Board of Commissioners

Seated L to R: Vice-President Peddrick M. Young, Sr.; President H. Edward Black; Standing L to R: Jack R. Simpson, Jr., Carolyn E. Holtzman, Richard F. Schin

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Police Chief and Public Safety Director Frank E. Williamson Jr. Retires

Chief Williamson was born and raised in Lower Allen Township. He first joined the Township Staff in 1981 as a Patrol Officer in the Police Department. In 1986, he transferred to the Criminal Investigation Unit and in 1990 became the Unit’s Officer in Charge. In 1994, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and returned to the Patrol Unit as a platoon supervisor, helping the agency to become nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (CALEA) in 1995. Through the years, he was appointed Commander of the Operational Services Bureau, Commander of the Support Services Bureau, and the Accreditation Manager for later CALEA re-accreditations. Rising through the ranks, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1999 and appointed Director of Public Safety for Lower Allen Township in 2000 with responsibilities for Police, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, and two volunteer fire companies. He was appointed Acting Chief of Police and was sworn in as the sixth Chief of Police for the Township while maintaining his role as Director of Public Safety in 2008. He has been active on several advisory boards, task forces, and public safety committees on the local, county and state level.

On December 31, 2015, Police Chief Frank E. Williamson, Jr. officially retired as Director of Public Safety and Police Chief for Lower Allen Township. He has acted as Interim Director of Public Safety until his replacement was hired in March.

Lower Allen Township thanks Chief Williamson for his dedicated service to the Township all these years and wishes him well in his retirement.
Commissioners adopted the following:

**RESOLUTIONS**

2016-R-01 = Electing a Township Secretary, Appointing an assistant Secretary and Establishing Compensation
2016-R-02 = Appointing a Township Manager
2016-R-03 = Liquor License Noise Enforcement
2016-R-04 = Authorizing Employment of Jeffrey Brewbaker as a full-time Maintenance Specialist
2016-R-05 = Authorizing Employment of David Holl as Public Safety Director
2016-R-06 = Covered Device Recycling Act Amendment
2016-R-07 = Appointing David Holl as the Local Emergency Management Coordinator
2016-R-08 = Records Disposition
2016-R-09 = Building Safety Month

**ORDINANCES**

2016-01 = Modifying the Township Code for Chief of Police Language
2016-02 = Modifying the Township Code for Parks and Playgrounds

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**DIRECTORY OF SERVICES**

Lower Allen Township
2233 Gettysburg Road • Camp Hill, PA 17011
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Phone: 717-975-7575 • www.latwp.org
Tax Office - Phone: 717-737-5671

**KEY STAFF**

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**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

- **Emergency Police • Fire • EMS**: 9-1-1 (24-hours a day)
- **Non-Emergency & After Hours**: 717-238-9676
- **Poison Control Center**: 1-800-222-1222
- **PPL**: 1-800-342-5775
- **UGI**: 1-800-962-1212
- **PA American Water**: 1-800-565-7292
- **Lower Allen Sewer Authority**: 717-774-0610
- **Penn Waste (Trash & Recycling)**: 717-767-4456
- **Trash Complaints - call the Township**: 975-7575, ext. 1203
- **Cat Issues—Nobody’s Cat Foundation**: 855-867-4228
- **Cleve J. Fredrickson Library**: 717-761-3900
- **New Cumberland Public Library**: 717-774-7820
- **Joseph T. Simpson Library**: 717-766-0171
- **West Shore Recreation Commission**: 717-920-9515

**ADVERTISE HERE**

In the Township News

ATTENTION: Businesses and Organizations, let us help you get your information in front of many Township News readers.

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To arrange for your ad to be published in the next quarterly issue, available in June, call 975-7575, ext. 1003 or email hgrundon@latwp.org.

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**Township Street Sweeping**

Street sweeping throughout the Township will begin on April 12th. Public Works will start in Beacon Hill and work their way West through the Township and end in Lisburn Estates. Sweeping will be completed during the months of June, August, October, and in December following leaf collection.
David L. Holl started as the Public Safety Director for the Township on March 14, 2016.

Director Holl comes to the Township from PEMA as the Deputy Director for Operations after having served as Deputy Director of Administration from 2011-2013. Prior to his appointment at PEMA, Deputy Holl served as Lieutenant/Assistant Chief of Police with the Township of Derry Police Department in Hershey. In that capacity he was Commander of the Administrative and Technical Services Division, which included supervision of radio and technical services, communications, criminal investigation, forensics, community services, accreditation, and records management.

