

# London Grove Township Gazette

Spring 2026

By: Jordon Hoopes

We had a pretty snow filled winter, but those 70 degree sunny days are on their way with spring! Below are a couple of fun things to get outside and enjoy the weather this spring.

- 1) Come to the London Grove Township Easter Egg Hunt hosted at Goddard Park (568 Wickerton Road) Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. More details can be found on the flyer included in this newsletter!
- 2) Head out to the Inniscrone Golf Course to enjoy the beautiful greens and have a little competitive fun with friends!
- 3) Dust off the kayaks and canoes for a day on the lake. Nothing beats being on the water as the temperatures come up and everything is blooming. There are many local rivers and lakes to kayak in!
- 4) Have a barbecue with family and friends. Spring is the perfect season for it, not too hot to stand around the grill, and not so cold that you want to eat inside!



# London Grove Township Historical Commission Update!

**200 East Avondale Road  
West grove, PA 19390  
Tax Parcel # 029-59-226**

**London Grove Township. Site 226**

Information Compiled by the London Grove Township Historical Commission

200 East Avondale in London Grove Township sits on the corner of East Avondale Road and Wickerton Road (841). It is a Cape Cod style home with stone foundation built in 1890 by The Abbotts Alderney Dairies Corporation. The name A specific breed of dairy cow (now extinct) originating from the Channel Islands. Other breeds of dairy cattle from these islands are the Jersey and the Guernsey, which are both still around today.



Abbott Dairies would purchase milk from many of the small farms in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland and move the product to larger cities for consumption and production of dairy products. They built 200 East Avondale to serve as a creamery and milk receiving station for local dairy farmers. The farmers would bring their milk daily by horse drawn carriage and were said to have watered their horses across the street at the properties spring fed well. The milk would then be sent in bulk to Philadelphia and surrounding cities.

In 1921 the property was sold and made into a dwelling that housed workers from one of the first mushroom houses in our area. The property was later sold to Betsy and Pete Collins who verified that the spring house was used as a watering hole for not only the dairy horses, but later for all of the horse drawn carriage traffic that would pass through this area driven by the many mills and farms in our Township. In 2025 London Grove Township bought the property and have future plans for the site!

If you enjoyed the information in this article, the Historical Commission needs you! We need volunteers to join our committee to unravel the fascinating history of London Grove Township. If you are interested, please visit [www.londongrove.org](http://www.londongrove.org) and select “volunteer”, or fill out the “Volunteer Information Application” on the page after this article!





# VOLUNTEER INFORMATION APPLICATION

London Grove Township has several boards, commissions, and committees that help facilitate the Township's needs and responsibilities. These boards and commissions are made up of volunteers from the community. Members of these boards and commissions are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Township is very grateful to the volunteers for their effort, time, diligence and responsibility!

If you are interested in being part of one of these boards, please complete the below information and submit to the London Grove Township Administration Office at 372 Rose Hill Road, Suite 100, West Grove, PA 19390.

<b>Personal Information:</b>	Date of application: _____
Name: _____	Phone (H) #: _____
Address: _____	Phone (C) #: _____
_____	Email: _____

<b>Please indicate which Board(s)/Commission(s) you are interested in serving:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Hearing Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Space Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Services Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Twp. Auditors	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Advisory Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Advisory Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> UCC Board of Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Authority Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee		

<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
Present occupation: _____ Years of experience: _____
Special qualifications: _____
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_____
Other Boards/Commissions served: _____

Thank you for your interest in serving your community!

The background features several colorful Easter eggs in shades of pink, orange, and green, some with intricate patterns. Green leaves and stems are scattered throughout, creating a festive spring atmosphere.

*Easter*

# EGG HUNT

When: Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Where: Goddard Park, Upper Lot (568 Wickerton  
Road, West Grove, PA 19390)

5:00 p.m. Age Group 1-4

5:15 p.m. Age Group 5-7

5:30 p.m. Age Group 8-11

Come join us for some Spring Fun!

Yard Games, Silent Auction Table and of course  
the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance!

London Grove Township Friends of the Park 501C3  
London Grove Township Parks and Recreation

# Inniscrone Golf Course



## Spring Update!



Never have we been so happy to write for the SPRING News Letter! As this news letter is being written, we just had another major snow. This snow came just as all the snow had finally melted from the January storm. The golf course has been closed since January 14<sup>th</sup> and this winter seems to have lasted forever. The prolonged time we were closed did allow us to resurface the main bridge up to the pro shop, and allowed for a renovation of the bathrooms. We, and probably most people, are ready to see grass and start playing golf again!

