

Commissioners' Corner

Recycling is encouraged not just from an ecological standpoint, but from an economical one too! Do you realize that the amount of curbside recycling tonnage that is picked up from Township residents and businesses is used in a formula to distribute state funds back to Lower Allen Township? In addition, the yard waste program is required in order for Lower Allen Township to maintain its eligibility for recycling grants! In turn, the Township produces leaf compost and wood chips from much of the recycled yard waste and offers it to the residents free of charge. We encourage our residents and businesses to recycle for these important economic reasons. However, please don't lose sight of the ecological benefits of lowering the amount of goods and yard waste in our landfills. Please continue to be vigilant with your recycling activities!



*Seated (l to r): President Titzel,
Vice-President Bucher.
Standing (l to r): Comm. Black,
Comm. Christ, and Comm. Young*

Officer Samuel W. Morgan, III Retires from Lower Allen Township



After 22 years of service to the citizens of Lower Allen Township, Police Officer Samuel W. Morgan, III, retired on August 4, 2008. Officer Morgan was hired by the Lower Allen Township Police Department on August 4, 1986. Officer Morgan was a certified traffic accident re-constructionist and was on the Cumberland County Traffic Accident Re-Construction Team. He was also a Deputy Chief of the Cumberland County DUI Department.

Officer Morgan was assigned to the Capital City Mall in April 2001, remaining there until the Lower Allen Township Police Department's Substation closed in early 2008. While assigned to the Capital City Mall, Officer Morgan was also tasked with supervising the department's Community Service Officer program.

Officer Morgan obtained a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree while working for the police department. His plans for the future includes teaching at Central Penn College. Officer Morgan is well liked and will be missed by the members of the Lower Allen Township Police Department. We wish him the best of luck in his retirement.



Municipal Service Center Dedication

Don't forget that on Saturday, October 11th, the Commissioners will be holding a dedication ceremony for the new Municipal Services Center, on the grounds of the Center. Projected starting time will be 11:00 am, with building tours to follow the ceremony. We expect to have several guest speakers as well as local high school entertainment.

The Lower Allen Fire Company will hold a housing ceremony as part of the festivities. This is a tradition in the fire services where members of the Company push a fire engine into its new home. October 11th is a particularly poignant day to hold this ceremony, as it falls on the final day of Fire Prevention Week.

The ceremony will be held in front of the Administration (west) entrance, in the traffic circle. Seating and refreshments will be available. All Township residents are invited to attend this special event.

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Poison Control Central PA	800-222-1222
PPL	257-5600
Comcast (Cable TV)	540-8900
UGI	232-1811
Lower Allen Sewer Authority.....	774-0610
Verizon-PA Residential	800-660-7111
-PA Business	800-479-1919
York Waste, Inc.-Scheduling.....	800-210-9675
-Trash Complaints (Nancy Diétel).....	975-7575
PA American Water	800-717-7292
Hospital Equipment Loan Closet	975-7579
Mechanicsburg Area Senior Adult Center	697-5947
West Shore Area Elderly Day Activities	975-9762
Cleve J. Fredricksen Library (Camp Hill)	761-3900
New Cumberland Public Library	774-7820
Joseph T. Simpson Library (Mechanicsburg).....	766-0171
West Shore Recreation Commission.....	920-9515
Lower Allen Park Facility Rentals	975-7575 ext. 1402

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Officials In Action

The Commissioners approved the following RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2008-R-18, a resolution promoting Sergeant Leon Crone to the rank of Lieutenant of the Lower Allen Township Police Department.

Resolution 2008-R-19, a resolution promoting Sergeant Gregory Thomas to the rank of Lieutenant of the Lower Allen Township Police Department.

Resolution 2008-R-20, a resolution officially naming the Township public meeting room as "Gorgas Hall" in recognition of the historical significance of the Gorgas Family to the governance of Lower Allen Township.

Resolution 2008-R-23, recognizing Thomas G. Vernau, Jr., Township Manager, for 20 years of service.

The Commissioners approved the following ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2008-02, authorizing the Township of Lower Allen and the Borough of Shiremanstown to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the mutual use of a yard waste recycling facility for the benefit of their residents.

