



London Grove Gazette



Summer 2017 Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear Residents,

Thursday, April 20, 2017 the Board of Supervisors of London Grove Township hosted a Town Hall meeting at Avon Grove Middle School. Two topics were discussed. First the “Street Parking” and secondly “Contracted Police Services.” Below is a brief summary of the information presented to the residents.

Street Parking:

1. A brief review of what the road width standards are and how they have changed over the past years.
2. A review of what our current Zoning, SALDO and Fire Code standards are with respect to street widths.
3. There are some conflicting standards that the BOS will address in the near future.
4. Many of the current street widths in our developments make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for Fire and EMS equipment to respond to a situation especially if there are cars parked on the street.
5. Enforcement has and still is an issue.
6. Over the past several months the BOS have discussed 4 options to deal with enforcement.
 - A. Hire a parking official.
 - B. Make enforcement part of the new Codes Department we are developing.
 - C. Leave the lack of enforcement as it is now (i.e. do nothing).
 - D. Contract with a local police department to do the enforcement.

Regional Police Force:

1. A brief review of the discussions that have taken place with the Regional Police Force over the past years was presented.
2. Included was information about our most recent discussion regarding contracting services on an hourly basis, as a possible solution to out enforcement issues.
3. After the BOS reviewed this a possible solution, it was decided NOT to pursue this option.
4. It was noted that if the State does ever institutes a per capita charge for State Police services the BOS may revisit utilizing the Regional Police Force for services.

Moving Forward:

1. The BOS will continue investigating possible solutions to the on-street parking issues trying to incorporate some of the ideas presented by the residents.
2. As a solution to enforcement issues, the BOS has decided to deal with this through the development of a stronger Code Department. The BOS will make enforcement the responsibility of that department moving forward.

Sincerely,
Richard Scott Harper
Board of Supervisors Chairman

*HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
FROM ZONING TO BUILDING
BY: DAWN MACIEJCZYK & LOIS ZUNINO*



Now that the warmer weather has arrived, many homeowners begin to turn their attention to the home improvement projects that they've been planning all winter.

Among the most frequent inquiries to the Township are questions regarding building permits and property use. Here are a few rules of thumb and

important phone numbers when you are considering building or adding to your property. Failing to obtain the appropriate permit can result in fines and the Township may even mandate that a structure or improvement be removed.

Before starting any construction, repairs, renovations or additions it is always best to call the Code Department to determine if you will need a permit. Permits are required for your safety.

Building Code Enforced:

Permits provide a means for the Township to protect those who live and work in the Township by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction.

Currently, London Grove Township enforces the 2009 International Codes and applicable sections of the 2015 International Codes as adopted by the PA Uniform Construction Code, International Property Maintenance Code and London Grove Township Zoning Ordinance.

Permit Process:

Applicant submits a completed permit application and all required information to the Township (a detailed list of items required is included with the Building Permit Application and can also be found on the Township website).

The Building Code Official reviews the submittal for code compliance. The Code Official has **15 business days** to complete the review.

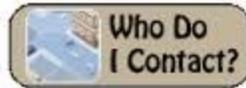
The Applicant will be contacted for further information, if necessary.

Once the permit is issued, the Applicant will be notified that the permit is ready for pick-up and the permit fee due.

The Applicant then contacts the Building Code Official to schedule all required inspections; inspections are performed and approved. If

inspection is denied a Field Correction Notice will be issued listing the required corrections.

After the final inspection is approved, a Certificate of Compliance is issued by the Township.



Township Manager/Zoning Officer

Ken Battin

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Building Code Official/Assistant Zoning Officer

Phone: 610-345-0100



Zoning Regulations:

If you require information regarding Township Zoning rules and regulations copies of the Zoning Ordinance are available for purchase at a cost of \$35.00 You are welcome to view the Zoning Ordinance book during office hours (Monday– Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). The Zoning Ordinance (in PDF form) can also be viewed on the Township's website.

