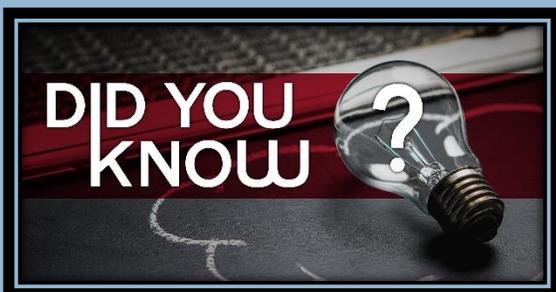


# London Grove Township Gazette

Winter 2022/2023

By: Dawn Maciejczyk



There are several devices that help to keep our homes safe and protected in case of an emergency. These same devices come with an expiration date. The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to check out, change and update devices as needed. Most devices have an expiration date of 8-10 years. Although you should test, check and change your batteries in

these devices every 3-6 months to ensure they are working properly and effectively.

What is a carbon monoxide device (CO device)?

A CO device is a device that detects carbon monoxide. CO is called the "invisible killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. Breathing in CO at high levels can be fatal.



What is a smoke detector (smoke alarm)?

A smoke detector should be in every bedroom, hallway on every level of the home. This is a device that senses smoke, typically as an indication of fire. Smoke detectors are usually housed in plastic enclosures and are typically shaped like a disk, but shape and size can vary. These devices generally issue an audible or visual alarm from the detector itself or several detectors if there are multiple devices interlinked.

What is a heat detector?

A heat detector is a fire alarm device designed to respond when the converted thermal energy of a fire increases the temperature of a heat sensitive element. Heat detectors have two main classifications of operation "rate of rise" and "fixed temperature". The heat detector is used to help in the reduction of property damage.



Did you know that London Grove Township has a false alarm ordinance (Ordinance # 182), which states in summary: a fine imposed for a maximum permissible number of false alarms with two (2) within a thirty (30) day period or three (3) false alarms in a 12 month calendar year. If you are experiencing a financial hardship there are services available to help you replace these units. To view the entire ordinance or if you have questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact the London Grove Township Fire Marshal, Tim Shannon at [tshannon@londongrove.org](mailto:tshannon@londongrove.org) or 610-345-0100.

# Frozen Pipes

By: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

**Learn how to prevent water pipes from freezing, and how to thaw them if they do freeze.**

Why Pipe Freezing is a Problem Water has a unique property in it that expands as it freezes. This expansion puts tremendous pressure on whatever is containing it, including metal or plastic pipes. No matter the strength of a container, expanding water can cause pipes to break. Pipes that freeze most frequently are:

- Pipes that are exposed to severe cold, like outdoor hose bibs, swimming pool supply lines, and water sprinkler lines.
- Water supply pipes in unheated interior areas like basements and crawl spaces, attics, garages, or kitchen cabinets.
- Pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation.

How to Protect Pipes from Freezing Before the onset of cold weather, protect your pipes from freezing by following these recommendations.

- Drain water from swimming pool and water sprinkler supply lines following manufacturer's or installer's directions. **DO NOT** put antifreeze in these lines unless directed. Antifreeze is environmentally harmful, and is dangerous to humans, pets, wildlife and landscaping.
- Remove, drain, and store hoses used outdoors. Close inside valves supplying outdoor hose bibs. Open the outdoor hose bibs to allow water to drain. Keep the outside valve open so that any water remaining in the pipe can expand without causing the pipe to break.
- Add insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces. Insulation will maintain higher temperatures in these areas.
- Check around the home for other areas where water supply lines are located in unheated areas. Look in the garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Both hot and cold water pipes in these areas should be insulated.

