



Winter 2021

TOWNSHIP NEWS

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



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TAKING A LOOK AT THE 2021 BUDGET

The 2021 Budget was enacted on December 14. This article summarizes highlights, the thought process behind them, and it looks into what the future may hold.

The Township revisits its long-term financial outlook every year. After examining Board actions since the 1950s, Township staff conjectures that there has been a consistent core-motivation concisely surmised by the Township Manager as “to maximize the standard of living of Township residents and businesses. More specifically to attract incoming residents and businesses whom existing residents would value as neighbors and business partners, and where those incoming are willing to pay a relative premium for property or rent.” To meet this goal a long-term prospective is essential to deliver an optimal mix of municipal services at or below market prices.

Most significant service level changes for 2021 stem from the 2019 Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee that consisted of members of the public, Commissioners and Township public safety staff. The Committee examined present and future pressures on service delivery. Goals were developed relating to the reduction in fire service volunteers, increasing costs for fire apparatus, rising police call volume, State mandated training requirements, and residential and commercial growth. The Committee’s recommendations were ultimately adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

The largest related annual budgetary increase took place in 2020, but additional increases will continue in future years. Public safety service costs grow faster than other expenditures, and it was acknowledged that a near-future tax increase (or service cuts) will be needed to fund Committee recommendations already put in place. However, no tax increase is needed for 2021.

The Committee’s goal to add 4 new police officers will be reached in 2021 with the addition of the final new officer (It may be recalled that the Commissioners were initially split 3/2 on this hiring but supported it unanimously for both 2020 and 2021). Also for 2021, a \$1.3 million quintuple combination pumper is to be purchased. This apparatus, referred to as a quint, is a pumper/ladder combination able to maneuver in tight spaces. It is also part of the Committee’s recommendations and was built into the existing long-term fire apparatus replacement plan that runs through 2030.

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DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Lower Allen Township

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

Tax Office - Phone: 717-737-5671

KEY STAFF

EXT

Thomas G. Vernau, Jr., Manager	1001
Erin G. Trone, Assistant Manager and Director of Community and Economic Development	1002
Donna Paul, Human Resources	1402
David L. Holl, Director of Public Safety	1601
Leon Crone, Police Captain	1515
Daniel Flint, P.E., Township Engineer and Director of Public Works Department	1101
Rebecca Davis, Stormwater Program Manager	1010
Richard Grove, Finance Director	1202
Bryan Harshbarger, Public Works Coordinator	2106
Frank Wirth, Fire Captain	1311
Tony Deaven, EMS Captain	1810
Dave Murdoch, Fire Chief, Lower Allen Fire Co. No.	1302
Frank Williamson, Fire Chief, Lisburn Fire Co.	766-3994

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency Police • Fire • EMS	9-1-1 (24-hours a day)
Non-Emergency & After Hours	717-238-9676
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
PPL	1-800-342-5775
UGI	1-800-962-1212
PA American Water	1-800-565-7292
Suez Water Company	1-888-844-0352
Lower Allen Sewer Authority	717-774-0610
Penn Waste (Trash & Recycling)	1-866-575-8720
Trash Complaints - call the Township	717-975-7575, ext. 1111
Cleve J. Fredrickson Library	717-761-3900
New Cumberland Public Library	717-774-7820
Joseph T. Simpson Library	717-766-0171
West Shore Recreation Commission	717-920-9515
Representative Sheryl Delozier 2929 Gettysburg Rd., Suite 6, Camp Hill, PA 17011	717-761-4665
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U.S. Representative Scott Perry	717-635-9504
U.S. Senator Robert Casey, Jr.	717-231-7540
U.S. Senator Pat Toomey	717-782-3951

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

*All meetings are held at the
Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center
(unless otherwise noted)*

JANUARY

1	New Years Day	Township Office Closed
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	7:00 pm
25	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
27	Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm

FEBRUARY

4	Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
4	Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
8	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
15	President's Day	Township Office Closed
16	Development Authority	6:00 pm
16	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
18	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
22	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
24	Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm

