

Lower Gwynedd Report



Message from the Chair



Happy Spring, Lower Gwynedd Community!

As we welcome the vibrant colors of spring, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Kathleen Hunsicker for 14 years of dedicated service on the Board of Supervisors. Her contributions have left an indelible mark on Lower Gwynedd and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Simultaneously, it's my pleasure to welcome Jimmy Chong as our newly elected Supervisor. Your fresh perspectives and insights are eagerly anticipated on the Board.

Danielle A. Duckett, Chair In recent months, the Board of Supervisors has made significant strides, particularly in enhancing our parks and recreation facilities. Following the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendations, Gilmore & Associates presented comprehensive Park Master Plans for Ingersoll, Oxford, and Pen Ambler parks, along with the Penllyn train station trail. These plans promise exciting changes, starting with notable improvements at Ingersoll Park, including field resurfacing and new fencing for the Little League Fields.

Our quest for enriching our community spaces continues as we explore funding opportunities for these projects, such as the Local Shares Account Grant and the PECO Green Region Open Space Program. These grants will facilitate the construction of much-needed amenities like restrooms and snack stands in Ingersoll Park and the creation of pollinator gardens in Oxford Park and Pen Ambler Parks.

In addition, I'm thrilled to share that Lower Gwynedd Township has secured a small water and sewer grant through DCED, which will significantly upgrade our sewage infrastructure and extend essential services to Ingersoll Park.

Our commitment to community development extends to addressing cellular connectivity issues. We're in ongoing discussions with Rise Up Towers to erect two cell towers in the Township, addressing critical communication gaps and enhancing emergency service accessibility.

Looking ahead, we're keenly focusing on updating our comprehensive plan, which has not been revised in over two decades. This plan will encapsulate our vision for Lower Gwynedd's future land use and guide us in navigating development challenges. Your input gathered through surveys and the October open house is invaluable in this endeavor, particularly concerning transportation issues within the Township.

Celebrating community spirit, our Fall Fest defied the challenges posed by inclement weather, thanks to the Wissahickon School District's support and the incredible effort of our Township employees, school staff, and volunteers. We look forward to another successful event, hopefully under sunnier skies, on September 21st, 2024!

Don't miss out on other community events, including the "Touch a Truck" Event on May 18, 2024, our summer concert series, which will be moved to Pen-Ambler Park for 2024 and the Kona with the Cop events. Dates and times will be announced soon, so stay tuned.

To keep abreast of important township updates, I encourage you to sign up for our email blasts at www.lowergwynedd.org and follow us on our social media platforms. Your feedback and concerns are always welcome as we strive to enhance our services and community life.

Stay safe and connected,

Danielle A. Duckett

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LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

Lifetime Achievement Award: Honoring Gloria Stewart Jones

On November 28, 2023, the Lower Gwynedd Board of Supervisors had the honor of presenting a Lifetime Achievement Award to Gloria Stewart Jones. This award is a testament to Gloria's unwavering loyalty and years of dedicated service to our community. A resident of Penllyn for over 130 years, the Jones family's roots run deep in our township, with Gloria standing out as a beacon of commitment and love for her community.

Gloria's life story is one of steadfast dedication and service. She has always believed in the power of everyday citizens to support and assist our elected officials in meaningful ways. A key figure in the preservation efforts of Penllyn Woods, Gloria's leadership was instrumental in saving this iconic park, a legacy that will be cherished by generations to come.

Her service extends beyond environmental stewardship. Gloria has been an active member of the Lower Gwynedd Township Centennial Committee and played a pivotal role, interviewing applicants for the Lower Gwynedd Police Department. Currently, she lends her expertise and passion to the Historical Advisory Committee, continuing her lifelong commitment to the township.

In addition to her hands-on community work, Gloria has made a lasting contribution through her written word. She authored "Penllyn Village Lest We Forget: A History of an African American Village in Lower Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County." This book not only preserves the rich history of Penllyn Village but also serves as a source of inspiration and education for future generations.

Gloria Stewart Jones exemplifies true leadership, commitment, and service. Her impact on Lower Gwynedd is profound and enduring. We are profoundly grateful for her presence and contributions in our community. Her story is a reminder of the extraordinary difference one individual can make in the lives of many.



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

The Human Relations Commission's new page is live on the Township website, where residents can learn more about the Commission. Complaints can now be filed via the website if any individual believes they have been the victim of discrimination within the Township in housing, commercial property, employment or public accommodations based upon their actual or perceived race, color, national origin, immigration status, ancestry, religious creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran's status, marital status, family status, genetic information, handicap or disability or use of an assistance animal.

The Commission can be reached at HRCCommission@lowergwynedd.org.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Tessie McNeely

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Traffic Engineer: Bowman Company

E.I.T. Merc and LST Collection: Berkheimer Associates

Tax collector: Natalie Cormier

LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings to be held in the Administrative Office at

1130 North Bethlehem Pike, Springhouse

PLEASE NOTE: Generally meetings are as follows except when holidays conflict:

Board of Supervisors (7:00 pm)..... 2nd and 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

Human Relations Commission (7:00 pm) 1st Thursday

Deadline for Submissions:

Zoning Hearing Board

30 days prior to scheduled meeting

Planning Commission

30 days prior to scheduled meeting

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

March 29th (Good Friday)

May 27th (Memorial Day)

June 19th (Juneteenth)

July 4th and 5th
(Independence Day Holiday)

September 2nd (Labor Day)

Election Day

The Primary Election will be on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. For information regarding registration and polling locations visit montcopa.org/voterservices

A Message from the Fire Marshal

First, Lower Gwynedd is served by the Wissahickon Fire Company and the North Penn Fire Company-both are all-volunteer companies. This means that every call is answered by a person who stopped whatever they were doing to respond to the call for help. I am still surprised by the number of times, when I do fire investigations, that a homeowner tells me they had "no idea our fire fighters were all volunteers". I take this as a compliment to the training and work these friends and neighbors expend to provide the best fire service possible to the Township and its residents. Please remember this when their solicitations arrive in your mailbox.

