Leaf Collection Information
The annual leaf collection for Lower Allen will start on Monday October 23rd, and continue through the week of December 8th. (With the exception of the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 23 – November 27th) Crews will collect leaves weekly through each neighborhood. If you miss the collection for the week, you will have to wait until the next round to have your leaves removed. The picking machines are equipped with a 5 foot hose that sucks up the leaves into a holding box, which is attached to the truck. Please rake leaf rows to the street side of the curb, or within 5’ of street edge where no curb exist in long rows, and not large piles. Leaves that are not raked within 5 feet of the road will not be collected. The efforts of leaf collection crews are focused on collecting bulk volumes of leaves as efficiently as possible. It is not practical to spend time vacuuming all the leaf debris only to have more leaves accumulate a few hours later. At the end of the season, after the last round of leaf collection, the Township street sweeper will clean the streets to remove any remaining debris.

Collection from East to West - Weekly leaf collection will begin in the eastern section of the Township (Allendale) and proceed towards the southern and western sections (Lisburn /Windsor Park areas). Updates regarding leaf collection will be posted on the website at www.latwp.org or information can be obtained by calling Public Works at 975-7575 Ext. 2104, during regular business hours.

Just Leaves - Only Leaves may be raked or placed roadside. Do not place sticks, boards, bricks, rocks or other items in the leaf piles.
Clear the way - Roadside trees should be trimmed to the legal height of 14 feet and roadside basketball nets need to be set behind the curb line.

Delays - Heavy accumulations of leaves, inclement weather and machine breakdowns may delay the collection of your leaves. Please be patient as crews do their best to service your area.

DON'T: Let leaves remain spread out or piled between or under parked cars.

DO: Please rake leaves into long windrows, not large piles.
The Board of Commissioners approved the following:

**RESOLUTIONS**

- **2017-R-17** Supporting Cumberland County’s establishment of a deed transfer fee to fund demolition of blighted properties (Adopted 7/10/17)
- **2017-R-18** Recognizing, commending, and honoring Samuel Joseph Spalla for the attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. (Adopted 7/10/17)
- **2017-R-19** Recognizing, commending, and honoring Spencer Ray Mulhearn for the attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. (Adopted 7/10/17.)
- **2017-R-20** Appointing Edward C. Curtis to the tank of Corporal of the Lower Allen Township Police Department. (Enacted 7/24/17.)
- **2017-R-21** Appointing Jeremy E. Read to the rank of Corporal of the Lower Allen Township Police Department. (Enacted 7/24/17.)
- **2017-R-22** Authorizing the acquisition of an easement for street right-of-way purposes within the Township by agreement in lieu of condemnation. (Adopted 8/14/17.)
- **2017-R-23** In Support of House Bill 1013, reimbursement for emergency medical services for non-transport services. (Adopted 8/14/17)
- **2017-R-24** Appointing Frank Wirth, Jr to the position of Fire Captain in the Public Safety Department. (Adopted 8/28/17.)
- **2017-R-25** Adopting minimum municipal obligations payable to the Lower Allen Township Police Pension Plan and the Lower Allen Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in fiscal year 2018, and appropriating specific sums known as the Pension Budget for fiscal year 2018. (Adopted 8/28/17.)
- **2017-R-26** Appointing Kimberly D. Floyd to the position of Police Officer with the Lower Allen Township Police Department. (Adopted 8/28/17.)
- **2017-R-27** Concluding that adequate analysis has determined that risk levels are acceptable relating to Lower Allen Township’s guaranty of the Lower Allen Township Authority’s proposed issuance of the Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bond—Series of 2017. (Adopted 8/28/17.)
- **2017-R-28** Street dedication of Sconsett Way. (Adopted 9/11/17.)
- **2017-R-29** Street dedication of Yarmouth Lane. (Adopted 9/11/17.)
- **2017-R-30** Street dedication of Brewster Court. (Adopted 9/11/17)
- **2017-R-31** Street dedication of Sagamore Court. (Adopted 9/11/17.)

**ORDINANCES**

- **2017-06** an ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of Lower Allen Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, determining to incur lease rental debt in the principal amount of $9,950,000, in connection with the financing of the refunding of the Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bond Series of 2012 and the Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bond Series of 2013 of the Lower Allen Township Authority, and other actions. (Enacted 8-28-17)
POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

On August 28th, the Police Department celebrated the promotion of Corporal Edward Curtis and Corporal Jeremy Read. Each will supervise a patrol squad.

Edward Curtis is a graduate of Red Land High School and a graduate of University of Pittsburgh at Bradford with a degree in History/Political Science. Prior to working at Lower Allen Township, he was an adult probation officer with York County.

Corporal Curtis was hired by Lower Allen Township Police Department in 2003 and became a DARE officer in 2004. He is now a TEAM officer as well as an instructor for other officers to present the TEAM program. He has been honored by West Shore School District with the Harry Messick Award for his work with the school district. He has also worked with the County Forensic Team and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. He is currently enrolled in a Masters of Social Work program at Shippensburg University.

