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Electronics Recycling Event

Two Rivers Council of Governments (TRCOG) will sponsor an electronics or "E-cycling" event on May 3, 2008, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM on this day, bring your unwanted electronic equipment to the Easton Area High School Athletic Complex off William Penn Highway in Palmer Township. An e-cycling representative will take your equipment and a nominal fee for processing (e.g. \$1.00 for a CPU, telephone, or fax machine) and you're on your way.

By participating, you will be conserving natural resources and protecting the environment from significant amounts of heavy metals found in electronic equipment that are poisonous to human health and the environment. If you have questions about this event or e-cycling in general, please visit www.palmertwp.com and click on "E-cycling event" or contact Denise Veres at veresda@aol.com.

Frys Run Watershed Association News

Since the last newsletter the Fry's Run Watershed Association (FRWA) in partnership with the Northampton County Conservation District and the Coldwater Heritage Partnership has prepared a draft of a Fry's Run Coldwater Conservation Watershed Plan. We have collected existing data on the Fry's Run watershed and have sampled the stream at three locations. Many informative maps of the watershed have been developed.

With the completion of the draft of this watershed plan the FRWA will be holding a second public meeting on **Thursday, February 28, 7:00 PM in the Community Building, 655 Cider Press Road.** The purpose of this meeting will be to present the plan, answer your questions, and get your input and feedback to finalize the plan. We are in a unique position in that there is already interest by several groups (PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and The Highlands Coalition as well as others) to see conservation efforts take place in the watershed. This watershed plan is the first step in coming together as a community to preserve that which we think is worth preserving and make our voices heard as to how this should be done. With a well thought out and agreed upon plan we can obtain the funding needed to achieve the best use of our land while protecting, preserving, and improving the quality of the watershed we share.

The FRWA meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM in the Community Building on Cider Press Road. We welcome all who share an interest in the quality of the watershed. Please join us and take a hand in planning for the future quality of the Fry's Run Watershed.

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Open: Mon– Fri, 8 AM to 4:30 PM

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Joseph Black, 610-258-6788



Mary Meuser Library Calendar Of Events

The Library has a redesigned website at www.meuserlib.org. Check out the new features including an online Library Catalogue and online renewal of library materials. Please call the library at 610-258-3040 to pre-register for all programs listed below.

ADULT/FAMILY

Our annual Creative Writing Contest for grades 3 and up, including adults, will be offered from February 12 to March 29. A create-a-poster contest will be offered for younger children. Complete rules are available at the library or email a request to meuserlib@rcn.com

Beginner Computer Classes will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, 3:00PM to 5:00PM and 6:00PM to 8:00PM. This will be a basic computer class teaching the fundamentals of word processing and internet use. The same class will be offered at both times with openings for five students per class. Please pre-register early.

Coffee, Tea and Memories—Pennsylvania Diners—Thursday, March 27, 2008, 1:30PM at the Wilson Borough Community Center, 2201 Liberty Street. Join us as we take a video tour of Pennsylvania's unique diners and roadside restaurants. Share your own quirky restaurant stories. Coffee and goodies will be served by the Friends of Meuser Library.

S.A.T practice test—Saturday, March 22, 2008 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Call the Library for more information.

Income Tax Assistance by trained AARP volunteers will be offered for Seniors and low income individuals on Wednesday evenings from 6:00PM to 8:30PM through April 9, 2008.



JUVENILE

Story Times at the Library

Ready Readers (Ages 5 to 8) - Tuesdays at 4:00PM—Story time with related activities focusing on early reader themes and skills.

Infant Story Time—Thursdays at 10:15AM—Songs, rhymes and finger plays for ages 3 to 18 months.

Toddlers and Tots Preschool Story Time (Ages 2, 3 & 4) - Thursday & Fridays at 10:15 AM—Story Time and activities designed for toddlers and preschoolers. Activities include reading, movement, music and crafts.

Game & Craft Day—Thursdays at 4:00PM to 5:00PM—Come join us for art and science projects and games.



Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary

Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary is a private, non-profit organization located in Williams Township. Mary & Tony Guerrero protected 200 acres of forests and meadow 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, as well as keep our doors open to the public. Mariton is located at 240 Sunnyside Road. Visit our website at: www.natlands.org.



All programs are free, but PLEASE call ahead if you plan to attend. 610-258-6574.

