

Lower Gwynedd Report



Message from the Chairman



Mark G. Grey, Chairman

Township's Message - Fall 2021

I hope this newsletter finds you well. The past 18 months has been challenging for all of us but with today's technology the Township was able to continue with the level of service all the citizens are accustomed to receive. We are happy to report some of the highlighted projects which will be or have been completed in 2021:

- The Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership is making progress with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). The Partnership consists of 13 Municipalities and 4 waste water treatment plants with the goal of protecting and enhancing the Wissahickon watershed. The 64 square miles in the watershed has been the subject of intense scientific and engineering studies over the last five years. With the help of several independent organizations, such as Wissahickon Trails, the Partnership is closing in on a plan that will protect the Wissahickon for generations to come. As Co-Chair of the Partnership, it has been my privilege to serve in such a meaningful role. We will keep everyone informed as the Partnership closes in on an agreement.
- A new trail bridge has been opened on Route 63 (Welsh Rd.) near the Tennis Avenue intersection. The trail will connect the community at this corner of the township with the wider trail system. The township has overseen on average one pedestrian bridge every two years for the last six years.
- E-Waste Recycling and Paper Shredding Event was conducted at the township building on May 15. The township recycled 13 tons of electronic waste and 11 tons of paper, keeping this material out of trash dumps.
- Phase I of the Spring House Intersection Improvements were completed with assistance of a \$1M Multi-Modal Transportation Grant through DCED. This involved a culvert widening project. Phase II of this project is being engineered with hopes of a mid-2022 start of construction date;
- All Township owned street lights were replaced with LED fixtures for more energy efficiency;
- Penllyn Park playing surfaces will be resurfaced starting the end of August for about 8 weeks. Unfortunately, we have to close the surfaces during that time but the finished product will be amazing;
- Two culverts were repaired recently by our Public Works crews that were damaged by recent storms. Culverts in disrepair can create erosion risks, impair aquatic life and damage roads and bridges.
- In response to the recent survey, the Township now provides a monthly e-Newsletter for more timely information. Please be sure to sign up on our website at lowergwynedd.org;

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Wilkinson Retiring from Lower Gwynedd Police Department After 26 Years



Sgt. Rex Wilkinson is set to retire on September 12 this year. Wilkinson, who grew up in Lower Gwynedd Township has served with the force as a police officer since April of 1995. Prior to that, Wilkinson was a police dispatcher for the Township and did a four-year stint in the United States Coast Guard.

During his tenure with the police department Wilkinson has received many awards and commendations for excellent service. He also served on the Montgomery County SWAT team during his career. To those who worked with him for almost three decades, Wilkinson became a co-worker, friend and mentor for younger officers.

Chief Paul Kenny stated, "It is impossible to measure what Rex has meant to this department for all of these years. I know I speak for everyone when I say this is a bittersweet moment, we are saying goodbye to a valued and dedicated cop but happy for him that he can now enjoy his family and retirement."



Veterans Day

Lower Gwynedd to Honor Veterans at 8th Annual Ceremony in November, 2021. More details to follow.

Message from the Chairman

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I am happy to welcome Gerhard's Appliances to Lower Gwynedd Township. Gerhard's has been serving Montgomery County residences for over 75 years from their original store in Glenside along with four other stores in the area. Lower Gwynedd is their sixth store and as Gerry Gerhard stated "after lots of consideration on where our newest showroom would best fit our growing clientele, we knew Lower Gwynedd would be a great fit. We are glad to expand our name and make our services more accessible to this area".

We wish Gerhard's much success and a long tenure in Lower Gwynedd. Please stop in and say hello to Gerry and his team at 903 Bethlehem Pike.



