



Spring 2018

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Lower Allen Township • 2233 Gettysburg Road • Camp Hill, PA 17011



Board of Commissioners

Seated L to R: Richard F. Schin, Carolyn Holtzman, and Dean W. Villone;
Standing L to R: President H. Edward Black, Vice President Jack. R. Simpson, Jr.

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What are those marks on my sidewalk?

Lower Allen Township residents want a walkable Township. In the survey conducted in Spring of 2017 as part of the Comprehensive Plan, increasing and improving pedestrian and bike connections throughout the Township ranked as one of the top goals. That goal includes improving conditions on existing pathways, like our sidewalks.

“All owners shall keep the sidewalk immediately in front of his property in good order and repair,” as stated in Chapter 187, Article II of Lower Allen’s codified ordinance <https://ecode360.com/11212195>.

This is for several reasons:

- **Safety:** deteriorating conditions or heaving can cause tripping hazards
- **YOUR liability:** if a person falls on the sidewalk on your property, YOU, the property owner can be personally liable
- **General upkeep:** well maintained properties look nice and hold their value
- **Walkability:** sidewalks encourage people to walk, offering an alternative means of transportation and exercise

Lower Allen Township Code Enforcement officers are tasked with inspecting sidewalks for:

- Heaving- uplifting or uneven surfaces
- Cracking- pieces of the sidewalk which have fallen away creating holes or pits
- Spalling- the top smooth layer of concrete has worn away exposing the bumpy aggregate

Unsafe conditions in the sidewalk are marked with pink spray paint using x’s to mark where resurfacing is needed or dots where possible other solutions may work to remedy the situation

What happens after my sidewalk has been marked?

- You will receive a letter in the mail from Township staff, notifying you of the condition.
- You will have sixty (60) days to repair the sidewalk.
- You might need to hire a contractor to make the repairs or you might be able to make the repairs yourself, depending on the condition of the sidewalk and your skill level. Staff can advise you about potential solutions.

Costs

- You, the property owner, will be responsible for the cost of repairs.
- Repairs can range from \$5.95 for caulk to potentially \$130 per cubic yard for concrete replacement. A contractor might even be needed, depending on the type and square footage of the repair.

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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 Director of Community and Economic Develop-	1002
Donna Paul, Human Resources, Recycling Coordina-	1402
David L. Holl, Director of Public Safety	1601
Leon Crone, Police Captain	1515
Daniel Flint, P.E., Township Engineer and Director of Pubic Works	1101
Richard Grove, Finance Director	1202
Bob Nailor, Public Works Coordinator	2106
David Murdoch, Fire Chief, Lower Allen Fire Co. No.	1302
Josh Keller, Fire Chief, Lisburn Community Fire Co.	717-766-3994

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 2929 Gettysburg Rd., Suite 6, Camp Hill, PA 17011	717-761-4665
Senator Mike Regan 1 East Harrisburg Street Dillsburg, PA 17017	717-432-1733
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

5	Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
9	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
16	Development Authority	6:00 pm
17	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
19	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
23	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
25	Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm
28	Gardeners Gathering—LACP	10:00 am

MAY

3	Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
14	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
13	LCFC Mothers Day Roast Beef Dinner	11—2 pm
16	Planning Commission	6:00 pm
17	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
21	Development Authority	7:00 pm
7-11	Tax office	CLOSED
23	Recreation and Parks Board Park Tours	6:00 pm
28	Memorial Day	CLOSED
29	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm

JUNE

7	Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
11	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
18-29	Tax Office	CLOSED
13	Recreation and Parks Board Park Tours	6:00 pm
18	Development Authority	6:00 pm
19	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
21	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
25	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
27	Recreation and Parks Board Park Tours	6:00 pm

JULY

4	Independence Day	CLOSED
5	Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
9	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
16	Development Authority	6:00 pm
17	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
19	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
23	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
25	Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm

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OFFICIALS IN ACTION

The Board of Commissioners approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

2018R-01 Electing a Township Secretary, appointing an Assistant Secretary, and establishing compensation. (adopted 1-2-18)

