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The Veterans Memorial Committee

The Committee for the Veterans Memorial would like to thank the community for their support. It was great to have the Girl and Boy Scouts, Fire Department, Emergency Squad, Brass Ensemble, Bagpiper and residents participate to make the Memorial Day Ceremony a success! We would like to recognize those who made the Memorial look perfect, ceremony speakers, those who set up the program, prepared the meeting room, handed out programs, took donations and other behind the scenes planning.

Congratulations to Bill Wenz and Glen Zimpfer for being awarded the Community Service Awards. Both have shown overwhelming support for the Memorial and why it was built.

We plan on having a Veterans program in November. We will be planning that in the near future. If anyone would like to be on the committee, please let the Township office know and we will be glad to have new members.

Our Public Works have **MOVED** to a new location!

The new Public Works facility construction is complete and our Public Works Department has moved into it's new location of 2540 Morgan Hill Road.



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Mary Meuser Library Calendar of Events

The Library needs your used books, DVD's, CD's, VHS tapes and audio cassettes for our upcoming Book Fair. Your donations may be dropped off at the Library, 1803 Northampton Street during Library hours. No magazines, please. For more info, please call 610-258-3040.

Visit the Library's website at www.meuserlib.org.



Summer 2009 Calendar of events:

Adults

- Coffee, Tea & Memories presents Santa in the Summertime.

Thursday, June 25, 2009, 1:30pm, at the Wilson Borough Community Center, 2201 Liberty Street. Join local author Richard Hope as we journey back in time to see the evolution of Old Saint Nick through the years. Treats will be served by the Friends of Meuser Library. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Adults/Family

- Bus Trip

Call for information at 610-258-3040

- Community Book Fair

Saturday, September 12th, 9:00am to 3:00pm and Sunday, September 13th from 9:00am until 2:00pm on the Library grounds. This event will feature thousands of used books; the selection includes hardbacks, paperbacks and children's titles at bargain prices. A selection of used audio books, videos and DVD's will also be available. Hot dogs, coffee, and soda will be available at our Sidewalk Café. Rain dates are September 19 & 20.

Juvenile

The Juvenile Activity Schedule is subject to change during the month of August

- Ready Readers—Tuesdays at 4:30pm—A Book Club is held on the first Tuesday of each month. Art, music and science activity programs are held on the other Tuesdays.
- Preschool Story Time—Thursdays & Fridays at 10:30am Story time and activities designed for toddlers and preschoolers. Activities include reading, movement, music and crafts.
- Game Day—Thursdays, 4:00pm to 6:00pm—Come join us for some after school fun!

Tax Office News

For those who are unable to come into the Tax Office during normal business hours, there is a drop box to the left of the front door of the Municipal Building that you may place your payment in. Otherwise, you may bring your payments into the Municipal Building Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm. The normal Tax Office hours are Wednesdays, from 12:00 to 3:00. Please note that the Tax Office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, September 23rd. The Tax Collector, Jacqueline Warner, is always available to answer your questions by telephone at 484-541-1056.



Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary

Listed below is our Spring Events Schedule. Please call ahead if you plan to attend any of these events at 610-258-6574.

Annual Nesting Bird Census: Saturday, June 13, 7:30am to Noon—Bring your binoculars and learn about the birds most likely to be in your backyard this summer. We usually tally about 45 species.



Tuesday Morning Butterfly Walks: Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23 and 30, 9:00am to Noon—Join us for walks near the meadows. Each week different butterfly species are likely to be found. Please bring binoculars.

Annual Butterfly Census: Saturday, June 27, 9:00am to Noon—Help us count the butterflies in Mariton's meadows. Even if you don't know any butterflies, you will leave knowing at least 3. Bring binoculars.

Nature Day Camps:

July 6 through July 10 for children entering 1st through 3rd grades

July 13 through July 17 for children entering 4th through 6th grades

This year the theme is *Earth Sciences*. The camp runs from 9:00am to Noon each day. We will explore outside each day, unless it rains. On Friday evening, there will be a potluck dinner, followed by a guest speaker. To register, call Tim at Mariton, 610-258-6574.

Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary is a private, non-profit organization located at 240 Sunnyside Road in Williams Township. Mary & Tony Guerrero protected 200 acres of forests and meadows in Williams Township. The public is invited to walk the 5 miles of trails. Annual memberships are available, and your membership support helps us provide programs. PLEASE call ahead if you plan to attend these programs. For more information or directions call 610-258-6574, or check our website at www.natlands.org.

Zoning Office Reminder

Please be aware that many homes in Williams Township have not complied with House Identification Ordinance 2002-9. This Ordinance requires all Williams Township residents to prominently display identification numbers which mark the location of the residences and businesses for Fire, Police, Ambulance and other personnel involved in providing emergency services. This is necessary in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Williams Township. Throughout Williams Township there are many homes not visible from the road, which are not properly identified. We are all concerned about this situation, because a lack of proper identification makes it very difficult for emergency services to respond to your home. If you are interested, we have numbers and signs available for sale at the Municipal Office at a cost of \$10.00. The numbers are reflective and will aid in properly identifying your home. We ask all Williams Township residents and businesses to please help us and we thank you for your anticipated cooperation and help.

Also, please be advised that all portable pools that are more than 24 inches in depth require a permit. Now that summertime is here, we wanted to remind everyone about this requirement.



Public Works updates

White goods pickup was completed the week of May 11, 2009 to May 15, 2009. This year the Public Works Department picked up a total of 15,580 pounds of recyclable metals. This was an increase from last year's total of 9,980 pounds.

The Road Paving Bid for 63,122 square yards of oil/chip seal coat was won by Asphalt Maintenance Systems. Their bid came in at a cost of \$1.33 a square yard of single coat and \$2.60 a square yard of double coat application for a total of \$128,780.13. The following roads will be done this year:

- Browns Drive (single coat)
- Barrons Circle (single coat)
- Gaffney Hill Road from Buttermilk Road to Tumble Creek Road (double coat)
- Texas Road from Buttermilk Road to Gaffney Hill Road (double coat).

The upcoming summer months means our Public Works crew will be out doing necessary repairs to roads and infrastructure. Please obey all road work signs and flaggers when traveling. These signs are posted for everyone's safety and need to be adhered to. Slow down in all work zones and proceed with caution. Violations such as ignoring signs and flaggers or the endangering of any Public Works employee such as excessive speed, reckless driving, or driving around any channeling devices will be reported to the State Police to issue citations by mail. This has been done before and will be enforced. **PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!**

Recreation Board News

Mark your calendar for the following summer activities!

- Summer Recreation starts Monday, June 22 and runs through July 31st from 8:30am to 3:30pm. It is for children, ages 5 through 13. This program is free.
- July 18th at dusk, we will have our first Movies in the Park for 2009. There is no fee to attend. Just bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy **Marley and Me**. The refreshment stand will be open, and food will be available for a fee.
- August 15 from 11:00am to 6:00pm is our first Community Day! We hope that everyone comes out. There will be a children's band, an adult band, a clown and other activities. Bobbie Lytle and Tina Fiorino are organizing this event. For more information log on to the Township website.
- Also on August 15 at dusk will be our second Movies in the Park held this summer. The movie that will be shown is **Space Buddies**.
- Through a reimbursement grant from Northampton County, we are going to redo the Raubsville playground. There will be more play equipment for the children. We also will be removing the sand and installing a shredded mulch carpet that will keep the children safe. Look for more updates on this project.
- From the same grant, we are going to put Life Trail Stations around the walking trail at the Municipal Park. These are activities for our senior citizens to use while they walk the trail.

State & Federal Government Officials

State Representative

Rob Wonderling (R)

610-250-5624

1701 Washington Blvd.

Easton, PA 18042

State Representative

Robert Freeman (D)

610-253-5543

215 Northampton Street

Easton, PA 18042

US Representative

Charlie Dent (R)

701 West Broad Street

Suite 200

Bethlehem, PA 18018

610-861-9734

US Senators

Arlen Specter (R)

610-434-1444

3814 Federal Building

504 Hamilton Street

Allentown, PA 18101

Robert Casey (D)

717-231-7540

555 Walnut St, 1st Floor

Harrisburg PA 17101



Athletic Association information

Our softball and baseball season is going strong, we have about 200 children participating. We are enjoying another successful season!

We will host our 7th annual baseball tournament June 18 through June 21 for ages 9-10 and 11-12. Every field will be used. Come out and see a game or two! Lee Williams is in charge of the tournament, if anyone is interested in helping please contact Lee.

