

London Grove Township Gazette

Summer 2021

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Medication Drop-off Locations

Permanent medication collection boxes are available in several Chester County locations. Medication collection boxes offer residents the opportunity to safely and anonymously dispose of unwanted and expired drugs and medication.

Medication Collection boxes will help reduce these statistics:

- 75% of people who abuse prescription pain relievers get them from friends or relatives.
- 1 in 5 high school students have abused prescription drugs.
- Environmental Protection Agency studies have detected pharmaceutical drugs in our water supply.

Products Accepted

- Prescription and over the counter solid medications
- Tablets and capsules
- Prescription Patches
- Medical Creams and ointments
- Vitamins
- Nasal Sprays
- Pet Medications
- Liquid Medications in Original Bottles. *Sites marked with (l) accept liquids. Call any unmarked drop-off location to confirm acceptance of liquid medications.*

Products Not Accepted

- Intravenous Solutions
- Injectable, Syringes, and needles (EpiPens)
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Compressed Cylinders or aerosols (asthma inhalers)
- Iodine-containing medications
- Thermometers

Drop-Off Locations

Avondale Police Barracks State Police 2 Moxley Road Avondale, PA	Southern Chester County Regional Police 385 Starr Rd, Suite 100 Landenberg, PA
Chester County Hosp. ER 701 E. Marshall St. West Chester, PA	West Chester Univ. Police Department 690 S. Church St. West Chester, PA
Kennett Square Boro. Police Dept. 115 N. Broad St. Kennett Square, PA	Oxford Boro Police Dept. 57 N. 4 th Street Oxford, PA

For a full list of drop-off locations please visit
chesco.org/2673/Medication-Drop-Off

Be a Part of Something Bigger! VOLUNTEER!

There is no "I" in team, but there is a "U" in Volunteer!

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!

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



Swimming Safety

By: www.cdc.gov

Swimming and other water-related activities are excellent ways to get the physical activity and health benefits needed for a healthy life. Americans swim hundreds of millions of times in pools, oceans, lakes, rivers, and hot tubs/spas each year, and most people have a safe and healthy time enjoying the water. However, it is important to be aware of ways to prevent illness, sunburn, and drowning that can occur.

This site provides information for the public about healthy swimming in public venues so that everyone can maximize the health benefits of swimming while minimizing the risk of illness and injury. If you are traveling outside of the United States with plans to swim in public pools, oceans, lakes, or rivers, please visit CDC's Traveler's Health page for health recommendations and advice.

Health Benefits of Water-based Exercise

Swimming is the fourth most popular sports activity in the United States and a good way to get regular aerobic physical activity. Just two and a half hours per week of aerobic physical activity, such as swimming, bicycling, or running, can decrease the risk of chronic illnesses. This can also lead to improved health for people with diabetes and heart disease. Swimmers have about half the risk of death compared with inactive people. People report enjoying water-based exercise more than exercising on land. They can also exercise longer in water than on land without increased effort or joint or muscle pain. Water-based exercise can help people with chronic diseases. For people with arthritis, it improves use of affected joints without worsening symptoms. People with rheumatoid arthritis have more health improvements after participating in hydrotherapy than with other activities. Water-based exercise also improves the use of affected joints and decreases pain from osteoarthritis.

Steps for Healthy Swimming

We all share the water we swim in. That means each of us needs to do our part to help keep ourselves, our families, and our friends healthy. To help protect yourself and those you care about, here are a few easy and effective steps all swimmers can take each time we swim, play, or relax in the water.

Before you get in

Pools, hot tubs, and water playgrounds with proper chlorine or bromine levels and pH are less likely to spread germs. Injuries and drownings are less likely when trained staff and adequate safety equipment are present. Before you or those you care about get in the water, do your own mini inspection:

- ✓ Check latest inspection results on state or local health department website or on-site.
- ✓ Make sure the drain at the bottom of the deep end is visible. Check that the drain covers appear to be secured and in good condition.
- ✓ Use test strips to make sure the water has a proper free chlorine (amount of chlorine available to kill germs) or bromine level and pH.
- ✓ Free chlorine level: at 1 part per million (ppm) in pools and water playgrounds and at least 3 ppm in hot tubs.
- ✓ Bromine level: at least 3 ppm in pools and water playgrounds and at least 4 ppm in hot tubs.
- ✓ pH (affects how effectively germs are killed or inactivated): 7.2-7.8.
- ✓ Most superstores, hardware stores, and pool supply stores sell test strips. Follow the manufacturer's directions to ensure proper usage.
- ✓ Check for lifeguards
- ✓ If on duty, the lifeguard(s) should be focused on swimmers and not distracted.
- ✓ If no lifeguard is on duty, find the location of the safety equipment, such as a rescue ring or pole.
- ✓ Make sure no chemicals are out in the open.

