

# London Grove Township Gazette

Summer 2023

By: Dawn Maciejczyk

## Mark Sullivan

By: Mary Schlachter

Continuing our series of articles from the London Grove Township Historical Commission we would like to acquaint you with Mark Sullivan, a very notable journalist, historian, and author. His parents purchased a farm in London Grove Township on what is now known as Sullivan Rd. in 1865. This farm was where Mark, the youngest of 10 siblings grew up. The farm remained in the family allowing a place for the siblings and their families to return for gatherings.

Mark had his earliest education at the local schools and entered the West Chester Normal School at the age of 14. After graduation, he worked as a reporter saving \$300 to become co-owner and editor of the *Phoenixville Republican* with John Miller. At the age of 22 in 1896 he entered Harvard University and continued at Harvard Law School, graduating with a law degree in 1903. While at Harvard he wrote for the *Boston Evening Transcript*.

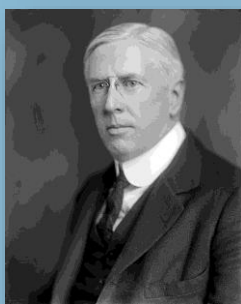
After college Sullivan sold his shares of the *Phoenixville Republican* moved to New York City and briefly practiced law there, but he quickly realized his heart was with his journalistic career. He wrote articles for such famous magazines as *Ladies Home Journal*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, *McClure's Magazine*, *Colliers Weekly*, the *New York Herald*, and others. His articles about the quackeries of patent medicines, along with others started an outcry and lead to the passing of the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act.

Sullivan's many political articles brought him into contact with US presidents from Theodore Roosevelt to Harry Truman. He had met Herbert Hoover before he became president while they were both living in Washington, DC. Their friendship continued into Hoover's presidency and Sullivan was viewed as one of Hoover's spokespersons.

As an author of books, Sullivan wrote his own biography "*The Education of an American*" and his six-volume "*Our Times: The United States 1900-1925*" at the same time that he wrote over 6,000 articles for various magazines.

Mark Sullivan married Marie McMechan Buchanan in 1907 and the couple had 3 children; 2 daughters, Narcissa and Sydney, and a son Mark, Jr. Marie preceded Mark in death in 1940 and he died in the same room that he was born in at his home in London Grove Township in 1952. The children inherited the family estate of 200 acres and he benevolently gave \$10,000 to his long-time secretary Mabel Shea.

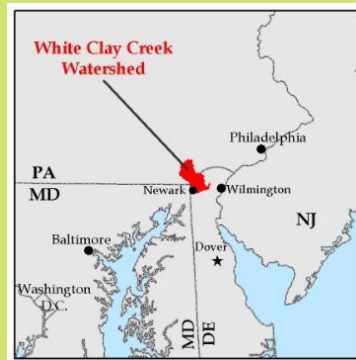
There is so much more information about this renowned author than there is space here. There is quite a lot of information online. [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com) His history book "*Our Times*" is available in the West Grove Library.



# White Clay Creek National Wild and Scenic River Watershed Facts

[www.whiteclay.org/wild-and-scenic-history](http://www.whiteclay.org/wild-and-scenic-history)

The wonderful resources that attract us to the White Clay Watershed have also led to its status as a National Wild & Scenic River (WSR), the first WSR to be protected on a watershed basis. A Watershed is all the area of land that drains into a body of water, and we all live in a watershed. The White Clay watershed is 107 square miles and includes parts of Chester County, PA and New Castle County, DE. Nearly 130,000 people call the White Clay Creek watershed home.



The White Clay watershed is unique because:

- It is the first entire watershed (rather than just a section of a river) designated into the Wild and Scenic federal system. This “beyond-the-riverbank” approach takes into consideration the variety of influences that affect river habitat and water quality;
- Is managed through long-term partnerships between the National Park Service and local, regional, and state stakeholders;
- It has a collaborative conservation approach which is locally driven with yearly planning for river conservation and education;
- It has a thorough conservation management plan that aims to protect Outstanding Resource Values (scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, and cultural);
- The watershed’s recreational and resource potential attracts a large number of in and out-of-state users, which in turn supports the local economy;
- It is a significant source of drinking water for local citizens;
- It includes the first dam removal in the State of Delaware to restore Native American Shad migration patterns!