2018-R-02 Appointing the Township Manager. (Adopted 1-2-18)

2018-R-03 Recognizing Thomas E. Gelnett for 25 years of service. (Adopted 1-8-18)

2018-R-04 Authorizing participation by Lower Allen Fire Company #1 and Lisburn Community Fire Company in the Federal Surplus Distribution Program. (Adopted 1-22-18)

2018-R-05 Appointing a Parks Superintendent in the Public Works Department. (Adopted 1-22-18)

2018-R-06 Appointing an Emergency Medical Technician II in the Public Safety Department. (Adopted 2-12-18)

2018-R-07 Appointing an MS4 Coordinator to the Community and Economic Development Department. (Adopted 2-12-18)

2018-R-08 Amending Resolution 2017-R-41, which established 2018 fees and charges authorized by various Ordinances and statutes for administration for Township business in accordance with these Ordinances and statutes, by specifying the publication date of the International Code Council Building Valuation Data Table that must be utilized in the formula for computing a Uniform Construction Code Permit Fee for new buildings. (Adopted 2-12-18)

2018-R-09 Recognizing, commending and honoring John Tkac for the attainment of the Active for Life Status with Lower Allen Fire Company #1. (Adopted 2-26-18)

2018-R-10 Adopting the Comprehensive Plan 2017. (Adopted 2-26-18)

2018-R-11 Recognizing Kenneth R. Rocuskie for 35 Years of Service. (Adopted 3-26-18).

ORDINANCES

2018-01 an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of land owned by Joseph B. Catrambone, Jr. for flood plain management.

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 and Economic Development Department (CED) 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 CED 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.

POOL SAFETY

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.

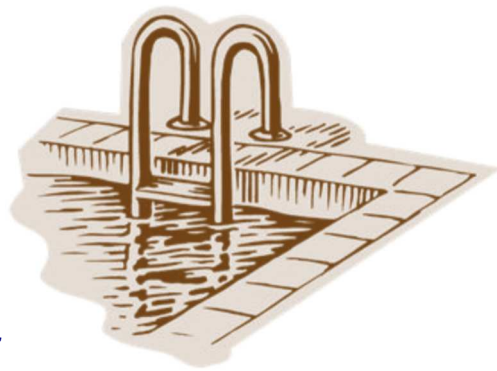
The PA Uniform Construction Code (UCC) regulations adopt standards published by the International Code Council pertaining to design, structural, electrical, plumbing and safety barrier aspects of swimming pools, hot tubs and spas. The Lower Allen Township Community and Economic Development Department (CED) 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, such as percentage of lot coverage, setback distance from side and rear lot lines, and location outside of flood hazard areas.

If you need assistance to plan the installation of a new swimming pool or would like to upgrade the safety aspects of an existing pool, please contact the codes enforcement staff in the CED Department. May is International Building Safety Month, so why not improve your peace of mind by scheduling a free pool safety inspection with one of our certified construction code officials.



SUMP PUMP ISSUES • ALLENDALE ENTRANCE UPGRADE

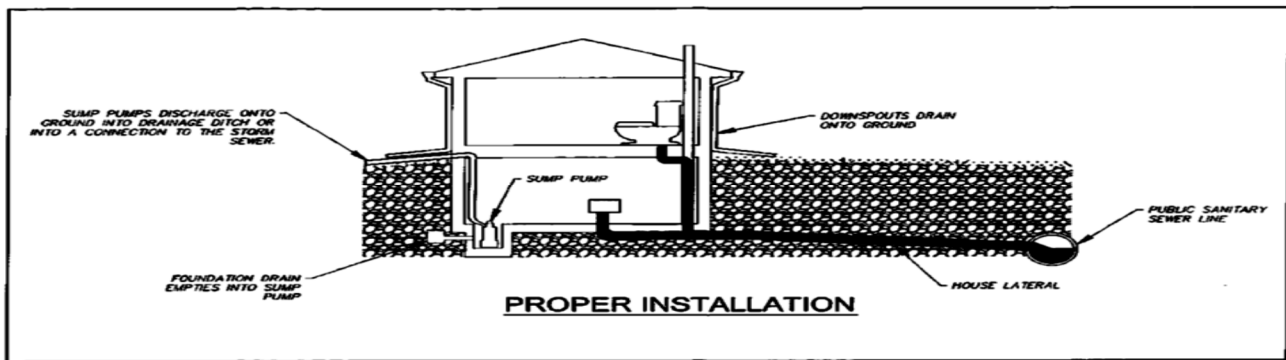
Sump Pumps Cause Big Sewer Problems!

