

London Grove Township Gazette

Summer 2022

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. 4th Street
Oxford, PA

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

Water/Sewer Customers

When trying to get in contact with our residents for water main breaks or interruption in service it can be very difficult if we do not have up to date information in our system.

Please contact the Township to update your cell phone information.



Water Safety Tips For Summer

By: carithersgroup.com/water-safety-tips/

Temperatures are rising, which means summer is right around the corner. That means that the swimming season is almost here as well, so it's time to brush up on some water safety. The best way to prepare your kids for the pool or beach is to enroll them in formal lessons when they're learning to swim.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), children over the age of one may be at lower risk of drowning if they have had some formal swimming instruction. Other than preparing kids with lessons, we've gathered some helpful water safety tips to keep everyone happy and healthy all summer long.

1. No Swimming Alone

One of the first safety tips you should follow this summer is to make a rule that nobody swims alone. Even strong swimmers need to have someone out with them to be there in case something happens. In public places like neighborhood pools or beaches, make sure to swim with a lifeguard on duty. They're trained to help in emergencies and they also keep an eye on water conditions to make sure it's safe to swim in the ocean or lake.

2. Make Sure Kids are Supervised

While heading to the pool or beach can be a relaxing time for parents, they still need to be alert when children are in the water. Parents should be within arm's reach of young children at all times. Older children who are experienced swimmers should still be monitored while in the water. They may try to flip or dive into the water, which can be dangerous.

3. Wear Life Vests When Needed

If you're doing activities on the open water such as boating, children should wear a Coast Guard-certified life jacket. Young and inexperienced swimmers should also wear and approved life jacket whenever they are around water. Water wings, floaties, kickboards, or other floats aren't a substitute and should only be used when a parent or trustworthy adult is within arm's reach of the child. Also, even if a child is wearing a life vest, you still need to follow all the regular water safety guidelines.

4. Skip Breath-Holding Games

Holding your breath is an important part of learning to swim. However, it's dangerous for children to hold their breath for extended periods of time. This can make them hyperventilate and even lead to passing out. This means you need to make sure kids know it's not acceptable to compete to see who can hold their breath the longest. And they shouldn't try to swim underwater for long periods without coming up for air. Kids who swim competitively should learn breathing techniques in practice to avoid hyperventilating.

5. Stay Away From Pool Drains

One of the most important water safety tips kids and adults should follow is to stay away from pool drains. Make sure you know where the drains are in the pools you swim in and teach kids to stay away. Bathing suits or hair may get caught in the drain, which can lead to injury or even drowning. If you notice that a drain isn't covered, let someone know.

6. Don't Swim Sick

Adults and children that are sick, especially with symptoms like diarrhea should not swim. The germs that cause the illness can be spread in the water and make other people sick. At public pools, the best practice is to shower or rinse off for about one minute before getting into the water. And check yourself and kids before entering the water.

Water & Sewer News

By: Melissa Morris

Summer Water Conservation Tips

Some Water Conservation Tips:

Water is a valuable resource that shouldn't be wasted. Only 1% of the entire water supply on earth is available for human use-the remainder is salty or locked in ice caps and glaciers. It is just this 1% that keeps all of the world's agricultural, manufacturing, community and personal household and sanitation needs operating. We actually drink very little of our processed and treated "drinking water"- only about 1% of all treated water. The remainder goes in our washing machines, on our lawns, and down the toilets and drains.

Outdoor Tips:

As much as 80% of domestic water usage occurs outside the home on lawns and gardens. Adjust your irrigation timer monthly-lawns require different amounts of water in winter than in spring. The irrigation with the same amount of water results in an incredible waste of water. The most efficient time for watering is early morning when temps are cooler and winds lighter. Avoid installing ornamental water features unless the water is recycled. Don't water the pavement. Set sprinklers so that water lands on lawn and gardens, not on pavement, and stop sprinklers when puddles or runoff occur and allow the water to soak into the soil before resuming watering. Use a broom or blower to clean sidewalks/driveways, not gallons and gallons of water. Wash your car on the lawn. Don't allow the water to run continuously. Turn on and off to soak down and rinse off. Water will be absorbed by the lawn. Use a commercial car wash that recycles. Cover your swimming pool, this helps to reduce evaporation. A pool cover can reduce water loss by 90%.