MARCH

4	Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
4	Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
8	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
14	Lisburn -Turkey Dinner	TBD
15	Development Authority	6:00 pm
16	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
18	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
22	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
24	Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm

APRIL

1	Sewer Authority	7:00 pm
1	Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
2	Good Friday	Township Offices Closed
11	Lisburn-Chicken BBQ	TBD
12	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
15	Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
19	Development Authority	6:00 pm
20	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
26	Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
28	Recreation and Parks Board	7:00 pm



OFFICIALS IN ACTION

The Board of Commissioners approved the following:



RESOLUTIONS

- 2020-R-30** Recognizing, honoring and commending Nathan Abdelmalek for the attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. (Adopted 10/12/20)
- 2020-R-31** Concluding that adequate analysis has determined that risk levels are acceptable relating to Lower Allen Township's Guaranty of the Lower Allen Township Authority's Proposed issuance of the Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bond - Series of 2020. (Adopted 10/12/20.)
- 2020-R-32** Hiring Rhonda J. Shenk as the Township Receptionist in the Finance Department. (Adopted 10-12-20)
- 2020-R-33** Hiring Neil A. E. Chimel-Freeburn as a Police Office in the Police Department. (Adopted 10-12-20)
- 2020-R-34** Hiring Robert A. Fitzkee as a Police Officer in the Police Department. (Adopted 10-12-20)
- 2020-R-35** Authorizing Staff to execute documents for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for Lower Allen and Upper Allen Pedestrian Bridge. (Adopted 10-26-20)
- 2020-R-36** Hiring Matthew E. Greene as a Maintenance Specialist in the Public Works Department. (Adopted 10-26-20)
- 2020-R-37** Hiring Michael D. Quenzer as a Paramedic in the Public Safety Department (Adopted 11-9-20)
- 2020-R-38** Recognizing Gordon E. Wilson for years served on the Lower Allen Sewer Authority and the Lower Allen Township Stormwater Authority (Adopted 11-23-20)
- 2020-R-39** Fixing the tax rates for the year 2021 (Adopted 12-14-20)
- 2020-R-40** Street dedication - Liberty Cove (Adopted 12-14-20)
- 2020-R-41** Recognizing K-9 Officer Rocco in his Retirement (Adopted 12-14-20)
- 2020-R-42** Authorizing Township Directors and their designees to approve requisitions for their Department(s), up to a cost limit of \$5,000. (Adopted 12-28-20)
- 2020-R-43** Establishing Fees and charges authorized by various Ordinances and Statutes for administration of Township Business in accordance with these Ordinances and statutes. (Adopted 12-28-20)
- 2020-R-44** Hiring Bradley E. McCullough as the Township Engineer/Public Works Director for the Public Works and Community and Economic Development Department. (Adopted 12-28-20.)
- 2020-R-45** Appointing Douglas L. Foltz to the rank of Lieutenant of the Lower Allen Township Police Department. (Adopted 12-28-20.)
- 2020-R-46** Appointing Donald J. Sentman to the Rank of Lieutenant of the Lower Allen Township Police Department. (Adopted 12-28-20.)
- 2020-R-47** Hiring Michael P. Lightner as a Police Officer in the Lower Allen Township Police Department. (Adopted 12-28-20.)

ORDINANCES

- 2020-04** General Obligation Bond - Township Bond Refinancing. (Enacted 10-9-20)
- 2020-05** Lower Allen Sewer Authority Bond Guaranty (Enacted 10-9-20)
- 2020-06** Amending the code of the Township of Lower Allen, Chapter 187, Streets and Sidewalks, at article VIII, Temporary Right-of-Way Obstructions, and Article IX, Violations and Penalties. (Enacted 10-26-20)
- 2020-07** Authorizing execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Township and Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania, LLC. (Enacted 11-9-20)
- 2020-09** Amending, Modifying, and changing the code of the Township of Lower Allen, 1997, by adding speed limit restriction as section 209-50, adding stop intersections at section 209-58, adding parking restrictions at section 209-63, and deleting a school zone speed limit at section 209-69. (Enacted 12-28-20)
- 2020-10** Appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the fiscal year 2021. (Enacted 12-14-20)
- 2020-11** Amending the codified Ordinance of Lower Allen Township, 1997, as amended, section 32-7, dealing with the compensation for the Township Manager. (Enacted 12-14-20)
- 2020-12** Authorizing execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Township and Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC. (Enacted 12-14-20)

