Fall 2023 By: Dawn Maciejczyk

# The Top 10 Towns with the Lowest Cost of Living in Chester County By: Alec Robson

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Living in Chester County, Pennsylvania is a dream for many. The county, known for its historical landmarks and picturesque landscapes, is truly a gem that is perfect for those who want to experience the charm and beauty of small-town living while still being close to the city. However, not everyone can afford to live in this wonderful place due to its high cost of living. But, don't lose hope just yet. MyChesCo compiled a list of the best counties to raise a family in Pennsylvania, using data from Niche, that can help you fulfill your dream of living in this beautiful county.

### 1. West Pikeland Township

At the top of our list lies West Pikeland Township, nestled in the serene southeastern part of the county. This idyllic township caters to those who cherish the tranquility of a small town and crave the charms of a rural lifestyle. With a modest population of just over 4,000, West Pikeland Township provides an affordable cost of living, rendering it an idyllic haven for settling down. The area's cost of living falls below the national average, making it an enticing option for those seeking the serenity of a rural locale without sacrificing financial feasibility. Home prices dip below the norm, while property taxes remain relatively low. All in all, West Pikeland Township offers a delightful standard of living coupled with unparalleled affordability, making it an unrivaled choice for a place to call home.

### 2. Honey Brook

Honey Brook presents an excellent option for those seeking an affordable cost of living. The town boasts a diverse selection of budget-friendly housing, ranging from apartments to single-family homes. With a population of approximately 2,000, Honey brook seamlessly blends small-town charm with modern amenities. With a median home value of \$211,800, the cost of living in Honey Brook Borough is comparatively lower than the average in Pennsylvania of \$257,500. As a result, purchasing a house or renting an apartment in Honey brook Borough proves to be significantly more economical than in many other areas of the county.

### 3. **Penn Township**

Penn Township offers an affordable lifestyle for those seeking a place to call home. Renowned for its exceptional school system and abundance of parks, it's the perfect destination for families. Public records reveal that the median home price in this charming town is around \$339,200, with a median household income of approximately \$87,054. Rent for a two-bedroom apartment averages a reasonable \$1,200 per month.

### 4. London Grove Township

Nestled in the picturesque landscapes of southwestern Chester County, London Grove Township offers a serene haven for those seeking the tranquility of the countryside. With a population of just over 8,600, this charming township is renowned for its excellent school system and the allure of affordable housing options. Whether you're drawn to its welcoming community or the breathtaking natural beauty that surrounds it, London Grove Township is an idyllic place to call home. Not to mention, with a median home value of \$380,000 and a median household income of \$143,597, residents can enjoy a comfortable and enriching lifestyle in this delightful corner of Pennsylvania. (Continued on next page)



### 5. Westwood

Westwood, located just west of the City of Coatesville, provides an enchanting sanctuary for those in search of affordable housing solutions. With a population of approximately 1,800, this quaint town provides a serene escape from the bustling city life. The cost of living in Westwood is remarkably lower than Pennsylvania's average of \$257,500, boasting a median home value of just \$110,400. Affordable two-bedroom apartments are readily available, with an average rent of a reasonable \$1,200 per month.

#### 6. **Devon**

Located in the eastern part of Chester County, Devon is a charming small town known for its excellent public schools and an array of attractions. With a delightful mix of restaurants offering diverse cuisines, a variety of retail stores for all your shopping needs, and beautiful parks for outdoor activities, Devon provides ample opportunities to savor life. While the median home value is \$663,300 and the median rents reach \$2,177, Devon boasts an extraordinary median household income of \$197,820. This combination establishes it as an idyllic location for settling down and thriving.

### 7. **Spring City**

Spring City is a sought-after town that promises an affordable cost of living. With a population of around 3,000, it boasts exceptional public parks and budget-friendly housing options on offer. The cost of living in Spring City, PA is notable reasonable when compared to the national average. At a median housing cost of approximately \$204,300, it significantly outshines other regions in terms of affordability.

### 8. East Vincent Township

East Vincent Township is a beautiful place to call home if you are looking for a low cost of living. The township offers a wide range of housing options and is known for its excellent schools and close-knit community. With a population of just under 10,000, you'll certainly feel right at home in this town. In the area, the median home price hovers around \$376,400, with an abundance of rental options available at prices well below the county average.