Second, when engaging in your spring cleaning please remember:

- No burning of trash, garden waste or any similar material is permitted in Lower Gwynedd Township.
- Outdoor fire pits, chimeneas, and other similar manufactured items can be used in the Township, provided they are used per the manufacturer's directions and are not altered in any way. They must be at least 10 feet from any combustible item (fence, deck, structure)
- Use of barbeques on combustible decks is not a good practice and is not permitted anywhere by single family houses.
- The use of tents larger than 20 feet by 20 feet, even for a few days, requires a permit from the Township. Barbeques and other ignition sources in any tent are not permitted by the fire code.

Additionally, please note the following:

- Have your Fire Alarm system annual maintenance performed. Fire Companies get many calls that result from poorly maintained fire alarm systems.
- Make sure you have a Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector installed in your residence. Remember operating anything that uses a carbon-based fuel inside a building results in carbon monoxide. Vehicles in a garage, using a barbeque inside the garage (even with the door open) and the use of an emergency generator anywhere in the structure can create a potentially lethal situation.
- Clean and check your chimneys and heat exhaust vents.
- Make sure your house number is a minimum of 3 inches in height and clearly visible from the street.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

Community Information

Lower Gwynedd Township
1130 N. Bethlehem Pike
Spring House, PA 19477
215-646-5302

Wissahickon Valley Library
650 W. Skippack Pike
Blue Bell, Pa 19422
215-643-1320

Wissahickon Valley Library
Ambler Branch
209 Race Street
Ambler, PA 19002
215-646-1072

Wissahickon Schools

Lower Gwynedd Elementary
215-619-8100

Blue Bell Elementary
215-619-8102

Shady Grove Elementary
215-619-8106

Wissahickon Middle School
215-619-8110

Wissahickon High School
215-619-8112

Tax Collector Information

Real Estate, School, and County
Natalie Cormier, Tax Collector
P.O. Box 3042
Ambler, Pa 19002
Office Location - 428 Knight Road
Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002
267-460-1891
taxcollector@lowergwynedd.org

EIT, Local Service Tax, Business Privilege
Tax, Mercantile tax
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Bridgeport Borough Hall
63 West 4th Street
Bridgeport, Pa 19405
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Emergency and EMS

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1130 N. Bethlehem Pike
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Wissahickon Fire Company
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Spring House, Pa 19477
245 Race Street
Ambler, Pa 19002
215-646-1266

North Penn Volunteer Fire Company 141
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1-800-841-4141

North Wales Water Authority
215-699-4836

Ambler Water
215-646-1000

Bucks County Water and Sewer
215-343-2538

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1-800-Xfinity

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Congresswoman Madeline Dean
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Glenside, PA 19038
215-884-4300

PA Senator Maria Collett
1035 Virginia Drive Suite 201
Fort Washington, PA 19034
215-368-1429

Representative Liz Hanbidge
1098 W. Skippack Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422
610-277-3230

Representative Melissa Cerrato
605 Horsham Road
Horsham, PA 19044-1207
267-282-6695

Montgomery County Court House
2 E. Airy Street
Norristown, PA 19401
610-278-3000

Small Animal and Deer

PENNDOT clears deer carcasses from state roads. The Pennsylvania Game Commission retrieves deer from township roads. Their contact numbers are...

- PA Game Commission 610-926-3136
- PENNDOT 610-275-2368

For small critters in your yard, such as foxes, skunks, and raccoons you will need to contact a local critter removal service.



TOWNSHIP BIDS FAREWELL TO LONG-TIME SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Kathleen Hunsicker ended her term in Office on December 31, 2023, as she did not seek re-election. Ms. Hunsicker served as Supervisor for Lower Gwynedd Township for 14 years. The Township Officials and Staff would like to extend our sincerest congratulations and gratitude to Kathleen for her service.



Kathy Hunsicker



Jimmy Chong

TOWNSHIP WELCOMES NEW SUPERVISOR AND AUDITOR

The Township welcomed new Supervisor Jimmy Chong. Mr. Chong was sworn in at the re-organization meeting on January 2, 2024. He will serve a six-year term on the Board of Supervisors. Also, sworn in was our newly elected Auditor Ron Amchin. Ron will serve a six-year term, as well.

THE TOWNSHIP WELCOMED JOHN FARRELL

The Township welcomed John Farrell. John Farrell, is our new Project Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator. Before coming to the Township, John was a Staff Sergeant in the US Marine Corps, and then served in government roles with Tredyffrin Township and the City of Philadelphia. He most recently worked in the private sector, where he helped improve emergency communications systems and procedures for state governments. John holds master's degrees from Villanova University, the Naval Postgraduate School, and Temple University. He is also a certified project management professional.



John Farrell



Anthony Gullo



Rob Collins

PUBLIC WORKS WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES

Anthony Gullo came to us from Ambler Borough where he worked as a laborer for four years. Anthony was born and raised in Ambler and enjoys spending time with friends and working on cars. He is eager to learn and gain even more experience throughout his career at Lower Gwynedd.

Rob Collins spent the last five years working for Norristown public works. He enjoys spending time with his friends and going to the beach any chance he can.

