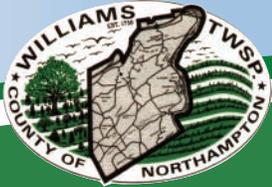


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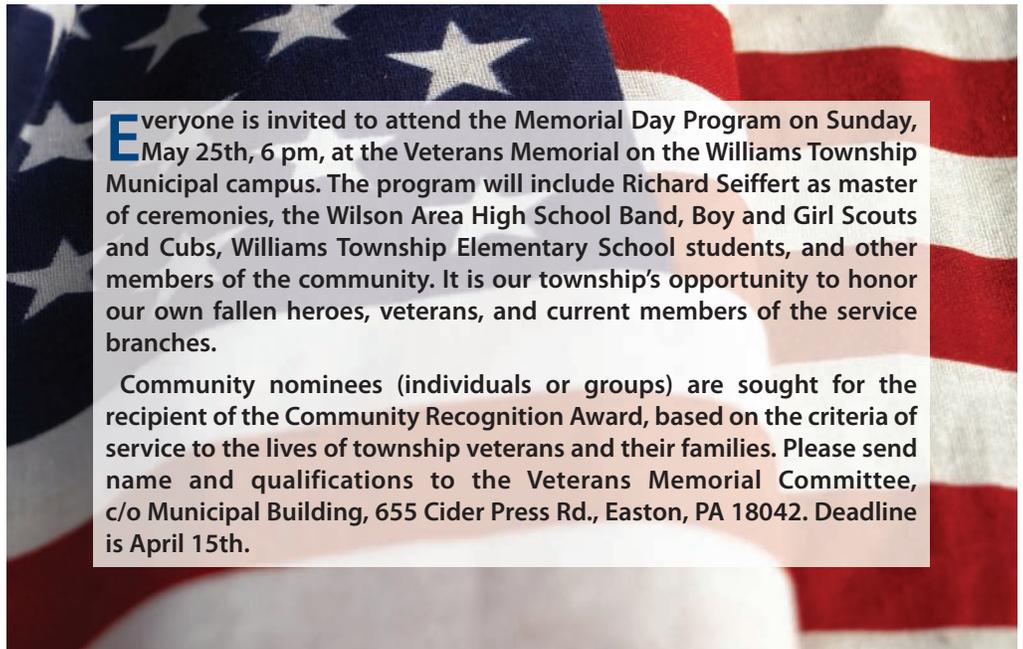
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WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE



Everyone is invited to attend the Memorial Day Program on Sunday, May 25th, 6 pm, at the Veterans Memorial on the Williams Township Municipal campus. The program will include Richard Seiffert as master of ceremonies, the Wilson Area High School Band, Boy and Girl Scouts and Cubs, Williams Township Elementary School students, and other members of the community. It is our township's opportunity to honor our own fallen heroes, veterans, and current members of the service branches.

Community nominees (individuals or groups) are sought for the recipient of the Community Recognition Award, based on the criteria of service to the lives of township veterans and their families. Please send name and qualifications to the Veterans Memorial Committee, c/o Municipal Building, 655 Cider Press Rd., Easton, PA 18042. Deadline is April 15th.

JUDITH'S READING ROOM

Judith's Reading Room 2013 Election Day Book Drive A Big Success

Our thanks to all the voters who collected books and brought them along when voting in November. We surpassed all expectations with a total of 1,260 books donated. And a special thanks to the folks who work at the polls and cheerfully put up with the ever-growing pile of books.



We would like to share with you the news of our receiving a \$5,000 grant from the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. This is in support of our Birth-2-Five program, reaching low-income families in the Lehigh Valley without the means to buy books. Our donation of books helps establish their first-ever home library. Each children's book that you donate really helps to move this program forward.

We'll be holding our third annual book drive on Tuesday, November 4th, 2014. Please visit our website www.judithsreadingroom.org to see other places that your donations have helped.

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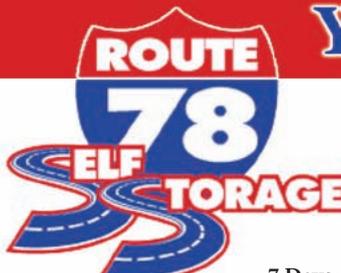


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Township Solicitor

Jonathan Reiss

267-450-3243

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Joseph Black

610-258-6788

RECREATION BOARD

Once again we will be having **Community Day** on August 9, 2014 starting at 2:00pm. Don't forget at dusk we will have our great fireworks display!

