



# Lower Gwynedd Report



## COUNTRIE PICNIC Saturday, September 22, 2012



Mary Cullom, Arpeggio and staff serving food at the Taste of Lower Gwynedd.

The Lower Gwynedd Township Countrie Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 22 from Noon – 4 p.m. at Penllyn Woods. This year’s picnic is sponsored in part by Susquehanna Bank and Ambler Savings and Loan. Vendors will include Canine Country, Woman’s Club of Whitpain, Bank of America, Susquehanna Bank, Gwynedd Mercy College, Ambler Area YMCA, German Shepherd Rescue of South Eastern Pa, Wissahickon Valley Public Library and the Friends of the Wissahickon Valley

Public Library and many more. In addition, Wissahickon and North Penn Fire Companies and Ambler Ambulance Association will be on location with a fantastic display of equipment. The Taste of Lower Gwynedd will be back again with a great lineup of your local restaurants. Let your inner “foodie” loose and see what delicious delicacies these establishments have to offer. At the Taste of Lower Gwynedd get ready to sample food from area restaurants; Arpeggio, Il Giardino Pizza Café, The Spring House Tavern, Toni Roni’s, La Villa Mexican Grille, Andy’s Diner, Mina Cucina Rustica, and more.

The Countrie Picnic just isn’t complete without our annual Raffle. Stop by the Parks & Recreation Department to purchase your raffle tickets with a chance to win over 35 prizes from area businesses. A complete list of all the businesses who have graciously donated prizes can be found on our website along with the participating vendors, restaurants, and businesses can be found on the Lower Gwynedd Township webpage [www.lowergwynedd.org](http://www.lowergwynedd.org). If you are interested in being a part of the Picnic as a vendor, restaurant or volunteer please contact Sandi Feight at 215-646-5302.

Also, don’t forget to dust off those cook books and get practicing on Grandma’s famous recipe - the Bake-Off is looking for those



North Wales Water Wizard greeting children.

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great tasty treats! Our judges are already anticipating this friendly competition, so pull out all the stops and let's see who will out-do who this fall.

Saturday boredom is not an option on September 22: there will be musical entertainment provided by Soundscape, FREE amusement rides, a skilled Silhouette Artist and much more. Stubby the Helicopter from the American Helicopter Museum and Education Center will be making an appearance for children to get a chance to sit in a real helicopter.

So make sure to come out and support your local restaurants and businesses! The Countrie Picnic is the perfect opportunity to celebrate all that Lower Gwynedd has to offer.



Countrie Picnic in the PECO crown lights.

# FINANCE

## Lower Gwynedd Now Taking Credit Cards

Lower Gwynedd Township has partnered with Nationwide Payment Solutions (MunicipiPAY) to offer credit cards and electronic checks to its citizens. Nationwide Payment Solutions works with over 20,000 merchants all over the country and process over \$3 Billion dollars a year. In Pennsylvania, they work with over 100 municipalities and nationwide work with over 500. You will be able to make general payments and sewer payments by credit card and electronic check. Payments may be made in person, over the phone or online. For Lower Gwynedd, to be able to offer the convenience of paying by credit card and electronic check a convenience fee does apply. The convenience fee is

2.45% or \$1.50 minimum for credit cards and a flat \$1.50 for electronic check payments. When making a payment in the office or over the phone you may use your MasterCard, Discover or American Express; however, if you make a payment online you may use Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express or Electronic Check.



To make a payment you can visit us in the office, call or go online. To make a payment by phone you can call the Township Office at (215) 646-5302. If you would like to make a payment online go to the Township's website at <http://lowergwynedd.org> and click on the Online Payments link under Highlights & Helpful Links.

## The 2013 Budget

By law, the Township Board of Supervisors must approve a balanced budget by December 31 each year. Our Elected Supervisors, Administration, as well as Police, Public Works and Park and Recreation Departments are hard at work preparing the 2013 Budget and Fiscal Plan. The Board welcomes your input.

