



Willistown Parks and Recreation

Creating community through people, parks, and programs

COMING TO GREENTREE PARK THIS SPRING!

Thanks to the determination of the Friends of Greentree Park, this glorious play set is coming to Willistown Township's Greentree Park this Spring!



and services started flowing in from inspired community members and businesses.* In fewer than six months, the grassroots effort had raised \$20,000 of the \$45,000 needed for the play set and installation.

The group, having exhausted all of its community donation possibilities (and themselves!), made a formal request of the township to donate \$25,000 to the project. In November 2011 the Township Supervisors unanimously approved the matching funds.

"In my mind, it's almost a case study—the perfect model for a partnership between the township and the community," said Chairman of the Township Supervisors, Norman MacQueen.

Another component of the fundraising program is the Pickets-for-the-Playground campaign. You can purchase a fence picket, personalize it, and it will be proudly displayed in a fence line around the play set while providing assistance to keep the little ones within reach. Additional funds from the pickets will go toward site amenities including benches and small riding and climbing equipment. The personalized picket fence will also add to the sense of community of this special place. Please consider purchasing your picket as soon as possible so the fence can be installed along with the play set.

Keep your eyes on the *Towne Crier* and your email** for the grand opening announcement. See you in the park!

*For a complete list of these contributions, please see www.willistownparks.org or www.momsclubofmalvern.org.

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Sugartown Organic Community Garden

Sprouts From the Garden

The Sugartown Community Garden may be dormant, but the gardeners are full of energy! The group gathered with Parks and Recreation Director Mary McLoughlin to cultivate a mission for the garden that reflects community spirit and coincides with the Parks and Recreation mission to create a sense of community and enrich lives through people, parks, and programs. Here's what they came up with:

The mission of the Sugartown Community Garden is to promote a member- and community-driven organic garden that fosters education, outreach, and community giveback.

The following are key goals of the garden as defined by the group:

- Advocate the health benefits and merits of locally grown fruits and vegetables.
- Maintain an organic gardening environment.
- Learn from each other; learn by doing; openly share experiences and knowledge with fellow gardeners, garden visitors, and attendees of various community events.
- Grow for yourself and share with the Chester County Food Bank.
- Create an environment that is both functional and aesthetic.
- Work together to be responsible for and maintain the entire garden ecosystem with a sense of community.

The gardeners will be exhibiting at Historic Sugartown Day on April 21st (www.historicsugartown.org) and at Willistown's Greentree Country Fair on August 16th. In addition, they will be hosting garden gatherings once a month where they will be available to chat about the garden and give garden tours.

Stay tuned to the *Towne Crier*, www.willistownparks.org, the memo boards, and the Willistown parks e-news (sign up at www.willistownparks.org) for more details as spring approaches. Please contact Mary at 610-647-5300 x224 with garden questions or volunteer inquiries.