**Lower Allen Township 2017 Comprehensive Plan**

Lower Allen Township is updating its 2006 Comprehensive Plan to identify and prioritize the Township's strategic goals and objectives for the next 10-year horizon.

As a foundational piece of the 2017 plan, the Township will identify the top 5-10 key issues or challenges that are present in Lower Allen today and determine an implementation strategy to address these issues. The issue identification process will include through data collection, stakeholder interviews, focus groups, community survey, and a robust community engagement effort.

**Comprehensive Plan Highlights**

The planning process was commissioned by Lower Allen Township and is being prepared by a consulting firm, Michael Baker International. The planning process began in January 2017 and is anticipated to conclude in December 2017.

The Township has organized a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to support the planning process. The CAC is comprised of 13 residents who meet monthly with the Township and consultant team to contribute key guidance and input.

**Be Involved!**

There will be several opportunities for residents and stakeholders to participate in the planning process this spring and fall.

**Online Public Survey.** We need your feedback! The Township is collecting input from the community to identify important treasures (assets or strengths), key opportunities, and challenges in the Township. The link can be found on the Lower Allen Website under the Community Development Tab or available at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LVCH2HT](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LVCH2HT)

The survey will open on April 3, 2017 and will remain open through May 7, 2017.

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DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Lower Allen Township
2233 Gettysburg Road • Camp Hill, PA 17011
Phone: 717-975-7575• Fax: 737-4182• www.latwp.org
Monday-Friday: 8:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tax Office - Phone: 717-737-5671
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

KEY STAFF       EXT #
Thomas G. Vernau, Jr., Manager                      1001
Erin G. Trone, Assistant Manager and              1002
Director of Economic Development
Donna Paul, Human Resources, Recycling Coordinator 1402
David L. Holl, Director of Public Safety           1601
Leon Crone, Police Captain                        1515
Daniel Flint, P.E., Township Engineer and        1101
Director of Community Development
Richard Grove, Finance Director                    1202
Bob Nailor, Public Works Coordinator              2106
Christopher Yohn, EMS Captain                     3101
Rodney Mumma, Fire Chief, Lower Allen Fire Co. No. 1 1302
Josh Keller, Fire Chief, Lisburn Community Fire Co. 766-3994

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)                     1-866-575-8720
Trash Complaints - call the Township              717-975-7575, ext. 1203
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
Representative Sheryl Delozier                     717-761-4665
2929 Gettysburg Rd., Suite 6, Camp Hill, PA 17011
Senator Mike Regan                                 717-432-1733
1 East Harrisburg Street Dillsburg, PA 17017
U.S. Representative Scott Perry                    717-635-9504
U.S. Senator Robert Casey, Jr.                    717-231-7540
U.S. Senator Pat Toomey                            717-782-3951

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

All meetings are held at the
Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center
(unless otherwise noted)

APRIL
6        Sewer Authority                           7:30 pm
8        Easter Egg Hunt—LACP                     10:00 am
10       Board of Commissioners                   7:00 pm
14       Good Friday                              CLOSED
15       Lisburn Fire Co. Easter Egg Hunt          1:00 pm
17       Development Authority                    6:00 pm
18       Planning Commission                      7:00 pm
20       Zoning Hearing Board                     7:00 pm
24       Board of Commissioners                   7:00 pm
26       Recreation and Parks Board               7:00 pm
29       Gardeners Gathering—LACP                 10:00 am

MAY
4        Sewer Authority                           7:30 pm
8        Board of Commissioners                    7:00 pm
14       Lisburn Fire Co. Mothers Day Roast Beef Dinner 11—2 pm
15       Development Authority                     7:00 pm
17       Planning Commission                       6:00 pm
18       Zoning Hearing Board                      7:00 pm
22       Board of Commissioners                    7:00 pm
22-26    Tax office                               CLOSED
24       Recreation and Parks Board Park Tours     6:00 pm
29       Memorial Day                              CLOSED

