



TOWNSHIP NEWS

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



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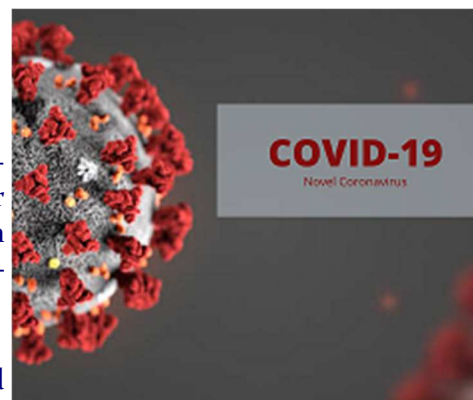
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TOWNSHIP SERVICES UNDER THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

The staff of Lower Allen Township began COVID-19 emergency preparations back in February, as news of the spread of the virus took center stage. We attended meetings held by public and health officials to learn as much as we could about the virus. A meeting was held with employees to instruct them on what to do to avoid exposure to the virus.

On March 13th we learned of a possible case of COVID-19 in Cumberland County, the County's first. That day the Commissioners and staff made the decision to close the municipal buildings to the public and cancel all public meetings for a period of 30 days. Employees still reported for work but had no contact with the public. On March 17th, the Commissioners declared a disaster emergency so that certain emergency purchasing procedures could be implemented and the Township would be eligible for disaster funds. They also adopted procedures to implement the recently enacted Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act to provide for employees who could be put on leave during the pandemic.

On March 27th, the decision was made to keep all non-essential personnel at home for the next week as the situation was monitored. Those who had the ability to work from home were asked to do so. The administrative and Community Development departments took home laptops and learned to use the Teams app to conduct business and keep in contact with each other. Public Works was asked to stay home but was on call to respond to emergency situations. Of course, our dedicated Public Safety personnel – Police, Public Safety Officers, and EMS – were considered essential and stayed on the job 24-7 during the crisis. On March 30th, Cumberland County was added to the Governor's "Stay at home" order, so non-essential personnel were ordered to stay home until further notice.



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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 Economic and Community Development	1002
Richard Grove, Finance Director	1202
Daniel Flint, P.E., Township Engineer and Director of Public Works Dept.	1101
Bryan Harshbarger, Public Works Coordinator	2101
Dave Holl, Director of Public Safety	1601
Leon Crone, Police Captain	1515
Tony Deaven, Emergency Medical Services Captain	1810
Frank Wirth, Fire Captain	1311
David Murdoch, Fire Chief, Lower Allen Fire Co. No. 1	1302
Frank Williamson, Fire Chief, Lisburn Company	766-3994
Donna Paul, Human Resources	1402
Becky Davis, MS4 Coordinator-Stormwater	1010

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. 1111
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)

JULY

3 Township Offices	Closed
9 Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
9 Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
13 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
16 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
20 Development Authority	6:00 pm
21 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
22 Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm
27 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm

AUGUST

6 Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
6 Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
10 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
17 Development Authority	7:00 pm
18 Planning Commission	6:00 pm
20 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
24 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
26 Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

3 Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
3 Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
14 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
15 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
17 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
21 Development Authority	6:00 pm
23 Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm
28 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm

OCTOBER

1 Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
1 Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
12 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
15 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
19 Development Authority	6:00 pm
20 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
26 Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
28 Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm
29 Trick Or Treat	6:00—8:00

OFFICIALS IN ACTION

The Board of Commissioners approved the following:



RESOLUTIONS

2020-R-14 Waiver of refuse penalties for the second fiscal quarter of 2020. (Adopted 4-13-2020)

2020-R-15 Authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to submit proposals for the Pennsylvania local government implementation (PA-LGI) funding opportunity for high priority nutrient and sediment load reduction practices that are consistent with the Pennsylvania Phase 3 Watershed Implementation plan (WIP) to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental protection (PADEP). (Adopted 4-13-2020).

2020-R-16 Authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to submit proposals for the Small Watershed Grants (SWG), specifically implementation (SWG-I), for water quality projects that will reduce nitrogen, phosphorous, and sediment pollution to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental protection (PADEP). (Adopted 4-13-2020).

