



TOWNSHIP NEWS

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



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In Memory of Commissioner Carolyn E. Holtzman

Commissioner Carolyn Holtzman, 75, passed away on Sunday, February 27. She had been battling health issues for several months.

Carolyn was elected to the Board of Commissioners in November 2015 and was sworn in on January 4, 2016 to begin her first 4-year term. She won re-election in November 2019 for another 4-year term.

Commissioner Holtzman was a staunch supporter of the Police Department, Emergency Medical Service, and the Fire Companies, the latter for which she served as Board liaison. She also served as the Township's representative to the Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee, as well as Alternate Liaison to the Sewer Authority.

Carolyn brought a unique perspective to providing services to Township residents, and always made sure that the right staff members were notified when something needed to be addressed. She was also known for showing up at the Municipal Services Center with cookies or purchasing pizzas for the public safety staff. During the holidays she gave cards to all staff.

Carolyn worked as a part-time EMT for the Township from 2000 to 2005. She truly loved the Township and serving our citizens and will be greatly missed. Carolyn is survived by her husband Patrick, children Mary Kay Tkacs, Anita Aveni, Mickey Sourbeer and Patrick II, and eight grandchildren.



DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Lower Allen Township

2233 Gettysburg Road • Camp Hill, PA 17011

Phone: 717-975-7575 • 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
Rebecca Davis, Public Works Director	1010
Dave Holl, Public Safety Director	1601
Leon Crone, Police Captain	1515
Tony Deaven, EMS Captain	1810
Frank Wirth, Fire Captain	1311
David Murdoch, Fire Chief, Lower Allen Fire Co.	1302
Greg Black, Fire Chief - Lisburn Comm. Fire Co.	766-3994
Donna Paul, Human Resources	1402
John Eby, Building and Zoning Coordinator	1102

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	717-432-1730
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

7 Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
7 Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
11 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
15 Good Friday - OFFICES CLOSED	
18 Development Authority	6:00 pm
19 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
21 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 pm
25 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
27 Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm

MAY

5 Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
5 Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
9 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
15 Lisburn Chicken BBQ	11:00 to 1:30 pm
16 Development Authority	6:00 pm
18 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
19 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 pm
23 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
25 Recreation and Parks Board Park Tours	6:00 pm
30 Memorial Day - OFFICES CLOSED	

JUNE

2 Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
2 Stormwater Authority	7:00pm
8 Recreation and Parks Board Park Tours	6:00 pm
13 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
16 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 pm
20 Development Authority	6:00 pm
21 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
22 Recreation and Parks Board Park Tours	6:00 pm
27 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm

JULY

4 Independence Day - OFFICES CLOSED	
7 Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
7 Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
11 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
18 Development Authority	6:00 pm
19 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
21 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 pm
25 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
27 Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm

New LAT Police Officers graduate the Academy



On Friday, March 11th, HACC held ceremonies for their 120th Police Officer graduating class. Lower Allen Township had two new police officers in that class, who are now on board and have begun Field Training. We welcome Officers Tyler Lewis and Nicholas Hughes to the LAPD! Perhaps you'll see them out with their training officers learning the streets and neighborhoods of Lower Allen Township.



L to R: Officer Tyler Lewis, Officer Nicholas Hughes, Captain Leon G. Crone, Lieutenant Douglas Foltz, and Lieutenant Donald "DJ" Sentman.

LAT Police Department Earns PA Accreditation Award

PA Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program Coordinator Jim Adams attended the 3/28 Public Meeting to present the Lower Allen Police Department with their PA Accreditation award. This is the fifth time that LAPD has won reaccreditation from the PA Chiefs Association. They have also been designated as a Premier Agency, of which there are only 21 in the Commonwealth. Congratulations to the LAPD for attaining this achievement!

Front row, L to R: Captain Leon Crone, State Program Coordinator Jim Adams, Public Safety Director David Holl, and Commissioner Jennifer Caron. Back row, L to R: Accreditation Manager Julie Echterling, Commissioner Dean Villone, Commissioner Ed Black, and Commissioner Josh Nagy.



TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS SWEARING IN

District Justice Chris Delozier is swearing in reelected Township Commissioner Dean W. Villone and newly elected Township Commissioner Josh Nagy.



District Justice Chris Delozier is swearing in newly appointed Township Commissioner Jennifer M. Caron, to fill the vacancy of Commissioner Carolyn E. Holtzman.



District Justice Chris Delozier is swearing in reelected Township Tax Collector Bonnie K. Miller.



RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES • GARDEN PLOTS

OFFICIALS IN ACTION

The Board of Commissioners approved the following:



RESOLUTIONS

- 2022-R-01** Electing a Township Secretary, appointing an Assistant Secretary and establishing compensation. (Adopted 01-03-2022)
- 2022-R-02** Appointing the Township Manager. (Adopted 01-03-2022)
- 2022-R-03** Appointing the Township Auditors. (Adopted 01-03-2022)
- 2022-R-04** Recognizing Bryce Landis for 25 Years of Service to the residents of Lower Allen Township. (Adopted 01-03-2022)
- 2022-R-05** Authorizing the execution of Rossmoyne Road Pedestrian Safety Improvements Green Light-Go Program Grant/Reimbursement Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation. (Adopted 01-24-2022)
- 2022-R-06** Opposing the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Tolling of the I-83 John Harris ("South") Bridge. (Adopted 01-24-2022)
- 2022-R-07** Amending **Resolution 2021-R-40**, which established 2022 Fees for the Rental of Facilities at Township Parks. (Adopted 01-24-2022)
- 2022-R-08** Recognizing January 2022 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. (Adopted 01-24-2022)
- 2022-R-09** Authorizing the disposal of Township property valued over \$2,000. (Adopted 02-14-2022)
- 2022-R-10** for Plan Revision for New Land Development for DEP on the Lark Meadows Sewage Facilities Planning Module. (Adopted 02-14-2022)
- 2022-R-11** Hiring Andrew R. Fullerton as a full-time Maintenance Specialist in the Facilities Maintenance and Public Works Departments. (Adopt 2-28-2022)
- 2022-R-12** Appointing Richard A Dillon as Maintenance Operations Supervisor, effective March 15, 2022. (Adopted 3-14-2022)
- 2022-R-13** Appointing Jennifer M. Caron to the Lower Allen Township Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy left by Commissioner Carolyn E. Holtzman. (Adopted 3-28-2022)
- 2022-R-14** Proclaiming the month of April 2022 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging' Month. (Adopted 3-28-2022)
- 2022-R-15** Authorizing the Township Manger to sign Amendment #3 to the reimbursement agreement with PennDOT for the Gettysburg Road Relocation Project. (Adopted 3-28-2022)
- 2022-R-16** Establishing a Fixed Asset Policy. (Adopted 3-28-2022)

ORDINANCES

- 2022-01** Amending the official map of Lower Allen Township by vacating a portion of public right-of-way known as U.S. Route 15 South Slip Ramp acquired from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and a Township Road known as BON-TON Drive to the Lower Allen Township Development Authority. (Enacted 02-14-2022)

Garden Plots

Springtime is here and it is time to think of getting outside and planting those flowers and fresh vegetables! The Township has a limited number of *FREE* garden plots, which are located at the Yellow Breeches Park along Sheepford Road. These plots are assigned on a "first reserve" basis, and only available to Township residents. If interested, please contact Heather Douden at 975-7575 ext. 2104.



BUILDING SAFETY MONTH • 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH



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, including the PA Uniform Construction Code. 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 and Economic Development Department for all their hard work in keeping our Township and residents safe. Great Job!

APRIL IS PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH

April 2022 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 50th 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. More information is available at the PA 811 web-site: <https://www.pa1call.org/PA811/Public/>



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

2022 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The following list summarizes the Township's plan for 2022 for public works projects. Many of the projects will be completed by Township Public Works staff, while some require contractors to perform the work.

Road Projects:

Beaver Road Paving Project – Complete mill and overlay of Beaver Road in conjunction with the Pennsylvania American Water line upgrade project.

