



London Grove Gazette



Fall 2017 Newsletter

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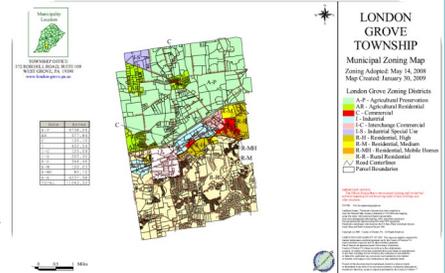
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID CONNORS

I wanted to take a second and thank all of those on the Zoning Sub Committee, and also the Planning Commission for the time it took to review and revise the proposed updates. London Grove has been working on updating our zoning ordinances for the past two years, and the process has finally made it to the Supervisors for review. Zoning covers minor issues like where you can put your fence or shed, and more important issues like housing density. The process was guided by Board member Mike Pickel and a volunteer subcommittee for many months, and that draft document then proceeded through the Township's Planning Commission. Over the next couple of months the Supervisors will be holding special work session meetings to review and finish the process. When this process is complete there will be a 30-day review period for public comment. These sessions are open to the public. You are invited to attend.

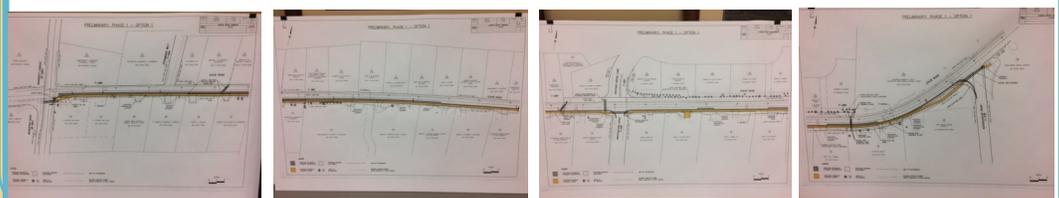


The Supervisors have been discussing the proposed sidewalks along State Road from Route 841 to Schoolhouse Road for several months. We received valuable feedback from residents that live along State Road and will be continuing this process along. I wanted to thank Township resident Steve Giampaolo and his firm McMahan Associates, Inc. In addition to handling the engineering of the sidewalk, Steve and his group are helping us write grant applications for both the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, a federal grant and PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation Fund.

As always, I encourage our residents to stay informed and sign up on our Township website and like our Township Facebook page. We post anything/everything Township related on these feeds.

Regards,

David Connors
Vice Chairman



LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OCCUPIES NEW FACILITY

BY: SHANE KINSEY



In late August London Grove Township Public Works Department began moving into a new 14,500

square foot facility adjacent to the Township Administrative Building. This new building replaces the under-sized and outdated Route 41 garage. Additionally, the Public Works Department will no longer need to store equipment or materials at satellite sites.

The new facility includes adequate vehicle and equipment storage, a dedicated maintenance bay, a dedicated wash bay, a dedi-



icated sign shop, tool storage areas as well as office space for Public Works Department staff. There is a break room and a sleeping area for Public Works Staff during storms. We have included an area that is dedicated for the multiple training classes the Township hosts yearly.



The new facility also includes a new salt shed capable of holding a years supply of salt. Previously, the Township could only store enough salt for one (1) storm which created issues when we received back to back storms.

The new salt shed also will house a mod-

ern brine production facility which will not only allow the department

to produce brine at a very low cost but will also cut the corrosiveness of the brine. The department anticipates being completely moved into the new building by late September.



The Township is currently researching the sale of the Route 41 facility.



IGNORING ROAD CLOSURE SIGNS COULD EQUAL BIG FINES

BY SHANE KINSEY

Pennsylvania law provides for stiff penalties on motorists who ignore “road closed” and other safety warning signs and devises. The laws purpose is to increase the safety of Public Works personnel and Emergency Providers when roads must be closed due to flooding, downed trees, or other impairments.

Motorists who drive around or through “road closed” signs, or other traffic control devises such as cones or barricades which are closing a road due to hazardous conditions can be fined up to \$250 plus costs, and will be accessed two points on their license.

If the violation results in the need for an emergency response, such as if a road is closed due to flooding or drifting snow and a motorist becomes stuck attempting to travel thru the hazard, the fine can be increased to \$500 plus costs, and the violator will be held liable for any emergency response.