2020-R-17 Proclaiming May 2020 as Building Safety Month. (Adopted 5-11-2020)

2020-R-18 Adopting property tax relief measures under Pennsylvania Act 15 of 2020. (Adopted 5-11-2020)

2020-R-19 Authorizing the Township Manager to act as agent for Lower Allen Township for Emergency and Disaster Relief pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and authorizing Township officials to execute the designation of agent and the PEMA Public Disaster assistance application and agreement for financial assistance. (adopted 5-11-2020).

2020-R-20 Recognizing Barry E. Zook for 35 years of service to the Residents of Lower Allen Township. (Adopted 6-22-2020)

2020-R-21 Recognizing Bryan R. Harshbarger for 25 years of service to the Residents of Lower Allen Township. (Adopted 6-22-2002)

TOWNSHIP SERVICES UNDER THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY (Continued from front page)

Staff learned new ways to do things. In addition to teleworking, public meetings were moved to the popular Zoom platform. Staff prepared well, and the meetings went off without a hitch. Those meetings were recorded and are available on the Township's YouTube channel. Guidelines were developed so that neighborhoods could bring in food trucks with a reasonable assurance of safety.

The biggest impact to the Township will be in loss of revenue. The mass unemployment and commercial closures mean that certain revenues such as earned income tax, local services tax, building permit fees, real estate transfer taxes and facility rentals, to name a few, would evaporate or be severely reduced. Thanks to the Township's healthy fund balance, there was no need to furlough any employees, but the decision was made to freeze hiring for the remainder of the year. Staff is also looking at other areas of the budget to see what projects can be postponed or cut in order to offset the revenue losses brought about by the statewide shutdown.

We are glad to be in the Green phase of recovery, as full Township operations have resumed, including the opening of all parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities. We are not out of the woods yet, and the Commissioners and staff encourage everyone to continue practicing social distancing and masking when appropriate.

OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY • UTILITY PAYMENT OPTIONS

Outdoor fire safety

- Move the grill away from siding, decking, and other things that can catch fire.
- Stay with the grill the entire time you're cooking.
- Use long-handled barbecue tools when cooking on the grill.
- Use a metal screen over wood-burning fires to keep sparks from floating out.
- Turn off or put out fires before you leave the backyard.
- Build campfires at least 15 feet away from tent walls, shrubs or other things that burn.
- The best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them.



Trash/Sewer/Stormwater 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!



OPEN BURNING • AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Open Burning: What's allowed in the Township?

With summer here, we are getting numerous calls regarding open burning in the Township.

Statewide recycling in Pennsylvania began in 1988 with the “Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act” or “Act 101”. This act requires all larger municipalities to recycle. Consequently, leaves and yard waste cannot be burned. The Pa Solid Waste Management Act requires disposal of construction and demolition waste at approved landfill sites, so these materials also cannot be burned.

Listed below are the regulations for open burning within the Township.

The International Fire Code, as adopted and amended, allows for open burning when compliant with the following conditions.

2009 Edition International Fire Code Section 307—Open Burning, Recreational Fires and Portable Outdoor Fire Places:

- Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke emissions or when atmospheric conditions make such fire hazardous shall be prohibited.
- An operational permit shall be obtained prior to starting a silvicultural, range or wildlife management fire, fires to prevent or control disease or pests, or a bonfire.
- The Code Official, Community Service Officer, Public Safety Officer, Police Officer or Fire Official shall be authorized to require the extinguishment of any fire that is considered offensive, objectionable or unsafe.
- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- All open burning, recreational fires, bonfires and portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- A minimum of one portable 4-A rated fire extinguisher or other approved fire extinguishing source shall be available for immediate utilization.

Please contact the Community Development Department to discuss any other open burning questions you might have.



