

# Lower Gwynedd Report



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hopefully, by the time you read this column you have enjoyed a beverage from Starbucks, a meal from Arpeggio and a stroll on the trail around the beautiful and greatly anticipated Spring House Village Center. CVS is open and we anticipate additional excitement when Whole Foods opens its doors in Spring 2018. The Board of Supervisors thanks you for your patience during construction. Temporary inconvenience will happily yield permanent improvement!

Speaking of strolling, the Crossways Trail officially opened in January. This joint project with Whitpain Township provides a connection to Whitpain trails on the north end, crosses the Wissahickon Creek via a spectacular 8 foot wide bridge going south, and joins the Green Ribbon Trail at the entrance to Penllyn Woods. Additionally, the Board is scheduled to connect the new Spring House Village Shopping Center to the Penllyn Pike trail. This connection will include another bridge over Willow Run, which will be added to our trail system as part of the construction of the Carriages at Lower Gwynedd. As I pen this column LGT is poised to take ownership of the former Texaco station at the corner of Sumneytown and Bethlehem Pikes. A notable eyesore will be transformed into attractive open space at the gateway to our community. These additions to the Township's open space and trails prove that economic growth and preservation of natural resources, greenways and trails are not incompatible. The Board remains committed to a walkable, green and connected community.



*Kathleen Hunsicker is currently serving her eighth year as Supervisor. She and her family have lived in Lower Gwynedd for 19 years.*

The Board continues to collaborate with the new owner of the Dow property, residents, land planners and economic consultants to develop a vision for the highest and best use of this significant township asset. The Board's efforts to bring investment to the Bethlehem Pike corridor continue to be successful with development approvals granted to 545-602 N. Bethlehem Pike and 608 N. Bethlehem Pike. The Lower Gwynedd Business Association continues to thrive – please shop and dine locally!

All the good and positive news in Lower Gwynedd is made possible by our hard working and dedicated staff, Police, Public Works and Parks and Recreation employees. If you see any of them, please say hello and thank them for their fine work. The Board also thanks the dozens of talented volunteer residents and business leaders who comprise the many committees and boards for their support and commitment to Township initiatives. See you all at the 2nd Annual Pike Fest on September 16!

**Kathleen Hunsicker, Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors**

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### Lower Gwynedd Township

## PIKE FEST

Saturday, September 16

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Downtown Spring House

Join us for the 2nd Annual Pike Fest featuring over 90 vendors, our local businesses and restaurants. Exciting additions to last year's festivities include more food trucks, a 5K run down the Pike and



along our trails, a Super Game Truck and a beer garden compliments of Spring House Tavern.

Thanks to the Pike Fest Committee for their time and dedication in making this a successful event.

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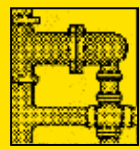
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# TOWNSHIP NOTICES

## LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

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## LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP 2017 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)	GWYNEDD GREEN (7:00 PM)
SEPT	12 and 26	14	20	26	13
OCT	10 and 24	12	18	24	11
NOV	14 and 28	9	15	28	8
DEC	12	7	13	N/A	13

### 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 9 (Columbus Day)  
 November 10 (Veterans Day)  
 November 23 & 24 (Thanksgiving)  
 December 25 (Christmas Holiday)

### Election Day:

Tuesday, November 7, 2017



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Find our page on Facebook at "Lower Gwynedd Township"

The Township Code is readily accessible to residents on the Lower Gwynedd Township website as follows:

- click – Government
- click – Code of Ordinances
- click – red hyperlink (ecode 360)

You can then access under: the "search" feature, browse under "Code" or review "New Laws"



Spring House Estates residents enjoy walking the many Lower Gwynedd Township Trails.

