London Grove Township Gazette Gazette

Fall 2025

By: Jordon Hoopes

The sun is going down earlier, the weather is cooling off, and the last vestiges of summer are slipping away, but it isn't all doom and gloom! It isn't time to hunker down inside for the winter just yet, we still have plenty of time for all those classic fall activities. Below are some ideas to get you started on making the most of the season:

- Visit a Haunted House: There are tons of haunted houses that crop up around our area each this time of year, so it is the perfect time to start planning which ones to hit to get into the Halloween spirit!
- Pumpkin Carving: Whether it is fun with friends, competition, or even just decoration, carving a pumpkin is the best way to direct those artistic skills this fall.
 Grab the biggest pumpkin you can find and create an amazing Jack O'Lantern!
- **Farmers markets**: If Halloween and the spooky stuff isn't your thing, there are plenty of family friendly and alternative activities to fit the season! Farmers markets are full of great seasonal vegetables, fruits, and desserts to explore.
- **Corn Maze:** They are the perfect way to bond with family, friends, coworkers, or even solve one yourself for fun!







AVON GROVE LIBRARY FALL UPDATE



Coloring Our World with Stories, Science, and Smiles at the Avon Grove Library

This summer, Avon Grove Library has been bursting with color, creativity, and community spirit! With over 600 people registered for our Summer Reading Program, we've been hard at work delivering fun, enriching programs for all ages.

From bubbles to books and everything in between, our calendar was packed with events designed to spark curiosity and joy. Crowd favorites like Bubble Blast, Drop-In STEM, Storytime at the Park, and Succulent Planting brought families together for hands-on fun. We also welcomed back popular programs like Magic Shows, Crafty Kids Corner, Chess Club, and hosted our first fast-paced Library Puzzle Race.

Whether through a book, a science experiment, or a burst of laughter during a show, we've been proud to help our community grow and thrive this summer.

September is packed with ways to celebrate learning and exploration! It's Library Card Sign-Up Month from September 1–30. First-time and renewing cardholders under 18 can enjoy a free treat from The Station Ice Cream Shoppe, while adults could win a Capriotti's gift card. Sign up for a chance to win great prizes and explore all the library has to offer!

And it's Passport Awareness Month too. Our Passport Acceptance facility can assist with first time applications (DS-11 form) and passport photos, making it easy to get your passport this September (or in the near future). For more information, and to schedule an appointment visit <u>avongrovelibrary.org</u>.

As we turn the page to a new season, we're thrilled to continue offering programs that inspire creativity, learning, and connection. Beloved favorites like Art Explorers, Sensory Storytime, Homeschool Book Club, the Local History Speaker Series, and the American Girl Book Club will all be returning. Our Writing Club and Crafty Kids Corner will also continue to provide a space for young creators to let their imaginations shine.

Adults can dive into classics with our bi-monthly Jane Austen Book Club, get creative at Adult Art Night, boost their financial know-how in the \$ Money Smart \$ series, and learn about local ghosts and spooky legends in October.

No matter your age or interest, there's something for everyone this fall at Avon Grove Library. Stop by, check our website or social media, and discover all the ways your library is here for you—season after season!

Article by: Shannon Hargreaves, Youth Services & Marketing Manager



Inniscrone Golf Club Fall 2025 Update

It is hard to believe that the summer is coming to an end and the school year has begun. As summer ends, we welcome fall which means football, playoff baseball, the changing of the leaves, and great golfing weather. The fall is a great time to play golf, especially at Inniscrone with the beautiful rolling hills and exceptional views as the leaves change colors. Fall also brings great playing conditions, and with greens aeration taking place on August 25th and 26th the greens will be fantastic this fall season!

So far 2025 has been very successful for the golf course and we have had some nice upgrades. The biggest upgrade being the brand new cart fleet we received in February. With these additions, we now don't have the issue of running out of carts. This had become a problem over the last few years as we were seeing an increase in golfers per day. Even with the increase in play, the course will never feel overly crowded as we have 12 minute tee times. Also, with 12 minute tee times the pace of play is almost never longer than the 4 hours and 29 minutes we allow to play the course. The maintenance crew has also been hard at work on bunker upgrades, fixing the drainage and adding sand to many of the bunkers.