Slate Hill Road Bridge Rehabilitation project – Continuation of the rehabilitation of the bridge carrying Slate Hill Road over the Yellow Breeches Creek. This project began in May of 2021. York County is the lead for this project. The bridge is currently closed to traffic and completion is projected for May of 2022.

Guiderail Replacement – Guiderail installation at the 1700 block of Sheepford Road and at the intersection of Cedar Cliff Drive and West Shore Drive

Pothole patching and crack sealing in various areas throughout the Township.

Stormwater Projects:

Detention Basin Retrofit Projects – four detention basins will be retrofitted into bioretention facilities in the Township as part of the Township's Pollution Reduction Plan for the Chesapeake Bay. The locations are as follows: Beacon Hill Detention Basin – Corner of Lowell and Sconsett Lane

Sheepford East Detention Basin – Lower Ewe Road cul-de-sac

Bethany Village Detention Basin – 5225 Wilson Lane

United Methodist Home for Children Detention Basin – 5120 Simpson Ferry Road

Beacon Hill Stormwater Infrastructure Project – Capitol View Drive

This project will consist of replacing a damaged corrugated metal pipe along Capitol View Drive with a HDPE pipe and the concrete inlet box will also be replaced.

Stormwater Television Work – The township will have stormwater line and associated infrastructure televised to determine repair and/or replacement in various locations throughout the Township.

Stormwater Infrastructure review – Engineering review of televised stormwater infrastructure to determine repairs and/or replacement. Areas of review are as follows:

Norman and Kingsley Roads

Belaire Drive and West Maple Avenue

Sussex Road

Seneca Avenue and Saint Johns Road

Stormwater Inlet and Pipe Replacement – In conjunction with the Pennsylvania American Water Company projects In the Allendale development, Lower Allen Township will be replacing stormwater inlets and associated piping prior to road paving.

Stormwater Ordinance Revision – In conjunction with the Township's Phase II NPDES MS4 Permit, we will be updating the Township's Stormwater Ordinance to meet or exceed the PADEP 2022 Model Stormwater Ordinance requirements.

Park Projects:

Highland Estates and Cedar Spring Run Parks – Replacement of the play structure at Highland Estates park and installation of a new play structure at Cedar Spring Run Park.

Lower Allen Community Park – The following projects are planned at Lower Allen Community Park

Replacement of the concession stand decking

Installation of pickleball courts

Paving of parking areas at the park and possible expansion

Creekwood Park – Expansion of the stone parking area at the park.

Municipal Services Center:

Replacement of the rooftop air handling units 1 and 3 at the municipal services center.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Inventory:

Asset inventory throughout the Township to collect data for streetlights, signs, and stormwater infrastructure

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS₄) Update:

What are Native Plants?

A native plant is one that has **ALWAYS** grown in our region. You will see them growing naturally in forests and meadows. Due to the fact that they have always grown here, they have adapted to our soils, climate, and pests and do not need to be watered or fertilized. Not only do native plants provide food sources for bees, birds, and other wildlife, their presence attracts various forms of wildlife where they are growing.

How do Native Plants keep stormwater runoff out of our MS₄ system and free of pollutants?

- ☂ Native plants have deep roots systems and absorb runoff at a much higher rate than non-native plant.
- ☂ Native plants do not require watering or fertilizers.
- ☂ Native plants absorb pollutants such as nitrogen, phosphorous, and sediment and keep those harmful contaminants from reaching our stormwater system and entering the Yellow Breeches Creek and Cedar Run.
- ☂

To find out what native plants, trees, shrubs, and grasses would be suitable for your backyard go to the PA Native Plant Society Website link: <https://www.panativeplantsociety.org/>

Lower Allen Township has installed native plantings in several of our Bioretention Facilities. To see the plants in bloom please visit the Best Management Practices below!

