



# Lower Gwynedd Report



## Message from the Chair



Danielle A. Duckett, Chair

I'm happy to share that a lot has happened in Lower Gwynedd in the last quarter! We amended our police hiring practices to ensure greater transparency when bringing new officers into our community. In May, we welcomed four new police officers to our township. The addition of these new officers allowed our Police Department to develop a Community Response Unit (CRU) that focuses on addressing community concerns and providing community education. Some duties of the CRU include:

- Community/Town Hall meetings with seniors to educate them on fraud, scams, and theft;
- Combatting the opioid epidemic with treatment programs and education
- Traffic complaints and accident investigation; and
- Interacting with our youth to promote positive relationships and reduce juvenile crime and drug use.

Throughout the summer, our Police Department engaged in conversations with our community and community partners while enjoying Kona Ice. We also facilitated backpack giveaways to help families prepare for the school year.

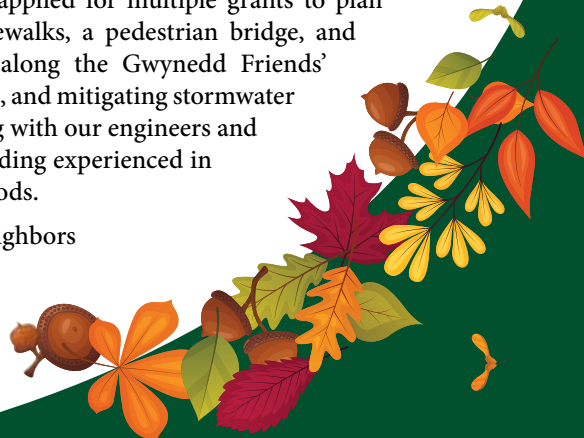
We kicked off June by raising the Pride Flag for the first time in Lower Gwynedd, and the board passed an anti-discrimination ordinance and approved the development of a Human Relations Commission ("HRC"). The HRC will not only be a resource to resolve disputes, it will also promote equity within our Township through education and community outreach.

In July, we joined many neighboring municipalities in establishing a Clean Energy Resolution, which commits our township to reach 100% clean energy for electricity by 2035 and heat and transportation by 2050. The resolution also includes an action to create a "committee, task force, and/or enlist a consultant" to draft an energy transition plan to meet the resolution's energy objectives. The board is currently seeking individuals in the community who have a passion, interest, and/or some expertise in the area of clean energy and climate change to serve on the team which will develop the transition plan to help our municipality reduce greenhouse gas emissions, effectively deploy taxpayer dollars, and advance community goals for health and safety. Please visit our website if interested in volunteering. We also announced our first annual native tree giveaway, which will take place on October 1, 2022. Keep a lookout for more information on how you can sign up to receive your free tree and help us grow our tree canopy.

We are actively planning for our future and in the midst of embarking upon a review of our comprehensive plan. We have applied for multiple grants to plan for upgrading our parks, adding needed sidewalks, a pedestrian bridge, and trail connections, developing a bus shelter along the Gwynedd Friends' Meetinghouse property, updating traffic signals, and mitigating stormwater throughout our Township. We are also working with our engineers and members of our community to review the flooding experienced in the Brookside and Francis Avenue neighborhoods.

We enjoyed seeing so many friends and neighbors come out to our Summer Concert Series throughout the summer in Oxford Park, and we are

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## Message from the Chair *continued*

looking forward to celebrating our community at our **Fall Fest on September 17th!**

In order to stay up-to-date with important information, remember to sign-up for email blasts at our website [www.lowergwynedd.org](http://www.lowergwynedd.org), follow us on Twitter @ Lower Gwynedd PA, and like us on Facebook at “Lower Gwynedd Township”.

Please continue to reach out and let us know what concerns you, how we can help, and how we can improve. Stay safe and remain healthy!

Best,  
Danielle A. Duckett

## Veteran's Day Ceremony

Lower Gwynedd's Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday November 5, 2022 at Veteran's Memorial Park. More details to follow.



## Smoke Detector Recycling

Smoke detectors are a life-saving device that should be in everyone's home. Smoke detectors have an expiration date—10 years for smoke detectors and 5 to 7 years for combination smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. So how do you dispose of an expired smoke detector?

The answer to this question depends on the type of smoke detector. There are two types of smoke detectors: ionizing and photoelectric.