**Park Hours:
Dawn to Dusk**

Check out our full house of garden beds this year! Happy Harvesting!



Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Township Building unless otherwise stated:

Board of Supervisors Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Authority Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board meets on an as needed basis.

Open Space Committee Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Committee meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**MORE THAN GOATS AND GARDENING
BY AUDREY REITH**



From the inception of 4-H through our Country's leading Land Grant institutions, youth activities were based upon agriculture. Known as "corn and canning clubs", 4-H was given birth through the Cooperative Extension System, like that of Penn State.

You are probably wondering, "What does that have to do with London Grove Township?"

London Grove has once again become home to an active 4-h club. The SPARKS 4-H club has grown to over 16 active members with shared interests in agriculture related projects. Club project include dairy goats, poultry, sheep, honeybees, sewing, crafts, woodworking, educational talks, and community service. This year marks the third year of planting in the Goddard Park Community Garden. The harvested produce goes to the Bridge food pantry at Nazarene Church on State Street. It also marks the third year of youth showing together at local fairs. This year, youth brought poultry projects to the Goshen County Fair and the Chester



County 4-H Fair in Honeybrook. The entire club has shown at least one dairy goat at a local fair. Cecil County, Goshen and Kimberton Fireman's Fairs, and Chester 4-H fairs have all been blessed with the SPARKS animals. Some of the members have also shown regionally at four separate events sponsored by the Maryland Dairy Goat Association.

Highlights from this year include several Junior and Senior Championships for the youth's Alpine dairy goats, but also four Best of Show selections. The animals are owned by three Chester County farms, Aristos' Harvest of Lincoln University, Reith Brother's Farm of West Grove, and Full House Farm of Glen Mills. The families have worked together to teach youth hands-on skills to make the best better.



Planning for the 2017/2018 4-H year has begun. The 4-H members have planned to use veterinary science curriculum from PSU Extension, sewing, woodworking, sheep and goat science, poultry, and rabbit care, as well as to continue volunteering in their communities.



The club does meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday in West Grove. For more information, please call the Penn State Extension office at 610-696-3500.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVOID THE FLU
(NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL)
DAWN MACIEJCZYK**

Fever, headache, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat, stuffy nose, nausea: if these symptoms hit, you may have been bitten by the flu bug.

Who is the most vulnerable? During the 2014-15 flu season, people over the age of 65 comprised 60% of all cases of flu in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In February that year, the number of people over the age of 65 hospitalized for flu was the most since the CDC began recording those numbers in 2005. Children from birth to age 4 represented the second-highest hospitalization rate. **What can you do to stay healthy?** The CDC recommends everyone older than 6 months get an annual flu vaccine as soon as the vaccine becomes available; October is the ideal time to

get vaccinated, but it's never too late. If you don't like needles, ask your doctor if a nasal flu spray is available. Avoid being around sick people if possible. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, preferably with the inside of your arm rather than your hand. Avoid touching your face. Disinfect surfaces that may be contaminated.



MS4 Tip:

Chlorinated water discharged to surface waters has an adverse effect on local water quality. Swimming pools are a major source of chlorinated water discharged into sanitary and storm sewer systems. An average swimming pool holds 19,000 gallons of highly chlorinated water, which is toxic to wildlife and fish. Instead of discharging pool water to the storm system or directly into a water body, residents should investigate alternative discharge options such as discharging the chlorinated water to land where it will not drain to local surface water or de-chlorinate the water before draining the pool.



Bonfire Safety

For those crisp, chilly autumn nights that people like to enjoy bonfires take the following precautions. Fire can spread easily, so where and how you build your bonfire is important. If you are having a bonfire, follow these simple guidelines.

1. Alert your neighbors beforehand—they are much less likely to complain if they have a heads up.
2. Light the bonfire at a time that is least likely to affect your neighbors.
3. Only burn dry wood, not damp, which causes more smoke.
4. Build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees.
5. Check to make sure there are no cables, like telephone wires, above the bonfire.
6. Don't use petrol or paraffin to get the fire going as it may get out of control quickly.
7. As a rule of thumb the bonfire should be a minimum of five times its height from the property.



EVERY SECOND COUNTS

PLAN 2 WAYS OUT!



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 8-14, 2017
firepreventionweek.org

In a fire, seconds count! Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end tragically.

This year's Fire Prevention week Theme "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here's this year's key campaign message:

1. Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two (2) exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
2. Practice your home fire drill twice (2) a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.



3. Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can not help them.
4. Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
5. Close doors behind you as you leave— this may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
6. Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.



**NEWS FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL
ROBERT WEER**

Clothes Dryer Safety



This bulletin is in response to a resident's concern about issues associated with roof venting clothes dryer systems. In some developments, the design included installation of a venting system to terminate through the roof.

Nationally adopted code recognized this as an acceptable method of venting. It is necessary to properly install any dryer according to manu-



facture instructions.

The immediate concern, as with any clothes dryer system, is routine maintenance. Regular cleaning of the lint trap and venting system will help to minimize the risk of fire.

For more information on Clothes Dryer Safety visit www.nfpa.org or contact Robert Weer, Fire Marshal at 610-345-0100 or rweer@londongrove.org.



MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY NEWS
BY KAREN LINAWEAVER

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

London Grove Township needs volunteers for various Boards and Commissions.

Periodically the Township invites residents to volunteer their time on the various boards and commissions that service the community. Please see below the available opportunities to volunteer. This is your time to give back to your community. The Township appreciates your service!

If you would like more information on the Boards and Commissions that have vacancies please contact the Township at 610-345-0100.

Board of Auditors

2 Vacancies

Historical Commission

4 Vacancies

Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals

2 Vacancies



**THERE IS NO "I" IN TEAM
...BUT THERE IS A "U" IN
VOLUNTEER!**



The LGTMA advertised an Invitation to Bid for Demolition of the "former" Conard Pyle Warehouse buildings on Rose Hill Road. The sealed bids were received on August 14, 2017 by 3:00 p.m. The bids were opened at the LGTMA regular public meeting on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building. This project has an anticipated timeline of 90 days. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this project may cause through the duration of the demolition.



London Grove Township Municipal Authority would like to welcome Douglas Ward as a new Board Member of the Municipal Authority! In late spring, we also welcomed Joseph Nash as a new employee of the maintenance staff. Welcome Aboard!



The London Grove Township Municipal Authority is a municipal utility that bills property owners only. Please be advised that if you have a rental property, the bill is the responsibility of the property owner to the Municipal Authority. The Municipal Authority doesn't get involved in issues between property owners and their renters. We request that rental unit property owners discuss this with their tenants and ask them to contact you (property owner) with questions. Sub-

sequently, the property owner can feel free to contact the Municipal Authority for any questions regarding their water and/or sewer service. Thank you.

The Municipal Authority annual fire hydrant flushing program scheduled for July and August is still ongoing and will be completed shortly.



Flushing ensures the hydrants are exercised, maintained, and in full service. Your water may be slightly discolored from air pockets and disturbance of the water mains. This condition will dissipate when you run your water for a short period of time. The water is still potable (safe to drink). The Municipal Authority reserves the right to flush fire hydrants throughout the year to ensure fire hydrants are performing properly.



The London Grove Township Municipal Authority meets the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building. The public is invited.

Ms. Karen A. Linaweaver, Manager
London Grove Township
Municipal Authority
372 Rose Hill Road, Suite 300
West Grove, PA 19390

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE NEWS

TINA SKINNER



Landowners in London Grove Township have a long and successful record of using conservation easements to permanently protect their properties in agricultural and related open space uses. Working with the Chester County Agricultural

stabilize stream banks reduce flooding maintain ideal water temperature for aquatic animals protect native plant species and provide habitat for wildlife absorb and store carbon from the air feed streams with organic matter essential for bottom-dwelling organisms help conserve scenic and recreation areas

Lands Preservation Board, the Brandywine Conservancy, Natural Lands Trust, and The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County, roughly 21% of the Township's land area is protected in this way.

The Open Space Committee is prepared to work with those landowners who attended the June meeting, or any others in the Township whose land includes stream corridors, to protect existing forested buffers and install vegetation where it currently is lacking. These steps can be taken on land already under conservation easement or properties that do not now have such protection.

The Township's Open Space Committee currently is focusing on the Township's streams and the lands adjacent to them. Known as riparian corridors, these lands can play a critical role in improving water quality in those streams. The Open Space Committee would like to work with owners of land with riparian corridors to accomplish these important environmental benefits at little or no cost to the landowner. In so doing, the Township can demonstrate progress toward meeting the objectives of the federal stormwater management program known as MS4.



Map of the portion of the Township showing existing riparian forest buffers (blue) and gaps in the buffers (yellow). Restoring the gaps through voluntary landowner participation and replanting would be the desired focus of this open space initiative.