He also served with the South Central Task Force on the Communications Sub-committee as Chairman of the Mobile Command Working Group, was Chairman of the Strategic Planning Working Group, and member of the Technical Working Group. He also served on the Criminal Justice Subcommittee with the Info/Intel Working Group and Chaired the Records Data Interoperability Working Group. He was also a member of the Public Information Subcommittee and the Task Force Incident Management Team. His public safety background has spanned over 35 years beginning in the community volunteer fire service and emergency medical services. Director Holl also served as an Emergency Medical Technician and worked as an EMT-Paramedic in central Pennsylvania.

Director Holl holds a Bachelor’s degree from Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA, a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven, West Haven, CT, and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Penn State University. He has served as an adjunct instructor for Penn State University at the Harrisburg campus and is currently an adjunct instructor in the Criminal Justice and Homeland Security programs for Central Penn College. Director Holl is a 2003 Graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, holds numerous certifications in the public safety field, and has been the recipient of several professional awards.

Director Holl told the Board of Commissioners he is honored to have been chosen, counts it a privilege to serve and his goal is to continue what (Ret.) Director Williamson has built here at the Township. He is looking forward to serving the residents.

We are proud to recognize the following employees this quarter:

- **Officer Katie Justh** for 10 years of service as a Police Officer.
- **Amy Nye** for 10 years of service as an EMT.
- **Joseph Peters** for 10 years of service as an EMT.
- **James Rimel, Jr.** for 5000 hours of service as an EMT.
- **Robert Hamsher** for 5 years of service in Facilities Maintenance.
- **Scot Emerson** for his outstanding work on the Public Safety Building.

All our employees provide a valuable service to the residents. We hope you will join us in applauding their milestones and achievements.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

*Meetings are held at the Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center (unless otherwise noted)*

### April
- 7 Sewer Authority: 7:30 pm
- 11 Board of Commissioners: 7:00 pm
- 18 Development Authority: 6:00 pm
- 19 Planning Commission: 7:00 pm
- 21 Zoning Hearing Board: 7:00 pm
- 27 Recreation and Parks Board: 7:00 pm
- 30 Gardeners Gathering (LACP): 10:00 am
- 25 Board of Commissioners: 7:00 pm

### May
- 5 Sewer Authority: 7:30 pm
- 8 Mother’s Day Roast Beef Dinner (Lisburn Fire): 11 am - 2 pm
- 9 Board of Commissioners: 7:00 pm
- 16 Development Authority: 6:00 pm
- 18 Planning Commission: 7:00 pm
- 19 Zoning Hearing Board: 7:00 pm
- 23 Board of Commissioners: 7:00 pm
- 25 Recreation and Parks Board - (Park Tours): 6:00 pm
- 30 Memorial Day - Township Office Closed

### June
- 2 Sewer Authority: 7:30 pm
- 8 Recreation and Parks Board - (Park Tours): 6:00 pm
- 13 Board of Commissioners: 7:00 pm
- 16 Zoning Hearing Board: 7:00 pm
- 20 Development Authority: 6:00 pm
- 21 Planning Commission: 7:00 pm
- 22 Recreation and Parks Board - (Park Tours): 6:00 pm
- 27 Board of Commissioners: 7:00 pm

### July
- 7 Sewer Authority: 7:30 pm
- 4 Fourth of July - Township Office Closed: 7:00 pm
- 11 Board of Commissioners: 7:00 pm
- 18 Development Authority: 6:00 pm
- 19 Planning Commission: 7:00 pm
- 21 Zoning Hearing Board: 7:00 pm
- 23 Hard Pressed – Cider and Wine Fest (Lisburn Fire): 12 pm - 5 pm
- 25 Board of Commissioners: 7:00 pm
- 27 Recreation and Parks Board: 7:00 pm

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**Lower Allen Community Park**

Below is a list of scheduled functions being held at LACP. Stop by and enjoy one of the events listed below.

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<td><strong>June</strong>&lt;br&gt;May 8, 11, 12, 13</td>
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<td><strong>MOTHER’S DAY</strong></td>
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<td><strong>HARD PRESSED</strong></td>
<td><strong>July</strong>&lt;br&gt;July 23&lt;br&gt;12 PM - 5 PM</td>
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<td><strong>GUN RAFFLE DRAWING &amp; DINNER</strong></td>
<td><strong>August</strong>&lt;br&gt;September 17&lt;br&gt;1-5 PM</td>
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**Lower Allen Community Fire Company**

1800 Main Street, Lisburn - Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 717-766-3994 — www.lisburnfire.org

E-mail: lisburncommunityfirecoinfo@comcast.net

Lisburn truly is a “Community” fire company. For information about joining our firefighters, or to lend a hand with any of our social activities, please email or call us. Call us about renting our hall or pavilion for your next function. Visit our Facebook Page and our website for additional information.
COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Lower Allen Easter Egg Hunt

The 18th Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held at Lower Allen Community Park on Saturday, March 19th. Fun was had by all who participated! There were approximately 400 children who attended the event. The Easter Bunny, aka Scott Duncanson, greeted the children before the egg hunt. Behind the scene preparation for the event was Girl Scout Troops 20719 and 1026. They generously volunteered their time in filling the goody bags and eggs.