- Ionizing smoke detectors use a tiny amount of a radioactive isotope and electrically charged plates to detect smoke. When smoke enters the detector, it stops the flow of ions between the two electrically charged plates, causing the alarm to sound. Ionizing smoke detectors are best at detecting flaming fires.
- Photoelectric smoke detectors contain a light sensor and a light aimed away from the sensor. When smoke enters the detector, the light is reflected onto the light sensor, causing the alarm to sound. Photoelectric smoke detectors are best at detecting smoldering fires.

There are also dual sensors which contain both types of detectors in one unit. You can identify the type of smoke detector by looking at the back. If you see a radioactive symbol (pictured to the right), then you have an ionizing or dual sensor smoke detector. The back of the smoke detector has the manufacture date, which you can use to determine the expiration date.

Smoke detectors are not accepted at Montgomery County household

hazardous waste or E-waste recycling events or drop-off locations. Photoelectric smoke detectors can be thrown in your household trash after removing the battery. Due to the radioactive material in ionizing smoke detectors, they must be recycled; however, they cannot be put into a household recycling bin. There are two options for properly recycling ionized or dual sensor smoke detectors:



**Return to manufacturer:** many companies will accept their brand of ionizing smoke detectors for recycling. The United States Postal Service provides a list of manufacturers that accept smoke detectors and their addresses. You must pay for postage and, in some cases, a small fee for recycling. Google provides a free shipping label to recycle their Google Nest smoke detectors.

**Smoke detector recycling kit:** Curie Environmental Services offers a smoke detector recycling kit to recycle ionizing smoke detectors, regardless of brand. The kits include proper shipping materials and paid postage. The kit will be shipped to your home, and you can simply add your smoke detectors (battery removed) and drop off with the shipping carrier listed on the postage.

For more information on recycling smoke detectors, go to [www.northmontcorecycle.com](http://www.northmontcorecycle.com)

## LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

### The Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educating children to spread kindness and give back to those in need through hands-on service projects. The organization has been educating and inspiring children ages 5-18 since 2009, and they are based right here in Lower Gwynedd Township. They work with public and private schools, scouting groups, sports teams, youth-centered clubs and organizations, and families to provide service projects for their students/children. Our area youth learn the merits of giving back to those in need through creative service-learning initiatives. All projects are paired with relevant curricula to teach students about the needs in their local communities.

The Giving Tree's #MontcoServes initiative, launched in December 2020, provides a service project to every public elementary and middle school in Montgomery County through community-funded grants. To date, they have worked with 31 schools and completed 6,810 projects in over 10 school districts in our county, including Wissahickon. 5,685 students have learned valuable lessons of kindness through the #MontcoServes Campaign. Please visit their website to learn to learn more or to make a donation today. [www.givingtreefamilies.org](http://www.givingtreefamilies.org)

# TOWNSHIP NOTICES

## LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

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### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Michael Twersky, *Vice-Chair*

Kathleen Hunsicker

Tessie McNeely

Janine Martin



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**Township Manager:** Mimi Gleason, Interim  
**Assistant Manager:** Jamie Worman  
**Assistant Secretary:** Michelle Farzetta  
**Police Chief:** Paul Kenny  
**Public Works Director:** Fred Zollers  
**Solicitor:** Neil Stein, Esq., Kaplan Stewart  
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**Building Inspector/Plan Review:**  
 Keystone Municipal Services  
**Recreation Director:** Sandi L. Feight  
**Parks Superintendent:** Mitch Kulp  
**Real Estate Tax Collector:** Natalie Cormier

### 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 pm)..... 2nd Thursday  
 Planning Commission (7:00 pm) ..... 3rd Wednesday  
 Park & Recreation (6:00 pm) ..... 3rd Tuesday  
 Environmental Advisory Council (7:00 pm) ..... 2nd Wednesday  
 Historic Advisory Committee (6:00 pm) ..... 3rd Thursday

#### Deadline for Submissions:

#### Zoning Hearing Board

30 days prior to scheduled meeting

#### Planning Commission

30 days prior to scheduled meeting

#### Election Day

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

For Information Regarding Voting go to  
[montcopa.org/voterservices](http://montcopa.org/voterservices)

#### UPCOMING TOWNSHIP

#### HOLIDAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

September 5 (*Labor Day*)

October 10 (*Columbus Day/Indigenous Day*)