Through its Open Space Fund, the Township is able to purchase riparian corridor easements; donations of such easements, which may qualify for tax advantages, also are an option. In addition, grant funding from several sources may be available to support purchase of plant material and its maintenance over time.

In June, the Open Space Committee invited owners of land with riparian corridors to a presentation on forested riparian buffers. Experts from Stroud Water Research Center, Natural Lands Trust, and the Brandywine Conservancy explained the benefits of such vegetated buffers, which are key to the health of our water and the management of stormwater runoff.

Beyond financial considerations for this initiative, most donors or sellers of conservation easements take inspiration from the resulting environmental benefits. For this riparian buffer program, "love of the land has to be a pretty strong motivation," says David Sweet, who works as a consultant with London Grove Township and assists the Open Space Committee's volunteer members.

The Brandywine Conservancy, in its publication, Forested Riparian Buffer Planting Guide for Landowners and Developers, points out that forested riparian buffers are essential to surface water quality and are the most cost-effective way to:

- filter excess nutrients, sediment, and pesticides from runoff
- improve safety and reliability of the water supply
- reduce water treatment costs

London Grove landowners who want to learn more about providing for the health of waterways on their property are encouraged to reach out to the Township, or to David Sweet of the Open Space Committee at 610-436-6585 / dsweet510@verizon.net

More detailed information about forested riparian buffers is available at www.brandywine.org/conservancy.



CONSERVING ENERGY IN YOUR HOME

WWW.NWF.ORG

DAWN MACIEJCZYK

Green Lighting Tips:

- ◆ Turn off the lights that you are not using.
- ◆ Buy compact florescent bulbs, which reduce energy use by up to 75 percent. Set a goal of at least replacing the bulbs that are most commonly on in your home.
- ◆ If your older children live with you, put them in charge of the electricity bill. They'll make sure all the lights are turned off if they are responsible for paying the electricity.
- ◆ Do not place lamps near the thermostat. The thermostat senses the heat produced from the lamp which can change how often your furnace or air conditioner will run.
- ◆ Consider safer, more efficient Energy Star torchiere lamps over popular halogen torchiere lamps. The halogen lamps can cause fires, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. While relatively inexpensive to purchase, halogen lamps are expensive to operate.
- ◆ Use dimmers, timers and motion detectors on indoor and outdoor lighting.

Heating and Cooling Your Home

- ◆ Change or clean your furnace and air conditioner filters regularly to keep heating and cooling systems running efficiently.
- ◆ Dust can restrict airflow and stress the system. Filters can be washable or disposable. Measure the existing filter to make sure to buy a filter that fits properly. It is best to keep several filters on hand as replacements during the cooling season.
- ◆ Instead of disposing of a dirty furnace or air conditioner filter, you could vacuum it once per month and spray it with Endust or a similar product which restores the dust-catching ability of the filters. You can reuse the filter two or three times this way.
- ◆ Install a programmable thermostat to regulate your heating and cooling when you are not home.
- ◆ Test windows and doors to see if they need new weather-stripping by lighting a candle and moving it around the perimeter of the window or door. If the flame flickers, you need to install new weather-stripping. Don't put the candle near curtains or blinds though.
- ◆ Get your furnace or air conditioner inspected every few years.
- ◆ Install window film for windows that you don't open often, or that seem drafty.
- ◆ Plant deciduous trees outside windows on the south side of your house to provide shade in summer and allow sunlight in winter.

- ◆ If you live in a house or apartment with water-heated radiators, put foil-faced insulation board between the radiators and the outside walls, with the foil side facing the room.
- ◆ Avoid water beds which use a lot of energy to heat in the winter. If you have a water bed, insulate around it and cover it with many blankets to keep the heat in.
- ◆ Install ceiling fans to improve the efficiency of your heating and cooling systems.

Washing

- ◆ Set your water heater to a lower setting or call a service person to adjust it for you.
- ◆ Put an appropriate insulation blanket around your water heater.
- ◆ Run your dishwasher without the "drying cycle" and just let dishes drip dry.
- ◆ Do full loads when you use clothes washers and dishwashers.
- ◆ To reduce the amount of dishes to wash, label the bottom of cups and mugs with family member's names.
- ◆ Reduce the amount of towels to wash by labeling towels or hooks.
- ◆ Choose cold or warm cycles over hot cycles because heating the water for laundry consumes 90 % of the energy of the laundry process.

