



Fall 2024

TOWNSHIP NEWS

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



Lower Allen Township Commissioners

Commissioner Josh Nagy,
Commissioner Joe Swartz,
President Dean Villone,
Commissioner Chuck Brown, and
Vice President Jennifer Caron

Regular Meetings: 2nd & 4th
Mondays, 6pm in Gorgas Hall

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TOWNSHP MANAGER TOM VERNAU TO RETIRE AFTER 36 YEARS OF SERVICE



Lower Allen Township Manager Thomas G. Vernau has informed the Board of Commissioners that he will be retiring at the end of the year. The retirement will be effective December 31st, 2024.

Tom first came to Lower Allen Township in 1988 as the Accounting Supervisor for the Finance Department, and in 1995 was appointed Finance Director by Manager Raymond Rhodes.

In 1998, he was appointed Director of Administrative Services, which in addition to Finance also had oversight over Human Resources, Information Services, and Fleet Maintenance. Tom was designated as Assistant Township Manager in 1999, and in 2006 was chosen to succeed Ray Rhodes as the Township Manager.

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DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Lower Allen Township

2233 Gettysburg Road • Camp Hill, PA 17011

Phone: (717) 975-7575 • 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
Rebecca Davis, Assistant Manager / Public Works Director	1010
Alycia Knoll, Finance Director	1202
Isaac Sweeney, PE, Director of Community and Economic Development	1002
Dave Holl, Public Safety Director	1601
Leon Crone, Police Captain	1515
Tony Deaven, EMS Captain	1810
Thomas Rigling, Chief, Fire and Rescue Services	1315
Brian Ariano, District Chief, LA Fire Co. No. 1	1302
Greg Black, District Chief, Lisburn Cmty. Fire Co.	766-3994
Donna Paul, Human Resources	1402

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE 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 Water	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

3 Sewer Authority / Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
5 Community Day Out (Lisburn Fire Co.)	11:00 am
7 Board of Commissioners - Budget	6:00 pm
14 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
15 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
17 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
19 Gardeners Fall Fest (LA Community Park)	10:00 am
20 Lisburn Community Fire Co. Bingo	11:30 am
21 Board of Commissioners - Budget	6:00 pm
21 Development Authority	6:00 pm
23 Recreation & Parks Board	7:00 pm
28 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
31 Trick-or-Treat Night	6:00 pm

NOVEMBER

4 Board of Commissioners - Budget	6:00 pm
5 Election Day (TWP OFFICES OPEN)	7:00 am
7 Sewer Authority / Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
10 Lisburn Fire Co. To Go Turkey Dinner	11:30 am
11 Veterans Day	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
12 Board of Commissioners (held Tuesday)	6:00 pm
18 Development Authority	6:00 pm
19 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
20 Recreation & Parks Board	7:00 pm
21 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
25 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
28-29 Thanksgiving	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED

DECEMBER

2 PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY	CLOSED
5 Sewer Authority / Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
9 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
16 Development Authority	6:00 pm
17 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
19 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
23 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
25 Christmas Day	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED

JANUARY

1 New Years Day	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
2 Sewer Authority / Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
13 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
16 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS / ENACTED ORDINANCES • PERMITS

OFFICIALS IN ACTION

The Board of Commissioners approved the following:



RESOLUTIONS

2024-R-27 Recognizing Richard E. Lehigh, Construction Code Official in the Community & Economic Development Department, for his 25 years of service with Lower Allen Township. (Adopted: 07/08/24)

2024-R-28 Recognizing Richard J. Tamanosky II, Police Corporal for his nearly 26-years of service with Lower Allen Township. (Adopted: 07/22/24)

2024-R-29 Appointing Christian Anglemeyer as a Maintenance Specialist in Public Works Department. (Adopted: 07/22/24)

2024-R-30 Authorizing the Winter Traffic Service Municipal Agreement with the PA Department of Transportation for a 5-year term. (Adopted: 07/22/24)

2024-R-31 Appointing Thomas Rigling as Chief of Fire and Rescue Services in the Public Safety Department. (Adopted: 08/12/24)