How to Prevent Frozen Pipes

- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

## **MS4: Ice and Snow Removal**

Please think about environmentally friendly ways to control ice. Traction agents help prevent slipping on ice but don't melt it. Sand, kitty litter and ashes can hurt vegetation, clog sewers, and degrade aquatic habitats. Rock salt is the most common product because it's effective and cheap, however, it is highly corrosive and ecologically damaging. A water-friendly option is Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA) products which are low in phosphorous. Use only the recommended amount. CMA is less problematic for soils, vegetation, water supplies, and concrete, and it is non-corrosive, made from corn or petroleum and converts ice into oatmeal-like mush.

## **Fire Hydrants**

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please make every effort during the winter to shovel around the hydrants to assist the fire departments' ease in locating the hydrant. Precious minutes during fires may make a difference between life and death.





# Tips for Homeowners in the Winter

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

Recycling is more than just washing out plastic containers and putting them in a bin for your local recycling company to pick up. Recycling can also help with savings on energy bills and how to properly maintain and winterize households.

Take your thermostat for instance. How many of you are heating your homes when no one is home? Your furnace is running constantly to keep your home toasty. Either way you're relying on your thermostat to keep your house temperatures in check. As many of you know and might even have, programmable and smart thermostats can save you anywhere from 5 to 20% a year on your heating bill. When you're not home set it to a much lower number and program the house to warm up for when you are home.

Checking and cleaning out your laundry ducts can also help with your home and prevent fire hazards. By cleaning out your ducts you're allowing better airflow and requiring less energy for your dryer to dry your items. It may seem tempting to let the lint stacking up in your dryer turn into one big fuzzy ball, but it poses a big risk in your home. Too much lint build up can reduce airflow, build heat and ultimately can cause thousands of fires each year in North America. Check your lint traps and ducts to ensure proper operation.

Most water heaters are installed and run at its maximum setting. By turning your water heater to more neutral level 120-125 degrees Fahrenheit can help save you up to 7% on your water heating bill. Having your water heater set at the max also poses a much higher risk of scalding and burning, especially with infants and toddlers in the house.

Complete a window check-up. Up to 25% of your heat can be lost simple from poor windows and window seals being broken. If your window insulation isn't up to par anymore, consider replacement or resealing, this could easily save you the money invested in a short time.

Heat rises! Properly insulating your attic can provide great cost savings on your heating bill. It's estimated that you could save anywhere from 10-50% on your heating bill by getting your attic insulated properly.

Clean gutters are not just needed in the spring, summer and fall. After fall drops its beautiful colored leaves in your yard, on your roof and in your gutters, they are going to need to be cleaned out before winter comes around. Having clogged gutters could lead to ice damming and major gutter backups which can lead to leaks and damage.

Outdoor plumbing comes in handy, but if you forgot to turn off the water supply and empty the lines than you could be looking at some costly repairs, and broken pipes this winter. If you allow your pipes to sit exposed and potentially full you could be looking at costly repairs during the winter and spring.

Last but definitely not least, the smell of a nice fire in the fire place to keep you warm and cut down on your home heating bills is great, but not if it comes with potentially burning your house down. Proper chimney maintenance is essential. If you are not sure of the history or the use of the fire place, get it inspected and cleaned before you use it, don't risk a chimney fire in your home!



## Tips for Avoiding Winter Drowning Danger

By: [www.poolfence.com/tips-avoiding-winter-drowning-danger/](http://www.poolfence.com/tips-avoiding-winter-drowning-danger/)

Drowning danger is a constant threat. Contrary to popular belief, it doesn't take a break during the colder months of the year. To help prepare our readers avoid winter drowning danger, here are some crucial safety tips to keep in mind.

Understanding Winter Drowning Danger Far too many of us let our water safety instincts slack during the chilly weather. As you can probably imagine from the title of this article, that would be a mistake! Winter drowning danger is every bit as dangerous as summer water safety. In fact, there are several key areas that require even more care and attention.

The truth is, drowning is one of the most common causes of death for children under four. It's pretty dangerous for the rest of us, too. Keeping that in mind, let's go over some specific ways to avoid winter drowning danger. These tips are especially helpful for common cold weather activities.