Our **Summer Recreation program** will start on June 23rd and run for six weeks until August 1st. The hours are 8:30am to 3:30pm for children ages five through thirteen.

Movies in the Park

will be on Saturday, July 19th at dusk.

Movie to be announced later.

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 31 has planned an action packed 2014! We started our year off with some winter camping in January at Sleepy Hollow Camp in Bradford County. The boys had a lot of fun and woke up the first morning to over 5" of Snow! In February we will welcome 3 New Scouts from Cub Pack #31. We will be competing with 2 patrols in the annual Klondike Derby in Jonas PA. In May, the troop will be joining over 7,700 scouts in the "Scoutmaster's Camporee" at West Point Military Academy. Towards the end of May, Troop members that are part of the OA (Order of the Arrow) will be participating in the spring weekend and ordeal. We will be attending our week long summer camp in June at Settlers Scout Camp. We have back packing planned along with a whitewater rafting trip. The boys are fund raising for a 2015 trip to the BSA Florida Sea Base, for some High Adventure. The Troop will be helping here in the township at the Fire House Breakfast, St. Patrick Day Dinner at St. Johns Church, and the Cemetery clean-up in Raubsville. The Troop will be working with the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts at the Memorial Day Service. We have several Eagle Scout Projects wrapping up in the township along with several Life Scouts working on their Eagle. Please do not forget to recycle, our 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 from 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.



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If you have questions just give us a call:

Valerie & Blair Ferguson

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Fry's Run Watershed Association News

Permits are in hand, contracts have been let – 2014 finally will see work begin on the **Fry's Run Park riparian buffer project**. The construction phase, involving in-stream placement of diversion structures, will be done by professionals. However, volunteers will be needed for the next phase – planting shrubs and trees that will form the streamside buffer. Watch for more information to come in the months ahead on this long-awaited project.

This spring we will expand FRWA's PennDOT-sponsored **Adopt-A-Highway** roadside clean-up program to Coffeetown Road and sections of Durham Road, Stout's Valley Road, and Steely Hill Road.

Other activities will include the **"Critter Capture" freshwater invertebrate identification workshop** at the Township Day Camp, and our popular **"Build Your Own Rain Barrel" workshop** – check our website at www.frysrn.org for details.

New members are welcome at our regular meetings, the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at the Township Offices on Cider Press Road.

Williams Township Sportsmen's Association

The Association holds its regularly scheduled meetings on the same Tuesday as the second Thursday at Crivellaro's Restaurant on Morgan Hill Road. Meetings start at 8:00 p.m. Visit our website at www.williamstownshipsportsmensassociation.com for exact meeting dates.

Dues for 2014 can be paid at any regularly scheduled meeting.

Any member using our range on Gaffney Hill Road is required to abide by all rules posted at the range and on the reverse side of the membership card.

We have planned an Easter Ham Shoot in April and our Annual Charles Byerly Children's Fishing Tournament for May. Visit our website for details when they become available.

Awards will be presented at our April meeting to the following members:

- Paul Kichline - largest Trout
- John Patterson - largest Turkey (not John himself!)
- Sean Haas - Junior member Buck
- Ed Segreaves - Rifle Buck
- Shaun Pfister - Traditional Archery Buck
- John Patterson - Crossbow Buck

Note: After close scrutiny, only Paul's trout showed any evidence of tire tracks.

Eric Fistler is once again conducting a Shad Fishing Tournament open to members and non-members. Contact Eric for details @ 610-762-0440 or register online @ shadfishingcontest.com. Tournament dates are April 26th – 29th.



2014 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.

Tuesday Morning Bird Walks

April 29th, May 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, and June 3rd, 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 for each week's location. *Bring binoculars. (We have loaners available.)*

Spring Wildflower Walk

Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 AM. – Noon.

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

Annual Migratory Bird Census

Saturday, May 10th, 7:30 AM. – Noon.

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

Annual Nesting Bird Census

Saturday, June 14th, 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.