### - Budget Fast Facts -

Wissahickon School Real Estate Tax (incl. Library) 17.925 mills	2012 General Fund Budget \$6,215,390	Earned Income Tax .5%
Montgomery County Real Estate Tax 3.152 mills	Police Budget \$3,242,841	Earned Income Tax Receipts in 2007 3,248,353
Lower Gwynedd Township Real Estate Tax 1.223 mills	2012 Recreation Fund Budget \$504,059	Earned Income Tax Receipts in 2011 2,865,270
Township Fiscal Year January 1 – December 31	Miles of Township Roads 47	

# ADMINISTRATION

## LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

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www.lowergwynedd.org

**Administration:** Phone: (215) 646-5302 Fax: (215) 646-3357 • **Police:** Emergency: 911 Phone: (215) 646-5303

### Board of Supervisors

Edward J. Brandt, Chairman  
Kathleen Hunsicker, Vice-Chairman  
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**Township Manager:** Larry M. Comunale

**Assistant Manager:** Craig McAnally

**Asst. Sec.:** Carole Culbreth

**Finance Director:** Karen Yeutter

**Police Chief:** John P. Scholly

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**Asst. Zoning Officer:** Craig McAnally

**Building Inspector:** Joseph Groarke

**Tax Collector:** Betty Lou Yost/Berkheimer\*

**Recreation Director:** Sandi L. Feight

**Parks Superintendent:** Chris Kalb

**Engineer:** David W. Connell, P.E., CKS Eng.

**Public Works Director:** Michael DeStefano

\* Betty Lou Yost collects Real Estate Taxes  
Berkheimer collects EIT, Business Privilege & Mercantile Tax & Local Services Tax

## LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP 2012 FALL/WINTER MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings to be held in the Administrative Office at  
1130 North Bethlehem Pike, Spring House

	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (7:30 PM)	ZONING HEARING BOARD (7:30 PM)	PLANNING COMMISSION (7:00 PM)	PARK AND RECREATION (7:30 PM)	MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (7:30 PM)
<b>OCT</b>	9 and 23	11	17	23	10
<b>NOV</b>	13 and 27	8	14	27	9
<b>DEC</b>	11	13	19	N/A	12
<b>JAN</b>	7				

### **Deadline for Submissions:**

#### **Zoning Hearing Board**

30 days prior to scheduled meeting

#### **Planning Commission**

Last day of month prior to scheduled meeting

### **TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS are as follows:**

October 8 (Columbus Day)  
November 12 (Veterans Day)  
November 22 & 23 (Thanksgiving)  
December 24 & 25 (Christmas Holidays)

**Election Day: Tuesday, November 6, 2012**



## Ambulance to be Stationed in Lower Gwynedd Township

On or about September 1, people passing by the Lower Gwynedd Municipal Building will see an unfamiliar vehicle parked at the Township Building. Chairman Ed Brandt announced recently that the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA) has placed an ambulance and crew at the Wissahickon Fire Station in the Municipal Building during the day when calls are heaviest. The new deployment has already yielded successful results. The CAAA has reported that an ambulance dispatched from the

Township Building reached an accident scene in sixty seconds. Scott Welker, Executive Director of the CAAA, stated that having an ambulance and crew in Lower Gwynedd will reduce response time and potentially save lives. Lower Gwynedd Township Manager, Larry Comunale, stated that the Township appreciates the ambulance service offered by CAAA and that this would not have been possible without the cooperation of Fire Chief John Leadbeater and the Wissahickon Fire Department.

# ADMINISTRATION



## Recycling of Computers, Computer Monitors, Televisions and other Electronic Devices

Because of technological advances that have turned every household into an electronics haven, many people are asking how they can recycle or properly dispose of their old or unusable electronic devices.

Many consumer electronic products contain heavy metals such

as lead, cadmium and mercury as well as other materials that are better kept out of the environment. In fact, the typical cathode ray tube computer monitor (non-flat screen model) contains four to seven pounds of lead. Televisions, depending on their size, may contain even more lead.



### Montgomery County Electronic Collection Program 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Info call 610-278-3618 or visit [www.montgomeryrecycles.org](http://www.montgomeryrecycles.org)

#### - Dates & Locations -

**Saturday October 27, 2012**

Springfield High School  
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## Nominate Citizen of the Year

Do you know someone who has served Lower Gwynedd so well that you think he or she should be Lower Gwynedd's 2012 Citizen of the Year? Last year, James Jacquette was chosen to receive this honor. A selection committee will review residents' nominations and name this year's Citizen of the Year.