2024-R-32 Authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Municipal Assistance Program and committing a financial match of \$67,500 for a project grant to revise Chapter 192 Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and Chapter 220 Zoning Ordinance of the Township Code. (Adopted: 08/26/24)

2024-R-33 Appointing Rebecca L. Davis as Lower Allen Township Manager, effective January 1, 2025. (Adopted: 08/26/24)

2024-R-34 Requesting a Category 4 Facilities Local Share Assessment (LSA) grant in the amount of \$270,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to acquire a leaf turner. (Adopted: 09/09/24)

2024-R-35 Amending the Investment Policy Statements for the Police Pension Fund and the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. (Adopted: 09/23/24)

ORDINANCES

2024-01 Amending the Lower Allen Township Code and creating a Tobacco-Free Parks Policy. (Enacted: 07/22/24)

Time To Close Out Your Permit: The fall season is the perfect time of year to make sure your building and zoning permits are officially complete. Permits cannot be finalized until the Zoning Officer or Building Inspector has conducted a final inspection. Inspections are easy to schedule by contacting the Community and Economic Development Department (CED). If proper notice is provided, your final inspection can be performed within 24-hours. The inspections are quick and easy if the work is performed per the submitted plans. Please Contact the CED Department at (717) 975-7575 to schedule your final inspection.

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Welcome New Staffers

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

Full-time

Julie Echterling, Finance Department, Accounting Specialist

Christian Anglemeyer, Public Works Department, Maintenance Specialist

Thomas G. Rigling, Public Safety Department, Chief of Fire & Rescue Services

Part-time

Jordan Myers, EMS Department, AEMT

Justin Mateer, EMS Department, EMT

Patrick Sisca, EMS Department, EMT

Isaiah Weaver, EMS Department, EMT

Jace Blair, Police Department, CSO

Cameron Weems, Police Department, CSO

Special Recognition for Years of Service Milestones

- Jordan Sipe – Public Works Department – Maintenance Specialist - 5 years
- Bryce Thompson – Public Works Department – Stormwater Inspector - 5 years
- Anthony Deaven – EMS Department – EMS Captain - 5 years
- Jodi Etter – EMS Department – EMS Lieutenant - 5 years
- Joshua Schware – EMS Department – EMS Lieutenant - 5 years
- Ian Chambers – EMS Department – Paramedic - 5 years
- Kevin Cramer – Police Department – Police Detective - 10 years
- Laurie Nissel – Police Department – Police Records Supervisor– 15 years

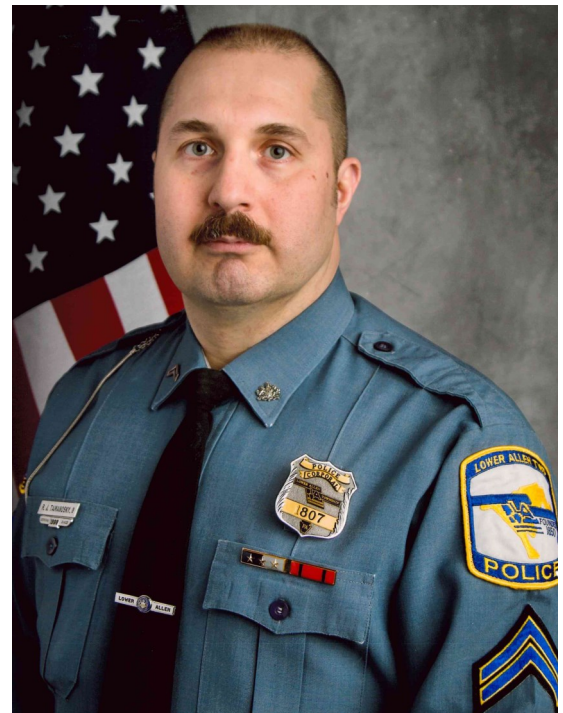
Recent Retirements

- Richard Grove – Finance Department – Director - 22 years
- Richard Tamanosky II – Police Department – Police Corporal – 26 years
- Beverly Putric – Finance Department – Billing Specialist – 29 years

CERTIFIED: Barbara Arnold, Environmental Coordinator, was recently recognized at the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) Annual Conference for completing the Penn State University certification coursework. The Pennsylvania Certification meets the National Standards Certification Board requirements for accreditation and is reciprocated in multiple states in the United States. The program is designed to establish high professional standards for recycling, sustainable resource management, organics, and solid waste managers in both the public and private sectors. Ms. Arnold has been able to establish herself in the organization taking an active role on the certification committee and teaching certification classes to incoming members. PROP certification is available to public and private sector recycling coordinators and managers. PROP members network with each other and recycling industries to increase recycling throughout the state of Pennsylvania. Ms. Arnold hopes to increase recycling in Lower Allen Township through relationships with private sector recycling industries.

