



Winter 2020

# TOWNSHIP NEWS

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



## Board of Commissioners

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## 2020 BUDGET

The 2020 Budget was enacted on December 23rd. This article summarizes budget highlights, tax changes, the thought-process behind it all, and looks into what the future may hold.

The Township revisits its long-term financial outlook every year. Township staff speculates, after examining Board actions since the 1950s, that there has been a consistent core-motivation concisely summarized by the Township Manager as “to maximize the standard of living of Township residents and businesses. More specifically to attract incoming residents and businesses whom existing residents would value as neighbors and business partners, and where those incoming are willing to pay a relative premium for property or rent.” To meet this goal, a long-term prospective is essential to deliver an optimal mix of municipal services at affordable costs. Our revenue need for 2020 is \$14.7 million in the General Fund, \$1.2 million in the Fire Services Fund, and \$6.3 million in all other Funds, including Capital Purchases.

In 2019, a Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee consisting of members of the public, Commissioners and Public Safety staff examined present and future demands on public safety (police, fire, EMS and emergency readiness) service delivery. Most services were rated at a “D” level, mostly due to understaffing. While police calls and response times are increasing, their “unobligated time”, or time spent interacting with the community, is decreasing. EMS were dropping far too many calls. The Fire Companies are often unable to send trucks out due to a lack of manpower. One goal of the Ad Hoc Committee is to maintain a viable volunteer Fire Company and avoid a very expensive paid department.

Goals and objectives relating to the recruitment and retention of fire service volunteers, increased costs for fire apparatus, increasing police call volume and response times, State mandated training requirements and residential and commercial growth were recommended to and ultimately adopted by the Board of Commissioners. These measures will take place over the next 5 years, but the largest annual budgetary increase takes place in 2020.

A 2019 plan to add 4 new police officers goes into its second year in 2020 with the addition of 1 officer (2 were hired in 2019), and the promotion of an existing officer to Lieutenant. The Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations included the following: Add one full-time Public Safety Officer; add part-time Public Safety Officer hours; increase their hourly pay rate to remain competitive; begin a Fire Company Volunteer Incentive Program, live-in firefighter stipend program, and a live-in tuition reimbursement program. They will go into effect in 2020. Additionally, one ambulance EMT position was replaced with a Paramedic position, the ambulance overtime budget virtually doubled, and pay rates were increased to remain competitive.

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## DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

### Lower Allen Township

2233 Gettysburg Road • Camp Hill, PA 17011

Phone: 717-975-7575 • Fax: 717-737-4182 • www.latwp.org

Monday-Friday: 8:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tax Office - Phone: 717-737-5671

### 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 Department	1101
Richard Grove, Finance Director	1202
Bryan Harshbarger, Public Works Coordinator	2106
Frank Wirth, Fire Captain	1311
Tony Deaven, EMS Captain	1810
Dave Murdoch, Fire Chief, Lower Allen Fire Co. No.	1302
Frank Williamson, Fire Chief, Lisburn Fire Co.	766-3994

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency Police • Fire • EMS	9-1-1 (24-hours a day)
Non-Emergency & After Hours	717-238-9676
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
PPL	1-800-342-5775
UGI	1-800-962-1212
PA American Water	1-800-565-7292
Suez Water Company	1-888-844-0352
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)*

### JANUARY

1	New Years Day	Township Office Closed
6	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
9	Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
9	Stormwater Authority	7:30 pm
10-31	Tax Office	Closed
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

### FEBRUARY

1-28	Tax Office	Closed
6	Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
6	Stormwater Authority	7:30 pm
10	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
16	Lisburn-BINGO	Doors open at 12:00 pm
17	President's Day	Township Office Closed
18	Development Authority	6:00 pm
18	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
20	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
24	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
26	Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm

### MARCH

1	Tax Office	Closed
5	Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
5	Stormwater 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

### APRIL

2	Sewer Authority	7:30 pm
2	Stormwater Authority	7:30 pm
10	Good Friday	Township Offices Closed
13	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm
13	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00am
16	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
16	Lisburn-BINGO	Doors open at 12:00 pm
20	Development Authority	6:00 pm
21	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
22	Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm
25	Gardeners Gathering	10:00am
27	Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm





## OFFICIALS IN ACTION



*The Board of Commissioners approved the following:*

### RESOLUTIONS

**2019-R-40** adopting a five-year smoothing method to determine the actuarial value of assets as part of the actuarial valuation for the Lower Allen Township Police Plan and the Lower Allen Township Retirement Plan, according to 203.2 of the regulations covering the implementations of the actuarial funding rules of Act 205 of 1984 published by the Public Employee Retirement Commission, currently known as the Municipal Pension Reporting Program. (Adopted 10-14-19).

**2019-R-41** Adopting an interest rate assumption of 7.50% as part of the actuarial valuation for the Lower Allen Township Police Plan and the Lower Allen Township Retirement Plan, covering the implementation of the actuarial funding rules of Act 205 of 1984 published by the Public Employee Retirement Commission, currently known as the Municipal Pension Reporting Program. (Adopted 10-14-19).

**2019-R-42** Authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to submit proposals for the Pennsylvania Local Governments Implementation Funding Opportunity for High Priority Nutrient and Sediment Load Reduction Practices that are consistent with Pennsylvania's Phase 3 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). (Adopted 10-14-19)

**2019-R-43** Authorizing staff to execute documents for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for Lower and Upper Allen Pedestrian Bridge. (Adopted 10-28-19).