2021 BUDGET

Other capital outlays include replacements of a dump truck/snowplow, a wheel loader, rooftop climate-control units and a message board for the Township building, a deck for the concession stand at the Lower Allen Community Park, and other smaller outlays. New capital outlays include police body-worn cameras (mostly funded through a grant), pickleball courts at Wass Park, and a police CAD interface. Upgrades and partial replacement are also scheduled for the Fun Fort at the Lower Allen Community Park, to be mostly funded through grant revenue. Under stormwater management, over \$700,000 will be spent to design, repair and construct several bioretention basins. These are substantially funded by grants with the rest being reimbursed by the Lower Allen Township Stormwater Authority.

Operating expenditures cover the day-to-day running of the Township including labor, goods and services, but excluding capital outlays. Operating expenditures budgeted in the General Fund grew by \$394,370 in this budget compared to \$947,980 for 2020, of which police, ambulance and the public safety departments continue to make up 75% of this increase. Operating expenditures in the Fire Fund grew by \$34,656 compared to \$101,370 for 2020.

Over 70% of General Fund expenditures are labor related. Police labor costs now account for about half of all Township labor costs, and police officers provide about 29% of all Township labor hours. State law requires that police be covered by collective bargaining backed by a State-mandated binding arbitration process. In Pennsylvania in general, as well in the Township, police wage growth outpaces both inflation and an economic indicator known as the employment cost index.

The police contract ends December 31 and a new contract has just been approved for 2021-2024. Police salary increases were estimated in the Budget at 2.75%, which is decrease from the 3.00% in the existing contract. All other full-time employees historically receive an average increase at or below the employment cost index. Healthcare costs will decrease slightly in 2021 due to favorable claim experience.

Refuse fees paid by the residents have a direct, positive correlation to the cost charged by the hauler contracted to collect it. This contract was renegotiated in 2020 and costs are increasing. Per-household rates will increase from \$61.89 to \$72.96 per quarter. Sewer and stormwater fees are set by independent authorities, who report that their fees will not change for 2021.

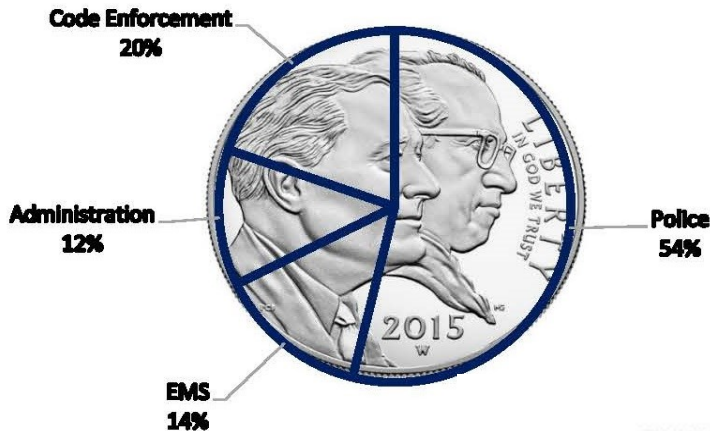
Township bonds were refinanced in 2020. This resulted in a one-time savings for the 2021 Budget of over \$250,000. The preponderance of these bonds end in 2025. At that time a new series will be needed to fund almost \$4 million in replacement fire apparatus. The Township investigated the possibility of creatively structuring this borrowing as part of the 2020 refinancing since long-term rates are not expected to get much lower, but Federal tax law made it impractical.

The 2020 Budget anticipated a deficit of \$66,770. Due to a COVID-related revenue reduction, the actual deficit is expected to be between \$250,000 and \$350,000. The 2021 Budget does not anticipate continued COVID revenue effects, but it does expect an unrelated slowing of revenue growth. The 2021 budgeted deficit is \$263,450.