The Commissioners approved the following Subdivision / Land Development Applications:

A waiver of the requirement to submit a Preliminary Plan for **SLD Docket #2008-05**, Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Thomas Brown Auto Body.

SLD Docket #2008-07, Final Land Development Plan for Slate Hill Mennonite Church Kitchen Addition, 1352 Slate Hill Road.

The Commissioners awarded the following bids:

Award a contract in the amount of \$315,300.00 to Hempt Bros, Inc. for the *Lower Allen Community Park Soccer Fields and Loop Trail Improvement Project*.

Award a contract to construct the *Outdoor Identification and Electronic Display Sign* for the new Municipal Services Center to W. J. Strickler Signs in the amount of \$23,086.00.



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Ordinance Changes on the Horizon

The Township is currently going through a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as considering/making significant changes to the Zoning Map and Official Map. These changes result from the Comprehensive Plan update that was approved by the Board of Commissioners in 2006.

Residents are advised to look for announcements on the Township website of upcoming meetings and public hearings where these changes will be discussed. Copies of proposed changes will be made available at the Township Municipal Services Center, 2233 Gettysburg Road, and on the Township website www.lower-allen.pa.us as this process moves forward.

Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance updates will immediately follow Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map revisions.

Questions or comments regarding the ordinance changes may be directed to the Community Development Department.

Township Employees Reach Milestones

Lower Allen Township is proud to recognize the following employees for their years of service. The employees were formally recognized at a recent Board of Commissioners meeting. All of our employees provide a valuable service to the residents and we hope you'll join us in applauding their milestones.

NAME	YEARS	STATUS	CURRENT TITLE	DEPT.
Thomas Vernau, Jr.	20	full-time	Manager	Administration
Jan Faust	15	full-time	Assistant Manager	Administration
Gregory Thomas	15	full-time	Lieutenant	Police
Curt Heckler	15	full-time	Patrol Officer	Police

Part-time employees are recognized for hours of service or years of service, whichever comes last; therefore, their recognition year may not be reflective of the number of years they have been employed.



Twenty-Five Years Of Service

Congratulations to Larry C. Stoner on completing twenty-five years of service with the Authority on June 13, 2008. Larry is certified as a DEP Class A Wastewater Licensed Operator and in Biosolids Land Application. He holds the position of Solids Disposal Foreman responsible for meeting regulatory standards for solids processing at the treatment plant.

The Authority Board appreciates Larry's commitment and dedication to his work over the many years of service and extends congratulations on reaching this 25-year milestone.

Election Day Poll Workers Needed

Be a part of history! Do your part to support democracy in the Presidential Election of 2008. Over 800 Cumberland County citizens are needed to work at County polls on Election Day, November 4, 2008, and beyond. The Bureau of Elections will provide training and coordinate assignments for those who are interested. Anyone who will be at least 18 years old by the date of the election, and registered to vote, is eligible to be a poll worker.

Each poll worker is paid a minimum of \$115.00 to work on Election Day, \$6.00 to attend training prior to the election, and round trip mileage to and from that training.

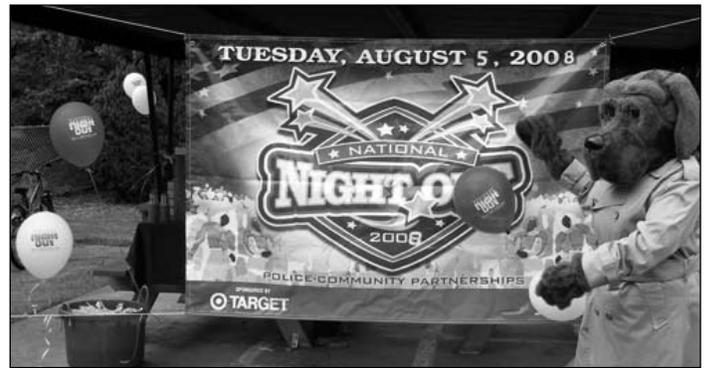
Interested citizens should contact the Bureau of Elections at 240-6385.



National Night Out — August 5, 2008

We would like to thank the following Township neighborhoods for participating in National Night Out by holding activities in their neighborhoods: Allendale, Cedar Cliff Manor, Highland Estates, Orchard Apartments, Oxford Manor, Sheepford Crossing, and Wesley Park Townhouses.