**2019-R-44** Recognizing Erin G. Trone for exemplary service to the residents of Lower Allen Township and for furthering Economic Development in the Township by her tireless leadership in managing the acquisition and site preparation for the Township's first big redevelopment project, the former Capital City Commons. (Adopted 11-25-19).

**2019-R-45** Appointing Glenn M. MaGatz as the Public Works Inspector for the Public Works Department, effective January 27, 2020. (Adopted 11-25-19)

**2019-R-46** Authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to submit Water Quality Improvement Projects for the Growing Greener Plus Grants Program to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. (Adopted 12-9-19.)

**2019-R-47** Establishing fees and charges authorized by various Ordinances and statutes for administration of Township business in accordance with these Ordinances and statutes. (Enacted 12-23-19)

**2019-R-48** Appointing Zachary J. Walters as a Police Officer in the Lower Allen Township Police Department, effective January 2, 2020. (Adopted 12-23-19).

### ORDINANCES

**2019-03** Fixing the tax rates for the year 2020. (Enacted 12-23-19.)

**2019-04** Appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the fiscal year 2020. (Enacted 12-23-19)

**2019-05** Amending the codified Ordinances of Lower Allen Township, 1997, as amended, Section 32-7, dealing with compensation of the Township Manager. (Enacted 12-23-19)



### NEW TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

⇒ **Grafix Kintrol** – 3907 Hartzdale Drive

⇒ **Coworx Staffing Services** – 5202 Simpson Ferry Road

⇒ **Momo's BBQ** – 4916 Louise Drive



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## 2020 BUDGET

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In other areas, part-time hours for landscape and other maintenance at the Municipal Services Center were increased. Health insurance premiums increased \$140,060, net of employee contributions, even though employee out-of-pocket costs were increased. A new Defined-Contribution pension plan for non-uniform new hires will reduce the employer required contributions from 8.4% to 8.0% of covered payroll, and the taxpayers will be protected from future market losses.

Operating expenditures cover the day-to-day operation of the Township and include labor, goods and supplies, and services. They exclude capital expenditures, which are acquisitions of long-life assets such as buildings, equipment and vehicles. Operating expenditures budgeted in the General Fund grew by \$947,980 for 2020, or about 8.2% over 2019. Police, EMS and Public Safety administration account for about 76% of this increase. Operating expenditures in the Fire Fund grew by \$101,370, compared to \$27,730 for 2019.

Budgeted capital outlays in the General Fund decreased by \$1,694,040 from 2019 to 2020 because the Arcona roundabout and the Public Works building expansion were virtually completed in 2019 and were large, one-time costs. The 2020 Budget includes a new ambulance for \$260,000; replacement police cars for \$104,000; replacement HVAC units for the municipal building for \$85,000 and a new A/V system for \$30,000, a skid loader replacement for \$40,000, plus several smaller items. Outlays paid by other funds include a relocation of Gettysburg Road west of Wesley Drive for \$2.1 million (funded by a grant), and general road resurfacing in various locations for \$600,000 (funded by State shared revenue).

The long-term fire apparatus replacement plan was reworked for the 2020 budget and beyond. The cost of apparatus increased significantly since the last time the plan was reworked. The timing of the apparatus replacements was also moved forward. Major pieces of equipment are now scheduled for 2023, 2025, 2026 and 2030, with a combined estimated cost of \$6.7 million over this period. A bond issue is anticipated for 2025 when the existing 2012 and 2014 Bond series expire.

Current and future financial needs were thoroughly revisited during this year's budget process. The plan for adding police officers and for implementing Ad Hoc Committee recommendations will affect the next 5 years and beyond. A real estate tax increase of 0.97 mill in 2020 (from 3.03 to 4.00 mills) will cover needs for the next two years. Years 3 through 5 will require increases of approximately 0.33 mill per annum. Of this year's 0.97 mill increase, 0.65 mill is for general purposes, and 0.32 mill is for Fire Services. Additionally, \$1 million of fund balance will be drawn down over the next 5 years. This will leave ample reserves to maintain a strong bond rating, to meet unforeseen emergencies, and to avoid additional tax increases necessitated by an economic recession, should one occur.

Going forward, Public Safety operating expenditure growth will be limited to no more than 7.5% per year (not counting increased costs for new police officers and Committee recommendations), while the remaining departments will be limited to their historic 5% per year increase. Fire operations (excluding the Ad Hoc recommendations) will be limited to a future annual growth of 2.5%. This does not mean that these departmental budgets *will* increase by these amounts, only that any increase will be limited to these percentages. Many departments have stayed below these limits voluntarily.