For more tips on how to stay safe this summer visit www.cdc.gov.



Water & Sewer News

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Water Consumption.... Looking At How Much We Could Be Using

London Grove Township customers who are serviced by public water and sewer, please remember that the sewer portion of your bill is calculated according to water consumption. So when you're watering your lawn, washing your cars, filling your swimming pool your sewer bill will reflect this usage.

Nice lawn, clean cars, full swimming pool, what do all of these things have in common? Water Usage! In just a short period of time the amount of water you are consuming adds up. Let's take a look....

For example, to provide your lawn with one inch of water takes a little over half a gallon per square foot (0.623 gallons to be more exact). That means that every 10' x 10' area will require over 62 gallons of water. That doesn't sound like much until you consider that a 100' x 100' lawn uses 6, 230 gallons of water every time you turn on the sprinklers! This is assuming that your yard is square or rectangle.

The average garden hose uses approximately 10 gallons per minute. This means you use 100 gallons of water with only a 10-minute car wash. Generally, a vehicle that is washed on a fairly regular basis and is not too heavily consumed with bugs, dirt, etc. should take approximately an hour, maybe a little longer depending on the size of the vehicle. Now, for vehicles that are dirtier or have simply not been washed for a prolonged period of time this can take anywhere between one to two hours to finish. So in general, when washing your vehicle at home you could be using anywhere from 600-1,200 gallons of water.

When looking at your swimming pool, they come in many shapes and sizes. In order to enjoy them they need to be filled right? In reference to filling your swimming pool, please contact the office to discuss your options.

MS4:

Every quarter we include a MS4 Tip in our newsletter, some of you have asked what MS4 is. MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. It is any conveyance or system of conveyances (including streets, ditches, and pipes) that is: owned by a municipality; designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater; not a combined sewer (i.e., not intended for both sewage and stormwater); and not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). It is a separate stormwater collection system owned and operated by a municipality. (When a municipality only has one system for sewage and stormwater, it is called a combined sewer system).

The tips that we give are just some examples of things that could be running into our storm system and ways that we can prevent these from happening.

When your car is leaking oil on the street, remember it's not just leaking oil on the street! Leaking oil goes from car to street, and is washed from the street into the storm drain and into our lakes, streams and coastal waters. Now, image the number of cars in the area and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its way from leaky gaskets into our water. Please fix oil leaks!



WE'RE ALL
IN THIS
Together



London Grove Township Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

London Grove Township Building

www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation

For helpful tips and to reserve your appointment time click the link above. Search for sponsor code: **londongrove** to schedule an appointment. For Donor Eligibility Guidelines: Call 1-800-REDCROSS

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



London Grove Township Building

372 Rose Hill Road

West Grove, PA 19390

610-345-0100



Fire Marshal News

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

When the warmer weather hits, there's nothing better than the smell of food on the grill. There is nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries.

Safety Tips

- *Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.*
- *The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging braches.*
- *Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.*
- *Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.*
- *Never leave your grill unattended.*
- *Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.*

Charcoal Grills

- *There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.*
- *If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.*
- *Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.*
- *There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.*
- *When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.*

For more information please visit NFPA.org

Hydrant Flushing 2021

London Grove Township Public Works Department will be starting fire hydrant flushing from the beginning of June 2021 through August 2021. Flushing may briefly cause low water pressure. The flushing process may also cause temporary cloudiness and/or air pockets in your water which gives the water a milky appearance. Allow the water to run until it clears. The water is still potable and safe to drink.

Ken Battin, Township Manager

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Lightning strikes may be rare, but they still happen and the risk of serious injury or death is severe. Take thunderstorms seriously. You can protect yourself from risk even if you are caught outdoors when lightning is close by.

