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Commissioners' Corner

During this Holiday Season we hope everyone had an opportunity to connect with family and friends and had the opportunity to reflect on the past year and for our many blessings. Let us continue to pray for our troops and their families for the sacrifices they make to preserve their gift to us, freedom, which many have paid the highest price for.

We wish all residents and business owners of Lower Allen Township a joyful, fulfilling, and safe Holiday Season and a happy New Year.



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

New Community Alerting System

In April, 2008, the Lower Allen Township Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Connect-CTY alerting system. This system will allow the Township to make notifications to Township residents and businesses concerning emergency situations, such as the police manhunt on October 24th, anticipated emergencies, such as potential flooding, notifications concerning incidents at the Three Mile Island Nuclear (TMI) Generating Station, snow emergencies, and Township events to name a few.

The system automatically pulls information from the publicly available telephone databases every 30 days. However, this may not always be accurate or up to date information. Residents and businesses should take a moment to sign up for the alerts through a secure web portal located on the front page of the Township's web site. Unlisted phone numbers will not be listed in our system; you will have to sign up or call to have your phone numbers listed. The system also allows us to break out specific areas of the Township into individual alerting groups, such as flood prone areas and those within the 10 mile EPZ for Three Mile Island. Residents and businesses who live or work within these areas should make sure they are listed.

Additionally, using mapping technology, we can draw or designate a specific area of the Township to receive notifications. We did this in June, prior to a joint training exercise between the Department of Public Safety, the PA State Police and the Department of Corrections on the grounds of the State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill (SCIC). We specifically targeted residents and businesses within about a 1 mile radius of SCIC to alert them of the drill the following day, so they were not concerned with the amount of emergency vehicles that would be in the area. This would also be helpful in the event of a hazardous materials incident or even a lost or missing person investigation, where alerting a specific geographic area is important.

Utilizing the latest technology, the Connect-CTY system can alert up to three (3) telephone numbers, two (2) e-mail addresses and SMS or text messaging accounts. Signing up with additional contact information will be helpful if you are not home. An emergency alert left on an answering machine may not be as helpful as getting the information when you really need it.

If you do not feel comfortable providing your information over the Internet, please call Dianna Knisley at 717-975-7575 ext 1602 and the data base will be updated.



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 Dietel).....	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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(24 Hours a day)

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Officials In Action

The Commissioners approved the following RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2008-R-24, a resolution recognizing the retirement of Samuel W. Morgan.

Resolution 2008-R-25, a resolution establishing a policy regarding improvement security for construction of facilities associated with subdivision and land development plans.

Resolution 2008-R-20, a resolution recognizing, commending and honoring Ryan P. Milletics for the attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Commissioners approved the following ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2008-05, an ordinance authorizing the execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Township and Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc.

Advertise Your Business in The Township News

The Township is defraying the cost of printing the newsletter by offering businesses the opportunity to advertise. Our rates have not changed in over 7 years! Your support helps us bring valuable information to the community in a timely manner, and puts your business's name in front of over 6,000 households quarterly.

Here is how your business can be advertised for just one issue or for the entire year.

Price	Ad Size	Number of Issues
✓ \$ 250.00	(3 ½ x 2)	4 quarterly issues
✓ \$ 75.00	(3 ½ x 2)	1 single issue
✓ \$ 600.00	(6 ½ x 4)	4 quarterly issues
✓ \$ 175.00	(6 ½ x 4)	1 single issue

For more information go to www.lower-allen.pa.us and click on the "Newsletter" tab, then "Advertisement Information" or call Danna Lutes at 975-7575, ext. 1003 and ask to reserve your place in the next issue of *The Township News*.



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New Businesses in the Township

- **Attorney John Kerr**
5020 Ritter Road, Suite 109
- **Italian Oven**
3439 Capital City Mall Drive
- **Matty's Kitchen**
4916 Louise Drive
- **Go Wag's Elite Baseball Center**
4700 Westport Drive, Suite 600
- **Magee Dance Studio**
5240 Simpson Ferry Road
- **The Perfect Match**
1180 Lowther Road
- **Dr. Laurie Pittman**
3903 Hartzdale Drive
- **Gerber's Draperyland**
2202 B Gettysburg Road

Thank You From Representative Jerry Nailor

Dear Friends:

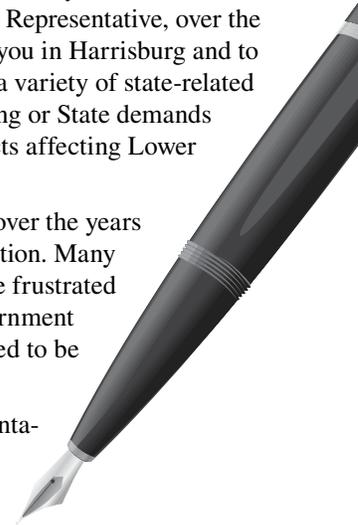
I asked your local officials for the opportunity to write a brief "thank you" to each of you for the confidence and trust you placed in me, as your State Representative, over the past twenty years. It has been my privilege to have represented you in Harrisburg and to have worked with your local elected and appointed officials on a variety of state-related matters. Some were bureaucratic "red tape" issues - where timing or State demands were often in the forefront. Other matters involved major projects affecting Lower Allen Township and were much more complex for everyone.