Left to Right: Rebecca Gensemer, Jessica Zienkowski, Chairman Mark Grey, Gerry Gerhard, Township Manager Craig McAnally, Daniel Smith

TOWNSHIP NOTICES

LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

1130 N. Bethlehem Pike, P. O. Box 625, Spring House, PA 19477
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Keystone Municipal Services
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LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

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

NOTE: Generally meetings are as follows except when holidays conflict:
Board of Supervisors (7:00 pm) – 2nd & 4th Tuesday
Zoning Hearing Board (6:00 p.m.) - 2nd Thursday
Planning Commission (7:00 p.m.) - 3rd Wednesday
Park & Recreation (6:00 p.m.) - 3rd Tuesday
Environmental Advisory Council (7:00 p.m.) – 2nd Wednesday

Deadline for Submissions:

Zoning Hearing Board
30 days prior to scheduled meeting

Planning Commission
30 days prior to scheduled meeting

UPCOMING TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

October 11 (*Columbus Day/Indigenous Day*)

November 11 (*Veterans Day*)

November 25 & 26 (*Thanksgiving Holiday*)

December 24 (*Christmas Holiday Observed*)

December 31 (*New Year's Holiday Observed*)

January 17, 2022 (*Martin Luther King Jr. Day*)

February 21, 2022 (*President's Day*)



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"Lower Gwynedd Township"



STAY IN TOUCH AND REGISTER TO RECEIVE LOGIN/CREATE ACCOUNT

Township residents can register their email address to be notified when news items or alerts are posted on the website. Just visit the Township website at www.lowergwynedd.org and click the Login/Create Account icon at the top of the page to register. Take the time today and register on the website and you can begin receiving alerts.

TOWNSHIP NOTICES

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Lower Gwynedd Township (Administration)	215.646.5302
Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department	215.646.5303
Lower Gwynedd Tax Collector (Real Estate, School, County)	215.628.3988
Berkheimer Tax Administrator	1.800.360.8989
(EIT, Local Services Tax, Business Privilege Tax, Mercantile Tax)	
Congresswoman Madeleine Dean.....	215.884.4300
PA Senator Maria Collett.....	215.368.1429
PA Representative Todd Stephens	215.368.5165
PA Representative Liz Hanbidge	610.277.3230
Montgomery County.....	610.287.3000
Bucks County Water & Sewer.....	215.343.2538
PECO Customer Care.....	1.800.494.4000
To report an odor, a leak or other gas emergency	1.800.841.4141
Comcast Xfinity Customer Service.....	1.800.XFINITY
Verizon Residential Customer Service	1.800.837.7466
PennDOT	215.345-6060
(Call in potholes)	1-800-FixRoad
Wissahickon Fire Company.....	215.646.1266
North Penn Volunteer Fire Company.....	215.699.4337
Community Ambulance Association of Ambler	215.643.6517
Wissahickon School District	
Lower Gwynedd Elementary School.....	215.619.8100
Wissahickon Middle School	215.619.8110
Wissahickon High School.....	215.619.8112
Republic Services.....	215.723.0400
(Provide your phone # for notifications).....	www.republicservices.com
North Wales Water Authority.....	215.699.4836
Ambler Water	215.646.1000
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation clears deer carcasses from State roads while the Pennsylvania Game Commission retrieves them from Township roads. Contact info below:	
PennDOT	1.800.FIXRoad
PA Game Commission (Southeast Regional Office).....	610.926.3136



VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 2, 2021 – FOR INFORMATION REGARDING VOTING IN THE GENERAL ELECTION GO TO montcopa.org/voterservices.

FALL LEAF/YARD WASTE COLLECTION DATES:



Lower Gwynedd Township has a leaf and yard waste recycling program where our contracted hauler, Republic Services, provides curbside leaf/yard waste collection opportunities throughout the Spring and Fall. The current contract provides for eight collection dates, two in the Spring and six in the Fall. The confirmed dates for this Fall are:

Saturdays, October 9th and October 23rd

Saturdays, November 6th and November 20th, 2021

Saturdays, December 4th and December 18th, 2021

All leaf and yard waste must be placed in biodegradable bags and there is a limit of eight bags per pick-up.