November 11 (*Veterans Day*)

November 24 & 25 (*Thanksgiving*)

December 26 (*Christmas Holiday Observed*)

January 2, 2023 (*New Year's Holiday Observed*)

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Lower Gwynedd Township (*Administration*) .....215.646.5302  
 Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department .....215.646.5303  
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 Wissahickon High School .....215.619.8112  
 Wissahickon Valley Library .....215.643.1320  
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 PennDOT .....1.800.FIXRoad  
 PA Game Commission (Southeast Regional Office) .....610.926.3136



### 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](http://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.

## FIRE SERVICE IN LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

Lower Gwynedd Township is served by two all-volunteer fire companies—Wissahickon of Ambler and North Penn of North Wales. The companies are staffed by your friends and neighbors in the area. All have received extensive training in fire and rescue services. They are dispatched through the Emergency Operations Center of Montgomery County through the 9-1-1 dispatch system.

Each of the fire companies has a fire station in the Township. Each of the companies are non-profit corporations which operate with tax money from Lower Gwynedd and from the two Boroughs served (Ambler and North Wales). In addition to the tax money, the fire companies operate fund drives to supplement the needs of operation. Both companies mail fund drive solicitations to their primary coverage areas and hope you will help them provide these services to the Township.

This description seems quite ordinary until you look at some of the facts:

- The companies respond to an average of one call a day in the Township for assistance. They pride themselves by achieving the national standard of placing a fire truck on location in 9 minutes from the time the call is placed on 9-1-1—Day or night, 365 days a year.
- In addition to the responses in the Township, these companies also respond in the boroughs and surrounding areas, averaging another call per day.
- The fire companies engage in thousands of hours of training to prepare for a wide variety of emergencies that could occur within the Township. This training is at company level, county level and for some state level and national training.
- The fire companies engage in planning and preparation for possible problems that could occur within the Township—developing pre-plans to anticipate problems that could be encountered and prepare possible solutions.
- The fire companies also maintain their equipment—apparatus, buildings and necessary equipment—operating like any other business with corporate officers, budgets and various regulations.

In summary, fire service in Lower Gwynedd Township is provided by two trained and prepared fire companies who pride themselves in providing the Township with excellent service on an all-volunteer basis—with emphasis on the all-volunteer. Each company would be happy to have you stop by their stations to find out more, or better yet to volunteer. It may sound like work, but it's also very rewarding to help your neighbors.

## Lower Gwynedd Police Department



*Pictured from left to right. Supervisors Danielle Duckett & Michael Twersky, Officers Dennis Cosgrove and John Taylor, Chief Paul Kenny, Officers Kayin Nix & John Dobson and Supervisors Tessie McNeely & Janine Martin.*

The Lower Gwynedd Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the hiring of four new police officers and welcomed those officers to the force at their meeting held, Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Chief Paul Kenny thanked the BOS for their commitment to the force and the future of the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department.

**Welcome  
Officers Cosgrove, Taylor,  
Dobson and Nix!**

The Lower Gwynedd Police Department is proud to announce the creation of a new Community Response Unit (CRU) within the police department. The mission of the CRU is working in partnership with community members to reduce crime, maintain order and to identify and solve problems to improve the quality of life in our community.

The CRU will be in charge of community outreach events and spearheading quality of life issues for residents of Lower Gwynedd Township that include traffic concerns, addiction, access to social programs and other concerns. The unit should be running full time by the fall of 2022. Sgt. Michael Rogge and Officer William Henry have been tasked with kicking off this new unit. They can be reached at [lgcru@lowergwynedd.org](mailto:lgcru@lowergwynedd.org).



*CRU Team*

# TOWNSHIP NOTICES

## 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 collections dates, two in the Spring and six in the Fall. The confirmed dates for this Fall are:

Saturday, October 1st and Saturday October 15th, 2022  
Saturday November 5th and Saturday, November 19th, 2022  
Saturday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 17th, 2022



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 household hazardous waste collection events by appointment only on the following dates in the following locations:

- Saturday, September 24th, 2022- Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center, 400 S. Lewis Rd., Royersford
- Sunday, October 23rd, 2022- Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 N. Woodbine Ave., Penn Valley

For additional information or to schedule an appointment visit [www.MontcoPARecycles.org](http://www.MontcoPARecycles.org) or call the recycling hotline at 610-278-3618.