Sheepford West Bioretention Facility (corner of Lisburn and Sheepford Road)

Public Works Bioretention Facility (1400 St. Johns Road)

Moreland Bioretention Facility (Rear of Gloucester Street and Oxford Drive)



SHEEPFORD WEST BIORETENTION FACILITY



COMMISSIONERS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Vector Control Weights & Measures
310 Allen Road Suite 701
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013
717-240-6349
717-240-7754 fax
www.ccpa.net/vector

Vincent T. DiFilippo
Chairman
Jim Hertzler
Vice-Chairman
Gary Eichelberger
Secretary

This is a good time of year to be aware of your surroundings when it comes to mosquitoes, and the habitats that they love to hang around in. One specific mosquito that is a common nuisance especially in more heavily populated areas is *Aedes albopictus* or known commonly as the Asian Tiger Mosquito.

These mosquitoes lay their eggs specifically in artificial containers such as tires, buckets, bird baths, toys, and even corrugated pipes. They need very little water to reproduce and in the summer heat reproduce very quickly.

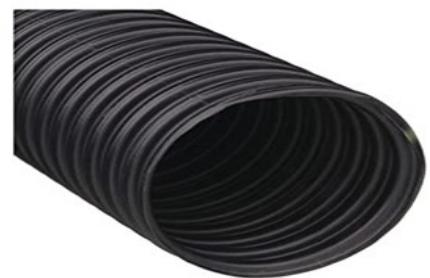
Always make sure to check your yard for anything that is holding water. If you find water that will be standing for five days or more, dump it. If it is unable to be dumped, treat it with products targeted at larva that can be purchased at your local hardware store or online.

One place that is hard to get to, to treat is the corrugated pipe that is placed at the end of a down spout. It is ideal for Asian Tiger Mosquitoes to lay their eggs because it remains wet, it's warm, it's dark, and there are no other predators that disrupt their growth. Always dump your corrugated pipe after a rain, or if this is not possible, place a pair of nylons on the ends of the pipe so water can still enter the pipe and be diverted away from the house, but the mosquitoes cannot enter to lay their eggs.

The last thing to look for is heavy vegetation like ivy or arborvitae. If you are not seeing any water in your yard, mosquitoes stay in heavy vegetation during the day. The shade provided by these plants make a good hiding spot for these animals, stopping them from drying out.



Shown above is an Asian Tiger Mosquito. They are very small and can be identified by their black and white stripes.



The grooves of the corrugated pipes make a perfect place for mosquitoes to lay their eggs

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Lisburn Community Fire Company



In February, we lost one of our volunteers. Commissioner Carolyn Holtzman joined the Fire Company five years ago. She volunteered during Festival wherever there was a need. She always supported Public Safety and our fire company. We will miss her spirit and our hearts and prayers are with her family. Carolyn you made a difference ...Thank you for your years of service.



MAY 15...11-1:30PM DRIVE THRU CHICKEN BBQ



Each **dinner** includes one half barbequed chicken, baked potato, applesauce, a roll, butter, and a bottle of water. Signs will direct traffic flow into our property to Brenda Avenue (alley) to the pavilion and exit out near the fire hall.

AUGUST 10-13th 69th OLD TIME FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar for our 69th Festival. Rides, games, bingo, hay rides, bands, vendors, silent auction, and of course our homemade food. We will have \$15 wristband day on Wednesday night. We look forward to seeing you during the Festival.

Mark your Calendar-upcoming events

<u>September 11th-11-1:30pm</u> <u>Chicken BBQ</u>	Drive thru chicken BBQ. Each dinner includes one half barbequed chicken, baked potato, applesauce, a roll, butter, and a bottle of water.
<u>September 17th –12-5pm</u> <u>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 guns (or cash prizes) plus a gun safe, Crossbow and a \$500 cash grand prize.
<u>October 16th –1:30 pm</u> <u>BINGO</u>	Doors open at 11:30am, Early bird at 1:00. Bingo Starts at 1:30 pm. \$25 at door. \$22 in advance. Contact information is LisburnFire24@gmail.com or call 717-766-3994.
<u>October 29th 10-2pm</u> <u>Community Day</u>	Large trucks, apparatus and special vehicles will be here for kids to get pictures and candy, vendors, pumpkins and more. More details to follow.

