



Fall 2023

# TOWNSHIP NEWS

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



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## Board of Commissioners

L to R: Commissioner Josh Nagy;  
Commissioner Chuck Brown;  
President Dean W. Villone;  
Vice President H. Edward Black;  
Commissioner Jennifer M. Caron

**Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6pm

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## TOWNSHIP SOLAR PROJECT ONLINE

Lower Allen Township, in conjunction with Solar Renewable Energy, Inc. (SRE), recently threw the switch on a 1,080-kW solar energy project that is expected to produce about 95% of the Township facilities electricity needs. The solar panels are installed at two locations: a 1,612-panel ground array at the Public Works (PW) facility on St. Johns road, and a 366-panel array at the Municipal Services Center (MSC) split between a ground mount and a parking canopy roof mount. **(Continued on Page 6)**



Manager Tom Vernau and President Dean Villone activate the MSC's new solar power grid

## DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

### Lower Allen Township

2233 Gettysburg Road • Camp Hill, PA 17011

Phone: (717) 975-7575 • [www.latwp.org](http://www.latwp.org)

Office Hours: 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 Community & Economic 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
Timothy Sheely, Fire Chief, LA Fire Co. No. 1	1302
Greg Black, Fire Chief, Lisburn Community Fire	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 Co.)	1-888-844-0352
Lower Allen Sewer Authority	717-774-0610
Penn Waste (Trash & Recycling)	1-866-575-8720
Trash Complaints (call Township)	717-975-7575 x 1014
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)	717-761-4665
Rep. Thomas Kutz (87th District)	717-783-2063
Senator Mike Regan (31st District)	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 (MSC) unless otherwise noted.*

### OCTOBER

2 Board of Comm.- Budget (Cancelled)	6:00 pm
5 Sewer Authority / Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
9 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
15 Lisburn Fire. Co. Bingo	11:30 am
16 Development Authority	6:00 pm
16 Board of Commissioners - Budget	6:00 pm
17 Planning Commission (Cancelled)	7:00 pm
19 Zoning Hearing Board (Cancelled)	7:00 pm
23 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
25 Recreation & Parks Board	7:00 pm
26 Trick-or-Treat Night	6:00 pm
28 Lisburn Fire Co. Community Day	10:00 am
30 Board of Commissioners - Budget	6:00 pm

### NOVEMBER

2 Sewer Authority / Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
7 Municipal General Election	7:00 am
10 Veterans Day (Observed)	TWP OFFICES CLOSED
12 Lisburn Fire Co. To Go Turkey Dinner	11:00 am
13 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
15 Recreation & Parks Board	7:00 pm
16 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
20 Development Authority	6:00 pm
21 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
23-24 Thanksgiving	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
27 Publics Works Facility	CLOSED
27 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm

### DECEMBER

7 Sewer Authority / 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	7:00 pm
25 Christmas Day	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
26 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm

### JANUARY

1 New Years Day	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
2 Board of Commissioners Reorganization	6:00 pm
4 Sewer Authority / Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
8 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm

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## RESOLUTIONS • ORDINANCES

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### OFFICIALS IN ACTION

*The Board of Commissioners approved the following:*



#### RESOLUTIONS

**2023-R-30** Authorizing the disposal of specific documents in accordance with the PA Municipal Records Manual. (Adopted: 07/10/23)

**2023-R-31** Appointing Margaret (“Molly”) H. Feldman to the position of Police Records Specialist in the Police Department. (Adopted: 07/10/23)

**2023-R-32** Recognizing Thomas G. Vernau, Jr., Township Manager for his 35 years of service. (Adopted: 07/10/23)

**2023-R-33** Commending and honoring Linda D. McCool, Police Records Supervisor, for her 29 years of service. (Adopted: 07/24/23)

**2023-R-34** Requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$227,527. from the Commonwealth Finance Authority for Rossmoyne Road Safety Improvements. (Adopted: 07/24/23)

**2023-R-35** Approving the disposition by sale or trade-in of Township personal property over \$2,000 in market value. (Adopted: 08/14/23)

**2023-R-36** Authorizing the disposal of specific documents in accordance with the PA Municipal Records Manual. (Adopted: 09/11/23)

**2023-R-37** Approving National Public Pension Fund Association (NPPFA) as custodian of the Township’s Defined Contribution Pension Plan. (Adopted: 09/11/23)

**2023-R-38** Recognizing Dianna Knisley, Executive Assistant in the Public Safety Department for 25 years of service. (Adopted: 09/25/23)

**2023-R-39** Appointing Thomas Rigling to the position of Training and Volunteer Coordinator (TVC) in the Public Safety Department. (Adopted: 09/25/23)

**2023-R-40** Authorizing the Township Manager to sign Reimbursement Grant Agreements for Federal-Aid Highway Projects. (Adopted: 09/25/23)

#### ORDINANCES

**2023-03** Amending the Lower Allen Township Non-Uniformed Defined Benefit Pension Plan by amending the definition of Average Compensation. (Enacted: 08/14/23)