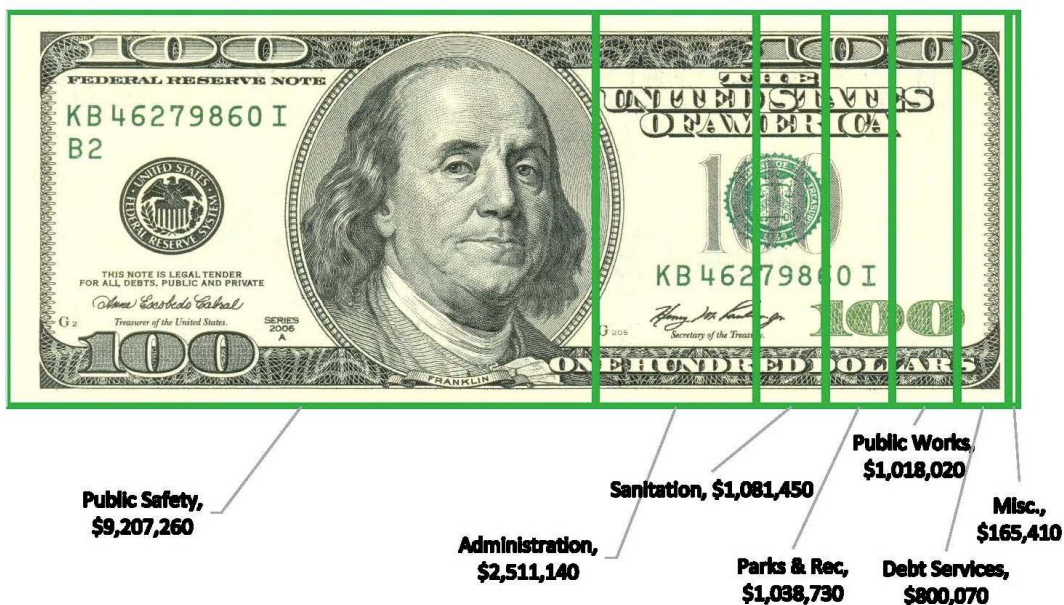
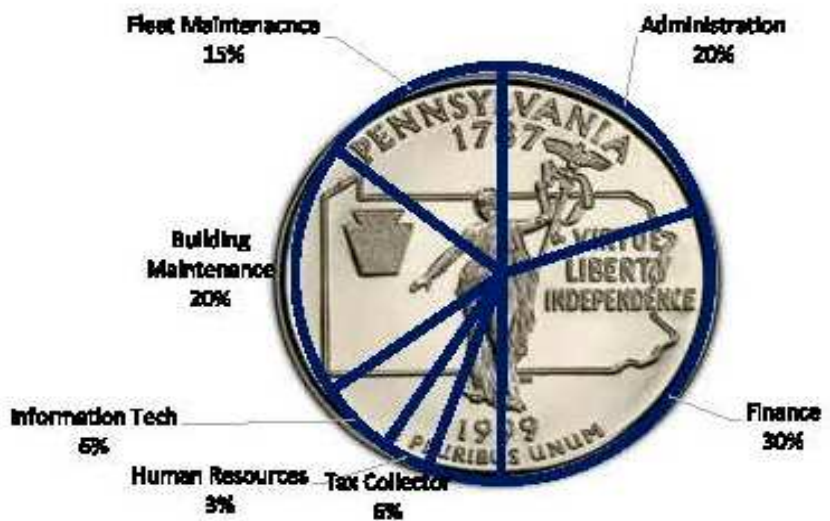
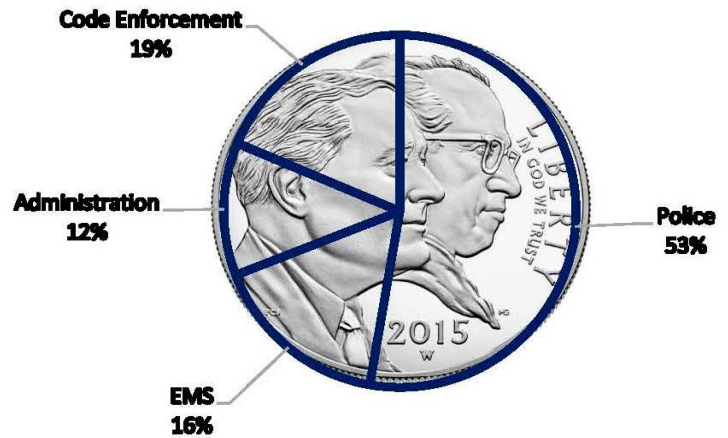
In 2018 the Crime Clearance Rate for serious crimes reached what is believed to be a pinnacle of 61.4% (the FBI reports that the average for the Middle Atlantic states was 26.8%). While our clearance rate for less serious crimes also exceeded the average, going forward there will be unprecedented emphasis placed on preventing and clearing all crimes. More (nonsworn) Public Service Officer hours will be devoted to property maintenance violations. More effort will also be placed on fire prevention and suppression.

The goal is to increase the desirability of living and operating a business in the Township by adhering to the "Broken Windows" theory, which hypothesizes that visible signs of risk to persons and deterioration of property creates an atmosphere leading to even higher risks and deterioration. In other words, even though it may at seem expensive at first thought, it is financially advantageous and provides a better living environment if the early stages of blight are avoided, compared to suffering the costs and efforts to reverse it once it sets in.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2020 BUDGET:

- 3% pay increase for non-uniformed employees, 4% for Police.
- New Financial, Administration, and Permitting software.
- Additional labor for building & grounds maintenance.
- HVAC unit replacement.
- New audio-visual system for the public meeting room.
- One additional police officer (will bring total complement to 25 officers).
- Building & staffing deployment study.
- Three replacement police/CSO cars.
- Continuing investment in officer safety & efficiency: vests, helmets, gas masks, technology.
- In-house paramedics and a Community Paramedicine program.
- Ambulance replacement.
- Gettysburg Rd. Corridor Study.
- Stormwater Retention projects.
- Gettysburg Rd relocation project (west of Wesley Drive).
- \$600,000 in street paving projects.
- Administrative assistance for the Lower Allen Fire Company.
- College live-in program for student firefighters, including tuition and living stipend.
- Volunteer Incentive Program for firefighters.