He is grateful to his wife, Gina, with whom he has been married for 22 years for her support and sacrifice. They have 3 daughters, two in college and one in high school.

Jeremy Read graduated from Cumberland Valley High School and received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Bloomsburg University. After graduating college, Corporal Read worked in private security and worked with juveniles at Cornell Abraxas South Mountain juvenile detention. In January of 2013 he was hired by Lower Allen Township Police Department and graduated from the HACC Police Academy in May of 2013. Since then he has worked as a patrol officer and has received special training in drug interdiction, OCAT (Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Training), and active shooter situations. He is also a bike patrol officer and serves as a Field Training Officer.

Jeremy and Rachel married in August of 2012 and have been blessed with a two-year-old daughter who loves all things Princess. They will be adding to their family this Spring when they are expecting twins. He is actively involved in his church where he enjoys serving and connecting with others. This year holds a lot of change for Jeremy, and he is excited to fulfill the new roles that he has been given both here at the police department and also in his personal life.

Board and Commission Volunteers Needed

Vacancies appear from time to time on the various boards and commissions that serve the residents of our Township. These boards and commissions include:

- Planning Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Sewer Authority
- Development Authority
- Recreation & Parks Board
- Civil Service Commission

If you have a couple of hours a month to spare to engage with your fellow residents for the betterment of the community, then please send your resume and cover letter, indicating your areas of interest, to Township Secretary Helen Grundon. If you need information about what these boards & commissions do, please contact Township Manager Thomas Vernau at 975-7575 x 1001.

Lower Allen Will Host Blood Drive

On Wednesday, October 11th, the Central Pennsylvania Blood Mobile will be at the Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center, 2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill. Donors will be accepted 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Appointments are not necessary, but may be scheduled by calling 975-7575, ext. 1402.

Donors must be at least 16 years of age (unless a parental consent form has been signed), weigh at least 110 pounds and must have eaten within a four hour period prior to donating. Some specific medical conditions might make a donor ineligible to donate. Interested donors may obtain a list of the conditions by calling 1-800-771-0059 or visit: www.cpbb.org
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To arrange for your ad to be published in the next quarterly issue, available in January, call 975-7575, ext. 1003 or email hgrundon@latwp.org.

BUDGET HEARINGS

The Commissioners will hear presentations from Staff regarding their 2018 budget requests on the following dates:

Monday, October 16th at 6:00 pm
Monday, October 30th at 7:00 pm
Monday, November 6th at 6:00 pm.

The meetings are open to the public. Residents are invited to come and witness the budget process in action.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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

TAX OFFICE (737-5671) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

OCTOBER

2 Board of Commissioners-Budget Meeting 6:00 pm
5 Sewer Authority 7:30 pm
7 Chicken BBQ at Twp. Building 10:30 to Sold out
8 Lisburn Fire Co. Chicken BBQ 11:00 to 2:00
9 Board of Commissioners 7:00 pm
16 Development Authority 6:00 pm
16 Board of Commissioners-Budget Meeting 7:00 pm
17 Planning Commission 7:00 pm
19 Zoning Hearing Board 7:00 pm
21 Allendale-Beacon Hill Trail Event 10:00 am
22 Lisburn Fire Co. BINGO Doors Open at Noon
23 Board of Commissioners 7:00 pm
25 Recreation and Parks Board 7:00 pm
26 Trick or Treat 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
30 Board of Commissioners-Budget Meeting 6:00 pm

NOVEMBER

3 Sewer Authority 7:30 pm
7 Board of Commissioners-Budget Meeting 6:00 pm
10 Veterans Day—Township Offices Closed
12 Lisburn Fire Co. Turkey Dinner 11:00 to 2:00
13 Board of Commissioners 7:00 pm
15 Recreation and Parks Board 7:00 pm
16 Zoning Hearing Board 7:00 pm
20 Development Authority 6:00 pm
21 Planning Commission 7:00 pm
23-24 Thanksgiving—Township Offices Closed
27 Board of Commissioners 7:00 pm

DECEMBER

2 Lisburn Fire Co. Cookies with Santa 9:30 am
7 Sewer Authority 7:30 pm
11 Board of Commissioners 7:30 pm
18 Development Authority 6:00 pm
19 Planning Commission 7:00 pm
21 Zoning Hearing Board 7:00 pm
25 Christmas Holiday—Township Offices Closed
26 Board of Commissioners 7:00 pm

JANUARY

1 New Years Holiday—Township Offices Closed
2 Board of Commissioners-Reorganization Meeting 7:00 pm
4 Sewer Authority 7:30 pm
8 Board of Commissioners 7:00 pm
15 Development Authority 6:00 pm
16 Planning Commission 7:00 pm
18 Zoning Hearing Board 7:00 pm
22 Board of Commissioners 7:00 pm
24 Recreation and Parks Board 7:00 pm
Winter Parking