JUNE
1        Sewer Authority                           7:30 pm
12       Board of Commissioners                    7:00 pm
12-23    Tax Office                               CLOSED
14       Recreation and Parks Board Park Tours     6:00 pm
15       Zoning Hearing Board                      7:00 pm
17       Development Authority                     6:00 pm
19       Planning Commission                       7:00 pm
26       Board of Commissioners                    7:00 pm
28       Recreation and Parks Board Park Tours     6:00 pm

JULY
4        Independence Day                          CLOSED
6        Sewer Authority                           7:30 pm
10       Board of Commissioners                    7:00 pm
17       Development Authority                     6:00 pm
18       Planning Commission                       7:00 pm
20       Zoning Hearing Board                      7:00 pm
22       Lisburn Fire Co. Hard Press Cider & Wine Fest. 12—5 pm
24       Board of Commissioners                    7:00 pm
26       Recreation and Parks Board                7:00 pm
OFFICIALS IN ACTION
The Board of Commissioners approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS
2017-R-01 Recognizing, commending, and honoring Vincent Camillo Pham for the attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. (Adopted 1-9-17)
2017-R-02 Appointing Benjamin R. Peters to Maintenance Specialist for the Public Works Department. (Enacted 1-23-17)
2017-R-03 Authorizing the negotiation, execution and signature authority, on behalf of the Lower Allen Township Board of Commissioners, all correspondence and documents related to the acquisition of right-of-way for the Gettysburg Road realignment project in Lower Allen Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. (Adopted 1-23-17)
2017-R-04 Authorizing the Township Manager to sign and submit the application for permit to install and operate traffic signals at the intersection of Wesley Drive and Century Drive, and the application for permit to install and operate traffic signals at the intersection of Wesley Drive and Gettysburg Road to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. (Adopted 2-13-14)
2017-R-05 Declaring Township intention to reimburse itself from the proceeds of tax-exempt financing for certain expenditures made in connection with the acquisition construction and equipping of certain capital improvements. (Adopted 2-27-17)
2017-R-06 Authorizing the sale of Township property valued over $1,000. (Adopted 3-13-17)
2017-R-07 Proclaiming the Month of April 2017 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging” month. (Adopted 3-13-17)
2017-R-08 Recognizing Edgar J. Siptroth, Jr. for his years of service as Constable for Lower Allen Township. (Adopted 3-27-17)

ORDINANCES
2017-02 Amending the code of the Township of Lower Allen, 1997 at Chapter 23 Intergovernmental Cooperation, by creating a new article XIII, authorizing the Board of Commissioners to enter into a municipal agreement with the Capital Region Council of Governments and its member municipalities to participate in the Building Code Department for building code inspections and plan review. (Enacted 1-9-17)

WEST SHORE MEALS ON WHEELS
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We’ve delivered meals to the elderly and shut-ins since 1970. Serving Camp Hill, Lemoyne, Wormleysburg, New Cumberland and portions of Lower Allen and East Pennsboro.

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717-737-3924
OR
Sally Goas 717-761-3104
Jacquie Hensel 717-512-2276

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$75.00 (3 1/2 x 2) 1
$600.00 (6 1/2 x 4) 4
$175.00 (6 1/2 x 4) 1

To arrange for your ad to be published in the next quarterly issue, available in October, call 975-7575, ext. 1003 or email hgrundon@latwp.org.
**Visioning Week.** Join a variety of discussion groups to contribute to issue identification.

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<td><strong>Visioning Intro and Workshop #1</strong>&lt;br&gt;6:00-8:00PM &lt;br&gt;Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center&lt;br&gt;2233 Gettysburg Road&lt;br&gt;Camp Hill, PA 17011</td>
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<td><strong>Workshop #5</strong>&lt;br&gt;5:00-6:30PM &lt;br&gt;The Barn at Lower Allen Community Park&lt;br&gt;4075 Lisburn Road&lt;br&gt;Mechanicsburg, PA 17055</td>
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Events will be hosted in the morning, afternoon, and evening at various locations throughout the Township to give all citizens an opportunity to participate.

