

Lower Gwynedd Report



PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lower Gwynedd Planning Commission was created by the Board of Supervisors in 1955. Commission members are not compensated, serve four year terms, and provide important functions for the community. The purpose and duty of the Planning Commission is to advise the Board of Supervisors concerning the most expedient methods of promoting the orderly development of our community. Zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances must be submitted to the Planning Commission for review prior to action by the Board of Supervisors. Likewise, all proposals for development of land must also be reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission continues to serve an indispensable role in maintaining the Township's beauty and quality of life.



Left to Right: Standing: Michael Twersky, Esq.; Chairman Craig Melograno; Joel Mayor; Herb Levy; seated Rusty Beardsley; Richard Valiga; Pat Latimer.

One of the major projects the Planning Commission will be dealing with in the coming months is the redevelopment of the Spring House Shopping Center including a Whole Foods Supermarket.

Whole Foods Inc. announced on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 that the supermarket chain specializing in natural foods had signed a lease with Stoltz Management, Inc. (Stoltz) to locate a 45,000-square foot store in the Spring House Village Shopping Center in Lower Gwynedd. It is anticipated that Stoltz will be submitting Plans for the Center to the Township in the near future. The Planning Commission will provide a venue for citizens to review the Stoltz plans.

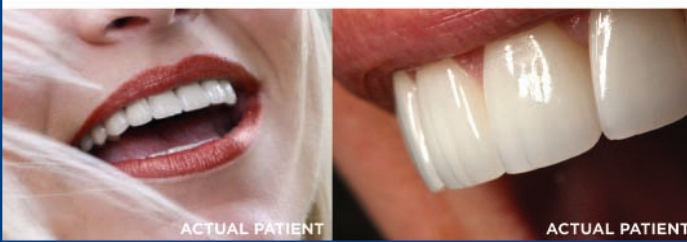
Along with the Spring House Shopping Center, the Planning Commission will be reviewing other proposed projects including Foulkeways additions, the Comprehensive Plan Update and future planning for the Dow Chemical site.

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COUNTRY PICNIC

Saturday, September 27st 🍁 Penllyn Woods 🍁 12 noon - 4 p.m.

Demonstrations and vehicle displays from our emergency services departments: Wissahickon Fire Company, North Penn Fire Company, Ambler Ambulance and Lower Gwynedd Police.



**FREE GAMES AND
ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT
THE COURSE OF THE DAY.**



**TASTE OF
LOWER GWYNEDD
FEATURING AREA
RESTAURANTS**



Local Civic Organizations and members of the Lower Gwynedd Business Association will be present handing out information.

If you are interested in being a vendor or sponsor for the Country Picnic feel free to call the Park & Recreation Department at 215-646-5302.

LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

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LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP 2014 FALL 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 (6:00 PM)	MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (7:30 PM)
SEPTEMBER	23	11	17	23	10
OCTOBER	14 and 28	9	15	28	8
NOVEMBER	11 and 25	13	19	25	12
DECEMBER	9	11	17	N/A	10

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 13 (Columbus Day)

November 11 (Veterans Day)

November 27 & 28 (Thanksgiving)

December 25/26 (Christmas)

General Election Day:

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Notes from the Fire Marshal

As we enjoy Summer, we know that Fall and Winter will soon be upon us. Now is the time to prepare for those seasons. Last Winter, 80 percent of property-damaging fires in the Township resulted from or started in fireplaces or chimneys. This year, please consider doing the following before the heating season:

- Have your fireplace and chimney checked by a Chimney Sweep or Chimney specialist.
- Repair any cracks or damage before using the fireplace or chimney again
- Make sure the Chimney is clean. Studies have shown that one fire in a chimney will cause enough damage to require reconstruction of the chimney

This is also a good time to check your fire warning systems, specifically:

- Have your annual fire alarm system check completed
- Consider changing any kitchen smoke detectors to heat detectors to reduce the possibility of a visit from your volunteers because of smoke from burnt toast.

Finally, the Township has received requests to burn during the prohibited months. There is no open burning allowed except during the months of April, May, November and December.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.