On behalf of the Township and the Recreation and Parks Board, we would like to thank the following sponsors for their kind donations and their involvement in the Community:

- Hershey Foods
- Fountainblu
- Skating Arena
- Texas Roadhouse
- Field & Stream
- Cedar Cliff Subway

12th Annual Lower Allen Township Gardeners Gathering

April 30, 2016, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Lower Allen Community Park (Rain or Shine)

Barn Workshop – Upper Level
10:00 AM  Ask the Experts. Cumberland County Master Gardener volunteers will be on hand to provide you with valuable tips on various garden subjects as well as to answer your most pressing garden questions.

Barn Workshop – Lower Level
10:00 AM  ABC’s of Small Tree Pruning. Jon Schach, Good’s Tree Care. A presentation on the proper techniques to prune small and young trees. Easy to understand directions enhanced with photographs and illustrations will reveal how to prune trees in any landscape to ensure successful growth. Jon will also provide a hands-on demonstration on pruning methods outside in the park.

Tot Lot Pavilion
12:15 PM  Annual Plant Swap – How does it work? Bring your divided perennials (in pots or containers, please) between 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and receive a ticket per plant that you bring. At 12:15, we’ll start “raffling off” each plant- you take one home for every one you give away! Limit 10 plants per participant.

Visit the website at www.latwp.org for more details.

NEW BUSINESSES OPEN IN LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

Imaginevision—5000 Ritter Road

Versatile—4900 Ritter Road
2016 WINTER STORM JONAS

RECORD BREAKING SNOW—SNOW EMERGENCY

We will all have stories that we’ll remember and tell our children and grandchildren about Snow Storm Jonas. On Friday night, January 22, 2016, the snow started and didn’t end until Saturday night January 23. The Harrisburg area received 30 inches of snow, breaking two older records of 25 inches in 1983 and 24.2 in 1996. The forecasters told us to prepare, and they were right. Bread, milk, and eggs flew off the store shelves as forecasters predicted Jonas. While most residents were at home, listening to the wind and watching the snow, how did the Township’s Public Works, Public Safety, and Fire Companies prepare?

They went home and slept during the day Friday because they knew it was going to be a long weekend. The plows started Friday night and worked continuously for 24 hours with a few breaks for meals. After a little rest on Sunday, the crews were back out plowing snow. While a lot of school districts and many businesses were closed Monday, the Township crews were back out clearing more of the streets. Once all the streets were plowed, the crews were back out cleaning the storm drains for the melting of the snow.

A special thank you to our Public Safety employees, Police Officers, Fire Companies, and Public Works employees for an outstanding job. We appreciate their dedication and hard work.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Several public announcements were made about snow emergencies, parking, and trash collection changes. Once the snow stopped, residents called in and asked for help with their driveways and sidewalks. A call went out to residents asking for volunteers to help some of our residents who are physically unable to shovel their sidewalks and driveways and several answered the call. A big thank you to those residents who helped others during this storm with snow removal.
PUBLIC SAFETY

BICYCLE SAFETY - DON’T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR HELMET!
Remember to wear a helmet EVERY time you ride! Pennsylvania law says that everyone under age 12 MUST wear a helmet; however, even those over age 12 should wear a helmet to reduce injury. Studies show that wearing a bike helmet can reduce the risk of a head injury by 85%.

BLACKBOARD PORTAL
Connect With Lower Allen Township
Lower Allen Township has numerous methods for staying in touch with our residents. Our Township webpage www.latwp.org is going to be upgraded this year. The Township and the Police Department have Facebook pages. But the most effective method is our Community Alerting System.

This system uses a combination of phone calls, emails and text messages to reach out to residents on a variety of topics. Since the system has been in service (almost 8 years), we have sent messages on bears running through neighborhoods, escaped or wanted persons, severe weather alerts (especially to our flood prone area residents) and winter weather/parking emergencies.

The system scans the publicly available databases every thirty (30) days for any update to our residential or business community members. But, if you do not have a “land line” or have an unlisted phone number, we won’t find you. The system can accommodate up to ten (10) telephone numbers (includes text capable phones), four (4) email addresses and (2) pagers. When an emergency message is sent out, every phone number and email address is notified. When an Outreach message is sent out, only the primary phone number and all email addresses are notified.

