



Spring 2019

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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Stormwater Program Update

Beginning April 1, 2019, you will see a **NEW** Stormwater Fee as a line item on your existing Sewer and/or Refuse bill from the Township, or you will begin to receive a Stormwater bill if you are currently not served by public sewer or refuse. Lower Allen Township Stormwater Authority (LATSA) approved the Stormwater Program Credit and Appeals Policy at their February 7, 2019 meeting. Property owners can apply for Stormwater Management Program Fee Credits by completing the LATSA Credit Application and supplying supporting documentation with the application. Property owners that have installed a Best Management Practice (BMP) on their properties, have a recorded Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Township, and are reporting to the Township on an annual basis on the maintenance of the BMP, are potentially eligible to receive a credit to their stormwater fee. Credits will also be issued to property owners who install a new BMP on their property contingent upon meeting the criteria established in the LATSA Credit and Appeals Policy. If a property owner receives a Stormwater bill for a property that they do not own or feel that the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) calculation for their property is in error, they may appeal the Stormwater fee by completing the LATSA Stormwater Program Appeal Form and submitting it to the Township. The Credit and Appeals Policy and subsequent applications can be located on the Township Website, www.latwp.org. Visit the homepage of the website and click on the Stormwater Icon to access the referenced information.

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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 Development	1002
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 Director of Public Works	1101
Richard Grove, Finance Director	1202
Bob Nailor, Public Works Coordinator	2106
David Murdoch, Fire Chief, Lower Allen Fire Co. No. 1	1302
Frank Williamson, Fire Chief, Lisburn Community Fire	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. 1106
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

4 Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
4 Stormwater Authority	7:30 pm
8 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
15 Development Authority	6:00 pm
16 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
18 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
19 Good Friday—CLOSED	
22 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
24 Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm
27 Gardeners Gathering—LACP	10:00 am

MAY

2 Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
2 Stormwater Authority	7:30 pm
13 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
13 LCFC Mothers Day Roast Beef Dinner	11—2 pm
13—24 Tax Office	CLOSED
16 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
20 Development Authority	7:00 pm
22 Planning Commission	6:00 pm
22 Recreation and Parks Board Park Tours	6:00 pm
27 Memorial Day - CLOSED	
28 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm

JUNE

6 Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
6 Stormwater Authority	7:30pm
10 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
12 Recreation and Parks Board Park Tours	6:00 pm
17 Development Authority	6:00 pm
17—28 Tax Office	CLOSED
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 Park Tours	6:00 pm

JULY

4 Independence Day—CLOSED	
8 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
11 Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
11 Stormwater Authority	7:30 pm
15 Development Authority	6:00 pm
16 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
18 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
22 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
24 Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm

STORMWATER UPDATES

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The dedicated source of funding generated by the Stormwater Management Program Fee provides the resources to address the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) mandated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) compliance requirements. The Township's Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) was approved by PADEP in December of 2018. Township staff is currently working on implementation of that plan, which includes the conversion of 10 detention basins into bioretention facilities within a five-year period. In addition to the PRP implementation, the Operation and Maintenance of our Stormwater System is a significant portion of the Stormwater Program.