Watch Out When Ice Fishing First things first, far too few safety articles cover the potential dangers of ice fishing. For enthusiasts, winter can be the very best time of the year to grab your rod and tackle. Unfortunately, it can also be quite dangerous. Breaking through the thin ice can be a winter drowning danger for even the most advanced ice fisher. If you are wondering how thick the ice should be before you set out, take a look at our dedicated article of ice fishing safety tips. As always, it pays to be prepared.

Falling In: Cold Water Shock Danger Speaking of thin ice, now is a perfect time to discuss cold water shock, or "cold shock response" as it's sometimes called. During the colder months, this is a serious danger for skaters, ice fishers and anyone who sets out on the ice. Essentially, when a person is suddenly submerged in ice-cold water, your body triggers certain natural responses. Unfortunately, these automatic reactions are not always helpful. When it comes to cold water shock, the immediate drop in temperature can cause you to automatically gasp for a breath of air. Naturally, a person under the water will accidentally breathe in liquid instead of oxygen. When it comes to winter drowning danger, this hazard is often among the deadliest.

Hot and Cold Jacuzzi Hazards Now granted, when the temperature drops, many of us do not think about getting into the swimming pool. But what about the hot tub? A lot of us decide to have a nice relaxing soak. The combination of hot and cold can be very enticing. However, hot tubs come with their own winter drowning danger. For one, far too many people decide to drink alcohol while in the Jacuzzi. Drinking and swimming simply do not mix. An inebriated person can fall asleep and slip beneath the water without much warning. Getting out of the hot tub during the cold weather can be dangerous as well.

Swimming Lessons: All Year Long finally, let's take a moment to remember the value of swimming lessons. For one, swimming has countless health benefits. Beyond helping you to escape danger, it can be excellent exercise. Even in the off-season, it is important for children and adults alike to keep up with their swimming lessons. It will help you keep in shape and prevent winter drowning danger.

# London Grove Township Now Accepts Credit Cards



2.65% convenience fee for all transactions charged  
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## OH, THE HOLIDAYS! DECORATE, TASTE- WATCH YOUR WASTE!

By Patti Lynn

Recycling Resources Manager

Quick- what time of year generates the most trash for landfills? That's right, it's the holiday season. Online shopping and shipping, wrapping paper, more uneaten food, toys, and electronics being replaced. You get the idea. Household waste increases about 25% this time of year!

Can you be more TrashSmart? Try these ideas (or even just one!):

- ❖ Downsize- Smaller gathering, less decorations, careful gifting so you create less waste
- ❖ Reusable, durable plates and silverware, cups, napkins, tablecloths (ask about renting)
- ❖ Shop (and wrap!) with reusable bags!
- ❖ Plan for guests to bring a dish in their own containers they can take back home, OR
- ❖ Have guests bring reusable containers for leftovers they may take home
- ❖ Cleaning the house- old socks for dusting rags; microfiber fleece cloths are washable
- ❖ Vinegar for glass surfaces
- ❖ Electronic invitations-Evite, Greenvelope, Punchbowl, Zazzle, Inc.
- ❖ [Online resources](#) can help you plan how much food you need
- ❖ Gifts for experiences-tickets to an event, museum or zoo membership, cooking class or trip
- ❖ Gifts of your time- Babysitting, pet sitting, gardening help, lessons for new hobby, teach someone a new skill
- ❖ Gift cards for services, not goods- gas stations, car washes, hair/nail salon, massage, lawn service, audio books, pet services
- ❖ Homemade food and gifts show your creativity, time, and effort
- ❖ Reusable, useful containers such as cookies in a flowerpot, or jewelry in a new pair of gloves

RECYCLING BIN: Non-metallic wrapping paper and greeting cards without batteries

COMPOST: Evergreens, tea bags, coffee grounds, leaves, twigs, fresh cranberries

GARBAGE CAN: Cellophane, tissue paper, musical greeting cards, plastic ware

BATTERIES are special – [Here's what to do with them](#)

So, this year... celebrate how mindful you are with sustainable consumption and disposal practices.