We would also like to thank Burger King of Camp Hill and Rita's Italian Ice of Windsor Park and Lemoyne for sponsoring the event.



Unique Employment Opportunity — School Crossing Guard

Did you ever think you could get paid for walking your kids to school? Lower Allen Township Police Department is seeking parents/grandparents to assist with the following school crossings. Each crossing takes about 30 minutes, but you get paid for a full hour. (Allendale crossing pays 1.5 hours)

- **Highland Park/Allendale Area** 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
3:25 to 4:00 p.m.
- **Lower Allen Elementary** 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.
3:25 to 3:45 p.m.
- **Allen Middle School** 7:15 to 7:45 a.m.
2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

Lower Allen Township Police will provide uniforms, equipment, and training.

Interested applicants should contact Lower Allen Township, Human Resources office by calling 717-975-7575, extension 1402.



School Zones

The Police Department would like to remind residents that school is back in session. Listed below are the schools in our Township with designated school zones, the roads affected, and the times for each school zone.

Cedar Cliff High School/Highland Elementary School – Carlisle Road

- 7:15 to 7:45 a.m.
- 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 2:45 to 4:00 p.m.

Allen Middle School – Gettysburg Road

Please note the new flashing School Zone lights.

- 7:15 to 7:45 a.m.
- 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Rossmoyne Elementary School – Rossmoyne Road

- 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
- 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

During these times, the speed limit is 15 mph throughout the entire school zone. We ask that everyone drive especially carefully through the school zones during these times.

Please keep alert for children around Lower Allen Elementary School in the morning and afternoon as there is not a designated school zone crossing in this area.

Winter Parking Restrictions

Odd/Even Parking Restrictions

This is a reminder to all residents who live in neighborhoods with restricted parking during the winter months. In the months of December, January, February and March you must park your vehicle on the side of the road designated by the posted sign (odd/even parking). This is to allow enough room for the snowplows to come through your neighborhood and clear the snow from the street.

Residents who have permit parking in their neighborhoods must still abide by the permit parking, while obeying the odd/even parking as well.

If your vehicle is parked in violation of the above restrictions, your car may be ticketed.

Snow & Bad Weather Parking Restrictions

Upon declaration of snow or bad weather parking restrictions, all residents will be required to move their vehicles from the street by a deadline set by the manager. Vehicles may be returned to the street only after the parking restrictions have been lifted. The Township will use standard media notification and our Community Alerting system to alert you to when parking restrictions have been imposed and when they've been lifted. During parking restrictions, you will temporarily be permitted to park your vehicle(s) in your yard or across the sidewalk in order to get them off the street.

Owners of vehicles parked in a manner that violates the snow or bad weather parking restrictions will be subjected to vehicle towing and a fine of \$100 per violation.

Newly Hired Police Officers for Lower Allen Township

Officer John DeSantis graduated from the Municipal Police Academy at Harrisburg Area Community College in May 2008. He holds an Associates Degree in Business Administration from Harrisburg Area Community College and a Bachelors Degree in Finance from Penn State University. Prior to enrolling in the Academy and being hired at Lower Allen Township, Officer DeSantis worked for PSECU as a Project Manager. Officer DeSantis and his wife, Jennifer, reside in West Hanover Township. In his spare time, he enjoys weight training, playing golf, studying martial arts and volunteering as a greeter at church.



Officer Donald Coffey came to Lower Allen Township from Brooklyn, New York. Prior to his career in Law Enforcement, he served four years in the United States Navy. After his service, he returned to Brooklyn and joined the New York City Police Department, where he graduated from the police academy in July of 2005. He worked for two and a half years in New York City. Officer Coffey, his wife, and daughter moved to central Pennsylvania this past January, when he began his career with the Lower Allen Township Police Department on January 14, 2008.



Trick or Treat Night—Thursday, October 30th 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Lower Allen Township Police, Fire and EMS and volunteers will visit the following Township street intersections with FREE pizza (while supplies last!). Also, look for Cedar Cliff Subway's "Subman" mascot.