Tuesday Morning Butterfly Walks

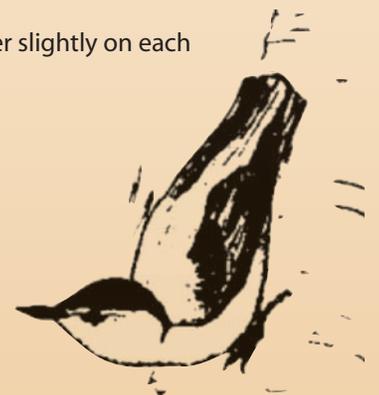
June 10th, 17th, and 23rd, and July 1st, 9:00 AM – noon.

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

Annual Butterfly Census

Saturday, June 28th, 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.

White Goods Pick-up

White Goods pickup will be held on May 12th-16th

Metal items only.

No collections will occur on private roads.



Mary Meuser
Memorial Library

Meuser Library Bus Trip to the Adventure Aquarium & Battleship New Jersey

Sunday, May 4th

\$56 per person
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Bus departs from the Library at 9:30 am
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2013 Year in Review

Last year ended up being our busiest year on record with regards to request for emergency medical services (EMS)! Williams Township historically averages about 300 requests for service. In 2013 our total request for EMS was 455!

That number is broken down as follows:

413 – Medical Emergencies • 29 – Motor Vehicle Accidents • 13 – Assist with rehab at Fire Scene

You can take comfort in the fact the leadership of Easton Emergency Squad is very aware of the ever changing environment we work in and is constantly evaluating our call demand. We have taken steps to ensure we meet this demand by adding additional staff and equipment as the dynamics of call demand increases.

This year has started off where 2013 left off and with this increase in call demand also brings about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation! All indications of the ACA is that EMS will see a reduction in reimbursement for services provided. That said Easton Emergency Squad will definitely be tightening its belt loops and looking at ways to expand our service line.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated in the form of charitable donation and becoming a subscribing member of Easton Emergency Squad. All of which can be done via our website www.eastonems.net, or if you prefer please contact our main office at 610-258-2866.

Thank you, in advance for considering our initiatives and we hope your 2014 is a safe and healthy year!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Nicholas, NREMT-P, FP-C, CCP-C
Director, Easton Emergency Squad
President, Northampton County Ambulance Association
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Fire Auxiliary

The Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for their support and help in 2013.

Hard to believe we are in 2014 already.

Thank You

Our events for the spring and summer are as follows:

- **March 1st through March 31st** is a pastie sale from Mr. Pastie.
- **April 6th** from 8:00 am to 12:30 – ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST at the Fire Company, 2500 Morgan Hill Road.
- **April 12th** is the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 0-10 years beginning at 1 P.M. SHARP at the fire house.
- **July 21st through July 26th** is the annual carnival.
- **September 28th** will be our annual Basket Bingo and **October 5th** will be our fall breakfast.

See any Auxiliary member for more information on these upcoming events. All these events are held at the fire house on Morgan Hill Road. Please come and support your Fire Company and Auxiliary.

Our monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at the Morgan Hill Fire House at 7 P.M. Men and women are invited to join the Auxiliary. We have also started a Jr. Auxiliary. Any one ages 12 - 18 are invited to join.

Land Preservation Board

After a brief lull during the recent poor real estate market, things are picking up for land preservation in the Township. We currently have two applications (77 acres) for preservation under our Township's program, and two farmers (94 acres) have applied to the county's farmland preservation program. In addition, we've had other landowners express interest in applying.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings held the third Monday every month at 7:00 pm. We can be contacted at lpb@williamstwp.org.



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Williams Township Taxes vs. Our Neighbors



People often call the township municipal office because they are upset with the amount of taxes that they must pay on their property. Below is a brief comparison which demonstrates that even though taxes have increased in Williams Township for 2014, we still have the lowest mill rate compared to other municipalities that abut us.

Assessed Value ↓	Williams Township	Glendon Borough	Wilson Borough	City of Easton	Palmer Township	Lower Saucon
Mill Rate →	4.0	12.95	14.5	24.95	7.0	4.39
\$50,000	\$200.00	\$647.50	\$725.00	\$1,247.50	\$350.00	\$219.50
\$100,000	\$400.00	\$1,295.00	\$1,450.00	\$2,495.00	\$700.00	\$439.00
\$150,000	\$600.00	\$1,942.50	\$2,175.00	\$3,742.50	\$1,050.00	\$658.50

Many residents also do not understand that all of the taxes that you pay do not go directly to Williams Township. Real estate taxes consist of three taxing authorities; the local Williams Township Tax (4.0 mills), the Wilson Areas School District Tax (50.90 mills) and the Northampton County Tax (10.8 mills). The chart below shows the taxes paid to each entity which comprises your total real estate tax based on the assessed value.