What GOOD behaviors and habits can YOU start on your way to being TrashSmart? And New Year's resolutions are just around the corner...



# Public Works Winter Operations

By: Shane Kinsey, Director of Public Works

The Department of Public Works currently maintains approximately 138 lane miles of roads, 172 intersections, and 63 cul-de-sacs within London Grove Township.

Starting in 2012 the township began pre-treating all roadways with a 23.3 % solution of Liquid Sodium Chloride (NaCl) blended with a protein (beet Juice) prior to forecasted winter storms. This “brine” application reduces the costs associated with winter maintenance of the roads and make the roads safer by limiting the bond of snow to the road surface. Utilizing beet juice allows the township to blend for each storm to reduce costs and the corrosive nature of the brine. Storms of 1” or less of Snow, along with ice storms are typically maintained by applications of de-icing materials during the storm. Storms producing greater than 1” of snow typically require the use of plows.

**ROUTES** – The township roads are divided into 9 routes, a truck equipped with a plow and material spreader assigned to each of the routes. During periods of moderate to heavy snow additional equipment with snow plows are assigned to supplement the trucks.

Roads are plowed and de-iced in order of priority. Main roads are addressed first with special attention to steep hills, bridges, curves and intersections. Side streets are done next, then dead-end streets. A single pass will be made on side streets to keep them open, but primary emphasis will be placed on main roads until the storm has stopped.

**BLOCKED DRIVEWAYS** – In performing plowing operations, in almost all cases the plow operator must push snow to the operator’s right, this is especially true when plowing turn a round’s and cul-de-sacs. When going by they cannot avoid pushing the snow in front of a driveway. The best way to avoid having your driveway “plowed-in” is to wait until crews have completed their final clean up on the street, typically this is when the street is only wet or bare, to clear your driveway. Another way to reduce the amount of snow which ends up in your driveway is to clear an area to the right of your driveway, when looking at your driveway from the street, to give the snow on the blade of the plow a place to empty before it gets to you driveway.

**PRIVATE PLOWING AND SHOVELING** – London Grove Township Regulations and Pennsylvania Law make it illegal to push or blow snow from sidewalks, driveways or parking lots onto public roads. This practice is dangerous and impedes the townships snow removal efforts. If there is no other alternative to pushing snow into the street, the plow driver must plow off the windrow left across the street by re-plowing until the road is safe. This may not necessarily mean bare pavement, but certainly it should be no worse than when the driver began work.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP** – winter operations are very expensive to the Township and the assistance of the township residents is an integral part of this operation. Placing markers along the roadway in the front of your property can help the operator locate the road. This also reduces the chances for the Right-of-Way to be damaged by the plow leaving the road surface. This is especially important in area where the roadway curves. Additionally, marking the edges of driveways in cul-de-sac’s can help the operator locate your driveway so that a large pile of snow is not plowed into it. Reflective markers are available at low cost from most home improvement stores, and on-line. Stay off the roads during storms when possible. The more vehicles on the road during a storm, the slower and more expensive winter operations become. It is best only to travel during a storm when absolutely necessary. Do not block maintenance vehicles. Attempting to block a township plow, to avoid having your driveway plowed in is illegal in Pennsylvania; additionally, this practice slows down the operations resulting in an increased expense to the Township and the residents. The Township is required by law to maintain the road surface, and this almost always means plowing the snow to the operator’s right. Do not place snow on the roadway. This practice decreases the effectiveness of de-icing materials and slows the plowing operation. Additionally, it is illegal to place snow on the roadway in Pennsylvania. Avoid parking on the roadway when possible. This is especially true in cul-de-sacs. Vehicles parked in the roadway slow the winter operations, and in many cases make it difficult for the operator to remove snow from the operator. Parking off the roadway also decreases the chances of your vehicle being damaged during a storm. Trim trees and growth and relocate items such as basketball nets so that there is a minimum of 14 feet clearance above the road surface. Most of the Townships winter equipment is in excess of 12 feet in height and must get close to the edge of the roadway to property clear the road. Be sure your mailbox has a strong support. You also may wish to use reflective tape or other material to make the mailbox easier to see during storms or during dark hours. Stay away from winter maintenance equipment. The equipment that the Department of Public Works is using is large and hazardous, has many blind spots and most often is operating in slippery conditions. When operations are occurring in your area move away from the area until the operation is complete, this is especially true for children who are often attracted to the equipment.