I have appreciated the communications I've received from you over the years and your taking the time to share your views on pending legislation. Many of you have placed your trust in me and my staff when you were frustrated with a particular, often personal, issue pertaining to State Government and didn't know quite where to turn. I hope our assistance proved to be of value to you.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as your State Representative. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Jerry Nailor



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.
Daniel Flint	10	full-time	Engineer/Director	Community Development
Dianna Knisley	10	full-time (previously part-time)	Executive Assistant	Public Safety

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.

88th District News

Congratulations to Lower Allen resident Sheryl M. Delozier, who in November was elected to Pennsylvania's 88th Legislative District, the seat being vacated by the retiring Representative Jerry L. Nailor.

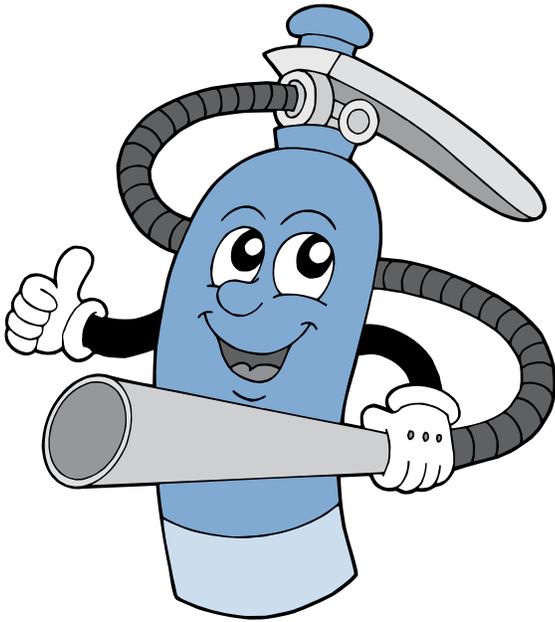
On November 21st, a banquet was held at the Mechanicsburg Navy Depot in honor of Rep. Nailor's 20 years of service to the constituents of his district. Officials from the municipalities and school districts in his district shared stories of how Jerry was able to help their residents and students over the years.

Rep. Nailor will certainly be missed, but we wish him well in retirement. We're certain that Representative-Elect Delozier will continue the tradition of excellence in serving the 88th District.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week ran October 6th-October 11th. This year, Fire Prevention Week culminated in the housing of Fire Apparatus at the new headquarters station.

Lower Allen Firefighters and Public Safety Officers took time out of their busy schedules to teach area students about fire safety. Visits were made to Lower Allen Elementary School, Highland Elementary School, Rossmoyne Elementary School, Brookside Montessori School, The Goddard School and Christ Presbyterian Church Nursery School. We would like to thank Fritz Fire Protection for their monetary donation toward the giveaways for the students.



Police Department Promotions

On June 9, 2008, at the first Board of Commissioners meeting in the new Municipal Services Center, Police Sgt. Leon Crone and Sgt. Gregory Thomas were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Crone and Lt. Thomas are only the fifth and sixth Lieutenants in the 60 year history of the Township's Police Department.

Lt. Crone started his career with Lower Allen Township in 1995 after serving in the United States Army. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2005 and currently serves as the Commander of the Support Services Bureau. In this position, he is responsible for the Criminal Investigations Unit, fleet maintenance, uniform Quartermaster, Community Service Officer Program and managing the state and national Accreditation certification programs.

Lt. Thomas began his career with Lower Allen Township in 1993. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2004 and currently serves as the Bureau Commander of Operational Services. In this position, he is responsible for the three (3) patrol squads, two (2) member Traffic Safety Unit and scheduling of special details.

Public Safety Staff Recognized

At the September 19th, Administrative Council Meeting of the West Shore School District, members of the EMS and Police Divisions were honored and presented with the Administrative Council Recognition for their outstanding service to the educational process and to the community of the West Shore School District.

This recognition was for volunteering, participating, and helping plan the Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) Club Mock DUI Auto Accident, held at Cedar Cliff High School on Thursday, May 15, 2008. The purpose of this event is to drive home to the students the consequences of drinking and driving and is conducted prior to the annual Prom, and hopefully makes a lasting impression throughout their lifetime.

The following township personnel were recognized:

EMS Division: Division Chief Christopher Yohn, Supervisor Marie Calaman, Supervisor Kenneth Hivner, EMT-II Joseph Peters, EMT-II Matthew Sheaffer, EMT-II Matthew Cook, EMT-I Pamela DeHaven, and EMT-I James R. Grundon.

Police Division: Officer Matthew Claeys and Officer Sam Morgan (Retired).

Lower Allen Fire: Assistant Chief Steve Overmiller, Captain Timothy Knepp, Firefighter Christopher Trace, Firefighter Andrew Roberts, Firefighter Tom Cook, Firefighter Tom Trayer.

Public Safety: Public Safety Officer Bryce Landis

In addition to the Township staff and volunteers being recognized, the District recognized the following organizations that also assisted with this event: Camp Hill Fire Department EMS, Cumberland County Coroner's Office, Fairview Township EMS, New Cumberland Fire Department EMS, Parthemore Funeral Home and West Shore EMS.



Trick or Treat Night Safety Assemblies

McGruff, Officer Stevenson, Officer Curtis and CSO Crane visited Highland and Rossmoyne Elementary Schools to discuss trick or treat safety with students in kindergarten thru 2nd grade. All elementary school students received a free trick or treat bag, courtesy of Liberty Forge. Students also received coupons from Cedar Cliff Subway and Fountainblu Arena.

