), notices in the library, or our weekly e-newsletter (see description at right).

ADULT PROGRAMS

Fine Arts Book Group, Wednesdays, March 2 and April 6, 6–7:30 PM: For themes and titles, call the library or email Courtney Waring at cmw177@yahoo.com.



2011 Author Series Launch: Wednesday, February 23, 7 PM: You've seen her on Oprah—now see her at Paoli Library! **Vicki Glembocki** (www.vickiglembocki.com) discusses memoir writing: Who should write memoirs? Why? How?

The Phillies!! Norm Mawby, Wednesday March 16, 7 PM: Just in time for Spring Training, Phillies fans can experience the world behind the scenes at Citizens Bank Park when Mr. Mawby discusses his book *Part of the Parade*.

Wharton Esherick, date TBD: Mansfield Bascom, curator emeritus of the Wharton Esherick Museum, will discuss his new biography of the famous Paoli wood sculptor. Details and registration information will be posted on the library website (www.tredyffrinlibraries.org), in the library, on Facebook, and in our weekly newsletter (below).

TECH NEWS!

Free audiobook and eBook downloads for iPad, iPhone, and Android: Your library card gives you access to *free* downloads. Go to overdrive.ccls.org, where the app is at the bottom left.

Facebook: Paoli Library is on Facebook! Search for *Paoli Library* (local business).

Weekly email newsletter: Visit tredyffrinlibraries.org to sign up for AdLib Online.

OTHER SERVICES

- Free wireless Internet access
 - Free public computers
 - Free audiobook and eBook downloads for your Apple or Windows-based devices
 - And more!
- Visit the Library's website for a full list of services:
www.tredyffrinlibraries.org.

New YMCA Branch in Malvern *continued from cover...*

equipment including Precor and Hammer Strength brands. New equipment highlights include over a dozen brand new state-of-the-art treadmills featuring iPod chargers and personal viewing screens for optimal sound and viewing. In addition, 20 new Keiser Spin bikes will be installed with high-tech cadence computers.

Additional services include:

- Certified personal trainers to help achieve your 2011 fitness and nutrition goals
- Free group exercise classes and 30 free fitness classes offered before and after work and during the lunch hour

- Free babysitting—Up to two hours of babysitting while you workout

Hours of Operation:

5 AM–9 PM Monday through Friday
6 AM–6 PM Saturday
8 AM–3 PM Sunday

To learn more about the new Y at Great Valley call 610 644-6575 or visit online at www.umly.org. The Y at Great Valley is part of the YMCA of the Upper Main Line Association footprint including The Upper Main Line YMCA in Berwyn; Lionville Community YMCA and Eagleview facility.

ADMINISTRATIVE



Once again, the Township's chipping event was a great success. Having two chippers going simultaneously kept the line of cars and trucks moving quickly. The Supervisors would like to thank the Recycling Commission, the Road Crew, and our volunteers for their hard work.

Pictured are (l. to r.) Recycling Committee Chairman Jim Tate and Township Supervisor Norman MacQueen.

Bill Rosenberry Retires

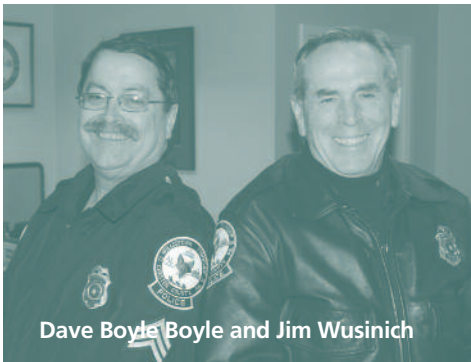
William Rosenberry, zoning officer and former Willistown Township manager, has retired after 28 years of service to Willistown Township. Bill came to the Township in 1983 and served in the capacity of zoning officer until his appointment to township manager in 1987. The Township supervisors and staff wish Bill and his wife Bunny the best during his retirement.

POLICE UPDATE



This article is dedicated to two of our officers who have announced their retirement; Sergeant David Boyle and Officer Jim Wusinich have served this community with loyalty and dedication for many years.