Taxing Entity	Assessed Home Value	Mill Rate	Tax
Wilson Area School District	\$50,000.00	50.9	\$2,545.00
Northampton County	\$50,000.00	10.8	\$540.00
Williams Township	\$50,000.00	4	\$200.00
Total			\$3,285.00
Wilson Area School District	\$100,000.00	50.9	\$5,090.00
Northampton County	\$100,000.00	10.8	\$1,080.00
Williams Township	\$100,000.00	4	\$400.00
Total			\$6,570.00
Wilson Area School District	\$150,000.00	50.9	\$7,635.00
Northampton County	\$150,000.00	10.8	\$1,620.00
Williams Township	\$150,000.00	4	\$600.00
Total			\$9,855.00

GARDEN CLUB

Meetings are held at St. John's Church on Morgan Hill – 2720 Morgan Hill Road.

Tuesday, April 22nd – (first meeting of the year) at 6:30pm – Speaker on Gardening Topic

Tuesday, May 20th – at 6:00pm – Garden Visit

June – Field Trip to a Garden Conservancy's Home Garden – Date and Time to be discussed at the May meeting.

Tuesday, July 15th August 19th and September 16th – at 6:00pm – Garden visits, picnic, and perennial plant exchange.

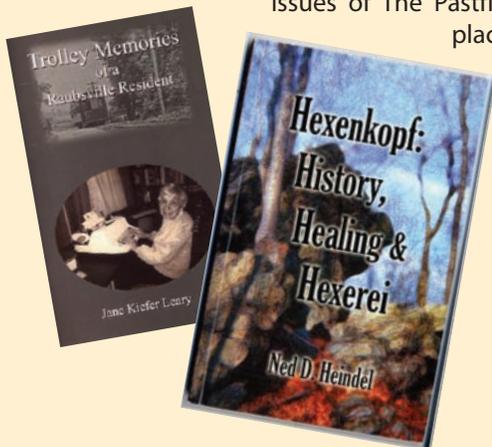
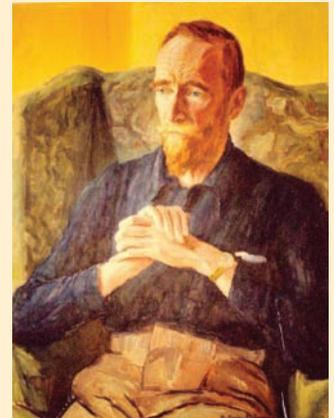
Everyone is welcome to join! For more information, please call Carol at 610-253-3155.



News from the Williams Township Historical Society (WTHS)

- The WTHS spring meeting on **Sunday, April 27th**, 3 pm, features an illustrated talk on the internationally acclaimed artist, **Antonio Salemme**, who lived, with his artist-wife Martha, in Williams Twp. for nearly 33 years. Executive Director of the Salemme Foundation Joe Skrapits will share moments from Tony's artistic and township life. Many of us will remember Tony out jogging along Gaffney Hill Rd. when he was well into his late 90's. The public is welcome, as are contributions to the refreshment table. Meet in the Social Room of St. John's Church on Morgan Hill, 2720 Morgan Hill Rd. Call 610-253-8951 for info.

- **Join the WTHS for its 38th year.** For just \$6 you can receive meeting notices via quarterly issues of The Pastfinder, news about Williams Twp.-related people, places, and events. It's a good way to learn about our township's history. Call 610-253-8951.



- **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. Buy them at the Municipal Building or at the Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society's Sigal Museum at 342 Northampton St., Easton.

- Watch for notice of the **summer picnic** meeting in the pavilion at the Williams Twp. Municipal Park.

Williams Township Seeks Alternate

Williams Township is seeking an Alternate to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board. Please send your letter of interest to Jennifer Smethers, Township Manager, 655 Cider Press Road, Easton, PA 18042 or email her at: jsmethers@williamstwp.org.

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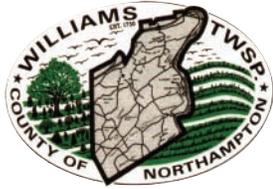
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