**Public Open House.** A Public Open House will be scheduled in early fall 2017 to unveil the draft comprehensive plan to the public. Residents and stakeholders will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the draft plan.

**Comprehensive Plan Schedule**

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<td>• Research and data collection to establish existing conditions&lt;br&gt;• CAC meetings commence&lt;br&gt;• Stakeholder interviews and focus groups</td>
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<td>• Goals and objectives&lt;br&gt;• Implementation strategy</td>
<td>• Draft plan&lt;br&gt;• Public Open House&lt;br&gt;• Plan adoption</td>
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All updates and informational flyers will be posted here, so be sure to check back over the course of the year to stay up-to-date on how you can participate.

**Learn More**

Have questions or would like to learn more? We’d love to hear from you! Contact Erin at:

Erin Trone<br>Assistant Manager<br>Lower Allen Township<br>717-975-7575<br>etrone@latwp.org
SWIMMING POOL SAFETY ALERT

Because the outdoor swimming season is approaching, we are urging our readers to become familiar with pool safety regulations. Whether you already own a pool, are thinking of purchasing one, or enjoy the pool of a neighbor or friend, observing these safety guidelines could prevent an accidental injury or death.

The PA Uniform Construction Code (UCC) regulations adopt standards published by the International Code Council pertaining to design, structural, electrical, plumbing and safety barrier aspects of swimming pools, hot tubs and spas. The Lower Allen Township Community Development Department staff enforces these regulations through the plan review, permit and inspection process. Here are some essential UCC requirements:

• **The UCC applies to any structure intended for swimming or bathing that contains water over 24” deep**, including pools that are in, on or above-ground, hot tubs and spas. Portable and permanent installations are regulated.

• **Providing and maintaining an adequate barrier is essential to restrict pool access, which minimizes the chance of accidental drownings. Many drowning victims are residents or guests of the household where the pool is located, so a barrier or door alarms are also required between the home and the pool.**

• **Many hot tubs and spas are sold with cover assemblies that provide the required safety barrier. Otherwise, a barrier of at least 4’ high must be provided for all types of pools. Self-closing and self-latching gates must swing outward. Latch locations and fence openings are regulated to make it difficult for small children to open gates, or to climb through or over safety barriers.**

• **The side walls of above-ground pools do not meet this barrier requirement if they are less than 4’ high, or if pool access is provided by an adjacent elevated deck. Please remember to remove ladders or lock them in the upright position when an above-ground pool is not in use.**

• **Code compliance for portable pools, hot tubs and spas can be as simple as assuring that the required barrier is provided, the water supply is protected from back-flow (no protection can cause contamination of drinking water), and the electrical supply is equipped with a ground fault current interrupter (protects against electrocution).**

• **In-ground pools and permanent above ground pools must also meet other standards for bonding of metallic parts (electrical safety) and plumbing requirements (to ensure proper sanitation by the filter system, and entrapment protection at suction outlets).**

• **Safety glazing is required for any glass areas near a pool, and there are restrictions on locations of electrical receptacles, fixtures and overhead power lines.**

You can download a General Permit Application and a code compliance checklist for swimming pools on the Community Development Department page at www.latwp.org. The form and checklist also cover zoning regulations that apply to swimming pools.
DECK SAFETY

RESIDENTIAL DECK SAFETY TIPS

A properly constructed and maintained deck can provide a great place to enjoy many hours of outdoor leisure time. A poorly constructed and/or maintained deck can cause bruises, sprains and fractures, or worse.

Deck failures are becoming more frequent in the U.S. due to aging structural materials on older decks, excessive loading (such as hot tub placement with inadequate structural support), and as a result of improper deck construction methods. A web search of “residential deck failures” will show you prime examples of what can go wrong with a deck. Thankfully, this same search will yield a wealth of information about code-compliant deck design and installation, as well as maintenance recommendations.