2014 MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING EVENTS

For additional information visit www.MontgomeryCountyRecycles.org, or call 610-278-3618 or email vharris@wsaemc.org

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center

400 South Lewis Road, Royersford, PA 19468

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 (9:00AM- 3:00PM)

Lower Merion Transfer Station

1300 North Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley, PA 19072

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 (9:00AM- 12NOON)

Paper Shredding Only

Lower Merion High School

315 East Montgomery Ave, Ardmore, PA 19003

2014 FALL LEAF COLLECTION DATES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT CUSTOMERS

- October 4th and 18th
- November 1st, 15th, 22nd
- December 6

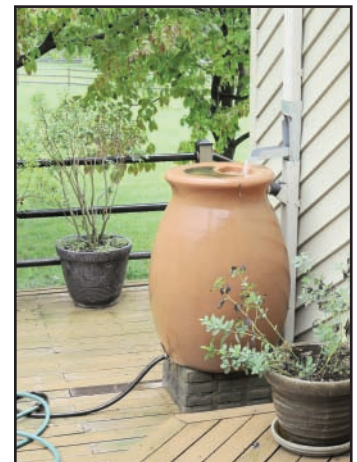
All leaves shall be placed in biodegradable bags and placed curbside by 7:00 AM on the collection date but no earlier than 7:00 PM the prior day.

A STORMWATER PRIMER

Using Nature to Go Green

Water conservation is always an important tool in managing your environment, regardless of the abundance of the natural water supplies. Landscaping to minimize watering includes planning, using drought-resistant plant species, improving soils and using mulches to retain moisture in the soil. Plant species such as sedums, potentillas, grasses and herbs or other non-invasive ornamental plants have low water needs and may adapt to drier landscapes.

Another “storm water savvy” technique is to store roof rain water runoff in rain barrels for use in gardens and on lawns. Directing your downspouts away from your home’s foundation and onto lawn or garden areas is another way of turning a potential problem into a benefit. Create a rain garden in a shallow basin on your lot by planting moisture loving plants and then direct your roof or driveway runoff to this area. Water will filter into the ground rather than running off the property to the nearest storm drain. Rain gardens also create new habitats and prevent storm water pollution problems.



Deer have also become a major problem in suburban areas due to the development of former forests and woodlands and the use of more edible plant species in traditional landscaping. Residents resort to fences, repellents, or bright, flashy objects in an effort to deter deer from destroying their landscape. Most control measures only work for short periods of time until deer become acclimated to the sight or smell of the repellent. However, deer tend to avoid plants with thorny stems or prickly leaves and plants with strong aromas, such as bayberry, boxwood, potentilla, roses and hollies. Planting these types of species can be an aid in “deer-proofing” your garden areas.

Simple changes such as those described may help your landscape contribute to the health of our environment and the protection of our water quality.

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF FRAUD

Consumers lose billions of dollars each year to fraud. People over age 50 are especially vulnerable and account for over half of all victims, according to a study conducted by AARP. Criminals use everyday tools such as the mailbox, telephone and the Internet to separate victims from their money.

A popular scam targeting senior citizens involves a simple phone call. An excited but believable caller promises exorbitant lottery winnings or an unexpected inheritance from an old friend. Oh, but there's a catch. To claim your winnings, the victim must first send a percentage of the prize in cash to cover the transfer of the winnings, tax, or other associated fees. When confronted with a surprise \$8 million dollar prize, sending \$800 to cover fees sounds reasonable. The problem is that the prize money never comes.



Another common scam is committed by imposter contractors and home improvement workers. This scam may involve multiple criminals. The first "contractor" will ring the doorbell or approach a senior outside. A second criminal will attempt to enter the house while the homeowner is distracted. The homeowner may be offered services such as roofing, driveway repair, or electrical services at a greatly reduced price in an effort to keep them engaged in conversation. All the while, the criminal is inside the home stealing cash, jewelry, and irreplaceable heirlooms.

A final scam involves a frantic, panicked, difficult to understand phone call from a grandchild in distress. This "grandchild" won't identify themselves by name until the unsuspecting grandparent asks if it's "Johnny" or "Sally" or "Michael". This devious caller will claim that they need money quickly because they are in trouble, but please don't tell mom and dad! They'll ask for money to be sent, the secret is kept, and is often quickly forgotten.