### 9. Franklin Township

Situated in southern Chester County, Franklin Township presents a range of affordable housing options and a low cost of living. The town is enveloped by breathtaking natural scenery, making it an idyllic destination for those who appreciate the outdoors. Within the area, the median home price stands at approximately \$412,800, while rental options are readily available at a median price of \$1,332.

### 10. **Birmingham Township**

Birmingham Township, located in the serene southeastern part of the county, offers an ideal haven for those seeking a tranquil and affordable place to call home. With a population of just over 4,000, this township seamlessly blends rural charm with modern conveniences. From its lush parks and scenic trails, perfect for outdoor enthusiasts, to its delightful array of local shops and restaurants, Birmingham Township truly has it all. Moreover, the cost of living in Birmingham, PA is notably lower than that of nearby cities and towns, making it an exceptional choice for budget-conscious individuals or those in search of more affordable housing options.

### **Affordable Towns in Chester County**

Ultimately, Chester County, Pennsylvania is a great place to call home, but the high cos of living can be a barrier for some. Luckily, we've compiled a list of the top 10 towns with the lowest cos of living in Chester County, Pennsylvania that can help you make your dream of living in this beautiful county a reality. Whether you're looking for a rural lifestyle or seeking a mix if small-town charm and modern conveniences, these towns offer you a great place to start your journey. So, get ready to pack your bags and head to one of these affordable towns in Chester County.

# Yeatman Quarry-Baker Station Road

By: London Grove Township Historical Commission

The Yeatman Quarry, located just off Route 1 and Route 41 in London Grove Township, is currently owned by the Yeatman Brothers Properties and has not been mined since 1919. The quarry is surrounded by a large tract of farmland, owned and farmed by the Charles Halsey family from the forties to present time.

Limestone was known to exist on the property as early as the late 1700s and was first mined in 1815. In 1871, some of the surrounding land was deeded to the Pennsylvania and Delaware Railroad Co. to facilitate the movement of the limestone.

In 1893, R. Hope Hepburn suspected marble below the limestone layer. After numerous studies and drillings were completed, they discovered that not only was there a marble layer, bit it was of equal quality to the coveted Carrara marble in Italy. Shortly after the marble was discovered, the quarry was deeded to the Penn marble and Granite Company. They hired many Italian stonecutters to come over to American to work the quarry. Many of these family names have been in the community for a long time. Some of the names include: Marcellino Bove, Gus Corby, James DiCecco, Nick DiMarco, Augusta and Odone Rosazza, and John Santucci.

Marble from this quarry was used most notably in the courthouses located in Media, PA, and Patterson, NJ and locally, marble was used on the pillars of the old First National Bank in West Chester, PA.

As with many of the quarries in Pennsylvania, the local quarries began to fail, so many of the Italian stonecutters brought over to work the quarries had to search for other sources of income. Many had skills in mushroom farming and applied their agriculture knowledge to start up the local area mushroom farms that today; and are exported to markets across America.

The content of this article and many other stories of London Grove Township can be found in the book, Avon Grove Remembered, 1976 published by Avon Grove Jaycees and available in Avon Grove Library.

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

This is a free event for Township residents <u>ONLY</u>. Residence is defined as any dwelling unit used as a place of human habitation, which is not commercial, municipal, institutional, or community activity. If you have questions about the Township SECCRA Days please call the Township at 610-345-0100.

For those items that cannot be recycled at curbside this event date is **October 14, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. SHARP.** Recycling occurs at SECCRA throughout the year, fees could apply.

By filling out a Brush Disposal Permit, Township residents are able to dump directly at SECCRA Landfill during normal business hours. This is free of charge offered to residents only. Brush Disposal permits are available at the Township Office, please bring a Photo ID with proof of residency, permits will be issued each calendar year.

### **May Not Participate**

- Businesses
- Commercial Entities
- **Landlords**
- > Non-residents
- Organizations

### For more information on what is accepted please visit:

https://www.londongrove.org/recycling-waste-program/recycling-events-information/





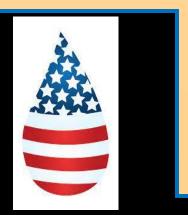
# London Grove Township Blood Drive

Friday, February 9, 2024 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 <a href="mailto:tedra.farrell@redcross.org">tedra.farrell@redcross.org</a> if you experience issues.