To make a nomination, write a one-to-two page letter describing how your nominee demonstrates a commitment to improving the quality of life in the township. Send your nomination by September 26, 2012, to:

**Carole B. Culbreth**  
**Lower Gwynedd Township**  
**P. O. Box 625**  
**Spring House, PA 19477**  
**[cculbreth@lowergwynedd.org](mailto:cculbreth@lowergwynedd.org)**  
**fax: 215.646.3357**



Please remember to include your name and contact information. The winner will be announced at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on November 15, 2012, and will be featured in the next issue of the Lower Gwynedd Report.

# LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP POLLING LOCATIONS

Don't Forget to Vote! Tuesday, November 6, 2012

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP**

**■ Polling Locations**

**Foulkeways At Gwynedd**  
1120 Meetinghouse Road  
Lower Gwynedd 1-1

**Church of the Messiah**  
1001 Dekalb Pike  
Lower Gwynedd 1-2

**Gwynedd Mercy College**  
1325 Sumneytown Pike  
Lower Gwynedd 1-3

**Lower Gwynedd Twp Bldg**  
1130 N Bethlehem Pike  
Lower Gwynedd 2-1

**Bethlehem Baptist Church**  
712 Penllyn Pike & Dager Rd  
Lower Gwynedd 1-4

**Wissahickon School District**  
Administration Bldg  
601 Knight Rd  
Lower Gwynedd 2-2

**General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2012**

**As of this writing you *MUST* present a form of *PHOTO ID* when you go to your poll to vote.** For more information contact the Montgomery County Voter Services, P.O. Box 311, Norristown, PA 19404.

Voter Registration: 610.278.3280  
Election Board: 610.278.3275  
[www.montcopa.org/voterservices](http://www.montcopa.org/voterservices)

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Discount Ski Tickets

Lower Gwynedd Township offers Discounted Ski Tickets to area Ski Resorts. Tickets can be purchased at the Township Building Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For a listing of the tickets visit the Parks & Recreation Department page on the Township Website, [www.lowergwynedd.org](http://www.lowergwynedd.org).



## Philadelphia Flower Show Show Tickets

**Date:** Sunday March 2, 2013 - Sunday March 10, 2013

**Location:** Pennsylvania Convention Center

**Theme:** Brilliant! Featuring the United Kingdom

**Cost:** Please contact the Township Building for Ticket Cost, adult tickets only.



## Line Dancing

Every Thursday evening with the exception of Holidays.

**Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.

**Location:** Penllyn Woods Community Building

**Cost:** \$8 per person per night



## Learn How to Knit

This is an informal group that meets on Thursday afternoons at the Penllyn Woods Community Building. If you have knitting or crochet question stop in and we will be happy to help you out.

**Dates:** Thursdays (except for Holidays)

**Time:** 1 to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** Free



## Mad Science

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**Date:** Thursdays October 11 – November 15

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$85 per participant

**Location:** Penllyn Woods Community Building



## Wissahickon Valley Public Library Programs In Lower Gwynedd Township

### Speaker Series

Join the Library the second Thursday of every month while they host a speaker who will be discussing either an art or garden topic.

**Dates:** Thursdays, October 11, November 8, December 13

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lower Gwynedd Township Building



### Lower Gwynedd Police

The presentation will include information related to personal, home and vehicle security along with tips regarding identity theft and other fraudulent scams. The program will include adequate time for the audience to ask questions.

**Date:** Thursday October 25

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lower Gwynedd Township Building



### Pre-School Story Time @ Penllyn Woods

Join the Library as they travel to Penllyn Woods every Thursday for story time.

**Dates:** Thursdays

November 1 – December 20

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.



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## Trail Dusters

Lower Gwynedd Township is very proud of the over 25 miles of walking trails that it has to offer to the residents. This program introduces the participants to new trails, new trail connections and allows you to walk in a group setting while exploring the trails. A listing of the trail walks are given upon registration for the program.