COPORAL RICK TAMANOSKY RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

Corporal Richard Tamanosky II received citations from Representative Sheryl Delozier and Senator Mike Regan commending his nearly 26 years of service with the Lower Allen Police Department. Corporal Tamanosky celebrated his retirement this July. Rick joined the Lower Allen Township Police Department in 1998 first serving as a patrol officer, he then became a field training officer and D.A.R.E. instructor and was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 2005. Rick also became the department's defensive tactics instructor where he helped ensure our officers had the physical skill and knowledge to stay safe in physical conflicts. Rick is enjoying his retirement and maintains ties with the Police Department in a volunteer capacity as a trainer.



Above: Representative Sheryl Delozier (88th District) presents Corporal Richard Tamanosky II with a State House commendation and **Right:** Senator Mike Regan (31st District) presents a State Senate commendation recognizing Rick for his 26 years of service with the Police Dept.



GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

For the second year in a row, Lower Allen has received the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence. We received the award in 2023 for a water sampling and testing program for the Yellow Breeches and Cedar Run Creeks.

We received the 2024 award for the Solar Panel project that went live in 2023. The Award honors businesses, schools, government agencies, and NGOs that have completed projects to promote environmental stewardship. Lower Allen was one of 22 winners representing the best in using innovation, collaboration and public services to improve and protect the environment.



President Dean Villone and Manager Thomas Vernau receive the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence from DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn and DEP Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley

The Lower Allen Township Solar Energy Project significantly reduced the use of fossil fuels by switching to renewable solar energy and had significant long-term cost savings for the township and, in turn, the taxpayers. It also has a significant environmental impact annually, reducing the township's reliance on fossil fuels.

The Township also received an Excellence in Energy award from NRG Energy in the category of Sustainability for the Solar project.

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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



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MANAGER TOM VERNAU'S LEGACY (CONTINUED)

Tom was very involved in several professional organizations and encouraged Township staff to take advantage of their opportunities to do the same. He said: *"Over the years I have learned as much, if not more, from the people I have met at professional development events than I have from the content of the seminars. Having a network of other professionals to turn to for advice is invaluable."* Tom has served as president of both the Government Finance Officers Association of PA and the Association of Pennsylvania Municipal Managers.

Some of the achievements during Vernau's tenure include a new Municipal Services Center, new and expanded parks and playgrounds, and pedestrian/bicycle trails. A 2008 update to the Comprehensive Plan led to the formation of the Lower Allen Township Development Authority, whose crowning success to date is the development of Lower Allen Commons, with anchors Trader Joe's and Springhill Suites. The Gettysburg Road Corridor Study was completed, paving the way for future redevelopment along that major arterial road through the Township. Public Safety services, including Police, EMS and Fire & Rescue Services have been expanded.

With his background in Finance, Vernau was always careful to balance expenditures with revenues. He leaves the Township with a healthy fund balance and a bond rating of AA+.

Vernau said that he always appreciated the support of the Board of Commissioners, regardless of who was on the Board at the time. He said: *"The Commissioners have, for the most part, believed in hiring good people and then letting them do their jobs. They have always supported professional development, which is a key reason that Lower Allen Township keeps moving forward."*

Vernau is confident that Lower Allen will continue to prosper. He said; *"We have been fortunate to attract and retain a new generation of talented and capable leaders to carry Lower Allen into the future, I have no worries about leaving this in their hands"*

Tom and his wife of 42 years, Tami, plan to travel, visit their grandchildren more often, and tackle some home improvement projects. Tom said that he may keep his hand in municipal governance in some manner but wants to first take some time to just be retired.