Lisburn Community Fire Company
1800 Main Street, Lisburn Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
(717) 766-3994 www.lisburnfire.org LisburnFire24@gmail.com

LA ALERTS • AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS



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



Ambulance Subscription Renewals

The 2022 Ambulance Subscription Renewals were mailed out in December. Ambulance Subscriptions are good for the calendar year of 2022. The Board of Commissioners set the Subscription rates for 2022 at \$80 for a Single Subscription and \$100 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.

TRADER JOE'S OPENS AT LOWER ALLEN COMMONS



On March 31, 2022 at 8AM Trader Joe's opened at Lower Allen Commons where the Bon-Ton once stood. The opening was much anticipated by Central Pennsylvania and, the day did not disappoint with a line to enter wrapped around the building. The first person in line reported that she arrived at 4:15am.

Perhaps, no one was more excited for the opening than Lower Allen Township officials and the Lower Allen Township Development Authority. The Development Authority purchased the site in 2019 with the Township's backing after the Bon-Ton announced its bankruptcy. The purchase of the retail site was considered somewhat controversial with some believing that "developer" was not an appropriate role for government. However, concerns about a prolonged vacancy at the site along with its visibility prompted action.

With a goal of revitalization, the Development Authority worked to secure a tenant that would attract people to the site knowing that it would improve the Township's economic base and image. Trader Joe's, a small specialty grocer with no location in this area, was the perfect tenant to meet those goals.

The opening was three years in the making since the Development Authority had to demolish the Bon-Ton and build a new store for Trader Joe's. That process was made more difficult by the construction shutdown in 2020 due to COVID-19 and supply chain issues. However, those troubles seemed far away on opening day as Trader Joe's enthusiasts and newbies alike shopped for exciting finds right in their hometown.



TRADER JOE'S OPENS AT LOWER ALLEN COMMONS

**GRAND
OPENING**



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

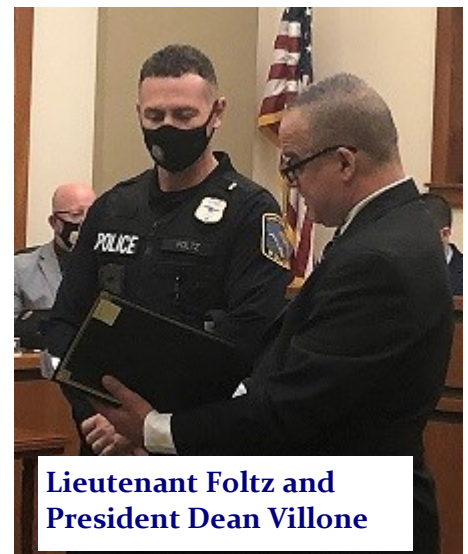
NAME	YEARS	STATUS	JOB TITLE	DEPT.
Alex Milletics	5 Years	Full-Time	Police Officer	Police Department
William Yeagley	10 Years	Full-Time	Codes Compliance Coordinator	Public Safety Department
Helen Grundon	15 Years	Full-Time	Township Secretary	Administration
Michael Scarlato	15 Years	Full-Time	Corporal	Police Department
Joshua Shaeffer	15 Years	Part-Time	Community Service Officer	Police Department
Douglas Foltz	20 Years	Full-Time	Lieutenant	Police Department
Bryce Landis	25 Years	Full-Time	Public Safety Officer	Public Safety Department



**PSO Bryce Landis and
President Dean Villone**



**Office Milletics and
President Dean Villone**



**Lieutenant Foltz and
President Dean Villone**



**Helen Grundon and
President Dean Villone**



**William Yeagley and
President Dean Villone**

Way To Go!

