Lower Gwynedd Recognizes Juneteenth

On June 19, 1865, word that slavery had been abolished arrived in Galveston, Texas. The day was more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

June 19 has become known as Juneteenth, a very significant and important day in our country's history. Juneteenth is also called "Emancipation Day" or "Freedom Day." The day is celebrated as marking the official end of slavery.

Tomorrow is Juneteenth. The day carries even more meaning this year. Lower Gwynedd encourages residents to honor the legacy of Juneteenth by taking time tomorrow to learn, reflect and remember.

A Message From Police Chief Paul Kenny

Dear Residents,

Over the last several years, I have placed considerable resources in making sure we are engaged in the best practices as a police department. In light of recent events and to promote transparency, I have listed several critical policies and procedures that represent the most pressing concerns of our citizens below. These policies, were originally issued in 2013 but have been examined and constantly revised as we move forward with maintaining operations that are consistent with community desires. These policies and procedures represent the best practices in policing today, and are a product of a collaborative effort with many organizations throughout our region and country. These policies are a small sample of the directives and general orders that are issued in our department. I am confident that you will find these policies and procedures to be helpful and informative.

When General Orders are approved, they are delivered to our officers electronically. After reading them, officers must sign copies of the orders and are then prompted to take a test to ensure that they have full understanding of each order. The orders that I have included are:

General Order 1.3 The Use of Force.
General Order 1.8.3 Biased Based Policing
General Order 2.4.2 Audio/Video Recordings including dash cams and body worn cameras.

I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to bring our police department and our community together, as there is nothing more important than trust, mutual respect, and understanding. I do not believe that publishing our policies can singularly accomplish this goal, however transparency and maintaining communication with those that we serve is a good place to start. I look forward to your feedback and as always, working together to make meaningful changes where change is needed.

Board Of Supervisors Meets June 23

The Board of Supervisors will meet virtually beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23.

[More information will be available here on June 22.](#)

Township Awarded Grant For Bethlehem Pike Pedestrian Improvements

Lower Gwynedd has been awarded a $200,000 grant from Montgomery County for planned pedestrian improvements on Bethlehem Pike.

The Montco 2040 Implementation Grant will support the construction of sidewalks on the east and west side of Bethlehem Pike near Locust Lane. The sidewalks will fill in a gap along the pike. The new connections will complement the walkability upgrades made in the Spring House Village area thanks to redevelopment and zoning changes.

The grant is part of an effort to implement the County's Comprehensive Plan called Montco 2040. Lower Gwynedd is one of 18 municipalities to receive grants. Grants are intended to assist municipalities in making targeted physical improvements that achieve real progress toward the goals of the plan and the plan's themes of Connected Communities, Sustainable Places, and Vibrant Economy.

Make Lower Gwynedd Count

The Township stands at 75 percent completion for the 2020 Census. If that 2020 Census envelope is still sitting on your desk, please take a few minutes this weekend and complete the census.

Your participation will ensure that Lower Gwynedd, Montgomery County and Pennsylvania counts. For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

Coronavirus Resources

MOVING FROM RED TO YELLOW ON JUNE 5

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

WORK AND CONGREGATE SETTING RESTRICTIONS
- Telework Must Continue Where Feasible
- Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Business and Building Safety Orders
- Child Care Open Complying with Guidance
- Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place
- Schools Remain Closed for In-Person Instruction

SOCIAL RESTRICTIONS
- Stay at Home Order Lifted for Aggressive Mitigation
- Large Gatherings of More than 25 Prohibited
- In-Person Retail Allowable, Curbside and Delivery Preferable
- Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities and Personal
- Care Services (such as gyms, spas, hair salons, nail salons and other entities that provide massage therapy), and all Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters) Remain Closed
- Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out, Delivery, and Outdoor Dining

All businesses must follow CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning.

Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary.

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