$5,000 Donation to Police K-9 Unit and Youth Funds
On March 14, 2016 Matt Flinchbaugh presented the Police K-9 unit and Youth Funds a check for $5,000 from a recent fundraiser. His restaurant, Flinchy’s, had a chili cook off contest that raised $5,000 for the Township’s causes.

The Township would like to thank Flinchy’s and all those who participated and helped with this donation to the K-9 Unit and Youth Funds.

Picture: Back row left to right—Commissioners Simpson, Young, Black, Schin, and Holtzman.
Standing: left to right—Lt. Crone, Interim Public Safety Director Williamson, Matt Flinchbaugh, and Public Safety Director Holl.

Burglar Alarms and Knox Boxes
The Lower Allen Township Department of Public Safety would like to remind all business and residences in the Township that have an automatic detection (alarm) system to make sure they have obtained a permit for the alarm system. They should also make sure the police and fire department has an updated contact list for the business or residence to comply with False Alarm Ordinance.

Businesses are asked to make sure the Knox box mounted on their building contains updated keys and floor plans to the building. The Dept. of Public Safety will be doing inspections of Knox boxes to make sure they are up to date and in compliance. Businesses can call in to schedule replacement keys, etc. or for an inspection. Call (717) 975-7575 Ext 1602 to schedule such an appointment. Please note a construction code permit is often required to install an alarm or fire protection system. Please inquire with the Community Development Department if there are questions about permits.
**Public Safety**

**National Night Out** is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. ([natw.org](http://natw.org))

Lower Allen Township Police, Fire and EMS will be participating in National Night Out (NNO). If you are planning an NNO event in your neighborhood, or would like to know how to get involved locally, please contact Dianna Knisley by phone (717-975-7575, ext. 1602) or email (dknisley@latwp.org).

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**TNR - Trap Neuter Return - Helps Reduce the Number of Cats in Our Community**

Free-roaming cats are called by many names, including community cats, barn cats, stray cats, and feral cats, but all are members of a domestic species that has lived among humans for around 10,000 years. Female cats begin reproducing at three months of age and can produce two litters of 4-6 kittens per litter every year. While 86 percent of indoor pet cats are spayed or neutered, fewer than 3 percent of free-roaming cats have been altered -- a perpetual annual source of the thousands of kittens and cats in our shelters, rescues, and neighborhoods.

Fortunately, the Township has endorsed a meaningful and sustainable approach to managing and reducing these populations through the Trap Neuter Return (TNR) strategy, in partnership with the Nobody’s Cats Foundation, conveniently located on Hartzdale Drive in the township.

**Ordinance 2014-01** permits residents to care for colonies of free-roaming domestic cats, provided they participate in a TNR program managed by a sponsoring organization. This means residents may feed and provide shelter for animals as long as they have registered their colony with the Foundation and have spayed or neutered, vaccinated and ear-tipped their colony members (or are actively working to do so).

More than 150 township cats have been processed through the Foundation’s affordable spay/neuter clinic since 2014, preventing the birth of thousands of kittens, and 18 colonies have been registered. We encourage every resident who cares for free-roaming cats to register, alter and vaccinate their colonies. The Nobody’s Cats Foundation offers humane trap and humane deterrent loans, free all-weather shelters, mentoring and logistics support, and very low-cost services for $25 per cat, including spay/neuter surgery, rabies and distemper vaccinations, parasite treatments, and ear-tipping. The foundation also provides financial support for surgeries for large colonies or residents of limited financial means.

If you would like help managing free-roaming cats in your neighborhood, call the foundation at 1-855-867-4228 or visit [www.nobodyscats.org](http://www.nobodyscats.org) or Facebook.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Save Lives

When you sprang forward on March 13th, did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors? It is important to have fresh batteries in your detectors because they can save your life in the event of a fire or malfunction of fuel burning equipment/appliances. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) there were nearly 1.3 million fires reported in 2014 resulting in $11.5 billion in property damage. Also, more than one-third (37 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarm was present.

Do you and your family have an escape plan? If you don’t, spend a few minutes with your family members creating a plan and practicing it. Don’t forget to have an escape plan at work or school. Remember that no fire escape plan is complete without a designated meeting place.

Finally, at work or at home, be sure that your address is posted so it is clearly visible from the street in both directions. This helps emergency personnel find you quickly if you need urgent assistance. Remember our volunteer fire fighters need to know your address to be able to find your house. Monthly testing of the detectors will insure that they function properly. In addition, the NFPA recommends replacing any detectors that are more than 10 years old.