## Holiday Lights:

Non-working holiday lights can be dropped off at Ingersoll Park from December 1st-January 31st. Look for the green and red recycling bins and simply place your lights in the bins!

## Christmas Trees:

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



## Electronics Recycling & Shredding Event Totals:

Lower Gwynedd Township residents recycled 9.23 tons of electronic devices and 4.12 tons of paper during this year's recycling event!

## Stormwater Management

### Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Inspections

Under the municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) permit, Lower Gwynedd Township is required to screen a portion of the Township's outfalls each year of the 5-year permit cycle. Stormwater and certain authorized types of uncontaminated non-stormwater are the only discharges that should enter a municipal storm sewer system. That is why it is important not to dump anything down a storm drain! Lower Gwynedd Township's Engineer, Gilmore Associates, performed outfall screenings this summer. The inspectors conducted dry-weather screenings of MS4 outfalls to evaluate the presences of illicit discharges. It is important to remember not to dump anything in the storm drain, as this will eventually make its way to the creek and pollute our water source! If you see anyone illegally dumping, we ask that you report this to the Township. In October, our Environmental Advisory Council will conduct a storm drain stenciling outreach project to bring awareness to the importance of not dumping anything down storm drains because they run to the creek!

**THANK YOU!**

*Lower Gwynedd Township gratefully acknowledges the generosity and support of the businesses and individuals who have placed advertisements in our newsletter. This newsletter has been designed and printed at no cost to you, our residents. We encourage you to patronize these businesses as they play a vital role in the economic stability of our community.*

## Land Development & Subdivision Update:

Below is a summary of the various land development and subdivision projects currently being reviewed, approved, or under construction within Lower Gwynedd Township at the time of this publication.



### *Preliminary Review*

- **601 Knight Road-Waiver of Land Development (#22-04WLD)**: Institutional; Location-601 Knight Road (Wissahickon High School); Applicant-Wissahickon School District; Summary-A plan to construct new synthetic turf ball fields to replace existing grass ball fields and install associated stormwater management facilities. Under review.
- **1501 Cedar Hill Road Minor Subdivision (#22-02SUBD)**: Residential subdivision; Location 1501 Cedar Hill Road; Applicant-Robert & Cheryl Mastromatto; Summary-A plan to subdivide a 3.5- acre parcel into two individual lots with an area of open space. The existing dwelling and accessory building will remain on lot-1 and lot-2 will be a new building lot. The proposed plan is currently under review.
- **St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Land Development (GMU Campus) (#21-04LD)**: Institutional land development; Location- 1325 Sumneytown Pk-GMU; Applicant-St. Charles Seminary; Summary- Proposal to consolidate two parcels within the campus and add a new college residence hall with a chapel, new student life center, and a new maintenance building. Future plans for a gym and an additional building are also shown on the plans. Additional improvements including parking facilities, access drive, landscaping, lighting and stormwater management facilities are also proposed. The plan was recommended for preliminary/final approval to the Board of Supervisors. Approval pending.
- **1500-1524 Cedar Hill Road Land Development (#20-06LD)**: Residential development; Location- Cedar Hill Rd.; Applicant-Jon Mayer; Summary- A plan to consolidate 3 parcels, remove existing structures, and then subdivide combined parcels into 12 individual single-family residential lots under a cluster option available through conditional use. The lots will be accessed from three private drives off of Cedar Hill Rd. Sidewalk along Cedar Hill Rd, stormwater management facilities, and open space areas are included with the proposed plan. Applicant has decided to file a different plan and use the by-right development criteria for these parcels. The development is now proposed to be a 7-lot single family residential development. Under review.
- **301 Norristown Road Land Development (Gwynedd Estates-ACTS) (#20-04LD)**: Multi-family residential development; Location-301 Norristown Rd-Gwynedd Estates; Applicant-Acts; Summary- A plan to add a new skilled nursing wing at the NE corner of the site and to reconfigure the existing parking area while also adding new parking, and to add subsurface stormwater management facilities. Under review.