**Dates:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 11-October 18

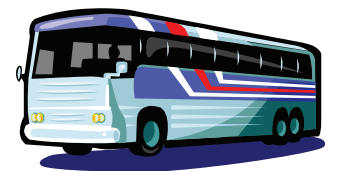
**Time:** 6-7 p.m.

**Cost:** \$5 per participant

**Location:** Varies Each Week, upon registering for the program each participant will receive a list of the walking locations.

## Penllyn Woods Community Building

Looking for a place to have your child's birthday, graduation, family reunion, wedding shower, baby shower? The Penllyn Woods Community Building is the ideal location for any type of event. To check availability and to make reservations contact Sandi Feight, Recreation Director 215-646-5302.



## BUS TOURS & TRIPS

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 27, 2012 • **DEPARTURE TIME:** 10:00 A.M.  
**DEPARTURE LOCATION:** Upper Gwynedd Township Building

## RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR



The 2012 Radio City Christmas Spectacular, All new this year is a dazzling opening number featuring stunning new sets, costumes and breathtaking stage effects. With perennial favorites like the show-stopping "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and the majestic "Living Nativity," this is the holiday treat your family won't want to miss! The Radio City Rockettes will continue to dazzle you with precision dance and world-famous eye-high kicks. An exciting 3-D film kicks off the show, with Santa and his reindeer taking the audience on a magical sleigh ride through New York City.



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# ADMINISTRATION

## “I Like The Pike”

### Initiative Spikes Interest in Bethlehem Pike from Businesses and Developers



In May, Lower Gwynedd Township announced the start of the “I Like The Pike,” a marketing initiative that continues the Township’s effort to transform its Bethlehem Pike corridor.

“I Like The Pike is a natural next step for the township,” said Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Kathleen

Hunsicker. “Our goal is to promote what Bethlehem Pike is today and what Bethlehem Pike can be in the future.”

The kickoff to the “I Like The Pike” effort began with the Bethlehem Pike Improvement Committee working with Janssen Research and Development (formerly Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development) to hold a Business Expo on June 13 at their Spring House Campus on McKean Road.

“In an effort to familiarize our colleagues and assist them in connecting with the many great local establishments, Janssen welcomed businesses to showcase their products and services to their campus” said Janssen Research and Development Regional Director Steve Grass.

The successful event allowed the 1000 employees to connect with over 50 participating business from along Bethlehem Pike.

“The Business Expo furthered the strong partnership between the township and Janssen,” said Supervisor Hunsicker. “The day was a great opportunity for business owners to meet many new potential customers.”

In addition to engaging the businesses along the pike, the Township met with the real estate community at the end of June. Supervisor Hunsicker, Supervisor Dr. J. Richard Booth and Assistant Township Manager Craig McAnally briefed members of the real estate community on available properties and the status of a zoning ordinance currently being reviewed by the Planning Commission to provide development flexibility along the pike. The township hopes to stimulate interest from real estate companies that will convert underutilized properties into new developments. The meeting was held at The Stoozeum. Special thanks to Township resident and Stoozeum owner Gary Lassin for his hospitality.

“We have several properties that have great development



Flower Power, Summer Concerts Oxford Park.

potential,” said Supervisor Booth, who is also a member of the Bethlehem Pike Improvement Committee. “We want those who are looking for investment opportunities to know that Lower Gwynedd is not only a highly desirable place to live but also a great place to locate a business.”

The initiative has created other opportunities to highlight businesses along Bethlehem Pike. During the summer, several restaurants participated in “I Like The Pike Nights.” Tony Roni’s, Il

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## “I Like The Pike”

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Giardino Cafe, Mina Cucina, the Spring House Tavern, A Taste of Italy, Starbucks and Ristorante San Marco offered specials the nights of the Township’s Summer Concert Series.

“I Like The Pike Nights were a great opportunity for a complete family night out,” said Supervisor Hunsicker. “Combining the excellent dining experiences along the pike with a free community concert was a perfect fit.” We would like to thank all of the restaurants who participated in the “I Like The Pike Nights” and everyone who attended the Summer Concerts Series this year.