**2023-04** Modifying and changing the Code of the Township of Lower Allen, 1997, Chapter 110 – Floodplain Management. (Enacted: 08/28/23)

**2023-05** Approving, adopting, and enacting an Ordinance Codification for the Township of Lower Allen, County of Cumberland, Pennsylvania; to provide for the repeal of certain legislation not included therein; to save from repeal certain other legislation not included therein; and to provide penalties for violations of the Code. (Enacted: 08/28/23)



## TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT • ADVERTISEMENT

### Welcome New Staffers

The following people have joined the staff here at Lower Allen Township:

#### Full-time

Thomas Rigling, III, Public Safety Department, Training and Volunteer Coordinator (TVC)  
Jared Gorman, Public Works Department, Maintenance Specialist

#### Part-time

Kimberly Crowell, HR Department, Administrative Clerk  
Kyle Wise, Police Department, Community Service Officer  
Tyler Heicklen, Public Safety Department, Public Safety Officer  
Bradley Dunham, Public Safety Department, Public Safety Officer  
Cody Harsomchuck, Public Safety Department, Public Safety Officer  
Christian St. Louis, EMS Department, Paramedic  
Trevor Lambert, EMS Department, AEMT  
Ashli Stroud, EMS Department, AEMT

### Special Recognition for Employee Milestones and Commendations

- Brian Plank – Public Works Department – Seasonal Maintenance Specialist - 5 years
- Benjamin Peters – Public Works Department – Maintenance Specialist II- 5 years
- Dianna Knisley – Public Safety Department – Executive Assistant – 25 years
- Russell “Rusty” Olson – Public Works Department – Maintenance Specialist II  
Commendation Letter – Working above and beyond the parameters of normal duties.
- Barbara Arnold – Public Works Department – Environmental Coordinator  
Commendation Letter – Working above and beyond the parameters of normal duties.
- Nate Sterling – Administration Department – Administrative Secretary  
Commendation Letter – Working above and beyond the parameters of normal duties.
- Jason Druckemiller – Fleet Maintenance Department – Mechanic  
Commendation Letter – Innovation award for efficiency design and implementation.

**FREE Senior Retirement Workshop! Wednesday, November 1st, 2023.**

**“The Truth About Annuities” hosted by 1st Choice Financial Services, in Camp Hill**

2 Class Sessions, **10:30 a.m.** and **6:30 p.m.**, will be held in Gorgas Hall located in the Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center, 2233 Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill, PA. Registration is required.

To RSVP, please call (717) 388-2141 or send email to [retirementadvisors@1choicefinancial.com](mailto:retirementadvisors@1choicefinancial.com)

Please include first and last name, phone number, email address, time preference, and names of guests.



<https://1stchoicefinancialservicesinc.com/>



## RETIREMENT • EARTH DAY WINNERS • NEW BUSINESSES

Linda McCool joined the Lower Allen Township Police Department in 1994 working part-time as a School Crossing Guard. In 1996 she started working part-time in the Police Records Department as a Police Records Clerk and transitioned to full-time in 2002. In 2009, Linda was promoted to the Police Records Supervisor which she retired from in July of 2023. Linda was a tremendous asset to the Police Department due to her years of service and knowledge. We wish her well in retirement!



### EARTH DAY CONTEST

In April, Lower Allen Township held an Earth Day “flag” coloring contest. With the help of local businesses, prizes were awarded to some of Lower Allen Township’s youngest residents for their creative “flags”. Pictured are the winners of the Earth Day



contest holding their “flags”; Chloe J. age 7, Elias F. age 10, and Luke F. age 8. Special thanks to the following local businesses for their generous support of the Earth Day Contest; Studio '91, Trindle Bowl, and West Shore Recreation. Be on the lookout for another Lower Allen Township Contest in the future.



### NEW LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES

- Remod Squad - 2317 Gettysburg Road
- Sola Salon - 3538 Gettysburg Road
- Keystone Vape & Skill Games - 1104 Carlisle Road
- Bonchon Korean Chicken - 3506 Capital City Mall Drive

## SOLAR PROJECT ONLINE (CONTINUED) • ADVERTISEMENT

(Continued from front page)

The parking canopy will have the extra benefit of protecting our police cars and police officers from the elements, plus provide lighting for extra security.

The MSC installation will be connected directly to the building and will supply roughly 20% of the building's needs. The PW installation will sell generated electricity directly to the PJM grid, under a program called net metering, and the credits will be deducted from Township facility electricity bills. Our current Township electricity usage over all facilities is about 1,493,661 kWh. The solar arrays will produce about 1,410,717 kWh, or about 95%.

In addition to electricity cost savings of about \$100,000 per year on average, the Township will be able to sell energy credits for about \$30,000 per year. After deducting debt service and maintenance costs, the Township will realize a gain of about \$60,000 per year on average, or about \$2.5 million over the life of the project. Electricity rates have increased greatly since these projections were made, and in today's market, the Township's savings could be closer to \$5 million.