Safety Precautions Outdoors

- *If the weather forecast calls for thunderstorms, postpone your activity.*
- *Find a safe enclosed shelter.*
- *Don't forget the 30-30 rule. After you see lightning, start counting to 30. If you hear thunder before you reach 30, go indoors. Suspend activities for at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder.*
- *If no shelter is available, crouch low, with as little of your body touching the ground as possible. Lightning causes electric currents along the top of the ground that can be deadly over 100 feet away.*
- *Stay away from concrete floors or walls. Lightning can travel through any metal wires or bars in concrete walls or flooring. Although you should move into a non-concrete structure if possible, being indoors does not automatically protect you from lightning. In fact, about one-third of lightning strike injuries occur indoors.*

Safety Precautions Indoors

- *Avoid water during a thunderstorm. Lightning can travel through plumbing.*
- *Avoid electronic equipment of all types. Lightning can travel through electrical systems and radio and television reception systems.*
- *Avoid corded phones. However, cordless or cellular phones are safe to use during a storm.*
- *Avoid concrete floors and walls.*

For more information please visit cdc.gov



Community Risk Reduction Program

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Lagoon Storage Wastewater Treatment Plant

When washing dishes, pulling the plug on your tub or even flushing the toilet, have you ever wondered what happens to that water and waste. In London Grove Township, we have two Wastewater Treatment Plants located at 748 e. Avondale Road and 333 Rose Hill Road, houses 2 large ponds, a water processing facility and is all enclosed by a white picket fence.

This center employs basic physics and high technology to purify the dirtiest of water so it can go back into the environment as a member in good standing of the water cycle. It takes the sewage from the dwellings within the Township, treats it, purifies it, gurgles it up, and sprays it out on to our fields at Inniscrone Golf Club.

There are several stages to clean wastewater. Wastewater systems rely on the force of gravity to move sewage from one place to another (your home to the treatment plant). You will find most wastewater treatment plants located on low ground. If the plant is built on higher ground, the wastewater must be pumped up to the higher aeration lagoons. From here gravity would take over to move the wastewater through the treatment process.

One of the first steps that the water treatment facility can do is to just shake up the sewage and expose it to air. This causes some of the dissolved gases (such as hydrogen sulfide, which gives you the rotten egg smell) that taste and smell bad to be released from the water. Wastewater then enters a series of stages. Each lagoon is divided into two sections. In the first section, air is pumped through the water. As organic matter decays, it uses up oxygen. Aeration replenishes the oxygen. Bubbling oxygen through the water also keeps the organic material suspended while it forces 'grit' (coffee grounds, sand, and other small, dense particles) to settle out. Grit is pumped out of the lagoons.

Wastewater then enters the second section or sedimentation lagoon. Here, the sludge (the organic matter of the sewage) settles out of the wastewater and is pumped out of the lagoon. As the sludge is settling to the bottom of the sedimentation lagoons, lighter materials are floating to the surface. This is called 'scum'. This scum includes things like grease, oils, plastics and soap. The scum is skimmed off the surface of the water using slow moving rakes. FOG Program

A filtration sewage treatment plant, takes the liquid sewage, after the solids are removed, and filters it through a substance, usually sand, by gravity. This method gets rid of almost all bacteria, reduces turbidity and color, removes odors, reduces the amount of iron and removes most other solid particles that remained in the water. Water is sometimes filtered through carbon particles, which removes organic particles.

Finally, wastewater flows into a 'chlorine contact' tank, where the chlorine is added to kill bacteria, which could pose a health risk, just like in swimming pools. The chlorine is mostly eliminated as the bacteria are destroyed, but sometimes it must be neutralized by adding other chemicals. This protects fish and other marine organisms, which could be harmed by the smallest amounts of chlorine.

So with all of that being said the basic summary of it is, sewage takes its time to settle out and the sun lends its ultraviolet rays to clean it up. Bubbly fountains in the middle of the lagoons, constantly adding fresh air to the mix and getting it clean. It becomes pure enough to drink, it doesn't go trickling down some river to the sea. It sticks around, moistening our fields and trees, keeping the water in the neighborhood where it was born, creating vegetation and wild flowers.