Both Anthony and Rob are excited to be working for Lower Gwynedd and look forward to meeting everyone in the community.

LOWER GWYNEDD POLICE WELCOME NEW OFFICER

The Police Department is excited to welcome their newest team member, Officer Gregory Rozman, to the family. Officer Rozman joins us from the Philadelphia Police Department where he has served for the last four years. He has displayed his passion for community service, and we are confident that his unique perspective will be a welcome addition to the team.



Gregory Rozman

TOWNSHIP NOTICES

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

- **1325 Sumneytown Pike- Gwynedd Mercy University Francis M. Maguire Healthcare Innovation Center Land Development (#23-03LD):** Institutional; Location-1325 Sumneytown Pike (GMU); Applicant-Gwynedd Mercy University; Summary-Applicant proposes to develop a 62,000 square foot two-story nursing center and associated improvements. *Pending BOS approval.*
- **Janssen Permanent Parking Lot LD (#21-01LD)-Amended Plan Application:** F-1 Limited Industrial; Location-1400 McKean Road; Applicant is requesting an amended plan approval for the removal of one parking lot from the approved plan with the intention to replace it with a different parking lot in a different location on the site. *Pending BOS approval.*

Approved/Under Construction

- **727 Norristown Road-Spring House Innovation Park (SHIP)- Building 14 Parking Lot and Electric Substation Land Development (#23-04LD):** D-1; Location-727 Norristown Road (SHIP); Applicant-Beacon Capital Partners; Summary - construct a 1,942 square foot electrical substation and add a parking lot at Building 14 on their campus. Under construction.
- **1325 Sumneytown Pike-Gwynedd Mercy University Courtyard Improvement Project (#23-02WLD):** Institutional; Location-1325 Sumneytown Pike (GMU); Applicant-Gwynedd Mercy University; Summary-Removal, of an existing parking lot to be replaced with a courtyard and gathering space for students, construction of new parking spaces, and ADA accessibility improvements to the entrance of Loyola Hall. *Under construction.*
- **776 Johns Lane Subdivision (#21-02):** Residential development; Location Johns Lane; Applicant-DPD Johns Lane LP; Summary-Residential 6-lot subdivision with 5 new building lots for single-family residential homes and 1 existing lot to remain. The development will take access from a private road with cul-de-sac from the intersection of Johns Lane and Susquehanna Road. Additional improvements include stormwater management facilities. Approved November 2021. *Construction pending.*
- **1500-1524 Cedar Hill Road Land Development (#22-05LD):** Residential development; Location- Cedar Hill Rd.; Applicant-Jon Mayer; Summary- A plan to consolidate 3 parcels, then subsequently subdivide parcel into 7 individual single-family residential lots, remove 2 of the 3 existing dwellings maintaining one dwelling as lot #4. The lots will be accessed from individual driveways along Cedar Hill Road. Approved 6/27/23. *Not yet under construction.*
- **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. Approved 11/17/22. *Not yet under construction.*



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Lower Gwynedd Police Department

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Data from the Federal Trade Commission shows that consumers reported losing nearly \$8.8 billion to fraud in 2022. Early data from 2023 shows that the issue is only getting worse nationwide.

Unfortunately, the Lower Gwynedd Police Department has become well experienced in aiding its citizens who have become victims of fraud and we are here to help every step of the way. Should you have become victim to fraud (whether you suffered a financial loss or not) or even simply suspect you've been scammed, feel free to reach out to an officer. While not every fraud report ends with a criminal conviction due to a multitude of reasons, we are here to guide you with "what's next" in a stressful time including the obtainment of police report and steps to further safeguard your financial interests.

Here are some of our most common scams to be on the lookout for.

Telephone Initiated Calls

A fraudster will call you and pretend to be someone to catch your attention. They could say they are from the IRS, your bank, Microsoft, or even pretend to be a loved one in need of help. Their pitches or scams can get complicated and creative. However, they always end the same way – urging you to send money now! We recommend that before sending anyone money after a call like this, run it by a loved one, the LGPD, or someone you trust to get their input. If you're not sure about the legitimacy of a person's identity, write down who they work for and find a number for that business/agency yourself to contact. Also, a general reminder, no government agency will ever call you over the phone and demand money!

Check Fraud

Criminals steal personal checks, business checks, tax refund checks, and checks related to Social Security payments that have been placed in mailboxes at an alarming rate since the pandemic. They'll use chemicals, solvents, or even digital photo editors to "wash" the check. The U.S. Postal Service has recommended citizens not mail checks if there are other options, such as electronic payments. If you must mail a check, pay a visit to one of our local post offices and mail it from there.

Online Fraud

Scammers are thriving with the advent of online consumerism. Shop with known retailers, be extremely wary of e-mails from unknown senders in your inbox, and never let anyone take "remote access" of your computer unless you know the person or initiated the call! Keep personal information off social media, scammers have been known to research their victims through sites like Facebook and Instagram.

SMS or Text Messages

Criminals are sending out text messages in masses pretending to be shipping couriers, online retailers, and banks. Never click the link they send you. If you are concerned about what they're talking about, go to the website on your own and investigate any possible issues that way.

Business Opportunities or Small Business Fraud

Scammers will stalk small online businesses pretending to be customers. They'll commission you for work with the promise of payment. Sometimes they'll even send a fake check that will eventually bounce. Be wary if they ask for money from you first, whether it be for supplies or shipping costs. Same goes with offers for employment for "remote work", in which the scammers will ask you to pay shipping costs for office supplies.

Community Response Unit

The 2023 Year in Review

In 2023, the Touch a Truck event was a tremendous success, attracting many participants and creating an enjoyable experience for all. People of all ages had the opportunity to explore and learn about various types of trucks, fostering a sense of excitement and curiosity.