Now that the crying about the weather is over, we can look forward to another great season at Inniscrone Golf Club with many upgrades planned. The outside renovation for the pro shop has been approved and work should start shortly. This will be a complete outside renovation including roof, siding, windows, door, and more that could take up to four months to complete. We ask for understanding from our customers, as there will be slight disruptions to our operation, but these renovations are necessary. The disruption will only be at the pro shop, and once playing on the course our golfers will never know any construction is even taking place. In fact, the golf course itself will continue to improve as well with bunker renovations continuing this year. The maintenance department is purchasing three new mowers this year which will also help with improving playing conditions. Each year the condition of the golf course improves, a factor this year being the benefit of snow cover. With snow on the ground, the golf course does not receive winter play, which protects the dormant turf from damage. Once this snow melts and the course dries out, the golf course is going to be in excellent condition.

We are so excited about the 2026 season and all of the great things coming at Inniscrone Golf Club! Look out this year for our customer appreciation days that we plan on holding once a month on a weekend day. On those days we will open the upstairs room with bar service, and Chef Mike from Mother Nature's Sun will be cooking hamburgers and his famous crabcakes that golfers will be able to purchase. Apparel will also be on sale during these events as well as some contests available for golfers. As always if you are looking to book a tee time visit our website at [www.inniscronegolfclub.com](http://www.inniscronegolfclub.com) or call the pro shop at (484) 720-8442. We look forward to seeing everyone real soon!



Article by : Chris Ward, Golf Course Director

# Spring Into Reading at Avon Grove Library!

As we welcome spring, Avon Grove Library is excited to celebrate National Library Week, observed annually during the third week of April (April 19–25). National Library Week highlights the important role libraries play in our communities by providing welcoming spaces for learning, creativity, and connection. Libraries, like ours, continue to be trusted places where people of all ages can explore ideas, discover new interests, and grow together.

Avon Grove Library is proud to offer a wide variety of services and programs that are completely free to the public, making a library card a true community bargain. From books, puzzles, and digital resources to engaging programs and enriching experiences for all ages, your library card opens the door to endless opportunities to learn, explore, and connect. That library card is pretty amazing! It can get you access to thousands of physical and e-books and magazines of course, but so much more. Museum passes, jigsaw puzzles, a telescope to loan, access to databases, and streaming services, are just some of what we offer as a member library of the Chester County Library system. Best of all, most of our services are free.

In support of our mission, Avon Grove Library is working toward earning its Silver Financial Literacy Star through PA Forward, a statewide initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association. PA Forward helps libraries strengthen essential literacies that support lifelong success, including basic literacy, information literacy, civic and social literacy, health literacy, and financial literacy. Through this work, the library continues to strengthen its role as a leader in literacy and lifelong learning within the community.

Spring also brings a variety of engaging programs for all ages. Baby Storytime is held on Mondays at 9:45 a.m. and is designed especially for infants and toddlers ages 0–2 and their caregivers. Adult patrons can enjoy the Dark History of Chester and Delaware County Series, presented in partnership with local author Jennifer Green, which explores fascinating and lesser-known stories, the darker side of our local history. Additional programs and author visits are planned throughout the season, so make sure you're following us on social media, @avongrovelibrary and our website [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) for details of these and other events.

Avon Grove Library looks forward to continuing to serve the community through free programs, accessible resources, and strong partnerships that support learning, connection, and a love of reading all year long.





SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA  
REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION MATERIAL LIST  
**SMALL BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY**

Listed below are the acceptable materials which can be taken to any of the Southeastern Pennsylvania location sites. You must register for an appointment time for any HHW event. Household Hazardous Waste materials that will be accepted at each of the collections sites are limited to:

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR PRODUCTS	AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD OTHER
Turpentine	Swimming Pool Chemicals	Grease & Rust Solvents	Drain Openers	Acids, Caustics, Solvents
Wallpaper Cement	Weed Killers, Pesticides	Fuel Additives	Rug Cleaners	Flammables
Paint Thinners	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	Wood & Metal Cleaners	Oxidizers
Strippers & Removers	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid		Reactives
Oil-Based Paints	Caulking Compounds	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Aerosols
Stains, Varnish, Shellac	Joint Compound	Gasoline	Mothballs/Flakes	Lead
Spray paint	Roof Cements	Car(lead-acid), Truck, Motorcycle, Marine Batteries	Spot Removers	Pesticides
Other Solvent Based Paint Products	Rodent Poison	Gas/Oil mixture	Dry Cleaning Fluid	Mercury thermostats, thermometers
	Chemical Fertilizers	Automotive flares	Kerosene	Fluorescent Tubes, CFLs
	MINI propane tanks NO BBQ tanks	NO Marine flares	Rechargeable batteries- Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button	Fire Extinguishers