Ambulance Subscription Renewals

The 2020 Ambulance Subscription Renewals were mailed out in December. Ambulance Subscriptions are good for the calendar year of 2020. The Board of Commissioners set the Subscription rates for 2020 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.*

Lisburn Drive-Thru Food Festival

AUGUST 6-8

Lisburn Community Fire Company invites you to celebrate our 67th Festival this year. Due to state guidelines we are unable to have our normal festival. However, we are having a drive-thru Food Festival. You can get all your favorite homemade foods. We will have a new traffic pattern for entering and leaving the Festival. Order your food with our cashier and by the time you get to the Large Pavilion—we will have your order ready and deliver it to your car. Please come out and support us during this festival. Please check out our Facebook page and website for more information.

Great food we are serving in our drive-thru from 4-8pm

- ✧ **BBQ Chicken Dinners**
- ✧ **Chicken Corn Soup— bowls, pints and quarts**
- ✧ **Hotdogs, Burgers and Sausage**
- ✧ **Open Face Roast Beef or Chicken Sandwiches served with Mash Potatoes**
- ✧ **Pulled Pork and Beef BBQ Sandwiches**
- ✧ **French Fries**

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming events.

Please note-in-person events are subject to change based on state guidelines

<u>September 19th –12-5pm</u> <u>10th Annual Gun Raffle</u>	\$20 Ticket which includes food, drinks, and a chance to win a gun, prize or cash. Tickets available at our events and through our members. Prizes include 20 guns (or cash prizes) plus two gun safes, Crossbow and a \$500 cash grand prize. Only 1,500 tickets sold.
<u>October 17th –11-1:30pm</u> <u>Drive Thru-Chicken BBQ</u>	Each \$10.00 dinner includes one half barbecued chicken, a baked potato, applesauce, a roll, butter, and a bottle of water.
<u>October 18th</u> <u>BINGO</u>	Doors open @ noon, Early bird @ 1:30. Bingo Starts at 2pm. \$25 at door. \$22 in advance. Call/text Darla at 717-576-6229 email:off2vegas19@gmail.com
<u>November 8th 11-1:30pm</u> <u>Turkey Dinner</u>	In addition to turkey we will be serving mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy, corn, cranberry sauce, rolls, drinks and homemade desserts. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and children 4 to 10 years are just \$4.25.

LISBURN COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY
1800 MAIN STREET, LISBURN, MECHANICSBURG
717-766-3994 LisburnFire24@gmail.com www.lisburnfire.org

LA ALERTS •



Receive Lower Allen Community Notifications

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. **Please include your street address during the registration process.** 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.

If you do not have access to a computer, please complete the form below 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).



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: _____

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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

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

Price Ad 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

ADVERTISE HERE



In the Township News

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

MS₄ UPDATES

Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Automotive Maintenance – Oil, grease anti-freeze and other toxic automotive liquids often make their way into the storm drain system and are not treated prior to reaching the Yellow Breeches Watershed. This contaminates waterways, making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Follow these best management practices below to prevent pollution and protect public health.

Cleaning Auto Parts

Scrape parts with a wire brush rather than liquid cleaners. Do not wash parts or equipment in a sink, parking lot or driveway.

Storing Hazardous Waste

Keep your liquid waste separated. Many fluids can be recycled via hazardous waste disposal companies if they are not mixed. Store all materials under cover with spill containment or inside to prevent stormwater runoff.

Preventing Leaks and Spills

Place drip pans underneath vehicles to capture fluids. Use absorbent cleaning agents instead of water to clean work areas.

Cleaning Spills

Use dry methods for spill cleanup such as sweeping and absorbent materials. Sweep spill material into an appropriate receptacle and dispose of properly.

Proper Disposal of Hazardous Waste

Dispose of used motor oil and oil filters, anti-freeze, and other hazardous automotive fluids properly. Cumberland County has a hazardous waste disposal program. More information is available at: <https://www.ccpa.net/3499/2020-HHW-Disposal-Program>



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS₄)

The Commissioners of Lower Allen Township would like to offer their sincere appreciation to Girl Scout Cadette Troop 11523, led by Mrs. Dana Facius and Mrs. Christina Dryden, for volunteering their time to mark stormwater inlets in the Allendale Community! The troop marked over 2/3 of the stormwater inlets in the neighborhood on June 20, 2020. The goal of the volunteer MS₄ volunteer program is to help our community understand that anything that enters the storm drains goes to our local streams and rivers untreated and to involve individuals in outreaching to residents of our community by participating in environmental educational activities throughout the Township. The troop earned a badge for efforts for World Thinking Day from the Girl Scout Organization.