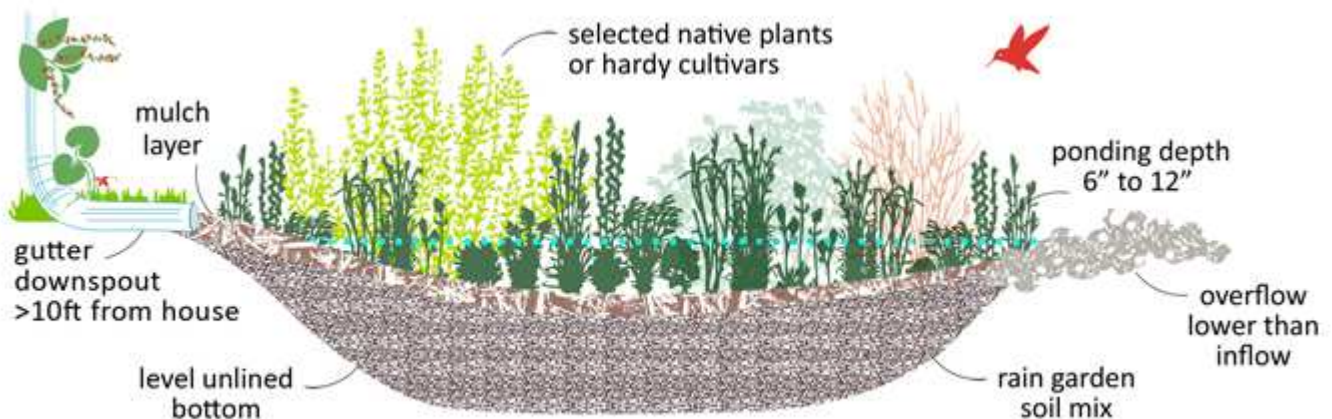
Updates on the Stormwater Program and information about the Stormwater Authority will be placed on the Township website (www.latwp.org) and in future issues of the Township News. If you have any questions regarding the fee, stormwater program or the Stormwater Authority, please contact Rebecca Davis, MS4 Coordinator, @ rdavis@latwp.org, or 717-975-7575 ext. 1010.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Update

Think Spring Now!

Thinking about adding some new landscaping to your yard? The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay has a user-friendly free tool designed to help property owners in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed develop a plan to install a Rain Garden or conservation landscape in their yards. A rain garden is a planted depression or a hole that allows rainwater runoff to be collected and absorbed into the ground from impervious areas, such as roofs, driveways, walkways, parking lots, and compacted lawn areas. These gardens help reduce stormwater runoff, attract pollinators like butterflies and bees, and protect local water quality. The plan you develop will be specific to your property and personal preferences. Once you've completed the assessment and answered the questions in the tool, you will be emailed a planting plan! Please keep in mind that **permits** may be required from the Township prior to beginning your project. Please contact Rebecca Davis, MS4 Coordinator, at rdavis@latwp.org, or 717-975-7575 ext. 1010, for additional information or with any questions that you may have.

For more information, visit: www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org/yard-design



NEWSLETTER ADS • NEW BUSINESS • OFFICIALS IN ACTION



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

PriceAd Size# of Issues

\$250.00(3 1/2 x 2)4

\$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 July, call 975-7575, ext. 1003 or email hgrundon@latwp.org.

NEW BUSINESSES IN LOWER ALLEN:

- ♦ Ameripac – 4500 Westport Drive



BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS-FREE INTRODUCTORY COURSE

Have fun, make new friends and exercise your brain! Learn to Play Bridge

Evening class: Mondays from 6:30-8:30 PM starting on April 15, 2019 and will run for 7 weeks

Daytime class: Mondays from 1:00-3:00 PM starting on April 15, 2019 and will run for 7 weeks

Location: Harrisburg Bridge Club
349 North 21st St. Camp Hill, Pa 17011

Cost: Free + \$10 for the book

Contact Information: Jack Rudy at jxson1946@gmail.com 717-580-9659 Jack is an ACBL Accredited Bridge Teacher



OFFICIALS IN ACTION

The Board of Commissioners approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

2019-R-01 Recognizing the Lisburn Community Fire Company for 65 years of service to the residents of Lower Allen Township and surrounding communities. (Adopted 1-28-19)

2019-R-02 Hiring Justin Kettering as a Public Safety Officer for the Public Safety Department. (Adopted 1-28-19)

2019-R-03 Amending the Volunteer Fire Service Award Program. (Adopted 2-11-19)

2019-R-04 Authorizing the execution and delivery of BciCapital, Inc. Master Installment Purchase Agreement, an Escrow Agreement, and related instruments, and determining other matters in connection therewith. (Adopted 3-11-19)