Throughout the summer, several Kona with Cops events were organized, allowing community members to engage in casual conversations with local police officers while enjoying refreshing shaved ice treats. These events played a vital role in strengthening the bond between law enforcement and the community.

Officers demonstrated their dedication to community service by attending the PA State Police Camp Cadet at Valley Forge Military Academy. This week-long program offered aspiring young individuals interested in law enforcement a firsthand experience of the responsibilities and duties of police officers. It provided them with valuable knowledge and skills necessary for their future careers.

Cider with Cops event focused on Halloween safety. Officers shared essential tips and information with community members to ensure everyone had a safe and enjoyable Halloween. These discussions helped raise awareness about potential hazards and precautions during the festive season.

The community's generosity shone through in the form of a remarkable donation of 600 pounds of food for the Mattie N Dixon Community Cupboard. This act of kindness helped address food insecurity and supported those in need. It showcased the power of community collaboration and compassion.

In addition to these notable events, officers actively participated in numerous other community events throughout the year. Their presence and involvement in these activities further enhanced the relationship between law enforcement and the community, promoting a safer and more cohesive environment.

Overall, 2023 was a year filled with successful community events, educational initiatives, and meaningful contributions. The dedication and commitment of both the police officers and the community played a significant role in creating a positive and inclusive community atmosphere.

What is Coming in 2024

The LGPD Touch a Truck event is back by popular demand and will be held on May 18th. Mark your calendars for a day filled with excitement as you and your family could explore and interact with a variety of trucks and vehicles. It's a great event for kids and adults alike. Don't miss out on this unique experience!

TOWNSHIP NOTICES

1. License Plate Restoration Event with State Rep Hanbidge Office - March 16 from 11 am-2 pm at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building. Join State Representative Hanbidge's office for a license plate restoration event. It's an excellent opportunity to restore and preserve your license plates. Take advantage of this chance to give your plates a fresh look!

2. Lower Gwynedd Parks & Recreation Easter Egg Hunt : March 23rd, 10am at Penllyn Woods

Get ready for an exciting Easter Egg Hunt! Join in the fun as you search for colorful eggs filled with surprises. It's a perfect event for families and children to celebrate Easter together. Keep an eye out for more details on the location and time of the egg hunt.

3. Kona with Cops - Date: Summer TBD

Enjoy a refreshing Kona with Cops event during the spring or summer season. It's a fun and relaxed way to interact with local law enforcement officers while enjoying a delicious Kona beverage. Stay tuned for more details on the exact date and location.

4. Spring/Summer and Fall Food/Supplies Drive for the Mattie N Dixon Community Cupboard

Please help support the Mattie N Dixon Community Cupboard by participating in their food/supply drives. These drives will take place during the spring/summer and fall seasons. It's an excellent opportunity to give back to the community and help those in need.



CRIMEWATCH

www.lowergwyneddpolice.org



We encourage residents to sign up for Crimewatch to help create a safer community. Crimewatch allows residents to stay informed about local crime activities, submit tips, participate in programs that the Police Department has to offer, and receive alerts or updates for events. It's an effective way to increase community engagement and promote participation in maintaining neighborhood safety.

To sign up for police programs offered by the Lower Gwynedd Police, such as alarm and camera registry, vacation checks, and do not solicit list, follow these steps:

Visit www.lowergwyneddpolice.org website and navigate to the "Police Services" or "Community Programs" section. Look for the specific programs you are interested in. Please review the information provided about each program to understand their purpose and requirements. Follow the instructions provided to sign up for each program. This may involve filling out an online form or contacting Lower Gwynedd Police directly.

It's important to note that the specific process and requirements may vary for each program and organization. It is recommended to visit the respective website for the Lower Gwynedd Police or contact us directly for accurate and up-to-date information on signing up for these programs.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Sgt William Henry of the Community Response Unit.

The Community Response Unit is always ready to participate in other community events when requested. They are dedicated to serving and supporting the community in any way possible.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PARK MASTER PLANS

Lower Gwynedd Township has been working with Gilmore & Associates to develop master park plans for Oxford Park, Ingersoll Park, Pen-Ambler Park, as well as a trail to connect Pen-Ambler Park & Ambler Yards to SEPTA's Penllyn Station.

The bulk of the planning work was done in 2023 with various discussions and presentations at the Park & Recreation Board and Board of Supervisors meetings in the Fall of 2023. The project is now transitioning out of the master planning phase and grant applications are being developed to find funding sources to implement various projects identified in the Master Plans. Below is a list of projects that are anticipated to start in 2024; pending grant applications.

- Replace/Enhance fencing, backstops, and protective netting at Ingersoll Park Little League Fields. (Construction underway). Anticipate completion prior to spring little league season.
- Trail connection from Cambridge Drive to Oxford Park. (Completed in Fall 2023)
- New Concession Stand / Press Box / Bathrooms, Landscape Enhancements, Paved Spectator Area, and ADA Parking Enhancement at Ingersoll Park.
- Planting of pollinator gardens at Oxford & Pen-Ambler Park.
- Penllyn Station Trail

Please stay tuned in 2024 and beyond as grant applications and park projects are frequently discussed at Board of Supervisor meetings.

DOG ORDINANCE

Just a reminder that Lower Gwynedd Township has an ordinance that prohibits 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 the properly control the actions of the dog.