For the first 5 years, the Township will lease the system from SRE. In year 6 we will have the option to purchase the system and hire SRE or another company to maintain it. The above projections were based on the expected project life span of 40 years.



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## SOLAR INSTALLATION LOCATIONS



**Top:** Municipal Services Center (2233 Gettysburg Road) - Hillside Installation

**Middle:** Public Works Facility (1400 Saint Johns Road)

**Bottom:** Municipal Services Center (2233 Gettysburg Road) - Police Parking Canopies



# Thank you to all who participated!

## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

*Building Police & Community Partnerships*

**August 1, 2023**

**Register for 2024...**

**Email [dknisley@latwp.org](mailto:dknisley@latwp.org) or  
call 717-975-7575,  
ext. 1602**

- Lower Allen Township Police
- Lower Allen Township Fire
- Lower Allen Township EMS
- Lower Allen Township Public Works
- Lower Allen Township MS4
- Christian Life Assembly Church Ministries
  - Breads & Threads Food Market & Clothing Boutique
  - Celebrate Recovery
  - Divorce Care Support Groups
  - Knit, Crochet & Giveaway
  - Married Life
  - Out of the Trenches Vets Ministry
  - Married Life
- Allendale Neighborhood
- Highland Estates Neighborhood
- The Villones & Friends - live music
- Advanced Pediatric Dentistry
- Allendale Neighborhood Association
- Artistic Imprints
- Associa Property Management
- Capital Area Head Start
- Cumberland County Animal Response Team
- Cumberland County Victim's Services
- Diakon Adoption & Foster Care
- Dream 2 Reality
- Frederickson Library
- Friends of West Shore School District
- Greenlight Operation
- Grill Steakhouse Food Truck
- JFT Recovery & Veteran Support Services
- Karns
- Keystone Human Services
- LifeLion
- Merakey Foster Care
- Mid Penn Bank
- Modern Imprint
- Nobody's Cats Foundation
- Operation Enduring Warrior
- Outback Steakhouse
- PA Attorney General's Office
- PA Liquor Control Board - Bureau of Alcohol Education
- Safe Families
- Saint Theresa School
- State Representative Delozier's Office
- State Representative Kutz's Office
- Susquehanna Valley Federal Credit Union
- Texas Roadhouse
- The Peyton Walker Foundation
- Thea
- Tuckey's Bakery Outlet (Stroehmann)
- U.S. Attorney's Office
- Victims Services of Cumberland County
- Walmart Camp Hill
- Weis Markets Louthier Street
- West Shore Academy of Martial Arts


**Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 6th, 2024.**










# LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP POLICE CRIMEWATCH



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## LA ALERTS • NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING



### Receive Lower Allen Community Notifications

**Subscribing is easy!** Simply scan the QR Code or go to the Township web page at [www.latwp.org](http://www.latwp.org) and click on **LA Alerts** under the Information tab. 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. Your subscription will automatically assign you to the Emergency Alerts Group, but you will need to select any additional groups, (i.e. Leaf & Trash Pick Up, Township Newsletters & Events, etc.) A new feature allows you to set quiet hours to stop receiving non-urgent notifications for the defined period. Quiet hours are not applicable for urgent notifications. If you have any difficulty, please call 717-975-7575 Ext. 1602 or email [dknisley@latwp.org](mailto:dknisley@latwp.org) and we will assist you in registering.



#### NAME AND ADDRESS

Resident or Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment or Suite #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PHONE AND EMAIL

Phone (HOME): ( ) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Phone (CELL): ( ) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Circle One (TEXT or VOICE) EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (CELL): ( ) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Circle One (TEXT or VOICE) EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (CELL): ( ) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Circle One (TEXT or VOICE)

#### GROUP SUBSCRIPTIONS

I would like to subscribe to the following groups: ☐ Emergency Alerts ☐ Flood Plain Alerts ☐ TMI Alerts  
☐ Leaf/Trash Pick-up ☐ Weather Alerts ☐ Township Newsletters/Events ☐ LA Business Owner/Operator

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

Price	Ad Size# of Issues	
\$250.00	(3 1/2 x 2)	4
\$ 75.00	(3 1/2 x 2)	1
\$600.00	(6 1/2 x 4)	4
\$175.00	(6 1/2 x 4)	1



To arrange for your ad to be published in the next quar-  
terly issue, available in July 2023, please call Nate Sterling at (717) 975-7575 x 1003 or email [nsterling@latwp.org](mailto:nsterling@latwp.org).