For more information on the White Clay Creek National Wild & Scenic River please visit their website at [www.whiteclay.org](http://www.whiteclay.org)

## MS4 Tip:

Clean Water Begins At Home!  
Only Rain Down The Drain!

A few key points are as follows:

- ✓ Check your car or leaks and recycle used motor oil.
- ✓ Never pour it on the ground or into a storm drain.
- ✓ Minimize pesticides.
- ✓ Have your septic pumped and system inspected regularly.
- ✓ Pick up after your pets, don’t let pet waste wash into storm drains.
- ✓ Direct downspouts onto lawns and away from paved surfaces.
- ✓ Plant grass or plants on the bare spots in your yard.
- ✓ Compost yard waste-leaves and grass. Don’t dump them in ditches or waterways.



# Water & Sewer News

By: Dawn Maciejczyk & Melissa Morris

## Water Distribution System Flushing Facts & Frequently Asked Questions

The London Grove Township Public Works Department will be flushing the water distribution system and conducting inspections of fire hydrants and blow-offs during the months of June, July and August. This is a regular maintenance procedure, conducted annually to ensure that the Township's water distribution system is in proper working order. If you notice the water flushing crew is near your property, refrain from using water, and delay washing clothes until flushing is complete in that area.

**Why does the Township perform flushing?** Flushing is the quick, controlled release of water from fire hydrants or blow-offs. It's a controlled procedure that is vital to the general maintenance of the Township's water distribution system. It ensures adequate water flow is available to fire fighters, residents and businesses. It also improves water quality by cleaning iron and other mineral deposits from the water mains, by "scouring" the pipes within the system.

**What are the effects of flushing?** Flushing helps ensure water quality and helps avoid random bouts of rusty water if there is a high demand for water. During the flushing, some customers may notice reduced water pressure and flow.

**Why is my water rust/tea-colored from the flushing? Is the water safe?** Sometimes flushing can make the water temporarily appear rust-colored because the iron and other mineral deposits in the water mains get stirred up. There is no health hazard associated with discolored water. Water is safe to use and consume during flushing, however it may stain laundry.

**How come my water is discolored, but my neighbor didn't notice any discoloration?** If the water inside a home or business is turned on while flushing is going on, discolored water may enter your plumbing. If a neighbor did not use water during the day, they most likely will not notice any discoloration.

**My water is discolored, what should I do?** Wait until flushing has subsided in your area then run a cold water tap until the water runs clear. Remember rust colored water is safe, but it may stain laundry. If this happens, keep clothes wet and treat them with stain remover.

**How often is flushing done?** Flushing is performed one time a year between the months of June, July and August.

Further questions can be answered by calling Melissa Morris, Utility Billing, at 610-345-0100 or emailing [mmorris@londongrove.org](mailto:mmorris@londongrove.org).

## Important Water & Sewer Information

**Did you know it is a good idea to share your best contact cell phone and email information with LGTMA?**

- We need this in case we have to notify you in a water emergency. We are able to send texts and emails to alert you of water main leaks, water interruptions and other issues.
- Many residents call to say they did not receive their post card bills. Those who share their emails can receive the bill by email and postcard.