Regulations Governing Public Right-of-Ways

The Codes Enforcement staff handles numerous complaints and questions regarding maintenance within the public right-of-ways. Properties abutting older right-of-ways are typically deeded to the center line of a street, while lots in new sub-divisions typically abut the inside edge of the sidewalk. In either case, the property within the right-of-way is subject to public use, while abutting owners are general responsible for maintenance within them. Below are some helpful reminders:

- Trees must be trimmed—to a height of at least 14 feet over the street and 8 feet over the sidewalks. Subdivision regulations require that new street trees be planted at least 5 feet from the public right-of-way, on private property. Vegetation must also be trimmed so it does not project horizontally into the sidewalk area causing obstructions.
- Grass and weeds—along roads should be kept trimmed so they don’t exceed 10 inches in height.
- Sidewalks—badly worn or elevated sections should be replaced to avoid tripping hazards.
- Trash bins—awaiting pick up should not be placed in the paved portion of the street, and should not be set out sooner than the night before the pickup.
- Vehicles parked across sidewalks—please do not bock safe passage for pedestrians.
- Dumping of Debris—do not dispose of anything in a public right of way or on another person’s property.
- Excavation and construction—in the right-of-way—homeowners or their contractors are requested to obtain permits prior to installing or repairing sidewalks, driveways, curbs and utilities. All underground utilities must be located and approved construction specifications must be followed.
- Portable basketball hoops or other play apparatuses—These type of structures may be temporarily placed far enough back from the curb or edge of the road so that the hoop does not encroach over the street pavement when in use. If they are too close, they can interfere with emergency vehicles, street sweepers, and refuse trucks.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the Township at 975-7575 ext. 1105. We are here to help.
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS PLANNED

Below is a list of projects planned by the Public Works Department in 2016:

Paving/Storm Drainage
- Street resurfacing of Ritter Road and Louise Drive in the Rossmoyne Business Park, Branton Road and Indian Lane.
- Relocation of Gettysburg Rd past Wesley Drive. The section of Gettysburg Road between Wesley Drive and Audubon Road is being relocated to form a four-way intersection at Wesley and Century Drives. A portion of old Gettysburg Road will remain as an access road for Dairy Farmers of America. The rest of the area will be used for stormwater controls.
- St. Johns Road at Cherokee Avenue—Storm Drainage work.

Signals
- Left turn flashing yellow arrow to be installed on southbound Rossmoyne Road at the northbound Rt. 15 entrance ramp. This is believed to be one of the first uses of this particular signalization in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- A video detection camera will be added to the intersection at Rossmoyne Road and Louise Drive to aid in efficient traffic flow.

Sidewalks
- South side of Gettysburg Road, from Cedar Spring Park to Hartzdale Drive, and one block along Hartzdale Drive on the west side.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A Comprehensive Plan is the result of a process that determines what a community would like to see in terms of community development. Ideally, residents will attend scheduled Comprehensive Plan meetings which will address such issues as land use, housing, roads, mass transportation, utilities, and recreation. The Comprehensive Plan will dictate public policy in these areas until the Plan is updated again in the future.

Lower Allen Township’s Comprehensive Plan is now 10 years old and should be updated. Please watch for notices to appear in the newspaper and on the Township’s website and Facebook page alerting residents of where and when these planning meetings will take place. We invite all residents to come and participate in this vital planning tool for our community.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Services offered by Community Development Staff:

Did you know there are FREE services the Community Development Staff offers to the public? Some of these services are include:

- Free deck inspections on an existing structure.
- Free pool inspections on an existing structure.

Why would you need a free inspection?

- Inadequate pool safety barriers could result in an accidental drowning.
- Electrical safety hazards could result in an accidental electrocution.
- This was a tough winter and the weight of 30 inches of snow on decks, rails, and swimming pools could have caused some weakness or damage. Old fasteners corrode and old lumber deteriorates.
- Poor drainage procedures can cause structural issues.
- Insects can cause damage to the wood deck and or rails.
- Some structures, over time, can become loose or unsafe to the point they can collapse.
- Every summer, hundreds are injured when a deck collapses and they are on the deck or under the deck. According to statistics compiled by the North American Deck and Railing Association, the number of deck failures and resulting injuries has been increasing at an ever greater rate over the last 10 years. Between 2000 and 2008, there were at least 30 deaths reported as a direct result of deck collapses, and more than 75 percent of the people on a deck were injured or killed when it collapsed.

Also, the Community Development Staff can guide residents through the permitting process. Residents can call the Township and make an appointment with a Construction Code Officer (CCO). The CCO can help you determine what is needed for your new addition, pool, deck, fence, shed, or any other improvement you are planning for your home or business.