2019-R-05 Authorizing the Township Manager or his designee to sign the Grant Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the Sheepford Crossing West Best Management Practice Retrofit and Public Works Best Management Practice Retrofit Projects. (Adopted 3-11-19)

2019-R-06 Proclaiming the month of April 2019, as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month. (Adopted 3-25-19)

2019-R-07 Authorizing the Township President to sign all documents necessary for the Acquisition of lands owned by Asbury Atlantic, Inc., by the use of Eminent Domain or Other means for drainage and other transportation purposes. (Adopted 3-25-19)

2019-R-08 Appointing Bryan R. Harshbarger as Public Works Coordinator in the Public Works Department. (Adopted 3-25-19)

2019-R-09 Authorizing the Township Manager to sign amendment No.1 to the reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Gettysburg Road Relocation Project. (Adopted 3-25-19)

ORDINANCES

2019-01 Hereby authorizing the acquisition of Lands Owned by Asbury Atlantic, Inc., by the use of eminent domain for drainage and other transportation purposes. (Enacted 3-25-19)

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES • APRIL PA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH

TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES REACH MILESTONES

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</i>	<i>STATUS</i>	<i>JOB TITLE</i>	<i>DEPT.</i>
Edward Curtis	15 Years	full-time	Corporal	Police
Richard Tamanosky II	20 Years	full-time	Corporal	Police



Pictured is Corporal Edward Curtis with President H. Edward Black.



APRIL IS PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH

April 2019 is recognized as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" across our Commonwealth, an initiative supported by Pennsylvania One Call Systems, Inc., a utility notification information center more commonly known as Pennsylvania One-Call. PA811 is celebrating its 47th 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 underground 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.

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH • COUNTY RECYCLING EVENT



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!



Cumberland County to Hold Tire and Electronics Collection, Saturday, May 4 in Mechanicsburg

Cumberland County Vector Control, in partnership with, PA CleanWays of Cumberland County, Keep PA Beautiful, Mechanicsburg Borough, and e-End will host a tire and electronics collection for Cumberland County residents.

The collaborative event provides a convenient and affordable alternative to illegal dumping, littering of tires and electronic equipment throughout the county.

The collection is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. – Noon, Soldiers and Sailors Park, 1 Memorial Park Drive, Mechanicsburg

Pre-registration and payment, requested for tire collections, runs Monday, March 18 – Thursday, May 2, 2019. Contact Stephanie Larson, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, 724.836.4121 x104, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4p.m. Credit card and check payments will be accepted.

Cash payments only will be accepted for the disposal of CRT monitors and CRT Televisions, on the day of the event. For electronics, e-End certifies that 100% of data on electronic media is securely destroyed. For a list of electronics items accepted, visit <https://www.eendusa.com/items-we-accept/> or call 717.691.3310.

Collection fees:

- Car/truck size on or off rim: \$3 per tire
- Tractor trailer size: \$7 per tire
- Large agricultural tires: \$25 per tire
- CRT Monitors: \$15.00 per unit
- CRT Televisions: \$30.00 per unit



All other electronics will be disposed of at no charge.

2019 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS • 2019 LACP EVENTS

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS PLANNED – 2019 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Street and Drainage Projects

- Street resurfacing in the Fair Oaks neighborhood:
 - * Colonial Drive
 - * Woodbox Lane
 - * Kylock Road
 - * Firethorn Lane
- Drainage work: 1700 block of Cedar Cliff Drive
1600 block Sheepford Road
- Pedestrian safety improvements: Cedar Cliff Drive

Parks Projects

- Reconstruction of the Fun Fort at Lower Allen Community Park
- Improvements to trail pavement, Allendale – Beacon Hill Trail.
- Drainage improvement: Creekwood Park in Allendale

LISBURN ROAD ROUNDABOUTS

Construction of two roundabouts is planned on Lisburn Road: one at Rossmoyne Road, the second at Arcona Road. Lisburn Road traffic will be detoured for several weeks during the construction. Updates will be posted on the Township website and Facebook page when the time of construction is closer.

