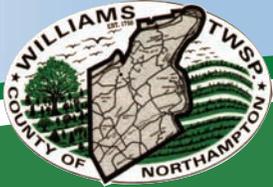


# Williams Township Times

Northampton County, PA



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## WHAT WILL \$520,000 BUY?



On January 24, 2013, your Williams Township Fire Company No. 1 took delivery of a brand new Pierce Arrow XT Fire Engine which will be based out of the Morgan Hill fire station. The fire engine cost \$520,000.

This fire engine was custom built as are most fire trucks. Build time took six months. Considerable effort was required to design a fire engine for the needs of the township.

**The fire engine designation is 28-11;** 28 meaning our station number, 11 indicating an engine.

**Fire hose carried:** 1,000 feet of 5 inch hose and 1,000 feet of 3 inch hose, minimum.

**Water carried:** 1,000 gallons. Foam carried: 30 gallons of class B

**Fire fighters carried:** 6 fire fighters

This new fire truck will help to keep us current with the latest, state of the art, most reliable equipment available for our resident's protection.

**Please visit the fire company website, [www.wtfireco.org](http://www.wtfireco.org) for additional pictures and details.**

### FROM THE ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF'S DESK

- Change the batteries in all your smoke and CO detectors and test them.
- Check the fire company website for a calendar of events.

*We are always looking for new volunteer members. If you are interested in joining, please stop by the Fire Station on Morgan Hill Road any Monday night after 7:00pm to talk with an officer or call 610-252-7648 or e-mail the fire company website: [www.wtfireco.org](http://www.wtfireco.org)*

*Williams Township Fire Company No. 1 is your all volunteer, donation funded fire company.*



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## TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

### Township Office

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Open: Mon–Fri, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

### Board of Supervisors

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610-258-0816 for non-emergencies

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**Township Solicitor**  
Jonathan Reiss  
267-450-3243

**Sewage Enforcement Officer**  
Joseph Black  
610-258-6788

## MEMORIAL CEREMONY



The Williams Township Veterans Memorial Committee is making plans for the annual Memorial Ceremony, this year on Sunday, May 26th, 6 pm, at the Veterans Memorial on the Williams Township Municipal Park, 655 Cider Press Road.

The committee welcomes volunteers to help with planning and implementation. Please call Katie at 610-258-6788 or email to kfaubert@williamstwp.org if you are interested in helping.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Williams Township is in need of volunteers to fill the following vacancies:

**Sewer Advisory Committee** – one vacancy  
**Budget Advisory Committee** – three vacancies

If you are interested, please email the Township Manager, Jennifer Smethers at: jsmethers@williamstwp.org



## TAX OFFICE NEWS

If you 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.

Extended hours for Spring 2013 are:

- 04/02/13 11:00 - 2:00 Wms Twp "Discount Amount" Due
- 06/04/13 11:00 - 2:00 Wms Twp "Base Amount" Due

Normal Tax Office hours are Wednesdays, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Jacqueline Warner, Tax Collector is always available to answer your questions by telephone at 484-541-1056

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

The Primary Election will be held on May 21st! Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

*Please be aware:*

The Municipal Office will be CLOSED on this day, but the Municipal Building will remain open to the Upper District voters.



### \*\*\*\* EMAIL BLAST LIST \*\*\*\*

**Would you like to be added to an email list with the Township? Send an email to: kfaubert@williamstwp.org. and Katie will add your email address to her mailing list for community updates, reminders, & upcoming events.**

## Need a sure thing?

That statement is certainly a tough one to answer in today's present economic environment. One thing you can certainly count on is Easton Emergency Squad and its staff answering your call for help. Along with that expeditious response you will find the most skilled and compassionate healthcare providers the Lehigh Valley has to offer.

Easton Emergency Squad maintains its high standards of patient care advocacy by utilizing a client service model. That means every patient contact we make our staff will offer every possible medical intervention and transportation to definitive care as deemed necessary by the patient's clinical presentation.