## EMPLOYEE MILESTONE • PROMOTIONS • RETIREMENTS

<i>NAME</i>	<i>YEARS</i>	<i>STATUS</i>	<i>JOB TITLE</i>	<i>DEPT.</i>
Laurie Nissel	10 year	Full-time	Records Clerk	Police
Ken Cramer	5 Years	Full -time	Police Officer	Police

### NEW HIRES

<i>NAME</i>	<i>JOB TITLE</i>	<i>DEPT.</i>
Justin Kettering	Public Safety Officer	Public Safety
Anthony Deaven	EMS Captain	EMS
Ian Chamber	Paramedic	EMS
Bryce Thompson	Maintenance Specialist	Public Works
Jordan Sipe	Mechanic	Fleet Maintenance
Margarita Cruz	Codes Technician	Code Enforcement
Jodi Etter	Paramedic	EMS
Joshua Schware	Paramedic	EMS
Nicole Boldosser	Police Officer	Police
Jonathan Newcomer	Police Officer	Police
Michael Quenzer	Paramedic	EMS
Zachary Walters	Police Officer	Police

### PROMOTIONS

<i>NAME</i>	<i>FROM</i>	<i>NEW TITLE</i>	<i>DEPT.</i>
Bryan Harshbarger	Highway Superintendent	Public Works Coordinator	Public Works
Mark D'Agostino	Maintenance Specialist	Highway Superintendent	Public Works

### RETIREMENT

<i>NAME</i>	<i>FROM</i>	<i>WHEN</i>
Robert Nailor	Public Works Coordinator	April 2019

### We also have the following Performance Awards:

- ◆ Charles Reynolds, Fleet Manager, Fleet Maintenance
- ◆ Aaron Duncan, Mechanic, Fleet Maintenance

Saved the Township \$4,000 by retrofitting a 55" snow blower onto a recently purchased John Deere tractor. The manufacturer's estimate was \$7,000 to \$8,000. Reynolds and Duncan did it with \$3,000 in parts and \$500 in labor.



## EMPLOYEE MILESTONE • NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

### Economic Development Director Recognized

At the Public Meeting held on November 25<sup>th</sup>, Economic Development Director Erin G. Trone was recognized by the Board of Commissioners for her role in the acquisition and redevelopment of the former Bon Ton and Borders Books buildings on Gettysburg Road.

In July of 2018, after Bon Ton Stores had announced the closing of the Lower Allen store, Mrs. Trone came to the Township Manager with an idea to acquire the site and plan for the continued strong economic draw of the area. She was encouraged to bring the idea to the Lower Allen Township Economic Development Authority, and so was launched the Authority's first major economic development initiative.

Mrs. Trone oversaw the acquisition of the site, including, along with the Finance Director, the financing of the acquisition, as well as the management of active leases with three current tenants, subdivision and sale of one of the restaurants on the site, and the current demolition of the Bon Ton and Borders buildings.

A hotel project has been announced for the site, and exciting announcements of additional tenants await in the near future. This redevelopment initiative will bring many visitors and shoppers to this area and help keep our Township economically strong. In addition to Mrs. Trone, the Development Authority is recognized for their vision and wise counsel: Commissioner H. Edward Black, Commissioner Peddrick M. Young, Sr., Max Stoner, Chairman, Salvatore Marone, Treasurer, and John Eby, Secretary.

Mrs. Trone also serves as the Township's Assistant Manager.



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Price	Ad Size	# of Issues
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\$75.00	(3 1/2 x 2)	1
\$600.00	(6 1/2 x 4)	4
\$175.00	(6 1/2 x 4)	1

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



### BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS-FREE INTRODUCTORY COURSE

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

**Evening class:** Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM starting on April 7, 2020 and will run for 8 weeks

**Daytime class:** Mondays from 9:00-11:00 am starting on March 23, 2020 and will run for 8 weeks

**Location:** Harrisburg Bridge club  
349 North 21<sup>st</sup> St. Camp Hill, Pa 17011

**Cost:** Free + \$12 for the book

#### **Contact Information:**

Mike Mendelson at [mmendeloo@aol.com](mailto:mmendeloo@aol.com)  
Harrisburg Bridge Club at [www.bridgeweb.com/harrisburg](http://www.bridgeweb.com/harrisburg)



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## SCOUT NEWS

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### SCOUT NEWS

**David Otteson**, son of Michael and Marianne Otteson of Silver Spring Township, completed his Eagle Scout project at the Highland Park playground. David is a member of Boy Scout Troop 195 in Mechanicsburg. David constructed a Gaga Pit at the playground at one end of an old tennis court that is being repurposed for other activities. Several Highland Park neighbors had approached the Township about putting a Gaga Pit at the playground, so David's choice of his Eagle Scout project came at a fortuitous time. We thank David for providing this facility for the children of Highland Park.



**Nathan Abdelmalek**, son of Chris and Renee Abdelmalek of Fairview Township, completed his Eagle Scout project at various parks and playgrounds within Lower Allen Township. Nathan is a member of Boy Scout Troop 312 in Lisburn. Nathan constructed the following items: An informational kiosk and little library box for Peter's Field, an informational kiosk for Highland Estates playground, and a trash/recycling corral for Highland Park playground.