The Township's Zoning Officer is responsible to make sure that the Zoning Ordinance and Codes are followed and enforced. Please contact the Township Zoning Officer for any questions.

Projects that Require a Permit:

Building permits are required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, demolish or change the occupancy of a building and to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace an electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system.

Carports, detached garages, greenhouse and sheds which are under 1000 square feet and are accessory to a detached single family dwelling do not require a building permit; a **Zoning Permit is required** and you should contact the Township to verify that you meet the requirements for this exception.

Other types of permits that may be required for your project include: pools, pool enclosures, fences, roofing, home occupations, driveway extensions, grading, signs, etc.

Ordinary repairs to structures do not require a building permit but are required to meet the code. Examples of ordinary repairs can be viewed on the Township's website or contact the Township for further information.





**Park Hours:
Dawn to Dusk**

Please keep your eyes open for the next Community Clean Up Day at Goddard Park.



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.

PARKS AND RECREATION BY ERIC SCHOTT



April was a busy month for the Park and Recreation Board (PRB). On April 28th we celebrated Arbor

Day by planting a White Oak near the main parking lot. The tree was purchased by the Avon Grove Lions Club and dedicated to past and current members. Supervisor Steve Zurl presided over the ceremony. You'll recognize this new planting by the commemorative plaque inserted at the base of the tree.



On the following day, Saturday, the PRB hosted a morning of community volunteer work all over the park. Projects included the



front flower bed, tree trimming, weeding and work on two trails to try and alleviate wash-outs during heavy rains. The turnout



was supplemented by Avon Grove High School's Honor Society along with their advisor, Irene Weyman.

The Honor Society has been a constant source of assistance for several years. In March almost a dozen members spent the morning removing the plastic tree tubes that still remained from earlier plantings. Over 75 tubes were recovered and disposed of but it was particularly difficult since the tubes had become surrounded by multiflora rose, an invasive species known for its thorns.



The Park and Rec. Board is pleased to announce that we have filled our vacancy. Robert Ritrovato joined the board in April. He resides in the Londoncroft community and is the Vice President of their Home Owners Association.

AGREM 1670 BY CHUCK FREESE

As we approach the summer months, these are the times the municipal crews in the area make the necessary upgrades, such as paving, resurfacing and shoulder repairs to our local roads to make travel safer for us all.

Before you leave home or while on the move, monitor the local traffic and information radio station, AGREM 1670, on the AM dial, for road closures and construction delays that could affect your route of travel.

AGREM 1670 is on the air 24 hours a day, offering travel and emergency information in the Avon-Grove school district, provided by the local municipalities and operated by Avon-Grove Regional Management. During ex-

treme weather events, the regular broadcast is interrupted by watches & warnings generated by the National Weather Service, such as severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, flooding and blizzard warnings. AGREM 1670 will also broadcast directions for evacuation routes and shelters should you be asked to evacuate your home in the event of a local disaster.

Don't forget to check out AGREM 1670 and set a button on your dial before the need arises!

Chuck Freese, EMC

**24x7 Community and
Emergency Information**
Tune your radio to:
1670 AM

Avon Grove Regional Emergency Management

MS4 Tip:

Citizens can help report violations or problems they notice in their local streams before they cause more damage and pollution. Residents sometimes may be the first to recognize “illicit” discharges being directed into storm sewers or flowing out of storm sewer outfall pipes into streams. “Dry weather flows” (flow from storm sewer outfall pipes after 72 hours or more without rain) should be reported to your municipality for further investigation.



Grass Clippings

When cutting your grass please be courteous and respectful of your Township and your neighbors. Blow your grass clippings back into your yard instead of into the streets and storm drains.



WEST GROVE FIRE COMPANY UNVEILS NEW LADDER TRUCK
BY JUSTIN GATTORNO



If you attended the annual West Grove Memorial Day Parade recently, you may have noticed a new addition to the lineup of yellow fire trucks operated by the West Grove Fire Company.