This commitment to professional emergency medical service (EMS) does not stop with the patient care and transport to the hospital. Easton Emergency Squad is among a select few that does their own medical billing for services rendered. The same level of expertise found with our paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) is also found in our billing department. We have our billing staff accredited at the national level and regularly attend training to ensure we are utilizing all available insurance.

With all that said how does this ensure a sure thing, well to truly solidify that your need for Easton Emergency Squad's services, and to make sure your emergency medical insurance claim are completely covered is to become a member of the Easton Emergency Squad's 2013 Subscription Program!

With your single annual payment you are guaranteed that in the event you are treated and transported by Easton Emergency Squad any unpaid portion of the insurance claim will be applied to your membership and NOT be made your responsibility!

In the face of all the unknown changes with the Healthcare Reform Act and from what we have seen from the insurance carriers with regards to paying claims the peace of mind gained from this nominal membership fee is becoming more beneficial than ever before.

On behalf of Easton Emergency Squad I thank you for considering this program. Should you have any questions please call our office at 610-258-2866.

Sincerely,

**Jonathan Nicholas**

NREMT-P, FP-C, CCP-C, Director of Easton Emergency Squad  
Office 610-258-2866 • Facsimile 610-258-1153



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## Fire Company Auxiliary News

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We would like to thank everyone for their support and help in 2012. It was greatly appreciated.

Our event for the spring and summer are as follows:

*Please see any Auxiliary member for more information or send us an email or message on the Fire Company's web site.*

### **COUPON SALE**

April 1 to May 31

sponsored by Country Lawnscape.

Purchase tickets for \$5 or \$10 and use for your garden.

### **COUPON HOAGIE SALE**

April 1 to May 31

from Park Avenue Market

Pick up hoagies at your convenience.

### **ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET**

April 7 from 8 AM to 12:30 PM at the fire house

### **ANNUAL CARNIVAL**

July 22 to July 27

### **MUM SALE**

August 1 to Sept. 15

### **BASKET BINGO**

September 29

### **ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET**

October 6

Come join us on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7 PM for our meetings, Both men and women are invited to join. We also have a Junior Auxiliary for ages 12 - 18 and any one in that age group is invited to join us also.

## JUDITH'S READING ROOM ELECTION DAY BOOK DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS!



The Election Day book drive to benefit Judith's Reading Room was a big success. Thanks to all the Williams Township voters who donated nearly 500 books. Your children's books were delivered to area schools that serve children who come from homes without books. And, your adult books were shipped to our troops overseas and were delivered to four VA hospitals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The 2nd Annual Judith's Reading Room Book Drive will be held on Election Day November 2014. So, please keep us in mind if you have children's books to donate. To learn more, please visit our website [www.judithsreadingroom.org](http://www.judithsreadingroom.org) to catch up on our activities, become a volunteer or donate funds. Again, thanks!

Thanks from Judith's Reading Room  
Check us out at [Judithsreadingroom.org](http://Judithsreadingroom.org)

## Land Preservation Board



Williams Township continues to work to preserve valuable open space and farmland. The current total of preserved land in the township is over 1300 acres. The LPB thanks all who have helped to maintain our rural character by participating in these programs. Congress also extended the charitable donation deduction through 2013 for preserved land in the recent tax package passed. We encourage anyone interested in considering preserving their land or learning more about the benefits of preserving their property to contact the LPB through the township office at 610-258-6788, or e-mail [lpb@williamstwp.org](mailto:lpb@williamstwp.org). Everyone is invited to attend our meetings on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM.

## News from the Williams Township Historical Society (WTHS)

*On August 10 — Williams Township's Community Day*

The Williams Township Historical Society will sponsor Civil War reenactors who remind us of our special role in the Civil War during this 150th commemoration period.

The 153rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry was formed in April of 2011 to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War. Long time reenactors and history buffs (men and women) will tell the story of the 993 men of the 153rd, all from Northampton County and many from Company F, Williams Township's company. Ron Hinline and Ned Heindel are liaisons for the group. Everyone is welcome to interact with the group.