# 2020 PENN WASTE CALENDAR

## 2020 Lower Allen Township Trash & Recycling Collection Calendar


January							February							March							April						
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 = Yard Waste Collection

Observed holidays are noted in **RED**. Collection days that fall on or after the holiday will be delayed one day. EXCEPTION: If holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there is no change in service prior to or after the holiday.

### BASIC RESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES



- Trash, Recycling, and one bulk item must be curb side by 7:00 AM on your scheduled collection day.
- Yard Waste must not exceed 6 feet in length, 4 inches in diameter and must be bundled or placed in a Township-provided container.
- Yard Waste will be collected on the same day as trash and recycling beginning in April and continuing through November. (See Calendar Above)
- Call Penn Waste to schedule collection of appliances containing freon (air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, etc.)
- No construction debris will be collected curb side.
- To stay up to date on collection updates, sign up for E-News Updates at [www.pennwaste.com](http://www.pennwaste.com).



Creating a green community together.



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Penn Waste Inc. • PO Box 3066 • York, PA 17402





# Lisburn Community Fire Company

## WE NEED YOU!



Happy New Year. As the new year starts, we think and set new goals/ resolutions for the new year. Why not make one of those goals to get more involved and volunteer. We have an AWESOME group of volunteers, but we need more volunteers to help us with our fundraisers. We look forward to serving our community in 2020 and we could use your help. We have several fundraisers a year to help fund the operating expenses and capital purchases. In 2019, we replaced our 1993 tanker truck. This year we will be celebrating our 67th annual festival on August 5-8th. **Please consider becoming a member and volunteering this year!** Applications are on the website. Our meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Fire hall—come to one and

check us out. Come out to volunteer or become a firefighter for our community.

The Lower Allen Township Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2017-08 and Resolution 2017 R-38 establishing a Volunteer Service Credit Program. This program may allow your volunteer hours at Lisburn to turn into a credit on your local earned income tax or property taxes as a resident of Lower Allen Township (*requirements outlined in the resolution*).



### FEBRUARY 16

12pm-Doors & Kitchen open



1:30pm-Early Bird

**2:00pm-Bingo starts-** regular games, special games, final jackpot, small games of chance, food & door prizes.

Contact Darla at 717-576-6229 or the Fire Company at 717-766-3994 for tickets.

\$22 in advance \$25 at the door

April 19

Lisburn BINGO

August 5-8

67th Annual Festival

September 19

Gun Raffle

October 11

Lisburn BINGO



1800 Main Street Lisburn, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

(717) 766-3994

LisburnFire24@gmail.com





# Lower Allen Township Department of Public Safety CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY TIPS

## How to Install Carbon Monoxide Alarms

1. Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide (CO) alarm installed on every level of your home, especially around sleeping areas.
2. Test alarms every month and replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
3. It is important to have both CO alarms and smoke detectors in your home. Combination CO and smoke alarms are available, but if you have separate ones, make sure you know the sound of each alarm.

## How to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Leaks in Your Home

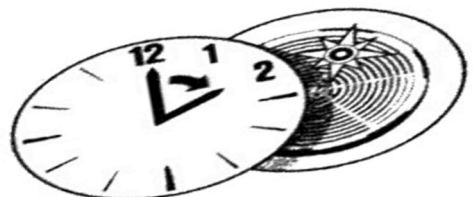
1. If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not leave the engine running even if the garage door is open.
2. Generators and grills should be used outside the home, away from windows and doors.
3. Avoid using your oven or stovetop to heat your home.
4. Check the vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace outside your home to make sure they are clear of snow and other debris.

## What to Do in a Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Emergency

1. If the CO alarm sounds, quickly leave your home. Move to a safe location outside where you can breathe in fresh air.
2. Call 911 or the fire department after you are in a safe location outside of your home.
3. Stay outside until emergency personnel arrive to help and tell you that it is safe to re-enter your home.

## MARCH 8th Daylight Saving Time Begins

When you change your clock remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Detectors save lives!!





## EMS NEWS • AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS

### BLOOD DONATION MONTH

You're pretty "replaceable." No, we don't mean you're not unique or worthless. We mean the literal sense of the word. Doctors and scientists have found a surprising amount of your body can be replaced or supplemented to make it function properly. We have steel pins and rods that can substitute bone, porcine hearts, antibiotics to supplement your immune system, and medications that can replace hormones! We also have a near-futuristic grasp on robotics that can lead to a huge advancement in prosthetics.

However, there is one thing we absolutely cannot manufacture or synthesize in a lab. That is blood. Believe it or not, blood is something we all need. Often, because of illness or injury, someone needs extra blood.

Not many people know, but January is National Blood Donor Month. Every two seconds someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion. This demand equals about 16 million pints a year. Since blood does not grow on trees, cannot be made in a lab, or even be stored for long, we have to get the blood from donors.

We are asking for the residents of our township to visit their local blood donor centers or attend the events in the area and donate to those in need. It has been shown that less than 10% of Eligible Donors actually donate blood. Remember, one donation can save up to three lives, it's free, and you get a mini-physical and blood screen when you donate. Not to mention donating blood can burn about 600 calories, and can fill you with a sense of pride.

If you are thinking of donating there are a couple rules. You must be 18 or older (16 or 17 with parental permission) and have a valid photo identification.