# Winterizing Your Mailbox

By: Shane Kinsey, Director of Public Works

## Avoid the "Second Shovel"

After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway only to have it plowed in when your local snowplow comes through? Clearing an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram below), giving the snow on the plow a place to go other than your driveway, should keep you from having to do the same job twice.



The London Grove Township Department of Public Works and the U.S. Postal service are both expected to deliver during the winter season... come rain, sleet, snow. The location of your mailbox along the roadway can affect the efficiency of both mail service and snow plowing operations.

Where is your mailbox located? Your letter carrier will make every effort to deliver the mail. However, if the mailbox is not accessible to the carrier due to snow buildup, or if it is not properly located along the road, you may have to pick up your mail at the post office.

Normally, if a mailbox is placed as far from the shoulder of the road as the carrier can reach from a vehicle and the mailbox rest on a firm support, the mailbox should be able to withstand the force of snow from a plowing operation. Be sure your mailbox has a strong support. You also may wish to use reflective tape or other material to make the mailbox easier to see during storms or during dark hours.

Plowing operations can push snow against or in front of mailboxes, limiting access and perhaps causing damage to the supports. Check your mailbox and support often, clearing snow from it and depositing the snow properly (never shovel snow onto the road).

Mailboxes must be installed in accordance with US Postal Service and Federal Highway Administration standards which state;

Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.

Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.

Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox.

The mailbox post must be a yielding 4" x 4" wooden support or a 2"-diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe. Unyielding posts are not permitted.

London Grove Township repairs or replaces only mailboxes and/or posts that are actually struck by a winter maintenance vehicle and such repairs are limited to a maximum of \$50.00. Township staff is required to report such damage to the Director of Public Works, or Public Works Foreman. Additionally, the mailbox must be installed in accordance with standards and a paint mark or tire tracks supply evidence of a mailbox strike. The Township does not repair or replace mailboxes and/or posts that fall from the force of plowed snow. Mailboxes and supporting posts must be installed to withstand the rigors of snow removal, including the force of snow pushed from the street onto the roadside.

# Parks and Recreation News

By: Audrey Reith



The Township received a generous donation of garden equipment- tools and two wheelbarrows, from Lowes in Avondale. Items totaling \$2,500 in value will be used by volunteers and members of the Parks and Recreation Committee to help control invasive in the park, and to maintain trails and the community garden, among other things.

Volunteers are needed for monthly park maintenance projects. Volunteers are asked to meet in the north parking lot on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. Please wear weather appropriate clothing, and bring gloves, pruning shears, and a smile. Volunteers will use the cool winter months to help knock back invasive vines that are killing trees in the park, and other projects are being planned including trail maintenance.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, and to be included on the volunteer list, please send your inquiry to [tina.skinner@rocketmail.com](mailto:tina.skinner@rocketmail.com) .

Also, sponsors are being recruited for the big 300- year Anniversary celebration of London Grove Township. Early sponsors will be given a discount, and financial help is needed to help launch promotion and to underwrite organization of the event. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, contact [tina.skinner@rocketmail.com](mailto:tina.skinner@rocketmail.com) .



## 300th Anniversary Celebration

October 21, 2023 4-6pm  
In Goddard Park

Featuring:  
costume parade and treats for kids and pets  
"History Scavenger Hunt" with prizes and credit list of all sponsors

Please consider being a sponsor:

### \$20 Community Membership:

Set up a table for *only* \$20 (6 or 8' table), hand out candy to costumed kids, milk bones to animal friends, promote your organization, and be part of our "history scavenger hunt." We hope to have a minimum of 50 such tables featuring community clubs, businesses, and neighborhood organizations.