Girl Scouts pictured from Left to Right: Madison Facius, Lily Dryden, Kiara Becker, Zarifa Gamble, Evie Dryden

CUMBERLAND COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL



COMMISSIONERS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Vincent T. DiFilippo
Chairman

Jim Hertzler
Vice-Chairman

Gary Eichelberger
Secretary

MOSQUITTO or impostor?

Asian Tiger Mosquito

There are many types of mosquitoes. Asian Tiger and House Mosquitoes can carry West Nile Virus. Help to reduce the population by dumping standing water to help control these biting insects.

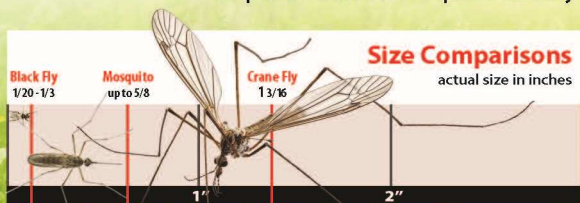
Crane Fly

Crane Flies are often mistaken for mosquitoes, however, they are not mosquitoes and they do not bite.



Black Fly

Black Flies or Gnats are pests to both human and livestock. Black Fly larvae and pupae require the running waters of streams, creeks, and rivers to develop. Adults are very small with a distinctive humpback. Although they are biting nuisances, these insects are not vectors or part of the mosquito family.



All mosquitoes have a needle-like proboscis on the front of their faces. If it doesn't, it's an IMPOSTOR!

Protecting Your Health and the Environment

Cumberland County Vector Control uses Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM) to control the mosquitoes that are likely to carry disease. Additionally, IMM limits the effects on our residents and the environment.



VECTOR CONTROL
WEIGHTS & MEASURES
Cumberland County

Need Help? Contact

Cumberland County Vector Control

Submission forms can be found at
ccpa.net/vector

or

Public Health Specialist

717.240.7808
vector@ccpa.net

More Information:



pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Department of Environmental Protection
dep.pa.gov/westnile



Center for Disease Control and Prevention
cdc.gov/westnile

vector [vekter] noun

an organism, typically a biting insect such as a mosquito or tick, that carries disease-causing microorganisms from one host to another.

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

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</i>	<i>STATUS</i>	<i>JOB TITLE</i>	<i>DEPT.</i>
Bryan Rennie	5 Years	Full-time	Patrol Officer	Police
Scot Emerson	20 Years	Full-time	Facilities Manager	Maintenance
Bryan Harshbarger	25 Years	Full-time	PW Coordinator	Public Works
Barry Zook	35 Years	Full-time	Maintenance Specialist	PW/Parks



President Villone with Maintenance Specialist Barry Zook.

CONGRATULATIONS!



President Villone with Public Works Coordinator Bryan Harshbarger.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



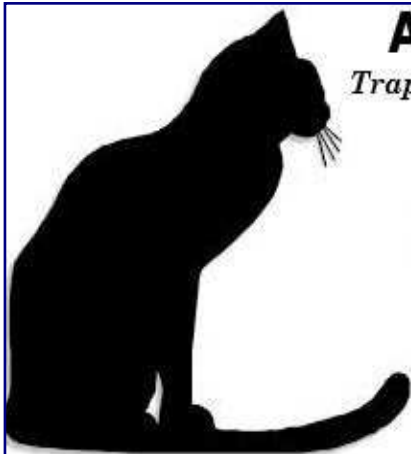
TOWNSHIP SERVICES VISIONING COMMITTEE FORMING

Like so many businesses, the COVID-19 shutdown effected the delivery of Township services. The massive unemployment during the shutdown will mean severe reductions in certain revenue collections, including earned income tax, local services tax, building permit fees and real estate transfer taxes. The loss of these revenues will affect the delivery of services for some time to come.