**Water consumption is higher in the summer. Here are some tips to keep your bill as low as possible:**

- Program your sprinkler system to water at optimum times to avoid evaporation. The best time to water is 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., which allows the grass and soil to properly soak in the water. On the hottest days, try to water even earlier- before the dew dries. 30 minutes is the longest you should water at a time. Every other day is sufficient for normal summer temperatures. Only water daily in extreme heat.
- Change the flapper on your commodes annually. Overtime water, deposits (minerals) will form a skin on the rubber. The flapper is about \$4 at amazon and could save you hundreds on your water bill over time.
- Most of us shower more often in the summer. Be mindful of this and try to get the job done in 5 minutes. Showers are cheaper than baths.
- Did you know that filling up your pool is less expensive from your tap than ordering water from a truck? Feel free to call us to verify. London Grove's water is \$16.42 per 1000 gallons over the minimum bill amount. That is a huge bargain.
- Turn off the faucet while shaving, brushing your teeth, and washing your face. Only turn on when you are actually using it.
- When washing dishes by hand, plug up the drain so the water is not continuously running.
- Use a dishwasher and make sure it is fully loaded. You waste water by needing to do smaller loads when you don't fill up the dishwasher.
- Get a filtered water pitcher and keep it in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until it gets cold enough to drink.
- When doing laundry, make sure the washer is fully loaded.
- Use a commercial car wash when washing your car.
- Choose water/energy efficient appliances.



**WE'RE ALL**  
**IN THIS**  
*Together*



**American Red Cross**

# **London Grove Township Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

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

**London Grove Township Building**

[www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation](http://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](mailto:tedra.farrell@redcross.org) if you experience issues.



**London Grove Township Building**  
**372 Rose Hill Road**  
**West Grove, PA 19390**  
**610-345-0100**





## 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- Tim  
Shannon

Codes Administrative  
Assistant- Kristina Jerrell

### 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.*

# Community Risk Reduction Program

By: Tim Shannon and Kristina Jerrell

## Knox Boxes

Have you ever seen these boxes on the walls next to business and though, what are they? These are called Knox Boxes. Next time you are out and about in London Grove Township take a look around the main entrance of any store and you will see a small black box nearby. That's a KNOX BOX! London Grove Township enacted a Knox Box Policy, which requires Knox Boxes to be installed on commercial properties within the Township. Residents are encouraged to install them, but are not required.

### What exactly is a Knox box?

A Knox box is a secure emergency access box developed for property owners and emergency personnel. This box provides fast and efficient means of gaining entry to a property in times of an emergency. Knox boxes are fastened to a structure and within the box is access accessories, such as, keys, card readers, maps, etc.

### Why do we have Knox boxes?

In the event of an emergency every second counts, so having access to a property is paramount. Using an owner supplied key or card reader is much faster for emergency personnel to gain access, and could cause less damage, than the alternative way of forced entry. Often times, the key access provides protection for the property owner, in times of non-emergency calls such as faulty false alarms, sprinkler pipe malfunctions, etc.) The goal is to gain entry to the building while minimizing property damage.

### Are these boxes secure? Who has access to these boxes?

The very secure system starts with the lock. The lock is specific to London Grove Township. The keys that access the lock are very closely monitored and only given to emergency services. The keys are secured inside the firetrucks and ambulances, with only certain personnel having access to the keys.

### So now you ask.... How can I obtain a Knox Box for my property?

Please reach out to the Township Fire Marshal, Tim Shannon and he will walk you through the easy steps of purchasing one. Knowing your property can be accessed quickly in an emergency creates a piece of mind!



# Recycle the present, Save the future.

## Paper Is A Lovable Recyclable

By: Patti Lynn CRP, Recycling Resources Manager

When you talk about recycling, it's likely that plastic is the material on everyone's minds. "Plastic is confusing!" (Yes, it is!) "Do we really need it?" (Yes and No)

But paper? Not so much. Why not? Because paper is one of the easiest materials to recycle, and it has a long history of recyclability in the US (1600's by many accounts). Recycling one ton of paper saves 3.3 cubic yards of our precious landfill space!

Paper can be recycled 5-7 times. The longer the paper's fibers, the more times it can be recycled into a new product before it loses its integrity. Today's copy paper can be next week's newspaper, then next month's paper towels.

Using recovered paper in mills is more economical than using virgin fiber. The process does not require extreme heat for melting, as it does for plastic, glass, and metals. Energy costs are a concern, however most of the mills in our eastern region have very efficient systems. Philadelphia's Newman Mill, for example has a closed loop system that co-generates, producing its own steam and electricity. Using 100% recycled feedstock, Newman Paper manufactures chip board used in the making of packaging, game boards, puzzles, candy boxes, book covers and many other everyday products.