### \$50 Community Vendors:

Sell your crafts, services, and other specialties from a 10x10' space along the designated "history scavenger hunt" trail, and participate in the fact-finding mission of participants and treat distribution.

### \$100 Community Partnership:

Sponsor prizes to be awarded in a drawing of completed "history scavenger hunt" entry forms. We also can accept a limited number of actual prizes, gift baskets, gift cards, etc., to be displayed at Township information center on the day of event.

### \$250 Community Leadership:

Help us produce promotional signage and literature, and provide informational signage and trash receptacles

### \$500 Community Heroes:

Top the list of contributors, get prime corner spaces in most visual, high-traffic areas for table and/or tent, and help us budget for live music and advance advertising that will credit your contribution.

Commit and pay prior to February 14th, 2023, for a sweetheart discount of 10%

Item donated \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount sponsored \_\_\_\_\_

Payment to London Grove Township

yes, I plan to set up a table/booth  
 no, please keep the money and list our name on the sponsorship sheet as:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# TOYS FOR TOTS



## U.S. MARINE CORPS

For more information go to [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)



[www.facebook.com/toysfortots](https://www.facebook.com/toysfortots)

[www.twitter.com/ToysForTots\\_USA](https://www.twitter.com/ToysForTots_USA)



London Grove Township is now collecting Toys for Tots. There are several ways to donate. You can drop off any new unwrapped toys at the London Grove Township Foyer in the box labeled Toys for Tots or you can join the virtual toy drive on the next page by scanning the QR Code with your phone. For any questions please call Dawn Maciejczyk at the Township Building 610-345-0100 or email

[dmaciejczyk@londongrove.org](mailto:dmaciejczyk@londongrove.org) **LAST DAY FOR COLLECTION IS DECEMBER 7, 2022**

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[chester.county.pa@toysfortots.org](mailto:chester.county.pa@toysfortots.org)

<https://chester-county-pa.toysfortots.org/>

Toys for Tots runs from October to December each year. With the help of our community, we assisted over 15,000 children last year

Chester / Montgomery County Toys for Tots serves families with children up to the age of 18. We appreciate all donations, but every year we run short on gifts to serve the youngest and oldest children.

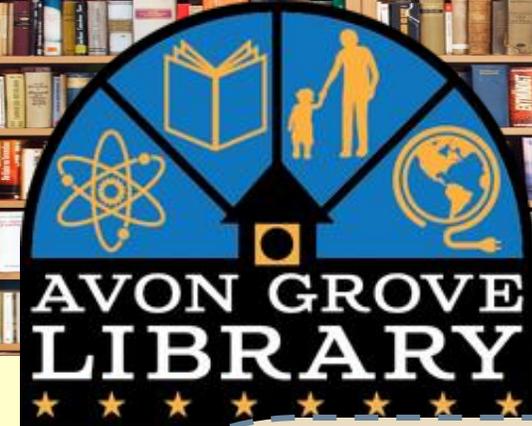
We find our largest gaps every year are in the age ranges of 0-2, and 11+ - gifts for children in these age ranges are greatly needed, and prevent us from having to purchase them



## Chester County Toys for Tots Virtual Toy Drives

Need help? Scan this barcode for the Family Application, or email [Chester.county.pa@toysfortots.org](mailto:Chester.county.pa@toysfortots.org)





## Avon Grove Library Encourages Community to Look for Ways to Give

Whether it's giving back to the community or giving thanks for the small things that are often overlooked, Avon Grove Library inspires its patrons to partake in all forms of giving this winter.

Starting the first week of November, members of the library staff encourage visitors to choose a colorful paper leaf from a basket at the front desk and write down something they are thankful for. Patrons then take their leaf and add it to the "Thankful Tree," a whimsical-looking tree complete with friendly animals inhabitants- painted by staff member Kati Davis.