We will again be running a membership drive in mid to late October during which golfers purchasing a membership for 2026 will get the rest of 2025 for free. This would be a great time to purchase a membership if you ever thought about belonging to a golf course! Stop in or call the pro shop to inquire about all the perks that come along with being a member at Inniscrone. As always make sure to book your tee time in advance. This can be done online at www.inniscronegolfclub.com or via the pro shop at (484) 720-8442.





Avon Grove

Charter School Update



Construction is moving along swiftly for the Avon Grove Charter School's new upper school, and the new building is expected to open to students by the start of the New Year, ahead of schedule.

During the summer break, significant progress was made. All mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins were completed, followed by the installation of drywall and the initial coats of paint. The building's ceiling grid and light fixtures are now fully installed, and the classroom millwork cabinets are in place, which will allow for flooring to be laid shortly. In the gymnasium, the backboards, divider curtain, and scoreboards are all installed.

Progress was also made on the existing building, where the new accessible elevator and stair tower were installed while students were on break.







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16TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY AUCTION



The Garage Community & Youth Center

115 S. UNION STREET KENNETT SQUARE, PA 19348

OPEN BAR!

FEATURING LOCAL BEER, WINE, AND LITE FARE

SCAN TO
BUY TICKETS



SCAN TO REGISTER
TO BID ONLINE



VISIT
WWW.GARAGEYOUTHCENTER.ORG/
HOLIDAY-AUCTION

Preserve What Matters Most Open Space A legacy of land, protected for generations to come.



Let's Start the Conversation

Whether you're ready to act or simply exploring possibilities, we invite you to learn more.

If you own a 10 acre parcel or larger in London Grove Township, you may be eligible for one or more preservation options.

Our Committee is here to:

- Provide guidance tailored to your property
- Connect you with local, county, and nonprofit resources
- Help you preserve your lands agricultural, scenic, or ecological value.

London Grove Township Open Space Committee

₹372 Rose Hill Road, Suite 100 West Grove, PA

610.345.0100

https://www.londongrove.org/boards-commissions/open-space-committee-



Goddard Park Community Gardens

The Spring & Summer of 2025 was an exciting and busy time for our Community Garden, which features a total of 28 individual garden beds offering a shared space to grow fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Each bed is designated for individual or group use, encouraging community involvement, sustainable practices, and local food production. The garden promotes environmental awareness and healthy living while fostering connections among neighbors. Our



common areas include compost bins, water access, and a picnic area for social gatherings. The Community Gardens are managed by the Parks and Recreation Committee, which meets monthly throughout the year to plan, organize, and prepare for the upcoming community garden season. These meetings focus on reviewing current operations, addressing maintenance needs, updating policies, and discussing improvements or expansions. The committee collaborates on event planning, volunteer coordination, and budget allocation to ensure the garden is well-supported and accessible to all community



members. Regular communication and long-term planning help the committee maintain a vibrant, inclusive, and productive garden space each year. If you have any feedback, improvements, or new ideas for how the 2026 community garden season could be better organized, managed, or improved, you are encouraged to send those suggestions by email to rcatoia@londongrove.org or attend one of the monthly meetings in person.

Call for information regarding when the 2026 Garden Beds will be available. 610-345-0100

P.O. Box 312 High Bridge, NJ 08829



www.p4p.org contact: alan@p4p.org 908.399.8217

Pedals for Progress/Sewing Peace, in its continuing effort to recycle unwanted items properly, is having a used bike and sewing machine collection sponsored by Chester Co. Solid Waste Authority.

Anyone with an adult or child's bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate their bike to this worthy cause. We do not accept "bikes for parts" or disassembled bikes. We also accept working portable sewing machines and sewing notions (no fabric, please).

Bikes and sewing machines can be dropped off **rain or shine**:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th 2025 9AM-12PM

West Goshen Municipal Complex – ENTER from Five Points Rd.