# TOWNSHIP NOTICES

## VOTE: ELECTION DAY | NOVEMBER 7, 2017

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP**

**VOTE**

**Polling Locations**

- Foulkeways At Gwynedd  
1120 Meetinghouse Road  
Lower Gwynedd 1-1
- Gwynedd Mercy College  
1325 Sunnyside Pike  
Lower Gwynedd 1-3
- Church of the Messiah  
1001 Dekalb Pike  
Lower Gwynedd 1-2
- Lower Gwynedd Twp Bldg  
1130 N Bethlehem Pike  
Lower Gwynedd 2-1
- Bethlehem Baptist Church  
712 Penlyn Pike & Dager Rd  
Lower Gwynedd 1-4
- Wissahickon School District  
Administration Bldg  
601 Knight Rd  
Lower Gwynedd 2-2



From left: Kathleen Hunsicker, Supervisor; Phyllis Phanatic; Stephen Paccione; Supervisor, Jay Gelman, President, Lower Gwynedd Little League; and State Representative Kate Harper at the Lower Gwynedd Little League Opening Day, April 22, 2017.



Gwynedd Estates Choir sings at Memorial Day Event at Gwynedd Estates.

## 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. Each winter, fireplaces or chimneys are found to be the source of damaging fires. 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. Annual service greatly reduces false system activations
- Consider changing any kitchen smoke detectors to heat detectors to reduce the possibility of a visit from your volunteers because of smoke from burned toast.

On a general note, please make sure that you have your house number installed and clearly visible from the street. At the street, they should be at least 4 inches high, with a 1/2 inch stroke on a contrasting background. If the building is not visible from the street, put an address sign at the street to facilitate identification.

For those residents with long driveways:

- Make sure vegetation is trimmed to at least 12 feet in width, 14 feet clear height
- If you have a bridge on your property. It must be evaluated by a professional engineer with the weight limit posted at the bridge.
- If you have a gate on your driveway, it must have clearance of 12 feet to allow for fire apparatus access. The gate must open or have an emergency release for emergency access.

Finally, open burning is not permitted in the Township at any time. Chimeneas and other manufactured fireplaces are permitted. Any fireplace that is constructed on site requires a building permit.

Hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer. Please call the fire marshal's office at the 215-646-5302 if you have questions or concerns.



**Join Lower Gwynedd Township for the 2017 Veterans Day Ceremony held at Veterans Park on November 11, 2017.**



*MSG Sharon Cooke-Vargas, US Army speaks at the Veterans Day Ceremony held on November 5, 2016 at Veterans Park.*

## Lower Gwynedd Police Department News



On July 25, 2017, the Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department joined the ranks of 111 accredited agencies in Pennsylvania. The process involved a two year undertaking of changing policies and operating procedures to mirror the best practices set forward by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Council. Earlier this year, three members of the council spent two days in Lower Gwynedd to ensure the department reached the required benchmarks. Their report was confirmed by the council in Harrisburg on July 25, 2017 and accreditation status was granted. Currently, only ten percent of Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Agencies are accredited. Congratulations to Chief Paul Kenny, Accreditation Manager Officer Tim Evard and all of the members of the Lower Gwynedd Police Department for achieving this lofty goal.

### Vehicle Thefts and Thefts from Vehicles

- The Lower Gwynedd Police Department has detected a trend locally that matches a national trend of an increase of vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles.
- Lock the doors and close the windows. Don't make it easy for a thief to break in or reach in and snatch anything of value. Make it a habit to double check that your doors are locked and your windows are closed when parking your vehicle. The majority of thefts from vehicles are happening when owners leave the vehicle unlocked.
- Don't leave your car running. It can be tempting to leave your car running when you're just popping in and out of the store, but this also makes it pretty easy for a thief to hop in and drive away.
- Park in well-lit areas. If you're parking your car somewhere after the sun has gone down, try to find a spot underneath a streetlight that's well-lit and well trafficked. Thieves may be less likely to rummage through a car with a spotlight on them and a potential audience just around the corner. Consider using motion lights if you park your vehicle in your driveway.
- Hide any valuables. Better yet, avoid keeping valuables in your car at all. If a thief must choose between a seemingly empty car and one with a laptop, cell phone, or wallet on the passenger seat, guess which one they'll choose? If you must leave something important in your car, put it in your trunk before you reach your destination. Experienced thieves have been known to stake out parking lots, look for drivers transferring things to their car trunk, and then break into the trunk. This is especially true at gym parking lots.
- Invest in an anti-theft system. Whether it's a steering wheel lock, a window alarm, or an ignition cut-off system, anything that makes a thief work harder could also make your car safer. If it will slow them down or potentially get them caught, they'll probably pass.