Time: 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

- **Highland Estates:** Letchworth Drive & Kent Drive
- **Highland Park:** Letchworth Road & Chatham Road
- **Sheepford Crossing:** Zenu Road & Ewe Road
- **Lisburn Estates:** Grandview Avenue & The Burns Road
- **Orchard Apartments:** Office Area
- **Windsor Park:** Lancaster Boulevard & Oxford Drive

Time: 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

- **Cedar Cliff Manor:** Citadel Drive & Colgate Drive
- **Cumberland Park:** William Penn Drive & Wayne Road
- **Rossmoyne Manor:** Scarsdale Drive & Neponsit Lane
- **Shireman Manor:** Somerset Drive & Maple Avenue
- **Allendale:** Allendale Way & Blacklatch Lane
- **Beacon Hill:** To Be Determined

Intergovernmental Yard Waste Program

On August 11th, the Commissioners enacted an ordinance that allowed the Township to enter into a joint yard waste program with the Borough of Shiremanstown.

Lower Allen has had a yard waste recycling program for many years, but legislation passed a few years ago mandated that municipalities remove “woody waste” from the solid waste stream. Shiremanstown and Lower Allen Township have worked on other projects together, so it seemed natural to expand our yard waste program to Borough residents. We will not provide them curbside service, but they are able to drop off their yard waste at the Township’s Public Works facility on Old St. Johns Road. Township crews will deliver a commensurate amount of processed wood chips to the Borough Park for residents to pick up and use in their landscaping and gardens.

The processed material will be free to Shiremanstown residents, as it is to Township residents, but the Borough will pay the Township an annual fee of \$250 to help cover the cost of the processing equipment.

The ordinance is part of the formal Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement process, and will make both the Township and Shiremanstown Borough more attractive for certain State recycling grants. The Township currently has a grant application with the Department of Environmental Protection for almost \$530,000 to create a larger and more secure yard waste recycling facility near the Public Works building. Our program has grown so successful that we’ve outgrown the current facility located between St. Johns and Slate Hill Roads.

RAKE it...or LEAVE it!

Here’s what to do with your yard full of leaves.

Rake it! Follow the Township guidelines for curb-side pick-up. Never rake leaves into or near storm drains, ditches, or creeks. Decaying leaves use up the water’s oxygen, harming aquatic inhabitants.

Leave it! Mulch leaves by running over them with your lawn mower at next cutting. Leaves and grass clippings are the best fertilizer for your lawn. Or...rake it and leave it! Rake leaves into a compost pile for a nutrient-rich fertilizer to use on your garden next spring.

Rake it...or leave it. It’s that easy.

Donate Your Used Car

Lower Allen Township has an ordinance against storing or parking any wrecked, junked or unlicensed vehicle on any private grounds within the township. If you have a car that is no longer in use and don’t know what to do with it, call a local charitable organization such as Habitat for Humanity or Salvation Army to donate your car or truck to help families in need within our community. Your donation may serve as a tax deduction.

Tips for Managing Leftover Latex Paint

If you cannot save, use up, donate or exchange your leftover paint, the following instructions can be followed to dispose of the unwanted LATEX paint properly:

- If the paint has dried, replace the lid and seal container. Place the container in a plastic trash bag and seal the bag. Then place the sealed bag with your other household trash.
- If the paint is in liquid form allow the leftover latex-based paint to solidify or dry away from children or pets in a well ventilated area.
- One method of drying is to add absorbent material such as shredded newspaper, sand or cat box filler to speed drying. Some paint stores also sell a waste paint hardener. Check your local paint store for availability. Once the paint is hardened or thickened, seal the container and place in a plastic trash bag and seal. Then include with regular household trash.
- Because of the size and weight, it is recommended that no more than 2 prepared unwanted/unusable paint containers be placed with the trash per collection day.
- Steel paint cans that are clean and empty may be recycled by placing them in your curbside recycling bins without the lid.
- Consumers should buy only the paint they need. Source reduction is the best way to avoid having a paint disposal problem.
- Consumers can store paint so it lasts for years. Leftover paint is not a waste product. When properly stored, paint can last for years until it can be used up. Follow the directions below:
 1. Cover the opening of the can with plastic wrap.
 2. Securely fit the lid on the can so it does not leak.
 3. Store the paint can upside down until it is needed again - the paint will create a seal and stay fresh for years!
- Paint is not meant to be thrown away. Consumers should use it up. Properly stored leftover paint can be used on touch-up jobs and small projects. Also, similar colors of latex paint can be blended for use on jobs that the final finish is not critical.
- Leftover paint can be donated or exchanged. Consumers are encouraged to donate leftover paint to community groups, theater groups, schools, churches or others who need or want it. Consumers also are encouraged to participate in neighbor-to-neighbor or community wide paint exchanges/swaps.