Refrigerators and Freezers

- ◆ Keep condenser coils clean on the back of your refrigerator. Gently wipe and vacuum them once a year. Many fridges have a removable panel around the coils. Keep the back of the fridge at least four inches from the wall.
- ◆ Make sure the fridge door gasket seals tight. Test it by putting a piece of paper in a closed door. Pull on the paper and if it comes out too easy you need to replace your gasket. Test at several different places along the door. Another way to test: put a flashlight in your fridge and see if the light leaks out when you close the door.
- ◆ Check the temperature of your fridge and freezer by putting a thermometer in a glass of water. Put the glass of water in the center shelf in the center of the fridge. It should read 38-40 degrees Fahrenheit. The freezer should read 0-5 degrees Fahrenheit.
- ◆ If you have a large freezer, keep it in the basement or as cool a room as possible.
- ◆ The fuller the freezer the more energy efficient it is.
- ◆ Let hot food cool down a bit before you put it in the fridge.
- ◆ Install your fridge away from direct sun or your range top or oven. Try not to use a second refrigerator.
- ◆ Make sure your fridge is absolutely level to ensure the door gets closed every time you open it.

For more tips please visit <https://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Live-Green/Energy-Conservation/In-Your-Home.aspx>



Mark your
calendar!

**TRASH &
RECYCLING DAY
AT SECCRA
OCTOBER 14 ONE
(1) TO FOUR (4)
P.M. SHARP.**



**LEAF /YARD WASTE
PICK-UP DATES:**

Please call your trash hauler
directly to schedule your pick-
up.

Republic– September 23 &
October 21st

A.J. Blosenski– October 7 &
November 4th

Eagle– September 18th & 25th
& October 2nd

As a resident, you can get a free
permit from the Township Build-
ing to dispose of your yard waste
for free at SECCRA. Please bring
proof of residents to the Town-
ship Building for the issuance of
your permit. Any questions please
feel free to contact us at 610-345-
0100.

**GOING TRICK OR TREATING? REMEMBER
THIS...**

BY DAWN MACIEJCZYK



- S** Swords, knives and other costume accessories should be short, soft and flexible.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Walk and don't RUN from house to house.
- A** Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.
- L** Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Have a Happy, Healthy and Safe Halloween!





AVON GROVE LIBRARY NEWS
BY LISA SHERWOOD

From daily storytimes, homeschool programs, and special event weekend programming, to a teen service club, book club for adults, and crafting sessions, Avon Grove Library offers many opportunities for learning and enjoyment this September through December. Check the website www.avongrovelibrary.org often for updates and additions.

Children's and Family Programs:

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, along with their caregivers, can attend free **storytimes** held every weekday at the library. Most are themed for certain age groups, but older and younger siblings are always welcome. No registration is necessary.

Toddler Storytimes are held every Tuesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytimes are held every Monday at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., Thursday at 10 a.m. and Friday at 10 a.m.

Avon Grove Library partners with Starbucks Coffee in Jennersville to offer a weekly **Storytime at Starbucks**, held every Thursday at 1 p.m.

Books and Breakfast will return October 14 at 10 a.m. and continue on the second Saturday of each month with season-themed stories, crafts and breakfast. This free program requires no registration.

On the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m., visitors can build setups with tracks, buildings and accessories using the library's collection of **GeoTrax Trains**. This is a free program and no registration is needed.

On the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. to noon, slots are available for a 10-minute session reading aloud to "Cooper" or "Wesley," our **Paws for Reading** canine partners. All ages are welcome. Registration is required prior to this free program.

Lego Club and **Lego Block Party** are free, open to all ages, and need no registration. Lego Club is held the first and third Thursday of each month 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Lego Block Party is held the fourth Saturday of each month 1-2 p.m. Legos, Duplos and/or MegaBlocks are provided.

Avon Grove Girls "Josefina's Fiesta!" on Friday October 20th from 4-6p.m., celebrate Josefina, a New Mexican girl from the 1800s with fun crafts, games, stories and snacks...a real fiesta! This program is free but requires registration and is limited to 40 participants.

Homeschool Programs:

Lunch Bunch Book Club is a homeschool book club for 1st to 3rd graders, who read an assigned book at home then come to the library to enjoy lunch with friends while discussing the book and doing fun extension activities. Registration is required for this free program that meets the 1st Thursday of each month during the school year from 12:00-1:30p.m.