Since the last recession, the Township has begun a policy of building reserves in good times to spend down when the next recession hits, thereby avoiding a tax increase at a time when the public can least afford it. Economic times have been so good since the end of the last recession, that reserves have exceeded that needed for this purpose. The 2021 Budget, however, represents the last time substantial deficits can be supported by reserves (except, as noted, in the case of a new recession)..

2021 BUDGET

To control cost and protect reserves, the Commissioners adopted spending caps for operating expenditures (with a few exceptions) to run through 2025. Public Safety is limited to annual growth of 7.5%, Fire to 2.5%, and most other cost centers such as Administration, Public Works and Parks & Recreation to 5.0%. Additionally, expenditure growth in any one year cannot exceed an amount that that would require more than a 0.3 mill real estate tax increase. For now, the 2021 millage rate holds at 4.00 mills.



EMPLOYEE MILESTONE • PROMOTIONS • RETIREMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Department</u>
Laura Tamanosky	5 years	Full Time	Police Officer	Police Department
Torrie Shiley	5 years	Full Time	Police Officer	Police Department
Robert Hamsher	10 years	Full Time	Custodial-Maintenance	Facilities Department
Katie Justh	15 years	Full Time	Police Officer	Police Department

<u>New Hires</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Department</u>
Glen Magatz	Public Works Inspector	Public Works Department
Zachary Walters	Police Officer	Police Department
Richard A. Dillon	Maintenance Specialist	Public Works Department
Michael C. Houser	Paramedic	Public Safety Department
Rhonda J. Shenk	Receptionist	Finance Department
Neil A.E. Chimel-Freeburn	Police Officer	Police Department
Robert A. Fitzkee	Police Officer	Police Department
Matthew E. Greene	Maintenance Specialist	Public Works Department
Michael D. Quenzer	Paramedic	Public Safety Department

<u>Promotions</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Department</u>
Rebecca Davis	Stormwater Program Manager	MS4 Department
Ian Chambers	Paramedic	Public Safety Department
William Yeagley	Codes Compliance Coordinator	Public Safety Department

<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Department</u>
Barry E. Zook	35 years	Maintenance Specialist	Public Works Department
Curt Heckler	27 years	Police Officer	Police Department
Marie Calaman	18 years	EMT - Supervisor	Public Safety Department
K-9 Officer Rocco	7 years	K-9 Police Officer	Police Department

EMPLOYEE MILESTONE • PROMOTIONS • RETIREMENTS

Authority Chairman Retires

Mr. Gordon E. Wilson, Chairman of the Lower Allen Township Authority, retired from the Authority on December 31st.

Mr. Wilson was appointed to the Authority on November 2, 1989 and served the Township for 31 years as Assistant Treasure (1989-1992), Secretary (1992-2009), Vice-Chairman (2009-2015), and Chairman (2015-2020). In 2018 Mr. Wilson was appointed to the Stormwater Authority, where he served as its first Chairman until his retirement.

During his tenure on the Authority, Mr. Wilson was involved in many improvements, including construction debt service refinancing, extending sewer service into the Village of Lisburn, and upgrading the Wastewater Treatment Facility to meet EPA Chesapeake Bay nutrient removal standards. As an inaugural member of the Stormwater Authority, Mr. Wilson worked on the implementation of a Stormwater Fee Resolution and Stormwater Credit and Appeals Policy and approved the construction and installation of Stormwater Pollution Reduction Plan projects.

The Township Commissioners presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Wilson on November 23rd, and sincerely thank him for his 31 years of service. His leadership and counsel will surely be missed.

<u>Performance Awards</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Action</u>
Charles Reynolds	Fleet Maintenance Manager	Fleet Maintenance	For innovative efforts put forth by working diligently in fabricating the road snow blower to fit the new John Deere tractor, saving the Township approximately \$4,000.
Aaron Duncan	Mechanic	Fleet Maintenance	For innovative efforts put forth by working diligently in fabricating the road snow blower to fit the new John Deere tractor, saving the Township approximately \$4,000.