The Police Department would like to remind residents about parking regulations during the upcoming winter season. Beginning December 1 through March 31, residents may only park their vehicles on one side of the street as indicated by the street signs. The side that is permitted for parking alternates on a monthly basis. Please be sure that you are parking on the correct side of the street. Your compliance allows the Public Works Department to get into the developments to quickly clear a travel lane without weaving between vehicles parked on opposite sides of the street. If a snow emergency is declared you have six (6) hours to remove vehicles from the public roadway. If vehicles are not moved from the roadway within the six hours the vehicle will be towed. The following streets have odd/even signs posted:

- 19th Street
- 20th Street
- Apple Drive
- Chatham Road
- Chatham Drive
- Cherokee Avenue
- Elmhurst Road
- Highland Drive
- Kelton Road
- Kent Road
- Kent Drive
- Kingsley Road
- Letchworth Road
- Letchworth Drive
- Manchester Road
- Norman Road
- Oxford Drive
- Shoreham Road
- Strafford Road
- Village Road
- Warwick Road
- Wyndham Road

Vehicles that are in violation of the odd/even parking requirements are subjected to being ticketed.

Snow Removal Assistance Needed

The Township wants to create a list of people who are willing to help other residents to remove snow from sidewalks, driveways and other access areas. This would be for elderly and/or disabled residents who are not able to remove the snow on their own. If you are interested in helping and would like to be listed, please contact Corisa Mihoerck at 717-975-7575 ext. 1106 or email cmihoerck@latwp.org.

A smart way to shovel your drive

How to reduce the possibility of getting a huge pile of snow in your driveway opening when snowplows clear your street:

Make snow collection pocket
Clear an area for the snow pushed by the plow

Shovel in same direction as traffic
Pile snow downstream of the plow
Authority Employee News

Twenty-Five Years of Service - Congratulations on completing twenty-five years of service to Christopher S. Wicker on August 3, 2017 and Scott L. Hoover on September 21, 2017. They join twelve other employees that have achieved this length of service. The Authority Board and staff extend their congratulations on reaching the twenty-five year milestone.

Don’t Flush Meds Down the Drain!

The Office of National Drug Control Policy, Department of Health and Human Services, and Environmental Protection Agency jointly established guidelines designed to reduce the diversion of prescription drugs, while also protecting the environment. The Federal Prescription Drug Disposal Guidelines urge you to:

- Return unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs to a pharmaceutical take-back location for safe disposal. The Lower Allen Township Police Department maintains a disposal site inside the Township Administration Building.
- Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers. Then mix the prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, like used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and put them in impermeable, non-descript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags, further ensuring that the drugs are not diverted or accidently ingested by children or pets. Then throw these sealed containers in the trash for disposal.

Sidewalk Maintenance

It is important that public sidewalks are kept free from trip hazards to minimize the potential for injuries. Sidewalks free of voids and raised sections also make for easier cleaning and snow removal. Sidewalks must be maintained by property owners regularly so that trip hazards and voids or cracks do not occur. These can be caused by movement of the sidewalk sections or deterioration. Tree roots often cause sidewalks to move and crack, creating trip hazards. Sometimes tree removal and utility work cause sidewalks to settle, creating trip hazards at shifted sidewalk sections.

Property owners are often able to make trip hazard and crack repairs themselves. No permit is needed unless existing sidewalk sections are removed and replaced. A variety of commercial cement or bituminous patch materials are available. Many residents have reported success using Planitop “X” for making wedges or ramps at raised concrete sections and Sikaflex to fill wide cracks and voids. Whatever product is used, it is important to follow manufacturer’s instructions. If sections of sidewalk are to be replaced, a Right-of-Way Permit must be issued by the Township. Applications are available at the Township Office, or by following this link to print a copy: http://www.latwp.org/wp-content/uploads/General-Permit-Application-w-Storm-Water.pdf. Permits for sidewalk replacement generally cost $75 unless additional inspections are needed. Specifications for sidewalk replacement can be found in the Township Ordinance, available at this link: http://ecode360.com/11212158

Ambulance Subscription Renewals

The 2018 Ambulance Subscription Renewals will be mailed out by the end of the year 2017. Subscriptions are good for the calendar year of 2018. The Board of Commissioners will be setting the rates for 2018 at one of their October meetings.

Why have a subscription? The cost of a trip in an ambulance is very high and insurance generally does not pay the full bill. A subscription can help you save money if you have called 911, are transported to the hospital via ambulance, and the trip is deemed medically necessary by the insurance company. In this case you are not liable for any amounts over the insurance payment if you have a valid subscription. Subscriptions DO NOT cover routine transportation, transportation for stretcher or wheelchair, or transportation that is not medically necessary. You are responsible for additional mileage costs if you are transported past the closest appropriate facility.
Safe Exchange Area now available at Lower Allen Township Municipal Service Center

Intent on keeping our community members safe, the Lower Allen Township Public Safety and Police Department announces the creation of a “Safe Exchange Area” in the front of the municipal service center entrance driveway at 2233 Gettysburg Road. Easily accessible in an upper corner of the municipal service center parking lot, and in plain view of Gettysburg Road, are two parking spaces visibly marked and reserved for anyone who wishes to meet and complete exchanges.