We had another successful sign up for football & cheering. If you missed the sign ups, you may still sign up for football (ages 5 through 13) at the Williams Township Fire Company Carnival during the week of July 20th. Sign ups for cheering are now closed.

Our meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 8pm in the Community Building. We always welcome new members.

For additional information visit our website at: leaguelineup.com/wtsports

News from the Williams Township Historical Society

- Join us for a summer picnic, Saturday, August 22, 6pm at the Township pavilion. The speaker will be Jack Fulton, and the topic is "Vine Growing, Wine Making". Bring table setting and one covered dish to share. This picnic is in collaboration with the Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society. (NCHGS).
- Become a member of the Williams Township Historical Society! For just \$6.00 you will receive meeting notices via quarterly issues of "The Pastfinder" news about Williams Township related people, places and events. This is a good way for new residents to learn about Township history and meet other folks. Call 610-253-8951 for information.
- Books published by WTHS are available for purchase: *Trolley Memories of a Raubsville Resident* by Jane Kiefer Leary and *Hexenkopf: History, Healing, and Hexerei* by Ned Heindel. Ask at the Municipal Building or the Riegelsville Library, or call WTHS at 610-253-8951. Proceeds benefit the Historical Society.
- For Township families doing genealogy, remember the "Boyd Genealogies" are on file at NCHGS for research purposes.

Protect your Septic System Drain Field

The drainage field is an often overlooked aspect of the septic system, yet it is more important than the tank for the proper operation of the entire system. Homeowners can take several measures to ensure their drain field is properly maintained. *As a reminder, your Septic Tank must be pumped every three years.*

- Never park vehicles or place other large objects on the drain field, as this will compact the soil and reduce its ability to treat wastewater. It also may damage the network of drain pipes within the field, causing them to need to be replaced.
- Avoid planting water-loving shrubs with deep root systems or trees near the drain field, as roots could damage the pipes, or they could change moisture levels within the soil causing it to be less effective.
- Effluent from sump pumps and roof drains should not be discharged in the vicinity of the drain field, as this could keep the soil too wet, reducing its capacity to absorb the waste water and causing it to puddle on the surface, creating an environmental and health hazard.
- Check for depressions in the drain field where water can collect. The drain field should be level with the surrounding soil to discourage puddling. If the drain field is on a sloping site, surface water diversion may need to be considered.



Fry's Run Watershed Association News

The Northampton County Conservation District with the cooperation of the FRWA has applied for and received a Water Resources Education Network grant for \$5000.00 to help implement some of the recommendations in the Fry's Run Coldwater Conservation Plan. The objective of this grant is stated below:

The Fry's Run Coldwater Conservation Plan Implementation Project is to promote awareness and build a community coalition of diverse stakeholders to implement Conservation Plan recommendations for water resource protection through a homeowner workshop, farm assessment meetings, review and report on Williams Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance provisions to ensure water resource protection, development of a website, newsletter, and brochure for Fry's Run Watershed and design and production of a tabletop exhibit for community events. The partners in this project are: Northampton County Conservation District, Fry's Run Watershed Association, Williams Township Board of Supervisors, Natural Resources Conservation Service. The website development portion of this project is up and running at www.frysrn.org. Please put this website in your favorites list and visit it to keep up on news, events and activities of the FRWA and Fry's Run watershed.

For more information on the FRWA and our activities or to volunteer visit the website or call Matt Powers at 484-373-0987

Williams Township Volunteer Fire Company

The Fire Company's annual fund drive has been mailed out, so please take a moment to fill out the response card and send in your donation. This is a very important part of our budget.

The Fire Company Carnival will be held July 20th through July 25th in the evenings. Family night is held on the 21st and the 23rd so mark your calendars and set aside some time to come to the Carnival!

Please remember to make sure your house and mailbox are properly numbered so that we can find you in case of an emergency. There are house number signs available for sale at the Municipal Office for \$10.00. Please make sure that all overgrown trees and brush along your driveway are trimmed. Emergency vehicles must have access to your property in the event of an emergency.

We are always looking for volunteers! If you are interested in joining, please stop by the Fire Station on Monday nights any time after 7:00pm or call 610-972-9467.