Please remember, while criminals may be targeting our senior citizens, any of our residents may receive such phone calls or unwanted business solicitors. It is everyone's responsibility to be informed and aware. Should you feel as if you, or a loved one, are the victim of a scam, please call the Lower Gwynedd Police Department at (215) 646-5300 or dial 9-1-1.



Mark your calendars: A newly-formed Veterans' Memorial Committee is planning an event for the weekend of November 8 – 11, 2014.

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!

RECYCLING REMINDER

If you haven't signed up for Recyclebank, you're missing out on an innovative program that rewards members for recycling with great deals at restaurants, retailers and other services.

HOW IT WORKS

Working with Waste Management, Recyclebank awards you points for keeping up with your curbside recycling, and simply living green.

Sign up today. it's FREE!

Visit Recyclebank.com/wm



Start by recycling at home. The more you & your community recycles, the more points you'll earn.



Earn points every time you recycle. Find more ways to earn with Recyclebank.



Use your points towards great rewards like discounts on groceries, entertainment, gift cards and more!



NOW, you can use your points to shop at OneTwine, Recyclebank's online marketplace!

If you have any questions, you can contact the Township or email Recyclebank directly at support@recyclebank.com

THE LOWER GWYNEDD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO GATHER MOMENTUM



Boasting 26 new members in 2014, as well as a string of successful initiatives, the 111 member Lower Gwynedd Business Association (LGBA) is succeeding in its mission to foster a thriving and attractive business community.

Highlights from the first half of the year include the production of an updated map of the business district. Featuring a directory of Lower Gwynedd businesses, as well as a consumer-friendly illustration of the area, this year's map was sponsored by Gwynedd Mercy University. Hard copies of the 2014 map

can be obtained at participating LGBA member businesses. An interactive version of the map and directory can be viewed by visiting the association's website at www.ILikethePike.com.

On the topic of the LGBA website, the next time you visit you may notice some major changes. The site is being redesigned to include more robust features, from microsites for member businesses, to enhanced social media integration. Local residents are encouraged to visit and return often, as they will be updating the site with new content frequently.

Earlier this year, the LGBA made the news by becoming a chapter member of the PennSuburban (formerly North Penn) Chamber of Commerce (PSCC). This was the first chapter agreement that the PSCC forged with a business association and its membership. The partnership will be mutually beneficial. For members of the LGBA, the relationship with the chamber will provide exposure to a broader audience in the greater Montgomery County area, and increase networking opportunities. LGBA members who do not also have membership in the PSCC will be able to participate in PSCC events at discounted rates.

In other news, the LGBA promoted a successful summer sale, as well as two Lunch & Learn continuing education programs. Hosted at Spring House Tavern and Foulkeways, the seminars were designed to help members improve their marketing efforts, and to provide member-to-member networking opportunities. Each event attracted 60 attendees. Additional programs are planned for the balance of 2014, including:

Countrie Picnic, September 27th
Shop & Dine, November 10th to 15th
Toys For Tots Collection, November & December

Due to the rapid growth of the group, staff was needed to assist with event coordination, member enrollment, and communication. To fill this role, the LGBA board of directors enlisted the services of Victoria Garzone as an intern. Currently enrolled in the Fox School of Business at Temple University, Garzone works on a part-time basis in an administrative capacity. With deep family ties to the township, Ms. Garzone has a special affinity for this role. "I am honored to be working with the LGBA. I hope to serve the Lower Gwynedd business community for many years, as my grandfather did." Garzone's grandfather, Edward Hancock, served as chief of police in Lower Gwynedd from 1979-1996, and was a township police officer for 39 years.

For more information on LGBA events or membership, visit www.ILikethePike.com or send an email to LowerGwyneddBusinessAssoc@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW BUILDING CODES ADMINISTRATOR

The Lower Gwynedd Township Building and Zoning Department is pleased to welcome our new Building Codes Administrator, **Patricia Sexton-Furber**. Patty started with us the first week of May and has been a very fast learner. She brings 11 years of experience working for an architecture firm and hopes to build upon her vast knowledge and skills in her new position. Patty is originally from Narberth, but now resides in Souderton. She loves the TV show "Game of Thrones" and is a huge Three Stooges fan.