If you have an existing deck, check for loose, corroded or missing connections. Inspect metal connector plates and joist hangers, screws, nails and bolts. Look at all locations where lumber components of the deck are connected to something—joist to house, joist to beam, beam to post, and post to footing. Also check for significantly cracked or rotten wood, loose deck boards, loose or improperly spaced fall protection (guards and rails), missing or hard-to-grasp handrails, and improperly built stairs.

If you are planning to reconstruct or alter an existing deck, or build a new one, here are some important requirements:

• Current wood preservatives are generally less toxic, but more corrosive than preservatives used when chemically decay-resistant lumber was first introduced. Aluminum flashing between the house and deck, and lightly galvanized steel connectors, can become badly corroded in just a few months. Ask your lumber and hardware supplier to verify compatibility of materials, or use stainless steel connectors and corrosion resistant flashing.

• Where no portion of a deck is greater than 30 inches above the surrounding ground surface, fall protection is not required; however, installation of guards and rails is still recommended.

• A construction permit is not required when a deck will be self-supporting (not attached to the house) and will have no portion greater than 30 inches above the surrounding ground surface; however, a zoning permit is required for all new decks and deck enlargements.

• A zoning permit is required to verify that the deck does not exceed allowable encroachment into required yards (too close to a property line). If the deck construction will not allow precipitation to pass through and soak into the ground, we also verify that the deck area will not cause property improvements to exceed the allowable limit of impervious lot coverage.

• A construction permit is required for new decks (except as noted above), structural repairs, additions, and alterations to required safety components. You will need to submit stair, rail and guard details, framing and load path connection plan, materials list, cost estimate and site plan.

You can download a General Permit Application and a code compliance checklist for decks on the Community Development Department page at www.latwp.org. The form and checklist should also be used to request zoning approval as explained above.

The American Wood Council publishes an excellent resource, the Prescriptive Residential Deck Construction Guide (DCA-6). This guide is compatible with the 2009 edition of the International Residential Code, the building code currently used in Pennsylvania. A free download is available at www.awc.org. Open the “Education” tab, then under the Codes and Standards heading, click “Free Publications”. You will find DCA-6 under the heading “Design for Code Acceptance (DCA) Series”.

If you need assistance to plan the installation, repair or alteration of a deck, please contact the codes enforcement staff in the Community Development Department. May is International Building Safety Month, so why not improve your peace of mind by scheduling a free deck safety inspection with one of our certified construction code officials.
SIGN UP FOR PENN WASTE E-NEWS
Residents can sign up for Penn Waste’s E-News service to receive updates regarding trash collection schedules right to your email account. Just go to www.pennwaste.com and enter your name and email address in the spaces provided in the lower right of the home page.

In 2016, Penn Waste received over 500 pounds of medical waste at our recycling facility! This is a public safety hazard for our team members who manually sort through the recycling and are at risk of getting stuck by a needle.

How Can You Help?
Medical waste needs to be properly disposed of in the TRASH, not the RECYCLING.

If a person does not have a sharps container to dispose of their medical waste, they should do the following:

1. Place their medical waste in a thick container that has a lid – such as a coffee can or detergent bottle.

2. Make sure the lid is secure on the container by duct taping it shut and place it in the TRASH.

Please help us keep our team members safe!

Thank you!
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 to set up an interview to learn what we do and how you can fit into our organization. Save your local Fire Department by volunteering before it is too late. Visit our Facebook Page and our website for additional information.

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All vents are SUBJECT to CHANGE due to Weather or situations beyond our control.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
EASTER EGG HUNT

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP’S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8, 2017  (Rain or Shine)

Lower Allen Community Park
4075 Lisburn Road, Mechanicsburg

10:00am (up to 3 years)  Upper Pavilion
10:20am (4-6 years)  Keystone Pavilion
10:40am (7-10 years)  Lower Pavilion

Candy and Goody Bags for each child
Please bring your own bag/basket

For additional information, please contact Wendy Hayden at 975-7575 #2104
Or via email: whayden@latwp.org
Ambulance Subscription Renewals

The 2017 Ambulance Subscription Renewals were mailed out in December. Ambulance Subscriptions are good for the calendar year of 2017. The Board of Commissioners set the Subscription rates for 2017 at $70 for a Single Subscription and $85 for a Household Subscription. If you did not receive a subscription form, or if you have any questions please contact Bev Putric at 975-7575, ext. 1205.

