

London Grove Township Gazette

Spring 2021

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Trash & Recycling Day at Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority (SECCRA)

This is a 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 common activity. *If you have questions about the Township SECCRA Days please call the Township at 610-345-0100.*

For items that cannot be recycled at the curbside these **event dates are May 1, 2021 and October 9, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. SHARP.**

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 lb. propane tanks (empty)
- No materials will be accepted from "clean outs" of residences.

When

May 1, 2021- 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. SHARP

October 9, 2021- 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. SHARP

Where

SECCRA Community Landfill

219 Street Road

West Grove, PA 19390

Be a Part of Something Bigger! VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless!

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!

- Inniscrone Golf Course Advisory Committee (1)
- Township Board of Auditors (2)
- Environmental Advisory Committee (3)
- Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals (4)
- Agricultural Security Area (1)
- Planning Commission (2)
- Zoning Hearing Board Alternate (1)
- Historical Commission (3)
- Tree Committee (3)

If you would like more information on the Boards and Commissions that have vacancies please contact Dawn Maciejczyk dmaciejczyk@londongrove.org at London Grove Township.

Township Information Emailed To Your Inbox

Log on to www.londongrove.org and click on the "Notify Me" tab to sign up and receive text or email notifications for the latest Township documents and publications.

Information Available

- Calendar of Events
- Goddard Park
- Agendas and Minutes
- Newsletters
- Recycling
- And Many More



Message from the Board: Christina Fanning

After a recent snowfall, I drove through Traditions at Inniscrone. I smiled to myself as I observed four (4) neighbor's working together to clear a driveway and thought, what a fantastic community we have the good fortune to live in. I have witnessed this kindness and sense of community numerous times in my 23 years as a London Grove resident. Last year, when a seat on the Board of Supervisors London Grove Township was vacated, I enthusiastically volunteered at a chance to serve. The prospect of getting involved, helping to shape the community that has provided my family a place to set roots and grow was exciting. In my inaugural year, and in a year like no other, we have been busy! Throughout 2020 your Board of Supervisors has worked to ensure this community continues to thrive. Some of the accomplishments this year were:

- The successful integration of the London Grove Township Municipal Authority
- Delivered a balance budget without tax increase- despite projected shortfalls due to reduced Earned Income Tax revenue.
- Invested in Goddard Park- so many in our community found an escape during the lockdown resulting from the pandemic.
- Successful management of the Inniscrone Golf Course- the Golf Course was a perfect local escape.
- Recognized as Tree City USA!

As we transition to spring, and hope to return to a more "old normal", your Board is focused on continuing the management excellence you've come to expect. At a recent township meeting the Parks and Recreation Committee presented an exciting vision of what Goddard Park could become.

Check out the video produced by local Eagle Scout candidate, Sean Franklin, https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=-9CRjklZzKg&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1H9q6G0aRnCUbPd45VcOanizO7BjjBCwFR_JyxUiNn4ZmeAm7nkriCpqA, spotlighting our beautiful gem.

Did you know that London Grove Township owns the most bridges in Chester County? We are working to make needed repairs while recognizing the need of fiscal responsibility for the future. This year we are updating our five (5) year plan. We are working to establish an economic development group/committee for our community. The charge of the group is to focus on attracting and developing smart commercial minds to balance community needs with rising operational costs. There are many opportunities if you would like to get involved like I did. Check out the Township Website www.lonongrove.org or Facebook page if you would like to get involved. Committees like the Inniscrone Golf Course Advisory Council, Township Auditors, Historical Commission and Planning Commission all need volunteers! Your Board of Supervisors meets the second Wednesday of every month. Don't be a stranger! We would love to see you and hear your opinions.

Best Regards,

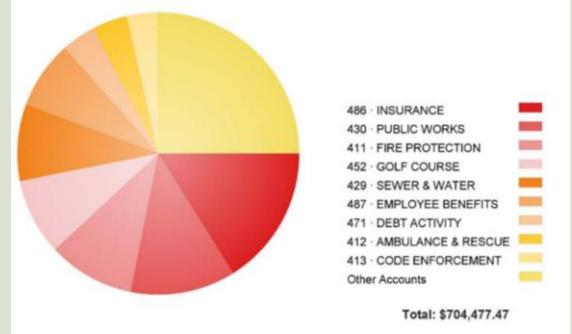
Christina Fanning

2021 Budget, General Fund Expenditures

By: Jacquie Guenther

The 2021 Budget was approved at the November 4, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. The Budget was reopened and approved with modifications to include water and sewer operations on December 28, 2020. To the right is a graph that shows the breakdown of the general fund operating expenses. For more details and for other fund budgets, please visit the Finance page on our website and click on the 2021 Budget.