Source: Cumberland County Recycling & Waste Authority,
website: www.ccpa.net/recycling

Mini-Grant Program

The final grant round deadline for 2008 is **Saturday, November 1, 2008**. Mini-grant application forms are posted on the Township website at www.lower-allen.pa.us, or an application may be picked up at the Municipal Services Center. The project themes continue to be neighborhood beautification, child safety, and recycling.

It is your recycling efforts that are funding this project so please continue to utilize your curbside recycling. We look forward to reviewing your grant applications. Please refer your grant questions to Donna Paul at donna_paul@lower-allen.pa.us or call 975-7575, ext. 1402.

Facts About Recycling Office Paper

As much as 93% of all office waste is paper, a most of it recyclable. Recycling of high grade office paper is required in commercial establishments located in mandated municipalities in Pennsylvania. *Lower Allen Township happens to be a mandated municipality.* The following information offers some interesting facts in recycling office paper.

- 77% of paper waste generated in offices is recyclable.
- Typical business offices generate about 1.5 pounds of waste paper per employee each day. Financial businesses generate more than two pounds per employee daily.
- Nearly half of typical office paper waste is high grade office paper.
- It is possible to achieve significant reduction in the cost of buying office paper by reducing paper use and reusing paper where possible.
- Eliminating office paper from your waste may reduce your waste bill by as much as 50%.
- Recycling one ton of paper typically saves about 6.7 cubic yards of landfill space. A cubic yard of stacked office paper weighs about 380 pounds.
- Commercial and residential paper waste accounts for more than 40% of waste being landfilled. Eliminating this paper from our waste would nearly double the lives of current landfills.





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Calendar at a... GLANCE!

- Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center.
- BINGO (Lisburn Community Building) Mondays – 6:45pm, Wednesdays – 9:30am
- **TAX OFFICE HOURS:** (2008 Dog Licenses available) Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 9am – 4pm

October

- 2 Sewer Authority, 7:30 pm
- 11 Municipal Services Center Building Dedication, 11:00 am
- 12 BBQ Spare Ribs & Chicken Dinner, Lisburn Fire Company, 11am - 2pm
- 13 Board of Commissioners, 7:30 pm
- 16 Zoning Hearing Board, 7:00 pm
- 21 Planning Commission, 7:30 pm
- 22 Recreation and Parks Board, 7:00 pm
- 27 Board of Commissioners, 7:30 pm
- 30 Trick or Treat Night, 6 - 8 pm

November

- 6 Sewer Authority, 7:30 pm
- 9 Roast Turkey Dinner, Lisburn Fire Company, 11 am - 2 pm
- 10 Board of Commissioners, 7:30 pm
- 11 Veterans Day
- 18 Planning Commission, 7:30 pm
- 19 Recreation and Parks Board, 7:00 pm
- 20 Zoning Hearing Board, 7:00 pm
- 24 Board of Commissioners, 7:30 pm
- 27 Thanksgiving Day, Township Offices Closed
- 28 Township Offices Closed

December

- 4 Sewer Authority, 7:30 pm
- 8 Board of Commissioners, 7:30 pm
- 16 Planning Commission, 7:30 pm
- 18 Zoning Hearing Board, 7:00 pm
- 22 Board of Commissioners, 7:30 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day, Township Offices Closed
- 31 New Years Eve

Lisburn Community Fire Company

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(717) 766-3994

Building Rental Information: (717) 766-5075

A totally volunteer organization, Lisburn Community Fire Company covers the southwest area of Lower Allen Township. We welcome new and experienced firefighters, administrative members and event helpers. (Dinners, bingo, block shoot, and annual festival.)

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday, October 12 th	BBQ Spareribs & BBQ Chicken Dinner	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sunday, November 9 th	Roast Turkey Dinner	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Price of Dinners:

Adults – \$8.50 Children – \$4.25 (Ages 4-10 Years)

Dinners are served in the Lisburn Fire Company Social Hall OR Take-Out is available.