Sergeant David Boyle has been a police officer since 1973. Dave served with the West Chester, West Goshen, and County detectives prior to coming to Willistown in 1982. While at Willistown, he served as a detective and has been a sergeant since 1986, and also attended the FBI National Academy. Dave



Dave Boyle and Jim Wusinich

has been instrumental in many investigations and has been an outstanding leader in our organization. He has received numerous awards and commendations. Dave will retire in August and plans on doing some travelling.

Officer Jim Wusinich is known by many of you as "Officer Jim" and has been our long-standing DARE officer. He has had such a huge impact on our community with his dedicated service, teaching kids to understand the evils of drugs and alcohol. I have personally witnessed Jim help many people during his time with this department. Jim is a graduate of Eastern University and

was also the past president of the Fraternal Order of Police. Jim has received numerous awards and commendations during his distinguished 31 year career.

As Chief, I have been friends with both officers for many years. They have earned the respect of their superiors, peers, and the community. I speak for the members of the Police Department when I say they will truly be missed. Dave and Jim...Thanks!!

Because of the pending retirement of Sergeant Boyle and Officer Wusinich, we have hired two new officers.

Matt Brown comes to us after serving five years with the Westtown-East Goshen Police Department. Matt is a paramedic and a long time member of the Edgmont Fire Company.

Kevin Ashe has been a police officer for four years and has decided to leave West Whiteland to join our department. Kevin is a former high school lacrosse coach and is active in his community.

I feel that through our thorough selection process, we have hired two officers that will serve our community with distinction. They are both veteran officers who will bring their experience to an outstanding team of officers. I am truly proud of the work that our officers and staff do on a daily basis, and their dedication to the citizens of Willistown. Once again, I would like to thank our Board



Matt Brown



Kevin Ashe

of Supervisors. Our supervisors have provided the necessary resources to your police department. I have worked with our supervisors to form the direction of your police department and they have been very committed in their support of public safety in Willistown Township.

Stay connected to Willistown Police, from Public Safety Alerts to Neighborhood Advisories. Free-Simple-Trusted.

Nixle is a community information service provider built exclusively to provide information to residents in real-time, delivering information to geographically targeted areas and neighborhoods. Information is available over cell phones by text message, by email, and over the web.

Nixle is completely free (standard text message rates apply for cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans). Register now and learn more at www.nixle.com. Spread the word to friends, family and neighbors! Help make your community a stronger, safer, and better place to live.

We are very excited to have you experience it for yourself.

Troop Relief

Once again, I want to thank you for your tremendous support of our troop relief effort. We have been able to send numerous items over to our troops in Afghanistan. I know they are truly appreciative of our efforts. To learn more about our troop relief effort, please visit our website at willistownpolice.org.

Stay Safe!

John M. Narcise



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WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP
688 Sugartown Road
Malvern, PA 19355



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Coat Collection a Big Success!

Pictured back row from left are Chuck Baker, Jack Lundblad, Evan Anderson, and Robert Dowd. Front row from left are Sarah Lundblad, Jesse Velez, Zane Lundblad, Michael Baker, Michael Murray, Molly Dowd, and Ali Dowd. The scouts are in Pack 98. Chuck is a den leader with Pack 98. Thanks to all those who donated coats. We had a great turnout with 486 coats collected.

Many thanks to General Wayne Elementary School, Sugartown Elementary School, Paoli Methodist Church, Paoli Library, Malvern Library, and Willistown Township for allowing us to place collection boxes at their locations. Thank you to all the scouts and parents of Cub Scout Pack 71 and 98 for collecting the coats, and special thanks to those who sorted, counted, and delivered the coats: Michele, Alice, Rob, Robert, Molly, and Cheryl. The coats were given to the Bethesda Project (a men's shelter in Philadelphia) and the Community Youth and Women's Alliance (a women and children's shelter in Coatesville).

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Including Computers
Cat Pickering Campus
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville
9 AM-3 PM Sharp
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For library activities, see page 6.