Trick or Treat Night October 30, 2008

Lower Allen Township Police, Fire and EMS visited 11 Township neighborhoods during Trick or Treat night. We would like to thank Pizza Hut (Hartzdale Dr.) for making 140 pizzas for our hungry trick or treaters. We would like to thank the following sponsors for their monetary donations: Lower Allen Township Police DARE & Youth Fund, DriveKore, Inc. and Daley Zucker Meilton Miner & Gingrich, LLC. We would also like to thank Cedar Cliff Subway for visiting several Township neighborhoods with free cookies and raisins.

Winter Parking Regulations and Bad Weather Emergency Declarations

The Police Department would like to remind residents about parking regulations during the upcoming winter season. Beginning December 1 and ending March 31, residents may only park their vehicles on one side of the street as indicated by the street signs. The side that is permitted for parking alternates on a monthly basis. Please be sure that you are parking your vehicle on the correct side of the street. This ordinance allows the Public Works Department to get into the developments to quickly clear a travel lane, without having to weave between vehicles parked on opposite sides of the street. Those who live on the following streets have “odd-even” parking signs posted on their streets:

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| ■ 19th Street | ■ 20th Street | ■ Apple Drive |
| ■ Chatham Road | ■ Chatham Drive | ■ Cherokee Avenue |
| ■ Elhurst Road | ■ Highland Drive | ■ Kelton Road |
| ■ Kent Road | ■ Kent Drive | ■ Kingsley Road |
| ■ Letchworth Road | ■ Letchworth Dr | ■ Manchester Road |
| ■ Norman Road | ■ Oxford Dr | ■ Shoreham Road |
| ■ Stafford Road | ■ Village Road | ■ Warwick Road |
| ■ Wyndham Road | | |

Vehicles that are in violation of the “odd-even” parking are subject to being ticketed.

Weather emergencies may be declared for the township whenever there is an accumulation or anticipated accumulation of three or more inches of snow, or during other winter conditions when vehicular or pedestrian travel is deemed to be too dangerous. A snow emergency will be declared and announced to the media during these times. When the emergency is declared, **ALL VEHICLES** must be moved off all streets in the township until the snow or bad weather declaration has been lifted. The emergency declaration will state a time, not less than 6 hours from the time the emergency is declared, when **ALL** vehicles must be off the streets to allow the Public Works Department to clear the roadways in the Township.

During a snow emergency, the Public Works Department is concerned with keeping our roadways plowed open. As the snow event comes to an end, they begin to “plow back” the streets, opening them up from curb to curb. It is important during any snow event, but extremely important during a snow emergency to have the roadways clear of vehicles so that they may be opened as quickly as possible.

During these events, the Public Works Department concentrates on keeping major “artery” roads and “feeder” roads open for travel. Streets within residential developments will be opened as crews become available. Lower Allen Township has 14 plow equipped trucks which are distributed throughout the Township during these events.

Vehicles that are left on the street during a weather emergency are subject to being ticketed, but will also be towed and stored at the owner’s expense. Please adhere to the above regulations so that township personnel can focus on serving you better, especially during weather emergencies. Please contact the Police Department at 975-7575 if you have any questions or concerns.



Ambulance Membership

Lower Allen Township EMS mailed Ambulance Membership applications to all Township residents. Current memberships expire on December 31, 2008. Subscriptions provide the basic funding for your emergency medical services (EMS). This funding ensures that the best possible ambulance service is provided to you.

WHY SHOULD YOU SUBSCRIBE?

- Advanced Life Support Services through West Shore ALS.
- Discounted rates for wheelchair or stretcher van, non-emergency transports.
- Free CPR training for members and family. (Minimal charge for books and materials.)
- Your ambulance service is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with paid certified emergency medical technician professionals.

SUBSCRIBERS CAN SAVE MONEY!

Because membership fees cover our patients' insurance co-payments and deductible, ambulance subscribers need not be charged for any additional expenses when using our emergency ambulance services regardless of their insurance coverage. Note: Medicare and most insurance plans will not cover 100% of the bills incurred from ambulance service.

Non-members will be billed directly for cost of services. Current charge is \$550.00 plus mileage per transport.

RATES:

- **Households:** \$70.00 includes all persons residing under at the listed residence requiring emergency care.
- **Individuals:** \$55.00 One person living in a single residence requiring emergency care.

Each membership includes the \$35.00 fee for advanced life support services provided by West Shore Advanced Life Support.

INFORMATION BROCHURE:

Many changes have occurred in the health care industry in recent years that have directly impacted the ambulance service that we have been providing. (i.e.: non-emergency transports, wheelchair transports, etc.) PLEASE READ the Ambulance Membership Information Brochure that will be included with your application. If you have not received your application by the end of December, please call the Township at 975-7575 to have one mailed to you. Application packets are available at the Municipal Services Center at the receptionist's desk.

Winter Storm Plowing Information

With autumn leaf collection wrapped up, the Public Works Department has shifted its attention to preparing for winter storms. Plows are prepared and trucks are outfitted with the necessary equipment for spreading salt and plowing snow. Trucks will also be equipped with tanks of liquid salt brine which will be mixed with the salt as it is applied to the pavement. This will help increase the effectiveness of the salt, and reduce the amount of salt required to treat each mile of road.