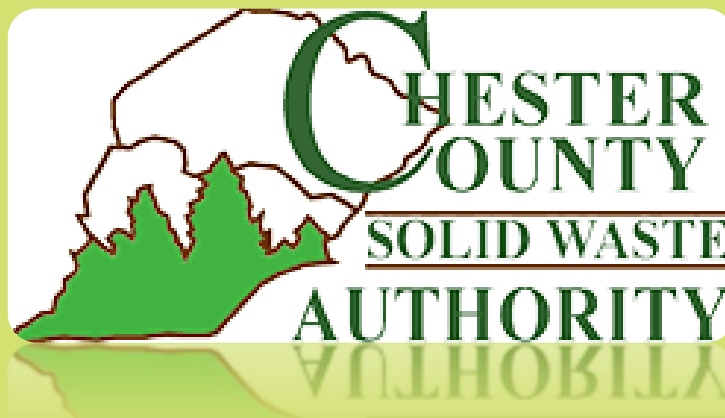
About 80% of US paper mills depend on used paper to manufacture some or all their products. Overall, the fiber mill industry is healthy, there is plenty of recyclable fiber feedstock available and trucking and labor are finally finding some stabilization.

**WHAT PAPER IS ACCEPTABLE IN RECYCLING BINS?** Clean loads are essential! Unsoiled junk mail, magazines, newspaper office paper, flattened cereal boxes/paperboard and corrugated, and CLEAN pizza boxes (NO FOOD OR GREASE!).

Not all paper collected for recycling in Chester County ends up at the same mill. Each has their own unique limits on what specific fibers they need and contamination levels. Always check with your private recycling hauler to know what is acceptable.

Let's be Trash Smart. Appreciate your paper when you use it and love it enough to easily recycle it!

ISRI 4/5/23, <https://www.isri.org/recycled-commodities/paper>



# Historical Colonial Hoopes Homestead- Circa 1786

By: Steve Dowdall & Jane Yeksigian

Along Route 41, just outside Avondale, sits a neglected house on an ancient site of considerable significance to our Colonial American and early Chester County history. This was the colonial homestead of Quakers Francis Hoopes and his wife Mary Pratt that they built in 1786. Their initials scribed on the original date, are still visible on the south side of the house. Many locals may know it as the Dylan property as the Dylan family purchased the property in 1930. Although updated over the past 300 years to reflect the times, the house still has many original features including the hand carved date stone, a stone faced well hidden behind a kitchen wall and a hearth in the basement reflecting the original stonework.

Francis Hoopes was the son of the famous John Hoopes who was a key figure in the founding of colonial West Chester. Their family came over with William Penn and were 'first comers' to the area. Francis's father John Hoopes owned Turks Head tavern (for which West Chester is named) and along with his brothers owned tremendous amounts of the land in West Chester and were instrumental in its development.

Mary was the daughter of Joseph Pratt Jr. and was raised in the still existing colonial plantation house in Ridley Creek State Park. You can still stand in the very room in which she was born. Mary Pratt is of documented royal descent. Her roots can be traced to the Welsh Quaker settlers who settled in Merrion, Pa in 1685 on land from William Penn. Her lineage reaches back even further to the House of Tudor, Welsh Prince Owain Glyndŵr along with several English Kings such as King John.

After Francis and Mary married in 1777, they lived on the colonial plantation in Ridley and then moved to London Grove Township in 1786. They had two sons Abraham and John Pratt. Several of their decedent's properties still exist and can be seen along London Grove Road. Hoopes' in the area can trace their roots to this 1786 homestead on route 41 and to Francis and Mary Pratt Hoopes.

To further validate its historic relevance, a state archeological dig was conducted on the property and revealed over 1,500 artifacts dating back to 1730; with most transferred to, and, in preservation at, the State Archive Museum located in Harrisburg, PA. Due to the historical significance of the Hoopes residence, the state of Pennsylvania made several attempts to register with the National Register of Historic Places; though it is unfortunate these initiatives are incomplete. The home is in a deteriorating state; as such it remains vulnerable to demolition which would be an unspeakable tragedy that cannot be undone.