GETTYSBURG ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT

- A project is currently in the design phase to realign a portion of Gettysburg Road in Lower Allen Township. The roadway realignment will begin near the intersection of Gettysburg Road with Audubon Road, and continue in a northerly direction to intersect Wesley Drive at the existing intersection with Century Drive. The western approach of the intersection of Gettysburg Road with Wesley Drive will be removed. A new drainage channel will be constructed. Modifications will be made to two existing signalized intersection on Wesley Drive at Gettysburg Road and Century Drive.
- This project is being constructed jointly by Lower Allen and Upper Allen Townships.

2019 Events—Tentative Listing Lower Allen Community Park

- April:** 9, 16, 23, 30 **WSRC— Puppy training class (registration required)**
Fernlawn Pavilion, 5:30pm—7:30pm
- 13 **Lower Allen Township's Annual Easter Egg hunt**
Upper, Keystone, Lower pavilions—10:00am—11:00am
- 27 **Lower Allen Township's Gardener's Gathering**
Barn — Tot Lot pavilion, 10:00am—1:00pm
- 27 **USA Softball Tournament** - Fields— 1, Chianos, 3 8am — dusk
- May:** 7, 14, 21 **WSRC- Puppy training class (registration required)**
Fernlawn Pavilion, 5:30pm—7:30pm
- 25—27 **PA Softball Girls Fast Pitch Tournament**
Field 1, Chianos, Field 3 8am—dusk
- June:** 1 **USA Softball Tournament** - Fields — 1, Chianos, 3 (8am—dusk)
- 8 **USA Softball Tournament** - Fields — 1, Chianos, 3 (8am—dusk)
- August:** 1 **Lower Allen Township's - Yappy hour event**
Lower Allen Dog Park - 5:30—7pm
- October:** 12, 13 **Dillsburg Soccer Tournament**
Barn, Tot lot, Fernlawn pavilion
Upper, Keystone, Lower pavilions 8:00am—Dusk
Fields — Upper, Lower, Creekside 1,2,3,4

Lisburn Community Fire Company



THE TANKER ARRIVED.

Housing Ceremony will be May 18th from 10am-1pm. For more information, check out our website and Facebook page.



SATURDAY-APRIL 13TH-DRIVE THRU BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

Dinners available from 11:00-2:00 or until sold out. Dinner includes 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Apple Sauce, Roll & Butter and Bottled Water. Picnic tables available if weather permits. Price is \$9.00



SATURDAY-APRIL 27TH HERITAGE TRAILS DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE EMERGENCY SERVICES SKILLS AND DEMO EVENT

Approximately 300 Scouts and leaders will converge on Lisburn for a weekend of hands-on activities and demonstrations that will show how the fire, ambulance and police departments are vital to the communities they serve.

The objective is to give young people the opportunity to see the need for volunteers in their communities as they become young adults. Scouts will have a chance to learn about fingerprinting, see and explore all varieties of fire fighting vehicles, compete in fire fighting drills along with relay races and bucket brigade competition. In addition, there will be a police dog demonstration, vehicle extrication and the dangers of drunk driving. Volunteers from Lisburn Fire, Lower Allen Fire, EMS and Police Personnel will provide the day long activities for the Scouts to participate in. **The general public is encouraged and welcome to come to Lisburn for the day.** It is an opportunity for families to see what really happens and who make it happen when they call 911. They will also see Scouting in action and can sign up to become a Scout.



SUNDAY-MAY 12TH-MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

Dinners available from 11:00-2:00 or until sold out. Dinner includes : Roast Beef, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Rolls, Drink and Homemade Desserts. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and children 4 to 10 years are just \$4.25. Hope to see you there! To go meals are available for the same price.