# Lisburn Community Fire Company



## Sunday OCT 15 | Bingo

There will be regular & special games of bingo and a final jackpot. The doors and kitchen open at **11:30am**. Early bird bingo starts at **1:00pm** and Bingo starts at **1:30pm**. There will be small games of chance available. Tickets are \$22 before the event or \$25 at the door. Contact us to reserve your ticket before the event- Facebook or email (LisburnFire24@gmail.com)

## Saturday –OCT 28—Community Day 10am-4pm

- \* Join us at this free community event. Touch a truck! Tractors, sprint cars, tow trucks, fire, police, EMS and public works & construction vehicles will be on display.
- \* \$3 amusement rides—ferris wheel, merry go round, and fun house.
- \* Food for purchase including lunch, milk shakes, funnel cakes, and hot chocolate bar.
- \* Free bounce house, vendors, scavenger hunt for the kids, and more.
- \* Fire, K-9, and karate demonstrations.
- \* Noon-honoring Veterans & Public Safety Members with the National Anthem.
- \* Bring the whole family!!
- \* Bring your chair and stay for the day.

## Sunday –Nov 12—TO GO TURKEY DINNER



We will be serving our Turkey Dinners from 11:00am - 1:30pm in the social hall. Dinners include turkey with mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, corn, cranberry sauce, a roll and a dessert.

The cost is \$12.00 for adults and children 4 to 10 years are just \$7.00. Credit cards accepted.



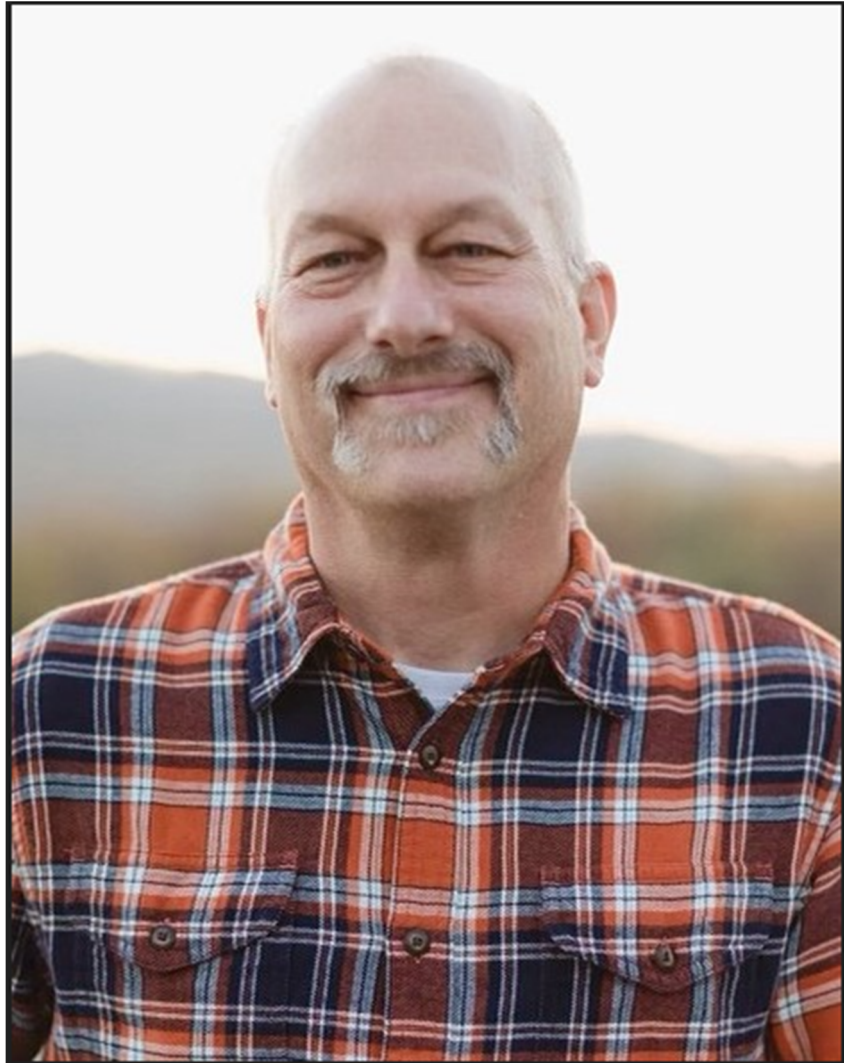
**1800 Main Street, Lisburn  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
LisburnFire24@gmail.com**

**(717) 766-3994  
www.lisburnfire.org**

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# IN MEMORY OF



# SCOTT McCLINTOCK

On July 4, 2023, Lower Allen Township lost a friend and co-worker, EMT Scott McClintock. Scott was an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with Lower Allen Township EMS. Scott served the residents of Lower Allen Township for over 25 years.

Scott was dedicated to his family and community and deeply missed by his friends and co-workers.



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## TAX OFFICE • DELINQUENT TRASH/STORMWATER COLLECTIONS

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### QUARTERLY TAX TIPS: Important Dates and Information to include on your Fall calendar

The last day to take advantage of the West Shore School District real estate tax bills at the face amount is Tuesday, October 31st. Please remember that a 10% penalty will be added automatically on Wednesday, November 1st.

You should have received a \$8,428 Homestead Exclusion on your July 1st, 2023 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, 2023 through March 1, 2024. You can obtain the necessary form on Cumberland County's website: [www.ccpa.net](http://www.ccpa.net). Multiplying the Homestead Exclusion amount of \$8,428 by 13.5621 mills equals \$114.31. Your assessment on your house will go back to the original assessment before the Homestead Exclusion since that only applies to the West Shore School District real estate tax bill.