<u>Certifications</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Frank Wirth	Fire Captain	Public Safety	Received his EMA Certification

TAXATION

Academic's Corner – Taxation, Part 2

Taxation history was the subject of the last newsletter, which described differences in taxation between the U.S. and other developed nations. Comparisons will continue as this installment moves to the structure of taxation and modern taxation theory.

All taxes have a base upon which they are applied. Three bases cover most taxes: income (e.g. income tax, social security), consumption (e.g. sales tax, excise tax) and accumulated wealth (e.g. real estate tax, inheritance tax). There are others as well, but these generate a very small percent of total tax revenue.

If averaged together, developed countries obtain 51% of their tax revenue from income, 31% from consumption, and 9% from accumulated wealth and other bases. The remaining 9% comes from corporate income tax, for which there remains a classification disagreement. Within the last 50 years, social security taxes have grown, and excise taxes have decreased in most countries including the U.S., while consumption tax revenue has doubled outside of the U.S and remained static within.

The U.S receives a higher percent of tax revenue from income, accumulated wealth, and corporate income, and less from consumption. Most U.S. tax from income goes to the federal government, most consumption taxes to the states, and most accumulated wealth taxes to the counties, school districts and municipalities.

Due to space constraints, only sales/VAT tax will be examined in more detail. Most developed countries have implemented a value added tax (VAT). VAT is like U.S. sales tax, only VAT is collected from all businesses along the production cycle where each succeeding business deducts what was previously paid. An advantage of VAT over sales tax is that different rates can be better applied to different industries.

In the 1930's Frank Ramsey proposed that rates be set by supply and demand elasticity. As prices rise, sales in some industries drop faster than others, so he proposed tax rates be graduated inversely by lost sales so as to minimize that loss. In practice, elasticity proved hard to measure and has shown itself to be constantly changing.

In the 1990's Mathew Drennen instead suggested that lower rates be set for low net-exporting industries, and higher rates for both strong exporting and non-exporting industries. This would strengthen marginal exports to bring more money within the taxing government's borders. This eliminates Ramsey's elasticity problems and has been tried in places like San Francisco.

This has been a brief overview of tax structure, supplying a small sample of modern taxation theory. The next installment will deal with taxation burden.

2021 PENN WASTE CALENDAR

2021 Lower Allen Township Trash & Recycling Collection Calendar

January							February							March							April						
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 = Yard Waste Collection

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

BASIC RESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES



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



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Lisburn Community Fire Company



THANK YOU—We Serve an Awesome Community

As we look to 2021, we can't help but reflect on 2020. Through all the challenges we faced, we continued to serve our community, answered the calls for help, delivered soup during the shutdown, and continued to do fundraising. Our main concern was the community we serve.

In 2020, we had one normal fundraiser and then the pandemic hit. We changed our practices based on the new guidelines to keep our community safe and protected. No more in person, sitting down dinners, no bingos, no normal festival—all had to change. Our leadership and members had to get creative to be able to continue fundraising to pay our bills. In all the planning, we didn't know what to expect. Well...we serve an awesome supportive community. We changed our Festival to be a drive-thru for three days and the response was amazing. You waited in lines that sometimes took an hour to get through and you came back. Thank you.

We changed our chicken BBQs and made 500 dinners and we sold out—a record for us. We held our turkey dinner and served 500 meals and ran out of everything—a record for us. No matter what the challenge, our members stepped up and found a way to make the fundraisers work. But most important YOU supported us and waited in line. **THANK YOU!!!**

Thank to everyone who was able to make a donation this year. We look forward to serving you in 2021.



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 (*requirements outlined in the resolution*).