Montgomery County Recycling

Montgomery County also offers opportunities for public waste collection events. Montgomery County will host a household hazardous waste collection event from 9am-3pm on the following dates and in the following locations:

- Saturday, September 25th, 2021- Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center, 400 S. Lewis Rd., Royersford
- Sunday, October 24th, 2021- Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 N. Woodbine Ave., Penn Valley

For additional information visit www.MontcoPARecycles.org or call the recycling hotline at 610-278-3618.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees can be dropped off at Ingersoll Park following the holidays. The park is located at 905 Wister Avenue in Penllyn.



TOWNSHIP NOTICES

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Snow Removal

During Snow or Ice Events please help Township Crews by remembering the following tips:

- Move your vehicle out of the street and into private driveways. This helps Snow plows fully clear the road and it is less snow you have to shovel.
- During any snow emergency as declared by the Township, all vehicles must be removed from the roadway.
- If possible, wait to shovel your driveway until 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 plowing snow.
- Shovel to the right-hand side of your driveway (right side coming from your house) to reduce the amount of snow pushed back onto your driveway by the plow.
- 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 may be cited.
- Please don't pull your car onto the roadway to clear the snow from the vehicle.
- Please don't place your trash and recycling receptacles in the street.
- If you have a storm water inlet in front of your property, please assist the Township in keeping it clear of snow and ice. This will prevent ice from and reduce drainage issues when the snow begins to melt.
- If you have a fire hydrant on your property please clear the snow all around the hydrant so the firefighters can quickly connect to it. This could save lives and property.



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

Mailboxes

Please inspect mailboxes before the winter. Mailboxes should be at least 6 inches behind the curb line or edge of pavement. Mailbox should be securely mounted to the post. The post should be securely mounted in the ground and the post should be checked for rot or damage at or near the base. The Township is not responsible for any damage that may occur to an improperly installed or previously damaged mailbox.

REPUBLIC SERVICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Republic Services observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. When a holiday falls on a collection day, collection will occur on the next business day, this will be true for both collection days during the week. If a holiday falls on a Monday, Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday and Thursday's trash will be collected on Friday. Service will be running one day behind after the holiday, all week. If the holiday falls on a Wednesday, Monday and Tuesday will be normal, and the rest of the week will be one day behind.

Upcoming holidays that will impact service in Lower Gwynedd Township:

Labor Day- Monday, September 6th, 2021: Trash collection will be Tuesday & Friday this week!

Thanksgiving Day- Thursday, November 25th, 2021: Trash collection will be Monday & Friday this week!

For more information, call or visit Republic Services at 215.723.0400 or www.RepublicServices.com.

Don't forget to register your cell phone number with Republic to receive updates to your service through a call or text message. Also Visit RepublicServices.com/Account to access your account or download the app, so you can pay your bill, schedule a pickup, report a missed pickup, rate your service, or repair a container.

PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT-PENLLYN PIKE TRAIL AT DAGER ROAD



Lower Gwynedd Township will be moving forward with a project to improve the pedestrian crossing of the Penllyn Pike Trail at Dager Road thanks to grant funding through the Montgomery County 20/40 Implementation Grant program. Lower Gwynedd was awarded \$61,400.00 in grant funding and those monies will be used to

realign an existing, skewed trail crossing of the Penllyn Pike Trail as it crosses Dager Road. The Township will pave the trail's existing gravel path approaches to Dager Road and install updated trail crossing signage and pavement markings. The updated trail crossing will meet current ADA, PennDot, and other applicable design standards.

The full scope of the project will include the realignment of trail approaches to allow the trail to cross Dager Road at a 90-degree angle; including the repainting of the continental-style pedestrian crossing. New trail crossing signs will be placed approximately 1500' to either

approach on Dager Road. The approaches will be paved on either side of Dager Road and ADA compliant curb ramps will be installed on each side. Pedestrian actuated Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons will also be installed at the trail crossing, visible to drivers in each direction on Dager Road. These changes will improve trail-user safety and visibility to motorists on Dager Road. The Township is currently going through the permitting process with PennDot and anticipates project completion later this year.