Stone Walls of Mariton—Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. Mariton has literally miles of stone fencerows running through the forest. We will examine the walls with a stone mason, Dan Zackey, and the forests that have grown back where there were once fields.

Video and Night Walk Saturday, March 15, 2008 from 8:00PM to 9:30PM The evening will begin with the video **Pennsylvania's Forgotten Giants**. This video produced the WRCF, explores the state's old growth forests. This is a great primer for a wonderful day or weekend trip to one of Pennsylvania's natural gems. (29 minute video). Following the video, will be a **Night Walk** on the trails under a quarter moon to listen for owls. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Tuesday Morning Birdwalks - Tuesdays, April 29 to June 3, 7:30AM to 12:00Noon. Each week we visit a new location to admire the Spring. Beginners are welcome. We meet at Mariton to carpool. Call to reserve space, and for locations.

Annual Migratory Bird Census - Saturday, May 10, 7:30AM to 12:00Noon. Join us for the peak of the warbler migration to count the birds visiting Mariton. Bring binoculars. We generally see 50 species.

Tuesday Morning Butterfly Walks—Tuesdays, June 10, 17 and July 1, 9:00AM to 12:00Noon. 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 21, 9:00AM to 12:00Noon. Help us count the butterflies in the meadows. We guarantee that even if you don't know any butterflies, you will leave knowing at least 3. Bring your binoculars.

Please take note that the Williams Township Municipal Office and the Public Works Department are closed on the following holidays: March 21 & May 26



A Letter From The Wilson Area School Superintendent

Every six years the Pennsylvania Department of Education requires school districts in the Commonwealth to complete a Strategic Plan. This has been a mandated activity for many years and one which the Wilson Area School District takes very seriously. The process of Strategic Planning permits the District to: refocus our staff development and technology plans, re-establish mission and vision statements, develop shared beliefs, and create goals for improvement and an action plan to direct our collective efforts.

As a part of the strategic planning process we would like your assistance. One way to help in this process is to give us your input. Please go to our website www.wilsonareasd.org and click on the parent survey link. The purpose of the survey is to measure parent perception of our District. The survey should take no more than ten minutes. If you do not have internet access, you may call Mrs. Chris Marsh at the District office (484-373-6008) and a paper copy of the survey will be sent to you.

We appreciate your willingness and efforts in helping us make Wilson a great place for children to learn.

~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!

Williams Township Historical Society News

- On Sunday, April 20, 3:00PM we will hold a program "Tools for Home and Farm, 1700's and 1800's" with Ron and Kitty Belle Walter, in the Social Room St. Johns Church on Morgan Hill Road (next to the Williams Township Elementary School). Learn what implements our grandmothers and grandfathers used on a daily basis and their strange sounding names. The public is welcome. Volunteers are needed to help move Ron's equipment at 2:00PM and to bake for the goody table. Call 610-253-8951 if you can help.
- Join us for our 32nd year! For just \$6 you'll receive meeting notices via quarterly issues of "The Past-finder". It includes 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 people. Call 610-253-8951 for more 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. Available at the Municipal Building, the Riegelsville Library, or call WTHS at 610-253-8951. Proceeds benefit the Historical Society.

State & Federal Government Officials

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Easton, PA 18042

State Representative
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Easton, PA 18042

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Charlie Dent (R)
701 West Broad Street
Suite 200
Bethlehem, PA 18018
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Arlen Specter (R)
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3814 Federal Building
504 Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101

Robert Casey (D)
717-231-7540
555 Walnut St, 1st Floor
Harrisburg PA 17101



Williams Township Troop 31

Williams Township Troop 31 had a very busy year in 2007. The troop had a total of 11 rank advancements. Four of the rank advancements were to the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. The troop earned and completed 123 merit badges. The troop had two high adventure trips in 2007. The first trip was to Philmont, New Mexico for High Mountain hiking and camping. The second was to Quebec, Canada for a canoe trek adventure. The troop attended Winter Campout, Klondike Derby, Beaver Day weekend, Summer Camp, Summer Campout & Family picnic and hiked Valley Forge National Park. The Troop marched and participated in the Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 27, 2007 here in Williams Township. The troop has assisted in various community projects like Raubsville Cemetery, Earth Day project with Chrin Company, Williams Township Fire Company Carnival, Scouting for food to help our local food banks, and Ladies Auxiliary & Masons breakfasts. Don't forget to stop by every second Saturday of the month and say hello to our boy scouts at the Williams Township recycling center. Starting off in 2008, the troop has 33 boys on the roster and has just completed their Winter Campout for 2008. Upcoming events for this year are Klondike Derby, Swimming at the YMCA, Beaver Day weekend, Jambo, Summer Camp, Summer Campout, various hikes and one High Adventure trip to Sea Base sailing the Caribbean. We currently have four 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. John's Lutheran Church 7:00PM to 8:30PM. Donations will be accepted to Williams Township Troop 31 at 1960 South Delaware Drive, Easton PA 18042, Scoutmaster Mark Weidner 610-250-0930.