MARCH 14th-Turkey Dinner
APRIL 11th-Chicken BBQ
AUGUST 11-14th-FESTIVAL

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



1800 Main Street Lisburn, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

(717) 766-3994 LisburnFire24@gmail.com

POLICE CAPTAIN MESSAGE - Vehicle Entries

Communities all over the East and West Shore area, including our own, have been the target of persons conducting vehicle entries. This is usually occurring in the late night/early morning hours and almost always involves entry into unlocked vehicles. The actors steal whatever they can find that may be useful, with loss ranging from pocket change to firearms, including some thefts of vehicles themselves.

Our message is this:

1. Please lock your vehicles when unattended.
2. Please remove all valuables from your vehicles. This includes cash, electronics, jewelry, firearms, and key fobs to other vehicles.
3. If you are awakened by or alerted to suspicious activity during the night, call 911 immediately. Delays in reaching out to police make it more difficult to catch these thieves.

While neighborhood patrols have been increased and several arrests have been made, there are always groups of thieves working different areas. If they are working in your neighborhood while police are in another, absent timely calls from you, they have the advantage. No neighborhood is immune to this activity, so please do not think that "it won't happen here." It will. It probably has. Our departments need your help. We need your eyes and ears (and security footage, if available) to stop this plague. Call 911 when you hear or see suspicious activity. Don't wait until the next day when it is too late to catch them in the act!

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 quarterly issue, available in October, call 975-7575, ext. 1003 or email hgrundon@latwp.org.



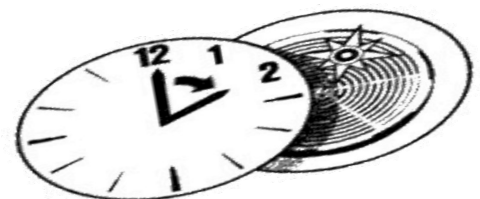
NEW TOWNSHIP BUSINESS



- ⇒ Sheetz – 1508 Cedar Cliff Drive
- ⇒ Blaze Pizza – 3741 Capital City Mall Drive
- ⇒ Amore Pizza – 1430 Markethouse Lane

MARCH 14th Daylight Saving Time Begins

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



MS4 NEWS • AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS

MS4 Update: Snow and Stormwater Runoff

Here are some tips for managing your property for winter stormwater this season:



- * After shoveling, pile snow in locations where the snow will have the best opportunity to infiltrate into the ground instead of becoming stormwater runoff. Choose areas where you do not usually have ponding on your property, and relatively flat areas if possible.
- * Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation.
- * Do not pile snow on storm drains.
- * Use de-icing chemicals and salts sparingly.
- * Delay outdoor construction projects in winter if possible, to avoid muddy conditions on your property.
- * Watch for areas on your property that are eroding during snow melt and develop a plan to improve these areas in spring using plants to slow and stop erosion, like native plantings.

LEAF COMPOST NOT AVAILABLE IN 2021

Lower Allen Township is in the midst of a multi-year program of stormwater bioretention projects as part of our Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP). Upcoming projects include retention basins in Sheepford Crossing, the Village of Moreland, and The Heights of Beacon Hill.

Part of the bioretention construction process is to amend the topsoil with organic material. The Township is using leaf compost to amend the soil, and because of the volume needed for the upcoming projects there will not be any leaf compost available for home use in 2021.



Ambulance Subscription Renewals

The 2021 Ambulance Subscription Renewals were mailed in December. Ambulance Subscriptions are good for the calendar year of 2021. The Board of Commissioners set the Subscription rates for 2021 at \$75 for a Single Subscription and \$95 for a Household Subscription. If you did not receive a subscription form, or if you have any questions please contact Bev Putric at 975-7575, ext. 1205.

Why have a subscription? The cost of a trip in an ambulance is very high and insurance generally does not pay the full bill. By becoming a subscriber, if you call 911, are transported to a hospital and the transport is deemed medically necessary, Lower Allen EMS will accept the insurance company payment as payment in full for your first trip. Subscriptions do **not** cover routine transportation, transportation for stretcher or wheelchair, or transportation that is not medically necessary. You are responsible for additional mileage costs if you are transported past the closest appropriate facility.

LA ALERTS



Receive Lower Allen Community Notifications

Subscribing is easy! Simply go the Township web page at www.latwp.org 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).