Sump pumps connected to the sanitary sewer are illegal and cause big problems! Sump pumps are designed to pump groundwater and rain water. Sanitary sewer pipes are designed to carry sewage, not groundwater and rain water.

An eight-inch sanitary sewer pipe in the street will have a flow capacity of about 300 gallons per minute. If more water tries to flow through the pipe in the street, the sewage will back up in the main line and start filling up the sewer lateral pipes serving homes.

A half-horse power sump pump illegally connected to a sewer lateral will pump about 60 gallons per minute to the sewer. If five sump pumps are connected to the sanitary sewer; it will be full and start backing up the sewer system.

Sump pumps should be discharged to the yard or stormwater system not the sanitary sewer system.



Allendale Entrance Mall Upgrade Completed

Lower Allen Township has several well-known developments that have been in existence for many years. These developments add to the rich Lower Allen history.



One such development is Allendale which was started in the 1950's and is known for its landmark entrance. Although the infrastructure (electric, water) received needed upgrades, the overall entrance appearance became dated. The entrance wall was replaced in the recent past due to ongoing maintenance issues, but residents discussed a more comprehensive update. The existing trees were nearing the end of their lives and reducing overall long-term care/maintenance were key considerations. Creating an eco-friendly environment for pollinators was another interest. After much discussion, it was decided to formally explore options. Residents initiated a multi-year, self-funded effort for a more complete Allendale entrance update through their Association.

After reviewing several proposals, PA Landscape Group was selected as the landscaping partner. They helped guide the effort with design options and plant selections to achieve the desired outcome.

This two-year effort was completed late last Spring (2017). It is the result of great teamwork between neighbors. We hope everyone visiting Allendale enjoys the updated look of our welcoming, well-lit entrance. Allendale residents are proud of where we live, and work hard to keep our development attractive.

2018 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Projects Planned for 2018 Construction Season

These are some of the more significant projects planned in Lower Allen Township during the 2018 construction season:

Township Projects

LACP Paving – pavement recycling and resurfacing of drives and some parking areas in Lower Allen Community Park.

Street Paving

Pavement recycling and resurfacing on Cedar Cliff Drive and Green Lane Drive

Pavement resurfacing on West Shore Drive, Westport Drive, a portion of Capital View Drive, and a portion of Beacon Hill Boulevard.

LACP Barn HVAC Upgrade – replacement of heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment in the rental areas of The Barn at Lower Allen Community Park.

Gettysburg Road Relocation – Construction of a new roadway connection, from the Gettysburg Road/Audubon Road intersection to the Wesley Drive/Century Drive intersection. Construction is scheduled to start later in 2018, with completion in 2019.

Township Authority Projects

Fair Oaks – construction of sanitary sewer lines in the Fair Oaks neighborhood, including Colonial Drive, Kylock Road and Woodbox Lane.

Seneca Avenue – replacement of a portion of the sanitary sewer main in the 4000 block of Seneca Avenue

PennDOT Projects

Spanglers Mill Road Bridge – replacement of the bridge carrying Spanglers Mill Road (SR 2031) over the Yellow Breeches Creek.

Lisburn Road Bridge – replacement of the bridge carrying Lisburn Road (SR 2017) over the Yellow Breeches Creek.

Other Projects

Lisburn Road Roundabouts – construction of two single-lane roundabouts, at the intersections of Lisburn Road/Rossmoyne Road and Lisburn Road/Arcona Road.