SUNDAY -MAY 19TH-BINGO

There will be regular & special games of bingo and a final jackpot. The doors and kitchen open at noon with our famous chicken corn soup. Early bird bingo starts at 1:30pm and Bingo starts at 2pm. There will be small games of chance available also. Tickets are \$22 before the event or \$25 at the door. Additional cards will be available for purchase. For more information or tickets check our website or Facebook page. Please call Darla at 717-938-9428 or the Fire Company .

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Help Burst those Flood Insurance Myths

An important component of promoting flood insurance is dispelling the myths that persist about it. Below are a few of the most salient misunderstandings about flood insurance and some straightforward explanations of what is really true. You may find it helpful to use the linked materials to address commonly mistaken beliefs.

MYTH My homeowner's insurance covers flooding.

This may be the most prevalent misinformation of all. In fact, almost no homeowner's insurance policies cover flood damage. That is why the federal government created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Flood insurance is sold as a separate policy, so even if a person's regular agent doesn't handle flood insurance, it can be obtained from another agent who serves that area. To find one, people can contact the NFIP call center at 800-427-4661 or www.FloodSmart.gov. Communities can distribute FEMA's palm card, "Your Homeowners Insurance Does Not Cover Flooding." One flood survivor who had that separate policy- and was glad he did - tells about it in a one-minute video from FEMA.

MYTH I don't need flood insurance, because I'm not in a high-risk zone.

The reality is that it can flood almost anywhere, and it doesn't take much water to cause expensive damage. In fact, about 1/3 of all flood disaster assistance and 1/3 of all flood insurance claims payments go to people who have been flooded even though they were outside of the mapped high-risk zone (Special Flood Hazard Area). With a changing climate, scientists say that extreme weather events—like the tremendous rain that accompanied hurricanes last summer and caused localized flooding—will be more likely in the future. So living in a location that so far has been thought to be at low risk does not mean that is safe now. *Why Do I Need Flood Insurance?* helps people understand the need for flood coverage. *Know Your Risk* focuses on the potential for flooding in low-lying coastal areas. A one-minute video from FEMA tells the story of a family who were relieved that they had bought flood insurance even though they had already been through hurricanes without sustaining damage.

MYTH I can't get flood insurance, because I'm not in a high-risk zone.

Virtually anyone who lives in or owns property in an NFIP-participating community can buy flood insurance for a residential building, business, condo, or apartment, and the contents can be insured as well (or instead). Flood insurance through the NFIP has never been restricted to people located in the high-risk zone (Special Flood Hazard Area). In fact, for people outside the high-risk zone, flood insurance is an even better deal, because the premiums are lower. An overview of the availability, coverage, and costs of flood insurance- in clear language and with sources of more information - can be found on the FloodSmart website. Communities can also use the brochure about the preferred risk policy for low-hazard areas.

MYTH Even if my house did flood, it wouldn't be by much.

There may not be very much water, but that doesn't mean there won't be much damage. Only one inch of water in an average home can cause more than \$25,000 in damage. A handy visual representation of this is the Cost of Flooding tool developed by FEMA. It is a simple interactive device to help people see how the depth of flooding translates to damage costs. This link is a good addition to a community's flood awareness website.

MYTH I don't need flood insurance because FEMA gives disaster assistance.

The truth is that FEMA can only provide disaster assistance when the president issues a disaster declaration—this happens for less than half of all floods. Even if there is a disaster declaration, FEMA can only provide small grants, not enough to cover all losses and certainly not enough to rebuild. For example, in Hurricane Harvey the average individual grant FEMA distributed was only \$7,000. Most other federal disaster assistance comes in the form of loans, which must be repaid. By contrast, in Hurricane Harvey, the average NFIP claim payment was over \$100,000—that's a payment from the insurance policy and of course never has to be repaid. And, a flood insurance policy pays for any covered damage, even if it results from a small (not disastrous) flood. Use the two-page handout, "The Benefits of Flood Insurance vs. Disaster Assistance," to compare the two.