Indoor Tips:

Studies have shown homes can waste more than 10% due to leaks. Check your indoor water-using appliances and devices for leaks. The largest water user inside the home is the toilet. A leak inside the toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. Check by adding a few drops of food coloring into the tank. If there is a leak, color will show in the bowl in about 30 minutes. Check for worn out, corroded, or bent parts. Replacement kits are relatively inexpensive and easily installed. Faucet leaks are usually visible; however there are some unnoticeable leaks in areas like the on/off handle or in the pipes below the basin. Drips of 60 drops per minute = 192 gallons per month; 90 drops per minute = 310 gallons per month; a 3" stream = 1095 gallons per month. This increases your monthly water and sewer bill. Install low flow aerators and showerheads. Listen for dripping faucets and toilets that flush themselves. Fixing a leak can save 500 gallons a month. Don't let the water run while brushing teeth, shaving, or washing hands/face. This can save more than 100 gallons a week. Running your washing machine or dishwasher only when full could save you hundreds of gallons a month. Check your water meter and bill to track your usage. Use a timer to keep showers to a 5 minute limit; this can save 1000 gallons a month. Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run every time you want a cool glass of water.

Using some or all of these tips not only conserve water but can save you money.

Hydrant Flushing 2022

London Grove Township Public Works Department will be starting fire hydrant flushing from the beginning of June 2022 through August 2022. 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



London Grove Township Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

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





Meet Our Code Department

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

With the revamping of the Code Department some new faces have become a part of the team.



Miss. Kristina Jerrell is the Administrative Assistant in the Code Department as well as the Township Receptionist. She has been with London Grove since March 2022.

Miss. Jerrell is a graduate of Avon Grove High School. She also studied carpentry at Pennock's Bridge Technical College High School. Miss. Jerrell then went on to receive her Associates of Applied Science in Cabinet Making and Wood Technology from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. When Kristina is not working she enjoys riding horses, spending time with her dog Jinx and helping on the farm.

In April 2022 the Township hired Tim Shannon as the Fire Marshal. Tim has a Bachelor's of Science in Industrial Technology/Technician and an Associate's Degree, as well as approximately 20 years in Emergency Services. When he is not working he enjoys spending time with his lovely wife and their three boys.

The Fire Marshal is responsible for performing a variety of technical duties in support of the Township's local Code Enforcement Program; monitors and enforces a variety of applicable ordinance, code and regulation related to zoning land use, nuisance housing, building codes, fire codes, health and safety, waste and other matters of public concern.



In the fall of 2017 we welcomed Mr. Latta White as the Building Code Official. Mr. White has over 30 years on the job experience. When he is not working he enjoys spending time with his family. The Building Code Official enforces the provisions to Township regulations and the Pennsylvania Construction Code,

the London Grove Township Property Maintenance Code and other Township Ordinances and regulations. Mr. White issues permits, reviews plans and conducts inspections of buildings at specified times during their construction to assure compliance with Township Ordinances.

If you have not had the pleasure of meeting these three individuals yet, please stop by and say hi. If you have any questions for the Fire Marshal or the Building Code Official, please feel free to give them a call at 610-345-0100.



Community Risk Reduction Program

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

The Importance of House Numbers

All buildings must have address numbers plainly legible and visible from the street fronting the property.

House numbers are not only convenient for finding addresses but necessary for emergency responders to locate those in need. When responding to an emergency, minutes matter so be sure that fire, ambulance, and police personnel can easily and quickly find your address.

The 2006 International Property Maintenance Code, which London Grove Township has adopted, requires in Section 304, Exterior Structures, that buildings be numbered.

