



Winter 2023

TOWNSHIP NEWS

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



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Last of Lower Allen Commons Properties Sold

The Lower Allen Township Development Authority recently sold the last of six units in the commercial condominium known as Lower Allen Commons. Here's what's you'll find there: unit #1 is being developed; unit #2 is a Chick-Fil-a site under construction; and business underway at units #3 Trader Joe's, et. al; #4-SpringHill Suites; #5 Texas Roadhouse; and #6 Bonefish Grill. The Development Authority's mission was to redevelop the site after the Bon-Ton closed in 2019. The goal was to guide development to bring investment into the Township, not to become a long-term landlord. The Development Authority has slowly been disinvesting itself of the above units since early 2021. (CONTINUED on page 4)



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 am 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 Economic and Community Development	1002
Richard Grove, Finance Director	1202
Rebecca Davis, Public Works Director	1010
Dave Holl, Director of Public Safety	1601
Leon Crone, Police Captain	1515
Tony Deaven, EMS Captain	1810
Frank Wirth, Fire Captain	1311
Timothy Sheely, Fire Chief, LA Fire Co. No. 1	1302
Greg Black, Fire Chief - Lisburn	766-3994
Donna Paul, Human Resources	1402

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
Veola (formerly 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. 1003
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
Rep. Sheryl Delozier (88th District) 2929 Gettysburg Rd., Suite 6 Camp Hill, PA 17011	717-761-4665
Rep. Thomas Kutz (87th District) 2 Market Plaza Way Mechanicsburg, PA 17055	717-783-2063
Senator Mike Regan 2151 Market Street Camp Hill, PA 17011	717-975-1985
U.S. Representative Scott Perry	717-635-9504
U.S. Senator Robert Casey, Jr.	717-231-7540
U.S. Senator John Fetterman	215-241-1090

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

All meetings are held at the

*Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center
(unless otherwise noted)*

JANUARY

2	New Year's Day (Observed)	Township Office Closed
5	Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
5	Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
9	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
16	Development Authority	6:00 pm
17	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
19	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
23	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
25	Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm

FEBRUARY

2	Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
2	Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
13	Lisburn Fire Co. - BINGO	TBD
13	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
16	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
20	President's Day	Township Office Closed
21	Development Authority	6:00 pm
21	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
22	Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm
27	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm

MARCH

2	Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
2	Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
13	Lisburn Fire Co. - Turkey Dinner	TBD
13	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
16	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
20	Development Authority	6:00 pm
21	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
21	Development Authority	6:00 pm
22	Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm
27	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm

APRIL

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



OFFICIALS IN ACTION

*The Board of Commissioners approved
the following:*



RESOLUTIONS

2022-R-30 Appointing Thomas E. Fritz as a Maintenance Specialist in the Public Works Department effective October 17, 2022. (Adopted: 10/10/22)

2022-R-31 Appointing Helen R. Grundon as Administrative Assistant/Event Coordinator for the Public Works Department, effective October 25, 2022. (Adopted: 10/24/22)

2022-R-32 Appointing Nate Sterling as Administrative Secretary for the Administration Department, effective October 25, 2022. (Adopted: 10/24/22)

2022-R-33 Appointing Barbara P. Arnold as Environmental Coordinator for the Public Works Department, effective November 2, 2022. (Adopted: 10/24/22)

2022-R-34 Appointing Anthony B. Derr as an Emergency Medical Technician II for the Emergency Medical Services Department, effective October 25, 2022. (Adopted: 10/24/22)

2022-R-35 Electing Thomas G. Vernau, Jr. as Township Secretary, appointing Erin G. Trone as Assistant Secretary, and establishing compensation, effective November 15, 2022. (Adopted: 10/24/22)

2022-R-36 Authorizing the disposition of Public Safety records for 2022. (Adopted: 10/24/22)

2022-R-37 Appointing Robert Griffin, Jr. as Public Safety Officer in the Public Safety Department, effective November 28, 2022. (Adopted: 11/14/22)

2022-R-38 Updating and consolidating the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. (Adopted: 12/12/22)

2022-R-39 Commending and honoring Corporal Matthew B. Claeys's for twenty years of service with the Police Department. (Adopted: 11/28/22)

2022-R-40 Releasing the Development Authority from a loan obligation to the Township (Adopted: 11/28/22)