The London Grove Township area is home to a myriad of beautiful historic properties. The number of historic properties at-risk of demolition is low; however, losing these properties to demolition would be a blow to our community. Should the youth of today and future generations be incapable of in-person visits to view these properties, they will be denied access to rich history these colonial-era historic residences offer.

To facilitate the Township's historic mission, the London Grove Township Historic Commission is commencing efforts to work collaboratively with the Chester County Historic Preservation Coordinator/Chester County Planning Commission. They are educating themselves in this critical field, and the support role Chester County can provide and to proactively identify and mitigate potential concerns for London Grove Township historic properties.



Hoopes Residence, then and now.





# Playground Safety

By: <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/playground.html>

**Why Is Playground Safety Important?** Playgrounds and outdoor play equipment offer kids fresh air, friends, fun, and exercise. But it's important to make sure that faulty equipment, improper surfaces, and unsafe behavior don't ruin the fun. Each year, more than 200,000 kids are treated in hospital ERs for playground-related injuries. Many of these accidents can be prevented with careful supervision. You can make the playground entertaining and safe for your kids by checking equipment for possible hazards and following some simple safety guidelines. Teaching kids how to play safely is important: If they know the rules of the playgrounds, they're less likely to get hurt.

**Adult Supervision Is Key!** Adults can help prevent injuries by making sure kids properly use playground equipment. If an injury does happen, an adult can help the child and give any needed first aid right away. Kids should always have adult supervision on the playground. Keep your eyes on young kids (and sometimes older ones) because they can't always be sure of distance and may not expect dangerous situations. Older kids like to test their limits on the playground, so it's important for an adult to keep them in check. Before you visit a playground, check to make sure that play areas are designed to allow an adult to clearly see kids while they're playing on all the equipment.

**Teaching Kids About Playground Safety.** Another key part of playground safety: kids must know how to be safe and act responsibly at the playground. Kids should know to:

- Never push or roughhouse while on jungle gyms, slides, seesaws, swings, and other equipment.
- Use equipment properly- slide feet-first, don't climb outside guardrails, no standing on swings, etc.
- Always check to make sure no other kids are in the way if they're going to jump off equipment or slide, and land on both feet with their knees slightly bent.
- Leave bikes, backpacks, and bags away from the equipment and the play area so that no one trips over them.
- Always wear a helmet while bike riding, but take it off while on playground equipment.
- Never use playground equipment that's wet because moisture makes the surfaces slippery.
- Check playground equipment in the summertime. It can become uncomfortably or even dangerously hot, especially metal slides, handrails, and steps. So use good judgement- if the equipment feels hot to the touch, it's probably not safe or fun to play on. Contact burns can happen within seconds.
- Wear clothes without drawstrings, purses, and necklaces could get caught on equipment and accidentally strangle a child.
- Wear sunscreen when playing outside even on cloudy days to protect against sunburn.

For more information and for Safe Equipment Guidelines please visit

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/playground.html>



## Open Space Committee News

By: David Sweet, Portions reprinted with permission Chester County Planning Commission

Chester County celebrated a milestone achievement of 30% protected open space back in 2021; but the efforts didn't stop there! With one third of the County's land still up for grabs, efforts to preserve the county's land have remained strong since then.

The County's Protected Open Space Tracking System, or POST, indicated that by the end of 2022, 30.7% of the county's land had been preserved (.05 more than the previous year). While these amounts of newly preserved land might not be quite as large as in the past, they're still just as significant, if not more so.

London Grove Township has been a substantial contributor to the County's land protection accomplishments. As calculated this spring, 33% of the Township, or 3,846 acres, is permanently protected open space. This is comprised of 2,530 acres under conservation easement, 785 acres that are municipally owned, and 531 acres of common open space within residential developments. The Township's Open Space Committee continues its active work with landowners interested in exploring open space protection tools.