The Commissioners and staff of Lower Allen Township thank Tom for his years of leadership and wish him the best as he begins his next chapter.

2024 Newsletter Mail Subscription Form

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 four (4) issues.

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Address: _____

FINANCE DEPARTMENT • UTILITY BILLING UPDATE

Fourth quarter utility bills will be sent on October 1, 2024 for the months of October, November, and December 2024. The utility bill format was changed in the second quarter, so please be aware of the new streamlined, tri-fold invoice that is mailed to you in a window envelope. A sample utility bill is shown on the next page.

Utility bills may consist of up to three (3) separate fees: sanitary sewer, stormwater, and residential refuse (including trash, recycling, and curbside yard waste services).

Quarterly billing dates are as follows:

January 1st - for January, February, and March - due February 1st

April 1st - for April, May, and June - due May 1st

July 1st - for July, August, and September - due August 1st

October 1st - for October, November, and December - due November 1st

For those customers that have been utilizing ACH withdrawal, the Township will no longer take the utility payments in three (3) separate withdrawals. ***Starting with the fourth quarter (November 1st payment due date), the Township will make a single withdrawal from customer accounts for the combined total of all services (sewer, stormwater, refuse, or the combination thereof).***

ACH withdrawal is a free payment option offered by the Township. Customers who enroll agree to have their payment for their quarterly utility bill automatically withdrawn from their checking account on the due date. This helps alleviate receiving a ten percent penalty applied on late payments. **The ACH enrollment form is included on page 10** for customers desiring that payment option.

The Township is also now offering an e-billing option for customers who wish to receive their quarterly utility bills via email. E-billing creates a completely paperless billing process. Alternatively, customers may request both options and continue to have paper bills mailed but also receive electronic notices and bills. Interested customers should email utilitybilling@latwp.org to request this service. Please provide your name, address and/or account number, along with the email address where you'd like the bills sent.

ANTICIPATED UTILITY RATE INCREASES FOR 2025

Refuse will be increasing from \$108.06 to \$112.83 in the first quarter of 2025. Low flow refuse will be increasing from \$103.26 to \$107.82 in the first quarter of 2025. Stormwater will remain at \$19.00 per ERU (unit). The Lower Allen Township Sewer Authority is proposing a rate increase for sanitary sewer fees; however, the increase and its approval will not be determined until sometime in November 2024.



Lower Allen Township
2233 GETTYSBURG RD
CAMP HILL PA 17011-7302



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CUSTOMERNAME1

Address1

Address2

Address3

City State ZipCode

CURRENT METER ACTIVITY

SERVICETYPE	CURRENT READING	USAGE
	0	0

CHARGE DETAIL

DESCRIPTION	UNITS	TOTAL
CHARGEDESCRIPTION	UNITS	TOTALAMOUNT

UTILITY BILL

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

ACCOUNT NO:	ACCOUNTNUM	PIN: WIPPPIN
LOCATION:	SERVICELOCATION	
BILLING DATE:	BILLINGDATE	
DUE DATE:	DUEDATE	
BILLING PERIOD:	BILLPERIODSTARTDATE - BILLPERIODEND	

AMOUNT DUE

LAST PAYMENT:	DATE:	AMOUNT: 0.00
PREVIOUS BALANCE:	TOTALPREVIOUSBALANCE	
CURRENT CHARGES:	TOTALCURRENTCHARGES	

IF PAID ON OR BEFORE DUE DATE :	TOTALDUE
IF PAID AFTER DUE DATE	AmountDueAfterDueDate

CREDIT - DO NOT PAY!

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Additional Ways to Pay Your Bill:

Pay online with a credit card at
<https://www.govpaynow.com/gps/user/plc/6539>
or by calling 1-888-604-7888. Credit card fees apply.
In person at the Township Building Monday - Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm

After hours through the drop box located in the parking lot of the Township Building at 2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill
A penalty will be added to the balance if payment is not received by the due date

Questions:

Check our website at www.latwp.org or email utilitybilling@latwp.org
1 unit in Stormwater is equal to 1 ERU

ACH form included for your convenience. Please return with a voided check by September 10th for the 4th quarter payment. ACH is free of charge.