304.3 Premises Identification-Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).

It is recommended that all London Grove residents take a few moments to install house numbers or examine existing house numbers. Be sure that the numbers are easily read from the street. Consider the following:

- ❖ Script numbers or numbers that are spelled out in words may be aesthetically pleasing but are difficult to read quickly from the street.
- ❖ Brass or bronze numbers are difficult to see. Use numbers that contrast with the background.
- ❖ If the house is located more than 45 feet from the street, the numbers should be displayed on a fence, mailbox, or other appropriate place that will make it visible for approaching vehicles.
- ❖ Be sure that the view of the numbers is not obstructed by shrubs, trees, or decorations, such as flags.
- ❖ Numbers should be clearly seen when approaching from either side of the house.

If the numbers on your house are not visible or easy to read, it will take emergency personnel longer to reach you. Those extra minutes spent trying to locate a property can mean the difference between life and death, so take the time now to be sure your house numbers are able to be seen from the street to help emergency responders find you faster.

If you have any questions or would like more information on this topic please call the London Grove Township Fire Marshal, Tim Shannon at 610-345-0100.





Recycle the present, Save the future.

Recycling Corner

By: recyclingpartnership.org

Don't Waste Away Summer- 15 Tips to Enjoy a Greener Season

Beach vacations, lake days, and pool-side views. Ah, sweet summertime. But as you're packing that beach bag, dusting off the old cooler in the garage, or searching the shelves for sunscreen, make sure you have a plan to dispose of your newfound summer thrills- one that protects our planet, your family, and others.

Before you head out on that family vacation or staycation, consider these dos and don'ts of summertime recycling. And remember, recycling is not the same everywhere- it varies from town to town and may differ where you work, live, and play. While some communities may accept more recyclables, others may accept different materials. Make sure you check the local program's website to know where, what, when to recycle, and how to recycle the right way.

Do

- Do purchase products that are reusable, compostable, or recyclable. For instance, purchase a cooler that can be enjoyed season after season as opposed to one that will be wasted after the first use. Use reusable plates, napkins, cutlery, and cups or purchase ones that can be composted.
- Do locate public space recycling bins at beaches, parks, lakes, and other spaces and make sure you follow the local recycling rules for using these.
- Do have a plan for properly and safely disposing of your trash on hikes and walks. As you are planning your journey, plan for how you will dispose of your recycling and trash. Please do not litter.
- Do recycle bottles and cans in all places where they are accepted. If you plan ahead, you may purchase sunscreen in a recyclable bottle (plastic or metal), but be sure to check locally and recycle empty and dry.
- Do consider keeping a recycling container in your car for road trips. While not all roadside stops may have recycling containers, you can take these valuable materials to the next location.
- Do ask your lodging location about recycling-many hotels offer in-room recycling bins.

Don't

- Don't place foam containers or coolers in recycling bins or containers- these can be returned to participating retail locations.
- Don't try to recycle plastic shopping bags in household bins or containers- these too can be returned to participating retail locations.
- Don't assume that just because it's recyclable where you live that it's also recyclable in other locations, even if it's in the same community.
- Don't attempt to recycle materials with food or liquid residue- remember to recycle empty and dry.
- Don't place disposable cutlery, straws, plates, napkins, or paper towels in the recycling.
- Don't put beach chairs, towels, floats, fireworks, batteries, or propane canisters in the recycling. These items can cause serious injury to recycling workers and should be donated, reused, or safely disposed of, following the guidelines of the local programs.

At-Home Summer Recycling Tips

Whether you're exploring the idea of a staycation, backyard barbecue, or planning to tackle the weekend warrior DIY list, remember:

- When gardening, plastic plant pots may not be accepted in your recycling program but can be returned to participating retail locations. Mulch and potting soil bags don't belong in your recycling bin, but these can be returned to retail locations that accept plastic shopping bags or you may elect to order mulch and soil that are not sold in bags. Garden hoses are not recyclable and can pose dangers to recycling equipment and facility workers- used garden hoses can be made into soaker hoses for gardening.
- Your recycling collection day or drop-off location hours may vary due to summer holidays like Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Independence Day, so be sure to check schedule changes on your local program's website.
- Construction materials are not recyclable, but these may be valuable to resale stores or thrift shops.