This was the first public showing of the West Grove Fire Company’s new ladder truck, a 2017 Piece Arrow XT, complete with a 105 foot heavy duty aerial ladder with an elevated waterway. The truck replaces a 25-year old ladder, which had a much smaller 75’ ladder.

The older ladder will be sold in the private market, and is being replaced as part of a fleet management plan outlined by the fire company and its consultant– a plan that assures the regular and orderly replacement of

the West Grove Fire Company’s trucks as they go beyond 20-25+ years of service.

The new ladder truck not only provides a longer reach for today’s larger houses, apartment buildings and commercial buildings, it also features 285’ of portable ground ladders, used to provide for rescues and firefighter safety– a nearly three-fold increase in ladders. The new Ladder 22 features a 15-kw generator, corrosion protectant to lengthen its service life, and a wealth of safety features including rollover protection and airbags to protect its occupants.



The fire company’s new truck will go in service this month at a cost of just over \$1 million.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT- BY DAWN MACIEJCZYK



London Grove Township Board of Supervisors were recently one of the first Townships in the State to pass the Volunteer Fire Fighter Real Property Tax Credit Ordinance on May 3, 2017.

According to Ordinance 209 it states that a Real Property Tax Credit is authorized by Pennsylvania Act No. 172 of November 2016 for Active Volunteers of Fire Companies and Nonprofit Emergency Medical Services Agencies who reside in London Grove Township.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to enact a Real Property Tax Credit against an Active Volunteer’s Real Property Tax Liability as a financial incentive to:

1. Acknowledge the value and the absence of any public cost for volunteer fire protection and nonprofit emergency medical services provided by Active Volunteers.
2. Encourage individuals to volunteer or for former volunteers to consider rejoining as Active Volunteers in a volunteer Fire Company or Nonprofit Emergency Medical Services Agencies.

The Township establishes a Real Property Tax Credit in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of the Real Property Tax levied on residential real property owned and occupied by an Active Volunteer who is certified pursuant to Section 309.



For more information on this ordinance or to read the full ordinance please stop by the Township Building.

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

5 Vacancies

Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals

2 Vacancies



The Municipal Authority has a vacancy to fill an unexpired term from 1/1/15 to

12/31/19. Meetings are the first Monday of each month. The London Grove Township Municipal Authority (LGTMA) consists of a 5-member board. They are an autonomous Board whose members are appointed by the London Grove Township Board of Supervisors. Each member serves a five-year term and must be a resident of London Grove Township.

The Municipal Authority is the entity that owns, maintains and operates all public water and sewer facilities with their infrastructures in the Township. The Municipal Authority employs a manager and retains their own engineer and solicitor. These individuals assist the Board with public water and sewer infrastructure design standards and specifications. In addition, the Authority has its own budget and determines water and sewer rates for its customers.

The Municipal Authority has regular monthly meetings scheduled on the first Monday of each month except for holidays. Special meetings may occur when necessary that may require Board Members attendance.

Ms. Karen A. Linaweaver, Manager

London Grove Township

Municipal Authority

372 Rose Hill Road, Suite 300

West Grove, PA 19390

If you are a Township resident and are interested in being a member of the



London Grove Township Municipal Authority Board please email klinaweaver@londongrove.org

with your letter of interest and resume or mail to:

If you have any further questions, please contact Karen Linaweaver at 610-345-0300. Thank you.



Fire Hydrant flushing will take place throughout the entire month of July and first two weeks of August.

Flushing ensures the hydrants are exercised, maintained, and in full service. This procedure is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of our residents. 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).



Summer is here! LGTMA customers who are serviced by public water and sewer, please remember that the sewer portion of your bill is calculated according to water consumption. Please be aware when you are watering your lawns, washing your cars, filling your swimming pools, and gardening, etc. that your sewer bill will reflect this usage.

The 2016 Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report is available on-line. Please visit www.londongrove.org homepage right bottom page "Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report".