Tax Office Hours – The Tax Office will remain closed at this time due to my health. You can drop your tax payment in the silver box by the flagpole or the black pedestal mailbox outside my office door, or the US Postal Service. If you would like a paid receipt for your taxes, PLEASE include both copies of your tax bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope, so I can mail your receipt back to you.

I can be reached via email [bmiller@latwp.org](mailto:bmiller@latwp.org) or my home phone (717) 763-7960.

### PORTNOFF LAW ASSOCIATES, LTD.

It can happen to any of us. One unexpected event can throw a wrench into even the most organized and financially responsible adult's life. One little wrench can lead to a few quarters behind in payments. To assist residents with getting back on track, Lower Allen Township has entered into an agreement with Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd. to collect delinquent stormwater and refuse amounts (sewer is currently excluded). Portnoff Law will follow the guidelines set forth in the Refuse Ordinance and the Stormwater Resolution that specify when a lien can be applied to a delinquent property. For residential stormwater accounts, liens are applicable when a property is eight (8) quarters delinquent; for commercial stormwater accounts, there is a delinquent balance threshold of \$500; and for all refuse accounts, liens are applicable once the property has reached four (4) delinquent quarters. One benefit for Lower Allen Township in partnering with Portnoff Law is that it allows Township staff to redirect time and resources spent on collection efforts towards projects focused on infrastructure repairs and improvements in the community. Property owners who pay their accounts in a timely manner can be assured that fees collected are quickly returned to the Township for use on upgrades or to reduce the operating costs of the refuse, recycling, and compost facility. For more information on the agreement with Portnoff or to check the status of your delinquent account, please contact Barbara Arnold, Environmental Coordinator for Lower Allen Township at (717) 975-7575 ext. 1014 or [barnold@latwp.org](mailto:barnold@latwp.org).



### Stormwater Management Program Update

Lower Allen Township developed a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) to meet the requirements of our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS<sub>4</sub>) permit with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), as well as achieve a holistic approach to stormwater management through education, outreach as well as infrastructure repair and replacement. The Township enacted a stormwater fee in April of 2019 to ensure that a dedicated source of revenue would be available to fund the program. The Township has a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) as part of our MS<sub>4</sub> permit that requires a reduction in 10% of sediment reaching our waterways through stormwater runoff within a 5-year period. This reduction is being achieved by retrofitting detention basins into bioretention facilities to reduce the pollutants that enter stormwater runoff which end up in waterways in the Township including the Yellow Breeches Creek and Cedar Run.

Infrastructure upgrades are currently underway in the lower end of the Highland Park development as well as the Allendale community. These upgrades were necessary to improve the collection and conveyance of stormwater to the Township's MS<sub>4</sub> system. Stormwater inlets, manholes, and pipes are being replaced that were degraded and not functioning to capacity. The infrastructure upgrades ensure that stormwater quality and quantity are adequately managed.

The SWMP has developed asset management and inventory by mapping infrastructure in an ARC GIS database. This will allow the Township to ensure that there is sufficient investment in planned maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade of the physical components of the stormwater management system. Investment in ongoing maintenance and repairs of our infrastructure will sustain the service life of our assets.

Please check the Township website for updates to our MS<sub>4</sub> program as well as PRP projects and infrastructure updates. Questions about the SWMP can be directed to Rebecca Davis, Public Works Director, at [rdavis@latwp.org](mailto:rdavis@latwp.org) or by calling (717) 975-7575 x 1010.

### Refuse & Recycling Contract Update

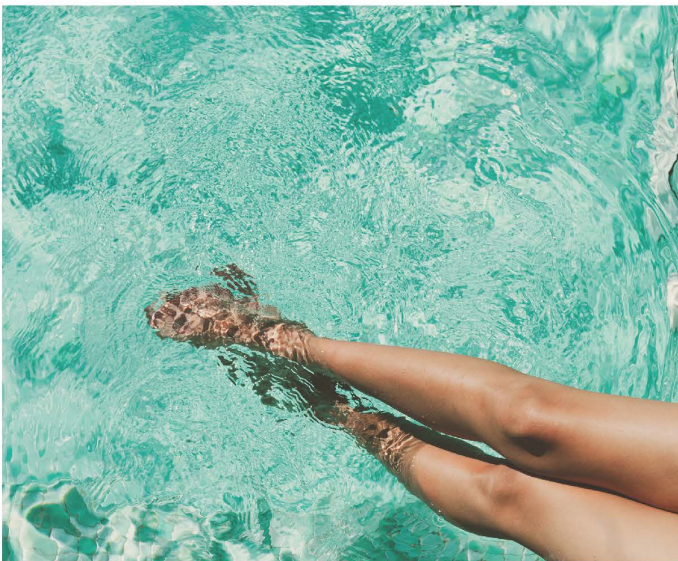
The Township is approaching the end of the current contract with Penn Waste for trash and recycling services. The Township advertised and received bids for the new 2024-2026 contract period. The new contract was awarded to Penn Waste, the lowest bidder, at the September 11th Board of Commissioners meeting. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding new pricing, policies, and service options. Updates will be provided on the Township website and Facebook page. Township residents may direct questions to Barbara Arnold, Environmental Coordinator at (717) 975-7575 x 1014 or [barnold@latwp.org](mailto:barnold@latwp.org).