Expense Breakdown





Municipal Authority News

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Ring, ring.... “Hello” “Is your toilet running?” “What?” “You’d better go catch it!”

Those prank calls were funny only to the adolescent on the other end of the line, but they made a good point: Using an old-school, inefficient toilet (or just having a little drip) costs more \$\$\$ than you’d ever think. One thing that many people may not think of is there may be a leak in your toilet. Your toilet gets a lot of use, if you think about it, so normal wear and tear should result in a lot of maintenance. One of the biggest bathroom issues is a toilet that keeps running after you flush it or runs by itself without being flushed. These are things that you can hear. If left untreated, this problem can run up your water bill, so you should fix it as soon as possible. A new toilet may be required but test it first. There may be a simpler fix.

These problems are typically rooted in the fill tank. The first issue could be the water level. If the water level is above the overflow pipe, then the fill valve or ball isn’t working properly or is set to the wrong height. Make sure that the water level is adjusted according to the manufacturer’s instructions. It’s usually stamped on the inside of the tank.

If the internal fill valve diaphragm seal is worn, you may be able to disassemble the fill valve and replace it. Some fill valves can’t be repaired, and the entire fill valve must be replaced.

A running toilet can waste two gallons of water per minute. A silent leak can waste up to 7,000 gallons of water per month.

Also check for silent leaks, the flapper. If the flapper is leaking, it’ll keep triggering the fill valve to refill the tank. To see if the flapper is leaking, here’s a simple test:

- Put a few drops of food coloring in the tank.
- Wait for 25 minutes.
- If the color spreads into the toilet bowl, there’s a leak.

Check for any sediment or debris that may have built up around the flapper. Cleaning it may fix the leak. If there’s no sediment or the leak persists after cleaning, replace the flapper. This is typically much cheaper and easier to replace than the fill valve.

MS4 Tip:

For many, car washing is a springtime ritual. Often, citizens don’t know that by washing all that winter grime off their vehicles they might actually be causing harm to our local waterways.

Water entering storm drains, unlike water that enters sanitary sewers, does not undergo treatment before it is discharged in to our waterways. When cars are washed on streets and driveways that dirty water eventually winds up in rivers, streams, creeks, and lakes.

Washing one car may not seem to be a problem, but collectively car washing activity adds up to big problems for our local lakes, creeks and streams. Pollution associated with car washing degrades water quality while also finding its way into sediments, impacting aquatic habitats.

The best way to minimize the effect washing your car has on the environment is to use a commercial car wash. Most locations reuse waste water several times before sending it to a treatment plant.

If you choose to wash your car at home, wash on an area that absorbs water, such as gravel or grass. This can filter water before it enters groundwater, storm drains, or creeks.

Dog License Reminder

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

All dogs three months of age and older living in Pennsylvania must be licensed by January 1 of each year. Violators will be cited up to \$300 per violation, plus court costs. There are two types of licenses: an annual license and a lifetime license.

Purchase an annual dog license online with a credit/debit card or echeck. After completion of payment, a proof of license can be printed and the license and tag will be mailed to you the following business day.

Print the annual dog license application and mail in along with payment. Mail payment to:

Chester County Treasurer's Office, Attn: Dog License, 313 West Market St. Suite 3202, P.O. Box 2748, West Chester, PA 19380

Annual Fees

Male/Female- \$8.50

Neutered Male/Spayed Female \$6.50

Annual Fees- Person with Disability/Senior Citizen

Male/Female- \$6.50

Neutered Male/Spayed Female \$4.50

*To qualify for a disability license, please provide a copy of your handicap placard or equivalent proof of disability.

*To qualify for a senior license, you must be 65 years or older and provide proof of age.

Lifetime Dog License

A lifetime license is a one-time purchase for any dog with a microchip.

Print Lifetime dog license application and Permanent ID Verification form. Mail in with payment.

Either the veterinarian or SPCA can scan or insert a microchip. They will complete the lower portion of the Verification form.

Be sure the veterinarian includes their BV license number. The SPCA has a kennel license number.

The microchip number is then written on top of the verification form.

Both forms must be returned to the Treasurer's Office within 30 days of the earliest date on either application.

Lifetime License Fees

Male/Female \$51.50

Neutered Male/Spayed Female \$31.50

Lifetime Fees- Person with Disability/Senior Citizen

Male/Female \$31.50

Neutered Male/Spayed Female \$21.50

For purchase of any license by check when the County is the payee, make checks payable to "Chester County Treasurer".

For more information on Dog Licenses please visit Chesco.org.

Fire Marshal News

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Spring Cleaning For Fire Safety!

It's the perfect time for a little spring cleaning! While you're cleaning your home and yard after the long winter, take some time to make sure your home is prepared in case of a fire.