Take a Dive (Ages 7-11)

Dive into the world of marine biology and oceanography! In our half day camp you'll dissect a real shark, participate in a fisherman's challenge, examine the anatomy of a fish and learn the ancient technique of gyotaku or "fish rubbing", learn to survive at sea with a homemade solar still, create a kelp forest and make your own submarine. Stay for the full day camp and come face-to-face with some unique sea creatures! You'll complete a squid dissection, bring to life genuine Triassic Triops, conduct a whale adaptations lab, and examine many weird wonders that live under the sea!

Jr. Explorers (Ages 4-6)

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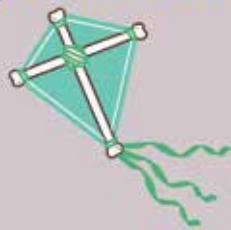
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PARKS AND RECREATION

Trail Etiquette 101

Trails have seen an increase in use across the country since the pandemic, and our trails in Lower Gwynedd are no exception. It has been wonderful that folks are flocking to trails for recreation, but the increase in trail use has also shown us that we can do more to show kindness and care for the people (and animals) that use the trails.

In addition to Lower Gwynedd Township, there are two organizations supporting many of the trails in our township, Wissahickon Trails and Horseways. Wissahickon Trails is a nonprofit organization working to connect land, water, and people in the Wissahickon Valley. In their 63-year history they have protected nearly 1,300 acres of open space, and they manage and care for 12 nature preserves and 24 miles of trails. You may have also discovered many local trails are shared with equestrians (horseback riders). Horseways is a local non-profit that preserves and maintains area equestrian trails, many of which have existed for over 100 years. Horseways and Wissahickon Trails are long-time partners, helping maintain and improve many of our trails for us to enjoy.

But hikers and horses aren't the only trail users. You may encounter dog walkers and cyclists and understanding trail etiquette on busy trails helps keep everyone safe.

How Do We Safely Share the Trails? Right-of-Way

When it comes to the rules of the trail, equestrians almost always have the right-of-way. Horses are the largest sized trail users we have and can

be a bit skittish. Because of this, hikers, cyclists, dog walkers should give them a wide berth, speak calmly, and avoid quick movements.

Our most common users are walkers, runners, and hikers. Dog walkers or cyclists should yield to these users. As stated above, if a pedestrian encounters an equestrian, it is usually easier and safer for the person on foot to step to the side so the horse can pass.

If you are a dog walker on the trails, Lower Gwynedd Township does have a dog leash ordinance. Leashes are also required when using Wissahickon Trails properties and Green Ribbon trail and walking in the Natural Lands' Gwynedd Preserve.

What about bikes? A cyclist should always ride to the right side of the trail and call out "On your left!" when passing a pedestrian. If the trail is too narrow, the cyclist would yield to the other trail user. Bikes are not allowed on the Green Ribbon trail or any of the equestrian trails. Cyclists are permitted on other Township Trails.

If you're not sure what to do, communicate! Talk to your fellow trail user and make sure everyone is safe and comfortable. Our trails are a wonderful local treasure and we want all visitors to have a pleasant and safe experience. For more information on local trails, check the Lower Gwynedd Township website, Wissahickon Trails <https://wissahickontrails.org/>, or Horseways <https://www.horsewayspa.org/>

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PUBLIC WORKS

Attention Property Owners and Landscapers

Dumping of any yard waste or trash on township property, open space and/or along trails is strictly prohibited. These items include, but are not limited to leaves, branches, grass clippings, furniture, wood, and food waste.

The storing of materials, erecting of sheds, the installation of swing sets and fences are not permitted on township open space or trails.

2024 Road Program

2024 probable roads for milling and paving

Judie Lane
Marie Road
Gwynedd Ave from Gypsy Hill to Railroad gate
School House from Dekalb Pike to Plymouth Road
Joans Lane
East Meetinghouse Road

2024 probable roads for ultra-thin bond wearing course

Alene Road
Hamilton Road
Davis Road
Hays Lane
Lampighter Lane
Lampighter Circle
Vestra Road

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-UPDATE

Lower Gwynedd Township continues to work on the revision of the Lower Gwynedd Comprehensive Land Use Plan! The plan will provide a vision for the future of the township and a framework for the management of development in Lower Gwynedd over the next 20 years. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback at the open house and through survey responses. The steering committee is currently focused on **TRANSPORTATION** issues in the Township. Nearly 70% of survey respondents drive to work and for daily errands, and 55% of survey respondents want to see new sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements. This information will be used to guide the steering committee as to what will be included in the plan.

What do you feel are the most important-related issues that the comprehensive plan should address? While we've closed the survey you can still communicate your ideas and thoughts to us by contacting Assistant Manager, Jamie Worman, at jworman@lowergwynedd.org.

Friendly Reminders from the Tax Collector

Visit www.lowergwyneddtax.org in order to:

- Download copies of your paid tax bill
- Print your current tax bill
- Pay online
- Access important links and forms

County/Township real estate tax bills will be mailed at the end of February. April 30th is the last day for the discount period. On the back of your bill will be extra in-person hours.

If paying with a check from your bank's online bill pay, please send payment at least a week in advance of deadlines. The envelopes do not have a USPS postmark and you run the risk of missing the deadline.

Interim tax bills are NOT sent to your mortgage company. If your mortgage company pays your real estate taxes, please forward interim tax bills. These are bills you may receive in addition to your two annual tax bills due to home renovations, etc.

PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate Application has changes for 2023:

- Maximum standard rebate increasing to \$1,000
- Income cap for homeowner increased to \$45,000
- Income cap for renters increased to \$45,000

Rebate applications will become available in mid-January through the PA Department of Revenue. To apply or to see if you qualify, visit www.revenue.pa.gov.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out by email (taxcollector@lowergwynedd.org) or call 267-460-1891.

