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Recreation Board News - Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 6th, 3:00pm with a rain date of October 7th. There will be a fun race, vendors, music, assorted activities, food and a Firetruck ride. Join us for Fireworks at Dusk!

The Center for Animal Health & Welfare

November 2nd • 7-10pm

American Legion Post 215, 320 Second St. Catasauqua

Coach, Cash and Cocktails Bingo

\$25 ticket includes 20 games

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Food and beverages available for purchase

For more information, call 610-252-7722 ext 6

Tickets can be purchased at the shelter during normal business hours

November 30th • 6-10pm

Steel Club

700 Linden Ave Hellertown

Dressed to the K-9's

Join us for a black tie gala in support of the homeless pets at The Center for Animal Health and Welfare.

Featuring:

- Comedian Jimmy Carroll
- A performance by Staycation
- Music by DJ Smithz
- Live Auction

General Admission

\$100 (\$90 advance) / person \$175 /couple (\$150 advance) includes buffet dinner, drink ticket and raffle ticket.

VIP Ticket

\$250 per person / \$400 per couple includes VIP reception, buffet dinner, open bar, 2 raffle tickets and swag bag.

Purchase your tickets at the shelter or make a donation online at www.healthyanimalcenter.org

March 9th • 10am-1pm

The New Jordan Lanes, 731 Jordan Pkwy Whitehall

Pins for Pets

Join us on Saturday March 9th for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Without the proceeds from this event, the shelter would not be able to continue it's work saving the lives of thousands of animals each year. Please consider joining us and pledging to be the voice for the stray, abandoned and unwanted animals of our community!



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**The Williams Township Municipal Office
will be closed on the following dates:**

October 8, 2018 • November 6, 2018

November 12, 2018 • November 22 & 23, 2018

December 24 & 25, 2018 January 1, 2019

February 18, 2019



Election Day

November 6th! Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. The Municipal Office will be closed on this date.

Tax Collector Information

The Wilson Area School District Tax base payment due date period is September 1st through November 1st. The Penalty period begins on November 2nd.

Office Hours will be: January 2 and March 1, 2019 from 2pm-4pm. If paying in person and with cash, please have exact change if possible. If mailing or dropping your payment in the white mailbox, please include BOTH portions of the bill if you are requesting a receipt along with a self addressed stamped envelope, review your check for accuracy, and include your phone number on the check in case there is a mistake and I need to contact you in order for your payment to be received on time.

The Williams Township Real Estate bills will be mailed in February 2019.

Jenny Frindt, Tax Collector
655 Cider Press Rd
Easton, PA 18042
Phone 484-541-1056
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Greetings from the New Township Manager

Hello Williams Township Residents. I am so delighted to be here as the new Township Manager and am ecstatic about this auspicious opportunity the Board of Supervisors has given me. I am very appreciative of the "welcome" from the Board and all of the staff members of the Township. Please know I am fully committed to serving in my new capacity and look forward to working with our residents. You will find my contact information on our website if a need should arise. I would also be remiss to not mention what a wonderful place I have found Williams Township to be. It's rich historical significance, its scenic landscapes but nothing more impressive than its most valuable asset, the community members. Here's to a great future for Williams Township, thanks for having me!

Mikal Sabatine



Williams Township Volunteer Fire Company

Thank You All!

We would like to thank everyone who came out to help and support our Carnival. If anyone is interested in joining please come see us any Monday night at the Fire Company on Morgan Hill Road.

Williams Township Fire Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for their help and support at our annual Country Fair held this past July. Also, thank you for your help and support throughout the year at our breakfast and/or other functions and fund raisers. Our next All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet will be held on October 7, 2018 at the Fire House on Morgan Hill Road from 8am to noon. Hope to see you there. As always, we welcome new members to the Auxiliary, both men and women. We meet the first Thursday of each month at the fire house on Morgan Hill Road at 7 P.M.