2022-R-41 Appointing Justin K. Hartzel as Police Officer, effective January 3, 2023 (Adopted: 11/14/22)

2022-R-42 Entering into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement (ICA) with Lemoyne Borough for the mutual use of the Township's yard waste recycling facility for their residents. (Adopted: 12/12/22)

2022-R-43 Re-adopting the Emergency Operations Plan of Lower Allen Township. (Adopted: 12/12/22)

2022-R-44 Establishing the Township's Fee Schedule for 2023. (Adopted: 12/27/22)

2022-R-45 Entering into an ICA with Sourcewell for purchasing goods and services. (Adopted: 12/27/22)

ORDINANCES

2022-05 Enacting the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget (Enacted: 12/12/22)

2022-06 Establishing the Township Manager's salary (Enacted: 12/12/22)

2022-07 Providing for the implementation of intergovernmental cooperation agreements by resolution or ordinance. (Enacted: 12/12/22)

2022-08 Entering into an agreement with a law firm for collections of delinquent fees. (Enacted: 12/27/22)

LOWER ALLEN COMMONS • NEW BUSINESSES • ACT 57

(CONTINUED from front page) **Last of Lower Allen Commons Properties Sold**

The sale of a property is different than leasing a property. For example, Texas Roadhouse has a lease that says it can use the building and parking area as a restaurant for an established number of years. Whoever owns the property that Texas Roadhouse leases, must still honor the lease. So, to the public, it appears that no changes were made because the Texas Roadhouse was there before, is there now, and will continue to be there, but the Development Authority no longer owns the property where Texas Roadhouse is located. With the help of a broker, it negotiated a sale of the property to an investor. Funds from each sale were used to capitalize the construction cost of Unit-3 (Trader Joe's, Sports Clips, Apricot Lane, and The Good Feet) which the Development Authority constructed on their own.

The last piece was to sell Unit-3. That unit, because it has four (4) tenants which paid monthly lease payments, sold for the highest price because it brought in the most revenue through leases. The sale of Unit-3 provided enough revenue for the Development Authority to pay off its bank loan for the project and retain some funding for reinvestment into another Township property, though it currently does not have plans for a specific project.

The redevelopment project was successful in a number of ways: 1) it improved the tax base by not having a vacant commercial property; 2) it guided development towards something meaningful to the community; 3) it did not use taxpayer money for the project; 4) it spurred new development and investment in the community from other developers; and 5) it created a fund for reinvestment for the Development Authority.

*This project was recognized for Excellence in Local Government for Intergovernmental Cooperation between the Development Authority and the Lower Allen Township Board of Commissioners.

OTHER NEW TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES:

MidState Distillery – 5234 Simpson Ferry Road

Grocery Outlet Bargain Market – 5280 Simpson Ferry Road

ACT 57 – TAX PENALTY EXCEPTIONS

Act 57 was signed into law on July 11th of this year. Act 57 amends the Pennsylvania Local Tax Collection Law and requires taxing authorities to *waive additional charges for taxpayers who did not receive notice of real estate taxes when a property or mobile home transfer took place within the previous twelve (12) months.*

Taxpayers who fail to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy may apply for a waiver from penalties and additional costs from the tax collector. The state Department of Community and Economic Development is required to make a standard waiver form available.

All municipalities that levy real estate taxes must adopt a resolution or ordinance directing their tax collector to implement its provisions. Lower Allen Township's Act 57 Ordinance may be viewed here: <https://ecode360.com/LO1571/laws/LF1626955.pdf> or go to the Township website (www.LATWP.org) go to the Elected Government drop-down menu and click on Ordinances. 2022-04 is the Act 57 ordinance number.

JOHN EBY RETIRES AFTER 37.5-YEARS OF SERVICE



John Eby, the Township's longstanding Building and Zoning Coordinator set his retirement for January 13th, 2023, after 37.5-years with the Township. John was first hired as Code Enforcement Officer I back in 1985 and has served the Township in numerous roles and capacities. He was the appointed Zoning Officer, the Sewage Enforcement Officer, the Building Code Official, the Deputy Local Emergency Management Coordinator, Assistant Township Secretary, Secretary of the Township Development Authority, liaison to the Yellow Breeches Watershed Association, and Chair of the Cumberland County Blighted Property Reinvestment Board.