157 Township Streetlights were converted to LED streetlights through a grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

FROM THE LOWER GWYNEDD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fraud and Scams

The recent months of uncertainty have seen an increase in complaints of fraud and scams. Scammers use a variety of schemes in order to access personal information and dupe unsuspecting victims into sending them money. Often, these come in the form of “phishing” attempts. “Phishing” is when a victim receives an unsolicited message through email, social media or a phone call that seeks personal information or requests a fraudulent payment. Often the “phishing” message appears to come from a legitimate institution or reputable business. The first and most important step individuals can take to avoid falling victim to these scams is to safeguard their personal and financial information. Never provide personal information such as social security number or bank account information over the telephone. Do not respond to emails or social media messages requesting such personal information or demanding immediate payment.

Recently, there has been a particular increase in fraud relating to unemployment compensation. Unemployment compensation in Pennsylvania is administered through the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. In recent months an increasing number of individuals have been contacted about unemployment claims for which they never filed. The uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic has led to an increase in this type of criminal activity. In many cases the victim is unaware that their information has been compromised.

It is important for both employees and employers to recognize potential fraud in unemployment compensation claims. Employees who receive correspondence related to unemployment compensation, who never filed for unemployment compensation should file a report with their local police department and the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Employees who receive a check for unemployment compensation, who have never applied for unemployment compensation, should return the check to the Department of Labor and Industry. Employers who receive an inquiry regarding unemployment compensation for a current employee should likewise report the incident to the department of Labor and Industry. Further information on recognizing and reporting unemployment compensation fraud, including an online reporting system for fraud, can be found at www.uc.pa.gov/Fraud.



Welsh Road Pedestrian Bridge – Complete

The 50-foot-long by 6-foot-wide pedestrian bridge spanning the Park Creek at the intersection of Welsh Road and Llanfair Road was recently completed giving pedestrians in this area of the Township safe access to the Forest Manor neighborhood and the broader network of Township trails via a natural trail along Welsh Road. A future macadam trail connection along Welsh Road is being considered for this area.

NOTES FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL—FALL 2021

We continue to move forward with the recovery of what we all think of as normalcy. The volunteers of North Penn Fire Company and Wissahickon Fire Company have provided full services throughout the last year and continue to provide outstanding fire and rescue response when called upon to do so. As we look forward to Fall and Winter, with the return to school and other indoor activities, please consider these reminders:

- **Outdoor fire pits, chimeneas and other similar manufactured products** are allowed, with proper separation from combustibles. Building a campfire (larger than 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet in height) in the backyard is not one of the allowable burning choices, although special permission can be granted through the Fire Marshal's Office for a ceremonial event.
- **No burning of trash, garden waste or any similar material is allowed in Lower Gwynedd Township.** This is appropriate environmentally and respects each of our neighbors in addition to being a good fire safety practice. Smokey fires are not conducive to outdoor entertaining and don't make good neighbors.
- **Use of barbecues on combustible decks is not a good practice.** It is a code violation for all but single-family residences. Use of Barbecues on a porch or in a garage is a dangerous practice due to the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning.
- **The use of tents larger than 20 feet by 20 feet**, even temporarily, requires a permit from the Township. Even in smaller tents, the use of BBQs and other ignition sources requires care to avoid a fire.

Additionally, we send the usual message that all systems require maintenance to operate correctly, for example:

- **Fire Alarm systems should be inspected.** Over 50% of fire company calls in the township are related to fire alarm issues. Smoke detector batteries, if you have them, should be replaced. Better solution is to purchase the up-to-date detectors with the 10-year lithium batteries—then you can just check operation and avoid the annual battery changes.
- **CO Detectors also need to be inspected.** Old detectors (more than 3-5 years old) must be replaced to properly provide coverage.
- **Chimneys and heating stoves need to be checked and cleaned.** Prepare now so they will be ready for next Winter.
- **House Numbers** Check and make sure your house number is visible from the street.
- **Fire Hydrants**—if hydrant is located on your property, make sure it is cleared of bush and shrubs at least 4 feet on all sides.
- **Driveways**—if you have a long drive from the street, clear brush above and each side to allow apparatus access (12 feet wide (16 feet wide for flag lots and driveways over 100 feet long, 14 feet high). Please contact the Fire Marshal's Office if you have a **private bridge** to confirm that apparatus can access your residence. **Gates or piers** at driveway entrances require approval of the Fire Marshal's Office **PRIOR** to construction

Be safe and enjoy the coming seasons.