Welcome, Patty!



PARKS AND RECREATION

REGISTRATION



- Preregistration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.
- Registrations are accepted at the Township Building or via mail with payment and completed form(s). No phone registrations are accepted.
- Registration forms can be found on the Township Website lowergwynedd.org
- Full payment must accompany each registration for it to be accepted. Registrations are accepted as space permits.

PAYMENTS:

We accept cash, checks (please make checks payable to Lower Gwynedd Township), and credit cards. There is a service fee for paying by credit cards. We do not accept debit cards. There will be a \$25 service charge on all returned checks.

REFUNDS:

All refunds requested by the registrant that are granted will be charged a \$5 administrative fee. Full refunds will be issued only if the Parks & Recreation Department cancels a program. All discounted tickets sales are final and non-refundable.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Programs are subject to cancellation if there is insufficient enrollment, inclement weather, or other reasonable causes.

PHOTO POLICY:

The Parks & Recreation Department may take photos of program participants or park visitors. Please be aware that these photos are for Township use only and may appear in future brochures, newsletters, or flyers.



PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

FALL AND WINTER BUS TRIPS

Date: Saturday November 8, 2014

Bus Departs: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Upper Gwynedd Township Building, 1 Parkside Place



IT'S ONLY A PLAY

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It's Only a Play is set on the opening night of Peter Austin's new play, as he anxiously awaits to see if his show is a hit. With his career on the line, he shares his big First Night with his best friend, a television star, his fledgling producer, his erratic leading lady, his wunderkind director, an infamous drama critic, and a wide-eyed coat check attendant on his first night in Manhattan. There's no business like show business.

Starring: Nathan Lane, Mathew Broderick, Rupert Grint

Cost: \$179 per person

Seating: Orchestra (Theatre does not have an elevator and seats are accessed by stairs)

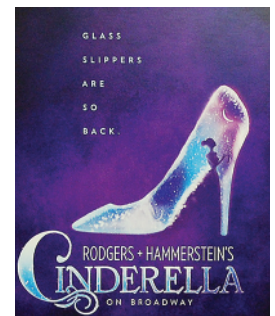
CINDERELLA

The smart and beautiful young Ella lives in the care of her wicked, self-absorbed stepmother Madame and Madame's two daughters, Charlotte and Gabrielle. Ella's only friends in the world are the animals in the woods, "crazy Marie" and the revolutionary student Jean-Michel. Meanwhile in another part of the kingdom, Prince Topher is trying to find himself and learn his place in the kingdom. When his scheming advisor Sebastian suggests throwing a ball so the Prince could meet potential brides, Ella and Topher's different worlds come together. Expect the unexpected in this clever retelling of the beloved fairytale.

Starring: Fran Drescher, Joe Carroll, Paige Faure

Cost: \$159 per person

Seating: Orchestra



PARKS AND RECREATION

Radio City Christmas Spectacular



If you have never seen the Radio City Christmas Spectacular you are missing a magical experience to place you in the holiday spirit. The world famous Rockettes will take your breathe away with their precision dance routines to the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers." The conclusion of the show a majestic "Living Nativity." A show not to miss.

Date: Tuesday December 12
Bus Departs: 10 a.m. Upper Gwynedd Township, 1 Parkside Place
Show Time: 5:00 p.m.
Leave New York immediately following the conclusion of the show.
Cost: \$109 per person

The River ~ starring Hugh Jackman

Jackman will play a reclusive fisherman living in a remote cabin on the cliffs high above a river who takes a woman trout-fishing on a moonless night. Her disappearance sparks a mystery, making way for the arrival of another woman and suggesting that the fisherman is trying to recapture something from his lost past.

Date: Saturday January 17, 2015
Bus Departs: 8 a.m. Upper Gwynedd Township, 1 Parkside Place
Show Time: 2 p.m.
Leave New York immediately following the conclusion of the show.
Cost: \$235 per person



DISCOUNTED TICKETS

Lower Gwynedd Township offers Discounted Ski Tickets to area **Ski Resorts**. In addition we have tickets for the **Philadelphia Zoo, Adventure Aquarium, Hershey Park in the Dark and Candy Lane** tickets. 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.