Events are subject to change due to weather or situations beyond our control.

Thank you for your continued support.

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West Shore Recreation Commission

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FALL FUN WITH WEST SHORE REC COMMISSION

Summer was sizzlin' but fall is fun-tastic! West Shore Rec offers activities for all ages and abilities to develop new skills and confidence, improve health and wellness, and build positive relationships. Check out the sampling of recreation offerings for the fall season:

■ SPECIAL EVENTS

Moms can spend quality time with their sons and enjoy an evening of refreshments, prizes and a professional photo at the roller rink during the **Mother-Son Great Skate**. It's also the time of year when horses don costumes for the annual **Halloween Pony Prance** for ages 2 to 12.

■ AQUATICS

Temperatures are cooling, but the pool water is warm and inviting. Come out and enjoy it. Join swimming lessons, one for any age, or workout with one of the water fitness classes. Bring the whole family Sunday afternoons for swimming on your own during Rec Swim hours.

■ ENRICHMENT

Learn new skills, make new friends and enrich your life with the many programs available, such as **computer, CPR, language, hobbies, nature study, animal training** and so much more. Youth will enjoy the **After School Drama Club, Santa's Craft Workshop** and **A Splash of Art** just to name a few of the Fall favorites.

■ FALL TRIPS

It's a good time for **Holiday Shopping in the Big Apple** or to see the **Radio City Christmas Spectacular** while the city is trimmed in holiday celebration. Can't fit it all in one day? Then take advantage of the **New York City Weekend** trip in November. The time is yours to spend as you please.

■ SPORTS AND ACTIVE WELLNESS

Too many vacations and picnics this summer? Ready to get back into a regular routine? The fall line-up will keep you active and fit. Enjoy long-time favorites such as **Water Workout, Strength & Tone** or **Tai Chi**. Try something new with **Cardio/Yoga Fusion** or **Yoga in the Park**. Maybe your child would enjoy **Radiant Child Yoga**, dancing in **Middle School Musical** or exploring sports in **KidSport**. There's always **Golf, Tennis, Volleyball**, and **Indoor Soccer** for everyone to stay heart smart. For a change of pace, try the new **Bowling Clinic, Belly Dance**, or one of the many other active classes available. There really is "something for everyone".

■ SPECIAL SERVICES

Don't pay full price! Come in and save on discounted movie, ski, and theme park tickets.

- **And more!** There are so many more activities to explore. Check out the fall recreation guide, available at municipal buildings, the recreation office, area libraries, and online at www.westshorerec.org.

Questions, comments or class ideas? We value your input. Contact West Shore Rec at 920-9515 or e-mail wsrec@wsrec.org.

Fredricksen Library Silent Auction

Saturday November 22, 2008

Includes: Book Sale and Bake Sale

Proceeds from this annual event support children's and adult programming and purchase of library supplies and furnishings.

Come find that special holiday gift or fill up your shelf with reading material for a cold, winter's night.



Thank You! Open House Door Prize Sponsors

Thank you to the many residents and visitors who stopped by the new Municipal Services Center Open House on Friday, July 11th to take guided tours of the new building, enjoy refreshments, and register to win door prizes donated by various businesses in the Township.

- **Brother's Pizza** – Two \$10 gift certificates
- **Capital City Car Wash** – 1 VIP Car Wash certificate
- **Edible Arrangements** – \$50 gift certificate
(Hartzdale Drive) – Donation of a large fruit centerpiece on the refreshment table.
- **Gullifty's** – \$25 gift certificate
- **The Pizza Grille** – Two \$15 gift certificates
- **Rita's Italian Ice** – Four - \$5 gift certificates
- **Sugar Mama's Bakery** – \$10 gift certificate

July 4th Picnic Wrap-Up

The 4th of July picnic was held at the Lower Allen Community Park on Friday July 4, 2008. We would like to thank everyone for coming out and spending the holiday at the park. Special thanks goes out to all the Sponsors which are posted below and on the following page, Recreation and Park Board Members, Committee Members, and Helpers who made everything come together for another successful year!