### *Approved/Under Construction*

- **601 Knight Road-Waiver of Land Development (#22-03WLD)**: Institutional; Location-500 Houston Road (Wissahickon Middle School); Applicant-Wissahickon School District; Summary- A plan to remove the swimming pool within the natatorium building and replace it with six classrooms and additional bathroom renovations. Approved 7/26/2022.
- **1612 N. Bethlehem Pike Land Development (Precision Watches & Jewelry) (#21-03LD)**: Non-residential commercial development; Location-1612 N. Bethlehem Pk; Applicant-Precision Watches & Jewelry; Summary- A commercial development that includes the construction of a 2.5-story jewelry store with associated parking and stormwater management facilities. Approved 5/24/22. .
- **812 N. Bethlehem Pike-Waiver of Land Development (#22-01WLD)**: Non-residential redevelopment; Location-812 N. Bethlehem Pike; Applicant-Harth Builders; Summary-a plan to redevelop the existing site and relocate business (Harth Builders) to this property. The proposed plan is to renovate the existing building and construct an addition for retail use, enhance the entrance and add a terrace, reconfigure and add parking spaces to the site, and also add sidewalk. Applicant requested a waiver of land development for phase one of the project, future phases will be subject to land development. Approved 3/14/22..
- **John's Lane Subdivision (#21-02SUBD)**: Residential development; Location-776 John's Lane; Applicant-Martin & Marnie Hughes; Summary: A 6-lot single-family residential subdivision and land development with 5 new homes proposed and 1 lot to remain vacant. The proposed lots will take access off of a private road with a cul-de-sac from the intersection of John's Lane and Susquehanna Road. Stormwater management facilities, landscaping, and other associated improvements proposed. Approved 11/23/21.
- **820 N. Bethlehem Pike (Goddard School) Land Development (#21-01LD)**: Non-residential redevelopment; Location-820 N. Bethlehem Pike; Applicant-Beth Pike LLC; Summary- A non-residential redevelopment of this property that will include the removal of the existing Pike Diner, construction of a new daycare center and the repurposing of an existing building into a medical office along with the associated site improvements. Approved 10/12/21-Under Construction.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Good Job Award



*Pictured left to right Supervisors Danielle Duckett and Janine Martin, Mitch Kulp, Sandi Feight, Parks and Recreation Director and Supervisor Kathleen Hunsicker.*

“Inspired by the belief that local parks and recreation improves the lives of all Pennsylvanians, the **Good For You, Good For All** campaign raises awareness and use of our essential local assets. Pennsylvania Park and Recreation Professionals Day is celebrated each third Friday in July during National Park and Recreation Month. It honors those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide the high-quality programs and facilities we desire and expect in our parks and public spaces.

**The GOOD JOB! Award** is presented annually on Park and Recreation Professionals Day to one person in Pennsylvania whose contributions, through leadership, community outreach, facility management, maintenance, or program and event planning, have directly influenced the health and vitality of their community. The Good Job Award Recipient for 2022 is our own Parks Superintendent, Mitch Kulp.

Tim Herd, CEO of Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society presented the Good Job Award to Mitch at a special ceremony held at the Township Building.



## New Interactive Digital Parks & Trails Map

Our Township is home to over 25 miles of non-continuous trails. Since the pandemic, trail use has increased tremendously. We have created a trail map through Google Maps that residents can now access on their mobile devices. The map indicates the location of all the trails, trail distance, parking areas, trail surfacing, and contains photos at trailheads and trail junctions. The Township will update the map as information changes or new information becomes available.

There is a tutorial on the website as to how to use the map. Using the navigation technology through Google Maps allows residents to have a clearer understanding of their location and orientation as to the direction they are walking. In addition to the tutorial, there is a complete listing of the trail names associated with the trail marking system. *If you have any questions regarding the map, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 215-646-5302.*

## Trail Walking

Do you know where all the trails are located in the Township? Have you seen a path but are 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 12 – October 12**

**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**





**PARKS AND RECREATION**



**Saturday September 17**  
**11 am - 5 pm**  
**Houston Road**

Food Trucks-Vendors-Live Music  
Kids Activities - 5K Race @ 8am

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# 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 Parks & Recreation Department at 215-646-5302 and setup a meeting to discuss the details.

*In Memory Of*



## Lower Gwynedd Township 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.



## KNOW YOUR MEDICARE OPTIONS



Please join us at Lower Gwynedd Township Parks and Recreation  
Penlyn Woods Community Building on  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 25TH FROM 6:30PM TO 8:00PM

During this free educational seminar you will learn:

- How Medicare works and what it covers
- How Part "D" prescription cards work and how to pick the right one for you
- The differences between Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage plans

Have your questions answered so you can make the right choice when planning for Medicare or Medicare Advantage decisions.