Philadelphia Flower Show Tickets

Date: February 28 - March 8
Location: Pennsylvania Convention Center
Cost: Please contact the Township Building for Ticket Cost, adult tickets only

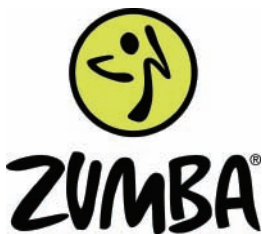


Low intensity Zumba Fitness Class

A slower, easier version of a traditional Zumba class, specifically designed for participants age 55 and older. A great way to have fun and get a good workout.

Date: Every Wednesday (beginning on September 18)
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building
Cost: \$5 or free to Silver Sneakers member.

(Check with your insurance provider for eligibility and bring your card to register)



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



PARKS AND RECREATION



WISSAHICKON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

In Lower Gwynedd Township



2ND THURSDAY PRESENTS

The 2nd Thursday of the month Lower Gwynedd Township along with Wissahickon Valley Public Library present to you a speaker series. The topics will range from gardening, the arts, travel, or informative talks. This series is offered from October – June on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

COST: FREE • TIME: 2:00 P.M.



September 11 - Steven Saffier, Audubon Society

Mr. Saffier will be discussing bird migration and bird identification.



October 9 - Katie Scott, Environmental Education Specialist, French Creek State Parks

The bat population has been on the decline for the past several years. Ms. Scott will be coming in to discuss bats and their habitats and what we can do to create new habitats.



November 13 - Chris Kalb, Park Foreman & Arborist for Lower Gwynedd Township

Mr. Kalb will be discussing how to properly prune your trees and things you need to be aware of for maintaining your trees.



December 11 - And the Legends Continue with Judy Parrish

Decorating a tree from “bare” to “tinsel” with special ornaments and explanations of their significance and origins. Stories of other observed traditions and the legends and explanation of familiar things as we associate with the Season.



January 8 - Other Means of Travel, Debbie Ryan, Spring House Travel

Join Debbie Ryan from Spring House Travel as she discusses many options for unique travel experiences. Train travel throughout the world; biking and staying in bed and breakfasts in Europe; Specialized walking tours in far flung countries; Bus Tours and more.

February 12 - The Story of Historic Pennypacker Mills

From the story of the property to those who lived in this stately mansion, find out why Montgomery County preserved this unique and special historic site. Home of Samuel W. Pennypacker, twenty-third Governor of Pennsylvania, the mansion houses an unbelievable collection of family heirlooms and historic treasures that are part of the experience for visitors. Join us as we explore this local treasure right in your backyard!



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 9-October 9

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 Penlllyn 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.

PARKS AND RECREATION



YOUNG REMBRANDTS

SESSION 1: Saturdays September 20 – October 18
SESSION 2: Saturdays October 25 – November 22
SESSION 3: February 28 – March 28
SESSION 4: April 11 – May 9
LOCATION: Penllyn Woods Community Building



Early Elementary Drawing

Pre-school - Has your preschooler expressed an interest in drawing? If so, he will LOVE Young Rembrandts drawing classes. Learning to draw basic shapes is a critical building block for every young artist. Our lessons will strengthen our students' core drawing skills as we introduce them to wonderful seasonal imagery. Lessons like acorns, fall leaves, and an apple tree will build into their skills and creativity. Playful characters will be our focus as we draw a clown, a scarecrow, and an imaginary monster inspired by a classic children's story. There's no better time than NOW to enroll your artist into a Young Rembrandts class. THEY WILL LOVE IT!

Ages: 4-6 yrs
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Cost: \$70 per person

Elementary Drawing

Elementary - Encourage your elementary student's enthusiasm for art and help develop their drawing skills with a Young Rembrandts drawing class. Drawings like our sun and moon characters will teach our students to transform simple shapes into fully-realized cartoon characters. Our colorful drawing of a macaw parrot will help develop our students' sense of color. Awesome drawings like our detailed pirate ship and the friendly robot will inspire a sense of adventure in every child. All this and more await your artist in a Young Rembrandts classroom! Sign up today!