Community News

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Events

Friday, June 24, 2022- Coatesville CCIU Center

Saturday, August 27, 2022- Oxford School District Administration Building

Saturday, October 8, 2022- Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Rd

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

Drop Off guidelines!

- No TVs, electronics, or appliances will be accepted.
- Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle.
- **BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY, no commercial/industrial waste accepted.**
- Bring all substances in original containers with labels. Items must be identifiable. Do not mix materials.
- Gas containers returned upon request. Please attach a note to your container if you want it back.
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- Maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds. No 25 or 50 gallon drums.
- There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections.



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.



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

By: Audrey Reith



A Walk in the Park- June 8 at 6: 00 pm.

When you hear the term “A Walk in the Park,” you think something is quite easy to do, and pleasant. The idea of keeping people connected through stewardship of public use lands, trails and family recreation sites has become a growing vision. London Grove Township has been striving to maintain the quality of the trails system, parks, and open space in our community for over 30 years.

Over the next few months, Goddard Park and the web of trails that weave through the Township will be utilized by families, visiting friends and their pets. As you stroll along the pathways that stretch through the woods, fields, and neighborhoods, take in the beauty that is around you. The opportunity to observe wildlife, the native trees, seasonal blooms, and flowing creeks, or even the history behind an old foundation that lies along a trail may just SPARK your sense of curiosity.

The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to invite you to give your mind a chance to unwind, relax, or even grasp a new appreciation for the gifts that surround us every day. On June 8 at 6 p.m., join local outdoor and recreation enthusiasts as we take “A Walk in the Park.” This monthly event will feature professionals and hobbyists who have volunteered to share the fascinating features of Goddard Park. The speaker series may include park designers, arborists, bird watching enthusiasts, wildlife specialists, and watershed experts, as well as nature walks with children.

Have you Heard?

The Friends of the Park is now a 501C3! This is an exciting step for the future of Goddard Park, particularly as the Parks and Recreation Committee has worked together to initiate a memorial garden for Steven and Marna Goddard. This memorial garden will grace the area near the community gardens and overlook the children’s play area and trails. Since 2009, Goddard Park has grown from the original 40- acre parcel donated by Steven and Marna to 125 acres of contiguous open space for our community to gather for recreation, education, and practice land stewardship.

If you live in our community, and enjoy the trails, Dog Park, playground and all the amenities that the park has, please consider donating to The Friends of the Park. Our dream of building a memorial garden to honor the Goddard’s vision in the heart of our community is just the first step into what the park’s future holds for visitors.

Join Us For Volunteer Day- June 4 at 10 a.m.

The Parks and Recreation Committee invites all who live in our community and those who visit our beautiful Parks to help with small projects at our Volunteer Day event. Our projects include trail maintenance, vine removal, weeding, litter clean-up, and sharing in community spirit!

Please feel free to bring gloves, rakes, hand loppers or pruners, and plenty of elbow grease. This park is for all of us to use, and care for. Your generous donation of time and physical efforts keep Goddard Park beautiful for today and into the future.



Open Space Committee News

By: Chester County Planning Commission

Following Up: Chester County's 2022 Open Space Summit

Chester County celebrated a milestone achievement in open space preservation during the 2022 Open Space Summit on Tuesday, May 10: over 30 percent, or 147,000 acres, of Chester County is now preserved as open space.