This area is available for anything from financial transactions to safe child custody exchanges. The reserved open area spaces are well lit, easily visible from the public roadway, and the municipal building. They are monitored by video recording 24/7 with an HD camera system capable of identifying persons and their registration plates if needed.

The news is full of stories related to crime and events occurring during face to face transactions. Providing a safe location for local citizens to conduct these exchanges is not just a convenience, but rather a duty.

We call it a Safe Exchange Zone. Whatever you want to call it, more and more citizens are looking for a safe location to conduct a Craigslist, Facebook, LetGo, Close5, 5Miles, OfferUp, Kijiji, Pinterest, Etsy, GunBroker, ArmsList, local classifieds or any other face to face transactions, or other exchanges you may wish to do.

Lower Allen is participating in the nationwide establishment of these SafeDeal Zones. You can search for other locations at:

http://www.safedeal.zone/safe-transaction-zone-finder/
Lower Allen Township’s Trick or Treat is Thursday, October 26, from 6-8 pm.

Walk Safely
- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don’t run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult
- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Drive Extra Safely on Trick or Treat Night
- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Trick or Treat night and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

Keep Costumes Both Creative & Safe
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child’s vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Visit the following street intersections for FREE pizza slices, courtesy of Lower Allen Fire Company #1.

6-7pm
- Highland Estates @ Letchworth Dr. & Kent Dr. (18th St. end)
- Shireman Manor @ Somerset Dr. & Maple Dr.
- Windsor Park @ Lancaster Blvd. & Oxford Dr.
- Highland Park @ Letchworth Rd. & Chatham Rd.
- Heights of Beacon Hill @ Sconset Ln. & Lowell Ln.

7-8pm
- Allendale @ Allendale Way & Blacklatch Ln.
- Rossmoyne Manor @ Scarsdale Dr. & Neponsit Ln.
- Sheepford Crossing @ the park.
- Cumberland Park @ William Penn Dr. & Wayne Rd.
- Cedar Cliff Manor @ Citadel Dr. & Colgate Dr.
- Fox Hollow - Look for Lisburn’s Orange Engine 24.
Lower Allen Township announces a NEW ‘Community Notification System’

In April 2017, we retired the previous system used to make community notifications for emergencies as well as general notifications of Township activities. The retired system was largely based upon landline phone numbers contained in the “White Pages” database. As landlines continued to decrease and become less reliable for immediate notifications, it became essential to shift to a mobility based system that provided for a resident’s self-determination of a variety of contact options.

With the new system, referred to as “LA ALERTS”, you will be able to add the phone numbers (landline and cell phones), email addresses, and text numbers where you wish to be contacted for various notifications. You will also be able to select groups you wish to be included in for emergency and/or routine messaging.

Subscribing is easy! Simply go the Township web page at www.latwp.org and click on “LA Alerts” under the Police & Public Safety News link. Here you will be able to create an account and list the phone numbers and email addresses you wish to be included as contacts. You can also then choose the level of contact and join contact groups. If you have any difficulty you can also subscribe by calling us at 717-975-7575 Ext. 1602 and we will assist you in registering. You may also choose to complete the form at the bottom of this page and mail to Lower Allen Township, 2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011, Attn: LA ALERTS (or use the drop box near the flag pole in our parking lot).

You will no longer receive EMERGENCY or other notifications unless you subscribe to the “LA ALERTS” system. Do not hesitate. Subscribe today!

Please PRINT

I am a Lower Allen Township: ___Resident ___Business

NAME AND ADDRESS

Resident or Business Name: ________________________________________________________________
Street Address: _______________________________________________________________________
Apartment or Suite #:________ City: __________________________________________ Zip: ___________

PHONE AND EMAIL

Phone (HOME): ( ) ___-____
Phone (CELL): ( ) ___-____ Circle One (TEXT or VOICE) EMAIL: ________________________________
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GROUP SUBSCRIPTIONS

I would like to subscribe to the following groups: ___ Emergency Alerts ___ Flood Plain Alerts ___ TMI Alerts ___ Leaf/Trash Pick-up ___ Weather Alerts ___Township Newsletters/Events ___ LA Business Owner/Operator
Thank you to all our vendors, volunteers, & members who made this year’s Festival a success. Mark your calendar for our 65th annual Festival—August 8-11, 2018.

October 22, 2017

12pm-Doors & Kitchen open
1:30pm-Early Bird starts
2:00pm-Bingo starts
Regular games, special games & Final Jackpot. Small games of chances, Door Prizes and Good Food.

$22 in Advance ...$25 at the Door.