Historical Society Calendar of Events:

- **Join the WTHS for just \$10** – you'll receive meeting notices via quarterly issues of The Pastfinder, news about Williams-related people, places, and events. It's a good way to learn about our township's history. A CD including all Pastfinder issues from 1977 (beginning of the historical society) through end of 2016 with title index is \$25 (\$4 mailing cost). Contact Linda Heindel, 610.253.8951 or LHH2@lehigh.edu
- **Spring 2019 WTHS meeting (tentative):** Martha Capwell Fox. National Canal Museum, will describe Williams Township's role in the Industrial Revolution on Sunday, March 31, 3 pm at St. John's Church of Morgan Hill, 2720 Morgan Hill Rd.
- **Jim Moyer, son of Board member James Moyer, will entertain picnickers with a program of colonial music** at the pavilion in the township park, Sunday, June 23, 2019 (tentative), 6 pm. Attendees bring their own table settings and one dish to share. Always good food. Everyone welcome.
- **Fall 2019 WTHS meeting (tentative):** Jeff Finegan, collector and author of artifacts relevant to George Washington, will share his research about the Father of Our Country on October 20 (tentative), at St. John's Church of Morgan Hill, 2720 Morgan Hill Rd.
- **Books available for purchase** are Trolley Memories of a Raubsville Resident by Jane Kiefer Leary (who grew up in Raubsville) and Hexenkopf: History, Healing, and Hexerei, 2nd ed., by Ned Heindel. Ask at the Municipal Building or at the Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society's Sigal Museum at 342 Northampton St., Easton.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

Do you know someone serving in the military? Support the Troops, Inc is a Williams Township based 501 (c) 3, that ships FREE care packages year round to those serving.

Contact Blair or Valerie Ferguson at 610-438-8885 or sttroops@gmail.com.

They need the full name & address of the soldier and appropriate length of deployment.





Mary Meuser Memorial Library

Upcoming Events at Mary Meuser Memorial Library

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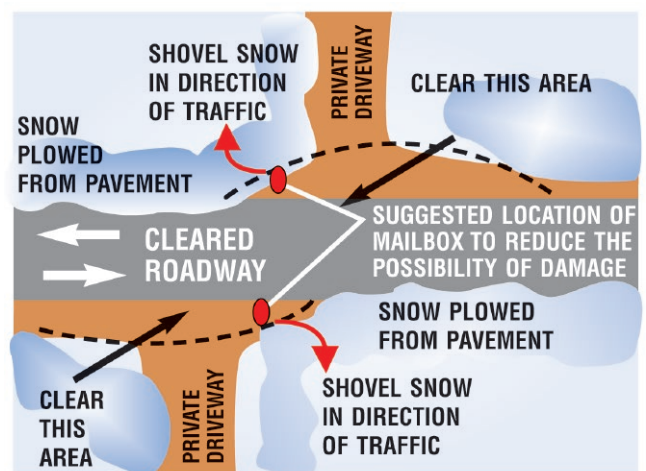
- Weekly **STORYTIMES** are held on Thursday and Friday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cooper, our special reading buddy, joins us the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. Watch out for surprise monthly visits from special characters!
- **OPEN MIC NIGHT** continues throughout the year on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Each night opens with a local guest artist. Come out and share your talents!
- Meuser Library hosts two **AFTER SCHOOL** drop-in programs a month, the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The 2nd week features **STEAM** activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics). The 4th Thursday features games. Bring your own or check out ours!
- Our Meuser **Knitting Club** meets the second-and-fourth Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. Crocheters are also invited! Some beginning instruction is available. Bring your own supplies. Limited supplies will be available for beginners.
- We are planning our annual **Fall Foliage Train Excursion Bus Trip** for sometime in October. Enjoy the many changing colors of the season while riding through some of the most breathtaking areas of the Poconos. Please check our website for more information.
- Also in the works is our **First Annual "Haunted Library" Halloween Event**. Come out and get spooked! Details will be available on our website.
- **Christmas Wreaths** will be offered for sale again this year beginning sometime in November. Order forms will be available on our website and at the Circulation Desk. Proceeds benefit the Library.
- Our annual **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** will be held on Friday, December 7, during our regularly scheduled storytime. Registration is required. Please call the library for more information.
- A **Meuser Book Club** is in the works! If you are interested in participating, please call Wende at 610-258-3040.
- **NEW AT MEUSER:** Museum passes to the FRICK COLLECTION in New York City. Four membership passes are available for our patrons to visit the Museum at no cost to you. The passes are available for a two-week check out period. Find out more by visiting our website or inquiring at the Circulation Desk.
- In conjunction with Lafayette College, we will be hosting a **homework and tutoring program** beginning this Fall. If interested, registration is required. Please contact the Library at 610-258-3040 for further information, or visit our website.
- Our annual bus trip to the **Philadelphia Flower Show** will be announced in January. Please visit our website for further information or contact the Library directly. Several other Spring bus trips are in the works. Keep up-to-date via our website or our Facebook page.