Jeff Goas
Realtor
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LISBURN COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY ACTIVITIES

Lisburn Community Fire Company

APRIL 12TH- 10AM-9PM

Lisburn Day at



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ROSSMOYNE ISAAC'S will be holding a "Community Day" for Lisburn Community Fire Company. Enjoy an evening out with your family and friends while supporting your local fire company. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of your meal will go directly to the fire company to help pay for the new tanker.

WHERE: Rossmoyne Business Center—4940 Ritter Road, Mechanicsburg

WHEN: Thursday, April 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fire Tanker will be there from 5-7pm

HOW: Bring this flyer with you or show it on your phone, complete the information and hand to your server.

LISBURN COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY

Please complete this information for your server.

Name: _____

of People in Party: _____ Cost of Meal (excluding tax): _____

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August 2018

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
65th Annual Lisburn FESTIVAL- Mark your calendars				
	8	9	10	11



Flamingo Flocking Season

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Facebook for more
details

SIDEWALK REPAIRS • COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2018

What are those marks on my sidewalk?

(continued from front page)

Costs

- Often, the sidewalk repairs can feel like an unplanned expense. The Township does not wish to create undue hardship, but the Township is tasked with promoting safe conditions.
- If done properly and the underlying cause of the sidewalk deterioration is handled, then the sidewalk can last an average of 30 years.
- If you are concerned about an unplanned expense, review your own sidewalk conditions or call Engineering Technician Ray Allen (717) 975-7575 and ask him to inspect it, and then you can budget for the project in advance. There is no need to wait until the Township sends a letter.

Targeted Areas

Each Spring Lower Allen Codes Enforcement staff inspect sidewalk conditions in specific neighborhoods. The targeted neighborhood is often one about which staff has received complaints regarding sidewalk conditions. This spring Lower Allen will be inspecting the western portion of Highland Park, the area between 18th Street and Lowther Road.

Staff also responds to complaints about sidewalks anywhere in the Township and has the authority from the Code to request repairs to any unsafe sidewalk condition. If you see staff inspecting or marking the sidewalk, please be courteous. Their job is to keep the Township safe. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

In the year 2019 staff plans to focus on the eastern portion of Highland Park. In recent years, the Allendale and Rossmoyne neighborhoods have been reviewed for sidewalk safety.

Comprehensive Plan 2018

Lower Allen Township Commissioners adopted the updated Comprehensive Plan on February 26, 2018 at a Public meeting. The adoption was the final step in the year-long planning process. The main goals of the plan include:

1. Enhance the Township's existing residential neighborhoods and community parks
2. Promote a balance of open space preservation and the development and redevelopment of commercial and industrial areas
3. Expand pedestrian and bicycle connections throughout the Township
4. Improve and maintain the Township's existing transportation infrastructure

The goals were determined through a public engagement process which consisted of:

- A Citizen Advisory Committee which vetted the goals and was an advocate for the plan
- An online survey which received 650 responses
- Stakeholder and focus group meetings with Township staff, relevant agencies, and businesses
- Visioning Week which consisted of six public meetings held in various locations throughout the Township

Each goal consists of an action plan that identifies the party responsible for the implementation of that action item. Furthermore, the Township has been broken into four sections to highlight the goals in different areas of the Township. The four areas are named for the major roadways located in them:

- Wesley Drive/Gettysburg Road Study Area
- US 15/Central Study Area
- Carlisle Road/I-83 Study Area
- Lisburn Road Study Area

By breaking the Township into study areas, residents can easily locate the section of the Comprehensive Plan that is most relevant to them. The full Comprehensive Plan and the Executive Summary can be found on the Lower Allen Township Webpage under the Community Development tab. If you have any questions you may contact Erin Trone, Assistant Manager.

AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS • EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS



Ambulance Subscription Renewals

The 2018 Ambulance Subscription Renewals were mailed out in December. Ambulance Subscriptions are good for the calendar year of 2018. The Board of Commissioners set the Subscription rates for 2018 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.

TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES REACH MILESTONE

Lower Allen Township is proud to recognize the following employees for their years of service. The employees were formally recognized at a recent Board of Commissioners meeting. All of our employees provide a valuable service to the residents and we hope you'll join us in applauding their milestones.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>YEARS/HOURS</i>	<i>STATUS</i>	<i>JOB TITLE</i>	<i>DEPT.</i>
Justin Kirsch	2,500 Hours	part-time	Community Service Officer	Police
Jackie Dougherty	10 Years	full-time	Emergency Medical Technician	EMS
Wendy Hayden	10 Years	full-time	Administrative Assistant/ Event Planner	Public Works
Raymond Allen	10 Years	full-time	Engineering Technician	CED
Richard Grove	15 Years	full-time	Finance Director	Finance
Matthew Claeys	15 Years	full-time	Corporal	Police
Thomas Gelnett	25 Years	full-time	Patrol Officer	Police

Part-time employees are recognized for hours of service or years of service, whichever comes last; therefore, their recognition year may not be reflective of the number of years they have been employed.

Retirement After Thirty-Four Years

On February 5, 2018, David W. Ramsey retired after completing thirty-four years and two months of service with the Lower Allen Township Authority. Dave started employment as an operator, was a DEP certified Class A wastewater licensed operator, and provided leadership as the Superintendent/Assistant Manager for the last sixteen years. He was involved in numerous sewer collection system and treatment facility upgrade projects.

The Authority Board appreciates Dave's commitment and dedication to his work over his many years of service. Dave has indicated he plans to enjoy his retirement by keeping busy with grandparent duties, following his favorite sports teams, getting back into golf and relaxing around the pool.

LA ALERTS



Lower Allen Township announces a NEW 'Community Notification System'

In April 2017, we retired the old 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).

You will not receive EMERGENCY or other notifications unless you subscribe to the LA ALERTS system. Do not hesitate. **Subscribe today!**



Please PRINT

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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

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH • VECTOR CONTROL • 811 SAFE DIG



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!

A Note from the Cumberland County Mosquito Control Program:

New Public Health Technician for the 2018 mosquito season:

Marcus Snyder
Public Health Technician
310 Allen Road Suite 701
Carlisle, PA 17013
717-240-7808 717-448-5405
mtsnyder@ccpa.net



Mr. Snyder will coordinate the County/PA DEP Mosquito-borne Disease Program.

He has experience in high population mosquito control from two years working in Franklin County as a technician for that program. **Stay informed** on future mosquito adult spray events by signing up for

“Notify Me” emails at <https://www.ccpa.net/list.aspx>

Please take time to visit our website to learn more about mosquitoes and our Mosquito control program including prevention habits and eliminating breeding opportunities in residential areas. <https://www.ccpa.net/westnile>

APRIL IS PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH

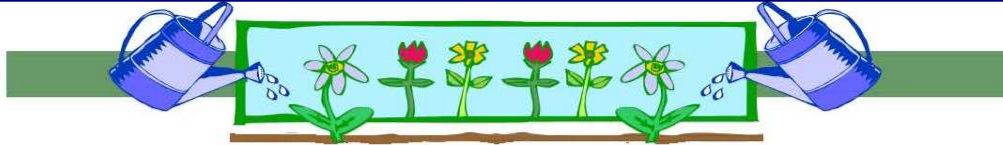
April 2017 is recognized as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month” across our Commonwealth, an initiative supported by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center more commonly known as Pennsylvania One-Call. PA811 is celebrating its 45th year of continuous service to the Commonwealth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

GARDENERS GATHERING



14th Annual Lower Allen Township Gardeners Gathering

When: Saturday April 28, 2018

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Barn Workshop – Upper Level

10:30 AM *Community Solutions for Stormwater: What are MS4s and How Can I Help?*

Becky Davis, our Township MS4 Coordinator, will educate participants on township requirements for stormwater discharges and outline the MS4 program requirements for Lower Allen Township. She'll provide great ideas to reduce stormwater flows on-site at your home that, in turn, benefit the greater community. She will also discuss some "best practices" such as rain gardens, rain barrels, stormwater planters and other easy ideas for you to implement at home to benefit your garden!