The “I Like The Pike” initiative has also been a catalyst for the creation of the new Lower Gwynedd Business Association. The Lower Gwynedd Business Association is a group of local business owners and professionals working together to improve the business



Mango Men, Summer Concerts Oxford Park.

community. If you would like any additional information, call David Coles 215-290-9040.

With stories on KYW 1060 NewsRadio, WNPV 1440, headlines in Real Estate BisNow and articles in the Philadelphia Business Journal, the Flying Kite, the Ambler Patch and the Ambler Gazette and the support of residents and businesses - it is clear that the people of Lower Gwynedd “Like The Pike.”

For more information on the “I Like The Pike” initiative, visit [www.ILikeThePike.com](http://www.ILikeThePike.com). Site visitors can register for email updates and send an email to the “I Like The Pike” team.

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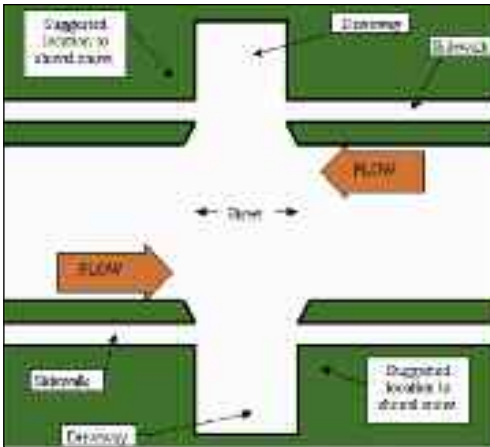
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# PUBLIC WORKS

## Snow Removal



**CORRECT PROCEDURE TO CLEAR SNOW:**

- **Pile snow to the right of the driveway.**

**INCORRECT PROCEDURE TO CLEAR SNOW:**

- **Piled snow to the left of the driveway will cause that snow to be plowed back into the driveway area.**



As temperatures fall, so does the snow and ice. While enjoying the winter wonderland, remember these tips to help the township crews clear the roads more quickly and efficiently:

- Move your vehicles out of the street and into private driveways (this also reduces the amount of snow you have to shovel).
- During any snow emergency, all vehicles must be removed from the roadways.
- Wait to shovel your driveway until the plows have completed their final pass along the curb line or edge of pavement. A pass or two through the neighborhood does not mean the Township is finished with the snow removal process and your effort to clear driveway entrance might be wasted.
- Shovel to the right hand side of your driveway to reduce the

amount of snow pushed back onto your driveways by plows (see illustration).

- Clear your sidewalk by shoveling and salting within 24 hours of the last evidence of precipitation.
- Do not throw snow from any sidewalk or driveway into the roadway, it is illegal and you will be cited.
- Keep all receptacles (trash and recycling) on the sidewalk, not in the street.
- If you have an inlet in front of your property, please assist the Township in keeping it clear of snow and ice. This will prevent ice from accumulating and reduce drainage issues when the snow begins to melt.

Please be patient during the snow removal process while the Township's plow operators work to clear the roadways.



## Fall 2012 Leaf Collection Dates

October 6 and 20    November 10 & 24    December 15 & 29



## Mailboxes

Property owners should check the front of their mailbox to ensure that it is a minimum of 6 inches behind the face of the curb, which is within federal postal regulations. Prior to the start of winter, the homeowner should reset any mailboxes

protruding past the minimum measurement of 6 inches behind the face of the curb. This will ensure that the mailbox will not be damaged during snow plowing operations. Any damage that may occur is the responsibility of the homeowner.

## Holiday Tree Drop-Off

After the Holidays have passed instead of throwing away your Tree, you can drop it off at Ingersol Park parking lot,

Wister Ave and Penllyn Pike. The Parks & Recreation Department will use the mulched trees in the Park System.

# POLICE



## Protect Your Home From Burglaries With These Tips

Some residents of Lower Gwynedd, as well as surrounding Townships, have recently been the victim of daytime burglaries. A person or more than one person may go to a door and knock to see if anyone is home. If it appears the home is empty, they force entry through a door or window in a secluded area.

Here are some tips from the Police Department to secure your family, property and possessions:

1. The first step is to harden the target or make your home more difficult to enter. Reinforce entryways by using solid core or metal doors and heavy-duty locks. Use a wide-angle 160° peephole mounted no higher than 58 inches. Insert a wooden dowel or stick into the track of sliding glass doors to prevent or limit movement of the doors.
2. Secure all accessible windows with secondary blocking devices.