Cooks Among Books is a homeschool book club for 4th to 6th graders, who read an assigned book at home and come to the library to enjoy lunch with friends while discussing that book and then making a tasty treat related to the book. Registration is required for this free program that meets the 3rd Thursday of the month during the school year from 12:00-1:30p.m.

Teen Programs:

Tweens and teens entering sixth through twelfth grade earn service hours by volunteering to help at children's and family programs.

The **Teen Service Club** meets every Tuesday 3:30-5 p.m. Teens can accrue volunteer service hours by preparing storytime crafts, helping out at family programs, and participating in other activities to benefit the library. No registration is needed.

Adult Programs:

Avon Grove Library's **Book Club for Adults** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Participants vote on the titles to read, gathering monthly for lively conversation and snacks. No registration is necessary for this free program.

Craft and Create for Adults meets the first and second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Participants bring their own favorite project (painting, sewing, scrapbooking, etc.) and enjoy the company of other adults while crafting. No registration is necessary for this free program for adults 18 and over.

"Medicare vs. Social Security: Which Benefits Should You Choose and When?" will be offered on Wednesday, September 6, 2-3 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. (identical programs both hours) by Tri-State Senior Consultants in partnership with Avon Grove Library. No registration is required for this free program.



*CERT TRAINING: COMMUNITY
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
BY: CHUCK FREESE*

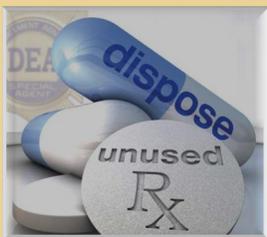
Medication Disposal

Do not flush or pour your unused medications down the sink.

How to dispose of medications at home:

1. Keep medicine in its original child-resistant container. Scratch or mark out the patient information on the label.
2. Place some water into solid medications, such as pills or capsules. Then add something nontoxic and unpalatable such as sawdust, kitty litter, charcoal, Comet or powdered spices (like cayenne pepper).
3. Close and seal the container lids tightly with packing or duct tape. If discarding blister packs of unused medicines, wrap in multiply layers of duct tape.
4. Place medicine containers in durable packaging that does not show what is inside (like a cardboard box).
5. Place in the trash close to garbage pick-up time.

Remember to keep your medications out of reach of children and pets. If you prefer to take your medications to a drop-off box, the closet one is located at the New Garden Police Department, 8934 Gap Newport Pike, Landenberg, PA 19352.



COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

SEPTEMBER 25TH—NOVEMBER 18TH, 2017

Title: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Purpose/Description: CERT Basic Training is designed to prepare you to help yourself and to help others in the event of a catastrophic disaster. In this event, emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately you can make a difference by using your CERT training to save lives and protect property.

Course Objectives:

1. Unit 1: Disaster Preparedness	2 hr 30 min
2. Unit 2: Fire Safety and Utility Controls	2 hr 30 min
3. Unit 3: Disaster Medical Operations I	2 hr 30 min
4. Unit 4: Disaster Medical Operations II	3 hr
5. Unit 5: Light Search & Rescue Operations	2 hr 30 min
6. Unit 6: CERT Organization	2 hr 30 min
7. Unit 7: Disaster Psychology	45 min
8. Unit 8: Terrorism and CERT	2 hr 30 min
9. Unit 9: Course Review, Final Exam, and Disaster Simulation	2 hr 30 min

TOTAL Hours 32 hours (including hands-on skills stations and disaster simulation)

Target Audience: This class is open to anyone who wants to learn how to be better prepared before, during, and after an emergency.

Prerequisite: None

Location: Chester County Public Safety Training Campus
137 Modena Road
Coatesville, PA 19320

CERT TRAINING: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM CONTINUED...

BY: CHUCK FREESE



Missing 2017's total solar eclipse? Start planning for the next one in 2024!

By Brian Lada, AccuWeather meteorologist and staff writer

Monday, August 21, 2017's solar eclipse is being touted as one of the biggest astronomical events of the year, but people that miss it will have the chance to see another in less than a decade.

On April 8, 2024, the shadow of the moon will once again completely block out the sun across the United States, this time from Texas to Maine. Portions of Mexico and eastern Canada will also experience a total solar eclipse. This will provide a second opportunity for people in the U.S. to experience one of nature's most beautiful displays.