Fire Company Auxiliary news

The Auxiliary would like to thank the Boy Scouts and all the volunteers who helped us at our spring breakfast. Your help, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Don't forget, the week of July 20 through 25 is carnival week. Please come out and support your Fire Company. The Auxiliary stand sells home made baked goods. Any donations of baked goods would be appreciated.

Mark your calendars, Basket Bingo is on September 27, 2009 at 12:30pm and doors open at 11:30am. The next All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast is scheduled for October 4, 2009 from 8:00am to 12:30pm.

As always, we welcome new members, our meetings for the year 2009 are on the first Thursday of every month starting at 7:00pm.



The Raubsville Sportsman's Association

We have just closed on the 2008-2009 hunting season. It was a good year in Williams Township, free of any hunting accidents. Safety is always our first concern as sportsmen and women.

Fishing season is in full swing. The amount of Shad on the Delaware were low again this year. The trout streams in the County are well stocked by the Fish Commission with nice size this year. The Bass season opener is June 13th with a lot of us looking forward to going.

We are currently looking for youth to send to Northampton County Junior Conservation School, ages 14 through 17 which will run July 19th through 26th 2009.

Our Youth River Trip is on June 20th, ages 14 through 17. The deadline to sign up is June 15th. Please call Bill Weidner, President at 610-258-9742 if you are interested.

We meet the second Thursday of the month at Crivellaro's 1690 Morgan Hill Road at 8:00pm.

Raubsville Sportsmen and women are Conservationists always defending our Natural Resources, it's air, soil, minerals, forest, waters and wildlife.

We are always looking for ways to get youth active in the outdoors. Your suggestions are always welcome.

Garden Club schedule of events

- Tuesday, June 16th—Garden visit—meet at St. Johns Church, 2720 Morgan Hill Road at 6:00pm. We will be bringing snacks & drinks
- Tuesday, July 21st—A garden visit is planned—we will meet at St. Johns Church at 6:00pm.
- Tuesday, August 18th—A progressive dinner is planned—we will be visiting two homes & gardens, the first one for appetizers and the second one for the main course and dessert. Please call to register to participate and volunteer for food or beverage at 610-253-3155. Details of this dinner will be discussed at previous meetings.
- Tuesday, September 15th—Perennial plant exchange is planned. Meet at St. Johns Church at 6:00pm. Details will be discussed at previous meetings.

Everyone is welcome to join! Please contact Carol McIntosh at 610-253-3155 for more information.

Boy Scouts

Williams Township Troop 31 started 2009 very busy. The Troop currently has 31 boys on the roster. The troop attended the Klondike Derby, Beaver Day Weekend Campout, Mags & Jigs dinner, Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast, Historical Hike in Easton, Washington Crossings Hike & Campout, and participated in the Memorial Day Service here in Williams Township. The troop has assisted in various community projects like Raubsville Cemetery, Earth Day project with Chrin Company and Williams Township Fire Company.

Don't forget to stop by every second Saturday of the month to Recycle your Glass at the Williams Township Recycling Center and say hello to our Boy Scouts.

Upcoming events for this summer will be Summer Camp, Bicycling Merit Badge, Picnic & Camp out in the Township, Scouting for Food, and a Popcorn Fundraiser. We currently have two boys working on Eagle projects within the Township.

I would also like to thank all the Committee Members of Troop 31 for the dedication and support throughout the year. The troop meets every Monday at St. Johns Lutheran Church 7:00 to 8:30pm. Donations will be accepted to Williams Township Troop 31 at 1960 S. Delaware Dr., Easton PA 18042.

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ARE YOU MOVING???

A Moving Permit is REQUIRED if you are moving in, out, or within Williams Township. You may obtain a permit by coming into the Municipal Office at 655 Cider Press Road or visiting our Township website.

Upcoming Holidays

Please be aware that the Municipal Office and Public Works Department will be closed on the following Holidays: Friday, July 3, 2009 and Monday, September 7, 2009.

Recycling Cans For Sale

Do you need more Recycling Containers? You may come into the Municipal Office and pick up additional containers for just \$5.00! We have an abundance of recycling containers! If you have not already obtained one, the first container is free! Recycling is mandatory in Williams Township, all trash haulers have been notified of this and are participating. Let's all work together to Recycle!



For Updates, News, upcoming events, etc... check out our Website:

www.williamstwp.org