APPOINTED OFFICIALS SWEARING IN • EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS

At their Reorganization Meeting of January 3rd, the Commissioners appointed/reappointed the following persons to the respective boards and commissions:

- ⇒ Andrew J. Ritter to the Lower Allen Township Vacancy Board
- ⇒ Richard Bonneville to the Lower Allen Township Zoning Hearing Board
- ⇒ Jennifer M. Caron to the Lower Allen Township Zoning Hearing Board
- ⇒ Robert Edwards to the Lower Allen Township Stormwater Authority
- ⇒ Timothy Johnson to the Lower Allen Township Authority
- ⇒ H. Edward Black to the Lower Allen Township Development Authority
- ⇒ Jay Blackwell to the Lower Allen Township Planning Commission
- ⇒ Gregory M. Mahon to the Lower Allen Township Recreation and Parks Board
- ⇒ William Laubenheimer to the Lower Allen Township Civil Service Commission
- ⇒ Christopher T. Pushart to the Lower Allen Township Civil Service Commission
- ⇒ Josie Corbacio Dougherty to the Lower Allen Township Recreation and Parks Board



Left to Right: District Judge Chris Delozier, William Laubenheimer, Gregory M. Mahon, Jay Blackwell, Robert Edwards, Richard Bonneville, Andrew J. Ritter, Jr., Josie Corbacio Dougherty, Jennifer M. Caron and H. Edward Black.

Public Works Department in New Hands

Rebecca L. Davis has been promoted to the position of Public Works Director, following the resignation of Brad McCullough. Becky previously served as the Township's Stormwater Program Manager for the last four years. Becky has over 15 years of municipal government experience, including zoning and planning, stormwater management and served as the Township Manager and Public Works Director for South Hanover Township in Dauphin County for over 4 years.

Joining Becky in leading the Public Works Department as Assistant Public Works Director is Glenn MaGatz. Glenn has 35 years of experience in the construction industry, 20 years of experience with the engineering firm of Gannett Fleming and served for 10 years in various positions for Hampden Township, including Public Works Superintendent and Director of Engineering.



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 hardware at 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 2018 edition of the International Residential Code, the building code currently used in Pennsylvania. A free download is available at <https://www.awc.org/codes-standards/publications/dca6>

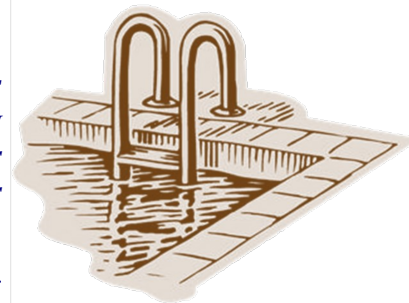
If you need assistance to plan the installation, repair or alteration of a deck, please contact the codes enforcement staff in the CED Department. May is International Building Safety Month, so why not improve your peace of mind by scheduling a free deck safety inspection with one of our certified construction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



SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY ALERT

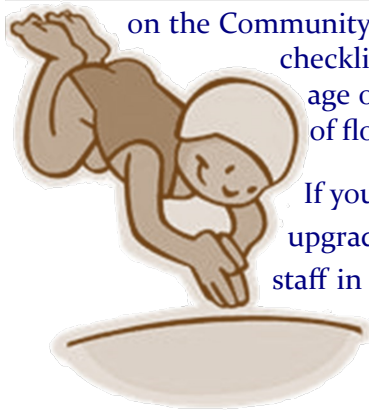
Because the outdoor swimming season is approaching, we are urging our readers to become familiar with pool safety regulations. Whether you already own a pool, are thinking of purchasing one, or enjoy the pool of a neighbor or friend, observing these safety guidelines could prevent an accidental injury 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, bathing or wading that are designed and manufactured to be connected to a circulation system**, including inground and onground pools, hot tubs and spas. Temporary 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 onground 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 and Economic 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.

Wood chips and Leaf Compost

Wood chips and Leaf Compost are available to Township residents for delivery or pick up at the Public Works facility. All deliveries will be made on Thursday and Friday mornings through early November. Public Works staff will load wood chips and Leaf Compost for you, if available.

Deliveries will be made only on a prepay basis. 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 Heather Douden, weekdays between 7am -3pm, 975-7575 Ext. 2104 or hdouden@latwp.org

Wood chips and Leaf Compost are free if residents pick 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 generally starts 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.**

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 \$13 fee.