Inside the Home

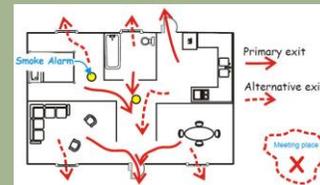
- Test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Replace batteries if needed.
- Don't use electrical appliances with frayed cords.
- Clean your garage of stored newspaper that can fuel a fire.
- Check for water around electrical appliances.
- Clean debris from your clothes dryer lint trap and exhaust duct.

Outside the Home

- Remove dead leaves and other debris around the foundation, decks, porches, and stairs.
- Check grills for rust, worn parts, insects, grease, and other debris before use.
- Grills should only be used when at least 10 feet away from your house or any building.

Escape Plan

You should have an escape plan in case of a fire or other disasters. Update your escape plan every spring. This plan should include a map of each level of the home with two escape routes in each room. Discuss and practice the plan with everyone in the household, including children. Don't forget to add your pets to the plan.



Fire Hydrant Visibility

All hydrants should be easily seen from the street and free from obstruction. In other words, parked vehicles, signage and landscaping cannot be in front of or near a hydrant.

Hydrants are mapped throughout London Grove Township for both Fire and Public Works Departments.

Firefighters should still be able to find a hydrant hidden behind vegetation, but it may slow them down when they need water to put out a fire.

In an emergency, every second counts. That's why all hydrants must be visible and easily accessible.

Fire code also requires a minimum of three feet of clearance around the hydrant so firefighters can turn the valve which allows water to flow.

Hydrants are connected to the water main pipe.

When this water source is controlled and pressurized through the fire engine, large amounts of water are available to quickly extinguish a fire, as much as 250 gallons per minute from one "attack line".

If you know of an obstructed hydrant in London Grove Township, contact the Fire Marshal, Robert Weer at 610-345-0100.

SAFETY

Community Risk Reduction Program

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Smart 911

Did you know Smart911 is a free service available to keep you and your family safer? Provided by Chester County Department of Emergency Services, Smart911 lets you create a private and secure safety profile for your family, including any information you want 9-1-1 to have during an emergency. You can include details such as a list of family members, photos, medical notes, pets, and emergency contacts. In an emergency seconds can save lives. Take a few seconds now to plan ahead at www.smart911.com. If you ever need to call 9-1-1 for a medical emergency, house fire, car accident or other incident, Smart911 will provide 9-1-1 with the information you have entered to provide you with help faster. Plan ahead, with Smart911.com. What if there's a fire, a medical emergency, or a child goes missing? When you dial 9-1-1 under stress, you may not have access to important details, or you may have trouble remembering them. Smart911 is a new service in Chester County that allows you to create a Safety Profile at www.smart911.com that includes details you want the 9-1-1 center and public safety response teams to know about your household in an emergency. When you dial 9-1-1, from a phone associated with your Safety Profile that information automatically displays to the 9-1-1 call taker allowing them to send responders based on up-to-date location and emergency information.

With your Safety Profile, responders can arrive aware of many details they would not otherwise know. Fire crews can arrive knowing exactly how many people live in your home and where the bedrooms are located. EMS personnel can know family members' allergies or specific medical conditions. And police can access a photo of a missing family member in seconds rather than minutes or hours, helping the search start faster.

How Prepared Are You? Make a Plan!

Disasters can happen at any time, often with little to no warning. Make a plan today. Not knowing where family is, if they are safe or hurt, and how you will reconnect with them can be scary. Something to consider is that your family may not be together when disaster strikes. It is very important to know which types of disasters can affect your area. Know how you will contact each other and where you will reconnect if separated. Always establish a family meeting place that is familiar and easy to find.

The steps below will help you get started:

1. Put a plan together by discussing these questions with your family and household.
 - What is your shelter plan?
 - What is your evacuation route?
 - What is your family/household communication plan?
 - Do you need to update your emergency preparedness kit?
 - Did any of your emergency plans change due to the Coronavirus?
 - Masks for anyone over the age of 2, disinfectants, and check shelter plans.
2. Consider the specific needs of your household.
 - Different ages
 - Responsibilities for assisting others
 - Dietary needs
 - Medical needs (daily meds, equipment)
 - Disabilities
 - Languages Spoken
 - Pets
3. Fill out a Family Emergency Plan
If you do not have one you can find one at the site below:
 - [ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/family-emergency-communication-plan.pdf](https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/family-emergency-communication-plan.pdf)
4. Practice your plan with your family/household.

Having an emergency plan and a disaster survival supply kit can help you through almost any kind of crisis, whether natural or caused by humans.

Recycle the present, Save the future.