Lower Gwynedd Police Benevolent Association

## Annual Golf Outing

Monday, October 16, 2017 at Old York Road Country Club

Questions: (215) 646- 5303 ext. 348 or [BRyan@lowergwynedd.org](mailto:BRyan@lowergwynedd.org)  
Old York Road Country Club is located 801 Tennis Ave. Springhouse, PA 19477  
*Old York Road requires soft spikes and collared shirts, no jeans please.*



## Lower Gwynedd Township and Waste Management 2017 Waste and Recycling Collection Services

Dear Lower Gwynedd Township Resident,

Waste Management is proud to provide you with automated cart services for waste and recycling collection. We look forward to keeping your community—clean and green—in 2017 and beyond.



### Twice-a-Week Waste Collection: Monday and Thursday

- Household trash **MUST** be in bags, to reduce spillage. Place all bags inside your trash cart.
- Place cart in the street by 6:00 a.m. on collection day, but no earlier than 7:00 p.m. the evening prior.
- Place cart with wheels and handle toward the curb. Be sure the lid is closed!
- Please keep 4 feet between the carts, and 4 feet away from trees, cars, mailbox, poles, etc.

### Once-a-Week Single-Stream Recycling Collection:

- Place all recyclables in the green cart with yellow lid. Bags can be used to reduce spillage during collection.
- Place cart in the street by 6:00 a.m. on collection day, but no earlier than 7:00 p.m. the evening prior.
- Place cart with wheels and handle toward the curb. Be sure the lid is closed!
- Please keep 4 feet between the carts, and 4 feet away from trees, cars, mailbox, poles, etc.

### Bulk Item Collection: Thursday ONLY

- One bulk item per week is accepted at no charge, but must be scheduled. Extra bulk items may be scheduled for a \$30 fee.
- Bulk item examples: renovation or construction debris, furniture, mattress, washer, dryer, desk, etc.
- Any item with FREON, CFCs, HCFCs, or liquids **MUST** be scheduled for separate pick-up.

### Yard Waste Collection: Monday and Thursday

- Yard waste can be grass clippings, leaves, small branches, etc. and must be bagged. **NO** dirt or rocks accepted.
- Weekly yard waste pickup is limited to 4 bags. Place bags at the curb on collection day.

### FALL Leaf and Yard Waste Special Collection:

- Fall collection allows for an 8 bag limit for pickup on special collection dates.
- **ALL YARD AND LEAF WASTE MUST BE IN BIODEGRADABLE BAGS.**
- 2017 Fall Collection Dates: October 7 and 14; November 11 and 18; December 9 and 16.

### Holiday Schedule:

The following holidays are observed by Waste Management:

New Year's Day • Memorial Day • Fourth of July • Labor Day • Thanksgiving Day • Christmas Day

When a holiday falls on a collection day, collection will occur on the next business day.

### Household Hazardous Wastes are NOT ACCEPTED.

Toxic chemicals, pesticides, oil-based paints, weed killers, automotive batteries, fuels or fluids must be disposed of properly. Refer to the Township website or Montgomery County Recycling website (below) for locations and dates.

### Electronics **CANNOT** be disposed as Waste!

Due to PA State Law, we will not pick up ANY TV, cell phones, computer, printer, monitor, or any device which can connect to a computer. Refer to the Township website or Montgomery County Recycling web-site for locations and dates.

### For more information:

Waste Management | 800-932-2232

Lower Gwynedd Township | 215-646-5302

Township website | [www.lowergwynedd.org](http://www.lowergwynedd.org)

Montgomery County Recycling | [www.montcopa.org](http://www.montcopa.org)





## Montgomery County Recycling

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

- Saturday, September 23rd, 2017- Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center, 400 South Lewis Rd., Royersford, PA
- Sunday, October 22nd, 2017- Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 N. Woodbine Ave., Penn Valley, PA

Document Shredding- 9:00 a.m.-Noon:

- Saturday, October 14th, 2017- Abington Junior High School, 2056 Susquehanna Rd., Abington, PA
- Sunday, October 29th, 2017-Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 N. Woodbine Ave., Penn Valley, PA

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



## Fall Leaf/Yard Waste Collection Dates

Lower Gwynedd Township has a leaf and yard waste recycling program where our contracted hauler, Waste Management, 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 six scheduled dates for this Fall are:

- Saturday, October 7th & October 14th
- Saturday, November 11th & November 18th
- Saturday December 9th & December 16th

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



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.