Call the Township (ext. 1105) and schedule your free inspection today or to make an appointment for guidance with the permit process.

MAY IS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

May is Building Safety Month. May is the time to remember the dedicated members of the International Code Council. The Council brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the construction environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes in order to protect Americans from building failures. These buildings are where we live, learn, work, worship and play. The codes established by the Council are the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation. These building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes.

Building Safety Month encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies. Residents are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

Join us in thanking our Community Development Department for all their hard work in keeping our Township and residents safe. Great Job!
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A Note from the Cumberland County Vector Control Office

It is never too early to start cleaning up properties to reduce mosquito breeding areas. Gutters, birdbaths, toys, flower pots, corrugated pipes, and tire ruts can all produce hundreds of mosquitoes in a very short time. Furthermore, mosquitoes can fly a mile from where they hatched searching for a blood meal; making mosquito management a COMMUNITY effort. Residents should identify these mosquito breeding habitats on their property and then remove the water source or apply a control product to keep their whole neighborhood healthy.

The West Nile Virus Control Program’s objective is to reduce expected morbidity and mortality, health care costs, and the financial impact that WNV outbreaks would have upon Commonwealth industries. The program is funded and directed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and implemented through the County’s Vector Control office, which monitors this mosquito-borne disease at over 150 sites. Waters known to breed mosquitoes are treated with naturally occurring bacteria to reduce mosquito populations before they can ever bite someone. When an adult control spray is necessary, information is posted on the County’s website 48 hours prior to treatment. You can sign up for “Notify Me” emails to stay informed on these events. Please visit our website for more information and contact us with any questions or concerns.

www.ccpa.net/westnile  717-240-7808

What can I do to prevent stormwater pollution?

Everyone can help keep our area clean. Here are a few tips that can help protect our environment.

☞ Don’t put anything in storm drains but rainwater. Storm drains carry surface runoff directly to the rivers and ocean without treatment. Make sure that runoff carries only rainwater.

☞ Avoid throwing litter into the street. Trash-laden gutters increase neighborhood pollution and clog storm drains causing street flooding and more traffic congestion.

☞ Pick up after your pet. Animal waste, when left on the ground, washes down storm drains and contaminates water ways.

☞ Recycle your motor oil.

☞ Bag, compost or recycle grass, tree limbs, leaves and other yard waste. Soggy yard waste is a major contributor to clogged storm drains and street and neighborhood flooding.

☞ Use yard waste as mulch, as natural fertilizer, or as ground cover. Nearly 20 percent of the waste buried in landfills is from our yards like grass and tree trimmings.

☞ Encourage local businesses to start a recycling program if they don’t already have one.

☞ Use double-sided photocopies. You can cut down on paper costs and reduce waste by making double-sided originals and copies whenever possible.

☞ Don’t use harsh, abrasive or toxic chemicals around the house. Select water-based products over solvent-based products when available (e.g. paint, glue, shoe polish). Also, avoid aerosol sprays, choose a pump spray or other alternatives.

☞ Clean up your yard. Make sure you grasscycle. You can save water, fertilizer and your back by GRASSCYCLING (the leaving of chopped grass clippings on a mowed lawn as a fertilizer).

☞ Report illegal dumping.

☞ Keep sanitation workers safe. When thrown in with the regular trash, household hazardous waste can injure sanitation workers. In addition, landfills are not intended or permitted for those types of wastes, which could impact groundwater.

☞ Don’t flush, even if in a rush. When flushed down a toilet, sink or drain, household hazardous waste goes through the sewage system to treatment plants not equipped to handle hazardous waste.

☞ Buy just what you need to do the job. Give leftover materials to a friend, neighbor, business or charity that can use them.

☞ Be smart when you apply pesticides or fertilizers. Do not apply pesticides or fertilizers before it rains. Not only will you lose most of the chemicals through runoff, but you will also be harming the environment. Do not over-water after application. Read the label and do not apply more than recommended.
COMPOST/WOOD CHIPS • TRASH • YARD WASTE

LEAF COMPOST AND WOOD CHIPS
Leaf compost and wood chips will be available to Township residents for delivery or self-loaded pick up at the Public Works facility. All leaf compost and wood chip deliveries will be made on Thursdays and Fridays, starting April 1st through early November.

Deliveries will be made only on a pre-pay basis. Payment must be made prior to setting up a delivery time. All payments are to be made at the Municipal Services Center. When your payment is processed, you will be contacted for a delivery time.