Since it first took root on the Reading Room window, the Thankful Tree has already sprouted an impressive number of leaves. Responses have ranged from sincere, to silly, to downright adorable as patrons express gratitude for their family, health, faith, books, favorite foods, and more. One leaf proclaims "I'm thankful for my stuff (sic) rat" in a child's handwriting, proving that nothing is too small or insignificant to celebrate.

In addition to giving thanks, patrons can also give back to their community by taking part in Avon Grove Library's annual Christmas stocking drive. Part of the Avon Grove Christmas Basket Program, the stocking drive gives individuals and families the opportunity to bless their neighbors by picking up a stocking from the library and filling it with gifts for a child in need. This year the library received a donation of beautiful handmade stockings from a generous community member. Readers can learn more about how to

participate in the stocking drive by visiting <https://www.avongrovelibrary.org/library-blog/2022-stocking-drive>

Lastly, Avon Grove will encourage patrons to consider participating in Giving Tuesday, an annual holiday that inspires people around the world to give back to their favorite non-profit organizations. Readers can keep an eye on the library's website and social media accounts for upcoming information on how they can support the library this holiday season.

Area residents can learn more about storytimes, classes and programs at <http://www.avongrovelibrry.org> , which is updated frequently with new programs and details.



# Christmas Fun for the Kids



1. What do you call an old snowman?
2. When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?
3. What does December have that no other month does?
4. What Christmas carol is a favorite of parents?
5. Where do snowmen go to dance?
6. What kind of candle burns longer, a red candle or a green candle?



Help Frosty get through the maze and to his gift!



s u b c a n d y  
l s b a l l e k  
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y b m f r m w c  
s a n t a f r b

ball	elf	snow
bell	gift	star
candy	santa	toy
deer	sled	tree

ANSWERS: 1. Water 2. In the Dictionary 3. The letter 'D' 4. Silent Night 5. A snow ball 6. Neither, candles always burn shorter!

# ! 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**

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## Get Started:

Text in one of the above keywords to: **91896**

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## 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.

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## 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  
Receptionist/Codes Admin. Kristina Jerrell

### **Codes Department:**

Building Code Official, Latta White  
Fire Marshal, Tim Shannon

### **Finance Department:**

Treasurer: Tracy Kellett  
Utility Billing, Mellissa Morris

### **Public Works Building:**

Public Works Director, Shane Kinsey  
Public Works Foreman, Nate Hughes  
Water, Wastewater Operator, Richard Mattson  
Laborer, Joey Swift  
Laborer, Ryan Yerkes  
Laborer, Mike Hughes  
Laborer, Ryan Huey  
Laborer, Shaun Dickinson  
Laborer, Quinton Lynch

### **Inniscrone Golf Club:**

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

## **2022/2023 Public Meeting Schedule**

Most meetings are being conducted in-person.

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

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

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

Parks and Recreation Meetings- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# Avon Grove Former High School Construction Update

Work continues to progress with the conversion of the old Avon Grove HS into the new middle school. Most demolition work has been completed to allow all trades access throughout the building to run wiring, piping, and ductwork for new systems. This includes the installation of a new fire alarm system, replacement of all HVAC units, replacing network cabling, and full renovations of the restrooms. The roof replacement is ongoing as weather permits. The new EDPM roof has been installed on the 200 and 500 wings of the building and is continuing to the science wing, administration/cafeteria areas, and music wing before starting on the high roofs above the gym and auditorium. Final finishes have begun in areas that are below the new roof and includes painting, installation of new drop ceilings, and new LED lighting.

In the next few weeks framing will begin in the redesigned administration area. This configuration allows for a secure entrance directly into the office area without requiring visitors to walk through the main lobby. The new secure entrance will be located off the parking lot where the modular classrooms were previously located. Work in the old metal shop will begin at the same time as this area will be converted into athletic team rooms to support the use of the stadium facilities in the future. Installation of new auditorium lighting and seating is a few months away, but is scheduled to begin in January.

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