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Cooking safety starts with YOU.

✓ Turn pot handles towards the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking.

Watch what you heat. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

✓ Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove, oven, and other things that could get hot.



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### "Cook with Caution"

- **Be alert!** If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- > Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- > If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- > Keep anything that can catch fire- oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains- away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire.....

- > On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- > Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- ➤ Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

### **FACTS:**

The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.

For more information visit: www.nfpa.org

FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS AT THE AVON GROVE LIBRARY

Presented by Avery Stine, licensed financial advisor, and in partnership with the Association of Financial Educators.



A Member of the Chester County Library System







### Avoiding Common Financial Pitfalls September 19, 6:30 pm (In Person)

In this meeting, we will discuss how you and those you care about can avoid common financial pitfalls. We will discuss topics from the financial cost of playing the lottery, high-interest rate loans and credit cards, risky investments, being underinsured, and cybersecurity.

Registration is not needed for anyone attending this inperson program.



# Understanding Credit, Credit Scores, and Loans

September 26, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

In this meeting, we will be discussing everything regarding credit, credit scores, and loans. What factors affect your credit score, how a bank determines what amount you qualify for a mortgage, and how to get your free credit report and other loans?

### Building Blocks of a Financial Plan October 10, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Many people want to have a financial plan but don't know where to start. In this meeting, we will discuss how to put the proper foundation in place for a good financial plan. We will go in-depth on the topics of emergency funds, insurance, retirement, college planning, and investments.

### Retirement Planning: Social Security, Medicare, Retirement Income and Investments

October 24, 6:30 pm (In Person)

In this meeting, we will cover social security income and how to calculate your benefit. Medicare, when you become eligible, and the different options. How to determine how much you need to officially retire and how to generate that amount of income throughout retirement. We will discuss 401k/403b/IRA retirement investments. When and how these accounts should be used to set yourself up for a successful retirement.

Registration is not needed for anyone attending this inperson program.



# Recycling Doesn't End At The Curb!

By: Patti Lynn CRP, Recycling Resources Manager

You gave your food cans and bottles a good rinse, stored them in a container separate from your household trash, and tossed in your clean mixed paper. You placed the recycling cart at the curb on collection day. Congratulations, you've recycled! Or have you?

Well, not exactly. You're doing the right thing, but it's just the first step in the recycling process- the "set out." Next, the hauler collects it, transports it to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) for sorting and baling. These commodities will be marketed to a paper mill, plastics broker, or metal recycler to eventually be manufactured into new products.

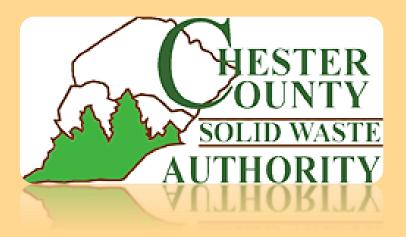
*Recycling is a process.* Residents are the first step. So, who better to teach us about the processing other than MRF managers?

Jeff Furmanchin of Total Recycle in Birdsboro wants us to know, "Contamination in single stream recyclables is the largest cause of downtime and damage to processing equipment. Please keep hoses, wires, construction debris and yard waste out of your recycling. Lithium-ion or rechargeable batteries of any type need to stay out of recycling and trash bins, as they are an enormous fire hazard." (These batteries only belong in a household hazardous waste collection program!)

Scott Mengle, Director of SECCRA Landfill, manages a dozen drop off bins across southern Chester County. He says, "Just because an item bears a recycling symbol doesn't guarantee its actual recycling." This poses financial and logistical challenges, as non-recyclable items disrupt sorting, increase costs, and devalue recycled materials. To preserve the financial and environmental sustainability of recycling programs, it's important to know what is truly recyclable. "When in doubt, throw it out' to ensure our success."

Matt Cougle of Cougle's Recycling wants us to know that water bottles (PET #1) are recycled into carpet and clothing. PET is also re-made into new bottles, closing the recycling loop. "It starts in your home. Keep food, liquids, and cigarette butts out of bottles. They make recycling much harder. Get those clean and loose (not bagged) bottles in the cart!"