## Green Infrastructure

In the Wissahickon Watershed, many municipalities are investing in a practice called “green infrastructure.” Green infrastructure is an approach to water management that protects, restores, or mimics the natural water cycle. The Wissahickon Creek suffers from what is known as the “urban creek syndrome,” which means it experiences flash floods, elevated concentrations of pollutants, impaired habitat and reduced species biodiversity due to suburban development. However, green infrastructure is a valuable tool to counterbalance these side effects in a way that is effective, economical, and enhances community safety and quality of life.

Green infrastructure incorporates both the natural environment and engineered systems to mitigate flooding and erosion, filter pollutants from rain water that flows off the land, and improve groundwater recharge. On the local level, green infrastructure practices include rain gardens, planting tree buffers along the creek, restoring wetlands and floodplains, and retrofitting stormwater basins. Lower Gwynedd Township is currently working on a basin naturalization and rain garden installation project located on the municipal complex site. The project received grant funding through the Growing Greener Program. These projects will help protect the Wissahickon Creek and our community!



## Gwynedd Green Committee

### Native Plants

#### What are native plants?

- Plants that were growing naturally in a particular area before the Europeans settled North America.
- Native plants are adapted to local soil, moisture and weather conditions.
- Download Native Plant List for a complete list of local native plants.

#### What are the benefits of native plants?

- They have deeper root systems that help the soil absorb and retain water.
- Once established, natives don't require irrigation or chemicals.
- Native plants are the foundation of a healthy ecosystem which supports insects, birds and wildlife.

#### Want to replace your non-native plants with native alternatives?

- Download Native Plant Alternative List for a complete list of native plant alternatives to commonly available non-native plants.

#### For more information visit:

- <http://www.wvwa.org/nativeplants/>
- <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/plants/nativeplants/>
- <http://pa.audubon.org/audubon-home>



## Sewer Billing Clerk Retires / Outsourcing Sewer Billing Proposal Approved

Lower Gwynedd Township's Sewer Billing Clerk, Linda Melnick, retired in May of 2017. Linda was responsible for the processing of all sewer bills, collection of sewer payments, entering water meter readings and cash receipts, as well as the general maintenance of sewer database including updating customer accounts as needed, preparing reports, issuing sewer certifications to title companies, and providing back-up telephone support and general administrative duties. Linda joined the Township staff in 2012 and has been an outstanding employee during her five years of service. The Lower Gwynedd Township Board of Supervisors and Staff would like to thank Linda for her service and congratulate her on her retirement.

As a result of Ms. Melnick's retirement, the Lower Gwynedd Township Board of Supervisors voted to approve outsourcing sewer billing and collection services at their meeting held April 25th, 2017. The billing and collection responsibilities had historically been handled in-house, but when the current billing clerk announced her plans to retire outsourcing was investigated. After fully analyzing the position and the responsibilities associated with such, it was determined that perhaps the Township would be better served by having the billing performed by a third-party. A request for proposals was issued and the Township Manager recommended that the board consider the proposal submitted by the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) as they are familiar with the Township's system and proposed the lowest cost for processing. Part of the outsourcing project also involves the conversion of the sewer database. That specific item will have a one-time data conversion software cost. The process of database conversion is underway and it is anticipated that beginning in early 2018 all sewer bills will be issued and payments received and processed through the BCWSA. Lower Gwynedd Township will no longer accept or process payments once the transition occurs. All sewer billing inquires, payments, and related information will be handled directly through BCWSA. Additional details and information will be distributed to residents in the coming months as we make this transition.

Below is a depiction of what the new sewer bills will look like moving forward.