## Thank You To The Businesses

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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# WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD



**The Homerun Derby**  
will be held on Wednesday, June 5th for both boys and girls.  
Registration begins at 4:30 pm.

## Movies in the Park

will be held on Saturday, July 20th at dusk.  
A movie has not been chosen as of yet.



**The keys** for the lights on the tennis and basketball courts have been changed. Anyone who already has a key will need to come into the Municipal Office and get a new one. The fee is \$20.00 for a new key.



**COMMUNITY DAY**  
will be held on **Saturday, August 10th**  
from 2:00 pm to dusk

We will be having fireworks again this year. The Easton Police will be bringing their police dogs again. They really put on a good show!  
The Williams Township Fire Company also puts on a live demonstration.  
There will be music, good food, vendors and a clown. Come out for a fun, family day!

The Summer Recreation Program will start on June 17th and run through July 26th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, for ages 5 through 12.

## WILLIAMS RAMS FLAG FOOTBALL 2012 COLONIAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



## Garden Club News

We meet at St. Johns Church on Morgan Hill, 2720 Morgan Hill Road.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm – featuring speaker Elizabeth Ludlow Bowman – Garden writer in the Bucks County Herald. “Spring preparation for your garden”

Our following meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month. They will include a picnic, perennial plant exchange and tours of interesting private gardens. Meeting dates are as follows: May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, and September 17.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening of garden events. Everyone is welcome! For information, call Carol McIntosh at 610-253-3155.



## What is Pilates?



**P**ilates strengthens the muscles that support the spine (the neck, shoulders, abs, hips and thighs) to bring balance into the body. Strength and stability are developed through a balanced workout. Pilates helps to realign the spine in order to decrease tension, increase flexibility, and strengthen the body from the inside out.

**Thursdays @ 5:30pm** • (six classes \$60) • Drop-ins welcome \$12

Please email [mnleach@hotmail.com](mailto:mnleach@hotmail.com) for sign-up. Prefer a different time or day? Let us know.

# TRASH AND RECYCLING

## WHITE GOODS PICKUP

May 13, 2013 through May 17, 2013

Please place your **METAL ITEMS** curbside along Township and State roadways and your public works department will come by to collect it for recycling.

**Please note that public works will not collect these items along private roads and they will not come onto your private property, which is why we ask that you place your items curbside.**

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT!

June 1st from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm in the parking lot of Northampton County Community College.

Please visit the Williams Township Website for more details in the near future. **No Latex Paint is accepted at this event.**



## COVERED DEVICE RECYCLING ACT

Beginning January 24, 2013 no person may dispose of a covered device or any of its components with their municipal solid waste! Covered Devices include: desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals and televisions.

You may take your covered device for recycling to the following facilities:

**AERC** – 2330 South West 26th Street, Allentown, PA - [www.aercrecycling.com](http://www.aercrecycling.com)

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# WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP SPORTSMEN'S ASSOC.

The Williams Township Sportsmen's Association holds its monthly meetings at Crivellaro's Restaurant on Morgan Hill Road. Meetings are held on the same Tuesday as the second Thursday starting at 8:00 p.m. Our website at [williamstownshipsportsmensassociation.com](http://williamstownshipsportsmensassociation.com) lists the exact dates for the meetings.

Our range is located on Gaffney Hill Road and is open to all members. Hours of operation are weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to dusk and Sundays from noon to dusk. It is imperative that any Members using the facility abide by the rules posted and we ask that all targets be removed from the premises after use.

The organization would like to thank Jeffrey Grube for his work as past membership chairman and welcome Dave Miller, who has taken on this role. Prospective members must attend a regularly scheduled meeting.

## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO TURNED IN IMPRESSIVE RACKS FOR 2012:

**Josh Frey** - 10pt. scoring 159 6/8

**Paul Kichline** - 8pt. 90 7/8

**Kevin Reed** - 9pt. 112 4/8

**John Patterson** - 8pt. 98 4/8

13 year old **Samantha Diehl** whose first deer was an 8pt. scoring 99 inches.