Lower Allen Township's

# Guide to MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

August 2023 Edition



## It's the End of Summer But I'm Thinking About...

**Did you hear that? The sound of school buses practicing their bus routes are just around the corner. It's soon time to close the pool for the summer.**

Whether you plan to lower the water level or empty the entire pool of its water, care should be taken to dispose of the pool water in a safe manner. Discharging pool water into any waters of Pennsylvania is considered a violation of the Clean Streams Law. Pool waters and other waters that contain chlorine or any other chemicals can be detrimental to aquatic life if discharged to the storm sewers. Discharged pool water has been known to cause fish kills and create unsafe aquatic conditions for other living organisms. Lower Allen Township's stormwater ordinance does not allow discharge of pool water to the MS4, whether the water is dechlorinated or not.

## What should you do with your pool water?

In some municipalities pool water can be disposed of through the sanitary sewer system. Before discharging pool water into the sanitary sewer system, verify with your sewer authority for authorization to discharge pool water. The increase amount of water and the addition of chlorine into the sanitary sewer system can overwhelm sewer infrastructure and kill good bacteria used to treat wastewater.



If lowering the level of the water in a pool, the water may be used for irrigation purposes. This dechlorinated pool water would need to stay on the property and not run off or enter any portion of the storm sewer. A slow draining of the pool onto a lawn is permissible according to the Department of Environmental Protection. For more information, contact the Department of Environmental Protection.



Lower Allen Township's

# Guide to MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

September 2023 Edition



## Fall Fertilizing

**May was a long dry month. The official rainfall total for the month of May was 0.19 inches in Harrisburg. The lack of rain made May once of the driest months on record.**

Whether you missed fertilizing your lawn this spring due to the busyness of the family or because the dry weather made you question the effect on fertilizer, the fall is still a good time to fertilize your lawn. More important, is to fertilize that the correct ratio and just what your lawn needs. Just because you skipped the spring application doesn't mean that you should double up on the fall fertilizer to make up for it. Fertilizer application instructions should be followed closely. Never over fertilize your lawn and never fertilize within 24 hours of a rain event. Over fertilizing and fertilizing within 24 hours of a rain event can cause fertilizer to run off into the storm sewers, eventually polluting the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

## When to Fertilize

Lawns will go dormant over the winter. Your lawn has had a long summer between children, pets, the weather and insects it is time for your lawn to take a break. Think of that fertilizer as the last meal before a deep sleep. Knowing when the best time to feed a lawn will only keep your lawn looking fabulous next spring. Fertilization should take place 6 to 8 weeks before the expected first frost. The first frost in Lower Allen Township is expected around October 16 according to the Old Farmer's Almanac.

## What does your lawn need?

Knowing what your lawn needs and does not need will only benefit your lawn in the future. Have you had your soil tested? Soil testing can tell you what nutrients the soil is lacking and can help you choose the correct fertilizer for your lawn. Many soils contain Phosphorous making the addition of Phosphorous in your fertilizer unnecessary. When reading the numbers on fertilizer, the center number is the Phosphorous number. These 3 numbers are called the NPK ratio; Nitrogen, Phosphorous, and Potassium.

## Alternatives to Fertilizer

Choosing an alternative to fertilizer for your lawn depends on the needs of your lawn.

Does your lawn need Nitrogen, which encourages leaf growth. Mulching your grass clippings can provide an excellent source of Nitrogen. If Potassium is needed, try a home composting system enriched with banana peels or a banana peel water solution. For increased Phosphorous naturally consider bone meal, fish meal, or animal manure.



# RECYCLING NEWS

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*Lower Allen Township*

## NEW TRASH CONTRACT

Additional services to residents were added to the refuse and recycling contract to start in January 2024:

- Placement of additional corrugated cardboard dumpsters at 4 locations within the Township
- Special Events provided by the hauler (examples of such events: shredding, electronics recycling, hazardous waste collections, etc.)
- Additional drop location for recyclables that can not be collected curbside



## What are the changes?

On September 11, 2023 Lower Allen Township Commissioners voted to award the 2024-26 trash contract to the lowest bidder. Penn Waste will continue with the Township's refuse & recycling contract for the next 3 years. Although the hauler will remain the same, changes will take place that will affect all residents.

With the new contract all residents will need to use hauler provided wheeled carts/toters for collection. Refuse collection will remain on the same day. All trash to be collected must be inside the cart or wheeled toter.

Residents have 2 options for their level of service.