Better to recycle right, than to recycle more. When in doubt, check it out! Let's get Trash Smart!





# Halloween Safety

# For All Kids!

Halloween can be a stressful time for parents. The good news? It doesn't have to be!

You can use this time to work on making your children responsible, respectful and resilient!

Print this out or bookmark for a safe and stress-free Halloween for your kids (and you,too)!

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2-6 Years Old 7-11 Years Old 12-16 Years Old

Costumes

**Choices Within Limits** 

Plan for the weather! Make room for layers under or rain gear over. Get extra use by playing "pretend Halloween" before the big day. argue about WHO they want to be, but have guidelines about HOW they represent that character. Avoid last minute arguments by making your limits clear weeks ahead of time, and then let them express all their creativity within those lines.

Safety

Prevent the "What if?!" That Worrries You Practice hand-holding, staying together and careful street-crossing How many houses ahead car they go? Stay outside the door. Wear something reflective!

Plan some by phone checkins, and let teens know your plan if you DON'T hear from them.

Manners

A great time to practice

Practice waiting your turn, eye contact and friendly greetings, answering questions.

Please. Thank you. Every. Single. Time. Remind your child that many places have security cameras. "Will I be proud if I see that video?"

Candy Haul

Great but not Greedy

Take one "family bag" for the stroller and put all the candy together. Decide (and tell them!) beforehand how much/many they can eat tonight.

Taking what you're offered is great. Taking more? Stealing.

Rockstar Parenting

Use Halloween for Good Reverse Trick-or-Treat! Find out more: http://bit.ly/revtrickortreat Pick some candy for Operaton Shoebox http://bit.ly/drgcandydonation Hand out candy for the early shift - pitch in to help and practice the fun of giving.



Visit AskDoctorG.com for more parenting tips!



# London Grove Township Celebrates

# 300 Years

Saturday, Oct. 21

noon-5 pm

Goddard Park

(Rain date Oct. 22)

Mark your calendar!





Music

Vendors

History exhibits & activities

Costume parades for Children and dogs

Get involved. Sponsor or volunteer.
Represent your business, organization,
or sell your wares! Contact:
sibol\_family@yahoo.com for info.



With the hot, humid, and stormy summer months coming to an end, fall is just around the corner. That mean kids are back to school, football and beautiful weather to play golf. The temperatures will be falling and the leaves on the trees will be turning to a variety of beautiful colors. There is no better way to enjoy the fall than to play golf. Inniscrone lies on a beautiful piece of property and with its views the fall should be an absolutely great place to play golf.

This summer we did not have the extremely high temperatures, but it as humid and stormy. It seemed like multiple times per week we were getting hit with extreme downpours. Even with these storms, Inniscrone was in great shape all year long and will only get better as we get into the cooler months. With the excellent conditions and the pro shop reopening for the first time since COVID, Inniscrone is having a tremendous year. If you are a golfer and were unable to make it out to the course this year, make sure to come out this fall. Highly recommended to make a tee time as availability fills up quick. Tee times can be made online at <a href="https://www.inniscronegolfclub.com">www.inniscronegolfclub.com</a> or call the pro shop at (484) 720-8442. If you are not a golfer and would like to get started in the game, please stop by and talk to our staff. We have a driving range and putting green for practice. There are also three teaching pros that use our facility for lessons.

Make sure to stop by our booth at the community celebration for London Grove's 300<sup>th</sup> celebration on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We plan to have a putting contest set up and would love to talk to the residents about Inniscrone Golf Club.

# London Grove Friends of the Park 501C3 1st Annual Charity Golf Outing September 25, 2023 9:30 a.m Start Inniscrone Golf Club 15 Athelone Way Avondale, PA 19311 For Sponsorship and Registration Forms Please Visit www.londongrove.org



Avon Grove Library Offers New and Exciting Programs This Fall!

West Grove, PA., "We are here!" This quote from the classic story *Horton Hears a Who* by Dr. Seuss is what the staff of Avon Grove Library would like to shout from the rooftops. While it may be small in comparison to some of its neighboring branches, this little library has so much to offer its community.