Barn Workshop – Lower Level

10:30 AM *The Do's and Don'ts of Planting and Mulching in your Garden*

During this session, we are happy to have Greg Black, owner/operator of Black Landscaping, with us to discuss the importance of proper planting and mulching methods for trees and shrubs that will ensure success in your garden's landscape. Participants will learn about selecting the right species for your soil type and moisture, the common mistakes made when planting, as well as how to mulch and protect the roots for proper care to extend the life of your valuable plantings.

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 prizes thanks to our local business supporters!**

Join us for a fun-filled day of springtime excitement...and many thanks to 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 or find us on Facebook!



LOWER ALLEN COMMUNITY PARK EVENTS

2018 Events—Tentative Listing LOWER ALLEN COMMUNITY PARK

April: 3, 10, 17, 24	WSRC—Puppy Training Class (registration required) Fernlawn Pavilion, 5:30 am—7:30 pm
April: 28	Lower Allen Township's Gardener's Gathering Barn—Tot Lot Pavilion, 10:00 am—1:00pm
April: 28	USA Softball Tournament—Fields 1, 2, 3, 8:00 am to dusk
May: 26—28	PA Softball Tournament—Fields 1, 2, 3, 8:00am to dusk
June: 2	USA Softball Tournament—Fields 1, 2, 3, 8:00 am to dusk
June : 9	USA Softball Tournament—Fields 1, 2, 3, 8:00 am to dusk
June: 22—24	PA Softball Tournament—Fields 1, 2, 3, 8:00am to dusk
August: 2	Lower Allen Township's Yappy Hours Doggie Dugout-Dog Park 5:30pm to 7:00pm
October: 6—7	Dillsburg Soccer Tournament Upper, Keystone, Lower Pavilions 8:00 am to dusk Fields—Upper, Lower and Creekside 1, 2, 3, 4,

The Lower Allen annual Easter egg hunt, in the snow!

The event was held on Saturday, March 24th. Our policy is to hold events, rain or shine.....but SNOW?? The day turned out to be bright and sunny, the snow didn't hinder attendees from showing up for the Easter egg hunt. The children were bundled up and prepared with their baskets and bags. There were approximately 200 children and families who attended this popular event. Preparation for the big day always keeps us "hopping".

On behalf of the Township and The Recreation and Parks Board, we would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations and their commitment to the Community. **The Hershey Company, Fountainblu Skating Arena and Texas Road House.**



A **HUGE** thank you, to the residents at The Woods at Cedar Run, for volunteering their time to stuff the 3000 eggs for the event.



EMPLOYEE PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS

TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES LEADING THE WAY

The Board of Commissioners has always encouraged training and participation in professional associations for Township employees. They understand the importance of ongoing education, and what that can mean to the governance of the Township in terms of knowledge, ideas, and technique.

The Board recently recognized several staff members for appointments/elections to important positions in various boards and associations:

Daniel Flint, Township Engineer and Public Works Director. Dan was elected President of the Capitol Branch of the American Public Works Association. The APWA is a not-for-profit professional association of public works agencies, private companies, and individuals dedicated to promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. Dan was also recognized for his appointment as the Cumberland County representative to the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Technical Committee.

David Holl, Public Safety Director. Dave was appointed by Governor Tom Wolf to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's 911 Advisory Board. David was also recognized for his appointment to the National Board of Directors of the Partnership for Priority Verified Alarm Response (PPVAR).

John Eby, Building and Zoning Coordinator. John was appointed Chairman of the Cumberland County Blighted Property Reinvestment Board. The Board was established for the purpose of eliminating blighting influences upon certain derelict properties which individually and collectively constitute a blight and nuisance in County neighborhoods.