BillMessage.

DETACH AND RETURN PORTION WITH PAYMENT

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

ACCOUNT NO:	ACCOUNTNUM	PIN: WIPPPIN
LOCATION:	SERVICELOCATION	
BILLING DATE:	BILLINGDATE	
YEAR:	BILLYEAR	PERIOD: BILLPERIOD
PARCEL ID:	PARCELID	

AMOUNT DUE

DUE DATE:	DUEDATE
IF PAID ON OR BEFORE DUE DATE	TOTALDUE
IF PAID AFTER DUE DATE	AmountDueAfterDueDate

CREDIT - DO NOT PAY!

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

CUSTOMERNAME1
Address1
Address2
Address3
City State ZipCode

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP
2233 GETTYSBURG RD
CAMP HILL PA 17011-7302



PAY YOUR TRASH, SEWER & STORMWATER BILL THE EASY WAY – ACH WITHDRAWAL

Lower Allen Township offers an automatic bill paying option for all ~~RESIDENTIAL~~ accounts to make paying quarterly utility bills easy and eliminates the need to write or mail checks, carry cash to our office AND avoid late payments.

~~**NOTE:** This service is not available for commercial/business accounts whose sewer rates are based on consumption.~~

In lieu of a bill, you will receive a postcard notification indicating your current amount due and the date the automatic bank withdrawal will be processed (or the first business day thereafter). Your charge(s) will appear on your bank statement.

TO ENROLL FOR THIS SERVICE, PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Fill out, sign, and return this entire form **along with a VOIDED CHECK or LETTER FROM BANK STATING YOUR BANK ACCOUNT AND ROUTING NUMBERS**, to Lower Allen Township, 2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011.
2. Make sure the magnetic numbers across the bottom of the voided check are intact, that the check is from the proper account that you want debited, and that you have enough money in that account to cover your bill on the day it is due.
NOTE: If your withdrawal is denied for ANY reason, there will be a \$30.00 service charge added to your account in addition to a late payment penalty of 10%

DEADLINES TO ENROLL:

Place a checkmark next to the quarter you would like your first ACH withdrawal to occur. Please note the specific cut-off dates for enrollment. If you enroll after the cut-off date for a particular quarter, you will be enrolled for the next quarter.

- ☐ Quarter 1 ACH processing date is February 1 (WE MUST RECEIVE THIS COMPLETED FORM BY **DECEMBER 10TH**)
- ☐ Quarter 2 ACH processing date May 1 (WE MUST RECEIVE THIS COMPLETED FORM BY **MARCH 10TH**)
- ☐ Quarter 3 ACH processing date August 1 (WE MUST RECEIVE THIS COMPLETED FORM BY **JUNE 10TH**)
- ☐ Quarter 4 ACH processing date November 1 (WE MUST RECEIVE THIS COMPLETED FORM BY **SEPTEMBER 10TH**)

Name _____

Utility Billing Account Number _____

Utility Billing Property Address _____

Home Address (if different from above) _____

E-Mail Address _____ Daytime Phone Number _____

YOU MUST NOTIFY US AT LEAST THREE (3) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE WITHDRAWAL DATE SPECIFIC TO THE CURRENT QUARTER, OF ANY CHANGES AFFECTING YOUR ACCOUNT FOR ANY REASON INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. **Change to bank account information.** A new, properly filled out, ACH enrollment form with new account information, must be sent to or dropped off at our office along with a voided check (or letter from bank) for new account.
2. **Discontinuing this service for any reason, including selling your property.** If discontinuing ACH service, an alternate and timely payment of your quarterly bill will still be required by the billing due date. (check, cash, credit card)

By signing below, I/We hereby authorize Lower Allen Township to withdraw the cost of my quarterly sewer, trash and/or stormwater fee from my checking account. This authorization will remain in effect until I provide the minimum three (3) weeks notification to terminate this agreement for any reason listed above or otherwise. I also agree to notify Lower Allen Township of any changes to the financial institution or account, which is to be debited, with a minimum of three (3) weeks notification accompanied by a new ACH form and copy of new voided check.

NOTE: Where checking account is in joint names, BOTH owners must sign this authorization.