The Public Works Department

The Public Works Dept. will continue to survey and collect an inventory of our storm water pipes and inlets throughout the Township. We will also continue to survey the public sewer system throughout the Morgan Hill golf course community. Some residents may see Township employees opening and cleaning manholes, pipes and drainage boxes along the road right-of-way and within some drainage and public sewer easements through their property. Township employee's would not be entering any residents home.

Residents are reminded that Williams Township passed a Bamboo Ordinance 2017-4 that went into effect October 16, 2017. If any resident has Bamboo on their property and it is creating a hazard along the roadways or an adjoining property you may be in violation of this Ordinance. The Township sited over eight residents for the bamboo on their property that was blocking roadways and creating a hazard for vehicles. Residents should familiarize themselves with this Ordinance if they currently have bamboo or are planning on planting bamboo on their property.

With the winter season soon to be here we would like to remind the residents of our Snow Ordinance 2002-7 that requires all vehicles to be parked off the public roadways throughout the Township during a snow storm. It also requires that residents do not push, shovel or throw snow out into the public street.





Fry's Run Watershed Association Streamside Tour and Native Plant Sale

As anyone who attended our stream side tour recently can tell you, we have a lot going on at Fry's Run Park. We have started a multi-year project to rid the stream bank of Japanese knot weed, Japanese hops, and other invasive species that are keeping the native plants from thriving. This involves cutting and pulling on a fairly regular schedule. This stage will go on for the rest of this year and into 2019 as well. The next step will be planting natives and keeping on eye on them to make sure the invasives don't get re-established. We have plenty of volunteer opportunities so contact us if you have any time to help.

We now have four master watershed stewards living in Williams Township! The course requires 40 hours of instruction and 50 hours of volunteer time. Contact them, or us, at frysrn@gmail.com.



MARITON WILDLIFE SANCTUARY 2018- 2019 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

240 Sunnyside Road, Easton, PA 18042-9762 • 610-258-6574 • timburris@natlands.org • Visit the Web Log at www.natlands.org

Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary is presenting the following programs. All programs are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. Please call Preserve Manager, Tim Burris at 610-258-6574 or timburris@natlands.org if you plan to attend any of the programs. (Programs may be cancelled due to low registration, or inclement weather.)



Tuesday Morning Nature walks

Tuesday mornings. 9:00 a.m.–noon. October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

On our Tuesday walks we will be looking at birds, fall flowers, butterflies, and the other wonders that we happen upon. Bring binoculars if you have them, or borrow ours.

Spring Wildflower Walk Saturday, May 4, 9:00 AM – Noon

Enjoy the beauty of our woodland wildflowers on a guided walk.

Tuesday Morning Bird walks

Tuesday mornings 7:30 a.m. – noon. April 30 – June 4.

Each week the group will visit a different location to bird. This is a great chance to learn about spring migrants with knowledgeable people. We meet at Mariton and carpool to other locations. Bring binoculars. (We have loaners available.)

Don't forget to visit Mariton's Field Notes at www.natlands.org to learn about the latest sightings.

The Land Preservation Board

Have you ever wondered if future generations will enjoy the same scenic beauty of Williams Township that we do today? Consider preserving your woodlands, open spaces or farmland to make that happen.

The Land Preservation Board meets the fourth Tuesday each month in the community building on Cider Press Road. The Board is willing to meet with you and review the options available to you. We encourage you to join us and participate. As you drive around the township, make note of properties you would like to see preserved. Bring us your ideas on properties or ways you think the program could be improved.

More information is available on the Township's website or by calling the Township office.



The Board of Supervisors would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents. The Township would like to further request that citizens, in response, patronize these businesses first when given a choice as these businesses are saving each citizen tax dollars.

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