Contact Darla at 717-938-9428 or the Fire Company at 717-766-3994 for tickets

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—SEE OUR WEBSITE /FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

☑ OCTOBER 8TH—DRIVE THROUGH CHICKEN BBQ ... 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Each $8.00 dinner will include one half barbecued chicken, a baked potato, applesauce, a roll, butter, and a bottle of water. The price cannot be beat.

☑ NOVEMBER 12TH—TURKEY DINNER—11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Adults are $10.00 and children are $4.50.

☑ DECEMBER 2ND—COOKIES WITH SANTA—9:30am—after Santa rides the fire truck through Lisburn, join him for cookies and milk in the social hall.

☑ DECEMBER 2ND—POT LUCK DINNER FOR FESTIVAL WORKERS—5:30pm for all members and for those who volunteered and worked during this year’s festival.

☑ OCTOBER—MARCH—WEDNESDAY NIGHTS—BLOCK SHOOT—Fire Hall—starting October 6th. (There is no Block Shoot on Nov 29th & Dec 6th)
CHICKEN BAR-B-Q

Enjoy a fresh 1/2 chicken, roasted over an open pit
Also included:
Baked Potato, Roll, Applesauce, Butter,

MUNICIPAL SERVICES CENTER
2233 GETTYSBURG ROAD

OCTOBER 7, 2017

10:30 am until sellout
COST: $9.00 per dinner

ADVANCE TICKET SALES AVAILABLE CALL 975-7575,
SCOUT NEWS

Sam Spalla, son of Samuel and Melissa Spalla of Lewisberry, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony at the Lisburn Community Fire Company on July 23rd, 2017. Sam is a member of Boy Scout Troop 312 in Lower Allen Township. Sam painted the restroom/concession building at the Lower Allen Community Park, as well as adding some new signage and landscaping. Sam was presented with a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners honoring him for his achievement.

Spencer Mulhearn, son of Catherine Mulhearn of Fairview Township, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony at the Lisburn Community Fire Company on July 23rd, 2017. Spencer is a member of Boy Scout Troop 312 in Lower Allen Township. Spencer installed 800 storm drain awareness decals on stormwater inlets throughout the Township. Spencer was presented with a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners honoring him for his achievement.

Luke Capper, son of Thomas and Christine Capper of Mechanicsburg, completed his Eagle Scout project at the Lower Allen Community Park. Luke is a member of Boy Scout Troop 195 in Mechanicsburg. Luke installed mile markers along the loop trail at Lower Allen Community Park to enable users of the trail, including high school cross-country teams, to gauge how far they walk or run.

Falon Weaver, daughter of Don and Annie Weaver of Fairview Township, completed her Gold Award project for Lower Allen Township. Falon is a member of Ambassador Troop 1026 in Lewisberry. Falon installed “Little Library” boxes in three Township parks: Lower Allen Community Park, near the Dog Park, Wass Park, and Highland Park playground. The concept of this “free library” is to borrow a book and either return it, or replace it with another book.
Cedar Spring Run Park’s Ten-Year Transition

Cedar Spring Run Park, a two-acre park with trails, a comfort station, bridge and a pavilion, located next to the Municipal Services Center at 2233 Gettysburg Road has been a work in progress for almost ten years. Multiple funding sources and volunteer efforts have gone into the project. This fall a plan became reality when Lower Allen staff installed the playground equipment.

The playground equipment includes a rock slide, swings, log tunnels, and a bee climber. The equipment is designed to emulate nature in keeping with the tone of the park which emphasizes green space and sustainable building practices.

Cedar Spring Run Park was not always such a green place. In 2007, the “park” was a gravel lot used for parking school buses. The Township acquired this lot, when land was purchased for the Municipal Services Center, with the hope of making it an oasis of green space in the urban environment along Gettysburg Road. The recreational space would complete the municipal campus.

A Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant was used to develop a master plan for the park. The concept was to accentuate green space and make the stream the primary design element by building a bridge and pavilion to attract people to it. The angle of the bridge would align with the entrance of the Municipal Services Center to create a welcoming flow. The meandering trail through the park would pattern the stream. Bio-swales, porous pavement, and other best management practices (BMPs) would be used to manage stormwater on-site in an environmentally friendly way.

With emphasis on the stream came a need to revitalize it. A Growing Greener Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for $55,500 helped fund streambank restoration and improve stream health. That included removing old pipes and trash, tree planting, and creating a more hospitable environment for fish. A TreeVitalize Grant from DCNR for $20,200 paid for additional riparian buffer planting.

Construction of the park was divided into three phases:

- Phase I included trails, a comfort station, bio-swales, grading, and parking. A DCNR grant for $204,000 and a grant from Cumberland County for $30,000 were secured to help defray costs. The playground equipment was originally part of Phase I, but it had to be delayed until 2017 to meet budget demands.

