

Lower Gwynedd Report



Message from the Board of Supervisors

Spring House Village Shopping Center has been a focus for Lower Gwynedd Township and I am pleased to announce that we had a successful ground breaking ceremony on June 1, 2016. The new shopping center will offer customers a variety of establishments that will include Whole Foods, Starbucks, CVS, and retail stores. The first phase is expected to be completed late fall 2016 with a projected fall 2017 opening of Whole Foods. This was a public-private partnership. The new shopping center will employ approximately 250 people and generate approximately \$450,000 in new taxes for the Wissahickon School District and \$100,000 toward the Township.

Larry Comunale has served 18 years of public service as the Township Manager and retired on April 1, 2016. Lower Gwynedd Township congratulates Larry and wishes him all the best. Craig McAnally was appointed Township Manager after serving as Assistant Township Manager. I would like to welcome Jamie Worman as our new Assistant Township Manager. Ms. Worman formerly served as Assistant Township Manager and Zoning Officer at Franconia Township for over ten years.

Stephen Paccione, Chairman



Taking that first shovelful of dirt are from left: Scott Allhouse, Regional President, Whole Foods Mid-Atlantic region; Jennifer Green, U.S. Director of Real Estate and Store Development, Pet Valu; Edward Brandt, Lower Gwynedd Supervisor; Kathleen Hunsicker, Lower Gwynedd Supervisor Vice Chair; Stephen Paccione, Lower Gwynedd Supervisor Chairman; Kyle Stoltz, Executive Vice President, Stoltz; Dr. J. Richard Booth, Lower Gwynedd Supervisor; Mark Grey, Lower Gwynedd Supervisor; and John Zaharchuk, Summit Realty Advisors.

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Lower Gwynedd Township Parks & Recreation Department

First Annual "Pike Fest"

Saturday, September 17, 2016 • 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Bring your family! Bring your friends!
Don't miss the fun!**

**Come and enjoy the first ever Street Fest in our
township. 80+ Vendors for you to visit!**



Businesses will be open for you to visit along with all the restaurants to explore.

Amusements for the family, entertainment and music, food trucks to discover and more!

Thanks to our Committee members for all their time & effort to make the Pike Fest great: Patty Goebner & Donna Langella, our Co Chairs and members: Kathleen Hunsicker, LGT Supervisor; Larry Altman, Heather Bert, Ron Jones, Linda Schumacher, Louise Hayeck, Mary Claghorn, Penny Wosewick, LGBA President. Thanks also to all the support from all the Public Safety Departments and volunteers, The Lower Gwynedd Business Association, Public Works and the staff at the Township Building.

Lower Gwynedd Pike Fest

@Pikefest

Pikefest2016@gmail.com

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Bethlehem Pike will be closed from Norristown Road to Sheble Lane from 7:00am to 5:00pm



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SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

Downtown Springhouse

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

rain or shine!

N.Bethlehem Pike "Street Fest" with 80+ Vendors!

Businesses will be open!!

Your favorite restaurants on the Pike : OPEN!!

FREE PARKING at Gwynedd Mercy Academy

*Walk the "Pike" & shop in the unique stores- enjoy a delicious meal at one of the many restaurants!
Enjoy the Beer Garden at Spring House Tavern*

Family FUN ZONE Amusements

Inflatables Photo Booth



Pike Scavenger Hunt—PRIZES!!

Food Trucks

Gigi's & Big R Caribbean Soul Food
Jimmie's Cupcakes
The Flying Dutchman
Say Cheese



DJ all day & Live band



Winner of Radio 104.5 Birthday Contest

Visit , explore, and experience Lower Gwynedd businesses, shops and restaurants

- *The New Dance Workshop Dance performance*
- *Motivate Fitness Workout*
- *Canine Country Dog Demonstration*

Contact: Pikefest2016@gmail.com or

215-646-5302 - www.lowergwynedd.org

Follow us: Twitter - @Pike Fest

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State Representative
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TOWNSHIP NOTICES

LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP

1130 N. Bethlehem Pike • P. O. Box 625 • Spring House, PA 19477 • www.lowergwynedd.org

Administration: Phone: (215) 646-5302 Fax: (215) 646-3357 **Police:** Emergency: 911 Phone: (215) 646-5303

Board of Supervisors

Stephen J. Paccione, Chairman

Kathleen Hunsicker, Vice Chair

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Township Manager: Craig McAnally
Assistant Manager: Jamie Worman
Asst. Sec.: Carole Culbreth
Finance Director: Karen Yeutter
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Code Enforcement Officer: Joseph Groarke
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Building Inspector/Plan Review:
Keystone Municipal Services
Fire Marshal: Al Comly
E.I.T.; B.P.; Merc. & LST Collection:
Berkheimer Associates
Recreation Director: Sandi L. Feight
Parks Superintendent: Chris Kalb

LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP 2016 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	27	8	21	27	14
OCT	11 and 25	13	19	25	12
NOV	15 and 22	10	16	22	9
DEC	13	8	21	N/A	14

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 10 (Columbus Day)

November 11 (Veterans Day)

November 24 & 25 (Thanksgiving)

December 26 (Christmas Holiday)

General Election Day:

Tuesday, November 8, 2016



@LowerGwyneddPA



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"

New Assistant Township Manager ~ Jamie P. Worman

Jamie P. Worman was appointed as the new Assistant Township Manager by the LGT BOS on April 26, 2016. She joined the LGT staff on May 9, 2016. Prior to coming to LGT, Ms. Worman worked as a Water Resources Planner for Amec Foster Wheeler where she prepared Stormwater Management Plans for different municipalities. The majority of her career was spent with Franconia Township where she was the Assistant Township Manager and Zoning Officer for over ten years. Ms. Worman has a B.A. in Political Science from Shippensburg University, a Graduate Certificate in City Management from Villanova University, and a Masters' Degree in Public Administration also from Villanova University.

Ms. Worman lives in Sellersville with her husband Josh and two children, Nolan and Brooks.



TOWNSHIP NOTICES



THE 2016 VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016
11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, BEHTLEHEM AND PENLLYN PIKES.

Lower Gwynedd Police Benevolent Association

Annual Golf Outing
Monday, October 17, 2016
Old York Road Country Club

Questions: (215) 646-5303 ext. 348 or
BRyan@lowergwynedd.org

Old York Road Country Club is located at
801 Tennis Ave. Springhouse, PA 19477

**Old York Rd. requires soft spikes and collared
shirts, no jeans please



Drug Collection

There is a drug collection box in
the lobby of the Lower Gwynedd
Township Building. It is accessible
24/7 for residents who would like to
safely dispose of prescription drugs
that are no longer needed.



PECO OUTAGE – If your power is out,
get up to date information by calling
800-841-4141. **Important:** have your account number when you call.

Thank you to the Businesses!

This publication is made possible at no cost to the residents of Lower Gwynedd Township through the generous advertising sponsorship of the businesses listed throughout our newsletter. We wish to encourage your patronage of these establishments. They are a very important to the economic vitality of our community.

Township receives Grants for Traffic and Road Improvements

The Township was awarded the PA 2015 Green Light-Go Grant for traffic signal modernization for the following intersections: Bethlehem Pike and Dager Rd; Tennis Ave and Norristown Rd; Bethlehem Pike and Tennis Ave. This project consists of upgrading of traffic signal equipment, pedestrian equipment (push buttons with countdown timers); battery backups, LED signal heads and ADA curb ramps. The total amount of the grant is 50% of the total cost of the project (\$132,425). The Township will be required to match that amount for the total project cost of \$264,850.

Lower Gwynedd Township was also recently informed they received a DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$1,027,500 for the Spring House Intersection Improvement Project at Bethlehem Pike and Sumneytown Pikes. We have several other grant applications out for consideration to supplement this grant to work towards the total amount of project, which we estimate to cost \$4.2M. This is a great start though!



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 2016 Citizen of the Year? Last year, Thaddeus Smith was 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 23, 2016 to:

Carole B. Culbreth
Lower Gwynedd Township
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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 17, 2016, and will be featured in the next issue of the Lower Gwynedd Report.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What do I need a permit for in Lower Gwynedd Township?

You need a permit if you intend to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish any structure, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the 2009 International Building Code.

2. Does my shed require footers or piers?

Sheds that are 200 square feet or larger require footers or piers.

3. Where can I find information on the different ordinances adopted by Lower Gwynedd Township?

The Township ordinances can be found on the website at www.lowergwynedd.org. You will select "Departments" from the homepage and then select the "Building & Zoning" option. Once you are on the Building and Zoning Page you will see a link to the "Codes Online". That link will redirect you to the online Township Codebook where all adopted ordinances are located.

4. Where can I dispose my prescription drugs?

The Lower Gwynedd Township Police Department has placed a prescription drug drop-off box in the lobby of the LGT Municipal Building located at 1130 N. Bethlehem Pike.

5. How is my sewer bill calculated?

The sewer usage rate is \$80.00 for the first 12,000 gallons and \$5.25 for each 1,000 gallons thereafter. Also, for any well customers the rate is \$126.80 per quarter. You can discuss your billing questions with our Sewer Billing Clerk between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M., at 215-646-5302.

6. How can I find the most up-to-date information on the Township?

You can follow us on social media! LGT can be found on both Facebook and Twitter. You can find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/lowergwynedd/> and you can find us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/LowerGwynedd>. You can also visit our website at www.lowergwynedd.org.