The first priority of winter storm operations is to keep main roads clear and passable. This is important to maintain accessibility for emergency vehicles throughout the Township. Next, at least one access route to each neighborhood is established. Then neighborhood streets are plowed with at least one pass to allow access. When the main roads are completely clear, crews will return to neighborhoods and clear streets to the curb as much as possible. Plows may be diverted from their normal routes at any time to assist emergency vehicles responding to a call.

In addition to nearly 120 lane-miles of Township roads, Lower Allen also provides winter maintenance for over 30 lane-miles of State Roads under an agreement with PennDOT. State roads in Lower Allen Township that are plowed by PennDOT and NOT the Township are:

- Simpson Ferry Road
- 17th Street
- Arcona Road
- Route 15, including all ramps and connecting roads
- Hummel Avenue
- Locust Street
- Main Street Lisburn

Special Needs Notifications

The Public Safety Department is currently updating all emergency disaster and evacuation plans. The Department is coordinating and compiling a "Special Needs" listing of township residents who might require aid during such an event. The EMS Division is requesting residents who have special needs such as hearing/vision impairments, mobility problems, in-home oxygen use or conditions that may require medical assistance to call Dianna Knisley at 975-7575 ext. 1601 to be placed on this listing.

In December residents should have received their ambulance membership renewal. On the return membership card, there is a place to indicate any special needs you or someone in your household may have. If you have completed this form, there is **NO** need to call the Department.

This is a voluntary listing, but those residents with a need for assistance who have chosen not to join the ambulance service are encouraged to call to be placed on the Special Needs list. This information will be maintained by the Public Safety Department in a confidential manner and will be used only in the event of an emergency situation. In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, this Special Needs list will allow all Public Safety personnel to more efficiently help those in need.

Winter Stormwater Management Tips

- Use sand and salt to protect against icy conditions, but use only what is needed. Consider sweeping up sand between storms and reusing it.
- If you use de-icing agents follow the manufacturer's instructions and use as sparingly as possible.
- Do not sweep sand into the street or into storm drains.
- Remove snow and debris, such as leaves and trash from the outside opening of storm drains.
- Avoid piling snow in front of a storm drain.
- Do not store or dump snow or sand into or near streams.

For more information on Stormwater Management go to www.dep.state.pa.us

Bulk Item Roll-Offs

As a convenience to Township residents, roll-offs have been located at the Public Works Facility, 1400 S. St. Johns Road, Camp Hill, PA. These roll-offs may be used for "white goods" (appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, freezers, mowers, etc.). Be aware, the white goods roll-off is for "metals" only. Metal items containing any other material must be placed in the "bulk" roll-off. As a reminder, all fuels (gasoline, oil, etc.) must be removed prior to placing in the roll-offs.

The bulk roll-off is for non-metal materials (such as furniture items). This roll-off is not for household garbage. No construction materials, tires, dirt, grass clippings, cement, concrete or propane tanks are to be placed in the bulk roll-off.

Sewer Rate Increase For Improving Chesapeake Bay Water Quality

When was the last time you washed the dishes, took a shower or flushed the toilet and wondered, "where does the wastewater go?" Like most people, we don't really think about it. We are accustomed to the wastewater disappearing down the drain and forgetting about it. At the same time, demands for improving Chesapeake Bay water quality and higher environmental standards are increasing. Providing dependable and affordable wastewater treatment service, while meeting the expected high quality environmental standards are continuing goals of the Authority.

Entering the new year, the Authority is faced with many new challenges to meeting its goals. One such challenge is the projected large electrical expense increase with rate cap removal. The Authority is using the PPL Phase-In Plan and Central PA Energy Consortium bulk power purchase options to lessen the expected costs. Meeting the Chesapeake Bay water quality improvements is a challenge that will take a number of years to achieve. Phase one involves upgrading of the treatment solids processing that is scheduled to start in 2009. Phase two will expand the liquid treatment processing systems with construction in 2012.

Sewer service rates will be increasing in small annual steps to fund the mandated water quality improvements. Beginning January 1, 2009, the new sewer billing rate will be \$38.00 per quarter for residential and \$38.00 per quarter base fee plus \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption per quarter for non-residential.

The residential fee and non-residential base fee rate increases, amount to \$6.00 per quarter plus a non-residential consumption increase of 15 cents per 1,000 gallons per quarter. Similar increases of \$6.00 per quarter and 15 cents per 1,000 gallons for consumption are scheduled for 2010. Rates will be reevaluated accordingly should the Authority receive grant funding for mandated improvements. The Authority sewer service rates continue to be among the lowest in the region.

Reminders from the Codes Enforcement Staff

- Trash must not be placed near the street for pickup more than 24 hours prior to scheduled collection.
- Use containers with tight fitting lids to avoid windblown litter. Keep these containers off the paved portion of the roadway.
- Parking is prohibited in front yards, except on paved or gravel surfaces.
- Trees shall be trimmed to a minimum height of fourteen (14) feet above the street and eight (8) feet over the sidewalk.
- Bushes, hedges, trees, etc. shall be trimmed in such a manner as to not obstruct a public sidewalk or street.
- Trash and debris shall not accumulate on property.
- Unlicensed or junked vehicles or parts must not be stored on private grounds, streets or alleys unless in an enclosed structure.
- Animals should not be allowed to run at large.
- Permits are required for many types of work in the street right of way and on property. When in doubt please apply for a permit for review by our Building and Zoning staff.
- Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after snow, ice or slush ceases to fall. Fire hydrants must be kept clear.