Across the County, agricultural conservation easements covered 584 acres, land trusts eased 577 acres (but no land preserved in-fee), and homeowners association common open space protected over 570 acres in 2022.

The Chester County Planning Commission has collected information on the amount of open space protected in Chester County each year since 2000.

### Preventing Tick Bites

Tick exposure can occur year-round, but ticks are most active during warmer months (April-September). Know [which ticks are most common in your area](#).

#### Before You Go Outdoors

- **Know where to expect ticks.** Ticks live in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas, or even on animals. Spending time outside walking your dog, camping, gardening, or hunting could bring you in close contact with ticks. Many people get ticks in their own yard or neighborhood.
- **Treat clothing and gear** with products containing 0.5% permethrin. Permethrin can be used to treat boots, clothing and camping gear and remain protective through several washings. Alternatively, you can buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
- **Use [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)-registered insect repellent](#)** containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. EPA's helpful [search tool](#) can help you find the product that best suits your needs. Always follow product instructions. Do not use products containing OLE or PMD on children under 3 years old.
- **Avoid Contact with Ticks**
  - Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
  - Walk in the center of trails.

#### After You Come Indoors

Check your clothing for ticks. Ticks may be carried into the house on clothing. Any ticks that are found should be removed. Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed. If the clothes require washing first, hot water is recommended. Cold and medium temperature water will not kill ticks.

**Examine gear and pets.** Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and daypacks.

**Shower soon after being outdoors.** Showering within two hours of coming indoors has been shown to reduce your risk of getting Lyme disease and may be effective in reducing the risk of other tickborne diseases. Showering may help wash off unattached ticks and it is a good opportunity to do a tick check.

**Check your body for ticks after being outdoors.** Conduct a full body check upon return from potentially tick-infested areas, including your own backyard. Use a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body. Check these parts of your body and your child's body for ticks:

- Under the arms
- In and around the ears
- Inside belly button
- Back of the knees
- In and around the hair
- Between the legs
- Around the waist



## Outdoor Recreation in Chester County: A Guide to Hiking, Camping and More

By: <https://www.mychesco.com/a/lifestyle/outdoor-recreation/outdoor-recreation-in-chester-county-a-guide-to-hiking-camping-and-more/>

If you're looking for a great outdoor adventure, look no further than Chester County, Pennsylvania! With plenty of hiking trails, camping spots, cycling routes, places to walk your dog and waterways for canoeing and kayaking, there's something for everyone. In this guide, we'll provide an overview of the best outdoor recreation in Chester County. We'll also include tips on where to find the most scenic views, where to go rafting or running and more. So pack your bags and get ready for some fun!

### Chester County Parks and Trails

Chester County is a beautiful place to live, work, and play. The Chester County Parks and Trails system offers residents and visitors alike opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors while getting some exercise. Chester County parks feature a variety of amenities, including hiking trails, playgrounds, picnic areas, fishing lakes, and much more. In addition to providing recreation and entertainment, Chester County parks also play an important role in protecting the environment.

The Chester County Department of Parks and Preservation manages the county's parks and trails system with the goal of preserving Chester County's natural resources for future generations. Chester County is committed to providing its residents and visitors with access to quality parks and trails, and the Chester County Parks and Trails system is a great example of that commitment.

### Chester County Parks

Chester County is home to numerous parks that offer a variety of activities for residents and visitors to enjoy. From hiking and biking trails to fishing and picnicking, there is something for everyone at Chester County parks. The parks are also well-maintained, providing a safe and enjoyable experience for all. In addition, Chester County parks offer a variety of educational programs that teach about the local ecosystem and the importance of preserving our natural resources. Whether you are looking for a place to enjoy the outdoors or learn about your community, Chester County Parks are a great resource.