Option 1:

- 96 gallon toter for refuse & recycling, yard waste pick up (using yellow bins from the Township, 1 large/bulk item per week)

Option 2: (requires an application submitted & approval)

- 35 gallon toter for refuse & recycling, yard waste pick up (using yellow bins from the Township), & 1 large/bulk item per week
- this option is provided at a lower rate than Option 1

**October Oratory = Call (717) 975-7575 ext 1014 for more information**



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## RABBIT TRANSIT SHARED RIDE TRAVEL TIPS

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### Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority

*Serving Adams, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Harrisburg City, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Union, and York*

Cooler weather will soon be upon us, so how do you plan to travel and beat the chill? Whether you want to run errands, attend medical appointments, join recreational activities, or visit friends, there's an easy (and warm!) way to get there: book a Shared Ride with rabbittransit.

Unlike a scheduled bus route that only operates in one area, Shared Ride (a.k.a. Paratransit) provides consolidated trips between travel origins and destinations during limited hours and specific areas.

All Shared Ride trips require a reservation. If you would like same-day service, you must make your reservation by 1:30 p.m. Otherwise, reservations must be made no later than 12:00 p.m. the business day before your ride. Reservations may be made two (2) weeks in advance. For trips on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, reservations must be submitted by 12 p.m. the Friday before. Please visit [www.rabbittransit.org](http://www.rabbittransit.org) > Shared Ride > Reservations to schedule a reservation.

Here are some other tips for traveling with rabbittransit in cold or inclement weather conditions:

**Plan Ahead:** Extreme winter weather may cause delays in Shared Ride service, so please plan ahead and allow extra time for travel. This is especially important if you're making a new trip or one you are not completely familiar with. While ride times may vary, Shared Ride is a reliable and safe transportation option that can give you peace of mind when accessing life-sustaining services. If you need to update or cancel a trip, call our Customer Service Center at **1-800-632-9063**.

**Dress Warmly:** Remember to dress for winter conditions. Cold air may enter the vehicles during the loading and unloading process, especially on windy days.

**Step Carefully:** Bus floors and steps become slippery from snow & ice. Kick the snow from your shoes before stepping on board. Use the handrails and take your time.

**Stay Informed:** In case of inclement weather, rabbittransit may have delays. Sign up for rider alerts in your email or on your cell phone. Receive an email or text message about unexpected service changes.

If Shared Ride sounds like a fit for you, the first step is to submit an application to the program you'd like to participate in. Shared Ride programs vary from Senior Shared Ride to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP), ADA Complementary Paratransit Program (ADA), or Paratransit Full Fare. Riders in select programs may be eligible for free fares. Easily apply online by visiting [www.rabbittransit.org](http://www.rabbittransit.org) > Shared Ride > How to apply.



For additional questions about Shared Ride services, call **1-800-632-9063**. For more information, visit [www.rabbittransit.org/shared-ride/](http://www.rabbittransit.org/shared-ride/).

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## BULK ITEM DISPOSAL • YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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### BULK ITEM DISPOSAL

One bulk item per week can be picked up curbside by your trash hauler. **Please call Penn Waste at (717) 767-4456 in advance of your collection day to schedule a large item pickup.** Residents should allow up to 5-days after their normal collection day for bulk items to be picked up. For the convenience of residents, four (4) loads of bulk items, 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 hours for drop off are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Additionally, the facility is open the second Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., April through November.

***Bulk items can include*** household appliances, furniture, carpet, and wooden items such as outdoor furniture, swings, and landscaping timbers. Lawn mowers, snow blowers, trimmers, etc. can also be accepted if all fluids have been removed prior to drop-off.

**Items NOT ACCEPTED include shingles, concrete, dirt, paint, tires, oil, fuel, batteries, glass, pressurized tanks, TVs, and computer equipment.**

Please contact Barbara Arnold, Environmental Coordinator at Lower Allen Township, (717) 975-7575 x 1014 or [barnold@latwp.org](mailto:barnold@latwp.org) for assistance with disposing of any large items or with questions regarding trash and recycling

### CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The Township's yard waste recycling program started in April, with collection by your trash hauler on your regular trash day. In 2024, collection will begin in March for yard waste and will proceed through the last week in October. Residents may bring their yard waste directly to the Public Works facility located at 1400 St. Johns Road, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The second Saturday drop off will end in November for 2023 and resume in March of 2024. **Lower Allen Township households are limited to four (4) loads of yard waste per calendar year. A \$25.00 fee will be assessed for households exceeding their 4-load limit.**

***Landscape Contractors*** working at properties in the Township may haul yard waste generated at those properties to the Public Works facility when accompanied by the resident or with prior approval.

***Yard waste*** consists of garden debris, leaves, sticks, branches, and stumps (no larger than 14 inches in diameter). Grass clippings, bamboo and sod are NOT considered yard waste and should be bagged and put out with regular garbage or composted on the property.