Why have a subscription? The cost of a trip in an ambulance is very high and insurance generally does not pay the full bill. By becoming a subscriber, if you call 911, are transported to a hospital and the transport is deemed medically necessary, Lower Allen EMS will accept the insurance company payment as payment in full for your first trip. 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.
LA ALERTS

Lower Allen Township announces a NEW ‘Community Notification System’

Beginning April 2017, we will retire the current 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 continue 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).

After March 31st you will no longer receive EMERGENCY or other notifications unless you subscribe to the LA ALERTS system. Do not hesitate. Subscribe today!

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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!

Trash/Sewer Bill Payment Options

- **Mail:** Mail your payment with your remittance stub. If paying through your bank’s online bill pay, please remember to include your sewer/trash account number on your check.
- **In Person:** Visit the Township building and pay by cash, check or credit card. If you don’t have time to stop in, just swing your car around to our drop box located in the front of the building by the flag pole and drop your payment there. The mail is gathered from the box by 8am each weekday morning.
- **Credit Card:** Visit our website at [www.latwp.org](http://www.latwp.org), call or stop in to pay by credit card. If paying on our website, enter GovPay in the search bar to find the link; there is a processing fee that applies to all credit card payments.
- **Automatic Payment:** An authorization form can be obtained on our website at [www.latwp.org](http://www.latwp.org) or by calling or visiting the Front desk at the Township building. By choosing this option, the Township will automatically deduct the quarterly bill from your account on time, every time. Just submit the signed authorization form along with a voided check and we will take care of the rest!

APRIL IS PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH

April 2017 is recognized as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month” across our Commonwealth, an initiative supported by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center more commonly known as Pennsylvania One-Call. PA811 is celebrating its 45th year of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

This unique service provides an easy to use one-call notification about excavation projects which may endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines while promoting workplace and public safety, reducing underground utility damage and minimizing utility service interruptions while protecting the environment.

The Pennsylvania One-Call System began with only six utility companies in Western Pennsylvania and now serves more than 100,000 excavators and 3,600 critical underground infrastructure owners throughout the Commonwealth. The service annually receives more than 800,000 notification requests and transmits more than six (6) million notifications, providing protection to utility companies, their employees, customers, and the general public.

With economic development throughout Lower Allen Township and Pennsylvania growing, it is important to minimize the damage to underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental pollution, and the loss of utility services. We encourage all residents, engineers, designers, excavators and homeowners to Dial 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project such as planting a tree, installing a mailbox post, building a deck or swimming pool or replacing a driveway.

At their regular public meeting of March 27th, the Commissioners of Lower Allen Township adopted a resolution proclaiming April to be Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month in Lower Allen Township.
GARDENERS GATHERING

13th Annual
Lower Allen Township
Gardeners Gathering

*When*: April 29, 2017
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

*Where*: Lower Allen Community Park
4075 Lisburn Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
(Event held Rain or Shine!)

**Barn Workshop – Lower Level**
10:00 AM Rain Barrels and Water Conservation; Lori Glace, Cumberland County Conservation District

During this two-hour session, Watershed Specialist Lori Glace will discuss the importance of water harvesting in the garden with your professional-grade rain barrel. Participants will learn how to construct and install their rain barrel as well as hear about ways to control storm water, with a goal of protecting water quality in local streams. See below for detailed payment information- Class size is limited to 20 people, so be sure to register early!