**Presenter:** Steve Perlman, DelVal Senior Advisors,  
Independent Medicare Planning Specialist

**To register:** Contact the Parks and Recreation Department  
(suggested, not required)

Presented by DelVal Senior Advisors



# Public Works

## 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 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 more 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.

## PennDOT Roads and Montgomery County Roads

The following roads are the responsibility of PennDOT or Montgomery County.

### PennDOT Roads

Dekalb Pike  
Norristown Road  
Welsh Road  
Plymouth Road between Train tracks and Township Line Road  
Evans Road  
Gypsy Hill Road  
Penn Ambler Road  
Tennis Avenue  
309 Expressway

### Montgomery County Roads

Sumneytown Pike  
Penllyn Pike  
Plymouth Rd between Dekalb and Train Tracks



# Lower Gwynedd's Environmental Advisory Council: Who are we?

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) was established in 2017. Like other EACs in Pennsylvania, our EAC is an official, appointed arm of our municipal government. We research and advise the Board of Supervisors on environment-related concerns and initiatives, and we work with township staff and other township boards and committees to achieve our mission: to educate, facilitate and promote sustainable practices within the township and the greater community through educational workshops and programs, articles and community events. The members and associate members are Lower Gwynedd residents who volunteer our time; regular members are appointed for 3-year terms.

We have organized ourselves into several broad categories of effort: Land Stewardship, Water Stewardship, Resource Conservation, and Communication and Outreach, with each category containing several targeted committees working on specific areas, such as waste reduction, storm water management, and energy.

We meet monthly, generally on the second Wednesday, and our meetings are open to all. We are always happy to have people join us at our meetings to offer ideas and suggestions, so consider yourselves invited. No special expertise required, just an interest in our work!

On the other hand, if you DO have special experience or expertise in fields related to our work and are willing to be a resource for us on some of our projects, please let us know.

To learn more about us and our committees and initiatives, click on the Environmental Advisory Council heading under the "Government" tab on the Township website, or contact us at: [EAC@lowergwynedd.org](mailto:EAC@lowergwynedd.org).

## Upcoming EAC Happenings

- Saturdays, September 10th and November 12th – Battery recycling Collections
- Saturday, October 1st - Lower Gwynedd Township 1st Annual Native Tree Giveaway.
- Saturday, October 22 - Storm Drain Marker event.

## Lower Gwynedd Bird Town Bird Walks



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Guided bird walks are free as part of Lower Gwynedd's Bird Town program. Sign up to be notified of upcoming bird walks by emailing [lgteac+birdtown@gmail.com](mailto:lgteac+birdtown@gmail.com). You'll

receive an email several weeks before local bird walks led by the EAC.

## Route 309 Ramp Adopt-a-Highway Program

The EAC has partnered with PennDOT and community members via the Adopt-A-Highway program to clean up the litter that lines the Route 309 / Norristown Road on and off ramps.

This past April the EAC worked with volunteers from Jansen for the first of what is planned to be bi-yearly



clean-up days. Along with a safety orientation and police presence, gloves, trash bags, and safety vests are provided to the cleanup crew.

If you would like to join us as we work together to get rid of all that trash along those ramps leading into and out of our beautiful township, please indicate your interest in volunteering at a future cleanup by sending an email to [eac@lowergwynedd.org](mailto:eac@lowergwynedd.org)

## Lower Gwynedd Township 1st Annual Native Tree Giveaway

**Date:** Saturday, October 1, 2022

**Location:** Lower Gwynedd Township building, 1130 N. Bethlehem Pike, Spring House, PA

Please visit the township website for further information and to sign-up for Lower Gwynedd Township's first "Native Tree Giveaway". Residents must sign-up and select their trees in advance.

## Coming Soon to a Park Near You!

### Solar-Powered Phone/Laptop Charging Stations

As a result of a joint effort of the EAC, Parks & Rec, and Sunbolt CEO Fred Stampone, LGT will soon be able to enjoy the benefits of two state-of-the-art charging stations.

A standup solar-powered charging station (Sunbolt's "Sprint") will be located in Oxford Park, providing visitors and users of the park a way to charge their phones while enjoying the park.