Recycling Tips for Retail Operations

Recycling in your retail operation can actually help you sell product. By implementing a recycling program and showing it off, you will communicate to customers that you care about the environment and are cost-conscious. Packaging materials, particularly corrugated cardboard, make up a large portion of any retail store's waste. Because much of this waste is generated outside the retail establishment, reduction efforts must be made in cooperation with vendors.

Incoming packaging such as bags and boxes can be reused as packaging for customers. However, while this reduces disposal requirements, it does not solve the problem of unnecessary packaging. If vendors ship products in unnecessary or non-recycling packaging, ask them to reduce packaging or switch materials that can be recycled or reused.

Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling Materials

Practice the three R's: first *reduce* how much you use, then *reuse* what you can, and then *recycle* the rest. Then, dispose of what's left in the most environmentally friendly way. Read the tips below for some suggestions on how to practice the three R's.

Reduce:

- Buy permanent items instead of disposables.
- Buy and use only what you need.
- Buy products with less packaging.
- Buy products that use less toxic chemicals.

Reuse:

- Repair items as much as possible.
- Use durable coffee mugs.
- Use cloth napkins or towels.
- Use empty jars to hold leftover food.
- Reuse boxes.
- Purchase refillable pens and pencils.
- Donate extras to people you know or to charity instead of throwing them away.

Recycle:

- Recycle paper (printer paper, newspapers, mail, etc.), plastic, glass bottles, cardboard, and aluminum cans. Place these items in your curbside recycle containers.
- Recycle electronics.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Compost food scraps, grass and other yard clippings, and dead plants.
- Close the loop – buy recycled products and products that use recycled packaging. That's what makes recycling economically possible.

Steps for Successful Recycling:

- ✓ Most of your waste will be corrugated cardboard. To reduce volume and make storage easier, flatten and bale the corrugated cardboard.
- ✓ Include recycling information in your orientation for new employees.
- ✓ Educate the janitorial service and/or staff responsible for taking out the trash and recyclables about proper separation procedures.
- ✓ Inform grounds crews of the reasons why yard waste should not be mixed with other wastes.
- ✓ Make sure that managers of public areas in shopping complexes are provided with containers for recycling.
- ✓ Put up signs to tell customers that you recycle.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, website: www.dep.state.pa.us

Wood Chips, Compost and Brush Drop Off

The Township maintains a Compost Facility at the Public Works Facility located at 1400 S. St. Johns Road, Camp Hill, PA. Please call 975-7575, ext. 2104, 8:00 am to 2:30 pm to check on availability or visit our website at www.lower-allen.pa.us.

Delivery:

Small load – 3 cubic yards	.....	\$35.00
Large load – 8 cubic yards	Wood chips	..... \$25.00
	Leaf Compost	..... \$50.00

For deliveries, call the Public Works Facility at 975-7575, ext. 2104 between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:30 pm, Monday through Friday to arrange a delivery date.

Pick-Up:

The township will load your vehicle:

Wood Chips (1-5 cubic yards)	.....	\$10.00/load
Compost (1-5 yards)	.....	\$30.00/load
<i>(Additional 1-5 cubic yards \$10.00/load)</i>		
Compost loaded by a township resident	.....	\$20.00
Wood Chips loaded by a township resident	.....	FREE

Brush Drop Off

1400 S. St. Johns Road
Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

(Stop in the Public Works Office to show proof of residency prior to unloading.)

Boy Scout News

Township resident Ryan P. Milletics was recently recognized by the Board of Commissioners for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout service project, Ryan planned and designed shelving units and closets for storage rooms within St. Joseph Catholic School, a school he attended from kindergarten through 8th grade. He also organized a uniform exchange drive to fill the closet. The project was completed on schedule through a fundraiser and donations. After the completion of his project, Ryan donated over \$400 to the Troop as he raised more funds than needed.

The Commissioners adopted Resolution 2008-R-29 recognizing Ryan's achievement, and the resolution was presented at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor on October 18th, where Ryan received his Eagle Scout award.

Another Eagle Scout candidate, Ari Unger, has completed his service project at Lower Allen Community Park. Ari constructed four benches that have been placed at various points along the George & Rita Garstad Memorial Nature Trail down near the Yellow Breeches Creek. Ari also constructed an information kiosk at the trailhead nearest to the boat launch. The next time you visit the LACP, please take some time to stroll the Trail and relax on one of these benches while enjoying the nature around you.

Commissioners Approve Verizon Franchise Agreement

At their Regular Meeting on October 13th, the Board of Commissioners enacted Ordinance 2008-05, which authorizes the Township to award a Franchise Agreement to Verizon, Inc. to provide television and video services in Lower Allen. The Franchise Agreement was the result of months of negotiation between Verizon, Inc., and the Capital Region Council of Governments, represented by Attorney Dan Cohen.

This franchise agreement marks the first time in history that true cable TV competition is available to the residents of Lower Allen. Verizon, Inc. already has FiOS (Fiber Optic Service) installed in some areas of the Township, but to find out when your neighborhood will have Verizon FiOS TV services, please call Verizon at 1-888-553-1555 or visit their website at <http://www22.verizon.com/Content/FiOCTV/>. Click the "Check Availability" box on the left side of the screen to see if FiOS TV is available in your neighborhood.