Thank you,

Natalie Cormier

SPRING HOUSE (PHASE 2) INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT-UPDATE

The Spring House Intersection Improvement Project has been slow moving as you may be aware. Utility relocation has proven to be a tremendous hurdle. In order to move forward with the road widening, utility relocation within the project area must be completed. This means that all the wires on the poles within the project limits from the various utility companies (PECO, Verizon, Comcast, and others) must be moved to the newly installed poles. When the relocation is complete then PECO will come back and pull the old poles. This work is ongoing, and the final utility relocation is expected to be completed in February. Stormwater piping will then be installed along the roadway so that when the weather breaks in the Spring, construction can commence. The intersection project is being funded in part through a PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant and includes roadway improvements to be located at the intersection of Sumneytown Pike/Norristown Road. The roadway construction generally includes widening on Norristown Road (PennDOT) and Sumneytown Pike (County) to provide additional through lanes in both directions, traffic signal improvements, concrete sidewalk and trail modifications on the north side of Norristown Road and both sides of Sumneytown Pike and, ADA ramp upgrades. Lower Gwynedd Township, and the construction team, in accordance with PennDOT and Montgomery County requirements, will make every effort to minimize inconvenience to the community and traveling public while the proposed improvements are constructed. Advance notice of the construction schedule will be communicated to the property owners within the limits of work. Regular project information updates are posted on the Lower Gwynedd Township website.

TOWNSHIP GRANT APPLICATIONS

Lower Gwynedd Township applied for funding for two potential projects through the PA Department of Economic Development Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Program in November 2023. The LSA-Statewide was established through the PA Horse Development and Gaming Act that provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The first application is for the modernization of the traffic signal at the intersection of Penllyn Pike and Trewellyn Avenue. The project will include the construction of upgrades to the existing signalized intersection to improve access and connections between residential areas, community parks, and public transportation. The Township is seeking \$452,000.00 in grant funding for this project while providing a 30% match.

The second application is for renovations and enhancements to Ingersoll Park. The Lower Gwynedd Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) has actively pursued planning for the Township's community parks in an effort to organize and prioritize improvement projects. They started with a general strategic planning exercise where they analyzed all the parks within the Township and identified challenges, opportunities, and future goals for the parks. Following this exercise, the BOS moved forward with a master park plan for Ingersoll Park, which was recently completed. The proposed Ingersoll Park Improvement project scope includes a prefabricated building containing two family ADA accessible restrooms, concession stand, and press box, expansion of public water and sewer service to the park, accessibility improvements to the parking lot and spectator area, parking lot expansion, new bullpen area, and the addition of a lawn seating area with landscaping. The Township is seeking \$705,000.00 in grant funding for this project while also providing a 30% match. The Lower Gwynedd Little League will be pursuing fundraising opportunities to help raise funds to apply towards the match.

The applications are under review and the Township is hopeful that grant awards will be announced mid-year in 2024. The Township continues to pursue grant funding to help offset the cost of capital projects whenever possible.

BETHLEHEM PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Bethlehem Pike Pedestrian Improvement Project will be moving forward in 2024! The project includes the installation of sidewalks and two pedestrian bridges on the east and west sides of Bethlehem Pike in the Locust Lane area. The bridges will connect to existing sidewalk along both sides of the roadway and allow for pedestrians to remain on the sidewalk and avoid having to walk onto the road as they cross over the culvert spanning the Penllyn Creek and Pond. The footbridges will enable safe pedestrian travel along this stretch of roadway and provide better access to the downtown area in Lower Gwynedd. In December of 2023, the Board of Supervisors awarded the bid for the Bethlehem Pike Pedestrian Improvement Project to CMR Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$209,365.00. Lower Gwynedd Township was awarded two grants through the MONTCO 20/40 program in 2020 and 2022 to fund the pedestrian improvement project. The project will be completed this Spring.



Recognize Someone for Doing Right!



The EAC established the Lower Gwynedd Going Green Award in 2023, to recognize environmental stewardship actions taking place throughout the township. The Board of Supervisors and Environmental Advisory Council presented the Inaugural Going Green Award to Gwynedd Friends Monthly Meeting for their Eco-Landscaping Design. In addition, Mary Pellegrino received the Youth Award for her Composting Cycle, Pollinator Gardens, & Bee Project. Honorable Mention was awarded to Harth Builders for their Headquarters Project.

The Environmental Advisory Council meets monthly at the Township Building and look forward to seeking applications for the 2024 Going Green Award.

News from Lower Gwynedd's Environmental Advisory Council

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is a volunteer group that researches and advises the Board of Supervisors on

environment-related concerns and initiatives, working 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. Residents are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings, on the second Wednesday of the month. A list of the meeting dates can be found on the Township website. In addition, the EAC has a separate page on the website with a vast selection of useful information for homeowners.

In the past year some EAC initiatives include: second annual native tree giveaway, composting workshop, monthly bird walks, stream identification sign, inaugural Going Green Award, and more.

Lower Gwynedd Township 2nd Annual Native Tree Giveaway

In 2023, 300 native trees (both shade and flowering varieties) were given to residents to plant at their homes. Residents had to register ahead of time for the tree giveaway. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this project a success, and all of the residents who received a tree and planted on their properties. If you received one of our trees, just a friendly reminder, make sure to help your young tree reach maturity by keeping it watered in the coming months if we do not receive at least an inch of natural rainfall each week, and protect the tree from deer browsing.

Look for more information in late summer about the date and registration timeline for the 2024 giveaway.