- Phase II of the park included the bridge and pavilion, additional plantings and grass seeding. Another DCNR grant was secured for $127,000 for that phase of the project.

- Phase III consisted of a trail network located on the same side of the creek as the Municipal Services Center. Volunteers from churches and clubs worked to clear the wooded area of invasive plant species. Several Boy Scouts constructed the trails as part of their Eagle Scout projects. The projects included a mulch trail, a gravel trail, and a set of stairs leading to an overlook.

- Other improvements to the park include:
  - A Little Library at the comfort station which was another Eagle Scout project
  - Signage about the best management practices (BMPs) found in the park and the Municipal Services Center, installed by a Girl Scout for her Gold Pin project.
  - Solar powered bollard lighting
  - Playground equipment

It may have taken a decade, but the space has truly transformed from a gray undesirable lot which the public was kept out of into a green space that invites them in. The site and its BMPs were even featured in a video created by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay called Reign in the Rain: Protecting the Chesapeake Bay, Volume Three. Residents can be proud not just of the park itself, but also its evolution.
**Electrical Safety**

Where is the closest outlet? How much power does each device draw? How much can the electrical circuit for this outlet handle? Can I use an extension cord or a power strip? These are four important questions you should be asking yourself when you go to plug in something.

**Extension Cords**—When using an extension cord, be sure to match the capability of the cord with the power demand of the device you are connecting to your electrical system. If you are using items like heaters, power tools and vacuums, always make sure the extension cord has the proper gauge, voltage rating and amperage rating to handle the above-average load of these types of items. Overloading the extension cord might heat it up quickly, which can cause melting and possibly a fire.

- Extension cords are for TEMPORARY USE ONLY. Temporary means non-permanent.
- Extension cords are not a safe solution if you do not have enough outlets. Have a competent electrician install additional outlets, with required electrical permit and inspection to assure safety.
- Do not use extension cords that have visible defects or wear.
- Extension cords should not be run inside wall cavities.
- Do not run extension cords under rugs. This might cause overheating and possibly a fire.
- Do not run extension cords through doorways. This causes a tripping hazard. Also, the cord can become pinched, which might cause overheating and possibly a fire.
- If you need to join two extension cords together (for a longer reach), make sure both cords are both the appropriate gauge to handle the extra length.

**Power Strips**—Power strips come in two basic types, consumer grade and commercial grade. Consumer grade is the most common type being used. Most devices of this type are made of plastic, which is very prone to melting or catching fire if the unit overheats. Commercial grade power strips have a modular construction and use simplex or duplex receptacles that protrude through the cover. Most of these strips are made of steel or aluminum. This type of construction will generally not melt or burn. Commercial strips are designed and built for a wider variety of uses.

- Power strips are not to be used in a moist or damp environment, or outdoors.
- Power strips are not a safe solution if you do not have enough outlets. Have a competent electrician install additional outlets, with required electrical permit and inspection to assure safety.
- Do not daisy chain power strips together.
- Use the correct power strip for the job—They should carry a UL (Underwriters Laboratory) or ETL (Electrical Testing Laboratory) rating label on them.
- Replace the power strip at the first sign of failure, overuse, overheating or visible defects or wear.

**Good Recipes for a Chesapeake Bay Pollution Diet**

The term “residential stewardship practices” refers to the installation of one or more of the following practices on existing residential properties:

- Rain gardens
- Rainwater harvesting/Rain barrels
- Permeable hardscapes (e.g., sidewalks, driveways)
- Tree planting
- Impervious cover removal
- Downspout disconnections
- Urban nutrients Management

These practices may be installed by the homeowner or by a private contractor however they should conform to minimum design standards. Residential stewardship practices can also provide other important benefits to a community, such as:

- Removing toxic pollutants and harmful bacteria from local waterways
- Preventing basement flooding, backyard erosion and drainage problems on the property
- Increasing tree canopy and provide wildlife and pollinator habitat
- Engaging the public in local watershed protection
- Creating more attractive lawns and landscapes

**WHERE TO FIND THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES**

In general, residential stewardship practices can be implemented in the following locations:

- Rain Gardens: below downspouts or in low areas to where water flows
- Rainwater Harvesting: above or below-ground, to where one or more downspouts can be diverted
- Downspout Disconnection: below downspouts with sufficient surrounding green space
YAPPY HOUR • LACP EVENTS • NEW YEARS EVE

Yappy Hour at The Lower Allen Doggie Dug-out

Yappy hour was held on Thursday evening, August 3rd, from 5:30pm – 7:00pm, at the Lower Allen Community Park, Dog Park. Billy Wray Music entertained everyone at the event, with his easy listening vocals, accompanied by keyboard and guitar. The evening was hot and hazy. Thunder storms threatened the area in the early evening, but didn’t hinder our efforts. Everyone had a great time! We want to thank our local businesses and organizations who participated in the event, with information and give-a-ways.