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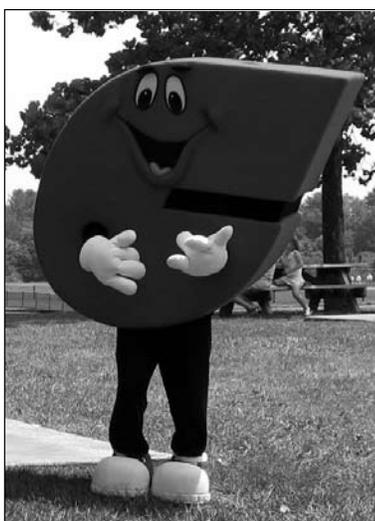


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Highlights of Lower Allen Township's Annual Music In The Park

Lower Allen Township would like to extend a special thank you to the following sponsors who made possible this year's Music In The Park event: **Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Commerce Bank, Comcast, Bethany Village Retirement Center, BJ's Wholesale Club and The Phillips Group.** This year's event took place on Sunday afternoon, July 27th. "Matt Dodd" kicked the afternoon off with his Children/Family Show. He along with "Hip Hop the Clown" entertained everyone, with fun loving music, dancing, face painting, and balloon art. "Jazz Me" performed next and had the audience swaying to their smooth Jazz and Blues sounds. "B. T. and The Cruisers" wrapped up the day with tunes from the 50's through the 80's. There were quite a few people dancing to the great "oldies but goodies." **Rita's Italian Ice** served free Italian Ice and **Commerce Bank** was on hand with "Mr. C" giving out free popcorn. **Comcast** was there with their prize wheel and free ice cream. **San Remo Concessions, Inc.** provided a variety of sandwiches and beverages for purchase.

Please mark your calendars now for next year's Music In The Park event which is already scheduled for July 26, 2009, 1:00 - 7:00 pm. Please contact Wendy Hayden or Donna Paul at 975-7575 with any suggestions or if you are interested in sponsoring next year's event.



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Cumberland County Homeowner Assistance Program



The Cumberland County Commissioners have provided funds to help County homeowners keep their residences up to standards. The County has two programs, the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program and the Sidewalk Repair Program, available to help pay for repairs to correct code deficiencies in the residences of qualified homeowners.

Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program

Eligible work items include: Updating electrical wiring, heating systems, roof repairs or replacement, insulation, doors, windows, siding, interior and exterior painting, chimneys, spouting, kitchens, bathrooms, foundation repairs, uneven sidewalk, missing or damaged curb, etc.

Sidewalk Repair Program

This program provides grants to eligible homeowners who receive notice from the municipality that the condition of their sidewalk is in violation of the municipal code and must be repaired or replaced. Low-income owners may be eligible for up to a maximum of \$2,000. Moderate income owners may be eligible for up to a maximum of \$1,400. Assistance is in the form of a grant, which does not have to be paid back.

Accessibility Improvement Program

The Redevelopment Authority receives grant funds to assist households with accessibility improvements to their homes. Modifications can be made to the home such as: installation of ramps, lowering kitchen counters, bathroom changes, widening doors, etc.. The maximum amount of grant funds available to each dwelling unit is \$17,500.

Income Guidelines

Assistance is provided from the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received from the federal government. Eligibility for the assistance is based on Median Family Income of this area. The levels are adjusted every year.

The qualifying levels for select family sizes in 2008 are as follows:

Household Size	Low Income	Moderate Income	Household Size	Low Income	Moderate Income
1	\$ 23,650	\$ 37,800	4	\$ 33,750	\$ 54,000
2	\$ 27,000	\$ 43,200	5	\$ 36,450	\$ 58,300
3	\$ 30,400	\$ 48,600	6	\$ 39,150	\$ 62,650

If you think you might qualify for one of these programs, contact Judy Smith, Community Development Specialist, Redevelopment Authority of Cumberland County at (717) 697-7703 or email at jsmith@cchra.com.

QUARTERLY TAX TIPS

Bonnie K. Miller

FALL IS HERE!

I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and healthy summer! Fall is here, and of course that means football, marching bands, soccer games, lacrosse, tailgating parties, it's all part of the season! Fall also means cooler weather and watching the leaves change from the mellow greens of summer to the brilliant yellows, reds and oranges of autumn, and TAXES. Below are a few tips to help kick off a successful tax season.