SUMMER FUN AND LEARNING AT NOTTINGHAM AND WOLF'S HOLLOW COUNTY PARKS- MARION QUINN



Beautiful Nottingham and Wolf's Hollow County Parks offer a host of summer programs for explorers of all ages.* Check out the highlights below, then learn more and register at

www.chesco.org/ccparks/

The **Pavilion Speaker Series** at Nottingham County Park brings experts from around Chester County to share their knowledge of the natural world. On June 1st WCO Keith Mullin of the Pennsylvania Game Commission presents *Coyote Secrets*. Learn fact vs. fiction about this elusive mammal in our midst. In *Beauty of the Barrens* on July 18th University of Pennsylvania lecturer Dr. Sally Willig weaves the geologic tale of the rare serpentine barrens that dot the southern Chester County landscape. On July 29th guest educator Gary Stolz of PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shares his enthusiasm for *Snakes, Frogs, & Polliwogs* and his expertise on reptiles and amphibians of Chester County. All programs include "please touch" exhibits and Q&A time. All ages are welcome.

Summer Discovery Series is back! This popular series of ranger-led programs returns for another season of outdoor fun and learning. This year's line-up brings back favorites *Outdoor Games*, *Archery*, and *If Not for Knots*, and adds *Fire in the Barrens* and *Magnificent Marshmallows*. Also new this year is *Summer Solstice Hike in the Light* at Wolf's Hollow County Park. Get out on the trails and make the most of the longest day of the year. Summer Discovery Series is offered for children ages 8-14.



Totally for Tots programs are geared toward children age seven and under.

These youngest of explorers can get creative in *Nature's Art Class*, enjoy a stroll after their *Teddy Bear Tea*, and learn special traits of feathered friends at *Birdie, Birdie, Tell Me Why*.



Paws on the Path – ranger-led hiking for dogs and their humans – continues throughout the summer. Hikes are on the second Saturday of each month at alternating parks: June 10th and August 12th at Wolf's Hollow County

Park and July 8th and September 9th at Nottingham County Park. Dogs must be leashed. Hikers meet the park ranger at 9:00 a.m. and depart at 9:10 a.m. All ages are welcome.

The summer season closes on September 23rd with another magnificent *Star Party*. Special guests from the Chester County Astronomical Society expertly guide stargazers and give everyone a chance to view wonders of the night sky through high-powered telescopes. All ages are welcome.

Whatever your age and interests, head over to www.chesco.org/ccparks to get program details for all Chester County parks, then pick a program – or two or three – and register online. For questions about programs at Nottingham and Wolf's Hollow County Parks call (610) 932-2589. There are no fees for these programs so come on out!

***Children under age twelve must be accompanied by an adult at all times at all programs.**



NOTTINGHAM & WOLF'S HOLLOW COUNTY PARKS

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE UNDER THE SUN!

PAVILION SPEAKER SERIES

PAWS ON THE PATH

TOTALLY FOR TOTS

SUMMER DISCOVERY SERIES

SUMMER FUN AND LEARNING

PROGRAM GUIDE AND REGISTRATION
WWW.CHESCO.ORG/CCPARKS

QUESTIONS?
CALL (610) 932-2589

NO REGISTRATION FEES

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SUN SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR SKIN

BY WEBMED REVIEWED BY STEPHANIE GARDNER, MD



The sun's rays feel good, but they're no friend to your skin. Though you won't see it right away, they give you wrinkles and age spots, and they're the top cause of skin cancer.

Over time, the sun's ultraviolet (UV) light harms fibers in the skin called elastin. When these fibers break down, the skin begins to sag and stretch. It also bruises and tears more easily, taking longer to heal.

Spending too much time in the sun can also give your skin freckles, rough texture, white spots, a yellowing of the skin, and discolored areas of the skin (which doctors call "mottled pigmentation"). It can also widen small blood vessels under your skin

9 Ways to Protect Your Skin

Wear sunscreen every day, in all weather and in every season. It should have a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 and say "broad-spectrum" on the label, which means it protects against the sun's UVA and UVB rays. Put it on at least 15



minutes before going outside. Use 1 ounce, which would fill a shot glass.