Unofficially he was the Township's historian. John's attention to detail helped him remember outcomes of hearings, reasons for development patterns, the evolution of a policy, and the location of a file in archives untouched for decades. No matter the question John was the man with the answer.

He brought professionalism to each of his roles and made it a point to stay abreast of trends in his field. John's professional association service includes numerous terms as a director, officer, and committee chair for the Pennsylvania Building Officials Conference (PENNBOC) state and regional chapters and the Pennsylvania Association of Building Code Officials, and many years as a PA delegate to the International Code Council (ICC) Mid-Atlantic Region, including chair in 2021. PENNBOC recognized John as the Building Official of the Year in 2001 and presented him with its inaugural John Eby Excellence in Leadership Award in 2022. He has been instrumental in crafting laws and regulations in Pennsylvania related to building safety and code implementation and has regularly participated in the ICC code development process.

The Lower Allen Township Board of Commissioners will recognize John at their first meeting in January with a resolution and plaque honoring his years of service and commitment to the Township.



NEW BRIDGES OPEN IN LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

After being closed for more than a year, the Slate Hill Rd. bridge opened for travel in August. The bridge, which crosses the Yellow Breeches Creek and connects Cumberland and York Counties, was closed in February 2021 after a safety inspection revealed compression fractures in the piers. The bridge, originally built in 1860, was completely rebuilt with modern techniques and materials, but in the same stone arch design as the original.

Also opened, on November 6th, was the new Creek Road bridge which passes over the Cedar Run near Eberly's Mill.

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP EMS ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION



In December the annual Lower Allen Township EMS Subscriptions were mailed to residents. The annual EMS subscription drive helps to cover the cost of delivering Emergency Medical Services.

Lower Allen Township EMS provides Basic Life Support, Intermediate and Advanced Life Support and responds to life-threatening emergencies such as heart attacks, trouble breathing, diabetes, allergic reactions, unconscious person, overdoses, falls and auto accidents. These emergencies always require Basic Life Support services and often require the services of Intermediate and Paramedic Advanced Life Support services. EMS is also the tip of the medical response spear for medical emergencies, traumatic injuries, pandemics, and disasters.

Lower Allen Township EMS faces continual challenges because of uncontrolled inflation affecting every aspect of health care including rising labor cost associated with inflation and a severe EMS workforce shortage. These challenges are further compounded by the insurance industry refusing to pay EMS for the services they provide. State and Federal government programs pay far less than the cost of providing EMS services. In 2022, Lower Allen Township EMS met the challenge of increased call volume and reduced availability of EMS resources, and continues to selflessly serve as the medical safety net for the citizens of Lower Allen Township.

EMS subscriptions help to provide the highest quality of basic, intermediate, and advanced life support. The annual subscription cost is \$80.00 for an individual and \$100.00 for a household. EMS subscriptions cover 100% of the co-pay or co-insurance for the first ambulance transport within the calendar year. EMS subscriptions do not cover routine transports, wheelchair van transports, or mileage beyond the closest appropriate facility.

If you have questions regarding the EMS subscriptions or did not receive a subscription please contact Bev Putric at (717)-975-7575 x 1205 or bputric@latwp.org

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES • PROMOTIONS • RETIREMENTS

<u>NEW HIRES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Nate Sterling	Administrative Assistant	Various
Andrew Fullerton	Maintenance Specialist	Public Works
Gregory Obin	Maintenance Specialist	Public Works
Thomas Fritz	Maintenance Specialist	Public Works
Barbara Arnold	Environmental Coordinator	Public Works
Anthony Derr	Emergency Medical Technician	EMS
Robert Griffin	Public Safety Officer	Public Safety
Justin Hartzel	Police Officer	Police Department

<u>MOVES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Helen R. Grundon	Administrative Assistant/Event Coordinator	Public Works
Nate Sterling	Administrative Secretary	Administration

<u>PROMOTIONS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Richard A. Dillon	Maintenance Operations Supervisor	Public Works

<u>RETIREMENTS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Matthew B. Claeys	Police Corporal	Police Department

<u>YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS</u>		
Kimberly Moore	Patrol Officer	5-Years
Frank Wirth, Jr.	Fire Captain	5-Years
Rick Grove	Finance Director	20-Years
Bryce Landis	Public Safety Officer	25-Years