Recycling Corner

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Stop Wishcycling

By: earthday.org

When it comes to recycling, one of the worst things you can do is wishcycle. That's when we optimistically put non-recyclable objects in recycling bins. When we do this, we contaminate whole loads of otherwise recyclable materials. "A lot of people wish that this material can be recycled, and it seems like it's made out of the materials that could be recycled, but sometimes it's not," says Helen Lee.

Cities have certain thresholds to meet when they send their recyclables to third-party waste management companies. If they surpass these thresholds- in other words, if there's too much trash mixed into the recycling load- that entire load could end up in a landfill.



Recycling Works on Earth Day and Every Day

By: Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries

Earth Day, started in 1970 and takes place annually on April 22nd in a worldwide effort to save and nurture the environment of which recycling plays a crucial role. "As the original green industry, recyclers understand the vital role the industry plays in the protection, preservation, and future of the planet," said Robin Wiener, president of ISRI. "Earth Day is a time for everyone to come together and actively participate in ways to better the environment and world in which we live. Recycling is a way of achieving that goal. Individuals can work to recycling properly at home, communities can invest more in capital improvements, brands can design more with recycling in mind, and increase the use of more sophisticated technology in sorting and processing. Recycling is a part of the efforts to save our planet and it works every day to turn used, obsolete products, into feedstock for the manufacturing of new goods."

Last year's Earth Day theme was protecting threatened and endangered species. Recycling plays a crucial role in this respect. Each year the scrap recycling industry processes roughly 130 million metric tons of materials, manufacturing it into useful raw materials. In doing so, the recycling helps to preserve natural resources. The use of recycled material reduces the need for virgin materials, such as iron ore, trees, and other resources, thereby preserving the natural habitats of animals across the earth.

Earth Day Recycling Facts:

- The total estimated reduction in CO2 emissions from scrap recycling globally is approximately 410 million tons per year.
- Recycling one car saves the energy equivalent of 450 gallons and reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 8,811 lbs.
- There is up to an 87 percent reduction in energy consumption when producing recycled plastic compared to producing plastic from virgin materials.
- Recycling one ton of paper saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill.
- Recycling one plastic bottle conserves enough energy to light a 60 watt bulb for up to six hours.



Community News

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Growing Together Garden Beds at Goddard Park

Some people are turning over a new leaf during quarantine and learning how to grow their own food. As the weather warms, there is no better time to develop a green thumb and start a garden. Here are 7 easy steps to growing your own food.

- Find the Perfect Spot
Goddard Park Community Garden is the perfect place to start.
- Plan Ahead
Most fruits & vegetables have a natural season- a time in the year when harvest will be at their most ripe and delicious.
- Mix It Up
Your first bumper crop of green beans will be exciting, but several smaller crops of different fruits & vegetables over the course of the growing season will keep you enthused- and you'll learn so much more.
- Know Your Soil
A simple squeeze test will give you an idea whether your soil tends towards clay, sand, or loam. It will also help you establish whether you'll need to prepare the soil before you start sowing your produce.
- Just Add Water
Plants need water for photosynthesis- the process that enables them to transform sunlight into food and makes them grow.
- Harvest Time
Once ripe, some crops are happy to wait in the ground or on the plant a little longer until you're ready to eat them. Others will be tastier if harvested quickly.
- Enjoy!
Much of the supermarket-bought food we eat has traveled a long way to reach our table. The food you grow will be super fresh and in season which means it's likely to be incredibly tasty.

Although the ground is still cold experienced gardeners are planning this year's crops and reserving their plots at Goddard Park. There are 28 garden beds available to residents of London Grove Township and adjoining Townships. The beds rent for \$31.00 for residents and \$52.00 for non-residents. There are 12 raised beds that go on a first come first serve basis. Applications for the plots are available at the Township office, and the Township Website. Goddard Park provides water and the composting bins.

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.

Whose Trees Are These?

London Grove Township periodically experiences trees falling down during storms, some of which have been found to be dead or dying. This article provides some general information to property owners highlighting their responsibility to maintain their trees to prevent damage or injury.

All landowners are responsible for the trees and other conditions on their own properties. Although the Township has numerous rights-of-way that extend beyond the paved portions of Township owned roadways, the abutting landowner is responsible for maintain the trees and other conditions up to the edge of the roadway. This also includes all vegetation (whether wild or landscaped), as well as any sidewalks, driveways or other conditions outside of the roadway.

The Township is only responsible for certain conditions located within the paved roadways that are under the Township's control, and the Township has not assumed the maintenance responsibility for areas located outside of the paved roadway but within the Township's right-of-way.

Although the Township may at times clear trees, vegetation, and other debris obstructing a roadway, it is the abutting landowners' ultimate responsibility to prevent such obstructions from entering the roadway.