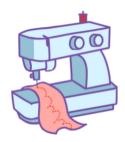
1025 Paoli Pike. West Goshen, PA 19380

P4P/SP collects 3,000 to 5,000 items annually and transfers this material wealth to those in greater need. To date more than 170,000 bicycles and 6,300 sewing machines have been shipped to developing countries in Central America, Africa and Eastern Europe. In these countries the bikes are reconditioned by partner agencies and distributed at low cost to poor working adults. Bikes provide reliable transportation for commuting to work, transporting product to market, and provide greater mobility accessing health care and other services. Sewing machine shipments help initiate educational programs and generate income opportunities that may otherwise remain out of reach for many people. Steady employment for adults is vital to the development and success of struggling communities.

It costs \$75 on average to collect, process, and ship each bicycle. A donation toward shipping costs is necessary for our continued success. \$20 is suggested per bike and sewing machine. All cash and material donations are fully deductible. A receipt will be provided on site.

Pedals for Progress/Sewing Peace is a 501(c)(3) corporation and a registered charity in the states of **NJ**, **NY**, **PA**, **CT**, **VT**. Brochures explaining this innovative program will be available at the collection site. P4P seeks donations of wrenches for our overseas shops. For detailed information about our overseas projects and a current schedule of bicycle and sewing machine collections, visit our website at www.p4p.org.

For more information please contact: Alan Schultz, President P4P/SP alan@p4p.org









Used Bicycle & Sewing Machine Collection Sponsored by the Chester Co. Solid Waste Authority

RAIN OR SHINE

Saturday, September 13th 9am-12pm West Goshen Municipal Complex 1025 Paoli Pike (Enter from Five Points Rd) West Goshen, PA 19380



We're collecting adult & kids' bikes and sewing machines to send to Guatemala, Belize, Togo, Sierra Leon, Tanzania and Albania. Help us put unused bikes and sewing machines to good use in the developing world. Visit P4P.org to read more!

A \$20 donation with each bike or sewing machine is requested to offset shipping costs overseas. All material and monetary donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided

For more info contact Patti Lynn: plynn@chestercswa.org



NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED \leftarrow





Rips, stains, and broken fasteners are acceptable.









Engle Education Center Fall Update

CCIU's Engle Education Campus Set to Serve Local Families

The Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) is preparing to open its newest educational facility right in our backyard in West Grove. The Engle Education Center will serve over 130 secondary students and 225 early childhood program students, with applications still being accepted.

Grand Opening September 17

Mark your calendars for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 17, which will coincide with the CCIU Board Meeting. This milestone will officially launch the Engle Education Center as a key educational resource for our region.

What This Means for London Grove Township Families

The new center, operating in partnership with Avon Grove School District, will provide comprehensive educational services including:

For Secondary Students:

- Autistic support programs
- Emotional support services
- Life skills instruction
- Multiple disabilities support

For Early Childhood:

- Two Early Head Start classes (birth to age 3)
- Four Head Start classrooms
- Five preschool special education classrooms
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) clinic
- State-of-the-art gross motor room
- Family engagement and parenting education programs

"This center is poised to make a profound impact on the families we serve," said Dr. Shannon Brown, the center's inaugural principal. "It represents a unique opportunity to provide the support needed to build a stronger and more inclusive community focused on dignity and student success."

For London Grove residents interested in learning more about enrollment opportunities or the services offered, visit www.cciu.org/about/campus-expansion or contact the CCIU directly at (484) 237-5000.

This new facility brings expanded educational resources directly to our community, offering specialized support services that will benefit children and families throughout Chester County.

Attention all London Grove Township Water Customers!



In recent months we have been having a multitude of issues with sending and receiving bills and bill payments through USPS. Many customers have called in about not receiving their mailed bills in a timely manner. Unfortunately there is very little we can do as once the bills are put in our mailbox, it is in the hands of the postal service.

If you have not been receiving water bills by email already, please email jhoopes@londongrove.org or call the office at 610-345-0100 so that we can add an email to your account. By adding an email to your water account with us, a PDF copy of your bill will be emailed out to you as soon as the physical copy is printed. This way you will receive both the physical copy, as well as an emailed PDF as a backup in the event the mail does not deliver the physical bill.

We appreciate your understanding, as we have all been affected by these mailing delays!





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.



What's New on...