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Lower Allen Township Trash & Recycling Services

Services

Trash Recycling
Bulk Item Pick Up Yard Waste

FAQ

Q: What is included in my service?

A: Every property is permitted 1 wheeled trash container, 1 wheeled recycling container, and 1 bulk item per week. Yard waste is collected weekly from dumpable containers starting in March through October.

Q: What do I do with grass clippings?

A: Grass clippings should be mulched back into the lawn. If residents do not wish to mulch, grass should be bagged and placed in the wheeled trash container. Additional containers are not available for grass clippings.

Q: What is considered a bulk item?

A: Bulk items are large pieces of furniture or appliances that do not fit in the wheeled container. All requests or questions for pick up need to be scheduled with Penn Waste at 717-767-4456.

Q: Who do I call if I still have questions?

A: All additional questions regarding waste disposal of any kind should be directed to Lower Allen Township's Environmental Coordinator, Barbara Arnold at 717-975-7575 ext 1014.

Q: Who do I call for a replacement container?

A: All deliveries for replacement containers should be made through Penn Waste. 717-767-4456

Q: What do I do if my collection was missed?

A: Missed pickups should be reported before 7 am the day after the regular scheduled collection to Lower Allen Township through the website. [Missed trash Reporting](#).

PUBLIC WORKS • FALL LEAF COLLECTION INFORMATION

The annual leaf collection for Lower Allen Township will start on **Monday, October 14th** and continue through **Friday, December 6th** (excluding November 28th – December 2nd). 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)

Just The 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.

Know – Leaf collection updates will be posted on the leaf tracker map on the Township's website at www.latwp.org or information can be obtained by calling Public Works at (717) 975-7575 x 2104 during regular business hours from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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

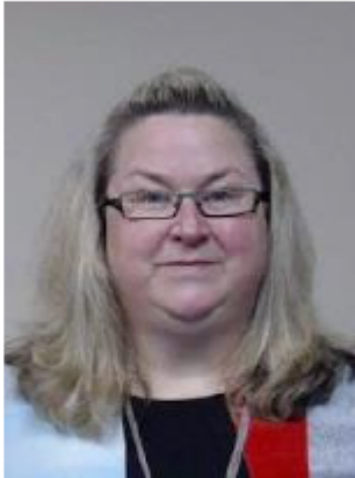


DO:
Please rake leaves into long windrows, and not large piles.



WELCOME NEW DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

The Township has had some key departures this year with the resignation of Assistant Manager/Director of Community & Economic Development Erin Trone and the retirement of Finance Director Richard Grove. We have been fortunate to be able to hire two talented individuals to replace Ms. Trone and Mr. Grove and we've created a new position with the CED Planner.



Alycia J. Knoll, Finance Director:

Alycia Knoll was hired on March 25th to take over the responsibilities of Finance Director from Mr. Grove. Alycia has extensive experience in public sector accounting & finance, having served as Finance Manager at Lower Paxton Township for 16 years and Susquehanna Township for 3 years. One of Alycia's first tasks was to hire a Fiscal Assistant, Julie Echterling, and is in the process of hiring a Billing Specialist. She is also expanding the use of our financial management software to streamline and decentralize processes. Alycia has a B.S. in Business Management & Finance from York College.



Isaac R. Sweeney, P.E., Director of Community & Economic Development:

Isaac Sweeney was brought on board on April 8th to head up the Department of Community & Economic Development. Isaac has both public and private sector experience, having worked as an assistant Project Manager at Gannet Fleming, Inc., an Engineering Technician for Hampden Township, and a Land Development Manager for Landmark Homes. Isaac has oversight over both Community Development and Economic Development but will focus most of his time on economic development opportunities for the Township. He earned both a B.S. in Environmental Resource Management and a Masters in Environmental Engineering from Penn State.



James Bennett, Community Planner:

In addition to the two Directors, the Township also brought on board our first Planner, Mr. James "Jim" Bennett. Jim also has experience in both the public and private sectors, having worked for Silver Spring Township as the Planning and Zoning Manager and Land Planning Manager, Carlisle Borough as a Planner and Dewberry, LLC as a Senior Planner. Jim will oversee the day to day operations of zoning, permitting, and subdivision/land development. Jim received his B.S. in Land Use Planning and his Masters in Geoenvironmental Studies from Shippensburg University.



PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

Office of the Director

January 10, 2024, Ordinance 2023-06 became effective for Lower Allen Township. This Ordinance created a Division of Fire Rescue Services within the Department of Public Safety to oversee all operations, training, response, facilities, apparatus, staffing, equipment, coordination, and other associated activities related to fire rescue services.

These responsibilities were previously primarily managed by the Lisburn Community Fire Company and the Lower Allen Volunteer Fire Company. With difficulty recruiting volunteer firefighters, it had become a significant challenge for the volunteer companies to staff and respond to the over 1,000 calls for service occurring collectively annually.

Despite the change in direct management of fire services, the Township noted in the Ordinance its desire to continue to recognize the Lower Allen Fire Company No. 1 and the Lisburn Community Fire Company as volunteer provider organizations of the Township's fire rescue services. Both companies will continue to provide volunteers to respond to Township fire, rescue, and emergency calls for service. Each volunteer fire company will have a District and Assistant District Chief appointed by the Public Safety Director.

The Ordinance also provided for the hiring of a Township Career Fire Chief to oversee fire rescue operations reporting to the Public Safety Director. The Volunteer District Chiefs and Assistant District Chiefs will report to the new Fire Chief. Following a comprehensive search, Tom Rigling was appointed as Township Fire Chief by the Board of Commissioners at their August 12th meeting.

Please join me in welcoming this newly revitalized vision of fire rescue services within the Township. As with all public safety services they are here to serve Community First!

David L. Holl, Director of Public Safety



***Tom Rigling, Chief,
Fire Rescue Services***

Lisburn Community Fire Company News

Events



Community DAY OUT

Saturday, October 5 • 11am to 3pm
Lisburn Community Fire Company Grounds
1800 Main Street, Mechanicsburg—Lisburn

NOVEMBER 10 TURKEY DINNER 11:30-1PM

To-Go-Dinner includes: Turkey, filling, potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, roll, vegetable, & dessert. \$12 for Adults

OCTOBER 20—BINGO

There will be regular & special games of bingo and a final jackpot. Pre-register for \$22 and \$25 at the door. 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 with additional cards available for purchase. Check out our Facebook page/website for additional information.

1800 Main Street Lisburn, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
(717) 766-3994 LisburnFire24@gmail.com

TAX COLLECTOR'S UPDATE • VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

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

You should have received a \$9,512 Homestead Exclusion on your July 1st, 2024 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, 2024 through March 1, 2025. You can obtain the form on Cumberland County's website: www.ccpa.net. If you take the \$9,512 Homestead Exclusion amount and multiply it by 1.430780 mills it equals \$136.10. Your assessment of 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 new white drop-off 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 at bmiller@latwp.org or by calling my home phone number (717) 763-7960 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Volunteer Firefighters Are Needed

WHO WILL ANSWER THE CALL?

Be part of our **community & tradition**

For additional information, please contact Fire Chief Thomas Rigling
Email: trigling@latwp.org • Phone: 717-975-7575 Ext. 1315

EMS DEPARTMENT • HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



As Trick or Treat Night (Thursday, October 31st, 6-8pm) and the Halloween celebration approaches, excitement fills the air with costumes, decorations, and the promise of treats, Lower Allen Township EMS wants to ensure everyone has a great time and stays safe with a few easy-to-follow safety tips.

Costumes - safe costumes are bright and reflective to increase visibility, especially if trick-or-treating after dark. Avoid masks because they can obstruct vision, consider using face paint or makeup to create your desired look while keeping your eyes clear. Comfortable footwear is essential to enjoying an a few hours trick-or-treating footwear should be comfortable and allow for easy movement to prevent trips and falls.

Buddy System - always go trick-or-treating in groups and with an adult if possible. This not only enhances safety but also adds to the fun!

Stay on Sidewalks - use sidewalks wherever possible, and if there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic to stay visible to drivers.

Check the Treats - upon returning home, inspect all treats before eating and discard any unwrapped or suspicious items.