Please have your property inspected for any trees or conditions that may be at risk of falling or otherwise endangering the lives and property of those around you. Simple preventative action can help avoid potential significant loss and cost.



Parks and Recreation News

Goddard Park and the Couple Who Made It Possible

By: Toinette Neilson

A little over two decades ago, Steve and Marna Goddard had a vision: a park for all in London Grove Township. They offered forty acres of their property as the foundation. With former Township Supervisor Connie Alegranti leading a handful of parks committee people, the team was able to contiguously add to the Goddard parcel through donations and purchases, and eventually grew the park up to 125 acres by its 10th anniversary in 2019.

Eric Schott, who has been on the Park & Recreation Board from the very beginning, recalls the pivotal meeting. "I remember the night in the early aughts of 2000 when Connie Alegranti, then a Supervisor and regular attendee of the Park & Recreation get together came in and was very excited about some news she wanted to share. I knew that Connie and fellow Supervisor Lou Kaplan had been working on something in the southern part of the Township with Steve and Marna Goddard. She explained that after months of private negotiations with the developers of Medford Farms and Lamborn Hunt they had reached an agreement for a park." Schott further went on to talk about how it was the Goddard's forty acre donation to the Township that helped make the park become a reality.

Goddard Park is the London Grove Township gem with paved and wooded trails, a playground, dog park, community gardens, and beautiful meadows and woods for the public to enjoy. With each passing year, we improve the park and keep envisioning plans for its future.

Sadly, we lost both Steve and Marna to natural causes in January 2021, and what a legacy they left for the Township and for every person who visits the park.

For years, Steve and Marna visited the park daily for their walk. In their last few years, they took their loop: the playground, the pond, and back to the parking lot by the gardens and the dog park. Every day, they witnessed children playing, people strolling, dogs frolicking, and gardeners working the earth. The Goddard's attended every park function with a tree-planting ceremony, such as Arbor Day, Earth Day, or the Harvest Festival and they proudly brought their "golden shovel"- which they saved from the original groundbreaking ceremony of the Park. It was still sparkly gold.

We are so grateful for Steve and Marna's incredible vision that created and preserved a beautiful stretch of countryside along a vibrant creek, its meadows and woodlands, filled with natural beauty for everyone who takes the time to explore.

A permanent memorial for the Goddard's in the park will be established. For those who would like to donate to the fund, please make checks payable to London Grove Township and note on the donation "for the Goddard Memorial Fund."

Please mail checks to: London Grove Township, 372 Rose Hill Road, West Grove, PA 19390.





We're Hiring

JOIN OUR TEAM

Part Time & Seasonal Public Works Positions

London Grove Township is accepting applications to fill several part time and seasonal positions in the Public Works Department. Position requires ability to perform a variety of duties involving manual labor, and equipment operation, as assigned by the Director of Public Works. All applicants must have clean criminal record. Positions will have varying weekday daytime hours. Salary will be based on experience with no benefits.

London Grove Township is an equal opportunity employer. Submit applications to London Grove Township Attn: Director of Public Works, 372 Rose Hill Road, Suite 100, West Grove, Pa 19390. Complete job description along with application is available at www.londongrove.org Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.



Code Department News

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Get a Head Start on Spring

As the cold winter months are coming to an end and the sun is shining, the air feels warmer, we begin to look for “the list” of all the home improvement project that we’ve been planning all winter.

Why do I need a permit you ask? A permit provides a means for the Township to protect those who live and work there by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction.

One of the most frequent questions the Township receives is “how does the permit process work?” It is actually less complicated then you think. Majority of our permit applications can be found on the Township Website under the Code Department link.

When filing out the application and the applicant is not the owner of record, the owner of record must complete an authorization form and it must be submitted with the permit. The applicant will submit the completed permit application and all required information to the Township Code Department. (A detailed list of items required is included with the Building Permit Application and can also be found on the Township Website under the Code Department.)

The complete permit application package will be stamped in with the date that it is received. The Building Code Official then reviews the submittal for code compliance. The Code Official has 15 business days for residential permits and 30 business days for commercial permits to complete the review. If further information is needed the Code Department will contact the applicant. Once the permit is issued, the Applicant will be notified that the permit is ready for pick-up and the permit fees that are due.

The applicant may begin their project once the permit is issued and the fees are paid. The applicant should also contact the Code Department to schedule inspections; inspections will then be performed and hopefully approved. If the inspection does not pass, then a field correction notice will be issued listing the required corrections.

After the final inspection is approved, a certificate of occupancy is issued by the Building Code Official and you can begin to enjoy the new project that has been completed.

If you have any questions about the Building Code please contact the Code Department London Grove Township at 610-345-0100.