♦ Humane Society of Harrisburg
♦ Benny’s Pet Depot
♦ Susquehanna Valley Federal Credit Union
♦ Furry Friends Rescue and Bob Pelles
♦ Isaac’s Restaurant
♦ Gold Heart Golden Retriever Rescue
♦ Field and Stream – Camp Hill Mall
♦ Harrisburg Senators Baseball Club

LOWER ALLEN COMMUNITY PARK
TENTATIVE EVENT LISTING

OCTOBER:
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - WSRC - Puppy Training 101 - (Pre-registration is required) www.westshorerec.org
Upper Pavilion - 5:30pm – 7:00pm
4, 11, 18, 25 - WSRC - Dog Training Level 1 - (Pre-registration is required) www.westshorerec.org
Upper Pavilion - 5:30pm – 7:00pm

7 – 8 DILLSBURG SOCCER TOURNAMENT - All soccer fields
Keystone, Upper and Lower Pavilions - 8:00am - Dusk

NOVEMBER:
6 – 10 All water/fountains and flushable, restrooms will be closed for the season.

CELEBRATE NEW YEARS EVE AT LOWER ALLEN COMMUNITY PARK!

Come ring in the New Year with your neighbors at The Barn at Lower Allen Community Park. The Township is sponsoring an alcohol-free, family-friendly celebration that will begin at 8:00 pm and end at 12:00 am, following the “Lowering of the Breeches”. Water and soda will be available, as will coffee, hot chocolate, and finger foods. A DJ will be there to provide music for your dancing and listening pleasure.

This event has been held for four years, and a good time is always had by all. In addition to music, there are games for both kids and adults, as well as an opportunity to have your picture taken with The Breeches. This year will also feature Breechie, a li’l pair of breeches for the kids to lower.

If you’d like to bring a canned good or other dry foods, a collection area will be set up for the Central PA Food Bank. Donations will also be accepted for the Township’s K-9 Program. Many thanks to the New Year’s Eve Celebration Committee for their fine work in putting this event together!
Curbside Yard Waste Collection

The Townships' yard waste recycling program started in April, with collection by your trash hauler on your regular trash day. Yard waste collection will proceed through the last week in November. 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 – 3:00pm. The second Saturday drop off will and end in November. Lower Allen households are limited to four loads of brush (yard debris) to Public Works, per calendar year. A $25.00 fee will be assessed for households exceeding their 4 load limit.

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. A contractor’s yard waste permit is required to be purchased by contractors using the facility.

Yard waste consists of garden debris, leaves, sticks, branches and stumps (no larger than 14 inches in diameter). Grass clippings and sod 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 6 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter. Maximum weight is 45lbs. Yellow yard waste bins can be picked up at the Municipal Services Center during regular business hours. 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. The business hours for dropping off items at Public Works is Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:00am – 3:00pm. 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). Lawn mowers, snow blowers, trimmers, etc. (with all fluids removed) will also be accepted. A $25.00 fee will be assessed for households exceeding their 4 load limit.

Shingles, concrete, dirt, paint, tires, oil, fuel, glass, pressurized tanks, TV’s and Computer Equipment WILL NOT be accepted.

Please refer to the Cumberland County website, www.copa.net, for recycling guidelines and disposal locations for elec-

Sanitation Rates to increase in 2018

As part of a three-year contract extension with Penn Waste, Inc., sanitation fees will rise slightly in 2018 from $59.07 to $61.89 per quarter. The quarterly fee, however, will then not increase until the end of the contract extension on December 31, 2020.

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.

Limit one per residence.
ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Lower Allen Township Municipal Center
2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011
Saturday, October 7th, 2017
9:00am – 12:00pm
**Lower Allen Township Residents Only**
**Proof of Residency Required**

All Items Can Be Recycled FREE of Charge are Listed Below:

- Desktop & Laptop Computers
- Keyboards & Mice
- Printers/Fax Machines
- Cables & Cords
- Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries
- Calculators & Adding Machines
- UPS Battery Backups
- Toner & Ink Cartridges
- Audio Visual Equipment
- Telephones & Cell Phones
- Washers & Dryers
- Dishwashers
- CRT Monitors
- LCD Monitors
- Televisions
- *TV’s Must Be Intact, NO Broken TV’s*
- DVD Players & VCR’s
- Gaming Systems
- String Christmas Lights
- Microwaves & Small Appliances
- Metal Items
- Exercise Equipment
- Car Batteries (sealed lead acid)
- Bed Frames & Rain spouting
- Filing Cabinets

*Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries*

- Air Conditioners
- Dehumidifiers
- Refrigerators
- Floor Freezers
- Ranges (Stoves)
- Floor Copiers
- Console Stereos
FALL IS ALMOST HERE!  

I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and healthy summer! Fall is here, and of course that means FOOTBALL! Marching bands, soccer games, lacrosse, tailgate parties, it’s all part of the season! Fall also means cooler weather and watching the leaves change from the mellow greens of summer to the brilliant yellows, reds, and oranges of autumn. And, least we not forget, fall also means TAXES. (I know, I know, it was such a pretty picture until I mentioned that word.) However, fall is here and taxes will soon be due. Below are a few tips to help kick off a successful tax season.