1. Black Rock Sanctuary- 953 Black Rock Road (Route 113) Phoenixville
2. Hibernia Park- 1 Park Road, Coatesville
3. Nottingham Park- 150 Park Road, Nottingham
4. Springton Manor Farm- 860 Springton Road, Glenmoore
5. Warwick Park- 191 County Park Road, Pottstown
6. Wolf's Hollow- 1399 Schoff Road, Atglen

### Chester County Trails

Chester County is home to miles of scenic trails, offering residents and visitors alike the opportunity to explore the great outdoors. Chester County's trails wind through some of the most beautiful countryside's in the region, taking in woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. There are also several historical sites along the way. With so much to see and do, it's no wonder Chester County's trails are so popular!

1. Chester Valley Trail
2. Schuylkill River Trail
3. Struble Trail

### State Parks

From hiking and biking trails to fishing and boating, there's something for everyone. And if you're looking for a little adventure, many of Pennsylvania's state parks offer guided tours and activities. So why wait?

1. Marsh Creek State Park- 675 Park Road, Downingtown
2. French Creek State Park- 843 Park Road, Elverson

### National Parks in Chester County

One of the best things about Chester County is the Valley Forge National Historical Park. The Park is great to visit year-round, with something for everyone to enjoy.

1. Valley Forge National Historical Park- 1400 N. Outer Line Drive, King of Prussia



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Avon Grove Library Gears Up for “All Together Now”  
Summer Reading Program

West Grove, Pa., May 15, 2023 – When it comes to summer fun, it’s hard to compete with Avon Grove Library’s summer reading program. Each year’s summer reading theme is chosen by the Collaborative Summer Library Program, a non-profit organization that empowers public libraries to foster community through summer reading events. Past themes have included “Oceans of Possibilities,” “Tails and Tales,” and “Imagine Your Story.”

This year’s summer reading theme is “All Together Now,” or “Todos Juntos Ahora”. The purpose of this theme is to encourage kindness, friendship, and unity among readers of all ages and backgrounds. The summer reading program will run from June 24 until the closing party on August 19. Avon Grove Library’s Youth Services department will offer new and continuing activities that foster kindness, friendship, unity, and — of course — a love of reading among participants.

One such event is the library’s annual Summer Reading Kickoff Party. This year’s party will take place on Saturday, June 24 at Penn Township Park (160 Lewis Road, West Grove, PA 19390). Families can stop by anytime between 10 AM and 1 PM to get a head start on their summer reading registration, as well as to enjoy games, food, crafts, and more. There will also be a return performance by Silly Joe Sings, who was the star of the show during last summer’s closing party.

Interested participants can stay up to date on all the summer reading fun by visiting Avon Grove Library’s website and Facebook page or by signing up for the library’s new e-newsletter.

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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.



## Inniscrone Golf Course News

By: Chris Ward, Clubhouse Manager

It is now late spring and the Inniscrone Golf Club is open and in great shape. Many golfers are expressing their opinion that the course has never been in better shape. Our Superintendent, Chris Newdeck, and his staff are doing a fabulous job in maintaining his great design. Along with the great conditions the Pro-Shop has reopened to our customers in late March after being closed for three years due to COVID. The Pro-Shop is now stocked with Inniscrone merchandise so make sure to stop by and pick up some apparel. The Pro-Shop also went through a redesign that was done by the Township Public Works Department. They added a serving area for food and beverage so that the serving of food and beverage would be more efficient. The Pro-Shop looks great and has been well received by our golfers.

Inniscrone was designed by Gil Hanse and opened in 1999. Next year will be Inniscrone's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are planning to have some fun events for this anniversary. Gil Hanse is currently one of the great architects in golf. In this area he is the designer of Applecross and French Creek. Gil was also the designer of the Olympic Course for the Olympics that were held in Rio. Along with being an original designer of golf courses, he also does many restoration projects. A couple of his restoration projects are The Country Club which held the 2022 US Open and Los Angeles Country Club North Course which is holding the 2023 US Open.

With five sets of tees Inniscrone allows players with all abilities to enjoy their round. If you do not have time for 18 or 9, come out and enjoy the practice facilities without driving range and putting/chipping green. Make your tee time today by going to [www.inniscronegolfclub.com](http://www.inniscronegolfclub.com) or call the Pro-Shop at 484-720-8842. We look forward to providing you with a great and affordable experience.