Projects that Require a Permit

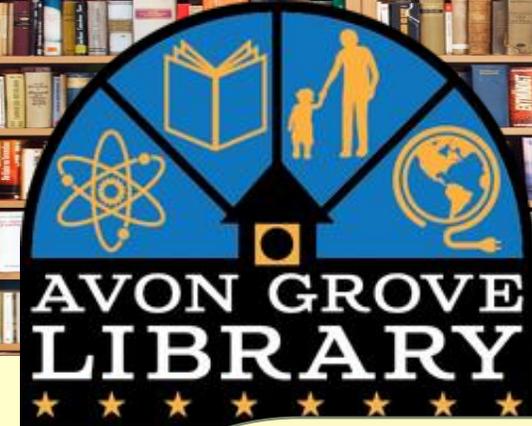
Building permits are required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, demolish or change the occupancy of a building and to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace an electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system.

Carports, detached garages, greenhouses 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 Code Department to verify that you meet the requirements for this exception.

Other types of permits that may be required for your projects include: pools, pool enclosures, fences, roofing, home occupations, driveway extensions, grading, signs, etc. If you're not sure if your project would require a permit please contact the Code Department to discuss it.

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.

Building Code Official- Latta White
Fire Marshal- Robert Weer
Codes Administrative Assistant- Lois Zunino



Avon Grove Library Plans Spring Fun for All Ages

Avon Grove Library offers a variety of storytimes and programs to educate, entertain, and inspire patrons of all ages, while continuing to implement social distancing procedures within the building to ensure everyone's safety. Unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require registration via <https://ccls.libcal.com/calendar/AvonGrove/>. The website www.avongrovelibrary.org and the Avon Grove Library Facebook and Instagram will have updates and additions when necessary. Patrons can also visit Avon Grove Library's YouTube Channel for 24/7 access to family-friendly storytimes, crafts tutorials, and more.

Online Resources:

Patrons can use the extra time at home to take advantage of Avon Grove Library's many free online resources. A few are highlighted below and a full list can be found at ccls.org

- **Libby** is the one-tap reading app for eBooks and streaming audiobooks.
- **POWER (Pennsylvania Online World of Electronic Resources) Library** provides access to magazine and newspaper indexes, full-text encyclopedias and almanacs, and an archive of over 50,000 photographs.
- **Ancestry** is a genealogical database that includes census records. This database is for in-library use only.
- **Flipster** allows patrons to read digital copies of magazines on their computer, smartphone, or tablet using their library card. Users can also download a free app to view or download the magazines to a mobile device.
- **HeritageQuest** contains genealogy and local history resources.
- **Mango Languages** is a language learning program.
- **New York Times** contains NYT articles from 1981- present.
- **NoveList Plus** offers readers book recommendations based on their favorite titles.

Children's and Family Programs:

- **Longwood Community Reads** is an annual partnership between Longwood Gardens and their community partners to encourage reading for pleasure and to start a conversation.
- **Feathered Friends Storytimes** will be held via Facebook Live on Monday, April 5th at 10 a.m. and via Zoom on Tuesday, April 20th at 10 a.m. Children are invited to learn all about birds through stories, songs, themed activities and more, including a reading of this year's featured book, *Ruby's Birds* by Mya Thompson. Registration is required for the Zoom storytime.
- **Ruby's Craft Kits** will be available on a first come, first serve basis starting at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 16th while supplies last. Children will receive birdseed and other materials for bird watching. No registration required.
- **Arbor Day: Celebrating Our Trees** invites students in grades K-8 to join Longwood Gardens to discover the importance of planting and caring for trees, protecting the environment, and preserving natural resources in this free, 30-minute Zoom webinar.
- **Meet the Elephants** invites elephant lovers to meet real, live Asian elephants in a 3-part Zoom series lead by Teachers of Nature.
- **Delrita** (Thursday, April 8th, 4 p.m.) This week participants can meet Delrita, a favorite resident at the Endangered Ark Foundation in Oklahoma.
- **The Herd** (Thursday, April 22nd, 4 p.m.) This week participants can enjoy a unique opportunity to tour the grounds and meet the various pachyderms who call the Endangered Ark Foundation their home.
- **Food Challenge** (Thursday, May 6th, 4 p.m.) This week is all about what the elephants at the Endangered Ark Foundation like to eat, focusing on nutrition as well.
- **Middle Grade Book Club** is held the final Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Students in grades 2-5 read a different book each month and meet over Zoom to discuss it, play games, and have fun!
- **Virtual Game Night** is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. School age students can join library staff for an hour of games, laughter and fun over Zoom.
- **Family Trivia Night** is held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7p.m. There is a limit of 20 players per game and players must be able to access both Zoom and the free Kahoot! App.