Reapply sunscreen at least every 80 minutes, or more often if you're sweating or swimming.



Wear sunglasses with total UV protection.

1. Wear wide-brimmed hats, and long-sleeved shirts and pants.
 2. Avoid being out in the sun as much as possible from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 3. Check your skin regularly so you know what's normal for you and to notice any changes or new growths.
- Choose cosmetics and contact lenses that offer UV protection. You still need to use sunscreen and wear sunglasses with broad-spectrum sun protection.

If you're a parent, protect your child's skin and practice those habits together.



Don't use tanning beds.



6 TOP SUMMERTIME DANGERS BY DAWN MACIEJCZYK

Did you know that more accidents occur during the warm weather months than any other time of year? As people head outdoors and enjoy what summer has to offer, they're not always the most careful. Here are potential dangers right around the corner.

1. Sunburn: Failure to apply -- and reapply -- sunblock can result in a nasty burn. Not only can it be painful, it could lead to dangerous skin cancer.
2. Dehydration: Couple hot weather with outdoor exertion and a person can quickly get thirsty. Failure to replenish liquid lost through sweating and activity can result in dehydration. Fainting, feeling nauseous and head-aches can occur.
3. Food poisoning: Hot weather and improperly stored food can result in food poisoning. If you'll be eating outdoors, cold foods must remain cold and hot foods should be kept warm to prevent spoilage. Don't eat any food that has been sitting outside for more than an hour. Food poisoning symptoms often come on suddenly and can include vomiting and diarrhea.
4. Insects: Bugs love warm weather, too. Mosquitos, bees, wasps, spiders, and all of the other winged and multi-legged creatures come out from their roosts when the temperature climbs. It's more common for people to come in contact with potentially poisonous or bothersome insects.
5. Water: Drownings in pools, lakes and rivers definitely increase as the weather gets warmer. Always practice the utmost care in and around water. Safety vests are essential.
6. Vehicles: Longer amounts of sunshine tend to keep people outdoors longer. This can mean running errands or cruising around with the top down. With more cars on the road, vehicular accidents can increase, primarily when alcohol is involved. Enjoy your summer by staying safe and avoiding common dangers.



TRASH & RECYCLING DAYS AT SECCRA



LEAF/YARD WASTE COLLECTION

This is a free service provided by your haulers!

Leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper bags, if not placed in biodegradable bags **will not be taken!**

Branches and twigs must be bundled and no longer than 3 feet, must be placed out the evening before pickup.

Contact your hauler directly for exact specifications and preparation of materials for collection.

Note

Residents contracted with AJ Blosenski must call in advance for pickup. Contact your haulers directly for additional days they may offer.

This is free event for Township residents only. Residence is defined as any dwelling unit used as a place of human habitation, which is not commercial, municipal, institutional, or a community activity.

For those items that cannot be recycled at the curbside these events will be June 10, 2017 and October 14, 2017.

Recycling occurs at SECCRA throughout the year, fees could apply.

By filling out a Brush Disposal Permit, Township residents are able to dump directly at SECCRA Landfill during their normal business



hours. This is free of charge offered to residents only. Brush Disposal permits are available at the Township Office, please bring Photo ID with proof of residency, permits will be issued each calendar year.

May Not Participate

- Businesses
- Commercial entities
- Landlords
- Non-residents
- Organizations

Accepted Items

- **Appliances:** refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, humidifiers, stoves, empty grills
- **Electronics:** computers, monitors, televisions, stereo equipment, printers, cell phones, DVD players, basically anything that has a circuit board
- **Automobile Tires:** limit 4 per load per residence, large batteries, such as those in automobiles or tractors
- **Bulky Waste:** furniture, mattresses, carpet, doors, windows, etc.
- Residential 20 pound propane tanks (empty)

No materials will be accepted from "clean outs" of residences

When

Saturday, June 10, 2017 and
Saturday, October 14, 2017

Where

SECCRA Community Landfill (1-4 pm SHARP)
219 Street Road
West Grove, PA 19390





AVON GROVE LIBRARY NEWS
BY LISA SHERWOOD

“Build a Better World” Summer Reading Program Begins

Children’s and Family Programs:

*Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, along with their caregivers, can attend free **Storytime's** 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 Storytime's** are held every Tuesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

* **Preschool Storytime's** are held every Monday at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday at 9:30 and 10:30a.m., Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and Friday at 10:00 a.m.