Spray Irrigation

What exactly is spray irrigation? Spray irrigation technically speaking, pertains only to the manner in which wastewater effluent is dealt with after it is treated. Plants usually discharge this secondary treated effluent into nearby streams but spray irrigation simply means that this treated effluent is applied or sprayed into the land rather than released into a stream or body of water. Spray irrigation is a method for disposing of secondary treated municipal wastewater by spraying it on the land surface. The sprayed wastewater either evaporates into the air, soaks into the soil, or percolates through the soil and recharges the ground water. Spraying the wastewater onto the land has advantages, because the wastewater recharges the groundwater system and increases base flow in streams. Benefits are derived from the 'natural' treatment of the wastewater that takes place in the soil when plants and other biota remove some nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) from the wastewater (PA Department of Environmental Protection, 2003). The removal of nutrients is one advantage spray irrigation has to conventional disposal methods like instream discharge.



Recycle the present, Save the future.

Recycling Corner

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Recycling, What's Changed Since January 2020?

The Pandemic.....The Covid-19 Pandemic has affected the entire world and disrupted everyday life in so many ways. Our waste habits changed almost overnight, municipalities struggled to adapt, and many still are struggling. On top of people's home waste habits changing quickly, our sanitation workers have been essential workers throughout the pandemic, and outbreaks and quarantine requirements have impacted workforce availability. One of the main reasons that the United States' recycling is so expensive to sell is that it is deeply contaminated. You can help address this problem by knowing what you can recycle and how best to clean your recycling.

What does it mean to have clean recycling? Your can of tomatoes, jar of jam or bottle of milk need to be rinsed of visible residue before you put them into the curbside recycling bin. Cardboard boxes (flattened, with stickers and labels included) are almost always ok, unless debris and grease have soaked into the fibers. Pizza boxes for example, are often greasy, but if the top of the box is clean you can tear it off and recycle it curbside, discarding only the soiled portions.

You can recycle glass bottles, but do not include broken glass, window glass, light bulbs (recyclable at some home improvement stores) and porcelain in your curbside recycling. Don't even consider adding napkins, paper towels, used paper plates, waxed coffee cups, tissues or straws they are as off limits as the Styrofoam containers and packing peanuts that often come in shipped materials. Plastic bags, including those air-filled packs that often come in shipping boxes cannot be recycled curbside, but many grocery stores accept them along with regular grocery store plastic bags if they are clean and dry.

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Can Recycle Curbside	Can't Recycle Curbside	Recycle at Special Facility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glass Jars and Bottles Paper (non-metallic) Newspaper Cartons (milk, juice, broth, wine) Flattened Cardboards (try to keep it dry) Books and Magazines Egg Cartons Plastic Containers Aluminum Cans Metal Tins Steel Cans and Lids Empty Paint Cans Empty Aerosol Cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Bags Disposable Takeout Containers Greasy Pizza Boxes Styrofoam Disposable Plates, Coffee Cups Compostable Plastics Pet Food Bags Chip Bags Diapers Aluminum Foil Light Bulbs Propane Tanks Garden Hoses Cassette Tapes Tissues, Paper Towels and Napkins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic Bags Chip Bags Batteries Drink Pouches Shoes Candy Bar Wrappers Corks Brita Filters Electronics Paint Light Bulbs

Community News

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Events

Friday, June 25- Coatesville CCIU Center, 1635 E. Lincoln Hwy. Coatesville
 Saturday, August 28- Oxford School District Admin. Bldg. 125 Bell Tower Ln, Oxford
 Saturday, October 9- Government Service Center, 601 Westtown Rd. West Chester

You must be a Chester County Resident, no businesses, and you must register for the collection event at <https://www.chestercountyswa.org/>

Safety First! (We are adjusting to the new public health restrictions).

- All materials must be in the truck/bed area of your vehicle. Staff will remove the items.
- Stay in your car.
- Follow Traffic As You Are Directed
- Please wear a mask as we are still following pandemic guidelines.
- Drive Slowly!
- Watch for Pedestrians!



Accepted

Oil-based paints, stains, varnishes
 Rechargeable Batteries
 Pesticides- Solid & Liquid
 Solvents
 Antifreeze
 Fluorescent (CFL) light tubes/bulbs
 Swimming Pool Chemicals
 Fire Extinguishers
 Small (2lb) Propane Cylinders
 Gasoline
 Mercury Thermostats
 Mercury Thermometers



Not Accepted

Latex (water-based) paint
 Alkaline Batteries
 T.V's, Computers, Appliances
 Any Electronics
 Radio Active waste
 Medical & Infectious Waste
 Explosives & Ammunitions
 Tires
 Gas Cylinders
 Propane Tank larger than 2lbs.
 Smoke Detectors
 Unidentified Waste

If you have questions please visit <https://www.chestercountyswa.org/> or call 610-273-3771.