Lower Allen Board of Commissioners Forms

Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee

At their February 28th Public Meeting the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint a 21-member Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee to study Public Safety Services in the Township and provide a report to the Board by September 2019. The Committee will engage in an intensive review of police, fire, and EMS services from the historical, current and future perspectives beginning in April.

The last Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee was formed by the Board in 1997 and submitted its proposals to the Board in May 1998. Much has changed in both the Lower Allen Township community and the world in the twenty plus years since the last study, which focused more on fire services than the totality of public safety services.

The meetings of the Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee will be advertised and scheduled at various locations within the community to encourage outreach, public attendance, and input. Based upon the information developed, a final report and presentation will be submitted to the Commissioners. Minutes of the meetings will be taken and published on the Township website for interested community members to follow the presentations before the Committee and discussions.

The following representatives of Lower Allen Public Safety, the Commissioners, business and industry, and residents were appointed:

David Holl	LA DPS	Public Safety Director - Coordinator of Committee
Leon Crone	LA PD	LA Police Captain
Frank Wirth	LA Public Safety	LA Public Safety Officers - Fire Captain
EMS Chief 74	LA EMS	LA EMS Captain
Dave Murdoch	LA Fire	Chief 12
Frank Williamson	Lisburn Fire	Chief 24
Ed Black	LA BoC	Board President and Emergency Services liaison
Dean Villone	LA BoC	Commissioner; active with Lisburn Fire
Rick Schin	LA BoC	Commissioner; community representative
Carolyn Holtzman	LA BoC	Commissioner; Emergency Management liaison
Tom Vernau	LA Twp. Manager	LA Township Admin Representative
Don Smith	Capital City Mall	Business Retail Stakeholder
John Ortenzio	Select Medical	Business Stakeholder
Erin Trone	LA Economic Development	Economic Development Stakeholder/ Asst Twp. Manager
Dr. Todd Stoltz	West Shore School District	School District Rep
Dick Bonneville	Twp. Resident - Beacon Hill Area	Community Rep
Terry Lenker	Twp. Resident - Sheepford Area	Community Rep
Dick Hammon	Twp. Resident - Rossmoyne Area	Community Rep
Tom Kutz	Twp. Resident - Sheepford Area	Community Rep
Ped Young	Twp. Resident - Beaver Rd Area	Community Rep
Chris Pushart	Twp. Resident - Allendale Area	Community Rep

Please visit the Township's website at www.latwp.org for more information and to follow the Committees progress. Also, consider attending any meeting of the Committee as they work to develop what is essentially a Public Safety Comprehensive Plan and Roadmap for Lower Allen Township for the next 5 to 10 years.

LA ALERTS



Lower Allen Township '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 can add the phone numbers (landline and cell phones), email addresses, and text numbers where you wish to be contacted for various notifications. You can also 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

I am a Lower Allen Township: ___Resident___Business

NAME AND ADDRESS

Resident or Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Apartment or Suite #: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

PHONE AND EMAIL

Phone (HOME): () ____-____

Phone (CELL): () ____-____ Circle One (TEXT or VOICE) EMAIL: _____

Phone (CELL): () ____-____ Circle One (TEXT or VOICE) EMAIL: _____

Phone (CELL): () ____-____ Circle One (TEXT or VOICE)

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

EASTER EGG HUNT • CAT COLONIES



LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!!

Saturday, April 13th (Rain or Shine)

Lower Allen Community Park
4075 Lisburn Road, Mechanicsburg

10:00 am (up to 3 years) Upper Pavilion

10:20 am (4 – 6 years) Keystone Pavilion

10:40 am (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 whayden@latwp.org or call: 717-975-7575 Ext. 2104

CAT COLONIES

The problem of growing colonies of stray and feral cats is not unique to Lower Allen Township. This problem is widely reported across the state in cities, boroughs and townships. Feral cat colonies can have many detrimental effects on a community. Not only are cats predators, but they are also prey. In addition to decimating the local bird and rabbit population, growing colonies can also cause increases in the fox and coyote populations, which will also prey upon household pets. Another problem for homeowners is the damage feral cats can do to landscaping when they relieve themselves.