The last few months have made the Commissioners and staff think about Township services and how they may change in the “new normal”. Will parks and recreation be more important or less important? How should public safety services adapt as the commercial sector shrinks and more people work from home?

In an effort to learn what Township services should look like in the future, the Commissioners are forming a focus group to ask the questions and explore the answers. We’re looking for regular resident and businesspeople to meet once a month over the course of several months for a couple of hours to help shape our future service delivery.

If you are interested in joining this group, please email your interest to Tom Vernau at tvernaul@latwp.org and indicate if you are representing yourself, a civic association, or a Township business. The group is expected to begin meeting in late July or early August.



Are You Feeding Outdoor Cats?

Trap Neuter Return is approved in Lower Allen Township.

We can help you humanely manage and reduce the number of cats in your colony with very low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines and related services.
Call us to learn more! 1-855-867-4228

Visit us on the web at www.nobodyscats.org

Join us on Facebook. 

BULK ITEMS • YARD WASTE

LEAF COMPOST AND WOOD MULCH

Public Works has begun to deliver product and will continue delivering on Thursday and Friday mornings, through the first week in November. Order forms and payment must be submitted at the Township's Municipal Services Center, prior to delivery scheduling.

Lower Allen residents are welcome to come and self-load wood mulch, free of charge, during business hours, Monday – Friday, between the hours of 7:00am – 3:00pm.

Wood Mulch delivered

3 cubic yards (small load) – \$5.00

8 cubic yards (large load) – \$10.00

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.copa.net for recycling guidelines and disposal locations for electronics and hazardous materials.

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE PICK UP

The Townships yard waste recycling program started 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) 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 should be mixed in with the yard waste. Branches must be bundled with twine or string, and not exceed 6 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter. Maximum weight is 45lbs. Yellow yard waste bins can be picked up at the Municipal Services Center during regular business hours. Unlimited amounts of yard debris may be placed curbside, using the previously stated guidelines.

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.



PARKS & REC AD HOC COMMITTEE • EXTENDED REFUSE CONTRACT



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR A PARKS & RECREATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

The Township will be convening an Ad Hoc Committee to study and provide some future direction on parks and recreation in Lower Allen Township. We initially asked for committee volunteers in the Spring edition of *The Township News*, but the COVID-19 shutdown temporarily put the brakes on this initiative.

Parks and recreation are important to the quality of life in Lower Allen Township, and in a time of more competition for limited resources parks and recreation should not be forgotten. Current and future needs may not be the same as what was provided in previous years.

Residents who are interested in providing input into future parks and recreation resources are sought to sit on a committee being formed to study these resources. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis for about a six-month period beginning this Summer.

If you are interested in participating in this important initiative, please contact the Township Manager at tvernau@latwp.org or (717) 975-7575.

TOWNSHIP EXTENDS REFUSE CONTRACT

Lower Allen Township is currently served by Penn Waste for household refuse, recycling, and yard waste. Our first contract extension was set to expire on December 31, 2020. Per the original contract from 2015, we are allowed one more extension for up to three (3) years.

On April 30th, we received a proposal for a contract extension from Penn Waste for the period 1/1/21 to 12/31/23. Penn Waste offered the following rates:

2021 - \$60.63 per quarter
2022 - \$63.84 per quarter
2023 - \$67.02 per quarter

These rates represent increases of 22.3% in the first year, followed by increases of 5.3% and 5%, respectively. While nobody wants a fee increase, the first-year increase actually came in far below the 52% average increases received by other West Shore communities for FY 2020. Additionally, all terms in the current contract would remain the same, meaning that Penn Waste will continue unlimited pickup with no additional restrictions on household recycling.

Feeling it to be unlikely that we could do better seeking competitive bids, the Board of Commissioners at their May 11th Public Meeting approved a three-year extension of refuse & recycling service with Penn Waste, commencing 1/1/2021.

TAX OFFICE

QUARTERLY TAX TIPS ***“Professional, Yet Personal...That’s My Bottom Line”*** **Bonnie K. Miller**

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 payment in the gray box located next to the flagpole or the black pedestal mailbox outside my office door. You may also mail your payment. If you would like a paid receipt for your taxes, PLEASE include both copies of your tax bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope, so I can mail your receipt back to you.