* Avon Grove Library partners with Starbucks Coffee in Jennersville to offer a weekly **Storytime at Starbucks**. This is held every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

* Avon Grove Library partners each summer with Dansko Shoes to offer a weekly **Storytime at Dansko**. This is held Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. July 5 to August 30.

*Families can build their creativity at **Messy Mondays**, June 12 to August 7 at 2:00 p.m. The Library will open all the craft cupboards and allow participants to create whatever they desire to make. This is a free program with no registration necessary.

*All ages are invited to **“Good Neighbor Friday's”** on the fourth Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Participants will help spread cheer throughout the library and the community by making cards for nursing homes, preparing care packages for those less fortunate, and giving back to the local community in other ways.

*Each Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. from June 27 to August 7, children in second to fifth grade can become **Book Buddies** and read together with a teen volunteer. This free program requires registration.

*Each Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. from June 28 to August 8, children in second to fifth grade will gather in groups to be **“Infomaniacs”** and tackle a new STEM project each week. No registration is required for this free program.

*Families will learn how to prepare healthy summertime foods at **“Build a Better Meal,”** held on Thursday, July 6, 13 and 20 at noon. Registration is needed for this free program.

*The **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 or MegaBlocks are provided.

*On the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 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.

Teen Programs:

Tweens and teens entering sixth through twelfth grade can participate in special activities and earn service hours by volunteering to help at children’s and family programs. Highlights include the following.

***Teen Service Club** lets teens and tweens plan an important part in library programming and accrue volunteer service hours by preparing Storytime crafts, helping out at family programs, and participating in other activities to benefit the library. For more information, contact Teen Coordinator Sarah Beyer at sbeyer@cclcs.org.

***Teen Writing Club** enables teens to share and sharpen their writing skills. This group meets the third Saturday of each month at noon; participation is free and no registration is required.

***Teen Book Club** meets the third Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. to discuss recently read books. This free program requires no registration.

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 chosen 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.

*Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz returns Saturday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. to present **“Front he Shadow of JFK: the Rise of Beatlemania in America.”** This program is free and all are welcome; no registration is needed.

Area residents can learn more about Storytime's, classes and programs at www.avongrovelibrary.org, which is updated frequently with new programs and details.

Located in the heart of West Grove, PA., Avon Grove Library is a vital educational institution, offering equal opportunity for self-directed learning, research assistance and instruction, and enriching experiences to over 30,000 people of all ages in Southern Chester County. The library is a member of the Chester County Library System.

“Build a Better World” Summer Reading Program Begins

Children and their families are invited to celebrate “Build a Better World,” the theme of Avon Grove Library’s 2017 Summer Reading Program. In honor of this program, the library will be hosting a Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 10 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Highlights of the Kick-Off Party include free performances of “Magicomedy” with Richard and Joanne Gustafson, internationally-acclaimed entertainers. Also featured are balloon sculptures, face painting, crafts, free refreshments and more! Signups for summer programs will also begin at the Kick-Off Party.

The main event at the Kick-Off will be registration for the Summer reading Club. Participants will receive a game board to record the books read over the summer. When specific goals are reached, children will bring the game board back to the library and receive a reading prize. Throughout the summer, there will be a variety of programs, drawings, prizes and contests, so families are encouraged to stop by the library as often as possible.

Learn all about this and other summer events at the website: www.avongrovelibrary.org

Avon Grove Library participates in The Collaborative Summer Library Program, a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at their public libraries.



***PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
NEW FACILITY UPDATE
BY SHANE KINSEY***

PRESS RELEASE 04/27/17



The project is anticipated to be completed in mid August.