**Eric Campbell** - 8pt. 98

**Shaun Pfister** who arrowed a 10pt. scoring 116 7/8.

Junior hunters receiving awards at our April meeting include **Austin Lesher, Zavery Lesher, Logan Murray, and Joey Santiago.**

Visit our website for upcoming events in 2013. [www.williamstownshipsportsmensassociation.com](http://www.williamstownshipsportsmensassociation.com)

## Boy Scouts



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Troop 31 is gearing up for an action packed 2013! We finished last year with 386 total camping nights and have already been camping this year up at Little Mud Pond in Pike County. We would like to congratulate Gabriel Hartman on being our first Eagle Scout of 2013! We wish Gabe great success in his plans for the future. Troop 31 is looking forward to welcoming in our Cub Scouts crossing over to Boy Scouts in the coming weeks. We hope to be getting boys from Pack 316 and Pack 31. The boys have done a great job of planning for 2013, here is some of our upcoming activities; Family Pet first aid training at the Pleasant Valley animal Hospital, Klondike Derby at Akelaland, CPR/AED Training, Helping St. Johns Church with the Irish dinner, Summer Camp in Jonas PA, Attending the Scoutmasters Council weekend at West Point Military Academy, Beaver Weekend at Settlers Camp, Backpacking on the AT, Spring Camporee at Camp Minsi, and of course helping the Fire Company with the Country Fair. We also have two Life Scouts working on their Eagle Projects

here in the Township. The Troop has Four Scouts and one leader attending the National Jamboree in West Virginia in July; this should be a spectacular event at the BSA's newest high adventure camp. Please do not forget to recycle, are boys are at the Williams Township Recycling center on the 2nd Saturday of the month. I would 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 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Donations will be accepted to Williams Township Troop 31 at 380 Durham Road Easton PA 18042, Scoutmaster Chuck Yeoman 610-252-3678.

## FRYS RUN WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

I'm sure you have noticed the changes to Frys Run Park. Now that the bridge project is complete, Frys Run Watershed Association is ready to move ahead with our riparian buffer restoration plan. We have applied for a grant from Coldwater Heritage, and we hope to get started this spring. The first phase will be stream bank stabilization and creating fish habitat, and the next will be planting trees and shrubs to create a buffer. We hope that when we're finished, the park will be a great place for families to spend a day enjoying nature. There will be many volunteer opportunities. Anyone interested in helping out can attend one of our meetings, the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm at the township community center.

Frys Run has a state designation of High Quality Stream, Cold Water Fishery, Migratory Fishery. Frys Run Watershed Association is an independent, non-profit dedicated to protecting, preserving, and improving the water and land in the Fry's Run watershed. Visit our website at [www.frysrun.org](http://www.frysrun.org).

# MARITON WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



## 2013 Spring/Summer Events Schedule

*Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary presents the following programs this spring and summer. All programs are free and open to the public, unless noted otherwise. PLEASE call ahead if you plan to attend at 610- 258-6574. Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather or lack of reservations.*

### **GARLIC MUSTARD REMOVAL**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1:00 – 4:00 PM.**

We will be pulling this invasive plant where it grows along the trails. We have made great progress over the last few years in decreasing the population of Garlic Mustard at Mariton. A concerted effort by volunteers will help us control it this spring. Bring gardening gloves, it is easy to identify and pull.

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### **TUESDAY MORNING BIRD WALKS**

**APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, 21, AND 28, 7:30 AM – NOON.**

Join us each week as we visit a different location to bird and enjoy flowers, butterflies, etc. We meet at Mariton to carpool. Call to for each week's location. Bring binoculars. (We have loaners available.)

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### **SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK**

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 9:00 AM. – NOON.**

Join us as we walk the trails and identify the different wildflowers at Mariton.

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### **ANNUAL MIGRATORY BIRD CENSUS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 7:30 AM. – NOON.**

Join us for the peak of the warbler migration to count the birds visiting Mariton. Bring binoculars.

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### **ANNUAL NESTING BIRD CENSUS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 7:30 AM – NOON.**

We have been doing this count for over a quarter of a century! We will identify the birds most likely to nest at Mariton and be summer residents in our area. We usually tally about 45 species.