The Summit, themed “Farms for the Future”, was held at Springton Manor Farm and focused on the importance of preserved agricultural lands. Presentations highlighted the role preserved farms play in Chester County’s economy, quality of life, and sense of place, and how farms can be integrated into the ecology and community of a place. Tours of the park followed the presentations, including a tour of the Chester County Food Bank’s raised bed gardens and greenhouses, making it an informative and inspirational evening for attendees.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding, provided the keynote address- with opening remarks from the Chester County Commissioners: Marian Moskowitz, Josh Maxwell, and Michelle Kichline. Fred De Long, Director of the Community Farm Program at Willistown Conservation Trust’s Rushton Farm, spoke about Ruston Farm and how it operated as an agroecology farm. Dave Stauffer, Director of Chester County’s Parks and Preservation’s Director, provided a summary of important preservation projects in 2021 and a history of Springton Manor Farm, and Chester County Planning Commission’s Sustainability Director, Rachael Griffith presented about future opportunities for land preservation in Chester County.

Commissioner Moskowitz welcomed everyone to the Summit by noting the importance of Chester County’s farmers. “Behind every farm is a farmer and a farmer’s family, and preserving farms not only prevents land from being developed, it protects the farm’s livelihood, provides jobs for farm workers, strengthens our local food system, and strengthens our farming industry.”

Commissioner Kichline recognized the Summit’s theme and its importance- Farms for the Future.

“On National Agricultural Day- back in March- Marian, Josh and I were pleased to adopt the County’s first ever strategic plan to show our ongoing commitment to those who provide us with food, fuel and fiber. The Chester County Ag Economic Development Strategic Plan identifies ways that the County can support farmers as well as other agricultural service providers and sets out an ambitious set of recommendations to keep the industry viable and thriving long into the future.”

During the keynote presentation, Secretary Redding highlighted Chester County’s unique access and benefit to both rural and urban communities.

Open Space Committee News

By: Chester County Planning Commission
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Following Up: Chester County's 2022 Open Space Summit Continued

"In addition to this amazing community, you're right here in this metropolitan spot. When you look around you've got the Amish and the English, you've got dairy and mushrooms, all this agriculture tourism, all this work being done to preserve land- and at the same time and you have this incredibly vibrant agriculture community. It was part and parcel to being part of the County and State, as well as the preservation work which gives purpose to preservation."

To learn more about Chester County's open space and agricultural preservation efforts and achievements, visit <https://chescoplanning.org/OpenSpace/OpenSpace.cfm>.



Open Space Summit
Photo Credit- Chester County
Planning Commission



Avon Grove Library Returns to Indoor Story times After Two Years

In March of 2020, Avon Grove Library temporarily closed its doors as the country entered into a mandatory quarantine due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Although library staff found ways to continue story time through virtual channels such as Facebook and Zoom, nothing could replace the joy of in-person story times. As case numbers dropped and temperatures rose, the library began to host outdoor story times and other programs at local parks- a popular option for families who wanted their children to experience in-person interaction while still taking precautions.

In April of 2022, over two years since the start of the pandemic, Avon Grove Library officially reopened the door of its Activity Room- the place where story times are hosted- to the public again. With the exception of new procedures meant to keep participants safe, such as mandatory registration and limits to the number of families per story time, the return of indoor story time feels like a return to normalcy for the community. Children and caregivers alike have expressed their gratitude and excitement over the opportunity to attend story times inside the library again.

Avon Grove Library currently offers preschool story times Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Toddler Tuesday, a story time geared toward children ages 2-3 years old, is held every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The library also hosts outdoor story times Fridays at 1:00 p.m. at Penn Township Park (260 Lewis Road, West Grove, PA 19390) Please check our website events calendar often, since we plan to update our programs, including story times, to best serve the attendees. Families can sign up for story times on Avon Grove Library's online event calendar.

Area residents can learn more about story times, 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.



Tractors and Rush Hour

By: Kristina Jerrell



Tractors and Rush Hour

We all know that summer is about having fun, traveling, being able to finally get outside and do things while you're on vacation or out of school. For others, like farmers, it's time to finally start planting, getting hay up off the ground and moving livestock to different fields. This becomes a very important time of year, especially when you are trying to grow food to feed your livestock or sell crops to have a good income for your family.