How to Protect Your Home

- Use a light timer.** Light timers turn lights on and off at random intervals giving the appearance that you're at home.
- Lock up valuables!** Mark or engrave your possessions too.
- Use effective locks.** Make it really difficult for anyone to get in.
- Take photographs of your prized possessions** and keep any receipts to prove ownership.
- Keep the exterior looking neat.** If you see letters, post etc. piles up, thieves will know you're not at home.
- Get home insurance.** Don't think of it as an unnecessary expense. It could save you money in the long-run.
- Stay unpredictable.** Mix up your routine because burglars will strike when they know you're out.
- Park your car out of sight.** This means putting it in the garage or around the corner, but never in front of your home.
- Install CCTV and security alarms.** This will deter potential thieves from the onset or help catch them later.
- Dispose of boxes carefully** so that thieves won't know you bought a new TV or iPhone etc.

Source: <http://uk.akmen.com/money/how-to-300/347-how-to.html>
 www.alba-locks.co.uk

It's Hot Out!

Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!



A car can overheat **even** when the window has been left cracked an inch or two.



Young, overweight or elderly animals, or those with short muzzles or thick or dark-colored coats are most at risk for overheating.



Shady spots offer **little** protection on hot days, and move with the sun.

90°

Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!

102°

On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

120°

Within just 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to a scorching 120°.



Many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime.

ASPCA

If you see an animal trapped in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner or call 911! **Stay by the car until assistance arrives.**



Parks and Recreation News

A couple of months ago, the Parks & Recreation Board (PRB) presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) a conceptual, third phase master plan of Goddard Park at a regular township meeting. This presentation was the product of a request by the BOS of all Township Boards and Commissions: look to the future and create a strategic plan. As a result, the PRB posted a two week survey on the Township Website and collected the residents' responses about their use of the park and their ideas for the future. The PRB identified a feasible list from the survey results, and kept in mind that Goddard Park was listed as a "green park" in the acquisition of many of the original grants, which means we must continue to meet certain guidelines (such as no electricity in the park.)

At the February 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting, PRB member Eric Schott gave a brief introduction and history of the park. PRB Chairman Laura Miller, presented the conceptual master plan of Goddard Park's future: expansion of trails with more paved trails, a tot lot, a multi-use playing field, an expanded lower paved lot, educational and informational signage, more benches and outdoor grills. A focus is also on restoration and maintenance of the rain gardens, stream banks, meadows, and the pond. The presentation was well received by the BOS, with the suggestion of attaching cost estimates for each of the feasible proposed projects moving ahead. The PRB is currently following up on this request.

Despite being hopeful about offering a weekly summer Farmer's Market by the lower lot, we did not receive enough expressed interest by vendors and organizers. Perhaps further in the future!

We will not be holding a fall festival this year due to pandemic uncertainty, but the Township hopes to bring it back in 2022.

The memorial plans for Steve and Marna Goddard are underway, and the plan is to locate it outside the vegetable garden fence, and close to the dog park area. A lovely seating area, with landscaping and a plaque to Steve and Marna, should be well used in that spot. Also, a trail on the lower end of the park will be named after Steve and Marna. If anyone would like to contribute to the memorial, please mail a check to the Township office, with "Goddard Memorial" written on the check. Thank you to all who have contributed already!

The dog park was successfully reseeded and is now fully open with the sun shades in place. To undergo the reseed, sides had to alternate being closed, and now both sides are ready for your romping, running canines.

The park is looking verdant as ever, and the vegetable garden boxes already grow with abundance. Come enjoy the park in as many ways as you can this summer!





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

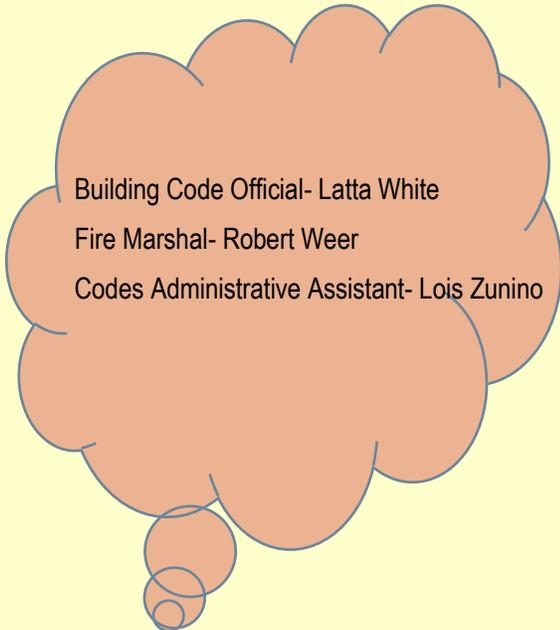
By: Dawn Maciejczyk

What is a U&O and Why Do I Need It to Sell My House?