ARE YOU MOVING?

Just a reminder to everyone, that 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 you may also print out a moving permit form off of our website and mail it to the Municipal Office with a check in the amount of \$5.00. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this requirement! Our Website is: www.williamstwp.org

Veterans Memorial Committee Update

- We will honor our Township Veterans on May 25, 6:00PM, at the Williams Township Municipal Park. Please save the date on your calendars.
- We continue to update our list of veterans who live, or have lived in Williams Township. Please provide any names that we may have missed in last year's program to Helen Seifert (610-253-2382), Linda Heindel (610-253-8951), or the Municipal Office (610-258-6788)
- The Committee welcomes new members both for program and for maintenance of the memorial; please contact any of the people listed above.
- Volunteers are needed to help prepare the site for the ceremony. A work party will meet Saturday, May 17, 9:00AM at the Municipal Building. Call Nancy Ackerman if you can help (610-253-2489).



Williams Township Volunteer Fire Company

The Williams Township Fire Company hopes everyone had a good holiday! The Fire Company responded to 251 calls in 2007.

We will be mailing out our fund drive very soon. Please take a minute of your time to look it over and send in your donation. This donation helps us to serve you!

We ordered and have received, a new brush truck at a cost of approximately \$27,000.00. This price includes the new equipment for it. The new truck is replacing our 1976 Chevy.

The Northampton County 911 center is in the process of updating their radio infrastructure. As a result of this upgrade, the Williams Township Fire Company had to spend \$32,000.00 on new Motorola radios. This purchase will help the Fire Company better serve our community.

As always, we are looking for new members! You can join us at age 16 as a junior member. Feel free to stop into the Fire Company at 2500 Morgan Hill Road on any Monday night between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Thanks for your support! Jeff Murray, Williams Township Fire Chief



Fire Company Auxiliary Upcoming Events

Spring is on it's way! Here is our itinerary so far.

- January through April—monthly Tupperware Book Party. Contact Marie Paolini 610-737-0109 for more information.
- March 9—Fashion Show/Tea Party—Featuring Baum School of Art with Pamela Ptak—from 1PM to 3PM. Tea & refreshment will be served.
- March 15—Easter Egg Hunt 1:00PM rain or shine at the Fire Company, 2500 Morgan Hill Road.
- April 6—All you can eat spring breakfast from 8:00aAM to 12:30PM.
- Bingo is held every Tuesday night at 7:00PM. Doors open at 5:00PM. Refreshments are available. Come and join the fun.

Become a member of the fire auxiliary! Both male & female's are welcome! Our meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:00pm at the Fire Company on Morgan Hill Road. Please come join us.

Thank you to everyone in advance for all your cooperation, time, help and donations!



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 residents 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, and 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 plates 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, help you. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation and help.



Tax Office News

For people who are unable to come into the Tax office during normal business hours, there is a drop box on the front porch of the new building. Otherwise, you may bring your payments into the Municipal Building.

Please be aware that the Tax Office will be open for **extended hours** on Tuesday, **March 4th, April 8th and June 10th** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Normal office hours are Wednesdays, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM. The deadline to pay your Township taxes for the year 2008 is December 29, 2008.

Feel free to call the Tax Collector, Jacqueline Warner with any questions you may have at 484-541-1056.

News from your Public Works Department

Williams Township will be putting our 2008 road projects out to bid soon. The roads that we are *TENTATIVELY* scheduling for improvements are: Old Well, Morvale, Flagler, Flafair, Canal, Murray, Westfield, Highfield, and Cider Press Road. We will be doing the micro-pave process again this year. Last year was the first time we used this type of resurfacing and we are very pleased with the results. Last year we spent \$152,145.00 on 67,321 square yards of road surface. This year we have 65,340 square yards scheduled. The Township consists of over 525,000 square yards of road surface. The price is based on the cost of oil at the time.