If you would like more information on this topic go to [www.cpbb.org](http://www.cpbb.org), [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), or visit us on Facebook.



### Ambulance Subscription Renewals

The 2020 Ambulance Subscription Renewals were mailed 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.



# LA ALERTS



## Receive Lower Allen Community Notifications

**Subscribing is easy!** Simply go the Township web page at [www.latwp.org](http://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): (    ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

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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

## ***The Barn at Lower Allen Community Park***

**Weddings and Receptions • Family Reunions • Birthday Parties • Bridal Showers • Baby Showers • Company Picnics • Meetings**

***Fully Renovated, But Still Has a Rustic Touch***

**Upper Level - Seats up to 120 people**

**Lower Level - Seats up to 50 people**

**Each level offers a kitchen area, equipped with: Microwave • Large Sink  
Full Size Refrigerator with Freezer • Use of Gazebo • Tables and Chairs**

**For Rental Availability,  
Contact: Wendy Hayden  
[whayden@latwp.org](mailto:whayden@latwp.org)  
975-7575, ext. 2104**



**Lower Allen Community Park  
4075 Lisburn Road  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**



## WINTER READINESS

# A smart way to shovel your drive

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



### Tips for Weathering the Winter

- Consider using non-toxic de-icing substances such as clean clay cat litter, sand, or fireplace/stove ash to prevent hazardous waste from chemicals. Chemical deicers can be hazardous to your pets, your trees and shrubs, and the environment. Antifreeze that leaks from car engines and chemical snow melters on driveways, roads, and runways can pollute surface waters and groundwater through the soil.
- Winterize your vehicle by checking your air filter and fluid levels, checking tires for tread wear and proper inflation, and checking the condition of your windshield wipers. Ensuring your vehicle is ready for weather changes will reduce damage, which prevents waste from broken parts, and will keep you safe on the road.
- If you have a wood-burning fireplace, save your ashes in a tin instead of throwing them away. Cold wood ashes can be mixed in your compost heap to create a valuable soil amendment that provides nutrients to your garden.
- Close the recycling loop. Many articles of clothing, such as jackets, scarves, gloves, and boots, are now made from recycled materials. Most fleece products are made from recycled plastic soda bottles, and certain clothing and shoe manufacturers use recycled cotton scraps and rubber tires to make their products.
- Winter storms often cause power outages. Prevent waste by keeping rechargeable batteries rather than disposable ones stored throughout your house with your flashlights. If you do use disposable batteries, prevent hazardous waste by buying batteries with low mercury content.
- To make sure your heating system (boiler, furnace or heat pump) is operating at its most efficient level, it is a good idea to have a contractor perform a routine check-up and any necessary maintenance on the equipment before freezing weather drives up your energy bill.

### WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Weather emergencies may be declared whenever there is a forecast or accumulation of 3 or more inches of snow or when conditions are dangerous. A Snow Emergency will be declared and announced in the media giving a time (not less than 6 hours) by which **ALL VEHICLES** must be moved off all the streets.

The Public Works Department's initial priority is keeping major arteries and feeder roads open. As the emergency subsides and crews become available, the plows will clear curb to curb and move into residential areas.

Vehicles left on the street during a weather emergency are subject to being ticketed and also towed and stored at the owner's expense. Please adhere to the above regulations so emergency personnel can focus on recovery and returning life to normal in the Township. Please contact the Police Department at 975-7575 if you have any questions or concerns.





# WINTER READINESS



## Winter Deicing

**Winter deicing**, or **de-icing**, is a common practice to manage ice and snow in cold climates by businesses and homeowners alike. Winter weather often leaves us dealing with snow and ice on our sidewalks and driveways. Currently the most common substances used for this are salts. However, the salts can be harmful for the environment; as they kill plants, ruin soils and are toxic to many species within stream [ecosystems](#). Shoveling is the best form of snow and ice removal. The old standard of using sand for traction is good but must be used sparingly. The sand can clog storm drains, destroy [habitat](#) in streams through the increase in

sedimentation in the waterways.

Homeowners do have some choices when it comes to the kinds of deicing [chemicals](#) but the important thing to remember is to choose carefully and use sparingly.

### Removing Snow & Ice Responsibly

The increased use of salts for deicing over the last 50 years has this country currently using over ten millions tons on the roadways annually. There are alternatives to using salts even for the homeowner. Deicers are designed to loosen the ice so that it is easier to shovel. All substance options should be used sparingly to minimize the damage to waterways and the environment.

- **Shoveling**– Very effective but can be back breaking and is the least damaging to the overall environment.
- **Snow blower**– Easier on the back. Best if used before any deicers are used so as not to throw the [chemical](#) on o plants.
- **Sand**– best for traction. Use sand [sparingly](#) as it can clog storm drains and choke waterways. Be sure to sweep up excess to minimize the amount of sand that gets into storm drains and waterways.
- **Bird seed**– another traction method and it is biodegradable, or – even better, birds will enjoy eating it in the winter months!
- **Safe Paw™**– Is not a salt but an amide/glycol mixture that is safe for the environment and is biodegradable.
- **Calcium chloride**– works at very low temperatures, and you can use less. It is also easier on vegetation than regular Rock salt (sodium chloride). This is still a salt and can be toxic to waterways. Use Properly and SPARINGLY!