***Yellow yard waste bins*** should be used for smaller manageable amounts of debris. No trash bags or garbage should be mixed in with the yard waste. Branches must be bundled with twine or string, and not exceed six feet in length or four inches in diameter. The maximum weight is 30lbs. Yellow yard waste bins can be picked up at the Municipal Services Center during regular business hours for a fee. Unlimited amounts of yard debris may be placed curbside using the previously stated guidelines.



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## FALL LEAF COLLECTION INFORMATION

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### Fall Leaf Collection will begin on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and end on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The annual leaf collection for Lower Allen will start on Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> and continue through Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (**with the exception of the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 23 – November 27<sup>th</sup>**). Public Works leaf collection crews will collect leaves weekly through each neighborhood. If you miss the collection for the week, you will have to wait until the next round to have your leaves removed. The picking machines are equipped with a 5' hose that sucks up the leaves into a holding box, which is attached to the truck. Please rake leaf rows to the street side of the curb, or within 5' of the street edge where no curb exists, in long rows, not large piles. Leaves that are not raked within 5' of the road will not be collected. The efforts of leaf collection crews are focused on collecting bulk volumes of leaves as efficiently as possible. It is not practical to spend time vacuuming all the leaf debris only to have more leaves accumulate a few hours later. At the end of the season, after the last round of leaf collection, the Township street sweeper will clean the streets to remove any remaining debris.

**Collection from East to West** – Weekly leaf collection will begin in the eastern section of the Township (Allendale) and proceed towards the southern and western sections (Lisburn / Windsor Park areas). Updates regarding leaf collection will be posted on the website at [www.latwp.org](http://www.latwp.org) or information can be obtained by calling Public Works at (717) 975-7575 x 2104 during regular business hours.

**Just Leaves Please** – Only leaves may be raked or placed roadside. Do not place sticks, boards, bricks, rocks or other items in the leaf piles.

**Clear the Way** – Roadside trees should be trimmed to the legal height of 14' and roadside basketball nets need to be set behind the curb line.

**Expect Delays** – Heavy accumulations of leaves, inclement weather and machine breakdowns may delay the collection of your leaves. Please be patient as crews do their best to service your area.



DON'T: Let leaves remain spread out or piled between or under parked vehicles.

DO: Please rake leaves into long windrows, not large piles.

DO: Check the Lower Allen Township website:

[www.latwp.org](http://www.latwp.org)

For updates on the interactive leave collection map.



## WEST SHORE RECREATION COMMISSION • ADVERTISEMENT

### ACTIVE WELLNESS

Body Toning, Booty Barre, Yoga, Pilates, Cardio Step, SalsaTone. Dancing Fun, & New Aerobic Dance, and much more!

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### SPORTS

Pickleball, Youth & Adult Tennis, and Men's Basketball.

### AQUATICS

Water exercise more your style? Try Aquacise, Hydro Hike, AquaFit and New H2O Cardio!.

### TRIPS

Ready for the Holiday's? Visit Christmas at Sturbridge Village, Longwood Gardens Christmas Tour or NYC on Your Own.

*Fall is back!*

*It is important to stay active, learn new things, and find activities that will enhance your daily life.*

*By participating in recreation activities, you and your family have opportunities to make new friends, learn new skills, and develop a healthier lifestyle and have FUN too!*



Ready for Fall-tastic!



Recreation for Lower Allen Township  
call us 717-920-9515 or visit [wsrec.org](http://wsrec.org)

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## FREDRICKSEN LIBRARY FALL NEWS

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- 📖 *Do you know all the benefits of having a Cumberland County Library Card? With your card, you have access to thousands of free books, audiobooks, DVDs, eBooks and eAudiobooks. Your card enables you to access our online databases where you can research anything from auto repair to genealogy to newspapers and more! You can also stream movies via Kanopy, our media streaming service which enables you to view a wide range of foreign films, family movies, documentaries, and classics at no cost.*
- 📖 ***Friends of Fredricksen Silent Auction:*** *Looking for that perfect holiday gift while at the same time benefiting your local library? Look no further than the Friends of Fredricksen Online Silent Auction! The annual event will be held on November 2 – 17. A variety of items will be available for bidding including gift cards to local establishments, collectibles, experiences, artwork and more! All bidding takes place online and winning items will be picked up at Fredricksen Library on November 18 and 19. Proceeds from the auction go directly to the library to assist with programs and services not covered by the library's budget.*
- 📖 *The library has a variety of programs this fall including a Fall Reading Challenge for all ages! Visit our website a [www.fredricksenlibrary.org](http://www.fredricksenlibrary.org) for a complete list of events. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Tik-Tok to stay up to date on our happenings. Come see us at 100 N. 19th Street, Camp Hill, (717) 761-3900. Thank you for supporting Fredricksen Library!*





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***Municipal Election Day is Tuesday,***

***November 7, 2023***

**Poll hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Please don't forget to vote!**

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Yes! I am enclosing \$5.00 with this completed form. Sign me up today for delivery of the Township Newsletter to my mail box for a one-time payment of only \$5.00 for the entire year of 2024.

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