7. How long do I have after the snow falls to shovel my sidewalk?

Snow and ice shall be removed from the sidewalk in front of and alongside a property within ten hours after such snow and ice have ceased to fall or form. However, snow or ice that ceased to fall or form after 6:00 p.m. may be removed at any time before 10:00 a.m. of the next day. The property owner, occupant, or tenant of any property fronting upon or alongside any of the streets in the Township is responsible for this removal.

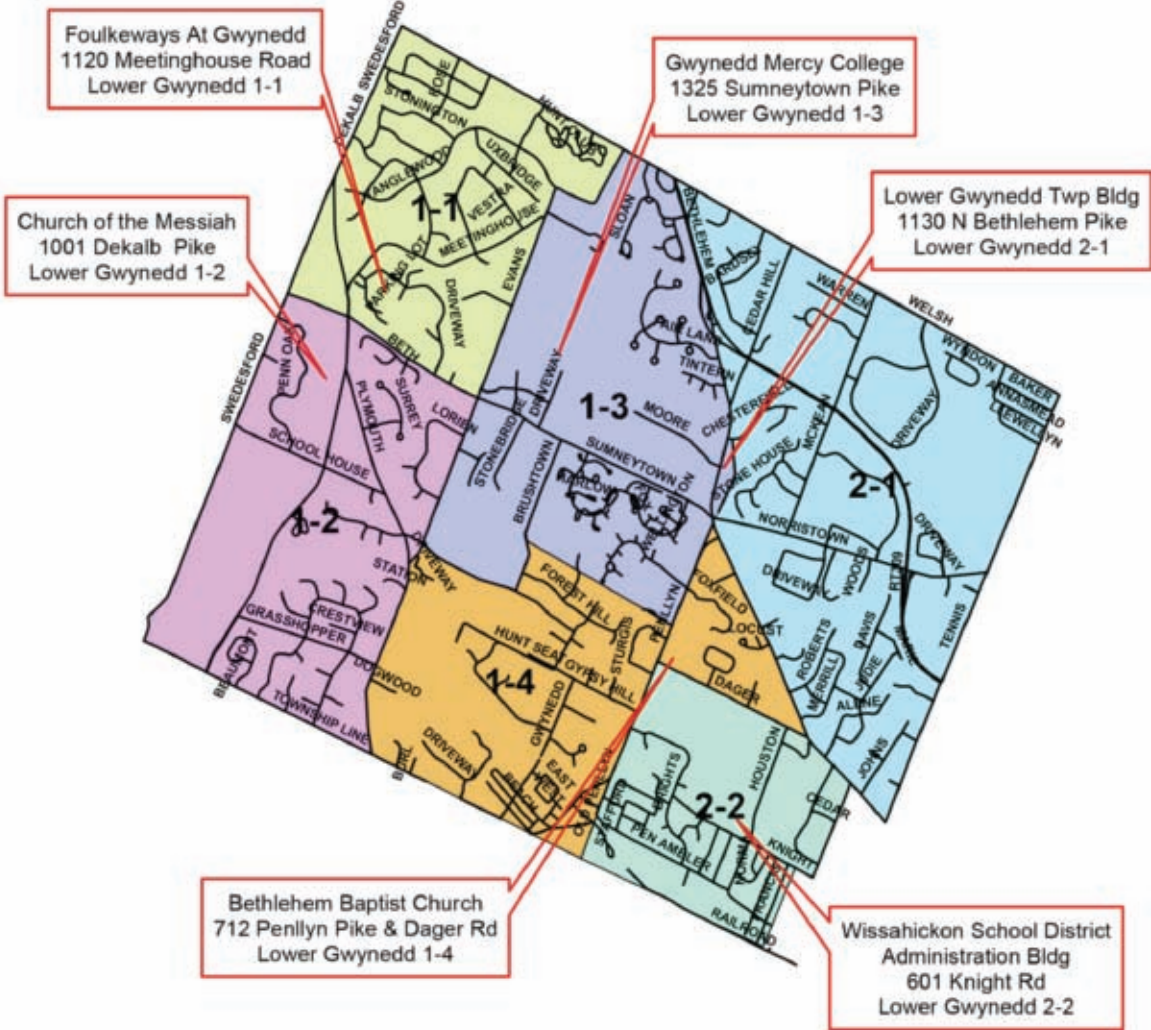


TOWNSHIP NOTICES

**VOTE: ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**Lower Gwynedd
Township**

Polling Locations



Spring House Village Shopping Center Construction Site Photo taken by Harvey Salwen on June 21, 2016.



Blair Godshall,
MidAtlantic and
Kathleen Hunsicker,
Lower Gwynedd
Township Supervisor,
Vice-Chair at the Spring
House Village Shopping
Center Redevelopment.