- **Virtual Storytimes** are held Monday-Thursday at 10 a.m. Preschoolers and their caretakers can join a librarian for books, songs, and more.
- **Zoom Storytime** is held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- **Facebook Storytime** is held Monday and Friday. No registration is required.
- **Miss Lisa's LEGO Challenge** is posted at 9 a.m every first and third Thursday on the Avon Grove Library Facebook page. Participants build something out of LEGOS, Duplos, and/or Mega Bloks based on a theme, then comment a picture of their creation for a chance to win a prize. No registration required.
- **Dear Pete the Cat** gives young readers the opportunity to become pen pals with the famous groovy children's book character. Letters for Pete the Cat can be dropped off at Avon Grove Library's front desk or mailed to *Pete the Cat, Avon Grove Library, 117 Rosehill Avenue, West Grove, PA 19390*. A return address must be included in order to receive a reply.
- **Grab and Go Crafts for Kids** are available in the Avon Grove Library lobby on the third Fridays of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing while supplies last. Crafts are announced on Avon Grove Library's social media.

Teen Programs:

- **The Eighth Day Book Talk** will be held over Zoom on Monday, April 12th at 7 p.m. Readers in grades 6-12 can engage with local author Dianne Salerni as they discuss her YA fantasy novel, *The Eighth Day*.
- **Planning a Successful Story Arc** is a virtual teen writing workshop hosted by local author Dianne Salerni on Thursday, April 22nd at 7 p.m. This workshop will teach writers how to plan an engaging story with external and internal conflict, engaging characters and a satisfying ending.
- **Grab & Go Crafts for Teens** are available in the Avon Grove Library lobby on the fourth Fridays of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing while supplies last.
- **Virtual Teen Service Club** is for students in grades 6-12. Volunteers can complete remote and digital tasks from home such as creating trivia questions, assisting Avon Grove Library in the creation of content for its social media, and more. Students can visit <https://www.avongrovelibrary.org/teen-volunteers.html> for more information.
- **Teen Advisory Board** is a monthly meeting where students can earn volunteer credit by connecting with their peers and offering input on Avon Grove Library's teen programming via Zoom. Participants must be registered as an AGL Virtual Teen Volunteer.

Adult Programs:

- **The Write Stuff**, Avon Grove Library's writing club for adults, meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month via Zoom from 6-7:30 p.m. Adult writers of all genres and experience levels exchange and provide feedback on works-in-progress with fellow writers.
- **Grab & Go Crafts for Adults** are available in the Avon Grove Library lobby on the second Fridays of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing while supplies last. Crafts are announced on Avon Grove Library's social media.
- **Young @ Heart** a YA book club for adults, meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. via Zoom. A list of monthly titles can be found on the Avon Grove Library website.
- **Adult Book Club** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. via Zoom. A list of monthly titles can be found on the Avon Grove Library website.

Area residents can learn more about storytimes, 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.



Kitchen Corner

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Skillet Lemon Parmesan Chicken with Zucchini and Squash

This is a super easy, super flavorful, one pan chicken and veggie recipe everyone in the family will love! It's a healthy and hearty, bright and lemony dinner that makes great leftovers.

Servings: 4

Prep 15 minutes

Cook 15 minutes

Ready in: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 lbs boneless skinless chicken breasts, diced into bite size pieces
- 2 Tbsp olive oil, divided
- 2 Tbsp butter, divided (or more olive oil)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tsp Italian seasoning, divided
- 1 tsp garlic powder*, divided
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp lemon zest, plus more for serving
- 10 oz. (2 small) zucchini, sliced and halved if wider
- 10 oz. (2 small) yellow squash, sliced and halved if wider
- 1/3 cup finely shredded parmesan, or more to taste
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice

Instructions

Heat 1 Tbsp olive oil in a 12-inch non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Dab chicken dry with paper towels. Season with a fair amount of salt and pepper, 2 tsp Italian seasoning, 1/2 tsp garlic powder, onion powder and lemon zest then toss to coat (I just added the seasonings to the chicken on the cutting board). Melt butter in pan with olive oil then add chicken and cook 3 minutes then flip and cook opposite side until chicken has cooked through (center of larger pieces should register 165 degrees), about 3 minutes longer. Transfer to a plate and tent with foil to keep warm.

Heat remaining 1 Tbsp oil and 1 Tbsp butter in same skillet over medium-high heat. Add zucchini and squash, then season with salt, 1 tsp Italian seasoning and 1/2 tsp garlic powder. Cook tossing occasionally until just tender, about 4 minutes.

Return chicken to pan with zucchini and squash. Drizzle in lemon juice and toss. Sprinkle with parmesan and parsley. Serve warm with more parmesan and lemon zest if desired (I served mine over cooked orzo which is delicious).