In September, Avon Grove Library is partnering with the Association of Financial Educators to offer a series of both virtual and in-person financial literacy workshops for adults. The Youth Services department will begin offering the library's first Sensory Storytimes, a program that will aim to create a shared experience through engaging stories, songs, finger plays, and interactive sensory play.

The library is also seeking ways to get local teens more involved in their community by offering after school programs such as Teen Service Club and Teen Advisory Board. Teen volunteers have especially enjoyed helping with the library's growing STEM programming for youth. Avon Grove Library's summer intern from the Garage Community and Youth Center's Career Compass program, Maria Guadalupe Zavala Zavala, played a vital role in coordinating these programs alongside Youth Program Coordinator Trish Strawhecker.

In case it wasn't obvious, books aren't the only resource Avon Grove Library has to offer. The library received a generous grant that will enable them to begin offering more gaming-centered programs for youth and adults. Library cardholders can sign up for Kanopy, a free video streaming service that offers a unique collection of films and shows. The library also recently began circulating American Girl dolls for children to borrow and enjoy for up to two weeks at a time.

And there is more to come.

"We are actively planning a variety of programs for all ages between now and the end of the year," Library Director David Payne emphasizes. "We invite you to check into our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>website</u> for updates." Community members can also stay up to date by <u>signing up</u> for the library's monthly e-newsletter.

For those who are wondering, the fun isn't contained within the library walls. Representatives from Avon Grove Library will be present at London Grove's upcoming 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Goddard Park on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

# PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER





**BEFORE COLD** WEATHER SETS IN:

### Check sprinkler or **Irrigation systems**

Make sure you've turned everything off and fully drained the system.



### Identify your home's freezing points

Check your home for pipes in areas that might be prone to freezing, such as crawl spaces, unheated rooms, basements, garages, and exterior walls.



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Know how to shut off your water

Locate your main water shut-off valve. Hang the I.D. tag located on the back of this insert on the valve, so you can find it quickly in an emergency.



### Strengthen your defenses

Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines by closing off crawl spaces, fixing drafty windows, insulating walls and attics, and plugging drafts around doors.



### Protect your pipes

Where pipes are exposed to cold, wrap them with insulation or heat tape (even fabric or newspaper can help).

# WHEN TEMPERATURES STAY BELOW FREEZING:

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### Give pipes a helping hand

If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures flow in.



#### Keep water working

Keep water moving through the pipes by allowing a small trickle of water to run. The cost of the extra water is typically lower than the cost of repairing a broken pipe.

### BUT IF YOUR PIPES DO FREEZE:



### Shut off the water immediately

Don't attempt to thaw pipes without turning off the main shut-off valve.



### Thaw pipes with warm air

You can melt the frozen water in the pipe by warming the air around it with a hair dryer or space heater. Be sure not to leave space heaters unattended and avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flames.



### Be careful turning water back on

Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check pipes and joints for any cracks or leaks that might have been caused by freezing.





# **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.





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/Zoning Officer, Ken Battin Assistant Township Manager, Dawn Maciejczyk Township Secretary, Dawn Maciejczyk

### Codes Department:

Director of Codes & Life Safety, Brian Elwood 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, Diego Alvarez Villa

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- 1st Monday of every other month at 7:00 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- 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.



Avon Grove Middle School is now open and will welcome students in grades six, seven, and eight for the first day of school on Monday, August 28th. What was the former Avon Grove High School has gone through a year of renovation and has now become the Avon Grove Middle School. Some of the upgrades included new flooring, new lighting, fresh paint, and an upgrade to the electrical and fire alarm system, a new roof, HVAC system, bathrooms and a security vestibule. The outdoor practice fields and stadium complex will continue to be used by the high school and middle school teams for practice and competition.

Last spring, the Avon Grove School District's (AGSD) Board of School Directors unanimously approved a 20-year lease agreement with the Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) for the occupancy of the Fred S. Engle building. This action represents the final step in the multi-year facilities strategic initiative for AGSD. As part of the agreement terms, the CCIU intends to invest an estimated \$8 to \$10 million in renovations and upgrades prior to occupancy, in an effort to provide much needed educational programs in Southern Chester County in the spring of 2025. Additionally, the Avon Grove School District Administrative Offices will relocate to this location in the spring of 2025.

London Grove Township

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West Grove, PA 19390

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