3. Remove any outside obstructions from doors and windows so that they can be easily seen by others.
4. Get to know your neighbors. Agree to keep an eye each other's homes when they are empty.
5. If you are going to be away, put interior lights on timers.
6. Exterior lights should allow for 100 ft. of visibility and enable you to identify colors.
7. If you want to take the extra step, invest in an alarm system. Dogs can also be a deterrent.

The Police also ask that you be familiar with your surroundings. If you see something that is out of place or someone that is not familiar to you or hanging around your neighborhood, please dial 911 and provide as much information to the dispatcher as you can. If you can supply descriptions of actors, clothing and/or vehicles, this is very helpful.



## Safety on the Trails

Our area is very lucky to have numerous trails maintained by local municipalities, businesses and institutions. Our trails can be used for recreational purposes on weekends or for a quick exercise break during one's lunch hour. So as you put on your hiking boots or running shoes, think about these safety tips:

- Before you leave your house or office, make sure someone knows where you are going and when they can expect you back.
- Check the weather forecast. There are so many options for weather updates, there is no excuse for not knowing if thunderstorms are in the area. If you want weather watches and warnings sent to your phone register for Montgomery County ReadyNotifyPA.
- Take your phone with you and be sure to have your ICE (in case of emergency) contact programmed into your phone. Make sure you have some type of identification on you.
- If you have to drive to the trail, do not leave anything of value in your car. Thieves are not looking to steal cars, they are looking for cash, credit cards or electronic devices that they can quickly sell for cash. Don't try to outsmart the thieves by putting your valuables in your glove compartment or the trunk. Car windows

- can easily be broken and the trunk popped open.
- When walking on the trail be aware of natural hazards such as poison ivy, stinging insects, low overhanging limbs or thorny plants and vines.
- Remember that people walking on a trail move at a variety of speeds. Parents and children and people walking their pets often move at a slower speed and make sudden stops. They can veer suddenly into the path of another walker or a cyclist. As a trail user you need to always be aware of your surroundings. If you are the slow walker with a potential "hazard", you need to keep an eye on them and keep them under control.
- If you are the faster moving walker or biker, be sure to pass on the left and warn the person you are passing. This can be by ringing one of those small bicycle bells or saying "passing on the left" loudly enough for the person to hear.
- The Lower Gwynedd Trails are all marked with a letter representing the trail name and a number identifying your section. In the event of an emergency all of the emergency response departments all have access to the trail identification system through Montgomery County Dispatch.

*Enjoy the Weather, Enjoy the Trails, Stay Safe.*

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



*Left to right: Edward Brandt, Chairman, John Conahan, Wissahickon High School Musical Director, was presented with a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors for his recently received Teacher as Hero Award, Kathleen Hunsicker, Vice-Chairman and Larry Comunale, Township Manager. Photo courtesy of Ambler Patch.*

An advertisement for Harth Builders. The top section has a green background with the text "Excellent Kitchen. Well made, as usual." and "Guildmaster Award Winner QUALITY". Below this is a photograph of a modern kitchen with white cabinets, a dark island, and stainless steel appliances. The Harth Builders logo is overlaid on the island. The bottom section features a green background with several logos: NARI, a circular logo, a square logo, and a Facebook logo. The text "HarthBuilders.com | 215.654.0364 | PA#0249" is at the bottom right.

# STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

## WHEN IT RAINS, YOUR TOWN DRAINS

### 10 EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO TO STOP POLLUTION OF OUR CREEKS AND RIVERS

1.



Recycle your used motor oil, Autozone, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, and other service stations in your community accept used oil. Some will also accept your used antifreeze. **Never dump oil or antifreeze down the storm drain which flows into the creeks or rivers.**

6.



Choose water-based paints such as latex. Wash brushes in your sink with water. If using paint thinner, reuse and recycle it. Solidified paint can be disposed of in regular household waste. **Don't pour any paint or toxic material down the storm drain.**

2.