Ages: 7-14 yrs • **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. • **Cost:** \$70 per person

Cartoon - Does your child have a great sense of humor? If so, your child will LOVE a Young Rembrandts Cartoon class. Our students will draw various cartoon characters and learn important drawing techniques. They will learn exaggeration and personification. Sports-related drawings like our soccer and Tae Kwon Do lessons will instruct our students to create action-inspired imagery. We'll excite their imaginations as we transform sweet candies into fully-realized cartoon characters. Our students will also learn to tell a story through the use of sequential drawings. Get ready for some fun. Sign up today!

Ages: 8-14 yrs • **Time:** 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 a.m. • **Cost:** \$70 per person

Sewing Basics I

Learn to sew and have fun while creating an attractive shopping bag. This class is for beginners who are interested in learning to sew and the experienced sewer who may need a refresher. Class focuses on sewing machine operations without your need to invest in equipment or materials.



Date: Tuesday September 30, October 7 and October 14
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building
Ages: Adults
Cost: \$75 per person

One Night Class: Mini Bag

Come out for an evening of sewing and fun. Create a small bag large enough to tuck in a cell phone, sunglasses or other little items which can be worn over the shoulder or crossed over the body. No sewing experience required. Material and use of machines provided. Finished project results will vary due to material availability. (Adults only.)



Date: Wednesday November 12
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building
Ages: Adults
Cost: \$45 per person

Sewing Basics II: Decorative 16" Pillow

If you like the designer pillows in stores but don't like the price, colors, or fabric, then create one that you like! The first week, students learn about which home decorator and utility fabrics, supplies, and embellishments to use. There will also be a review of machine operations and sewing practice. View various samples and choose the style for your first pillow. Students purchase supplies outside of class between the first and second class. Second and third week instruction concentrate on cutting and sewing. Use of machines and tools provided. Finished project results depend on student selection. Perfect follow up class for those who took Sewing Basics I. (Adults only.)



Date: Thursdays October 16, 23 30
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building
Ages: Adults
Cost: \$75 per person

“Mr. Lower Gwynedd”

Lower Gwynedd Township Supervisor Ed Brandt was recently featured in an article in PSATS Magazine for his many years of service in local government. He was recognized specifically for his 26 consecutive years as a Township Supervisor, although his service to the Township actually extends all the way back to 1982, when he coordinated a bug spraying program for the Township. From there, Mr. Brandt served four years on the Zoning Hearing Board, and when the Board of Supervisors grew from three to five members, he threw his hat in the ring. “I was happy with the community and didn’t want to run against another supervisor,” he says. “Because of the two new seats, I didn’t have to.” A year after being elected Supervisor, Mr. Brandt was elected Chairman, a role he alternated with Kate Harper every two years until she won a seat in the State House in the late 1990s. Mr. Brandt remained Chairman until two years ago, but still serves as a Township Supervisor.



Ed Brandt

In addition to fulfilling his duties as an elected official, Mr. Brandt began the annual Volunteer Banquet in 1993 to recognize residents who go above and beyond to help the community. Mr. Brandt’s own community involvement has always stretched beyond the Township’s borders as well. He joined the Jaycees in 1975 and chaired the Christmas parade in Ambler for 25 years. After switching to the Kiwanis Club in Ambler, he originated the July 4 carnival and fireworks in 1981, which he ran for three decades. In 1984, he became president of the club and soon after was named a Distinguished President. Mr. Brandt has also served as president of the local elementary school’s home school association and president of the Lower Gwynedd Little League for 10 years. Mr. Brandt’s commitment to making his community a better place to live and work earned him the PSATS President’s Leadership Award in 2004.

Ed Brandt truly exemplifies what service is all about. He has been such a strong leader over the years, setting the tone for everyone who works at the Township. Lower Gwynedd is very grateful for his continued commitment and dedication to local government!