Many major cities will be in the path of the 2024 total solar eclipse, including Dallas; Little Rock, Arkansas; Indianapolis; Cleveland; Buffalo, New York; and Montreal.



<u>Dates & Times:</u>	Monday,	September 25, 2017	6:30-9:30 p.m.
	Monday,	October 2, 2017	6:30-9:30 p.m.
	Monday,	October 9, 2017	6:30-9:30 p.m.
	Monday,	October 16, 2017	6:30-9:30 p.m.
	Monday,	October 23, 2017	6:30-9:30 p.m.
	Monday,	October 30, 2017	6:30-9:30 p.m.
	Monday,	November 6, 2017	6:30-9:30 p.m.
	Monday,	November 13, 2017	6:30-9:30 p.m.
	Saturday,	November 18, 2017	8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Administration Information:

There is no cost for attendance at this course. You must attend all days and participate in all modules to receive your certificate. Lunch will no longer be provided. Please plan to bring a lunch for the Saturday class.

All lodging, other meals, and additional costs are the responsibility of the student.

Methodology:

About half of the lessons focus on training and skills and half of the lessons focus on lecture of the various topics included in the CERT Basic Training course. Students are given plenty of time to practice their hands-on skills as these will be utilized in a final disaster simulation.

To Register:

Please visit the Chester County Training Website at: <http://destraining.chesco.org/ema/CERTFall2017>. You will need an account to register for the course. Registration ends on September 18, 2017. Upon registering you will receive an email confirmation.

Registration Deadline:

The registration deadline is Monday, September 18, 2017 unless the class fills early. Class size is limited to 30 participants.

Materials Required:

Pencils for note taking. All other supplies including a CERT backpack with preparedness materials will be provided.

To Get More Information:

For further information, please contact Thaddeus Kavanagh at tkavanagh@chesco.org or (610) 344-5540.



RECYCLING CORNER
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Fall is in the air! There are many ways to reduce the amount of waste we are putting into our landfills. Here are a few tips for a waste free fall.

Composting– The leaves are falling in your yard and it’s the perfect time to start or renew your home composting practice. A good compost pile has a healthy mix of leaves, straw, sawdust, vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, tea bags, etc. that will decompose over time to create nutrient rich soil that can be reused in your garden or around your trees and plants.



Fall Cleaning– Clean out those closets and get rid of those trinkets you never use. Collect items from your dresser drawers and around your home that you are no longer using. Donate to Goodwill, Salvation Army or you local Church for a family in need.

Family and Community Gatherings– Fall is the time of year for spending time outdoors with family and friends watching your favorite sports and tailgating at those football games while enjoying chili and hot dogs. When you entertain, consider using plates, silverware and cloth napkins instead of disposable dishes, plastic cutlery and paper napkins; buy your supplies and work to reduce the amount of packaging and save money. **Make sure you recycle in whatever activity you’re enjoying!**

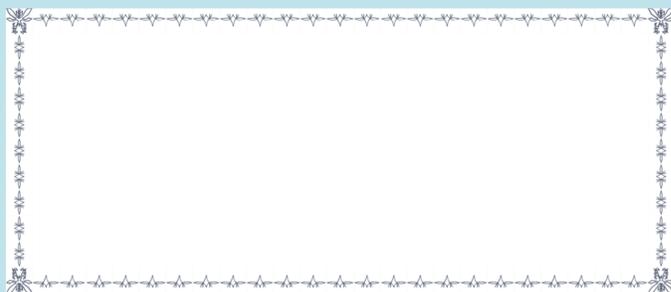
Halloween– Putting out decorations, sneaking candy, and making costumes makes Halloween one of the best holidays of the year. These activities can lead to many new purchases and possible waste. Try these tips to reduce waste and moderate usage.



1. Try to create your own Halloween costumes with old clothing and office supplies you already have at home or go to the local thrift store to purchase used clothing and accessories.
2. Decorate common house hold items like an old bucket, shopping bag or pillowcase and reuse year after year.
3. Host a costume swap party or ask your social media and community networks if they have past Halloween costumes that would be a good size for your children.
4. Purchase candy that has a paper wrappers that can be recycled.
5. Choose to use natural decorations, such as pumpkins and squash, which will decompose more quickly than materials like plastic and glass, and reuse decorations from past years.

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Sincerely,
 Dawn Maciejczyk
 Editor



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