Recycling for Commercial Establishments

Businesses within the Township must contract their own recycling and trash pick-up. This means that while residents in Lower Allen will all use Penn Waste, the current contracted hauler, businesses may select a hauler of their choice. Recycled materials for commercial, institutional and municipal establishments include:

- ⇒ High-grade office paper
- ⇒ Aluminum cans
- ⇒ Glass food and beverage containers
- ⇒ Corrugated paper
- ⇒ Plastics #1, #2, #5 and PET

Contracted haulers will provide the Township with the tonnage of recycled goods collected within the Township on an annual basis for the purposes of reporting for the 904 Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Performance Grant which provides the Township with funding based on a percentage of the total tons of recycled goods.

What Can I Recycle?

It is true that China, the largest purchaser of recycled materials from the U.S., has changed its regulations for recycled materials, and it is accepting smaller amounts of contaminated materials. But, what does that mean for Lower Allen residents? It means that residents need to pay attention to how and what they place in the recycling bin, as contaminated recycled goods will simply be thrown out.

- Cardboard
 - Flatten
 - Remove all bubble wrap, packing peanuts, shipping slips, plastic bags, etc..
 - Do not put it out in the rain, wet cardboard is hard to process
- Newspaper
 - Do not put out in rain
 - If possible, place on bottom of bin, so they do not blow away
- Plastic Bottles (#1, #2, & #5)
 - Remove caps
 - Rinse thoroughly
 - Labels and neck rings do NOT need to be removed
- Metal & Aluminum Cans (Soup cans and soda cans)
 - Rinse thoroughly
 - Remove plastic caps
 - Labels do NOT need to be removed
- Cartons
 - Remove straws
 - Rinsed thoroughly and emptied
- Glass (food and beverage glass only)
 - Rinse thoroughly
 - Remove tops
 - Labels do NOT need to be removed

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

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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.

TAX OFFICE • PENN STATE HEALTH AD

It's time to spring into action, if you haven't already...The 2022 Lower Allen Township and Cumberland County real estate taxes were dated March 1st and mailed. If you haven't received yours please contact Bonnie at bmiller@latwp.org or

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 discount period.

Spring Bargains for Seniors...Property Tax Rebate (PA-1000)– 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 online or from your tax preparer or from your State Representative Sheryl Delozier.

TAX OFFICE HOURS: Tax Office remains closed due to COVID-19. I can be reached via email [bmiller@latwp](mailto:bmiller@latwp.org) or (717) 763-7960. Please mail your payment in using the USPS or drop your payment 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.

Stay Well & Stay Safe!

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

Women and Babies Center



Expert midwives. Compassionate Care.

From conception to birth,
our team is here to help you
grow your family.

**Penn State Health
Obstetrics and Gynecology**

423 N. 21st St., Camp Hill

717-763-9880

pennstatehealth.org/maternity-services



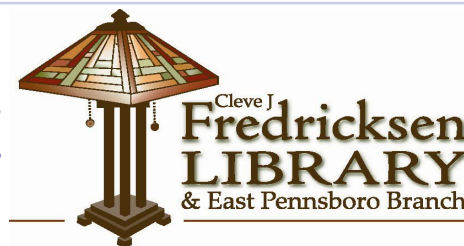
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FREDRICKSEN LIBRARY • WEST SHORE RECREATION NEWS

Fredricksen Library News

- 📖 Our Bike Raffle is back this year, thanks to our sponsor Holmes Cycling & Fitness. Raffle tickets are on sale April 1, \$5 each or 3 for \$12. The lucky winner will have their choice of new bike from several available styles.
- 📖 The Friends of Fredricksen Library will be holding their Spring Book and Media Sale April 21 – 24. Come and stock up on your spring reading and viewing needs! Hours vary each day; visit the library website for specific times. Sunday, April 24 is the Bag Sale – 2 bags for \$10!
- 📖 Blueberries for Books begins on May 2! Order your 10 lb box of fresh New Jersey blueberries to benefit the library. Pick up is on June 30. Cost this year is \$33/box.
- 📖 We have a variety of programs and activities for all ages taking place this spring both in person and virtually at the library including a Spring Reading Challenge for all ages! 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. Thank you for supporting Fredricksen Library!