TOWNSHIP NOTICES

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Looking Ahead to Fall



Burning: Open burning is no longer permitted in Lower Gwynedd Township. It is still permissible to use Chimeneas, or other items that can be purchased for this purpose, provided they are less than 3 feet in diameter and are designed for occasional use. Fire Pits can be approved for use if less than 3 feet in diameter. All devices must be at least 10 feet from combustibles—including decks and other accessory structures. It is also important to be mindful of your neighbors if you use these type devices—many complaints are received for smoke traveling from a neighbor's outside fire.

Fall Preparation: Have your fire alarm system serviced—clean the detectors, check batteries (if you have them) and make sure the system is in full working order. As we prepare to close up for the colder months, detection is very important.

Contractors working at your residence: If a contractor is working at your residence doing work that is dusty or dirty, put your fire alarm system on test to avoid an unnecessary dispatch to your residence. At the completion of the work, have the detectors cleaned to assure proper operation.

Outside Clean-up: If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please make sure that plant material is cleared at least 3 feet away on all

sides. Hiding the hydrant with shrubs or other materials could result in a serious delay in an emergency.

Identification: Please make sure that you have a house number posted that is visible from the street. The Fire Code requests 4 inches in height with a ½ inch letter stroke. In order for the emergency services to assist you, we need to be able to find you.

Kids Fire Safety: Children can be involved in fire-play. The highest occurrences of these events are in the 4 to 6 year-old age group. If you suspect a problem of this type, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office—we can connect you with some very good programs available to help address this problem.

Fund Drives Each company serving the Township is fully volunteer. While they receive tax money from the Township and from grants and other sources, the operation of a fire company includes significant expenditures for apparatus and equipment. Please consider the time and effort that each company expends for the Township when you receive your donation request.

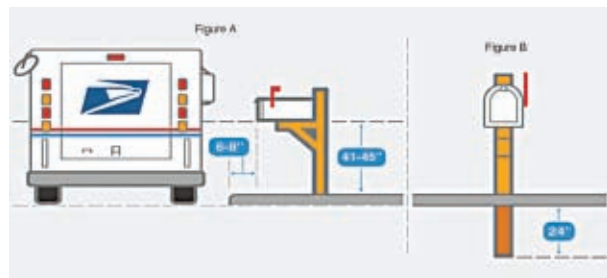
Questions and Help Please call the Fire Marshal's Office at the Township 215-646-5302 if you have questions or have a specific item you wish to discuss. We prefer dealing with issues before they become emergencies.

PUBLIC WORKS

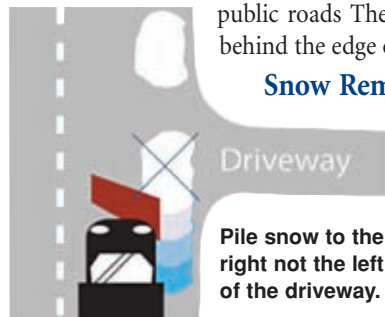
Mailboxes – All mailboxes should be installed in accordance to U.S. Postal Standards. Please reference the following website www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm and the image below for proper placement. Mailboxes that are not installed in accordance to US Postal Standards and are struck by a Township plow during snow removal operations are the sole responsibility of the property owner to repair.

Leaves – Lower Gwynedd Township requests that residents do not place their leaves in Township roadways until they are able to be disposed of. Leaves that are placed within 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 and page 10 of this newsletter for when the Township Waste Management Company will be picking up leaves that are placed in biodegradable bags and placed curb side.

Road 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 property owner's responsibility to maintain landscaping that unreasonably affects or interferes with the health, safety or unobstructed use of



public roads The Public Works Department recommends that all landscaping be maintained to 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 department works around the clock until all roadways are plowed or treated. Below are some tips to help the public works department be more efficient in their winter weather operations. Keep roadways adjacent to your property clear of obstructions that would prohibit the public works department from plowing to the curb line or treating the roadway. Pushing or throwing snow out into Township Roadways is prohibited. When the township declares a snow emergency residents with off street parking are required to remove their vehicles from the township roadway. Please wait until the Township clears and salts the roadway for the final time before clearing your driveway and sidewalk.

NATURALIZING BASINS

Stormwater management continues to be a major issue facing municipalities. How do we manage the water runoff following a rain or snow event? How do we deal with the increased volume of water resulting from more and more impervious surfaces? Townships all over the commonwealth and nation, for that matter, have been struggling to find answers to these very same questions. Lower Gwynedd Township is no exception.