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### **TUESDAY MORNING BUTTERFLY WALKS**

**JUNE 4, 11, 18, AND 25, 9:00 AM – NOON.**

Learn some of the local butterflies on these walks in the meadows. Species will differ slightly on each walk. Bring binoculars!

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### **ANNUAL BUTTERFLY CENSUS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 9:00 AM – NOON.**

Bring your binoculars and help us count the butterflies in the meadows.

## **Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary**

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Visit the Web Log at [www.natlands.org](http://www.natlands.org).

## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

As spring approaches we would like to remind residents to please help maintain their trees and bushes along the township roadways throughout the year by keeping them trimmed back from the edge of the roadway. If you plan on planting anything along the roadway, please be sure to take into account as things grow they can cause a hazard with vehicles traveling along the road or with any sight distances with signs and intersections.

During the winter months, weight of snow on the branches can cause roads to be blocked. We have had problems getting our trucks through some streets because of overgrown trees, bushes and especially bamboo. It is the homeowner's responsibility to properly maintain their own property and to keep their plantings from encroaching on the roadway. The township public works crew does come by periodically to help maintain a clear and unobstructed cart way the best we can, but the ultimate responsibility is the property owner.

Every year we schedule a number of roads for new surface treatment. The number of roads and type of treatment depends on the funds available in the budget and the condition of the road surface. In order to prepare these roads, we will trim all vegetation back from the edge, scrape the edges of the roadway and open and replace any damaged drainage pipes as weather permits. This work is done within the road legal right-of-way. Every road throughout the township has a minimum 33' right-of-way regardless of the width of the paved surface. In the newer developments the minimum is 50'.

We will post the roads that are scheduled for surface treatment on the township website once they are approved by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting.

## ZONING OFFICE NEWS!

### Please be aware of the following recent changes:

The Grading Ordinance has been revised! The following activities require a Grading Permit:

1. Modifying, disturbing, blocking, diverting or otherwise adversely affecting the natural flow of surface water within an ephemeral, intermittent, or perennial stream or, in a manner to impact an adjoining parcel.
2. Construction, erection, or installation of any drainage dam or obstruction affecting the drainage of any parcel.
3. Earth disturbance in excess of 2,000 square feet, cumulatively in one year; a year being twelve (12) consecutive months from the date of the first earth disturbance or application for a grading permit.

The Conservation Development Ordinances 2007-02, 2007-03 and 2007-04 in addition to Subdivision Land Development Ordinance 2007-05 have been repealed.

Williams Township has a new Third Party Building Code Inspection Agency! We have changed from Base Engineering, Inc. to Keystone Code Consulting & Enforcement.

Richard Adams, Zoning Officer/Building Code Official  
610-258-0522



## REMINDERS

**Moving Permits** are required when you move in, out or within the Township. Application forms are available on our website: [www.williamstwp.org](http://www.williamstwp.org) under the Permits tab.

**House # signs** are still available to purchase for \$10 at the Municipal Office. These signs are critical in helping emergency services find your home in the event of an emergency.

**Recycling containers** are available at the Municipal Office. The first container for each household is free, and the fee for each additional is \$15.00.



**Mark Your  
Calendar**

## OFFICE CLOSURES

Please be aware that the Williams Township Municipal Office and Public Works Department will be closed for the following Holidays:

*March 29, May 21, May 27, July 4 & 5, and September 2nd.*

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 June 7TH: **THE LARGE FLOWERHEADS**  
 July 5TH: **SARAH AYERS BAND, 8PM**  
 (SPECIAL OPENING ACT: **SCHOOL OF ROCK**  
**BANK STREET BAND, 7PM**)  
 August 2ND: **JOYOUS**  
 September 6TH: **ZYDECO A GO GO**

FIRST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH AT RIVERSIDE PARK 7:30-9:30PM

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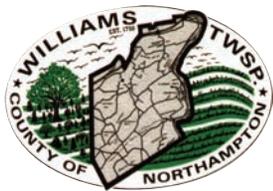
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