Illegal Feeding: Well-meaning people exacerbate the cat colony problem by feeding the animals. Feeding not only promotes a larger breeding population, but also attracts additional cats from other colonies. Township ordinance Section 65 **prohibits** the feeding of stray and feral cats, *unless the colony is registered in a certified TNR program.*

Trap, Neuter & Return: In 2014, Lower Allen Township entered into a Trap, Neuter & Return (TNR) program with The Nobody's Cats Foundation. The goal was, and is, to gradually reduce the population of stray and feral cats without harming the animals. We are pleased to report that the program is showing signs of success. The number of identified colonies has only increased by 3 since 2015, and 2 colonies collapsed as members died or migrated to other colonies. 86% of identified colony members have been trapped, neutered, ear-tipped, vaccinated, and returned to their colony. The rate of new kitten births decreased by 58%.

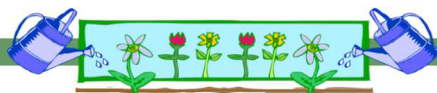
Be a good caretaker, register your colony: In 2014, we amended our ordinance to allow people who feed colonies, known as "caretakers", to continue to feed the cats legally *as long as the colony is registered with a certified TNR program.* Our TNR administrator is The Nobody's Cats Foundation (NCF). NCF will help trap the animals, and at their clinic will neuter, ear-tip, and vaccinate the cat before returning the cat to its colony. Ear-tipping is necessary so that NCF can keep track of unaltered animals and does not hurt the cat.

We understand that caretakers love "their" cats and don't want any harm to come to them. They don't trust that "the authorities" won't euthanize the animals or won't bring them back home. We can't stress enough that the mission of NCF is not to harm the animals, but rather to vaccinate and neuter the animals before returning them to their colonies to live out the remainder of their lives free but unable to produce new generations of cats.

Please keep in mind that feeding unregistered cats is against the law. We urge all caretakers to contact NCF at (855) 867-4228 to get your colony registered. The cats will not be harmed. The Township will even provide vouchers to cover the costs of up to five animals per year.

Please call NCF today.

GARDENERS GATHERING • AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS



15th Annual Lower Allen Township Gardeners Gathering

When: Saturday April 27, 2019

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 The Benefits of Establishing a Stormwater fee:

Rebecca Davis, Lower Allen Township MS4 Coordinator, will educate participants about the regulatory mandates that the State and Federal Governments have placed on municipalities across the Commonwealth. Learn about the process of establishing a stormwater fee and the benefits associated with it, such as providing a dedicated source of funding for stormwater management programs and infrastructure assessment, repair and replacement.

Barn Workshop – Lower Level

11:00 AM The Best Trees and Shrubs for your Landscape

Greg Black, owner/operator of Black Landscaping, will discuss choosing the correct trees and shrubs that will thrive 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.**

Join us for a fun-filled morning of springtime excitement! Thank you to our presenters, and to the Lower Allen volunteer Recreation and Parks Board, for their time and commitment to the community.

For questions, please call (717) 975-7575, Ext. 2104. You can also check the Township website at www.latwp.org Or find us on Facebook!

Ambulance Subscription Renewals



The 2019 Ambulance Subscription Renewals were mailed out in December. Ambulance Subscriptions are good for the calendar year of 2019. The Board of Commissioners set the Subscription rates for 2019 at \$75 for a Single Subscription and \$95 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.

RESIDENTIAL 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”.