**Liquid deicer [chemicals](#)**– For areas that experience large occurrences of snow and ice, deicing [chemicals](#) are necessary. The liquid deicers works best when used BEFORE a storm hits, this is called Anti-icing. A thin layer of liquid deicer applied to sidewalks and driveways prevents the formation of ice. Timing is key to minimize the wash-off potential from rain. This method requires less product than granular forms of deicers which can be more economical.



## Winter Parking

The Police Department would like to remind residents about parking regulations during the upcoming winter season. Beginning December 1 through March 31 along posted streets residents may only park their vehicles on one side of the street as indicated by the street signs. The side that is permitted for parking alternates on a monthly basis. Please be sure that you are parking on the correct side of the street. Your compliance with this Ordinance allows the Public Works Department to get into the developments to quickly clear a travel lane without weaving between vehicles parked on opposite sides of the street. The following streets have

odd/even signs posted:

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

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



## BULK ITEMS • TRASH • YARD WASTE

### CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

The township will be picking up Christmas trees from January 6<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> on your regular trash collection day. Please make sure you remove all ornaments, garland and lights. No bagged trees will be picked up.



### BULK ITEM DISPOSAL

One bulk item per week can be picked up curbside by your trash hauler. For residents' convenience, four loads per household per calendar year can be brought to the Public Works facility. The business hours for dropping off items at Public Works is Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:00am – 3:00pm. For residents' convenience, the facility is open the second Saturday of the month 8:00am – 1:00pm, from April through November.

***Bulk items*** - Household appliances, furniture, carpet and wooden items - (outdoor furniture, swings and landscaping timbers). Lawn mowers, snow blowers and trimmers (with all fluids removed) will also be accepted. **A \$25.00 fee will be assessed for households exceeding their 4 load limit.**

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

Please refer to the Cumberland County website, [www.copa.net](http://www.copa.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 year round, 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, starting in April, 2020.

### CURBSIDE YARD WASTE PICK UP

The Townships' yard waste recycling program will start in April 2020 and will be collected by your trash hauler on your regular trash day. Yard waste collection will begin in April and run 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 start in April and end in November. **Lower Allen households are limited to four loads of brush (yard debris) to Public Works, per calendar year. A \$25.00 fee will be assessed for households exceeding their 4 load limit.**

**Landscape Contractors** working at properties in the Township may haul yard waste generated at those properties to the Public Works facility when accompanied by the resident, or with prior approval. A contractor's yard waste permit is required to be purchased by contractors using the facility.



**Yard waste** consists of garden debris, leaves, sticks, branches and stumps (no larger than 14 inches in diameter). Grass clippings and sod are NOT considered yard waste and should be bagged and put out with regular garbage, or composted. 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** should be used for smaller manageable amounts of debris. No trash bags or garbage should be mixed in with the yard waste. 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.**





# MS4 NEWS • COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL

## Winter Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips

Start shoveling early! The more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need. Below are some do's and don'ts when shoveling or plowing snow to prevent stormwater pollution.

### Do:

- ⇒ Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground.
- ⇒ Pile snow in areas where water does not pond.
- ⇒ Clear away any snow that may have been piled onto the storm drains.
- ⇒ Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation.
- ⇒ Pay special attention to places that are eroding during snow melt and plan to improve these areas in spring using plants that can slow and stop erosion, like native grasses and meadow plants or native trees and shrubs.

### Don't:

- ⇒ Do not pile snow on top of storm drains or near water bodies and wetlands.
- ⇒ Do not pile snow onto rain gardens or bioretention areas.
- ⇒ Do not overuse de-icing chemicals and salts and avoid spreading around sensitive areas like waterways and your private well.

### Tips to Avoid Using Salt as a De-icer:

- ⇒ More salt does not equal more melting snow. Follow product instructions when spreading deicing material and give it time to work. Sweep up any material remaining after the snow/ice melts.
- ⇒ When temperatures hit 15° F or below, salt is not effective. Consider using traction materials that contain an acetate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, or cracked cornmeal instead of sand or kitty litter.



## Vector Control Weights & Measures

As of 10/1/2019 Vector Control is finished setting data collection traps. In 2019 we set 1,383 gravid (adult mosquito) traps compared to last year we collected 462. In dips (larvae mosquitoes) we have 892 collections whereas in 2018 we had collected 222. We performed 271 larval treatments through the season. Last year we had 118 treatments throughout the county.

Last year a total of 242 West Nile **positive** mosquito samples were collected. In 2019, we have collected **nine** samples that have tested positive. One of the samples was from New Cumberland Borough, one from Dickinson Township, one Mount Holly Borough, two from Shippensburg Township, Camp Hill Borough, and Silver Spring Township. All appropriate steps were taken to combat the problems.

We set and collected more traps this year than any year prior since the beginning of the program in 2001. However, the number of mosquitoes per trap is much lower than previous years. We attribute this to many of the additional larval treatments we have conducted this year, as well as the drier weather we experienced the last couple of months.

Throughout 2019 members of Vector Control participated in many outreach opportunities. We partook in First Friday in Carlisle, National Night Out in Camp Hill and Silver Spring Township, the Carlisle Farmers Market, and other municipal events. We performed five separate interviews for local television news stations, and one radio interview. We are looking for opportunities to perform outreach in more municipalities for 2020. We also performed a tire collection in Mechanicsburg, and would like to attempt to host one on the Western end of the county in 2020.