*IMPORTANT*: The Rain Garden workshop is free and the Rain Barrels are available at a reduced price of $20.00, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, Cumberland County Conservation District and PA American Water. Please mail your check for the rain barrel made payable to *Lower Allen Township c/o Wendy Hayden, Event Planner at 1400 St. Johns Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011*. For more information, check out [www.latwp.org](http://www.latwp.org). Pre-registration deadline for the workshop is Monday, April 24, 2017.

**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.

*There will also be plant giveaways and prize drawings, thanks to our local business supporters.*

*Join us for a fun-filled day of springtime excitement...and many thanks to our sponsor Pennsylvania American Water as well as our volunteer Recreation and Parks Board for their time commitment!*

*For questions, please contact Wendy Hayden at Lower Allen Township by calling (717) 975-7575, ext. 2104. You can also check the township website at [www.latwp.org](http://www.latwp.org) or find us on Facebook!*
2017 EVENTS—TENTATIVE LISTING
LOWER ALLEN COMMUNITY PARK

**March:**
14, 21, 28  - WSRC—Puppy training class (registration required)
   Fernlawn Pavilion—5:30pm—7:30pm
15, 22, 29  - WSRC—Canine Good Citizen class (registration required)
   Fernlawn Pavilion, 5:30pm—7:30pm

**April:**
4, 11, 18, 25 WSRC—Puppy training class (registration required)
   Fernlawn Pavilion, 5:30pm—7:30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 WSRC—Canine Good Citizen class (registration required)
   Fernlawn Pavilion, 5:30pm—7:30pm
8  Lower Allen Township’s Easter Egg Hunt (rain or shine)
   Upper, Keystone, Lower Pavilions 10am—11am
29  Lower Allen Township’s Gardner’s Gathering
   Barn and Tot lot pavilion 10:00am—1:00pm
29  WSRC—Snag youth golf (registration required)
   Driving range—8:45am—11:45am

**May:**
6, 13, 20, WSRC—Snag youth golf (registration required)
   Driving range—8:45am—11:45am
13—14 ASA—Men’s Softball Tournament
   Fields 1, 2, 3 - 8:00am—Dusk
27 –29 PA Girls Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
   Fields 1, 2, 3 - 8:00am—Dusk

**June:**
3-4 ASA—Women’s Softball Tournament
   Fields 1, 2, 3 - 8:00am—Dusk
17—18 ASA—Men’s Softball Tournament
   Fields 1, 2, 3 - 8:00am—Dusk
23, 24, 25 PA Girls Fast pitch Softball Tournament
   Fields 1, 2, 3 - 8:00am—Dusk

**July:**
1 –3 PA Girls Fast pitch Softball Tournament
   Fields 1, 2, 3 - 8:00am—Dusk
15—16 ASA—Men’s Softball Tournament
   Fields 1, 2, 3 - 8:00am—Dusk

**August:**
10  Lower Allen Township’s Yappy Hour
   Dog Park - 5:30—7pm
19—20 Brook’s Bronc’s Redux Softball Tournament
   Fields 1, 2, 3 - 8:00am—Dusk

**September:**

**October:**
7 –8 Dillsburg Soccer Tournament
   Upper, Keystone, Lower pavilions 8:00am—Dusk
   Fields, Upper, Lower, Creekside 1, 2, 3, 4,
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

At the January 9th Board Of Commissioners meeting, six employees were recognized for years of services to Lower Allen Township. Together these four employees have a combination of 75 years of services to our residents!!!
BULK ITEMS · TRASH · YARD WASTE

Electronics Recycling

It is a question we hear numerous times a day. “Where can residents take their electronics”? Some good news was released from Cumberland County Commissioners recently. The County will be moving forward with a contract to have a permanent program in place for residents to recycle electronics. Once the logistics are figured out, County staff will take electronics from residents at the Claremont Road storage barn, just outside of Carlisle.

The fee that is being established will be 50 cents per pound. More information will be forthcoming, as the program is slated to start in June of this year. At this time, County Commissioners are asking residents to hold onto their electronics. Watch for more information as it becomes available. Cumberland County Recycling can be contacted at 717-240-6489 or their website at www.ccpa.net

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 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.