TOWNSHIP RECEIVES \$346,000 PENNDOT GRANT

Some traffic relief is on the way for motorists driving through Spring House. In January, 2014 PennDOT announced that Lower Gwynedd Township will receive a \$346,000 grant from PennDOT to install an adaptive traffic signal control system at four intersections:

1. Norristown Road/Sumneytown Pike and Bethlehem Pike
2. Moore Drive and Bethlehem Pike
3. Penllyn Pike and Bethlehem Pike
4. Wellington Dr. and Sumneytown Pike

The new state of the art control system will adjust the timing of the traffic lights to coincide with existing traffic in real time. According to Ken O’Brien of McMahon Associates, the new system will improve the efficiency of the signals by about 20%. It will not solve our traffic problems but it should certainly help reduce periodic traffic back-ups. A dedicated left turn signal for Sumneytown Pike traffic for vehicles turning onto North Bethlehem Pike will also be included. The Project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2015. Kathy Hunsicker, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, stated that the grant award was welcome news, especially with the announcement that Whole Foods Supermarket will be moving to the Spring House Village Shopping Center.



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Monday, October 20, 2014

Old York Road Country Club

801 Tennis Ave. Spring House, PA 19477

- 9:00 AM: Registration/ Continental Breakfast/ Complimentary Driving Range
 - 10:00 AM: Shotgun Start (scramble format)
 - 2:00 PM: South Philly Buffet/ Door Prizes/ Awards
- *Hot dogs, drinks and snacks provided throughout the day.

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D-Day Veterans from Lower Gwynedd Township Honored



D-Day Veterans Herb Levy, left, and Bill Notley, who returned to France for 70th Anniversary commemorations, are seen together with their medals at Foulkeways at Gwynedd. Herb, who was a engineer in the Army and helped build a bridge over the Taute river, is holding a 70th Anniversary medal presented to him by the Mayor of Carentan during part of their reunion in France in June.

Two Lower Gwynedd Township residents were recently honored for their military service during World War II. With June 2014 marking the 70th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion, Herb Levy and William (Bill) Notley, both residents of Foulkeways at Gwynedd and both Normandy veterans, were invited to France to participate in the anniversary activities.

Levy and Notley were interviewed in January by a group of French students and journalists for the students' "70 Voices of Freedom" project. The goal of the project was to learn about the invasion from 70 firsthand accounts of veterans from 12 different countries. At the conclusion of their interview, the two veterans were invited by the students to visit France for the anniversary ceremonies, at the expense of the French government.

The two men, along with two guests each, flew from Philadelphia to Paris on June 1 and then took a train to Caen for the first of numerous ceremonial events. Other locations the men visited included Sword Beach and Utah Beach. One of the many highlights of the trip was when Mr. Levy was stopped on the street by a man who admired the French Legion of Honor medal he was wearing. The stranger, who told Levy "I want to thank you for all that you've done for us", happened to be the Premier of France.

Lower Gwynedd Township is proud of Mr. Levy and Mr. Notley and of all the veterans in our Township!

TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS

Over the years Lower Gwynedd Township has been very successful requiring developers to include trails and open space on the plans. Property owners are reminded to respect Township Open Space and trails that may abut their property by not dumping yard waste, placing structures or removing trees from Township property. In cooperation with Horseways, the Township will be inspecting its Open Space and trails over the next few months and notifying residents of any encroachment.

Contact Police To Report A Deer Carcass On A Road

Unfortunately, deer carcasses are a common sight on many roads this time of year. If you see a deer carcass in the Township, please call the Police non-emergency number of 215-646-5303 and police will alert the appropriate agency.

Deer alongside state roadways are the responsibility of PennDOT while deer on other roads are the responsibility of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. It is a violation of state law for a municipality to collect deer carcasses.



INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD



From Left to Right: Dr. J. Richard Booth, Supervisor; Brian Siegel, James Morris, Chair, Kathleen Hunsicker; Roger Hillas and Mark Grey, Supervisor. Not shown: Steve Smith.

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Above Photo: Chair, Kathleen Hunsicker, Katie Goebner, North Wales Water Authority Water Wizard, and Park & Recreation Director, Sandi Feight.

Who Are You Gonna Call?

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Any Non-emergency such as getting a Police Report call 215-646-5303.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION:

Finance, Building and Zoning, Parks and Recreation, Sewer Billing, Public Works - Call 215-646-5302.