A U&O Inspection is a type of inspection that is required by London Grove Township. These inspections are conducted for safety reasons, and to ensure that homes within the Township are in good condition. Your home has been on the market and an agreement has been reached with a buyer, settlement has been scheduled and now all loose ends are being tied up. You fill out the Use and Occupancy Permit and turn it into the Township with the established fee. The Codes Department Administrative Assistant will process the paperwork and give you a call to schedule the inspection.

What to expect during a U&O Inspection. The Building Code Official will schedule a visit to your home. The inspection is usually rather quick. Things like broken windows, mold, the home has the proper amount of working smoke detectors, handrails, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors are being checked for. The Inspector is ensuring that the home meets all fire codes and that the proper permits were obtained for any renovations.

It is the seller's responsibility to fix any problems related to the U&O Inspection. If the home fails the inspection the Official will put all needed repairs in writing and a follow-up appointment for re-inspection will be scheduled.



Building Code Official- Latta White

Fire Marshal- Robert Weer

Codes Administrative Assistant- Lois Zunino

How Do I Get A Permit?

We aim to make the permit process in London Grove Township quick, easy and painless. The applicant submits a completed application and require information to the Township Code Department. The Building Code Official reviews the submittal for code compliance, and contacts the applicant if further information is needed. Upon review of the application the applicant is notified that the permit is ready and any fee that is associated with the permit. The applicant is then welcome to either come to the Township Building to pay and pick up the permit, or they may mail a check into the Township and once received we will mail their completed permit back to them. If any inspections are required with the specific permit that was obtained the applicant would contact the Township to set up the appointments, giving at least 24 hours' notice. Once all inspections are completed successfully the Building Code Official will issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Permit Application Flow Chart

Permit/Plans are submitted----- → Letter/Phone call to applicant with deficiencies noted

Plans are reviewed----→ Submittal is incomplete or not code compliant. (See above)

Submittal is code compliant and the application is approved.

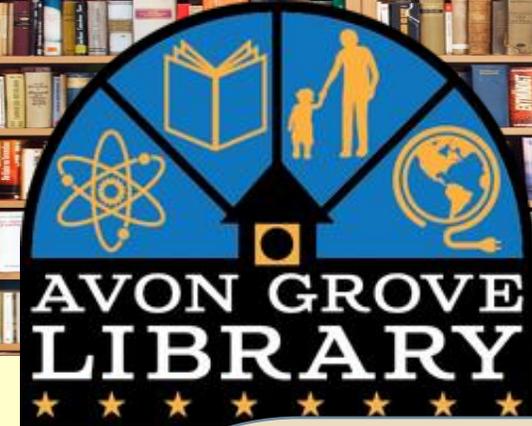
Applicant is notified of fees and when permit can be picked up.

Applicant picks up permit and pays all fees.

Applicant calls the Township to schedule inspections. ←-----Notice is given of code deficiencies.

Inspections are performed. -----→ If inspection(s) fail (see above)

Certificate of compliance is issued once all inspections are passed.



Movie Nights, “Tails & Tales” Summer Reading, and More Summer Fun from the Library

By: Kati Davis

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. 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, craft tutorials, and more.

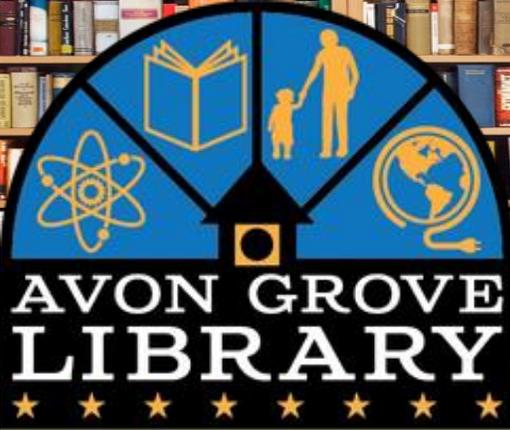
Unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require registration via <https://ccls.libcal.com/calendar/AvonGrove/>.