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 electronics and hazardous materials

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE PICK UP

The Townships’ yard waste recycling program will be starting 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. 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. The second Saturday drop off will be offered starting in April and ending 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 and branches and stumps (no larger than 24 inch 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 (not exceed 6 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter) must be bundled with twine or string. 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.

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. Additional or replacement containers available for a $10 fee.
RECYCLING · LEAF COMPOST & WOOD CHIPS

Tips to recycle, and reduce toxins at home.

Green Cleaning: There is a secret that you may have picked up on by now: you don’t have to go out and buy cleaning products. With simple items around the home, you can make your own. They will last longer and be safer for pets, your children and you. You can get a lemony fresh scent with – get this- lemon juice!
Some ready-to-use cleaning products may contain chemicals, dyes and fragrances that will cause skin irritation or air pollution. Here are some spring cleaning tips that will help you reduce the use of toxic chemicals and avoid their side effects while saving money. You win!

Many of you may already be familiar with the baking soda and vinegar trick. Baking soda absorbs odors and is mild abrasive. Distilled white vinegar removes soap scum and grease. Mix either one with water, and you’ve got a lot of your kitchen and bathroom cleaning products covered.

All-purpose Cleaner: Mix ingredients for each recipe in a spray bottle. Use for cleaning everything from floors and walls to countertops, carpet and upholstery.
- Dissolve 4 Tbsp. baking soda in one quart of warm water.
- Add ½ C vinegar to between 1 cup and 1 quart of warm water.

Recycling Tip: Remember that you can gain a “new” dusting or cleaning cloth by cutting up an old shirt or old flannel that wasn’t high enough quality to donate to a thrift store, and old towels work well for larger areas like floors or walls.

Furniture polish: Mix 1 tsp. olive oil and ½ cup lemon juice. OR, mix ¼ C white distilled vinegar and a few drops of food-grade linseed oil, jojoba or olive oil. Rub with the wood grain using a soft cloth. Buff with a clean corner of a rag.

Instead of bleach, try ½ cup of 3% hydrogen peroxide in the rinse cycle of your wash.

Tips: Rust stains can be removed from porcelain by scouring with a cream of tartar, which is mild acid.

Ingredients: If you can’t pronounce them.....Avoid chlorinated compounds, petroleum stuff like surfactants and distillates, phenols and formaldehyde. Words such as ethylene/ethyl, butyl/alkyl, benzene, phenols and formaldehyde indicate a product with ingredients that are bad.

Sad but true: Manufacturers are not required by law to list their ingredients unless they are active or contain stuff that we know is harmful. But that leaves it pretty wide open- be aware if the product only lists “active” ingredients. If other ingredients are not listed, you don’t know if they are good, bad, or ugly.

Recycling Tip: A product’s packaging can sometimes be wasteful. When you make your own cleaning solutions at home and reuse your spray bottles or containers over and over, you also reduce waste. Best practices include reduce packaging of products first and then make sure you can recycle its packaging materials, such as plastic bottles.

LEAF COMPOST AND WOOD CHIPS

Public Works will begin delivering product starting April 6th and continue delivering on Thursday and Friday mornings, through the first week in November. Order forms and payment must be submitted at the Township’s Municipal Services Center, prior to delivery scheduling.
Lower Allen residents are welcome to come and self-load both products, free of charge, during business hours, Monday – Friday, between the hours of 7:00am – 3:00pm. All contractors working in the Township, must be accompanied by the resident when picking up products.

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QUARTERLY TAX TIPS

It's time to spring into action, if you haven't already...The 2017 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.

2017 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.

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.

Tax Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 am to 2 pm or by appointment.

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.

The Tax office will be closed: May 22-26 and June 12-23

“Professional, Yet Personal...That’s My Bottom Line”

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.