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Details

- CASH PRIZES FOR OVERALL MALE & FEMALE WINNERS
- Receive a free top-of-the line "Run The Pike" dri-fit tech tee, inspired by Scoogle Events. Shirts are now offered in both men's and women's tee!
  - For 5k runners guaranteed only if registered by July 31, while supplies last.
- Complimentary post-race continental breakfast provided by Whole Foods Market & The Spring House Tavern.
  - Menu includes fresh-pressed juice, fruit and baked goods.
  - Mimosas\* provided for runners by The Spring House Tavern. \*Mock mimosas for participants under 21.
- Over \$1,000 worth of gift cards & gift baskets from businesses on Bethlehem Pike will be given away to runners.

## Public Works

**Mailboxes** – Mailboxes should be installed in accordance to U.S. Postal Standards. Mailboxes that are not installed in accordance to US Postal Standards and are struck by a Township plow during snow removal operations will be the sole responsibility of the property owner to repair.



**Leaves** – Leaves that are not bagged should not be placed in Township roadways. Leaves that are placed in the street can become a traffic hazard, block storm inlets and pipes which can result in flooding in poor drainage areas. Please check the Townships website for when the Township Waste Management Company will be picking up leaves that are placed in biodegradable bags curb side.



**Landscaping** – Landscaping adjacent to Township roadways shall be maintained to allow safe passage of residents and motor vehicles. Landscaping that protrudes out into the roadway and does not meet the minimum height requirement is considered a safety hazard. It is the abutting property owner's responsibility to maintain. The Public Works Department recommends that all landscaping be maintained a minimum of 12 inches behind the edge of roadway or curb line and to a minimum height of 13 feet.



**Snow Removal** – During winter snow or ice events the Public Works request that residents keep the roadways adjacent to their property clear of any obstructions. Vehicles and trash receptacles are considered an obstruction and prohibit the public works department from efficiently clearing the roadway. When the Township declares a snow emergency all residents that have off street parking must remove their vehicles from the Township roadways. Plowing or throwing snow out into Township Roadways is strictly prohibited.



## EAGLE SCOUTS RECEIVE PROCLAMATIONS FROM LGT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



*From left: Supervisor Mark Grey; Eagle Scout, Paul McKensie; Eagle Scout, Andrew Pizek; and Bob Trejo, Scoutmaster*



*James Thomas Watson, Eagle Scout receives a Proclamation from Mark Grey, Supervisor.*

## Lower Gwynedd Business Association Update

### Business Association Forms Beautification Committee

The Lower Gwynedd Business Association (LGBA) has formed a Spring House Beautification Committee to discuss and develop solutions for improving the aesthetics of the business district along Bethlehem Pike in Spring House. The mission of this newly formed committee is to collaborate with the appropriate local and state government entities, community groups and the businesses themselves to make Spring House a more attractive shopping destination.

According to committee member Hilary Goodman, owner of Born to Run, the businesses along the Pike would like to see Spring House become more competitive with nearby communities like Chestnut Hill and Doylestown. "Businesses along the pike want to attract local residents to shop in their stores, eat in their restaurants, and utilize their services," shared Goodman. "By enhancing the look of the area, and making it more pedestrian-friendly, we think it will encourage Lower Gwynedd residents to shop local."

Enhancements being explored include pedestrian crosswalks, flower planters, streetscapes, and storefront cleanup. Costs for these improvements are being identified, as are available volunteer resources, grants, and other funding sources.

The committee is conducting regular meetings at The Sierchio Financial Group office to brainstorm and identify feasible initiatives which can be implemented in the near and long-term. Members of the Beautification Committee include Connie Brick, of the Sierchio Financial Group; Jay Gelman, from Heits Building Services Mid-Atlantic; Hilary Goodman, from Born to Run; Chris Lux, with Harth Builders; and Debbie Ryan, with Spring House Travel. Kathleen Hunsicker, Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors, is the township liaison to the committee.

Lower Gwynedd Township began a series of beautification projects in 2008. Through various grants and township matches, over 1.5 million dollars was invested in the construction of sidewalks, installation of post-and-rail fences, and landscaping along the Pike. The "I Like the Pike" campaign, spearheaded by Vice-Chair Hunsicker in 2012, sought to market investment opportunities along the Bethlehem Pike corridor while promoting current businesses and launching the LGBA.

The timing of this initiative coincides nicely with the renovation to the Spring House Village Shopping Center which will be anchored by Whole Foods market. Construction is projected to be completed on the shopping center in first quarter of 2018. Once complete, the renovated shopping center will attract consumers to the area. This beautification project aims to capitalize on the increased activity by creating a positive shopping experience for consumers along the Pike from Moore Drive to Dager Road.