Board and Commission Volunteers Needed

Vacancies occur from time to time on the various boards and commissions that serve the residents of our Township. These boards and commissions include:

Planning Commission	Zoning Hearing Board
Sewer Authority	Development Authority
Recreation & Parks Board	Civil Service Commission
Stormwater Authority	

If you have a couple of hours a month to spare to engage with your fellow residents for the betterment of the community, then please send your resume and cover letter, indicating your areas of interest, to Township Secretary Helen Grundon. If you need information about what these boards & commissions do, please contact Township Manager Thomas Vernau at (717) 975-7575 x 1001 or tvernau@latwp.org.

Here are some residents that have recently been appointed to Boards and Commissions:

Mark Migala	Appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board
Megan Klenzing	Appointed to the Parks & Recreation Board

WINTER TRASH REMINDERS



Winter Trash Reminders for Residents

As the temperatures start to fall and the precipitation begins to accumulate, it is helpful to assist the trash collection workers to ease the collection process.

- * Cover all trash and recycling bins with lids. Accumulation of water inside the trash or recycling bin will add weight, just like those extra cookies over the holidays!
- * Should water accumulate in your trash bins, please empty it onto the grass. Trash cans could have loose trash at the bottoms which often enters into storm drains if emptied onto a sidewalk or street.
- * If snow should be in the forecast this winter, please clear it from your pickup location. Although we all want to walk in a winter wonderland, trash cans and recycling bins that are buried in snow will be difficult to empty and can cause a hazard during collection.
- * Be safe when placing your bins out for collection. Ice and snow can be treacherous when trying to maneuver a large trash container or an armful of recycling.

As always, your safety and the safety of the collection crew is the most important. If the weather is treacherous, wait until the next week to put out your trash containers. For information on collection delays due to weather, sign up for Penn Waste alerts or visit their website to find out where to hear delays through media at: www.pennwaste.com/municipalities/lower-allen-township/

Christmas Tree Collection 2023

The Township will be picking up Christmas trees from January 3rd through the 14th 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.ccpa.net, for recycling guidelines and disposal locations for electronics and hazardous materials.

2023 PENN WASTE CALENDAR

2023 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 our E-News Updates at www.pennwaste.com.



For additional details visit our website www.pennwaste.com

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you!

pennwaste.com



CREATING A GREEN COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING • TOWNSHIP WOOD CHIPS & YARD WASTE

2023 Commercial Recycling Challenge



Local businesses, did you know that your recycling efforts can help Lower Allen Township? The amount of recycling that your business contributes to the recycling stream directly assists Lower Allen Township with the yearly state recycling grant information. Here is your challenge for 2023, pick one of the following suggestions to improve or increase your recycling efforts at your business.



- Identify that your waste is being sorted. Are all your employees recycling eligible items? Is a recycling dumpster available at your location? Do your employees know what can be recycled?
- Choose one item to focus on recycling this year, cardboard for example, and have a designated location for all employees to place cardboard boxes that need to be recycled.
- Give an employee the responsibility to breakdown all cardboard boxes and to ensure they are recycled. Choose a reliable and dedicated employee, maybe they are the most excited about recycling.
- Is paper consumption high in your business? Focus on reducing your paper consumption by setting printers to double-side printing or encourage the use of recycled paper whenever possible.

Which challenge will your business pick? Did you come up with another challenge? Lower Allen Township would love to hear your ideas about business recycling. Should you have questions or suggestions, please contact Barbara Arnold, Environmental Coordinator at Lower Allen Township (717) 975-7575 x 1014 or email bar-nold@latwp.org.

Wood chips

Wood chips are available to Township residents year round for self-loaded pick up at the Public Works facility. Wood chip deliveries can be made for a nominal fee Thursday and Friday mornings, starting in April, 2023.

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE PICK UP

The Township's yard waste recycling program will start in April 2023 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 Township households are limited to four (4) 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, 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 the 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.