What Christian Life Assembly is doing to "Change the World"

At Christian Life Assembly our mission is to "Love God, Love People and Change the World". We realize the importance of serving locally and internationally in order to meet the needs of the disadvantaged.

We have formed partnerships in the Central Pennsylvania area with organizations that are focused on individuals in need of life changing assistance. These organizations range from our own Food Bank, Clothing Distribution Center (HIS Closet) and family outreaches to established community organizations such as Paxton Street Ministries, New Hope Ministries, Bethesda Mission and Brethren Housing Association.

We ask our attendees to get involved with at least one of our community partners and serve. Each quarter our congregation participates in a Big Serve project which enables us to come together as a whole and give back to our community. Paxton Street Ministries was in need of helping hands to renovate their new transitional living house. The Boas Street Project gave us a unique opportunity to help transform and invest in the lives of six individuals who will reside there on a permanent basis.

This "Change the World" event was just the beginning and we continue to encourage our members to reach out into the community. Another area we are actively involved in is Global Missions. Our "Discover Missions" opportunities include medical trips to West Africa and disaster relief to Katrina victims as well as a variety of other trips. We recently sent a team of 18 to Burkina Faso West Africa on November 4. This team will be distributing much needed medical supplies and treatment as well as ministering to the spiritual and emotional needs of the people.

It is our hope that serving will become a way of life for our members. It is our sincere desire to serve the community we live in as well as the world at large. For more information on Christian Life Assembly and "Change the World" visit www.christian-life.com.



Calendar at a... GLANCE!

- Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Municipal Services Center, 2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA
- BINGO (Lisburn Community Building) Mondays – 6:45pm, Wednesdays, 9:30am
- **TAX OFFICE HOURS:** (2009 Dog Licenses available)
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 9am – 4pm

January

- 1** **New Year's Day** – Township Offices Closed
Trash Pick Up Delayed One Day
First quarter Sewer and Trash bills mailed
- 12** Board of Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 15** Zoning Hearing Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 20** Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 26** Board of Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 28** Recreation & Parks Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

February

- 1** First quarter Sewer and Trash bills due.
- 5** Sewer Authority Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 9** Board of Commissioners' Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 17** Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 19** Zoning Hearing Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 23** Board of Commissioners' Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 25** Recreation & Parks Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

March

- 5** Sewer Authority Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 9** Board of Commissioners' Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 17** Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 18** Roast Turkey Dinner, Lisburn Community Fire Company, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- 19** Zoning Hearing Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 23** Board of Commissioners' Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 25** Recreation & Parks Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

April

- 1** 2nd Quarter Sewer and Trash Bills Mailed
- 2** Sewer Authority Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 4** Fisherman's Breakfast, Lisburn Community Fire Company, 6:00 - 10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt at Lower Allen Community Park, 10:00 am
- 13** Board of Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 16** Zoning Hearing Board, 7:00 pm
- 21** Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 25** Yard Sale, Lisburn Community Fire Company, 7:00 am
Gardeners Gathering, Lower Allen Community Park, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- 27** Board of Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 22** Recreation & Parks Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

Attention Area Businesses!

Lower Allen Township asks that you please keep your community in mind as you plan your 2009 budget. Lower Allen Township holds many different events throughout the year and without your support these events would not be possible. Your generous donations enable the continuation of the Easter Egg Hunt, Gardeners Gathering, and Music In The Park, to name a few. In return for your generosity, your business receives advertising in all press releases, is announced at the events and mentioned in the Township News that is mailed to over 7,000 homes and businesses. This year we are throwing in a free pavilion rental at Lower Allen Community Park if your donation is over \$250.00. To find out how to make a contribution, please contact Wendy Hayden or Donna Paul at 975-7575. Donation forms are also available on line at www.lower-allen.pa.us

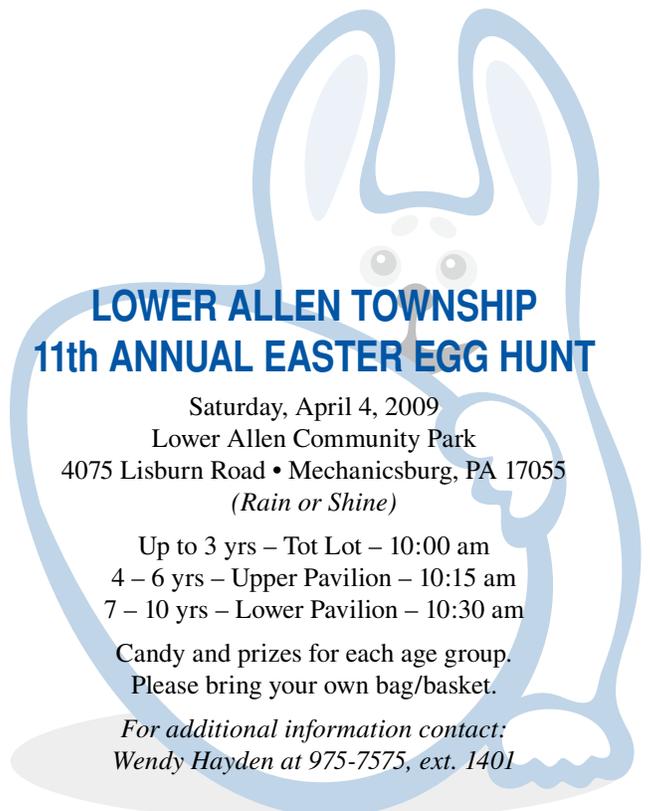
Now Booking For 2009 – The “Barn”

Looking for a place to hold a business meeting or your next company picnic? Lower Allen Township has the place for you!