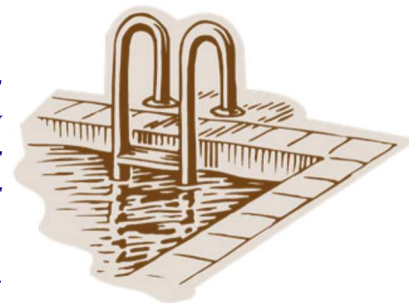
If you need assistance to plan the installation, repair or alteration of a deck, please contact the codes enforcement staff in the CED Department. May is International Building Safety Month, so why not improve your peace of mind by scheduling a free deck safety inspection with one of our certified construction code officials.



SWIMMING 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.

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.

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 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 up 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

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.**

Landscaping 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME WATCH

Lower Allen Police have joined the



NETWORK



CRIMEWATCH enhances the way police will be releasing information and the methods for which the press and public receive and share public safety news.

What is the CRIMEWATCH Network and how does it affect me?

The **CRIMEWATCH Network** is a platform that creates transparency in local law enforcement and gives you instant access to information that impacts the safety of you and your family.

So how does it work?

It's simple, you can sign up to receive free alerts about crime where you live. This means that if someone in your neighborhood gets arrested for a serious crime, you receive an alert right on your smartphone, and the alerts are not just text, they include the picture of the offender and the detail around the arrest.

Why is this important?

There are times when an individual has been accused of committing a crime, but still walks free in your neighborhood. When this happens, we feel that the public should be alerted that this person has been accused of committing this crime.

To sign up go to: www.lowerallencops.com



In the "SEARCH" box type "Lower Allen" to see the current Lower Allen entries. You can also click SUBSCRIBE to specifically subscribe to the Lower Allen site.

At a future point, you will also be able to "VIEW AND SEARCH ACTIVITY WITH OUR INTERACTIVE MAP" when the data becomes available.

TAX OFFICE • PENN WASTE

QUARTERLY TAX TIPS

It's time to spring into action, if you haven't already...The 2019 Township and Cumberland County real estate taxes were dated March 1st and mailed.

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.

2019 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 13th-24th and June 17th-June 28th

"Professional, Yet Personal...That's My Bottom Line"



STAY INFORMED!

Follow Penn Waste on social media for the latest news including holiday and inclement weather delays.



Facebook: **@PennWaste**



Twitter: **@PennWaste**



Instagram: **@PennWaste**

To sign up for our e-newsletter: www.pennwaste.com/e-news-signup/

FREDRICKSEN LIBRARY • WEST SHORE RECREATION NEWS

Fredricksen Library News

Spring Book and Media Sale

April 25 through April 28

Come out and support your library at the Friends of Fredricksen Spring Book & Media Sale. Shop for a variety of books for all ages, media, games, puzzles and more! Sale hours vary each day; please check the library's website.

Bike Raffle

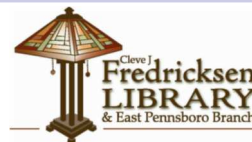
Our Bike Raffle, in conjunction with Holmes Cycling and Fitness, is underway! Purchase your tickets - \$5 for one or 3 for \$12 and you can win a bike of your choice from Holmes (up to \$450 value). Drawing will be held June 13.

Blueberries for Books!

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 April 24. Pickup on June 27.

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



Fun and Adventure

LIFEGUARDING

Earn \$, Be A Leader, Save Lives

West Shore Rec is accepting applications for lifeguards and management staff for the outdoor Lemoyne Pool.

Competitive Wages & Flexible Hours



CAMP COUNSELORS

West Shore Rec is accepting applications for 2019 Summer ½ Day and Full Day Summer Camps.

To be considered for a position, please submit your completed online application

APPLY NOW

Contact West Shore Rec for an application form at 717-920-9515 or www.westshorerec.org

Submit applications to wsrec@wsrec.org
Don't delay, apply today!





LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

2233 GETTYSBURG ROAD • CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA 17011



***Primary Election Day is
Tuesday, May 21st, 2019.***

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

2019 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 2019.

Name: _____ **Phone#:** _____

Address: _____