TAX COLLECTION:

Real Estate Tax Collector, Betty Lou Yost, Call 215-628-3988
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Local Services Tax (LST), Berkheimer Tax administrator, Call 610-599-3142

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TRASH COLLECTION:

Waste Management, Call 1-800-932-2232 or 1-800-328-1717

ROAD HAZARDS/POTHOLES

If it is a **Township Road** call the Public Works Department at 215-646-5302

If it is a **County Road** call Montgomery County Roads and Bridges at 610-278-3612

If you have a **County Road Emergency** that is After Hours, Call 610-275-1222 or Dial 911

If it is a **State Road** call PennDOT at 1-800-FIX-ROAD

If you see a **Dead Deer in the road**, contact the PA Game Commission at 610-926-3136

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Todd Stephens, 151st District, 215-368-5165

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Congressman Patrick Meehan, 7th District, 610-690-7323

Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz, 13th District, 215-517-6572

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 2014 Citizen of the Year? Last year, Skip Urban was chosen to receive this honor. A special selection committee will review residents' nominations and name this year's Citizen of the Year.

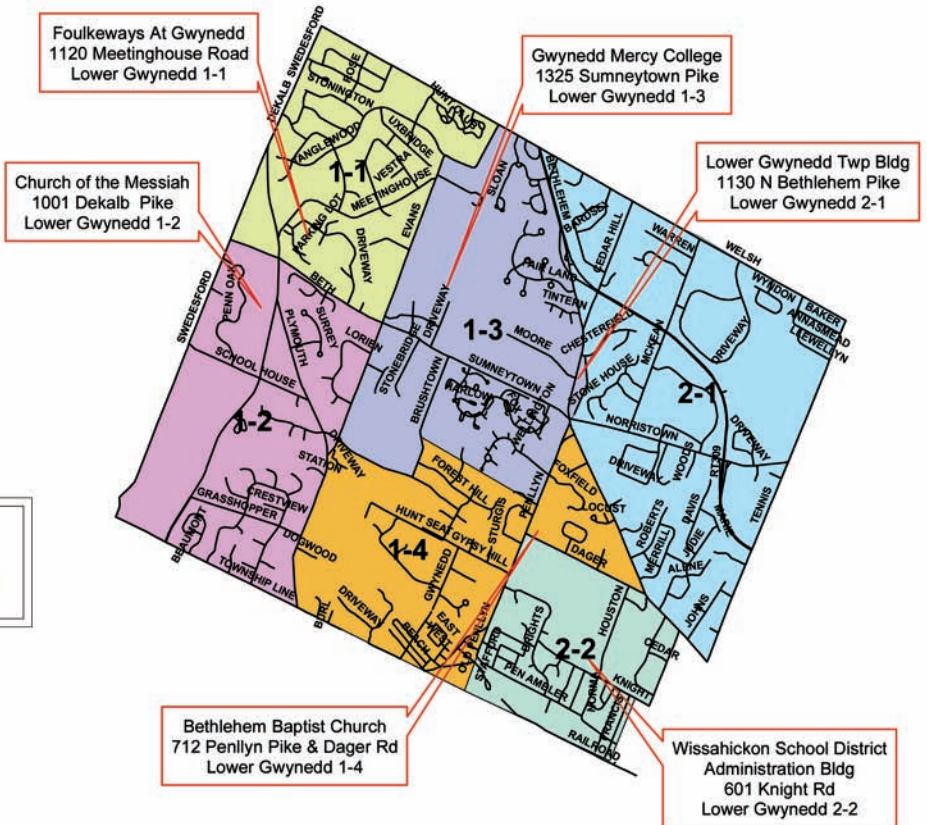
To make a nomination, write a one-to-two page letter describing how your nominee demonstrates a commitment to improving the quality of life in the Township. **Send your nomination by September 26, 2014, to: Carole B. Culbreth, Lower Gwynedd Township, P. O. Box 625, Spring House, PA 19477, cculbreth@lowergwynedd.org, 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 20, 2014, and will be featured in the next issue of the Lower Gwynedd Report.

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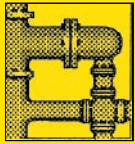
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