Resource Guide for Older Adults from the Lehigh Valley Alliance on Aging

This is just a short list of contact information for our Seniors in Northampton County. If you would like more information, please visit the Municipal Office at 655 Cider Press Road. We have brochures for your review in our lobby. For more information please contact the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging at 610-559-3245 from 8:30AM to 4:30PM Monday through Friday.

24 hour Emergency Service for elder abuse and neglect reports	610-252-9060
Better Business Bureau of Eastern Pennsylvania	610-866-8780
Penn State Cooperative Extension—Northampton County	610-746-1970
Northampton County Energy Assistance	610-250-1786
Meals on Wheels of Northampton County	610-691-1030
Northampton County State Health Center	610-250-1825
Mary Meuser Library	610-258-3040
Northampton County Bar Association	610-258-6333
Pennsylvania Senior LAW helpline	877-727-7529
APPRISE Northampton County (Medicare & Medicaid Counseling)	610-559-3245
Social Security Administration	610-258-9033
Lanta/Metro	610-776-7433
Northampton County Department of Veterans Affairs	610-559-3055



Athletic Association Update

The Athletic Association has completed baseball and softball registration. We have 194 boys and girls that signed up. Baseball and Softball practice starts in mid March. The games run from late April through the beginning of June.

We will be sponsoring a baseball tournament from Thursday, June 19, through Sunday, June 22. The tournament is for boys ages 9 & 10 and 11 & 12. It is a great tournament and one of our main fundraisers.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Community Building on the last Monday of the month at 8:00PM. During baseball and softball season the meetings are held at 8:30PM.

Recreation Board News

Movies in the Park will be held on Saturday, July 19 with a rain date of July 20 and Saturday, August 16 with a rain date of August 17. Please contact the Municipal Office at 610-258-6788 with your movie recommendations.

Summer recreation will begin on Monday, June 23 and end Friday, August 1. Recreation is held from 8:30AM to 3:30PM. There will be no recreation held on Friday July 4. Please note that we do not have recreation when it rains.

The Homerun Derby will be held on Wednesday, June 4. Registration will start at 4:30PM. We will place more information on the Township website when we get closer to the date.

Don't forget that keys are available for the municipal park lights at the tennis and basketball courts. You may purchase a key at the Municipal office for \$10.00 during normal business hours.

Williams Township is currently seeking anyone interested in lining the baseball & softball fields. For more information, please see the Williams Township website (www.williamstwp.org) for details or call the office at 610-258-6788.

Land Preservation Board

The year 2007 was a good one for Land Preservation in our Township. Three properties, totaling nearly 300 acres were placed into conservation easements, preventing future development that could otherwise have increased the demand for costly Township and school services. Several additional projects are underway, leveraging Township tax dollars with funding from various other sources. To learn how you can help, visit the "Land Preservation" page of the Williams Township website, or attend one of the monthly meetings of the Land Preservation Board on the third Monday of each month, 7:00PM in the Community Building at 655 Cider Press Road.

Garden Club Calendar Of Upcoming Meetings

The Garden Club meets at St. Johns Church 2720 Morgan Hill Road. Everyone is welcome. Contact Carol McIntosh for more information at 610-253-3155.

- Tuesday, March, 25 at 6:30PM—Speaker & business meeting
- Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00PM—Our annual perennial plant exchange. Divide and exchange your emerging plants to share and take others home.
- Garden Tours: Tuesday, May 20—6:00PM ~Tuesday, June 17 6:00PM ~ Tuesday, July 15—6:00PM



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April 22, 2008

Polls Open: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Polling Places:

Upper & Middle District—Municipal Office; 655 Cider Press Road

Eastern District—Fire Company #2; 2156 South Delaware Drive (Route 611)

Western District—St. Luke's Evangelical Church; 20 Church Road

WHITE GOODS PICKUP

It will soon be that time of year again when Williams Township will be offering White Goods pickup. White Goods consists of metal items only. The pickup will take place May 12, 2008 through May 16, 2008 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Please place all white goods that you wish to dispose of at the end of your driveway. PLEASE NO FURNITURE, PORCELAN TUBS, PORCELAN SINKS, ELECTRONICS OR TIRES!

Acceptable items for pickup include: washers, dryers, hot water heaters, lawn mowers, grills refrigerators, ovens, stoves, scrap metal, metal fencing, etc. If you have any questions regarding the White Goods Pickup, please call the Municipal Building at 610-258-6788.