You should have received a $7,565 Homestead Exclusion on your July 1st, 2017 West Shore School District Real Estate tax bill, if you did not, perhaps you are a new homeowner or didn’t apply for it, the next window to apply for the Homestead Exclusion is December 15th, 2017 through March 15th, 2018. If you take the $7,565 Homestead Exclusion amount and multiply it by 11.2014 mils it equates to $84.74. If you are comparing last year’s West Shore School District Real Estate tax bill against this year’s, please note that there was an increase in your milage from 10.9162 mils to 11.2014 mils. Your assessment on your house will go back to the original assessment before the Homestead Exclusion since that only applies to the West Shore School District real estate tax bill.

“March” on in and pay your taxes. School real estate and per capita taxes dates July 1st, 2017 are now in the face amount. The last day to pay the face amount is due by November 1st. For your convenience, the silver mailbox in the Township parking lot by the flagpole may be used for payment drop-off. And don’t forget Uncle Sam...You can mail your taxes, but they must be postmarked by November 1st, 2017.

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.

Use the right “strategy” when paying your taxes. Did you notice that your school per capita tax increased from $9.80 to $14.70? The reason why is because the Township no longer collects per capita tax, the school district has permission to collect the Township’s portion. Please take an extra moment to look over your tax bill and make sure you are paying the correct amount (the amount in the total column). They must be paid during the timeframe listed in that particular column for the date you are remitting payment.

Don’t get put on the “bench” Reminder notices for unpaid 2017 tax bills will be mailed out in mid-November. PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE A LATE TAX NOTICE. This reminder is the last step the tax office takes before turning over your tax bill for collection. Last possible day to pay your 2017 real estate and per capita taxes is December 31st. ALL real estate and per capita taxes in penalty are due to go for collection on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018.

Coaches Office. Don’t forget, the tax office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or by appointment. The tax office will be closed from October 16th-20th, November 22nd-December 1st, and December 25th—January 2nd 2018.

I look forward to seeing many of you at various sporting events, craft fairs, apple festivals and other activities this season! Please say hello or stop by the tax office (located right inside the front door) with any questions or concerns you may have. My door is always open.
FALL-TASTIC FUN WITH WEST SHORE REC!

As Summer winds down and the days get shorter and cooler it doesn’t mean you have to give up the fun! The New West Shore Rec guide features many activities to develop new skills and confidence, improve health and wellness, decrease your stress levels, and add joy to your life, no matter your age or ability level.

Ready to get started? Visit West Shore Rec’s website www.westshorerec.org for the complete “NEW” Fall Season brochure (available Aug. 21). As always, you are welcome to call or visit the WSRec office at 507 Fishing Creek Rd, Lewisberry Registration for residents begins Thursday, August 24th, Non-resident registration starts Thursday, August 31st.

Just A Few Highlights for the Season . . .

Acquaint yourself with many of the Active Wellness activities such as Pilates, Kickboxing & Abs, Happiest Hour Yoga, Belly Dance, Ballroom Dancing, Muscle Pump, Step Challenge, Booty Barre, Zumba Step, Tai Chi, Pi-Yo, and the Tabata – Burst Training!

Bring The Fun To The Pool! . . . challenge your cardio fitness, tone your muscles and increase your core strength with Aquatic Workouts such as Aquacise, Water Workout or Hydro Hike.

Soak up the Beauty of Fall with an Evening Pontoon Boat Tour or Kayak Experience, a family friendly interactive Night Sensory Hike, or a Fall Nature Walk and learn a little about the forest and the critters while taking in the gorgeous display of fall colors.

For The Kids . . .

Kids and Youth can experience Science, Technology, and Education through one of the many Sylvan EDGE programs this Fall, such as Robotics, Engineering, and Coding. As well as Youth introductory classes for Archery, basketball, Golf, Soccer, Football, Tennis, Martial Arts, KinderDance, Swimming Lessons and many, many more activities that will reward you with new skills, new friends and lifelong enjoyment.

And So Much More This Fall! As well as other diverse educational opportunities for adults & youth such as Adult Horsemanship Lessons, Babysitting Certification, College Financial Planning, 1st Aid/CPR, Puppy/Dog Training, Medicare Fraud & Abuse and many, many more activities.

Make Your Reservations Now . . . get ready for the holidays with one of these fabulous trips; Christmas at the Newport Mansions, Christmas in DC, NYC, Christmas in Williamsburg Grand Illumination or Rekindle that old fashioned Holiday spirit in Wellsboro at the Dickens of a Christmas Celebration. Limited Spaces, so register early!

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2233 Gettysburg Road · Camp Hill, PA 17011

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Address: ________________________________________________________________

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2017.
Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Don’t forget to vote!