The Lower Allen Township tax office will remain closed until the Cumberland County is in at least the “Green Phase.” I take the COVID-19 Pandemic very seriously, as I am taking care of my aging parents and my baby granddaughter and to ensure our community’s well-being.

This is a decision no one wants to make, but our community’s safety and health comes before any important choice we make. It only takes one person to infect staff or an entire area. Our township strives every day to provide a safe and happy community for everyone. Please understand this decision and keep following the safety guidelines put in place.

Please take advantage of utilizing the USPS, silver drop off box by the flagpole, or my black pedestal mailbox outside my office door. If you wish a receipt, PLEASE include both copies of your tax bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

I can be reached via email bmiller@latwp.org or my home phone 717-763-7960.
Thank you for understanding.

It’s Your Right and Responsibility...Thank you for exercising your greatest right as an American...the Right to VOTE.

Important Dates and Info to Add to Your Summer Calendar...

The last day to take advantage of the face period for your March 1st, Lower Allen Township and Cumberland County real estate tax bill has been extended until Saturday, October 31st. Please remember that a 10% penalty will automatically be added on November 1st, 2020.

School real estate tax bills for the fiscal year 2020-2021 will be dated July 1st and mailed to homeowners. If there is an escrow account, it is the homeowner’s responsibility to mail one (1) copy to your mortgage company. Write your loan number on the tax bill and send it to the attention of the Tax Escrow Department, keeping one (1) copy for your records. YOU WILL NOTICE THERE IS NO LONGER A PER CAPITA TAX BILL.

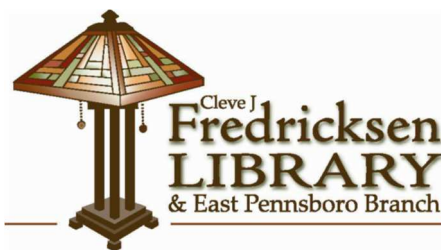
You should have received a \$7,074 Homestead Exclusion on your July 1st, 2020 West Shore School District Real Estate tax bill, if you did not, perhaps you are a new homeowner or didn’t apply for it, the next window to apply for the Homestead Exclusion is December 15, 2020 through March 1, 2021. You can obtain that form on Cumberland County’s website, ccpa.net. If you take the \$7,074 Homestead Exclusion amount and multiply it by 12.32 mils it equals \$87.15. Your assessment on your house will go back to the original assessment before the Homestead Exclusion since that only applies to the West Shore School District real estate tax bill.

Summertime...it’s what we wait for all year! Especially this year with the Corona Virus Covid-19 having us quarantined. I can’t wait to vacation at the beach, go hiking in the mountains, family reunions and picnics. I wish you and your family lots of fun in the sun this summer!

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Fredricksen Library

The library is open for in person services! Come in and stock up on your reading and viewing materials. Our Summer Reading Program is in full swing and we have virtual programming taking place all summer long!



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 and Twitter.

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

WEST SHORE RECREATION COMMISSION

West Shore Rec is doing everything we can to provide multiple recreational opportunities for our residents this summer! Many programs are starting in July, some with limited space available. Here is a sample of what is being offered...

- ⇒ **Summer Blast** – organized games & activities for kids entering grades 1-6 at Roof Park from 9 am-12 noon
- ⇒ **Gymnastics** – various tumbling, cheerleading and ninja training programs for ages 5 and older
- ⇒ **Kinder Programs** – Tots, Gym and Dance classes for kids starting at age 2
- ⇒ **Sports** – Adult Golf and Pickleball as well as Youth Tennis Lessons

For more information on the activities listed as well as other being offered or to register for a program call the WSRec office at 717-920-9515 or visit <https://westshorerec.org>.

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5020 Ritter Road, Suite 110
- ◇ Compassionate Groom & Spa
3300 Hartzdale Drive, Suite 106
- ◇ Hepaco Environmental & Emergency Services
4700 Westport Drive, Suite 400