Over the years as the Township developed, conventional basins were installed to capture the runoff water generated from a particular residential neighborhood, parking lot, commercial property, or a new roadway. These basins were designed as expansive mowed areas used to hold storm water in an effort to prevent downstream flooding. The basins would fill up and then the water would slowly be released to a nearby stream through some type of outfall structure. Often times, a concrete flow channel would be installed to eliminate ponding between pipes coming into and out of the basin. The channels gave a very clean appearance to the basins. Water would leave these types of basins too quickly causing a surge in receiving water bodies or the basins would receive too much water and overflow. While the conventional basins served a purpose, the basins only addressed one aspect of stormwater management, water quantity. They did little or nothing to address water quality.

As stormwater management continues to evolve, there has been increased evidence that supports the naturalization of basins. Basin naturalization can assist in managing both the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff. Existing conventional basins can be easily retrofitted to naturalized basins. The general idea for naturalization is to convert the basin floor from grass to wet-tolerant plantings and remove concrete flow channels if they exist, and possibly modify the outfall structure. The wet-tolerant plantings have a deeper root system than grass and can promote groundwater recharge and sediment filtering properties at the surface. The basin retrofits will assist in treating runoff in an effort to reduce nutrients and sediments from entering the nearby waterways and work to slow the flow of stormwater and promote absorption and evapotranspiration. Other methods of naturalization include planting larger vegetation like trees, spreading wildflower seed mixes, and designating basin areas as “no mow” locations. Naturalized basins are easy to maintain and provide aesthetic benefits to the surrounding community, while also serving a greater purpose of increasing water quality and reducing pollution.



For more information on naturalized basins please check out the Lower Gwynedd Township website at www.lowergwynedd.org and click on the “stormwater” page under the “information” tab. There are three educational videos pertaining to basin naturalization located on this page.

Pennsylvania’s School Bus Stopping Law Pennsylvania Vehicle Code

PAVC 3345(a) Meeting or Overtaking School Bus

When a School Bus is stopped on a highway or traffic way with its red lights flashing and side arm extended, a driver following or approaching must stop at least 10 feet from reaching the bus and remain stationary until the lights on the bus are turned off or the children who may have alighted (stepped down or dismounted) have reached a place of safety.

The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which a School Bus is stopped shall stop his vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal lights on the School Bus are no longer activated.

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania’s School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive the following additional Penalties including the below fine and costs:

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| • FINE | \$250.00 |
| • EMS | \$10.00 |
| • MCARE/SURCHARGE | \$75.00 |
| • COSTS | \$38.50 |
| • JCP / ATJ | \$10.00 |
| Total Costs Due | \$383.50 |
- 60 Day Driver’s License Suspension
 - Five (5) points on your driving record

Your requirements and responsibilities as a licensed Pennsylvania driver are to obey the School Bus Stopping Law.





- **ONLY** when the bus is on the opposite side of the street with a clearly defined dividing section or physical barriers providing separate roadways do drivers not have to stop on a highway or roadway.
- **YOU MUST STOP** when you meet or are attempting to pass or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and the stop arm bar is extended.
- **YOU MUST STOP** when you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and the stop arm is extended.
- **YOU MUST STOP** on roadways divided with painted lines.
- **YOU MUST STOP** at an intersection whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. **ALL TRAFFIC MUST STOP.**
- **YOU MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the School Bus.



Recycling News

Recycling is Required

Municipal and state regulations require that residents, commercial establishments and non-residential establishments recycle all recyclable materials. Commonly recycled materials include:

-  Paper – newspaper, office/copy paper, glossy paper, color paper, cardboard, junk mail, phone books, cereal/cracker boxes
-  Plastic – bottles and jugs No. 1-7
-  Glass – clear, green and brown containers
-  Metal – aluminum, steel, tin, and bimetal cans and containers



Lower Gwynedd Township requires all residential dwellings, commercial establishments, and hospitality establishments (including restaurants and taverns) to recycle the above noted items. The LGT Ordinance also requires recycling containers to be provided at all community events attended by 200 people or more. Recycling is single-stream so separation is not required.

If you are interested in learning what other items can be recycled call Waste Management at 1-800-328-1717. LGT also has a leaf and yard waste recycling program where our contracted hauler 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. All leaf and yard waste must be placed in biodegradable bags and there is a limit of eight bags per pick-up.

Recycling of Electronic Devices

Pennsylvania Act 108 requires that all electronic devices be recycled, they cannot be left at the curb to be picked up by your trash hauler. Electronic devices consist of desktop and laptop computers, tablets, monitors, peripheral devices, and TVs. Except for TVs and CRT monitors, electronic devices can be brought to Best Buy to be recycled. Due to the cost of recycling old CRT TVs and CRT monitors, Best Buy now charges customers \$25 for each TV and computer monitor they recycle, but they cannot do this in Pennsylvania due to Act 208 which prevents them from collecting recycling fees. Only two states, Pennsylvania and Illinois, do not allow retailers to charge a recycling fee. All other products – such as batteries, ink cartridges, computers, printers and hundreds of other items – can be recycled for free at all of the Best Buy stores.