Lower Allen Township's

Guide to MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

December 2022 Edition



Winter Ice Maintenance

Pennsylvania waterways do not take a break from collecting runoff during the winter season. Runoff from driveways and sidewalks contain increased sodium from the ice melt that is used to create safe travels. The increase in sodium in the runoff ends up in Pennsylvania waterways. Salt is the biggest pollutant of waterways during the winter months in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Residents can use alternative measures to reduce the amount of salt used. Consider the following suggestions to reduce the use of salt. Some local municipalities are experimenting on alternative sources to pretreat roads before snow and ice events. What can you do as an alternative to excessive ice melt or Sodium Chloride use on your property?

Check the Temperature

When the temperature is lower than 15 degrees skip the salt. Salt works by lowering the freezing temperature so ice crystals cannot form. Traditional salt will only work when temperatures are above 15 degrees. Consider alternatives such as Calcium Chloride or even sand for traction on sidewalks and driveways.

Sweep It Up!

After a snow or ice event, sweep up leftover ice melt granules to eliminate the possibility of salt being washed into stormwater drains. Just a teaspoon of salt in 5 gallons of water can alter an ecosystem and cause harm to fish and other aquatic plants and animals.

Slow Down & Use Less

When winter travel is necessary slow down. Reducing your speed on wet or icy roads can lessen the likelihood of an accident. One pound of de-icer is all that is needed to clear a 20-foot driveway or 10 squares on a sidewalk or 250 square feet. That is the equivalent to one heaping coffee mug!

Lisburn Community Fire Company



As we look to 2023, we can't help but reflect on 2022. In 2022, we had over 200 calls for service to our community. Our firefighters participated in weekly training in addition to receiving training at HACC. We had our best festival ever and had a fall community day. We do all of this to serve our awesome community. Thank you for your support.

70th Lisburn Festival 1953 - 2023



A group of residents banded together to create Lisburn Community Fire Company. They needed money to buy a fire truck, so in 1953, the first festival was held to raise money. Since then, there has been a festival every year to support the fire company.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST 9-12TH
FOR OUR 70TH FESTIVAL.**



WE NEED YOU!

As the new year starts, we set new goals/resolutions. Why not make one of those goals to get more involved and volunteer. We have an AWESOME group of volunteers and firefighters. But we could use more!! We have several fundraisers a year to help fund the operating expenses and capital purchases. **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.

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



FEBRUARY 19th-BINGO
MARCH 12th-Turkey Dinner
APRIL 16th - BINGO

Check out our website and Facebook pages for updated information on our events.

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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TAX OFFICE • SEWER AUTHORITY NEWS

QUARTERLY TAX TIPS

“Professional, Yet Personal...That’s My Bottom Line”

Winter greetings from Bonnie Miller, Tax Collector. I hope this finds you safe and healthy and full of the Christmas spirit. Sorry to have to bring this up, but if you are delinquent on your 2022 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 1st along with affecting your credit and a lien goes on your property with your mortgage company. 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 \$8,557 Homestead Exclusion on your July 1st, 2022 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, 2022 through March 1, 2023. You can obtain that form on Cumberland County’s website, www.ccpa.net. If you take the \$8,557 Homestead Exclusion amount and multiply it by 13.0569 mils it equals \$111,728. Your assessment on your house will go back to the original assessment before the Homestead Exclusion on your 2023 Lower Allen Township County/Cumberland County tax bill since that only applies to the West Shore School District real estate tax bill and not your Lower Allen Township/Cumberland County tax bill.

2023 Lower Allen Township and Cumberland County Real Estate taxes dated March 1, 2023 will be mailed on March 1st.

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 or email. You can email me at bmiller@latwp.org or millekbkle@gmail.com.

SEWER RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Sewer Rate Increase

Beginning January 1, 2023, the new sewer billing rates will be as follows:

Residential	\$83.00 per quarter
Non-residential	\$83.00 per quarter base fee
	Plus \$4.80 per 1,000 gallons per quarter

The fee increase is required for Unit Debt Cost Recovery compliance, and is less than the consumer price index increase. This increase is necessary to meet operational expenses. The Authority continues to meet its customer service needs and environment compliance mandates cost effectively. Lower Allen Township sewer rates continue to be one of the lowest quarterly rates in the area.

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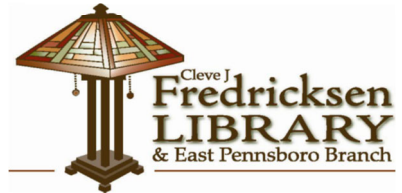


Kids can learn and grow while having fun taking part in activities designed especially for them.