Pictured to the left is a gravid trap and the number of gravid traps set throughout the county in 2019

**1383 RECORDS RETURNED**

**1383 UNIQUE SAMPLES (USIs) - 9 Positive Samples**

**225 UNIQUE SITES SAMPLED**



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# TAX OFFICE · SEWER AUTHORITY NEWS

## QUARTERLY TAX TIPS

2020 yearly dog licenses for Cumberland County will be available in the tax office on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The Pennsylvania Dog Law states that all dogs over 3 months of age are required to have a dog license. Hampden Township, New Cumberland Borough and Kelly Neiderer, Treasurer of Cumberland County also sell yearly dog licenses. Kelly Neiderer is the only one that sells life-time dog licenses.

If you are delinquent on your 2019 Lower Allen Township/Cumberland County and/or West Shore School District real estate taxes you will be contacted by Cumberland County Tax Claim mid-February. They automatically add \$15 to the tax bill and add interest February 1<sup>st</sup> along with affecting your credit and a lien goes on your property with your mortgage company. If you are delinquent on your 2019 Shore School District per capita tax bill, you will be notified by Statewide Tax Recovery late January or early February. Once the collection agency receives your delinquent tax bill they add an additional \$25 to each tax bill along with affecting your credit. If you receive a delinquency notice and you believe it was an error, please research with either a stamped paid receipt or cancelled check and provide to me and I will research it in the tax office with my records.

You should have received a \$7,262 Homestead Exclusion on your July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 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, 2019 through March 1, 2020. You can obtain that form on Cumberland County's website, [ccpa.net](http://ccpa.net). If you take the \$7,262 Homestead Exclusion amount and multiply it by 11.9487 mils it equals \$86.77. 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. If there isn't a per capita tax bill enclosed with your real estate tax bill, please contact the Tax Office at 717-737-5671. 2020 Lower Allen Township and Cumberland County Real Estate taxes dated March 1, 2020 will be mailed on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you need paid receipts (\$1 per copy) for your rebate and/or tax return please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with a note requesting it and a check for the number of copies and I will return the receipts to you via mail. You can email me at [bmiller@latwp.org](mailto:bmiller@latwp.org) or [millekbkle@gmail.com](mailto:millekbkle@gmail.com).

***The Tax Office will be closed: January 10<sup>th</sup> thru March 1st, 2020***

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

## Sanitary Sewer Service Rates for 2020

Sanitary sewer service rates have been constant for six-years but are changing in 2020. The Authority continues to meet its customer service needs and environmental compliance goals cost effectively.

Beginning January 1, 2020, the sewer billing rates will be as follows:

Residential	\$74 per quarter
Non-Residential	\$74 per quarter base fee
	Plus \$4.20 per 1,000 gallons per quarter

Lower Allen Township Authority operation and repair of the sanitary sewer system is funded by user fees and tapping fees from new connections. No local taxes and no State or Federal funds are received.

Property owners with delinquent sanitary sewer bills not on a payment plan are subject to a Municipal Lien, Water Service Termination, District Magistrate, and Sheriff Sale collection actions. The cost of unpaid collection action is added to the bill.



## WEST SHORE RECREATION NEWS • FREDRICKSEN LIBRARY



### CELEBRATE 2020 TRY SOMETHING NEW!

Whether you are looking to improve your health, learn a new skill or just have some fun, we have lots of activities to choose from this season.



### BRING FITNESS TO THE POOL!

Challenge your cardio fitness with Aquacise, Hydro Hike, Aqua Fit, and Water Workout!

### FUN FOR KIDS & YOUTH

Sports, Kinder-classes, Tumbling & Ninja Training, Martial Arts, Horse-manship Lessons, and many more activities!

### MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

Go someplace you've never been from our hand-picked travel destinations for 2020.



**Easy to Register**  
[www.westshorerec.org](http://www.westshorerec.org)

**Tel: 717-920-9515**

**P0 Box 413**

**Lewisberry PA 17339**

**Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

This year I  
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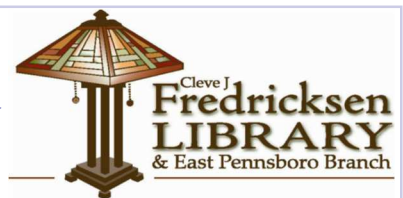
## Fredricksen Library

Take the chill out of winter with live music at Fredricksen! On Sunday, January 12 at 1:30 pm, join us for hot tunes from local favorite, the Don Johnson Project. They'll keep you dancing in your seat or on your feet with Funky Blues, Motown, and much more.

The Friends of Fredricksen Library will host author Stephen Fried on Tuesday, January 14 at 6 pm, as he discusses his new book Rush about Benjamin Rush, Revolution, Madness & Visionary Doctor who became a Founding Father.

Winter Story Times for ages Birth – K begins on January 13. These six-week sessions promote literacy and provide a fun first experience at the library. Session times, days and age groups can be found on the library's website. Call to register.

We have a variety of programs and activities for all ages taking place this winter at the library! Visit our website at [www.fredricksenlibrary.org](http://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**





## **SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL AFTER STORMS**

Please remember that there is an Ordinance that is enforced for snow removal in Lower Allen Township:

- Sidewalks must be clear of ice and/or snow within 24 hours after the precipitation stops.
- Snow shall not be thrown into the roadways when clearing sidewalks and driveways,
- Snow may not be pushed into the yards of other residents and businesses when clearing driveways , sidewalks and parking lots.

### **2020 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 2020.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_