Leon Crone, Police Captain. Captain Crone was elected President of the Pennsylvania Police Accreditation Coalition (PPAC). PPAC recognizes and supports the concept and practice of law enforcement accreditation to enhance the quality of law enforcement services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Richard Grove, Finance Director. Rick was elected President of the Central Chapter of the Government Finance Officers Association of PA. GFOA-PA's mission is to enhance the education and development of finance professionals in Pennsylvania's governmental entities.

William Yeagley, Code Enforcement Specialist. Bill was appointed by Governor Wolf to the Uniform Commercial Code Review and Advisory Council (RAC). The RAC reviews new editions of model codes that are published by the International Code Council and determines, with public input, the code update content that should be adopted into the UCC. The Governor appoints 17 of the 21 RAC members, and all positions require a specific area of subject matter expertise. Bill was also recognized for his election as President of the PA Building Officials Conference, Region V.

Thomas Vernau, Township Manager. Tom was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Keystone Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT), a competitive self-insured worker's compensation alternative for Pennsylvania municipalities and authorities. KMIT formed to protect municipalities from the fluctuations of the standard insurance market and to maintain stable pricing and premium savings for its members.

These elections and appointments speak highly of the commitment to high-quality professional governance, not only in Lower Allen Township, but in all the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Commissioners are extremely proud of the accomplishments of these members of the Lower Allen Township team.

BULK ITEMS • TRASH • YARD WASTE

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 – 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, 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.ccpa.net for recycling guidelines and disposal locations for electronics and hazardous materials.

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, 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 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!

Curbside Yard Waste Collection

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 – 3:00pm. 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) brought 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 14 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 may 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.

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.

STORMWATER • LEAF COMPOST & WOOD CHIPS

Pet Waste and Stormwater

Pet waste is a health risk to pets, people, and especially children. Pet waste is full of bacteria that if not properly disposed of can end up in our streams, lakes, and rivers. The bacteria can ultimately end up in our fish and aquatic life. The pathogens in pet waste can lead to a high biological oxygen demand in our streams and rivers causing algal blooms which deplete oxygen from the water and deprive aquatic life making it difficult to survive.

What can you do?

- ◆ Pick up your pet waste and place in a plastic bag. Ensure the bag is tied shut and dispose of properly.
- ◆ Clean up pet waste from your yard and dispose of properly. Pet waste is **NOT** a fertilizer.
- ◆ Avoid walking your pet near streams and waterways.

We love our animals but we must take responsibility for the waste they generate. Be proactive in protecting our environment! Pick up after your pet and dispose of the waste properly to make a positive impact on water quality in Lower Allen Township.

For more information on pet waste and what you can do to protect the environment visit:

www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution

Consultant Conducting Stormwater Fee Study

The Township has contracted with Arcadis U.S., Inc. to conduct a study of the feasibility and implementation of a stormwater fee. This is in response to financial burdens placed on municipalities by regulations from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Pa. Department of Environmental Protection regarding stormwater discharges.

As the study progresses throughout 2018, residents and property owners are encouraged to check for updates on the Township website and Facebook page. New information will be posted there as it becomes available and will also be presented at one or more meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

LEAF COMPOST AND WOOD CHIPS

Leaf compost and wood chips are available to Township residents for delivery or for self-loaded pick up, at the Public Works facility. All leaf compost and wood chip deliveries will be made on Thursday and Friday mornings, April through early November.

Deliveries will be made only on a prepay bases. Payment must be made prior to setting up a delivery date. All payment are to be made at the Municipal Services Center. When your payment is processed, you will be contacted for a delivery date. Delivery forms can be found on the Township website or can be filled out at the time of payment.

Please contact Wendy Hayden, Weekdays between 7am -3pm, 975-7575 Ext. 2104 or whayden@latwp.org

Wood chips and leaf compost are free if residents self-load them at the facility.

Delivery prices:

Wood chips - (3 cubic yds.) \$15.00 (8 cubic yds.) \$25.00

Leaf compost - (3 cubic yds.) \$35.00 (8 cubic yds.) \$50.00

TAX OFFICE • NEW TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

QUARTERLY TAX TIPS

It's time to spring into action, if you haven't already...The 2018 Township and Cumberland County real estate taxes were dated March 1st and mailed. You might've noticed a significant increase in the township real estate and fire services tax. The township hasn't had an increase since 2013.