The “Barn” facility is located at Lower Allen Township’s Community Park, 4075 Lisburn Road Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

A beautiful location for business meetings, company picnics, day retreats, wedding receptions, family reunions, etc.

Low weekday and weekend rental rates are available. Contact Wendy Hayden at 975-7575 ext. 1401 or via e-mail at wendy_hayden@lower-allen.pa.us to reserve a date.



LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP
11th ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4, 2009
Lower Allen Community Park
4075 Lisburn Road • Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
(Rain or Shine)

Up to 3 yrs – Tot Lot – 10:00 am
4 – 6 yrs – Upper Pavilion – 10:15 am
7 – 10 yrs – Lower Pavilion – 10:30 am

Candy and prizes for each age group.
Please bring your own bag/basket.

*For additional information contact:
Wendy Hayden at 975-7575, ext. 1401*

Field of Dreams — Fun Fort Pickets

The Lower Allen Community Park is the site of the Fun Fort playground for children of varying capabilities. A picket fence surrounds the playground. To involve the Township residents and surrounding communities in the ongoing maintenance of the "Field of Dreams", the pickets are being sold for \$25.00 each. For your \$25.00, you can have the name of your family, children, business or organization imprinted on the picket with a maximum of 20 spaces. If you are interested in obtaining a picket(s), please contact Jamie Johnson at 975-7575, ext. 2104, between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:30 pm.

Mark Your Calendars

Gardeners Gathering

Saturday, April 25, 2009

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Celebrate National Trials Day

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Music In The Park

Sunday, July 26, 2009

1:00 – 7:00 pm

All events will be held at Lower Allen Community Park. Look for more details in the Spring issue of the *Township News* or visit the website at www.lower-allen.pa.us. If you are interested in sponsoring an event or volunteering, please contact Wendy Hayden or Donna Paul at 975-7575.

Rec Beat

As we head into the winter season, it's time to keep warm and reflect on what was accomplished in 2008. The Recreation and Parks Board has completed its recommendations for the 2009 strategic plan. This plan is based on the past year comments from Township residents, Park Tours and direction from Township Staff and Commissioners. These ideas and goals are rolled into a plan in which the Township focuses its efforts on bringing you a park system that reflects the wishes of the residents of Lower Allen.

The Recreation and Parks Board Members have been working hard over the last year or so to develop an "Adopt-A-Park" program for the Townships' parks. The Adopt-A-Park program is similar in concept to PennDOT's successful "Adopt-A-Highway" program that you may be familiar with. Community groups will partner with the Township to assist in the care and beautification of Township parks. The Adopt-A-Park program will provide opportunities for neighborhood associations, civic groups, scouts, schools, churches, youth groups, businesses and individuals to enhance our parks through the care, maintenance and monitoring of Township parks. The Adopt-A-Park program was submitted to and recently approved by the Board of Commissioners. Implementation of the Adopt-A-Park program will begin in 2009. Look for more details on the Township website or in future newsletters.

We also wanted to let you know about several new additions to our parks this year. A Butterfly Garden was established at the Lower Allen Community Park near the Concession/Restroom Building. The Butterfly Garden was accomplished as part of a Girl Scout Gold Award project conducted by Katie Clark, a Township resident, and member of Girl Scout Troop 721. Improvements to Yetter Field at Wass Park continued throughout the year, as a scoreboard and dugouts were installed at this 'state of the art' youth baseball facility. The Recreation and Parks Board Members would also like to take this time to thank the Parks Department and the Township staff for providing us a wonderful and beautifully maintained park system for the residents of Lower Allen.

Once again, as with past years, we will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Gardeners Gathering, and Music In The Park event. We invite anyone who would like to help with the planning and implementation of these events to please contact Donna Paul at 975-7575, extension 1402 or by e-mail at donna_paul@lower-allen.pa.us. The Recreation and Parks Board Members are always looking for volunteers to help with these events.

Finally, we welcome your input as to what we can do to help improve the parks in the Township. Residents are always welcome to attend our meetings which are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Municipal Services Center. Every month we have a "Feature Park" within the Township that we focus on in depth. However, if you can't make it to one of the meetings we still welcome your comments.

West Shore Rec Commission Welcomes Winter!

West Shore Recreation Commission greets 2009 with a variety of programs that will assist you in keeping some of those New Year's resolutions as you get up, get out and get active. Check out the wonderful winter lineup!

- **Active Wellness and Sports** – Workouts don't need to be repetitive and boring. Join a class to stay active and have fun in a group setting. Get your body warmed up with the hot, new Latin dance-inspired workout, Zumba. Hydro Hike, Yoga, Mobile Mommy Wheelies and an array of dance classes are also on the winter schedule. Have fun learning to ride, groom and tack a horse or head out to the gym for Volleyball, Basketball and Dodgeball. Children will stay active with Baseball, Bowling and Soccer clinics. This is just the tip of the activity iceberg, so be sure to check them all out when your recreation guide arrives in your mail box or inbox!
- **Enrichment** – Don't let the frosty air keep you from fun, new experiences. Increase your knowledge and improve your skills in Computer, Car Care and CPR classes. Enjoy a new hobby with Stained Glass, Sign Language, Splash of Art and even Scuba.
- **Upcoming Trips** – Now is the time to look toward spring and make plans for a trip! How about Washington, DC to see its monuments and museums surrounded by beautiful cherry blossoms? Lovely Longwood Gardens provides the ideal setting to celebrate Mother's Day in May. Longing for the excitement of the big city? New York City has something for the whole family for a day or a long weekend.