**Materials that will not be accepted at any of the collection sites:**

**Electronics**

Latex Paint* (Water-Based)	Explosives & Ammunition	Unidentified Waste	White Goods	Prescription Drugs
Appliances	Infectious or Medical Waste	Pressurized CFCs & HCFCs	Gas Cylinders	Marine Flares
Used Motor Oil**	Radioactive Waste	Tires	55 Gallon drums	Propane Tanks
Asbestos	PCB's	Freon Appliances	Alkaline batteries (TRASH) ←	

- The county will not accept any commercial/industrial generated hazardous waste.
- The county will not accept any material which cannot be legally disposed of at a hazardous waste facility.
- Do not mix materials.
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- Bring all substances in original containers with labels. **Items must be identifiable.**
- Alkaline household batteries may be thrown in the trash.
- **Maximum amount accepted - 25 gallons or 220 lbs.**

\* Take off lid, dry out paint, discard can without lid; or pour paint into plastic bag with absorbent material (clay based kitty litter, saw dust, rags) place bag and can without lid, in trash. Paint hardener can also be purchased at hardware stores.

\*\* Contact local automotive service center.

# 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](mailto: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.

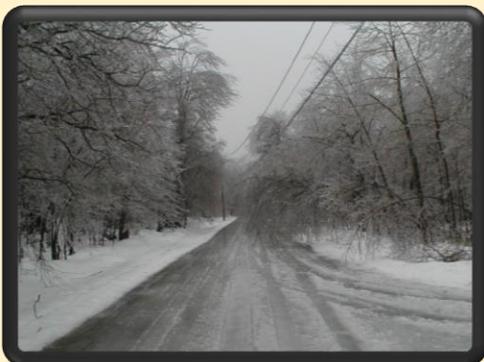
We appreciate your understanding, as we have all been affected by these mailing delays!



# Structural Property Damage Due to Storms

In London Grove Township we focus on making sure the residential, commercial, educational, and industrial structures are safe for everyone. In order to do this, we need your help. In the event of a catastrophic weather event, such as a tornado, hurricane, flooding, heavy rain, wind storm or even a major snow event or any other form of natural disaster, structural property damage may happen. If you fall victim to structural property damage from one of these events, please contact the Township Fire Marshal to report this and we will be happy to have someone come assess the damage.

When contacting the Township Fire Marshal during or even after one of these events the best and most efficient point of contact would be through email, [firemarshal@londongrove.org](mailto:firemarshal@londongrove.org) as the Fire Marshal may be out of the building assessing damage. For immediate response to an emergency please call 911. Thank you for your help in keeping London Grove Township a safe and happy place to live, work and visit!





## 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 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Friday. Our main phone number is 610-345-0100, Fax 610-345-0455.

**Public Works Building:** 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

### **Public Works Building:**

***Public Works Director:*** Shane Kinsey  
***Public Works Superintendent:*** Nate Hughes  
***Public Works Foreman:*** Ryan Yerkes  
***Water / Sewer Operator:*** John Bright

### **Codes Department:**

***Director of Codes and Life Safety:*** Brian Elwood  
***Fire Marshal:*** Tim Shannon

### **Laborers:**

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

### **Finance Department:**

***Treasurer:*** Tracy Kellett  
***Utility Billing/Codes Assistant:*** Jordon Hoopes

### **Inniscrone Golf Club:**

<b><i>Golf Course Director:</i></b> Chris Ward	<b><i>Greens Manager:</i></b> Chris Newdeck	<b><i>Greens Assistant:</i></b> Kyle Basehore	<b><i>Pro Shop Manager:</i></b> Jesse Connors
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## **2026 Public Meeting Schedule**

**Municipal Authority Board Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every odd month & December at 6:00 p.m.

**Board of Supervisors Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. (Exceptions: Jan. & Nov.)

**Historical Commission Meetings:** Last Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. (Exceptions: Nov. & Dec.)

**Open Space Committee Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**Parks and Recreation Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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