FIRE COMPANIES CONTACT INFORMATION:



Wissahickon Fire Company

245 E. Race Street
Ambler, PA 19002
Office: (215) 646-1266



North Penn Volunteer Fire Company

141 S. Main Street
North Wales, PA 19454
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Environmental Advisory Council

PROTECTING POLLINATORS AND PLANTS OVER THE WINTER

Most homeowners prepare their yard for winter by hauling off raked leaves, felled branches, dead plant material, etc. While lawns and flower beds might look pristine after this cleaning, the pollinator fauna that depend on native flora for their existence--including bees, butterflies, moths, salamanders, and others--lose food sources and places to hibernate as a result. Even the plants themselves lose the protection that spent leaves and other material offer over the winter.

To a significant extent, one of most positive actions that homeowners can take to promote healthy landscapes is NOT to act! Specifically, DON'T rake up and send away every last leaf in your yard in the fall; leave them in the garden and on the lawn. They are useful as mulch if they are shredded, but even without being shredded or composted, they serve as important habitat for many creatures, including certain species of butterflies that form chrysalis with the spent leaves in summer and hibernate over the winter. Many types of bees hibernate in the plant litter, as well. Also, DON'T cut down all your plants in the fall, especially your native plants (which we hope are plentiful in your yard), as some bees nest in their hollow stems.



In addition to providing winter shelter for pollinators, dead leaves and fallen stems and twigs help keep plant roots protected from the cold. Moreover, birds will be attracted by a naturalized winter landscape as it may appear to promise more food (insects and worms) than cleared land. Plus, the plants and leaves will provide a safer place for them to forage, hidden from potential predators. All these benefits are compounded if you have native plants in your garden, so be sure to choose them for planting whenever you can; there are varied and beautiful options available at local garden shops and nurseries as well as online.

So, leave the big clean-up for the spring. Enjoy the beauty of a winter garden and the knowledge that you are helping to promote a healthy, diverse natural environment.



BE A BETTER RECYCLER



Here are some tips to help you be a better recycler:

1. Do not put your recycling in plastic bags on recycling day; even if the bags get picked up from your house, they generally get tossed aside at the plant rather than opened and sorted through. Empty your recyclables directly into your bin.
2. For plastics, focus on #1 and #2, which are the most recyclable; make sure recyclable plastic containers are clean and dry; don't include anything marked as PS (polystyrene)--no matter the number--as these foam products cannot be recycled with your weekly pickup.
3. Greasy or dirty cardboard will not get recycled; to ensure your cardboard gets recycled, be sure it is clean and free of labels and tape, and that boxes are flattened.
4. Paper that is wet, from rain or otherwise, is not recycled; use a covered bin.

For lots more information, check the Republic Services website www.republicservices.com

PARKS AND RECREATION

DOG ORDINANCE

Just a reminder that Lower Gwynedd Township has an ordinance that specifies letting dogs run loose without a leash is prohibited. All dogs must be on a leash of no more than ten feet when on streets, public grounds or property (see ordinance below). This includes all parks and ball fields.

§ 620.02 Dog regulations.

[Ord. 77. Passed 8-17-1964; Ord. 407. Passed 2-18-2003]

(a) Dogs at Large Prohibited. [Amended 8-23-2016 by Ord. No. 509]

- (1) As used in this Section 620.02, the term "at large" shall refer to any dog that is not restrained by the dog's owner or keeper with a leash having a length of not more than 10 feet.
- (2) It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog, licensed or unlicensed, to permit such dog to run at large over the streets, public grounds or property, or upon the private property of anyone other than the owner or person having custody of the dog or of the property of anyone who has consented to the dog being at large on their property. The owner or keeper of the dog must be of appropriate age and discretion to properly control the actions of the dog.