You should have received a \$7,788 Homestead Exclusion on your July 1, 2008 West Shore School District Real Estate tax bill, if you did not, perhaps you are a new homeowner or didn't apply for it, the next window to apply for the Homestead Exclusion is December 1, 2008 through March 1, 2009. If you take the \$7,788 Homestead Exclusion amount and multiply it by 10.5 mils it equals \$81.77. If you are comparing last year's West Shore School District Real Estate tax bill against this year's, please note that there was an increase in the milage from 10.2 to 10.5. Your assessment on your house will go back to the original assessment before the Homestead Exclusion since that only applies to the West Shore School District Real Estate tax bill.

"March" on in and pay your taxes.

School real estate and per capita taxes dated July 1, 2008 are now in the face amount period. **The last day to pay the face amount is Friday, October 31.** For your convenience, the gray business mail drop off box in front of the township building Administration entrance may be used for payment drop-off. The tax office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or you can mail your taxes. *They must be postmarked by November 1, 2008.*

Use the right "strategy" when paying your taxes.

Please take an extra moment to look over your tax bill and make sure you are paying the correct amount (the amount in the total column). They must be paid during the timeframe listed in that particular column for the date you are remitting payment.

Do you have a new "position" or have you joined a new "team" this season?

If you have changed jobs during the year, please notify the tax office so you can receive a corrected tax bill next year.

Don't get put on the "bench".

Reminder notices for unpaid 2008 tax bills will be mailed out in mid-November. PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE A LATE TAX NOTICE. This reminder is the last step the tax office takes before turning over your tax bill for collection. School per capita taxes will be sent to the collection agency on December 15, 2008. ALL real estate and township and county per capita taxes in penalty are due to go for collection on January 13, 2009.

Coaches Office

The tax office will be closed from September 15 – 19th, October 13 – 17th, and December 22nd – 26th.

I look forward to seeing many of you at various sporting events, craft fairs, apple festivals and other activities this season! Please say hello or stop by the new tax office (located right inside the Administration entrance) with any questions or concerns you may have.

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Think Before Flushing Unused Prescription Drugs

The Federal Government has issued new guidelines for proper disposal of unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs. "While the EPA continues to research the effects of pharmaceuticals in water sources, one thing is clear: improper drug disposal is a prescription for environmental and societal concern," said EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson. "Following these new guidelines will protect our Nation's waterways and keep pharmaceuticals out of the hands of potential abusers."

The new Federal Prescription Drug Disposal Guidelines urge Americans to:

- Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers.
- Mix prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, like used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and put them in impermeable, non-descript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags, further ensuring that the drugs are not diverted or accidentally ingested by children or pets.
- Throw these containers in the trash.
- Flush prescription drugs down the toilet only if the accompanying patient information specifically instructs that it is safe to do so.



FREE: Wednesday Night Live (Grades1-8) October to March 5:30 - 7:30 pm
FREE: Community Pancake Breakfast Saturday, October 4th 7:00 am - 12:00 pm
FREE: Financial Series Wednesdays, October 1st, 8th and 15th 7:00 - 8:15 pm
 Part 1: The Basics of Sound Finance; Even when Times are Difficult
 Part 2: The Seven Essentials to Becoming Financially Sound
 Part 3: Planning for You and Your Family's Financial Future
 (Please email or call the church office to register!)

Election Day Bake Sale: Tuesday, November 4th 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, November 15th 5:00 - 7:00 pm
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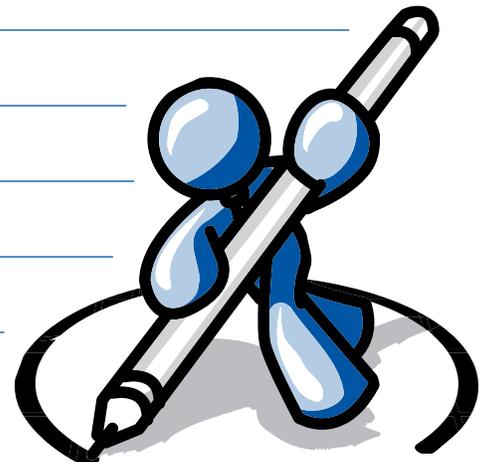
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COMMENT/SUGGESTION FORM

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