Summer Reading:

The national summer reading theme for 2021 is “Tails and Tales.” This year Avon Grove Library will participate in the Patch Power program, which allows elementary age readers to earn themed patches by reading, completing activities, and attending library programs throughout the summer. There will be separate programs for preschool age children, teenagers, and adults to earn prizes. An outdoor kickoff party with limited registration will be held in June. Patrons can visit the library’s website and social media to stay updated on further developments.

Children’s and Family Programs

- Avon Grove Library and Penn Township Park will once again partner to offer an **Outdoor Movie Series** from June through November. Some will be drive-in movies at the Sports Park (355 N. Jennersville Road, West Grove, PA 19390), while others will be classic movies in the park at Penn Township Park (260 Lewis Road, West Grove, PA 19390). All events will feature local food trucks and activities and will have the proper safety procedures in place.
 - Dirty Dancing will be shown on Saturday, June 12 at the Sports Park. This movie night was planned for adults. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. and the film will begin at 8:30 p.m. or when the sun sets.
- **Virtual Storytimes** are held Monday-Friday at various times. Preschoolers and their caretakers can join a librarian for books, songs, and more.
 - **Zoom Storytime** is held Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - **Facebook Storytime** is held Fridays at 10:00 a.m. No registration is required.
 - **Instagram Storytime** is held Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. No registration is required.
- **Storytime at the Park** is held at Penn Township Park (260 Lewis road, West Grove, PA 19390) on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and Fridays at 1:00 p.m. Registration is required. Masks are encouraged and social distancing is mandatory.
- **Tails & Tales Books and Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at Penn Township Park (260 Lewis Road, West Grove, PA 19390). Families can enjoy breakfast, crafts, and stories as they are introduced to this year’s animal-centered summer reading theme, Tails & Tales.
- **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!
- **Among Us Game Night** will be held on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. Elementary age students can join library staff to play the popular online game *Among Us* over Zoom.
- **Family Trivia Night** is held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. There is a limit of 20 players per game and players must be able to access both Zoom and the free Kahoot! App.
- **Miss Lisa’s LEGO Challenge** is posted at 9:00 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 the theme, then comment a picture of their creation for a chance to win a prize. No registration required.
- **Dear Llama Llama** gives young readers the opportunity to become pen pals with the famous children’s book character. Letters for Llama Llama can be dropped off at Avon Grove Library’s front desk or mailed to *Llama Llama, 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 10:00 a.m. and continuing while supplies last. No registration is required.



Teen Programs:

- **Grab & Go Crafts for Teens** are available in the Avon Grove Library lobby on the second Fridays of each month, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing while supplies last. No registration is required.
- **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 held on the fourth Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. 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 fourth Fridays of each month, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing while supplies last. No registration is required.
- **Young @ Heart**, a YA book club for adults, meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 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 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. A list of monthly titles can be found on the Avon Grove Library website.

Areas residents can learn more about storytimes, classes and programs at www.avongrovelibrary.org, which is updated frequently with new programs and details.

Register now for our July 1 Novel Tea fundraiser! The Chester County libraries are hosting a virtual meeting with bestselling author Riley Sager, who is bringing out his new thriller *Survive the Night*.

Summer Reading Tips for Parents

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

School is over, the homework has ended.... At least this is how most children think, but summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning. There are many things that children can do over the summer to help them keep their reading, writing, math, science skills fresh for the upcoming year. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read will gain skills.

Children do need free time in the summer to relax and enjoy the wonders and pleasures of being a child. So summer reading should be fun. Below are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

- ✓ Read aloud together with your child every day.
- ✓ Set a good example!
- ✓ Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.
- ✓ Let kids choose what they want to read.
- ✓ Buy books on tape.
- ✓ Take your children to the library regularly.
- ✓ Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines that might interest them like, *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Highlights for Children*, *National Geographic's*.
- ✓ Ease disappointment over summer separation from a favorite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals.
- ✓ Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices, etc.
- ✓ Encourage your child to keep a summer scrap book, you could also keep a summer scrap book.