Reduce auto emission through regular auto maintenance, ride sharing, and use of public transportation. Fix oil, radiator and transmission leaks in your car. **Don't let your car leave ugly oil slicks behind.**

7.



Use pesticides and other lawn chemicals sparingly. **Never double the dose! Follow the directions and do not apply if rain is forecasted.**

3.



Use a garbage can for your trash. Recycle reusable materials. **Don't put trash and litter in the street; it will be washed to the river.**

8.



Go to a car wash or wash your car in the grass. **Don't wash that grimy road dirt and chemical cleaners down the drive and into the storm drain.**

4.



Sweep the dirt from your walk or driveway back into the yard with your broom. Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or trash. **Hosing dirt and pet waste away sends it into the drainage system and directly to the creeks & rivers.**

9.



Pick up and properly dispose of leaves and grass clippings. Start a compost pile with yard waste. **Never use streams or gutters to dispose of yard waste.**

5.



Dispose of any hazardous home chemicals at approved household hazardous waste collection sites. **Use the least toxic products available in your home and garden.**

10.



Maintain your septic system. Have it pumped out every 3 years to remove sludge and scum. Do not use tank additives, and practice water conservation to prevent overworking your system. **Repair or replace malfunctioning septic systems.**

EDUCATE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. SPREAD THE WORD. WATER POLLUTION IS EVERYONE'S PROBLEM; WATER QUALITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Remember it is illegal to put anything other than stormwater into the stormwater collection system! To report an illicit discharge call 215-646-5302.

*Lower Gwynedd Police Benevolent Association*

# 12th Annual Golf Outing

Monday, October 15, 2012 at Old York Road Country Club

9:00am Registration/ Continental Breakfast/ Complimentary Driving Range

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## Severe Weather Preparedness Measures

The Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management has issued the following severe weather preparedness measures:



1. Clean your gutters and downspouts. Heavy rain is the biggest threat from hurricanes. Making sure the water has a clear path to travel away from your home is very important.
2. Start bringing any loose outdoor items inside. The winds can be a big problem, so it's always a good idea to bring things like lawn ornaments or trash cans inside. Of even more importance this year is eliminating any type of container that can fill up with water. Standing water can quickly become a mosquito breeding ground. And with the recent nationwide outbreak of West Nile Virus, we need to take every precaution.
3. Secure your property. Take an assessment of the trees and shrubs in your yard. Are any of them dying? Dead trees are

more susceptible to wind damage. Are any limbs a threat to your power lines? It might be a good idea to have a professional contractor check them out. Or, contact your utility provider.

4. Put together an emergency kit. It should have enough supplies to last you and your family for three days. Some of the basic items include: bottled water, non-perishable food, first aid kit, flashlight, radio, batteries, medications, baby formula and copies of important documents. A detailed list of emergency kit essentials can be found online at the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety Facebook page.
5. Put together a communications plan. Does everyone in your family have a cell phone? Do you know each other's phone number? There's one certainty when it comes to cell phones - the batteries always lose their charge! That's why you should make a written list of all the numbers you might need, just in case you don't have a way to recharge your phone. It's also a good idea to designate a rendezvous point in case your family members are away from the house and disaster strikes. One option is another family member's house. Or consider someplace more public, like a shopping mall.

For a comprehensive list of preparedness information go to [www.dps.montcopa.org](http://www.dps.montcopa.org) on the Office of Emergency Preparedness page.

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## Burning in Lower Gwynedd

Fall is just a few months away—in spite of the heat we are all feeling now. When it finally does arrive, thoughts will turn to disposing of leaves and other debris from our natural surroundings. Burning may be one of the solutions that residents will consider for disposal. IF that is the case, please be aware of the following:



- Leaf burning is not allowed in Lower Gwynedd—at any time.
- Burning of trash or garbage is also not permitted.
- Burning of yard waste is permitted in the months of November, December, April and May.
- All fires must be attended by a responsible adult with a hose within 50 feet of the burn site.
- Burning is allowed only during daylight hours. Care must be taken to avoid burning tree trunks and similar items that will continue to burn after sunset. The fire is to be completely extinguished at sunset.
- Bonfires and other ceremonial fires require a permit from the Township Fire Marshal’s office.
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