Due to constant reselling of mortgages and frequent homeowners 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.

2018 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. If you wish to purchase a life-time dog license John Gross, Treasurer at the Cumberland County Courthouse is the only person able to sell life-time dog licenses for Cumberland County residents.

Spring Bargains for Seniors...Property Tax Rebate – Rebates are offered to Pennsylvanians 65 and older who are homeowners and total income from all sources is less than \$35,000 (including ½ 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 ½ 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 (717) 737-5671.

TAX OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment

If you stop by the Tax Office during the days it is closed, feel free to drop your payments in the mailbox outside the tax office door or in the gray box located next to the flagpole. 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 7th-11th and June 18th-June 29th

“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.

NEW BUSINESSES IN LOWER ALLEN:

- ♦ Pacific International Restaurant – 3619 Simpson Ferry Road
- ♦ Dick’s Sporting Goods – 3715 Capital City Mall Drive
- ♦ Fine Wine & Good Spirits – 3735 Capital City Mall Drive
- ♦ Sears Appliance – 3740 Capital City Mall Drive
- ♦ Smilecrafters – 1104 Carlisle Road
- ♦ Catherine’s Fabulous Hair & Nails – 3814 Gettysburg Road



FREDRICKSEN LIBRARY • WEST SHORE RECREATION NEWS



Friends Spring Book and Media Sale

April 19 through April 22

Please come out and support your library at the Friends Spring Book & Media Sale. Check our website for sale hours.

The Blueberries are Coming!

We will once again be selling 10 lb boxes of fresh blueberries for \$30. Visit the library or our website to place your order beginning in May.

2018 Bike Raffle Tickets

Tickets are now on sale for Fredricksen's Fifth Annual Bike Raffle sponsored by Holmes Cycling and Fitness. Cost is \$5 per ticket, \$12 for three tickets. The drawing will be held on July 12th at the Ernie Fields Motown Band concert.

We have a variety of programs and activities for all ages taking place this spring and summer 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



Vernal Pool Discovery

Explore and discover the different types of critters that call a vernal pool home.

Who's Eligible: Ages 3 and up.

When & Where: Friday, April 27, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Gifford Pinchot State Park

Kid's Spring Discovery Walk

Discover the sights, sounds and smells of spring, and scavenger hunt at Pinchot Park

Who's Eligible: Ages 4 and up

When & Where: Saturday, April 28, 2 – 3:30 pm

Spring Wildflower Walk

An easy woodland stroll, identifying wildflowers and interesting information about the plants.

Who's Eligible: Ages 10 and up

When & Where: Saturday, May 5, 2 – 3:30 pm Gifford Pinchot Park

Registration required. Contact WShore by visiting www.westshorerec.org or call

**Do it for YOU
and YOUR
Family!**

**Put the chill of
winter behind you
with WShore
Springtime activi-
ties for the family**

**SUMMER
Programs 2018**

**REGISTRATION
BEGINS MAY 1***

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Beginner Kayak Experience

Learn the basics of paddling.

Who's Eligible: Ages 12 and up

When & Where: Sunday, May 13
A: 10:30 am – 12 noon & B: 1:30 – 3:00 pm Gifford Pinchot State Park

Beginner Archery

Beginner's class for shooting re-curved bows

Who's Eligible: Ages 8 and up

When & Where: Friday, 6:00 – 7:30 pm April 13 or May 11 at Camp Cann-Edi-On

Night Sensory Hike

An interactive hike at night for the family

Who's Eligible: Ages 8 and up

When & Where: Friday, 8:00 – 9:30 pm April 13 or May 11 at Camp Cann-Edi-On



LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

2233 GETTYSBURG ROAD • CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA 17011



***Primary Election Day is
Tuesday, May 15th, 2018.***

**Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Don't forget to vote!**

2018 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 2018.

Name: _____ **Phone#:** _____

Address: _____