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Date: Wednesday October 20 • **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

PLANNING FOR ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBER'S INCAPACITY:

Strategizing the Future / What will be Needed: Learn what to do when an elderly family member begins to lose capacity and/or ability to manage his or her life. Learn the different legal documents you may need, such as Durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Power of Attorney, Living Wills (Advance Directives); We also explore how to proceed when a loved one cannot handle his/her own affairs due to mental health issues and/or lack of capacity. You will learn if or when a Guardianship may be required and how a Guardianship is obtained through the court system. We also explore the duties and responsibilities of someone acting under a Power of Attorney versus a Guardian. We will explore what appropriate living arrangements are available and whether the government will help pay.

Date: Wednesday November 10 • **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

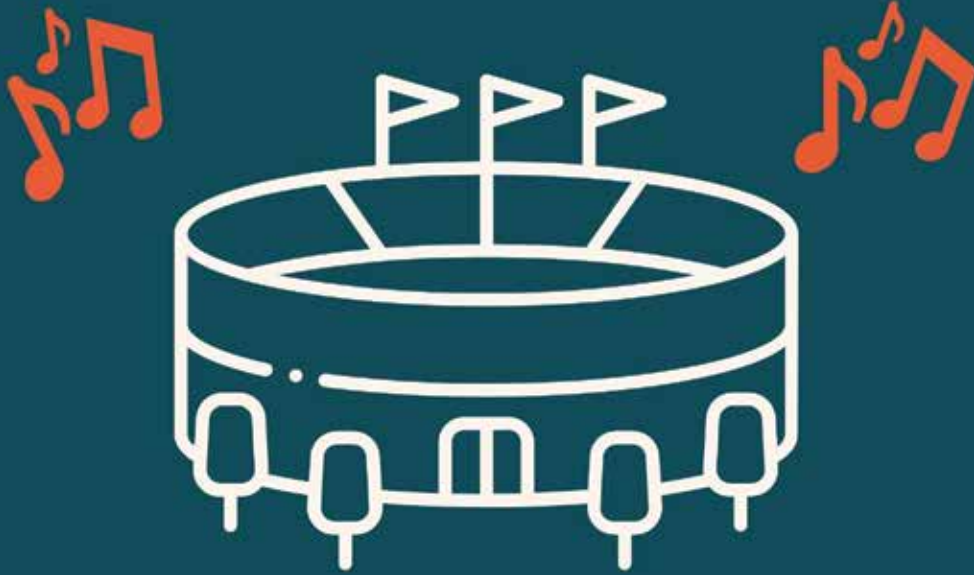
All workshops are offered virtually and free of charge. To register please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 215-646-5302. A zoom link will be emailed to all registered attendees.

Time is allowed for you to ask your specific questions.

Presented By:

Andrew B. Peltzman, JD, MBA
Law Office of Andrew B. Peltzman

PARKS AND RECREATION



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AT 215-646-5302

PARKS AND RECREATION

MEMORIAL & COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES

Memorial and Commemorative benches are placed throughout the parks and trails. Location for new bench donations can be chosen through the Parks & Recreation Department. The engraving on the bench is of the donor's choice and must be approved by the Township. To inquire about a new bench contact Parks & Recreation Department at 215-646-5302 and setup a meeting to discuss the details.



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT SURVEY

In an effort to improve and enhance our park facilities, trails and recreation programs, the Lower Gwynedd Township Parks and Recreation Board and Board of Supervisors are asking for the assistance of our residents. We have developed a survey that we hope will provide valuable information to better serve you. We are looking for feedback from residents who live within the boundaries of Lower Gwynedd Township.



You can scan the QR Code, with your phone or tablet, which will take you to the survey. The link for the survey can also be found on the Township website, lowergwynedd.org.

Trail Walking

Do you know where all the trails are located in the Township? Have you seen a path but not sure where it goes? Join us as we explore a trail a week. Meeting locations vary each week and upon registering for the program you will receive a list of where the group is meeting.