Located at 15 Athelone Way, Avondale, PA 19311

### Golf Safety Tips For Teens

<https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/safety-golf.html>

Golf is an excellent challenge, physically as well as mentally, and it's also a great social activity. Golf is a safe sport but injuries can happen. Following these tips can keep golfers safe on the course.

**Safe Golf Gear-** To help prevent injuries, golfers can:

- ✓ Use a golf glove (or two) to keep the golf club from slipping and to prevent blisters.
- ✓ Wear golf shoes to prevent slipping. Get a pair of shoes with plastic spikes, as most courses don't allow metal spikes.

**Before Teeing Up-** Before playing golf, it's important to:

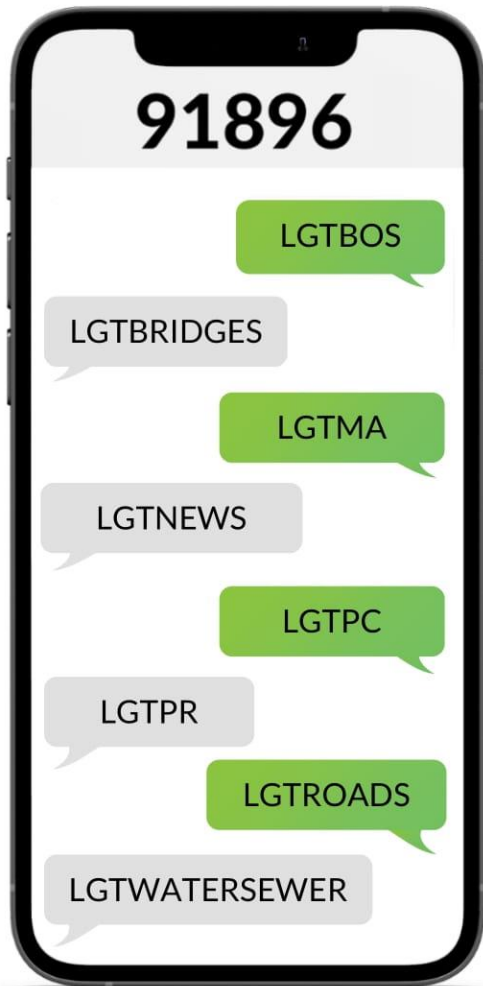
- ✓ Get a sports physical before starting any new sport.
- ✓ Check the weather. Never plan to play during thunderstorms. Lightning is very dangerous on the golf course.
- ✓ Warm up and stretch before playing.
- ✓ Take some practice swings. Start with shorter clubs to practice swinging. Then, build up to the longer clubs.
- ✓ Use sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or greater and wear a hat.

**Lightning Safety-** Golfers carry metal clubs and are usually walking in open space or near trees. So their risk of getting struck by lightning is greater than normal. If a thunderstorm comes or an alarm for lightning goes off:

- ✓ Golfers need to stop playing right away and go to the clubhouse or a designated lightning shelter.

If players can't get to the clubhouse, they should drop their clubs and move away from them. Move away from the golf cart and stay away from trees and water. Find a low-lying area, and keep a safe distance from other members of the group. This makes them smaller targets for the lightning.

# ! 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

### **Codes Department:**

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

### **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, Shaun Dickerson  
Laborer, Ryan Huey  
Laborer, Quinton Lynch

### **Inniscrone Golf Club:**

Golf Club Greens Manager, Chris Newdeck  
Golf Club Clubhouse Manager, Chris Ward  
Pro Shop Manager, Jesse Connors

## **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.

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

Historical Commission meetings- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.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.



# Goddard Park Bench Donation

In the Spring of 2022 two avid walkers, Barry Glicklich and Katherine Lato, were walking through Goddard Park and decided they would like to donate a bench for park users to sit and take a break to just enjoy sitting and watching nature. While scouting different locations for their donation, they couldn't decide which place would be best, so they added a second bench to their donation. London Grove Township would like to thank them for their generous donation to Goddard Park. If you happen to see these two walking in the park, give them a thanks for their donation.



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