Pet Safety - pets can be a great addition to a costume or look you want to create, but you must make sure your pet is ALWAYS on a leash, licensed, and enjoys being social. Do not feed your pets candy!

By following these simple safety tips, you can help ensure that Halloween remains a fun and enjoyable time for everyone. Remember, a little preparation goes a long way in keeping the spooky season safe! Happy Halloween and stay safe!

Billing Update Reminder: Lower Allen Township EMS recently partnered with Lehighon Ambulance Billing Association for ambulance services including subscriptions and payments. Ambulance patients and authorized agents should contact LAA Billing directly at (610) 596-8702 regarding any ambulance subscriptions, billing matters, and claims. Pay online at www.laabilling.com.

*The holidays are coming...Pumpkin pie... cookies...
mashed potatoes & gravy...
Don't let them get the best of you!*

Lower Allen Township partners with
West Shore Recreation to provide **YOU**,
a variety of recreational services for the best value.



Fall is here and everyone is starting new routines again. It is important to stay active, learn something new and find activities to enhance your daily life.



The **FALL** WSRec guide features many activities to:

- develop new skills and confidence
- improve your health and wellness
- decrease your stress levels
- add joy to your life, no matter your age or ability level.

Ready to get started?

**ONLINE
REGISTRATION**

For more information on the activities being offered or to
register for a program call the WSRec office at 717-920-9515
or visit <https://westshorerec.org>

WOMEN AND BABIES CENTERS

**Making their first
day your best day.**



PennState Health
Hampden Medical Center



Penn State Health Obstetrics and Gynecology

American Office Center
423 N. 21st St., Suite 202
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Hampden Medical Center
2200 Good Hope Road
Suite 1076
Enola, PA 17025

We deliver at:

Penn State Health Hampden Medical Center

Women and Babies Center
2200 Good Hope Road
Enola, PA 17025

To schedule an appointment,
call **717-310-7827**.

pennstatehealth.org/hampden-women-babies

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LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP **FIRST ANNUAL GARDENERS FALL FEST** **Saturday, October 19, from 10:00am to 2:00pm** **Lower Allen Community Park, Upper Pavilion**

This Event is Rain or Shine!

Kids Activities

- ★ Paint Your Own Pumpkin (BYOP)
- ★ Fall Book Reading Time
- ★ Leaf Rubbing Station
- ★ Build a small Terrarium
- ★ Pumpkin Bowling

Speakers

- ★ Master Gardener, Linda Johnson speaking on Winter Sow.
- ★ Keys Bees speaking on what to do when falls comes to help with bees.

Local Vendors

- ★ Dried & True Homestead
- ★ Align & Design
- ★ Cornerstone Cupcakes
- ★ Excalibur Jerky
- ★ Becca Botanicals
- ★ Keys Bees
- ★ AprilMayJuly
- ★ Soup on Your Doorstep
- ★ PennCumberland Garden Club
- ★ Hobby Green House Club
- ★ Snuggable Stitches
- ★ A Weiser Cuts
- ★ West Shore Wildlife
- ★ Fierce Spirit Creations
- ★ Two Little Birds Homestead
- ★ In the Resin Heart
- ★ Grit & Grace Farmstead
- ★ Jess Olsen Studio
- ★ Squirrel's Nest Homemade
- ★ Creek Bottom Frolic
- ★ Lacoste Designs
- ★ Nauvoo Farms
- ★ Gail Hurley Pottery

Food Trucks

- ★ Tri-County BBQ
- ★ That's What Cheese Said
- ★ Roaming Roast
- ★ Latin Ocean Bites





***General Election Day is
Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
Polls are open from 7am - 8pm.
Please don't forget to vote!***



RECEIVE LOWER ALLEN COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS

Subscribing is easy! Use this link (https://latwp.app.reggroup.com/contacts/sign_up) 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.

Your subscription will automatically assign you to the Emergency Alerts Group, but you will need to select any additional groups (i.e. If you live in the Floodplain, if you want to receive information about Township events/Newsletter, 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 or you do not have access to a computer, please call 717-975-7575 Ext. 1602 or email dknisley@latwp.org and we will assist you in registering.

This is a free subscription service to all Lower Allen residents and property and business owners.