There are several options for recycling old TVs and CRT monitors:

Best Buy has a Pickup and Haul Away program that charges \$99.99 to haul away TVs and appliances of any size. You must go in to the Best Buy store to order this service.

There are two other pickup services: **800-GOT-JUNK** and **800-HAUL-OUT**. These services pick up TVs and other appliances. You call them to set up a pickup time. Got Junk charges about \$124 for a large TV; Haul Out charges about \$137.

You can drop off your TV, CRT monitor or large appliances at **611 Metals Recycling** located in Willow Grove (267-221-6924); they charge \$0.60 per pound.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECYCLING

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

- Saturday, September 17th, 2016- Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center, 400 South Lewis Rd., Royersford, PA
- Sunday, October 16th, 2016- Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 N. Woodbine Ave, Penn Valley, PA 19072

Montgomery County will also host a paper shredding event from 9am-12pm on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at the Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley, PA 19072. For additional information visit www.montgomerycountyclecyls.org or call the recycling hotline at 610-278-3618.



2016 FALL LEAF COLLECTION DATES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT CUSTOMERS

10/8/16  10/15/16  11/12/16  11/19/16  12/10/16  12/17/16

All leaves shall be placed in biodegradable bags and placed curbside by 6:00 AM of the collection date but no earlier than 7:00 PM the prior day.



Trash and Recycling Container Reminder



As a reminder no waste or recycling material container shall be placed at the curb or in the front yard of any resident's property prior to 7:00 PM on the evening prior to your scheduled collection day. Also, all containers must be promptly removed after being emptied on the day of collection.

Cardboard and Paper Recycling Drop-Off

Lower Gwynedd Township residents can drop off cardboard and paper for recycling behind the Administrative Offices of the Wissahickon School District located at 601 Knight Road in Lower Gwynedd Township.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Registration

Pre-registration is required for all programs 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: www.lowergwynedd.org forms can also be faxed or emailed. We accept cash, checks (please make 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 park and ski ticket sales are final and nonrefundable. All refunds requested by the registrant that are granted will be charged 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, newsletter, website or flyers.

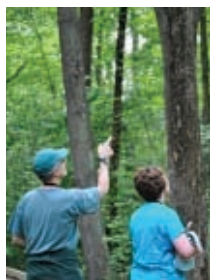
Audubon Bird Town Bird Walk

Saturday, October 1 at 8:30 am

Penllyn Woods (directions on our Website)

Meet at the Community Building in the park for our next morning bird walk. Each walk explores different sections of the park; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area). All are welcome, including new birders and experienced birders alike. Leaders will be from the area Audubon Society with knowledge of the many birds you may see. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Ages: 12 & up; free.



Discounted Tickets

The Parks & Recreation Department offers a variety of discounted Amusement Park/Ski tickets for many destinations year round. Tickets can be purchased at the Township Building Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m. Save money and time – pay less for visits to Dorney Park, Hersheypark, Adventure Aquarium, Baltimore Aquarium, all the way to Busch Gardens, Sea World Orlando and more. Ski Lift tickets will be available in late November for the best Pocono runs with holiday specials at some of the mountains and more... For a complete listing of the tickets currently available, visit the Parks & Recreation page on the Township Website, www.lowergwynedd.org



Thursday Knitting Group

This group meets at the Penllyn Woods Community Building every Thursday afternoon (except for Holidays) from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. If you want to learn how to knit or crochet join in! Need a little help? Have questions on a pattern? You'll get lots of information, free advice and some lively conversation.



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.

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FOR RENT: Penllyn Woods Community Building Pavilions, Fields and Courts

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 or Pavilions in the parks! Rentals can include use of a kitchen at the Community Building. For more information about the facilities check the township webpage or contact the Recreation Department at 215-646-5302.

Philadelphia Flower Show

Discount tickets will be available in late January. The 2017 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show will celebrate the wonders of Holland. From windmills, wooden shoes and cheese, to bicycles, canals and vibrant tulip and flower fields, the largest flower show in the U.S. will share diverse stories of horticulture, innovative eco-design, and modern urban greening and sustainability efforts of the Netherlands, **March 11 – 19, 2017** at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.



MLK Day, January 16, 2017

Special Book Reading at Barnes and Noble

Families of all ages are invited to participate in a special reading at the Barnes & Noble Store in Montgomeryville at 1:00pm in honor of the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Books based on his convictions and his hopes will be on hand. A percent of purchases on that day will be donated to the Lower Gwynedd Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. More information in December on the Lower Gwynedd website.