<https://gosunbolt.com/stand-ups/sprint/>

A picnic-table styled solar-powered charging station (Sunbolt's "Campus XL") will be installed at Mike O'Brien's Field of Dreams at Ingersoll Park, where park visitors can charge their phones and workstations while watching baseball!



## LGT Storm Drain Marker Event

Volunteers Needed! How YOU can help protect water quality in the Wissahickon Creek Watershed!

Please join the Environmental Advisory Council on Saturday, October 22 (Rain date Sunday, October 23) from 9:30am – 12:30pm to conduct a storm drain marker event.

Four teams of 3-4 people will be provided with materials to mark over 50 storm drains in two residential developments conduct the storm drain marker event. Each team will be assigned a specific number of storm drains to label (up to 13) and will be provided with a map of their site. For more information, and to sign-up to participate visit <https://bit.ly/LGTEAC-StormDrain>



## Republic Service Recycling Presentation Take-Aways

If you missed the recycling presentation in April, be sure to visit the Recycling page on the EAC section of the township webpage for a summary of what NOT to recycle as well as tips on how best to recycle here in Lower Gwynedd.



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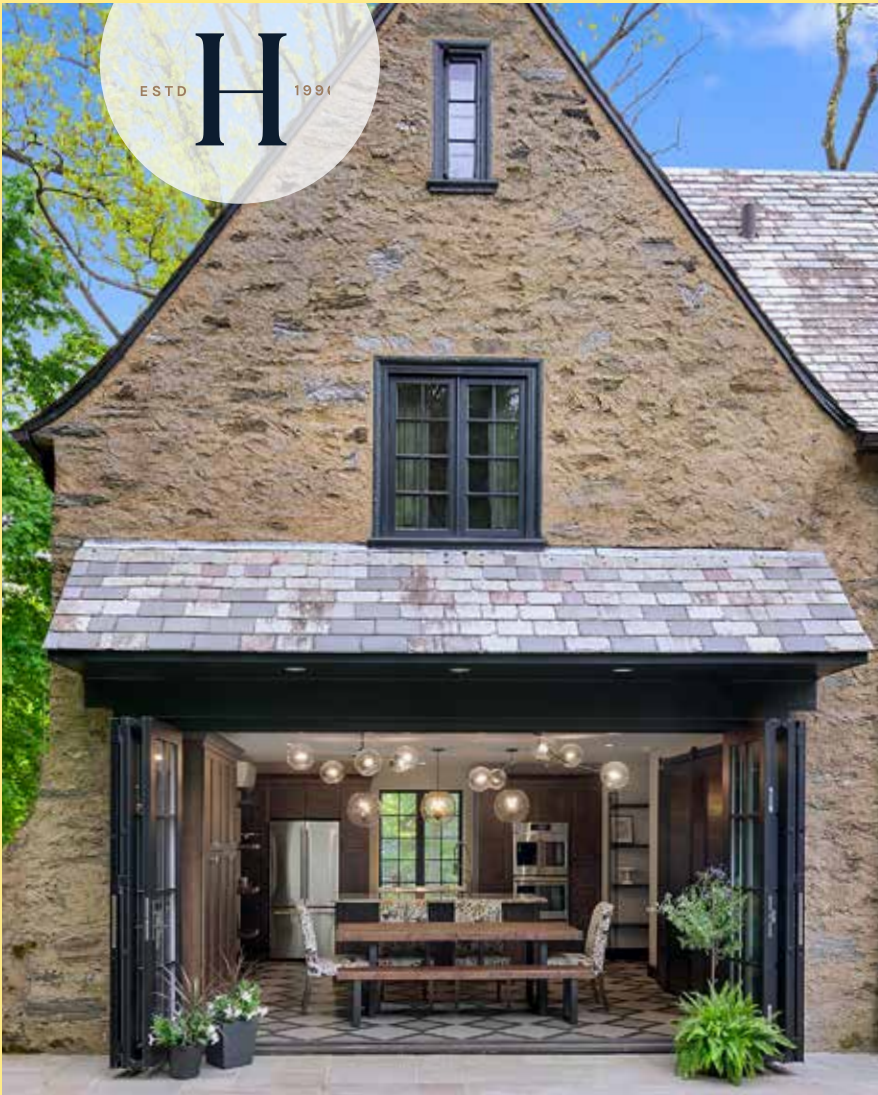
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