ASK A BUS DRIVER

Did you ever wonder why the bus driver didn't stop for you while you were waiting at a bus stop? Here's what one bus driver wrote on the transitriders.org website:

"There could be a visibility problem. As bus drivers, our eyes have to be on about a dozen places at once: checking all doors and mirrors for loading and unloading passengers, checking our left side to see if it's safe to pull back into traffic, etc. ... We are good at scanning the sidewalk for people trying to catch our bus, but we are not good at reading your minds."

"We depend on your body language to communicate that you want our bus. Make yourself stand out from the dozens of other pedestrians walking along the sidewalk or waiting for their buses. Walking casually and making partial eye contact alone is not a clear signal. Running and waving your arms are the most effective, so don't be shy! "

DID YOU KNOW?

The CHESCOBUS services include the SCCOOT and the Coatesville LINK.

The **SCCOOT** travels from Oxford to West Chester, Monday through Friday. The bus, departing from Oxford, stops at Oxford Walmart, Lincoln University, the Shoppes at Jenner's Village, West Grove, through Avondale into New Garden and Kennett Square with stops at LCH, the Kennett Square Walmart, and into West Chester with limited service to Jennersville YMCA, and the Luther House.

The **Coatesville LINK** travels from the Coatesville YMCA to Parkesburg, Monday through Saturday. The bus, departing from the Coatesville YMCA, stops at the Brandywine Medical Center, Veteran's Affairs, through Coatesville and west Coatesville, into Regency, the Airport Shopping Center, the Walmart at West Sadsbury Commons, and into Parkesburg.

View schedules at: https://tmacc.org/chescobus/



WELCOME

Welcome! Thank you for your purchase of our CHESCOBUS passes, and for your support. Enjoy the cooler weather.



SERVICE UPDATES FOR SEPTEMBER



September 1, Monday - Labor Day

NO BUS SERVICE

September 5 - Oxford' First Friday

SCCOOT Detour in Oxford after 12:00:00 PM

To travel from 3rd Street to the Oxford Parking Garage, the bus will use Pine St. to Lancaster Ave. It will turn left onto Coach St. and take 2nd St. to the Oxford Parking Garage.

September 5 - Coatesville's First Friday

Coatesville LINK Expect Traffic and Delays between 5:00 PM-8:00 PM

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

School buses are back on the road!

Your CHESCOBUS trip may take a little longer since we all stop for school buses.



ABOUT

CHESCOBUS is Chester County's Public Transportation System comprised of SCCOOT and Coatesville LINK. The bus service is managed by the Transportation Management Association of Chester County (TMACC). CHESCOBUS is funded by the PA Department of Transportation with support of the Chester County Commissioners and municipal partners.







Township Departments 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 – Friday. Our main phone number is 610-345-0100, Fax 610-345-0455.

<u>Public Works Building</u>: The public works building is located at 374 Rose Hill Road, West Grove, PA 19390. Hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Main phone #: 610-345-0100.

Inniscrone Golf Course:

The Inniscrone golf course is located at 15 Athelone Way, Avondale, PA 19311. Hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Main phone #: 484-720-8442.

Administration Department:

Township Manager/Zoning Officer: Ken Battin **Assistant Township Manager**: Dawn Maciejczyk

Township Secretary: Rain Catoia

Director of Open Space & Parks: Victoria Lichman

Codes Department:

Director of Codes and Life Safety: Brian Elwood

Fire Marshal: Tim Shannon

Finance Department:

Treasurer: Tracy Kellett

Utility Billing/Codes Assistant: Jordon Hoopes

Public Works Building:

Public Works Director: Shane Kinsey

Public Works Superintendent: Nate Hughes

Public Works Foreman: Ryan Yerkes

Laborers:

Shaun Dickenson Brenden McNair Jack Jacobson Devlin Schekner Arthur Chester Keith Pyle Jr.

Inniscrone Golf Club:

Golf Course Director: Greens Manager: Greens Assistant: Pro Shop Manager:
Chris Ward Chris Newdeck Kyle Basehore Jesse Connors

2025 Public Meeting Schedule

Municipal Authority Board Meetings: 1st Monday of every other month at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. **Historical Commission Meetings:** 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. **Open Space Committee Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. **Parks and Recreation Meetings:** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings: Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (Except December, these

are the 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