Tech Question & Answers

by the Blue Bell Branch of the Wissahickon Library

Wednesday, October 19

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lower Gwynedd Township Building

Having 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 215-646-1320 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 devices that are not working properly and can't fix devices.

Trail Dusters

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

Dates: Tuesday and Thursdays

September 6 – October 13

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Varies each week, participants will receive a list of walking locations upon registering for the program.

Cost: \$5 per person



Smart Soccer

Lower Gwynedd Township is pleased to announce a new partnership with the locally based and very popular Smart Soccer program. This fun Smart Start soccer skills program is for children age 3, 4 and 5 offering young players lots of touches on the ball and a variety of activities that are fun and motivational for this age group. Parents have a choice of two sessions offered on Thursdays

beginning September 22 at Oxford Park.

Please note since the children are very young some parental assistance may be required in terms of helping your own child in some of the skills. This approach has proven very successful in many similar programs run by Smart Soccer in this area.

For more information on the Smart Soccer program please visit www.SmartSoccer.com

Dates: Thursdays, September 22 - October 27 **Times:** Session 1 10:30 – 11:15 / Session 2 11:30 – 12:15

Cost: \$75 per child includes a T-shirt

Location: Oxford Park, 1428 W. Welsh Road, North Wales (Park Entrance on Cambridge Drive)

Minimum of 10 participants per session required we could combine into one session if necessary.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Creative Coterie at Penllyn Woods

SEW A HALLOWEEN TREAT BAG

Learn sewing basics while creating a Halloween treat bag for your little trick-or-treater. Students will learn how to use a sewing machine, read a commercial pattern, and how to purchase supplies. Students purchase supplies outside of class. Finished project results depend on student's selection. Pattern provides for three options: Scary cat and two monster versions. Use of sewing machines and tools provided. 4 nights \$85.00 (Adults only).

Dates: October 3-6, 2016

Time: 6:00- 8:30pm

Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building



Holiday Table Runner

Even if you've never sewn before, you can create a beautiful holiday table runner. Learn how to use a sewing machine, use a commercial pattern, and shop for your own supplies. You won't believe how easy it is! Students can buy a choice of two pattern options with each offering an easy and more challenging project. Students purchase supplies outside of class. Use of sewing machines and tools provided. Three nights \$65.00 (Adults only).

Dates: November 15-17, 2016 **Time:** 6-8:30 pm

Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building **Cost:** \$65

SPECIAL PARENT & CHILD CLASS

PARENT & CHILD PET PROJECT

Make your dog a coat or cute costume. Have a cat? Then, how about a bed for the feline in your house?

This class is offered as a paired, parent and child sewing class. The 4 week session covers how to use a sewing machine, how to buy fabric, notions, patterns, and all the supplies needed to make your pet project. Multiple pattern choices are available for the students to buy. **Class is for children 10 years and older with an adult.** Depending on the age of the child, skills, and project selected, the student pair can choose to make individual projects or work on one project together. Sewing machines and tools provided and shared with each student pair. Students purchase supplies outside of class. 4 class sessions. One child (10 years or older) plus one adult: \$160.00

Dates: September 24, October 1, 15, 22

Time: 9:00-Noon

Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building

Cost: \$160.00



Get on Track!

Fitness Training in Penllyn Woods

Join this new workout for adults who want to rev up their routine to stay healthy. The focus will be on your own level of fitness and abilities to start. We use many different techniques to prevent boredom and you never know what is coming next. Mobility is key factor in longevity and health. Focusing on areas which may have a lack of ROM can have great benefits for future success as well. This class will use body weight, go indoors and outdoors (weather permitting).

Ages: 30+ **Dates:** September 21 through October 26 **Time:** 9:00am- 10:00am

Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building **Cost:** \$85



PARKS AND RECREATION



Young Rembrandts Fall & Winter Specialty Workshops

Register early to reserve a place for your young artists! Specially set up for kids to experience artistic success.

Half Day WORKSHOPS on early dismissal days. Classes will be held at Penllyn Woods Building. Maximum class capacity is to be no more than twenty participants

CHRISTMAS ART WORKSHOP

(AGES 6-12)

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

This workshop is all about Christmas! On Day 1, we will draw many drawings all related to Christmas including: an angel, a Santa, a shepherd, the Three Kings and more. Day 2 will involve cartooning a variety of Christmas themed characters and scenes. Then, on the final day, we will complete one large Nativity scene incorporating all the elements we have learned. Pencils, markers color pencils and Sharpies™ will be used.

Dates: November 21, 22, 23

Time: 1:00pm through 3:00pm

Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building

Cost: \$80 per participant

HOUSEHOLD PETS

(AGES 6-12)

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

Our students will be elated as we celebrate our cuddly friends in the Household Pets workshop. We'll get our feet wet on the first day of class as we draw a stylized aquarium graphic. The second day of class will be a colorful one as we learn to draw a detailed birdcage. The following day, we will explore the playful side of our animal friends in amusing cartoon images. Enroll today!