This project was necessary to replace the existing maintenance facility on Route 41, which was constructed in the fifty’s. The township has long ago outgrown the facility with road mileage tripling since it was constructed. The



Public Works Building Progress: Work is in full swing on a new public works maintenance facility and salt shed. Underground work is nearly complete as is the salt shed and brine production facility. The steel framework of the new maintenance building is currently being completed. Work on the masonry walls is on going. Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, and Fire Protection Trades are currently starting their above ground work. All the

township has been utilizing space in a building owned by the London Grove Township Municipal Authority for storage and operations in addition to the route 41 facility. The building owned by the Municipal Authority is slated to be torn down. In addition to the inadequate size the facility on route 41 does not have portable water, and has an inadequate holding tank for sewer.

The new salt storage facility will allow the township to store a year’s worth of salt, currently only a little more then 1 storm’s worth can be stored. The new brine production facility will be set up to allow the township to produce custom blended brines for anti-icing and pre-wetting, utilizing natural products which are not only fiscally and environmentally beneficial, but will also lower the corrosiveness of the brine on traveling vehicles.



The new maintenance facility will allow the majority of the townships vehicles to be stored inside, and includes a wash bay, both which protects our investment. A full mechanics bay is also included. Additional office space, space for emergency management and adequate restroom and shower facilities are also included.

The project also includes connection of the existing administration building to public sewer, ending the use of a costly holding tank. Additionally, a new water service has been installed to both buildings, new exterior lighting for both buildings and paving of the entire municipal complex.





Blood Drive

Save a life. Eat a cookie.
(That's a good day.)

LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, July 7, 2017

12:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

London Grove Township Building

Log on for helpful tips and to reserve your appointment time.

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372 Rose Hill Road, Suite 100
West Grove, PA 19390

Search by sponsor code: **londongrove** to schedule an appointment.

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***Please contact tedra.farrell@redcross.org if you experience issues



RECYCLING CORNER BY: SUZANNE SYLVINA



Summer Recycling Tips

Summer is in the air! Everyone is planning their family vacations and looking forward to getting away but don't forget to recycle when you're away from home. You can still keep your paper, bottles and cans out of the trash.

After you have packed and loaded the car, add a bag or stackable bag-lined containers to stow bottles, cans, paper, cartons and other recyclables. Teach your children sustainability by having them look for recycling bins along your drive.



If you're flying to your destination many airports provide recycling bins inside and outside of secure areas for paper and bottles. Ask your flight attendant if the airline is recycling and if not carry your bottles and magazines off the plane and deposit in the nearest recycling bin.

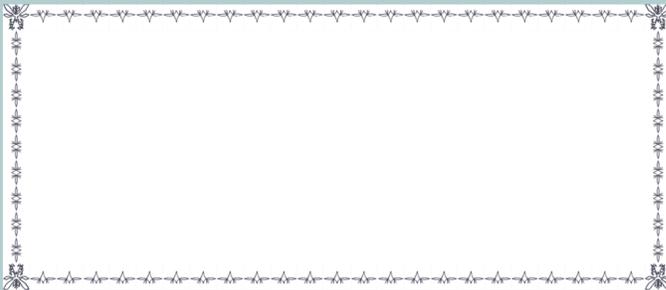
When you reach your destination ask the clerk at check-in about the best way to recycle items from your room. If you can't recycle at your hotel, look for the nearest public recycling bin. It may be best to do a little research before your trip and confirm you're staying in a recycle friendly hotel.

Choose to reuse! Wherever you're headed bring along reusable water bottles, coffee mugs and shopping totes to reduce waste and help protect our environment.



The Township is doing their part to reduce and recycle. We are offering the newsletter electronically now. Please sign up on our website if you are interested in receiving them, www.londongrove.org. If you do not have access to a computer or want to continue having the newsletters mailed to you, please call the Township at (610) 345-0100.

Sincerely,
Dawn Maciejczyk
Editor



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