

# **LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP**

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## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **MONTHLY REPORT APRIL, 2019**

Street sweeping, for Shiremanstown Borough and Township roads, was completed during the month. Typically we send the sweeper around every other month from spring through autumn. If needed we will sweep selected areas on the off months, due to tree debris or dirt.

Wood chips and leaf compost are free of charge, for Lower Allen residents that self-load, during regular business hours. Deliveries of the product will start on Thursday and Friday mornings, in April and continue through early November. This service is for Lower Allen residents only. Deliveries must be prepaid at the Municipal Services Center prior to being scheduled for a delivery.

Public Works second Saturday of the month, drop off, started this month, open 8:00am – 1:00pm. This schedule will run, through November. Households within the township are allowed to drop off 4 loads each, of brush and bulk items per year. Additional loads will be \$25.00 each, to be pre-paid at the Municipal Services Center. Electronics, including TV's and computers, can be taken to the Cumberland County E-Recycling center, located in Carlisle. Information can be viewed on the County website at [www.ccpa.net](http://www.ccpa.net).

Water fountains were turned on and restrooms were opened during the month. DEP has implemented strict rules for monthly water testing of public, well water consumption. The only Township Park that is affected by this new rule is LACP. Every month, a contracted company takes water samples from the various public water outlets throughout the park. The water samples are sent to a lab for testing and a report must be sent to The Department of Environmental Protection. The new mandates, implemented in 2016, have added additional costs to running the park. The good side of this is that we know that the water we supply, is of good quality.

Lower Allen Community Park was busy, considering the cool, April temperatures. The Easter egg hunt was held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Lower Allen Community Park, it was a beautiful morning, and the event was well attended, with approximately 215 children participating. Fun was had by all, and no problems were reported.

The Annual Gardeners Gathering, was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the Lower Allen Barn. Two works shops were offered. Lower Allen Township, MS4 Coordinator, Rebecca Davis, spoke about the importance of managing storm water and how this impacts our environment. Greg Black, owner of Black Landscape, talked about the correct ways to plant and mulch your garden. Following the workshop, the annual plant swap took place, with approximately 15 people participating. Fun was had by everyone. The generous donations from area business' and volunteer time, enables us to make these events a reality year after year. We thank everyone for their dedication to the Community.

**During April the following projects were completed:**

- Ballfield work at all parks
- Tennis and Volleyball nets were installed in Township parks
- Pothole patching with cold mix
- Inlet box cleaning at selected locations
- Wood chipping and wood carpeting at all parks
- Weed control spraying at all parks and right-of-ways
- Completed grading work along Belmont Ave.
- Sign work – 17 signs (4 PA-One calls)
- Replaced drain pipe on Oneida
- Repaired sink hole on Gloucester Street
- Turned the leaf rows with county machine
- Repaired curbing on Marlin Ridge

**Meetings:** Safety Meeting – Ben Peters  
Department Head Meeting (2) – Bob Nailor

Respectfully submitted,

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