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Contact: Wendy Hayden  Weekdays between 7 am and 3 pm Phone - 975-7575, ext. 2104 Email - whayden@latwp.org

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE PICK UP: APRIL-NOVEMBER
The Township's yard waste recycling program will start in April and will be collected by your trash hauler on your regular trash day. Yard waste collection will proceed through the last week in November. **Yellow Yard Waste Recycling Containers are available at:** Municipal Services Center, 2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011 — Between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday-Friday.

Residents may bring their yard waste directly to the Public Works facility, located at 1400 St. Johns Road, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:00am – 2:30pm. Lower Allen households are limited to four loads of brush (yard debris), per calendar year. A $25.00 fee will be assessed per load for households exceeding their 4 load limit. As a convenience to the residents, the compost facility at the Public Works facility will be open the second Saturday of each month, between the hours of 8 am and 1 pm. Those dates are: April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, and November 12.

**Landscape Contractors** working at properties in the Township may haul yard waste generated at those properties to the Public Works facility when accompanied by the resident, or with prior approval. Otherwise, a contractor’s yard waste permit is required to be purchased by contractors using the facility.

**Yard waste** consists of garden debris, leaves, sticks and branches and stumps (no larger than 24 inch diameter). Grass clippings, sod, fruit, vegetables, tree stumps larger than 24 inches in diameter, dirt and stone, are **NOT** considered yard waste and should be bagged and put out with regular garbage or composted.

**Yellow yard waste bins** should be used for smaller manageable amounts of debris. No trash bags or garbage should be mixed in with the yard waste. Branches must be bundled with twine or string, and not exceed 5 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter. Maximum weight is 30lbs. Unlimited amounts of yard debris may be placed curbside, using the previously stated guidelines.

BULK ITEM DISPOSAL
One bulk item per week can be picked up curbside by your trash hauler. For residents' convenience, four loads per household per calendar year can be brought to the Public Works facility. A $25.00 fee will be assessed per load for households exceeding their 4 load limit. The business hours for dropping off items at Public Works is Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:00am – 2:30pm. For residents' convenience the facility is open the second Saturday of the month 8:00am – 1:00pm, from April through November.

**Bulk items** - Household appliances, furniture, carpet and wooden items - (outdoor furniture, swings and landscaping timbers)

**Metal items** - All items must be separated, (no plastic or wood pieces can be attached) only 100% clean metal will be accepted. Lawn mowers will be accepted and must have the oil and gas and tires removed before disposal.

**Large amounts of construction materials, shingles, concrete, dirt, paint, tires, oil, fuel, glass, pressurized tanks, TV's and Computer Equipment WILL NOT be accepted.**

Cumberland County Recycling and Waste Authority provides recycling centers for cellular phones, metals, automobile fluids and components, paper, plastic bags, propane cylinders, tires and leftover medication. For more information, visit their website at: www.ccpa.net (click on: Services; Recycling and Waste Authority; Programs and Services).
Lower Allen Township has a variety of Board that residents can volunteer to serve on.

Below is a list of Boards/Commissions:

- Civil Service Commission
- Development Authority
- Library—We need a volunteer to serve on the Board now. Can you help?
- Planning Commission
- Recreation and Parks Board
- Sewer Authority
- Zoning Hearing Board

To apply to serve on a Board/Commission please send a resume or completed application (from the website) to the Township attention Township Manager (Tom Vernau). For more information on the Boards/Commissions please see our website www.latwp.org.

The Barn at Lower Allen Community Park
Weddings and Receptions • Family Reunions • Birthday Parties
Bridal Showers • Baby Showers • Company Picnics • Meetings

Fully Renovated, But Still Has a Rustic Touch
Upper Level - Seats up to 120 people
Lower Level - Seats up to 50 people

Each level offers a kitchen area, equipped with:
Microwave • Large Sink • Full Size Refrigerator with Freezer
Tables and chairs are provided

Contact Wendy Hayden
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Lower Allen Community Park
4075 Lisburn Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Springtime is upon us and time to think of getting outside and planting those flowers and fresh vegetables! The Township has a limited number of FREE garden plots, which are located at the Yellow Breeches Park along Sheepford Road. These plots are given out on a “first call” bases, and only available to LAT residents. If interested, please contact Wendy Hayden, at 975-7575 Ext. 2104 or whayden@latwp.org

QUARTERLY TAX TIPS
Tax Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 am to 2 pm or by appointment.
The Tax office will be closed: May 9-20 and June 6-17.
If you stop by the Tax Office during the days it is closed, feel free to drop your payment in the gray box located next to the flagpole. You may also mail your payment. If you would like a paid receipt for your taxes, PLEASE include both copies of your tax bills and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, so I can mail your receipt back to you.