Lower Gwynedd Bird Town Bird Walks

Lower Gwynedd's Bird Town program offers free guided walks held on the second Tuesday of the month through June at parks and preserves throughout the township. Look for upcoming locations and dates in the monthly e-newsletter or the Bird Town section of the township website.



Battery & Techno-Trash Recycling

Did you know that in addition to batteries, the EAC is now also collecting Techno-Trash at our bi-monthly collections? Help us keep more items out of landfills by dropping off CD/DVD/VHS/floppy discs and tapes and their cases, charging cables and other small accessories (computer mice, earbuds, computer or tv cables, adapters). Visit our website for upcoming dates and more specifics of items that can be recycled and how certain batteries need to be prepared before dropping them off. <https://www.lowergwynedd.org/government/environmental-advisory-council/battery-and-techno-trash-recycling/>

PET WASTE & STORMWATER



Dog poop can contain bacteria, viruses and parasites.



When left on the ground, pet waste breaks down and washes into the water supply.

Contaminants in the storm drains pollute our rivers, streams and creeks.

Despite popular belief, pet waste can't be used as fertilizer because it's too acidic.



Stormwater Management-Discharging Water from Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs

There are many pool owners in Lower Gwynedd Township. As is typically the case, many pool owners who live in cooler climates drain their swimming pools before winter to reduce maintenance and potential damage from freezing. When it enters surface waters, water treated with chemicals such as chlorine, bromine and salt, harms local water quality and is toxic to wildlife and fish. Pools, hot tubs, and fountains often use chemically treated water; however, most of the chemically treated water discharged into storm sewer systems—and ultimately water bodies—is from residential swimming pools. Never drain pools onto roads or stormwater inlets. The PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) has a published fact sheet that provides guidance regarding appropriate discharge practices. Instead of discharging chemically treated water to the storm sewer system or directly into local waterways, individuals should follow alternative discharge options, such as draining to a sanitary sewer, dechlorinating water, and then discharging to storm sewers, or dechlorinating water and using it for irrigation. Below is a list of suggested discharge practices from the PADEP factsheet. You can find the full document on the stormwater page of the Lower Gwynedd Township Website- <https://lowergwynedd.org/information/stormwater-management/>

What are acceptable methods for managing swimming pool, hot tub, and spa waters?

The best approach for managing these wastewaters is disposal into a public sewer system or at a sewage treatment facility, with authorization of the sewer system owner. A permit is generally not necessary to reuse or recycle pool wastewater, but approval from the owner of a sewer system or sewage treatment facility is typically required. Some municipalities have enacted additional requirements related to discharges from pools. Contact your municipality if you're unsure whether additional guidelines exist.

What if no public sewer is available?

The wastewater can be drained and allowed to infiltrate into a vegetated area or used for on-site irrigation after these guidelines are met:

1. Shut off the chlorination/chemical feed system if there is one or stop adding chlorine and chemicals.
2. Shut off the heating system if there is one.
3. Hold the water in the pool or hot tub to reduce the chlorine level to 0.5 mg/L or less (if applicable), and the temperature to an acceptable level (generally within 10° F of the air temperature).
4. Test frequently – the water may need to be held for 10 days or more depending on the surrounding conditions. Recirculating the water may help to speed up this process.
5. Adjust the pH, if necessary, to between 6.0 and 9.0 standard units.
6. Never drain the pool on a rainy day or if the soil is saturated.

Infiltration

When discharging on-site for infiltration into the ground or using the water for irrigation, ensure that:

- The water will not flow into a storm sewer or other water of the commonwealth.
- The water does not run off the property.
- Nuisances such as prolonged ponding, odors, and mosquito breeding conditions are prevented.
- The flow rate is slow enough to allow infiltration and does not cause erosion.
- Solids are captured by attaching a filter bag to the end of the discharge hose, if needed.

What should be done with the standing water that has accumulated in a pool?

Standing water, accumulated rainfall, or pool water from the previous season should be pumped from the top, but only if the chlorine residual and pH values are acceptable, to avoid disturbing solids on the pool bottom, which should not be discharged. After the water has been pumped, manually clean out the solids.





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Ingersoll House



Lower Gwynedd Township is fortunate to be home to a wealth of historical properties and resources. One such property, the Ingersoll Estate located on Old Bethlehem Pike, has a fascinating history, as described in research conducted by Joe Langella of the Township's Historic Advisory Committee. The property was constructed in the early 1700's atop an ancient spring that still flows to this day and is believed to be the inspiration for the naming of the village upon which it stands—Spring House.

Before the arrival of European settlers, the Spring House area was a village site inhabited by members of the Lenni-Lenape tribe—as well as a stopping point for Native Americans coming from the Hudson River Valley to trade with the tribes of the Delaware Valley. This trade route was called the Minsi Trail. The Minsi Trail cut south from New York through the Pocono Mountains and ran through another Lenni-Lenape village called Pokasie—which is now modern-day Perkasio in Bucks County. From Perkasio, the trail made its way to Spring House. It was

from Spring House that another trail, the Maxatawney, branched off to the west. This trail then became what the European settlers called "The Great Road." Today we know it as Sumneytown Pike.

The house was likely built before the construction of Penllyn-Blue Bell Pike in 1760. The adjacent barn and stables have an inscription that reads: "E. C. 1787." The E. C. stands for Ezekiel Cleaver. Ezekiel was a descendant of the Quaker Peter Klever, a German immigrant from the Rhine Valley and one of the first of the settlers of Germantown in Philadelphia. The Cleaver family owned the house and property for 125 years, followed by the Bond family, including James Bond, the famed ornithologist and namesake of Ian Fleming's fictional spy. The Bonds gave Spring House Farm to their nephew Edward Ingersoll and his wife, Emily Vaux Ingersoll in the early 1900s. The last Ingersolls to live on the property passed away in 1997.