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

The collage features five circular images. The top left shows a young woman and a young man smiling. The top right shows a male lifeguard in a pool. The bottom left shows a woman and a child in a gym setting. The bottom center shows two children playing with a ball. The bottom right shows a woman and a child in a pool.

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DISASTER SURVIVAL • NEW BUSINESS

Disaster Survival (Part 1)

Hopefully the reader could apply knowledge from the last segment on wealth through real estate. Conversely, it is wished that the information in this segment will never be needed. Although the risk of a serious disaster in any one spot in any one year is about 1%, it is 100% certain to eventually occur. A little knowledge and preparation may make a big difference in how it is endured.

Disasters are classified between those where it is best to shelter in place vs. to evacuate, and those where the government or other agency can provide valuable assistance within a few days vs. those where victims will be on their own for an extended period. The worst scenario is long-term relocation where the government is powerless to help. Odds improve if sheltering in place is possible, if the government can help, and if the disaster ends within a week.

Generally, in the 48 contiguous states, the greater the risk of hurricane and tornado, the less the risk of earthquake wildfire, tsunami, volcano, and drought (and vice versa). Fortunately, Lower Allen has a fairly low risk for all of these. More likely are flood, blizzard, truck or train accident (such as a chemical spill), civil uprising, and terrorist attack. Other possible disasters include crop failure, economic collapse, collapse of representative government, epidemics, oil or other essential material shortage, war, and foreign military occupation. Still others are not applicable for Lower Allen, such as dam failure.

Preparation is the best defense. Short-term disasters where the government can help, can be survived with basic knowledge, enough supplies to sustain the household without utilities for about a week, and an evacuation plan. The need for knowledge is often instantaneous and acute. For example, assume there is a major earthquake, and you are in a building or driving a vehicle – what do you do? One of many good sources of general knowledge is the *SAS Urban Survival Handbook* (John Wiseman).

A week without electric, city water, city sewer, and gas requires self-source for food, water, energy, sanitation, medications, and viable recreation activities. An evacuation plan should also be ready. Evacuating is a greater challenge since shelter and security are also concerns. A resource such as www.ready.gov can help.

Most municipalities and all states have emergency preparedness plans. Lower Allen Township holds emergency drills periodically, and residents can volunteer to assist if they wish. In the case of a disaster, listen to incoming governmental communications and follow the directives given.

The next installment will cover major disasters in which the government is powerless to offer direct assistance for an extended time such as in a nuclear war.

NEW BUSINESSES IN LOWER ALLEN:

Idea Coffee – 1430 Market House Lane, Suite 120
Hidden Hillside Events – 3619 Simpson Ferry Road
Trader Joe's - 3545 Gettysburg Road
Good Feet - 3539 Gettysburg Road
Sports Clips - 3543 Gettysburg Road



TOWNSHIP EASTER EGG HUNT

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 9th, 2022 (Rain or Shine)

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



**10:00 AM (up to 3 years old)
10:30 AM (4-6 years old)
11:00 AM (7-10 years old)**

**Upper Pavilion
Keystone Pavilion
Lower Pavilion**

Please bring your own bag/basket.

**For additional information, please call 717-975-7575 ext 2104
Email: hdouden@latwp.org**

Lower Allen Township would like to thank the following business who donated either gift cards, products or their time with the Egg Hunt.

 Color Me Mine



Elite Fitness & Martial Arts



Fountainblu Skating Arena



Hershey's Chocolate



Members 1st-Highland Park



Monkey Joe's



The Woods at Cedar Run



Walmart - Camp Hill



Weis Markets - Camp Hill



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LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

2233 GETTYSBURG ROAD • CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA 17011

Mark your calendars



Tuesday, August 2, 2022

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Christian Life Assembly Church

2645 Lisburn Road, Camp Hill

Call 717-975-7575 or email dknisley@latwp.org for additional information.



***Primary Election Day is Tuesday,
May 17, 2022.***

Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Don't forget to vote!

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