Kitchen Corner

By: Tracy Kellett

Macaroni Salad

Ingredients:

- 16 Ounces uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1 Cucumber peeled and diced
- 1 Large Sweet Onion chopped
- 1 Red Bell Pepper seeded and chopped
- 1 Small Can of Sliced Black olives (optional)
- 2 Cups Mayonnaise
- 14 Ounce Can Sweetened Condensed Milk
- ½ Cup White Sugar
- ½ Cup White Vinegar
- ½ Tsp. Celery Seed
- Salt and Pepper to Taste

Directions:

- Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add macaroni, and cook until tender, about 8 minutes. Drain and let completely cool to room temperature.
- Add the cucumbers, onions, red pepper and olives to the room temperature macaroni. Stir together the mayonnaise, condensed milk, sugar, vinegar, celery seed, salt and pepper, toss gently with macaroni mixture. Cover and refrigerate for at least 8 hours. Enjoy!



Township Departments and Staff

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

London Grove Township consist of many different departments, buildings and staff to keep day to day operations running smoothly. Below is a breakdown of the buildings, hours of operation, contact information and staff.

Administration Building:

The Administration Building is located at 372 Rose Hill Road, West Grove, PA 19390. Hours of Operation are from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Main Phone Number is 610-345-0100, Fax Number is 610-345-0455. The office staff consist of 3 main departments, Administration Department, Codes Department and Finance Department.

Public Works Building:

The Public Works Building is located at 374 Rose Hill Road, West Grove, PA 19390. Hours of Operation are from 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Main Phone Number is 610-345-0100, Fax Number is 610-345-0455.

Inniscrone Golf Course:

The Inniscrone Golf Course is located at 15 Athelone Way, Avondale, PA 19311. Hours of Operation are from 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sunday- Saturday (7 days a week). Main Phone Number is 484-577-2700.

Administration Department:

Township Manager, Ken Battin
Township Assistant Manager, Robert Weer
Office Manager/Township Secretary, Dawn Maciejczyk

Codes Department:

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

Finance Department:

Finance/HR Director, Jacqui Guenther
Utility Billing, Linda Dowdy
Accounts Payable, Tracy Kellett

Public Works Building:

Public Works Director, Shane Kinsey
Public Works Foreman, Nate Hughes
Water, Wastewater Operator, Richard Mattson
Laborer, Joey Swift
Laborer, JT Harvey
Laborer, Ryan Yerkes
Laborer, Mike Hughes
Laborer, Joe Zdun

Inniscrone Golf Club:

Director of Golf Club, Thomas Bolko
Golf Club Manager, Amy McLaughlin
Guest Services Manager, Kelly Quinn
Pro Shop Manager, Jesse Connors

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: Dawn Maciejczyk

Inniscrone Golf Club is a Public golf course in Avondale Pennsylvania. It is owned and managed by London Grove Township. It is an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Gil Hanse that delivers a true golf experience. Inniscrone Golf Club is open daily for public play and sells memberships that allow for various levels of access. Every greens fee includes the use of the driving range, practice green, and a cart for your golfing pleasure. The pro shop allows the golfer to purchase clubs, balls, shirts, hats and various other golf related items. A snack bar is available for lunch items, snacks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Inniscrone Golf Club is competitively priced and provides a true golf experience and value for your dollar. We look forward to seeing you at Inniscrone Golf Club!

Some reviews:

4/28/2021- 4 Stars- PETER6445678- "Much has changed in 15 years but I still remember Hole # 10 a interesting layer out hole. Course has its issues. Not sure what they are doing with the bunkers, I think they are growing most of them in. Some greens are spotty and tee boxes are in fairly good shape. Overall good course for the money and the hour drive to play something different than flat South New Jersey."

5/1/2021- 5 Stars- DOMENICK C- "Beautiful, well-kept course!"

5/1/2021- 5 Stars- DONVARGA- " Any course that offers a Jameson shot with your morning coffee and has the Bloody Mary's and hot dogs ready at breakfast has to be good. The fairways were in great shape the greens were rolling but could improve. Overall, the layout and conditions were outstanding. Fun course to play and I will play again."

5/5/2021- 4 Stars- U314159684065- "Played a round, enjoyed it so much played again, only it was packed 2nd time around so I skipped a couple holes but overall loved it."

5/5/2021- 5 Stars- U145233051- "Course is looking good and very scenic. I like the renovations with the new sand in the front 9 traps. Some sand traps are still under renovation. Greens are improving too."

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