Dates: March 29, 30, 31, 2017

Time: 1:00pm through 3:00pm

Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building

Cost: \$80 per participant



AMBLER PUMPKIN YARDS DRIVE IN MOVIE... OCTOBER FUN!

Get the experience of a Drive-In Movie and enjoy a Halloween family movie. Refreshments available- find more information in September on www.lowergwynedd.org OR <http://amblyards.com/news-2/>



Date: October 7 **Raindate:** October 14

Time: 6:00pm open lot, 7:00pm Movie begins

Location: Ambler Yards Parking Lot - 300 Brookside Ave

Cost: \$15 per car

TURKEY DAY CENTERPIECE

Floral designers from **Blooms and Buds of Blue Bell** will instruct participants in creating a seasonal centerpiece using fresh and dried materials that will be perfect for display on your Thanksgiving table or anywhere else in your home. Learn skills to use for all your home arrangements! Note Ages: Must be 16 years and up to register and you must bring kitchen shears to participate!

Date: Saturday, November 19 **Time:** 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building **Cost:** \$40, all materials included

PARKS AND RECREATION

HOLIDAY WREATH WORKSHOP

Learn the secrets of assembling a beautiful wreath that you can hang indoors or out. Blooms & Buds Floral Designers will take you step by step through the process, right down to a fabulous bow. Materials will include a base wreath, pinecones and fresh accent greenery, several different ribbon choices and a little bit of shiny & bright! Advice for using other materials and different styles will be available.

Date: November 30 **Time:** 6:30- 8:30pm

Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building **Cost:** \$40, all materials included



HOLIDAY WALKABOUT IN DOWNTOWN SPRINGHOUSE SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2016



Kick start your holiday shopping season on a day celebrating the uniqueness, charm and economic impact that small businesses bring to our community! Join the **Lower Gwynedd Business Association** and the **Lower Gwynedd Recreation Department** on Saturday, November, 26 for a Holiday Walkabout. All the local stores on and off the Pike invite you to explore their specialties and enjoy the sales!

Somewhere along the way, you'll want to stop and get some of the tasty wares of all the food establishments. There's bound to be hot chocolate and cookies and sweets, caroling groups to listen to, a gift wrapping stand to ease your stress, and jolly, old St. Nicholas will be waiting to hear what the kids want for their favorite holiday. Make sure you vote for the Best Window On The Pike! Look for more information on the LGBA (<http://www.lowergwynedd.biz>) and LGT websites (www.lowergwynedd.org)

2017 SUMMER CAMP

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

Applications for Summer Camp Counselors are being accepted. All applicants must go through the interview process and complete all necessary background checks. Applicants must be 15 years of age and over. Applications deadline: January 31, 2017

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

The CIT program is designed to train youths ages 13-14 to assist the staff with the activities and programs conducted at the summer camp. There is a \$100 fee to participate in this program – covering program administration and supervision. Successful participation in this program may be a “stepping stone” for future employment with the Parks & Recreation Department. Participants must complete an employment application, go through the interview process and complete all necessary background checks. The fee will be collected if the applicant is chosen to participant. Application Deadline: January 31, 2017.



What Did You Do For Lunch Today? Meals on Wheels Program

The Montco SAAC (Montgomery Senior Adult Activity Center) in Norristown is actively recruiting volunteers to drive and deliver meals to our homebound frail seniors who receive home delivered meals. The process is very simple and takes less than two hours of your time. Drivers and delivery volunteers leave our center at 10:30 a.m. are back from delivering by noon. Each route is self-contained with travel directions and information about the consumer. The service area includes: Ambler, Horsham, Lower Gwynedd, Springfield, Upper Dublin, Whitpain and Ambler Borough.



It is fun to drive and deliver with a friend, neighbor, work buddy or your spouse. You can deliver one day a week, one day every other week, once a month or simply be on our sub list. Schedules are flexible for vacations and time away.

If you would like more information about volunteering with us, please contact Paula Mayewski, Director of Meals on Wheels for Montco SAAC at 215-619-8863. If I am not in the office, please leave a voice mail message and I will return your call. You can email me at paulam@montcosaac.com as well for additional information. Thank for your consideration of this volunteer opportunity.

Be HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun and spooky time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few safety tips.

HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- **When choosing a costume**, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. **Keep** these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, and heaters.
- **It is safest to use** a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all time when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- **Tell children** to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)
- **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

Use **flashlights** as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 1,000 reported home fires each year.



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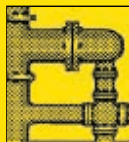
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