Notes

*1 Tbsp minced fresh garlic may be substituted. Add half of it to the chicken halfway through cooking and add half to the zucchini/squash when added to the skillet.

Recipe source: Cooking Classy





Meet the Finance Department

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

London Grove Township has recently taken over the management of the London Grove Township Municipal Authority as well as Inniscrone Golf Course. With that, we have added to the Township Finance Department.

Meet Miss. Jacqui Guenther. Miss. Guenther is the Finance/HR Director, she has been with London Grove Township for 6 years and has 20+ years' experience in Municipal Government. When Miss. Guenther is not working she enjoys spending time with her family, especially her grandson, as well as her dog Lilly. She also enjoys the beach. The Finance/HR Director is responsible for the day-to-day financial administration of the Township including, accounting, accounts payable/receivable, benefits administration, bookkeeping, budgeting, cash management, payroll, personnel matters and risk management.

Meet Mrs. Linda Dowdy. Miss Dowdy handles Utility Billing, and has been a part of London Grove Township and the Municipal Authority for the last 18 years and has 30+ years' experience in Municipal Government. When Mrs. Dowdy is not working she enjoys spending time with her family and traveling. Utility Billing is responsible for the processing of the water and sewer payments, troubleshooting water leaks etc... with customers, assisting with budget preparation, assisting with audit reviews and coordinates with accounts payable.

Meet Mrs. Tracy Kellett. Mrs. Kellett handles Accounts Payable and has been with London Grove Township and the Municipal Authority for the last 6 years. When Mrs. Kellett is not working she enjoys cooking, hunting, and spending time with her family and the best pup in the world Gator. Accounts Payable is responsible for reviewing and preparing bills for approval, processing vendor payments, assisting with the budget preparation, assisting with the audit reviews and coordinates with accounts receivable.

2021 Public Meeting Schedule

Most meetings are being conducted in-person with Covid-19 precautions in place. We ask that you wear a mask and practice social distancing. If the meeting is being held virtually, via Zoom, we will announce it as Zoom meeting on the calendar on our website. Please email admin@londongrove.org for the link or phone # to attend.

Municipal Authority Board Meetings- 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Meetings- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Open Space Committee Meetings- 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Meetings- 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings- Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board Meetings- As Necessary.

All meetings will happen on the day above as listed unless it is a holiday or other announcements have been made. All meetings are listed on the Township Website Calendar.



Inniscrone Golf Club

By: Amy McLaughlin

The Inniscrone Golf Club, located in Avondale, PA is a challenging 18-hole, municipal owned, public recreational facility. Its amenities include a driving range, putting green and a short game practice area within walking distance of the clubhouse. Though the clubhouse is currently closed to its patrons at this time due to Covid restrictions, (the restrooms are open to the public) it does offer everything a pro shop would through the current check in window, golf apparel, wide variety of hats, gloves, balls and accessories. Individuals, families and groups can acquire golf lessons throughout the season as well as junior camps during July and August by PGA Professional Tim Brown. The Club also offers handmade sandwiches, snacks, nonalcoholic beverages, variety of adult beverages for your enjoyment while on the property.

With the arrival of COVID 19 last March, everyone's lives changed. So much uncertainty and stress followed. By April, people needed an activity that would allow them to get out of the house with some reassurance of safety. Golf was one of the few activities.

Inniscrone made several adjustments to their operation to ensure their patrons could fully enjoy their round of golf safely. We immediately changed our tee times from 10-minute intervals to 15 minutes between each round. Allowing less people in the parking lot as well as at the check in window, assuring everyone of safe social distancing. More importantly, to ensure the customers enjoyment, the 15 minutes allowed each foursome to feel as if they are playing the course by themselves with no one else in sight. In turn, pace of play would never become an issue.

Inniscrone put in a slider window with a credit card machine outside to allow patrons to check in with safety and ease. All transactions were made through the window whether it be for golf, apparel, food or drinks. Our cart staff, being properly outfitted with gloves, masks and pullover bibs thoroughly cleaned and sterilized every cart after each round. Inniscrone even altered its cart distribution, asking the patrons to choose their own clean cart out of the cart barn to ensure they were the first and only person to touch the cart for their round. The Club found with these safety measurements in place, great customer service and challenging but well-kept course conditions, patrons showed their appreciation by returning time and time again.

Though Inniscrone did not raise their pricing when we finally opened in May of 2020, we still finished the year on a positive note. As always, improvements to the property are always being discussed every year. The township has recently installed an electric car charging station in the parking lot. They have also been repaving portions of the parking lot and cart paths throughout the course.

If you're looking to find a relaxing, outdoor recreation, please visit our website www.inniscronegolfclub.com to book your next round of golf!

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