SCOUT NEWS

Sam Spalla, son of Samuel and Melissa Spalla of Lewisberry, completed his Eagle Scout project at the Lower Allen Community Park. Sam is a member of Boy Scout Troop 312 in Lewisberry. Sam painted the restroom/concession building at the LACP, as well as adding some new signage and landscaping.

Vincent Pham, son of Chin and Rachel Pham of Camp Hill, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony on Sunday, January 22nd. Vincent is a member of Boy Scout Troop 195 in Mechanicsburg. Vincent built new benches and picnic tables in the campsites located off the Garstad Nature Trail along the Yellow Breeches Creek. Vincent was presented with a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners honoring him for his achievement.

Jonathon Pastor, son of John and Sharon Pastor of Allendale, will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony on Sunday, April 30th at Grace Lutheran Church. Jonathon is a member of Boy Scout Troop 54 in Lower Allen Township. Jonathon built benches, a recycling unit, and a historical marker sign, and planted trees at the Lowell Lane entrance to the Beacon Hill Radar Site Park. Jonathon will be presented with a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners honoring him for his achievement.
It's time to VOTE for Simply the Best Library 2017! 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 17.

FRIENDS SPRING BOOK & MEDIA SALE  April 20 through April 23. Please come out and support your library at the Friends Spring Book & Media Sale. New this year is a special Children's Book Extravaganza in the Library Atrium! Thursday, April 20 from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm – Special Preview Sale for members of the Friends! Friday, April 21 from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm, Saturday, April 22 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Sunday, April 23 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm – BAG SALE!

FREDRICKSEN LIBRARY BIKE RAFFLE  Fredricksen Library will again hold a Bike Raffle to kickoff Summer Reading 2017! Through the generosity of sponsor, Holmes Cycling & Fitness, the lucky winner will have a choice of bikes (with a value of up to $450). Tickets are now on sale at $5/ticket, $12/three tickets. The drawing will be held in early June.

BLUEBERRIES AND BOOKS FUNDRAISER  Starting May 1 you can order your fresh New Jersey blueberries to benefit the library. A 10 pound box is still just $30. Pick up will be on June 29 – just in time for your July 4th picnics!

We have a variety of programs and activities for all ages taking place this spring at the library! Visit our website at www.fredricksenlibrary.org for a complete list of events. Be sure to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on our happenings. Look for us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Pinterest.

Fredricksen Library 100 N. 19th Street Camp Hill, PA 17011 717-761-3900

SPRING . . . the perfect season to put your plans into motion!

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!

BooTy Barre  Insanity  Happiest Hour Yoga  Ballroom Dancing  Fun  Belly Dance  Pi-Yo  Adult Golf  Tabata/Pilates  RIPPED  Step Challenge  Zumba Step  Hydro Hike  Water Workout  Adult Tennis/Pickleball

Small changes can make a big difference. Do it for YOU!

WHAT IS YOUR CHILD DOING THIS SUMMER?

Playzone Summer Day Camp 2017 is a quality, structured day camp experience that will keep your child engaged and active this summer. Our program includes organized activities and special events such as games, arts & crafts, swimming, field trips, sports, special visitors, educational activities and more. Spaces are limited, Register Early.

Summer Blast – A half day Camp for Children 6 years of age through 12 (who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade) are invited to enjoy fun games, activities and crafts in an outdoor setting.

SOUTHERN MAINE WINDJAMMER FESTIVAL

Celebrate this annual event when Booth Bay Harbor is graced with elegant Windjammers from up and down the coast to honor its maritime history!

This is just one of many exciting destinations we offer this year. Some of the other bus trips include: Lilac Festival on Mackinac Island, MI, Montreal & Quebec, Canada, Fall Foliage in Vermont, Kentuck Knob & Falling Water just to name a few. Check out the TRIPS page for more exciting destinations!

Visit West Shore Recreation at www.westshorerec.org or call 920-9515 for more details.
Primary Election Day is
Tuesday, May 16th, 2017.
Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Don’t forget to vote!

2017 Newsletter Subscription Form

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 2017.

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone#: ________________

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