The success of a farmers business is very dependent on the weather. If they have hay laying down and it rains it's basically ruined to be sold as horse hay. Yes, they can still bale it up and sell to the mushroom houses as mulch hay but that's not the point of doing the work. If they are dependent on their hay sales that means they are going to try to sell the best quality hay. Horse hay has not been rained on, it has very little moisture in the bales so there is a small chance of mold growing. If horses or cows eat moldy hay it can affect their respiratory and digestive systems. This is a big problem if your main income is based around your horse farm or selling cattle.

You may see a lot of cattle farms stretched on both sides of the road. When you have room to put up a fence for your livestock it's going to take up every portion of your property so the animals can have enough room to graze. Now, moving those livestock sometimes becomes a bit trickier. A lot of farmers have a system of gates or temporary panels they can put up to make an enclosed path safe enough for their livestock to get across the road to their new pasture. This can take a good amount of time since we all know animals have a mind of their own and don't always like to follow the plan we laid out in our heads. An incredible amount of patience is needed especially if the class clown of the herd busts through the panels and gets loose...

Now that you have a bit of background of what goes on behind the scenes, let me turn the spotlight to you. Soon you will see large equipment on the roadways. From huge tractors going to plant corn to smaller ones pulling hay wagons, all out that day because the weather is allowing it. While you are driving behind these tractors, please be aware that they are trying to get off the road as fast as you are trying to get around them. Equipment this big cannot go as fast as you can when taking off from a stop. If they pull over to let the line of traffic go around them, it is still a hassle to find an opportunity to get back on the road and continue on their way. Remember that the drivers are no different than you besides having a different job. This is what they have chosen as their career and this is how they provide for their family.

Next time you are in a rush and get stuck behind a farmer, instead of beeping your horn, give a wave or a thumbs up to show they are doing a good job. You never know if they just lost a field to the rain or if the herd they were about to sell is now sick, they are just trying to do their best each day and a little kindness can always help a lot more than you think.

! Receive London Grove Alerts



London Grove Township

Sign up to receive notifications via text message.

Opt-in to any of the following programs:

- ✓ Agenda Notices: **LGTBOS**
- ✓ Bridge Updates: **LGTBRIDGES**
- ✓ Municipal Authority: **LGTMA**
- ✓ Newsletters: **LGTNEWS**
- ✓ Planning Commission: **LGTPC**
- ✓ Parks & Rec: **LGTPR**
- ✓ Road Closure Notices: **LGTROADS**
- ✓ Water/Sewer Notifications: **LGTWATERSEWER**

Get Started:

Text in one of the above keywords to:

91896

What to Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.
- You may receive up to 4 text messages a month with a notification for each alert category opted-in to.
- Message and data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for more details.

How to Opt-Out:

- Text STOP at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.



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. – Dark 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

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

Codes Department:

Building Code Official, Latta White
Fire Marshal, Tim Shannon
Codes Admin. Assist. /Receptionist: Kristina Jerrell

Inniscrone Golf Club:

Golf Club Superintendent, Chris Newdeck
Golf Club Manager, Amy McLaughlin
Pro Shop Manager, Jesse Connors

Finance Department:

Treasurer: Tracy Kellett
Utility Billing, Mellissa Morris

2022 Public Meeting Schedule

Most meetings are being conducted in-person with Covid-19 precautions in place.

Municipal Authority Board Meetings- 1st Monday of every other month at 7:30 p.m. Except for November and December they will meet both months.

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. Except for November and December. 3rd Wednesday of the month.

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.



What's New In London Grove

Goddard Park is Growing

Goddard Park was started with 40 acres donated by Steve and Marna Goddard. Since that time London Grove Township has been able to acquire additional land bring the land area to 133 acres. After the passing of Steve and Marna Goddard in January of 2021, the family gifted approximately 10.5 acres (of the family's 12.5 acre property) to London Grove Township to expand the park.

During the subdivision process, the Township purchased the remaining 2 acres of land. Work will begin this winter to clean-up the 2 acre property and to plan for its future use within the park system. Goddard Park now has over 145 acres of park land and open space.

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