The Township purchased the Ingersoll Estate from a developer in 2002, with the hopes of renovating the house and barn. Those plans did not come to fruition, and the property has been vacant for many years. The Township is now working to locate parties who may be interested in purchasing and restoring the Ingersoll Estate. The Board of Supervisors believes this will be the most effective way to preserve the character and history of the location.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in the property, please contact the Township at (215) 646-5302.

Historical Marker Program

Celebrate Our Rich History: Join the Historical Marker Program

We're excited to announce the Historical Marker Program, initiated in June 2023 by the Board of Supervisors, following a recommendation from the Historical Advisory Committee. This innovative program aims to bring to light the pivotal moments and locations that have shaped our township's unique history. Our goal is not just to commemorate our past but to inspire a deep sense of pride and belonging among our residents, enhance cultural tourism, and foster a broader appreciation for our historical heritage.

Our Inaugural Marker: Bethlehem Baptist Church

Our journey begins with the first marker at 225 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike, marking the original site of the Bethlehem Baptist Church. Founded in 1888, this predominantly African American church has been a cornerstone of our community, evolving into a Christ-centered, multi-cultural beacon of faith and unity. As the church celebrated its 135th anniversary in October 2023, we commemorated its original location and its enduring legacy in our community.

Acknowledging Educational History: Penllyn Elementary School

In the fall, the Historic Advisory Committee began reviewing a marker application for the historic Penllyn Elementary School on Gwynedd Avenue. Constructed in 1923, this school symbolized segregation for 31 years. In the wake of the landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision in 1954, the courage of four Penllyn families led to a court ruling that ended segregation in the school, marking a significant moment in our local and national history. Though the school building no longer stands, its story lives on at Penllyn Park, reminding us of the struggles and triumphs in pursuing equality.

Be Part of Our History

We invite you to engage with our past and help shape how we remember it. If you know a site or story that deserves recognition, we encourage you to nominate it for a historical marker. Visit the Township's website, find the Historical Marker Program section under Information, and fill out the marker application. Your participation is vital in preserving the tapestry of our shared history.

Together, let's honor the places and stories that define us.



Old Bethlehem Pike Bridge Replacement & Streambank Restoration Projects

Lower Gwynedd Township will begin the Old Bethlehem Pike Bridge Replacement & Streambank Restoration projects in Spring 2024. Authorization to start the public bidding process was granted at the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 2, 2024. The bridge project includes the full replacement of an existing culvert bridge along Old Bethlehem Pike (the roadway that runs behind the Township building). After a series of engineering assessments, the bridge was found to be structurally compromised and a weight restriction was placed on the bridge prohibiting large vehicles from crossing it. The compromised single-span stone masonry arch bridge will be replaced with a pre-cast concrete arch bridge with textured pattern concrete walls. In addition to the bridge, the Township plans to move forward simultaneously with a streambank restoration project in the same location.

The streambank stabilization and enhancement project will repair eroded streambanks within the Willow Run, a tributary to the Wissahickon Creek. This project includes the stabilization and enhancement of approximately 300 linear feet of stream (both sides) from 100 feet upstream of the Old Bethlehem Pike bridge and 200 feet downstream. The tributary runs through property owned by Lower Gwynedd Township and S. Paone Incorporated. The Township plans on rehabilitating the segment of stream noted above that is severely eroded. The Wissahickon Creek suffers from what is known as the “urban creek syndrome”, which means it has flash floods, elevated concentrations of pollutants, impaired habitat, and reduced species biodiversity due to suburban development. This project will re-establish and stabilize the bank and restore the area to its natural function. The project will also help control erosion in the future and protect the streambank. We also anticipate that the restoration and enhancement will reduce the amount of sediment and other pollutants from entering the stream and improve water quality throughout the watershed.

Both projects are funded through separate grants. The bridge will be funded in part through a Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Local Share Account Grant, and the streambank restoration will be funded through DCED’s Watershed Restoration and Protection Program Grant and Montgomery County ARPA Funds secured through the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership. It is anticipated that both projects will be completed by the end of 2024.



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What: Lower Gwynedd Township Residential E-Cycle & Shredding Event

Where: Lower Gwynedd Township Municipal Building Parking Lot

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When: May 11, 2024- 8:00 AM-11:00 AM (earlier if full capacity is reached)

Questions: Contact

Jamie Worman, Lower Gwynedd Township

Phone: (215) 646-5302 or jworman@lowergwynedd.org



Acceptable items: electronics-Anything with a plug! Examples- laptops, computers, fax machines, telecommunications equipment, Christmas lights, etc. & PAPER.

****This service is for Township residents only, proof of residency required to access the site. Residents must remain in their vehicles at all times. Items to be recycled or shredded must be placed in the trunk, pick-up truck bed, or a small trailer. Employees will remove these items from your vehicle when you arrive. Items will only be collected during the event time. Items cannot be delivered before or after the event!! Excessive amounts of paper and/or electronics may be turned away at the Township's discretion. We cannot start the event early so please do not park or enter the parking lot prior to the 8:00 a.m. start time.**



Trash and Recycling

Spring 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 Spring are Saturdays, April 13th and May 11th, 2024. All leaf and yard waste must be put in biodegradable bags and placed curbside by 6am on the day of pick-up. 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. At the time of this publication the event dates have not yet been released. Please refer to the link below to see if the dates are available yet. For additional information or to schedule an appointment visit www.MontcoPARecycles.org or call the recycling hotline at 610-278-3618.

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