- Dates:** Monday and Wednesdays September 13 – October 6
- Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Location:** Varies each week, participants will receive a list of walking locations upon registering for the program.
- Cost:** \$5 per person

Lower Gwynedd Township TRAIL IDENTIFICATION



Lower Gwynedd Township maintains over 25 miles of walking trails in addition to the parks. If you have ever been on any of the trails you may have noticed the white posts with a letter and number. These posts represent the trail and section. These posts are easily identifiable, located along the trail sections and contrast the surroundings. All the Township

trails are in the Montgomery County computer system so that any agency responding to an emergency can easily be directed to that location.

The identification system not only can be used in emergency situation but for maintenance as well. If a tree has fallen or there is a hazard, trail users can report the specific trail and section by phoning the Township. The Township has installed trail head signs at the entrances indicating the trail name and trail location.



Know your Medicare Options

Please join Lower Gwynedd Parks and Recreation
On Zoom!

**Tuesday October 26th
from 6:30pm to 8:00pm**

During this free educational seminar you will learn:

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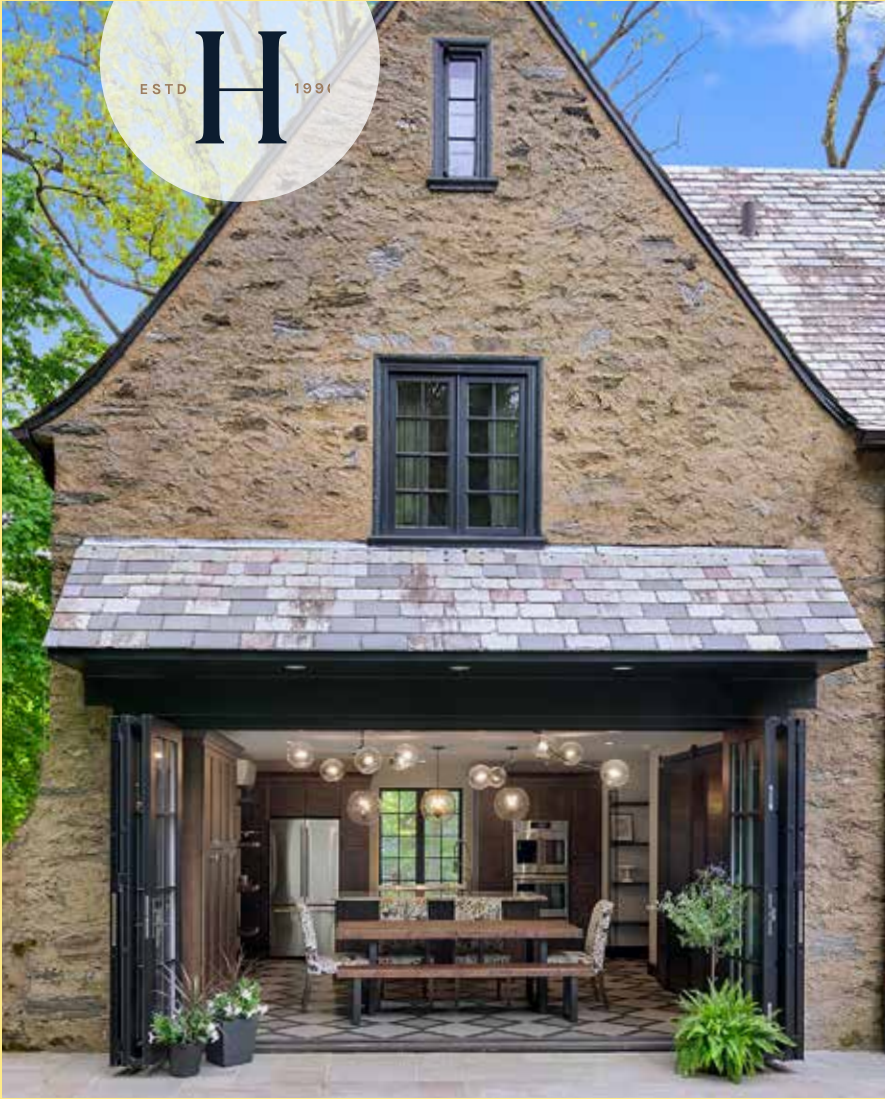
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