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GROUP SUBSCRIPTIONS

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☐ Leaf/Trash Pick-up ☐ Weather Alerts ☐ Township Newsletters/Events ☐ LA Business Owner/Operator

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975-7575, ext. 2104**



**Lower Allen Community Park
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Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

WINTER READINESS

A smart way to shovel your drive

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



Tips for Weathering the Winter

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

WEATHER EMERGENCIES

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

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

Vehicles left on the street during a weather emergency are subject to being ticketed and also towed and stored at the owner's expense. Please adhere to the above regulations so emergency personnel can focus on recovery and returning life to normal in the Township.

Please contact the Police Department at 975-7575 if you have any questions or concerns.



WINTER READINESS



Winter Deicing

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

sedimentation in the waterways.

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

Removing Snow & Ice Responsibly

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

- **Shoveling**– Very effective but can be back breaking and is the least damaging to the overall environment.
- **Snow blower**– Easier on the back. Best if used before any deicers are used so as not to throw the [chemical](#) 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	Elmhurst Road	Letchworth Road	Shoreham Road
20th Street	Highland Drive	Letchworth Drive	Strafford Road
Apple Drive	Kelton Road	Manchester Road	Village Road
Chatham Road	Kent Road	Norman Road	Warwick Road
Chatham Drive	Kent Drive	Oxford Drive	Wyndham Road
Cherokee Avenue	Kingsley Road		

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

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION • BULK ITEMS • TRASH • YARD WASTE

Christmas tree collection 2021

The Township will be picking up Christmas trees from January 4th through the 15th 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.

Wood chips

Wood chips are available to Township residents year round, for self-loaded pick up at the Public Works facility. All wood chip deliveries will be made on Thursday and Friday mornings, starting in April, 2020.

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE PICK UP

The Townships' yard waste recycling program will start in April 2021 and will be collected by your trash hauler on your regular trash day. Yard waste collection will begin in April and run through the last week in November. Residents may bring their yard waste directly to the Public Works facility, located at 1400 St. Johns Road, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:00am – 3:00pm. The second Saturday drop off will start in April and end in November. **Lower Allen households are limited to four loads of brush (yard debris) brought to Public Works, per calendar year. A \$25.00 fee will be assessed for households exceeding their 4 load limit.**

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



Yard waste consists of garden debris, leaves, sticks, branches and stumps (no larger than 14 inches in diameter). Grass clippings and sod are NOT considered yard waste and should be bagged and put out with regular garbage, or composted. Branches must be bundled with twine or string, and not exceed 6 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter. Maximum weight is 45lbs.

Yellow yard waste bins should be used for smaller manageable amounts of debris. No trash bags or garbage should be mixed in with the yard waste. Yellow yard waste bins can be picked up at the Municipal Services Center during regular business hours. Unlimited amounts of yard debris may be placed curbside, using the previously stated guidelines.

Yellow Yard Waste Recycling Containers are available at:

Municipal Services Center, 2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm, Monday-Friday.

Limit one per residence. Additional or replacement containers available for a \$10 fee.



COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL



COMMISSIONERS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Vector Control Weights & Measures