Township residents and interested business representatives are welcome to share thoughts and ideas on how the Spring House business district can be made more attractive. Please contact Connie Brick at 267.462.4703 or via email at [cbrick@dansierchio.com](mailto:cbrick@dansierchio.com), or contact Hilary Goodman at [hgood85@aol.com](mailto:hgood85@aol.com) with suggestions, or to lend support to the effort.



### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Keeping in Touch with Lower Gwynedd Residents:

- What do you want to see in Lower Gwynedd Township?
- How are we doing as a Township?
- The Board of Supervisors is interested in your thoughts. Please let us know!

Email response to [cculbreth@lowergwynedd.org](mailto:cculbreth@lowergwynedd.org)

# PARKS AND RECREATION

## Registration

Pre-Registration is required for all program unless otherwise indicated. Registrations are accepted with full payment and completed forms in-person or via mail. No phone registrations are accepted. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Township website: [lowergwynedd.org](http://lowergwynedd.org) forms can also be faxed or emailed. We accept cash, checks (payable to Lower Gwynedd Township), and credit cards. There is a service fee for all credit card transactions. There will be a \$25 service charge on all returned checks.

### Refunds:

Full refunds will only be issued if the Parks & Recreation Department cancels a program. All discounted amusement and ski tickets sales are final and nonrefundable. All refunds requested by the registration that are granted will be charge a \$5 administration fee.

### Cancellation Policy:

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

### Photo Policy:

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



## Local Author Series

Date: Wednesday October 18

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building

Reverend Charles W. Quann, Pastor from Bethlehem Baptist Church will be speaking on how his work within the church for over 30 years inspired him to compose a book.



## Discounted Tickets

The Parks & Recreation Department offers a variety of discounted amusement and ski tickets for many destinations year round.

Ticket can be purchased at the Township Building Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Save money and time! Ski lift tickets will be available in late December. For a complete listing

of the tickets currently available, visit the Parks & Recreation Department page on the Township website.



## Trail Dusters

Lower Gwynedd Township has many miles of walking trails. Have you seen a trail or path and aren't really sure about where it leads? Do you like to walk and would like to learn some new paths?

Dates: Tuesday & Thursdays  
September 19-  
Thursday October 26

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Various trails throughout the Township. Upon registering for the program you will receive a list.

Cost: \$5 per person



# PARKS AND RECREATION



## Thursday Knitting Group

This informal group meets at the Penllyn Woods Community Building every Thursday afternoon (except for Holiday from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.) If you want to learn how to knit or crochet, join in! Need a little help? Have question on a pattern? You will get lots of advice, help and great conversation.



## Penllyn Woods Community Building

Looking for a great place to have a family gathering, celebrations, parties, baby shower, bridal shower? Reserve the space at the Penllyn Woods Community Building. For more information about the facilities check the township webpage or contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 215-646-5302.



## Recycle your Christmas Tree

After the holiday, residents may drop off Christmas trees at Ingersoll Park in the parking lot. The trees are chipped and used in the parks & on the trails throughout Lower Gwynedd Township.



## Philadelphia Flower Show

Discount tickets will be available in late January for the 2018 Philadelphia Flower Show ~ Wonders of Water, March 3 – 11, 2018 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

## Tech Question & Answer

By the Blue Bell Branch of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library

Wednesday October 18, 2017

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lower Gwynedd Township Building

Have electronic issues? Library staff and volunteers will be ready to help you resolve them! Devices you can bring; tablet computer (iPad, Droid), e-readers (Kindle, Nook), smart phones (iPhone, Droid). Appointments are required for this program. Please call the Blue Bell Library at 215-646-320 to setup your 30 minute appointment.

*Disclaimer: The Library's intent is to help people learn the use of their devices. The Library does not assume responsibility for device that are not working property and can't fix devices.*





## 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 2017 Citizen of the Year? Last year, Patty Goebner and Donna Langella, Co-Chairs, Pike Fest were 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 22, 2017 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 16, 2017, and will be featured in the next issue of the Lower Gwynedd Report.



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