Fredricksen Library News

- * Doing some winter cleaning? The Friends of Fredricksen hold Donation Station the first Saturday of the month from 1 – 3 pm to accept donations of books and media for their Book & Media Sales. To drop off donations, please park in the lower parking lot off Walnut Street close or near the sidewalk. Donations of one box or less can be dropped off at the Reference Desk whenever the Library is open. Thank you for your donations!
- * Don't forget our e-resources are always available free to library card holders. With the Libby app, you can get all your favorite books electronically without leaving home. In addition, with Kanopy, our on demand film streaming service, you can stream four movies a month for free with your library card! If you need any help accessing these services, please ask one of our staff members.
- * The library has a variety of programs and activities for all ages taking place this winter at the library including a Winter 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. Come see us at 100 N. 19th Street, Camp Hill, (717) 761-3900. Thank you for supporting Fredricksen Library!



WINTER READINESS • WEATHER EMERGENCIES

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 DEICING • WINTER PARKING

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 million 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](#) onto 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

20th Street

Apple Drive

Chatham Road

Chatham Drive

Cherokee Avenue

Elmhurst Road

Highland Drive

Kelton Road

Kent Road

Kent Drive

Kingsley Road

Letchworth Road

Letchworth Drive

Manchester Road

Norman Road

Oxford Drive

Shoreham Road

Strafford Road

Village Road

Warwick Road

Wyndham Road

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

SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers Needed

The Township desires to build a list of volunteers willing to assist neighbors. This time of year we receive requests from our elderly residents for assistance with snow shoveling. Please contact the Township if you can assist with this need, would like more information, or would like to be added to the list of volunteers. We will need your name, phone number, and neighborhood(s) in the Township where you are available to volunteer. Please call (717) 975-7575 x 1003.

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.

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717-761-7244
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Camp Hill, PA 17011

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SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTORS/INDIVIDUALS NEEDED

Snow Removal Contractors/Individuals Needed

Lower Allen Township is seeking individuals and/or contractors to clear snow from sidewalks this winter. The Township will pay \$18 per hour and this opportunity is available to contractors and individuals, including youth of working age. Please contact the Manager's office at (717) 975-7575, ext. 1003 for more information and terms. Agreement must be completed and approved prior to working. The following is list of streets are areas for snow removal:

Sidewalks for Snow Removal Completed with a Walk behind Snow Blower

***Priority School Walks Must be done first before school starts**

***1 – Allen Rd. - 30 ft. – across from Allen Middle School- between Allen Rd. and Gettysburg Rd. – 15 min.**

***2 – Rossmoyne Manor - 515 ft. – along Kensington Dr. across Rt. 15 walk bridge to end of fence at school property – 30 min.**

***3 – Letchworth Rd. - 140 ft. – between houses 1498 and 1500 and from Letchworth Rd. to park. – 15 min.**

***4 – Carlisle Rd. - 954 ft. – from Cedar Cliff Dr. to Rt. 83 bridge, both sides of the road eastbound side – from Rt. 83 SB entrance ramp to and including first island on east side of bridge – 1.5 hrs.**

1 – Wass Park - 485 ft. – sidewalks along Wesley Dr. and from parking lot to pavilion – 30 min.

2 – Kensington Dr. - 185 ft. – Trail from Kensington Dr. to Westport Dr. – 15 min.

3 – Sheepford Crossing - 290 ft. – Argali Lane in front of park – 30 min.

4 – Pete's Field - 300 ft. – sidewalk along Gettysburg Rd. at park – 30 min.

5 – MSC - 926 ft. – sidewalk along Gettysburg Rd. at Lower Allen Twp. office including the island on Pennsylvania Ave – 1.5 hrs.

6 – Letchworth Dr. - 167 ft. – sidewalk in front of park (1900 block) – 15 min.

7 – Chatham Rd. - 75 ft. – from house 1501 to handicap parking spot – 15 min.

8 – Allendale Park - 205 ft. – Deerfield Rd. in front of park between houses 217 and 225 – 15 min.

9 – 17th St. Bridge – 171 ft. – rear corner of the property building across the bridge to handicap ramp – 1 hr.

TOTAL – 4,443 FT.

TOTAL TIME – 7.5 HRS.





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