2016 Dog Licenses are available in the Tax office during regular hours. By law, dogs three (3) months and older must be licensed. We issue dog licenses for Cumberland County only.

Tax Collector Disclaimer:
The Tax Collector of Lower Allen Township is a separately elected position, and does not work for the Commissioners or the Administration Department. While the Commissioners provide an office for the Tax Collector in the Township Municipal Services Center, the Tax Collector sets her own hours. The Tax Collector may be reached by calling 737-5671.

Bonnie K. Miller

“It’s time to spring into action, if you haven’t already...”The 2016 Township and Cumberland County real estate taxes were dated March 1st and mailed. Due to constant reselling of mortgages and frequent homeowner refinancing, we mail all real estate taxes to the property owner. If your taxes are in an escrow account, we ask that you write your loan number on the tax bill and promptly forward one copy to your bank or mortgage company, so they can pay your real estate taxes during the discounted period.

Spring Bargains for Seniors...Property Tax Rebates - Rebates are offered to Pennsylvanians 65 and older who are homeowners and total income from all sources is less than $35,000 (including 1/2 of your social security). If you are a senior 65 and older and are renting, your total income must be less than $15,000 from all sources (including 1/2 of your social security). Funds for the tax rebates come from the Pennsylvania State Lottery. Forms are available in the Tax Office. If you desire assistance in completing the forms, please call me at 737-5671.

“Professional, Yet Personal...That’s My Bottom Line”
It’s time to VOTE for Simply the Best Library 2016!
If you have enjoyed programming Fredricksen Library has offered, borrowed books, cds and dvds, utilized our free internet computers, learned something new at a workshop, or just needed a beautiful place to get away, please take the time to vote for us for Harrisburg Magazine’s Simply the Best Library! Voting ends April 15.

11th Annual Fredricksen LIBRARY LOOP
Save the date! Saturday, July 23, 2016 is the Eleventh Annual Fredricksen Library Loop 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Run & Walk. Registration forms will be available at the library or on our website beginning May 1.

For a complete listing of events, please visit www.fredricksenlibrary.org — Be sure to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on our happenings. Look for us on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest.

FRIENDS SPRING BOOK & MEDIA SALE
- April 21 through April 24
Ruggaber Community Room and Downstairs Lobby Area
Please come out and support your library at the Friends Spring Book & Media Sale. You can get an early look at our sale items on Thursday, April 21 from 2 to 8:30 p.m. if you join or are a current member of the Friends, a library volunteer, or staff member of Fredricksen Library. Join the Friends and attend!
The public sale hours are as follows:
Friday, April 22 from 9 am to 8:30 pm,
Saturday, April 23 from 1 pm to 5 pm
Sunday, April 24 from 1 pm to 4 pm – BAG SALE!
Prices range from 50 cents to around $2 or $3 for hardback copies. Come and stock up on your reading, viewing, and listening needs for the spring!

SPRING . . . the perfect season for new goals!
THIS MONTH’S CHOICES ARE NEXT MONTH’S BODY
West Shore Rec is committed to providing an array of activities that will enhance your life, whether it be your physical health, or the ability to learn a new skill. Here are just a few highlights offered this spring.

BLUEBERRIES FUNDRAISER
Starting May 1 you can order your fresh New Jersey blueberries to benefit Fredricksen Library. A 10 pound box is still just $30. Pick up will be on June 30 – just in time for your July 4th picnics!

OUTER BANKS, NC - GET SWEPT AWAY ON THIS ISLAND ADVENTURE!
Shaped by nature, the famed Outer Banks is a quiet retreat full of history, tranquil beauty, and majestic lighthouses. Rolling sand dunes create a canvas on which tall grasses dance in the warm island breeze, as well as provide a safe haven for the menagerie of wildlife. This is just one of many exciting destinations we will be offering this year. Some of the other bus trips include: Naval Air Station Oceana Air Show, Norfolk, VA, Richmond VA, Plantations Tour, Flight 93 & Western MD Scenic Train, and Island Hopping & Lighthouses in New England just to name a few. Check out the TRIPS page for more exciting destinations!

Kids, March into Spring with Kinderdance, Youth Yoga, Scrapbooking for Kids, Paint Nights for Youth, Soccer, Tennis, Golf and Basketball, And so much more

Summer Camps - Playzone registration currently underway. Summer Blast registration begins in May. Limited spaces available. Register Early.

Visit West Shore Recreation at www.westshorerec.org or call 920-9515 for more details.
Yes! I am enclosing $5.00 with this completed form. Sign me up today for delivery of the Township News to my mail box, for a one time payment of only $5.00 for the entire year of

Name:_________________________________________Phone#: _______________
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