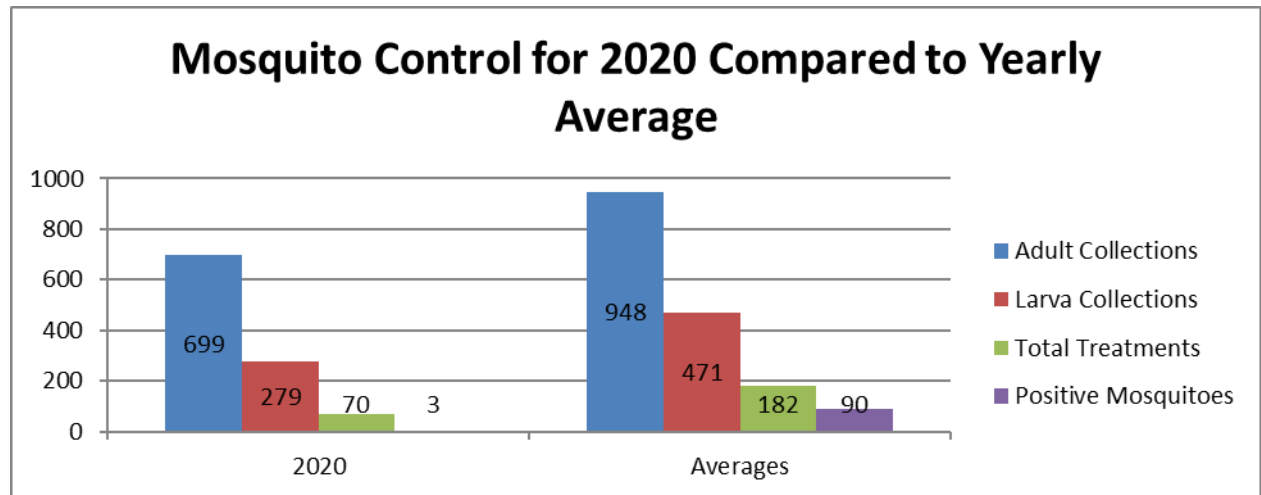
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www.ccpa.net/vector

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This year was a little different for the West Nile Program due to many events in 2020; however, it was a successful year considering the circumstances. Due to personnel restriction at the county and state level we were not able to set as many adult collections this year as the average.

Due to a less than average rainfall this summer, our average number of mosquitoes per data trap was lower in 2020 than most other years. We collected three West Nile Positive mosquito samples this year. On an average year we collect about 90 positive samples. There were no human cases reported in Cumberland County in 2020. We want to thank DEP, county officials, and municipal officials for their help on making this a successful season.

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TAX OFFICE · SEWER AUTHORITY NEWS

QUARTERLY TAX TIPS

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 2020 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 \$7,074 Homestead Exclusion on your July 1st, 2020 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, 2020 through March 1, 2021. You can obtain that form on Cumberland County's website, ccpa.net. If you take the \$7,074 Homestead Exclusion amount and multiply it by 12.3200 mills it equals \$87.15. 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.

2021 Lower Allen Township and Cumberland County Real Estate taxes dated March 1, 2021 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.

The Tax Office will remain closed during COVID-19. If you need to get ahold of me, I can be reached at my home (717) 763-7960 or by email bmiller@latwp.org or millekbkle@gmail.com

The Tax Office will be closed: January 10th thru March 1st, 2020

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Sewer Service Rates for 2021

Sewer service rates will not be increasing in 2021. The Authority continues to meet its customer service needs and environmental compliance goals cost effectively.

Sewer Billing Rates will remain the same as follows:

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

Property Owners with delinquent sewer bills can be placed on a payment plan by calling the Authority office, 717-774-0610, between 8 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday. Delinquent sewer bills not on a payment plan are subject to municipal lien, water service shut-off, District Magistrate and Sheriff Sale collection actions. The cost of unpaid account collection action is added to the account bill.

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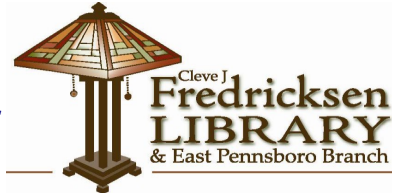
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GET RESULTS.**

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Fredricksen Library



- ◆ We are taking orders through March 31 for our next installation of engraved pavers on our Reading Plaza! Purchase a paver in honor or in memory of family, friends, loved ones, pets, an organization or special occasion. Information regarding paver options can be found on our website or in the library.
- ◆ Don't forget our e-resources are always available FREE to library card holders. With either the Overdrive or Libby app, you can get all your favorite books electronically without leaving home.
- ◆ We have a variety of programs and activities for all ages taking place this winter both in person and virtually at the library! 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



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.

2021 Newsletter Subscription Form

Yes! I am enclosing \$5.00 with this completed form. Sign me up today for delivery of the Township News to my mail box, for a one time payment of only \$5.00 for the entire year of 2021.

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