- **Special Events & Services** – There's something for everyone! Dads and daughters and mothers and sons can connect with each other and the pins during a Bowling Night Out. Bonus Books and discounted ski tickets give you the advantage of the entertainment savings.
- **Summer Plans** – It's not too early to think about your child's summer break. Registration begins for PlayZone, a full-time day camp that includes special guests, trips, swimming and much more. Don't want full-time? Summer Blast is a part-time program for students to join friends in organized games and crafts.

Visit West Shore Rec on the Internet at www.westshorerec.org. See the complete listing of activities, directions to facilities, plus local phone contacts for youth sport organizations. Access ActiveNet to register online for most programs and check your recreation schedule. Please be aware that there is a convenience fee for the online registration option. There is no charge to register otherwise.

Questions, comments or class ideas? Contact the West Shore Rec Commission at 704 Lisburn Road, Suite 101, Camp Hill, PA 17011 Phone: 717-920-9515 Fax: 717-920-9518 or e-mail wsrec@wsrec.org.

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Committee Volunteers Sought to Plan Park

Lower Allen Township has received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to prepare a Master Site Plan for the future park adjacent to the new Municipal Services Center. Volunteers are needed to serve on a Study Committee to provide input throughout this process.

If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact Daniel Flint, P.E., Township Engineer, at daniel_flint@lower-allen.pa.us or 975-7575 by January 31, 2009.

WANTED: Assistant Recording Secretary

Lower Allen Township is looking for an Assistant Recording Secretary to attend public meetings and transcribe minutes for Board of Commissioners, Planning Commission, and Recreation and Parks Board meetings on an "on-call" basis in the absence of the Recording Secretary. Meetings are generally weekday evenings. Hourly wage of \$12.00. If you are interested in filling this position, please submit your resume to Lower Allen Township, Human Resources Department, 2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Lisburn Neighborhood Plan

Lower Allen Township listened to the residents of the Lisburn area during the public meetings for the Comprehensive Plan a few years ago. It was from those comments that the Township did not place a lot of emphasis on the Lisburn area. Instead the Township decided to take the time to look at the area separately but still use the Comprehensive Plan as a guide.

Sources of funding for a Plan were researched and several grants applied for. To date, only one of those grants has been awarded in the amount of \$5,000. This grant was obtained from the Johanna Favrot Fund through the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Township is now moving ahead with this project and intends to work with a consultant to develop a Lisburn Neighborhood Plan. Another grant to help offset the costs is currently being applied for through the Commonwealth Department of Community and Economic Development.

What does that mean for you? Public workshops will be scheduled to work with the people in the Lisburn area to create a viable neighborhood plan.

Remember, the Township's Comprehensive Plan and the future Lisburn Neighborhood Plan are guides for Lower Allen Township, not rule books that must be followed. The plans help the Township obtain funding, to work with developers, to keep the future on the horizon, so that when growth, re-development, demolition, etc. is being proposed, the Plans can be referenced. There are many variables that affect these plans so just because something is in the plan, doesn't mean it will automatically be accomplished. The Township feels that the current Comprehensive Plan and corresponding Ordinance updates that are occurring will smartly guide growth/non-growth in the Township for many years to come. The Lisburn Neighborhood Plan will be an enhancement to the Comprehensive Plan and Township staff looks forward to working with you and the consultant in the near future.

The initial public meeting to introduce the project and the study team will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Lisburn Community Fire Company Hall.

Public Hearing Scheduled for Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map Updates

Since adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Update in 2006, the Township has been drafting revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning and Official Map. Those revised documents are now available for public review at the Municipal Services Center and on the township website www.lower-allen.pa.us

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Services Center, 2233 Gettysburg Road.



QUARTERLY TAX TIPS

Bonnie K. Miller

It's that time again! As you're marking your calendars for 2009, make sure you note the following dates and tips for the upcoming tax season!

For Your Pet: 2009 Dog licenses are now available in the tax office during regular tax office hours. The Pennsylvania Dog Law states that all dogs over 3 months of age are required to have a dog license. We issue dog licenses for Cumberland County only.

For You: If you ever need a document notarized, I am a licensed notary and as another service to the community, I will provide notary services for Lower Allen Township residents at no charge. This is another opportunity for me to better serve our community.

Don't Create Extra Bills: Mark Your Calendar Today! Avoid extra costs from a collection agency by paying March 1, 2008 Lower Allen Township and Cumberland County real estate and per capita taxes and July 1 West Shore School Dis-

trict real estate and per capita taxes no later than Thursday, January 8, 2009. Payments received after a tax bill is turned over for collection will be returned to the sender, who must then pay the collection agency, along with their fees.

2009 Lower Allen Township and Cumberland County Real Estate and Per Capita taxes dated March 1, 2009 will be mailed on March 1. It is your responsibility to call the tax office if you do not receive a tax bill or if your job title is incorrect. Remember, anyone over the age of 18 should pay taxes.

My door is always open. Call the tax office at 975-7575 ext. 1701 if you have any questions regarding your tax notices. Tax office hours for 2009 are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please feel free to stop in and say hello, your comments are always welcome. I extend warm wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy holiday season and a prosperous new year!

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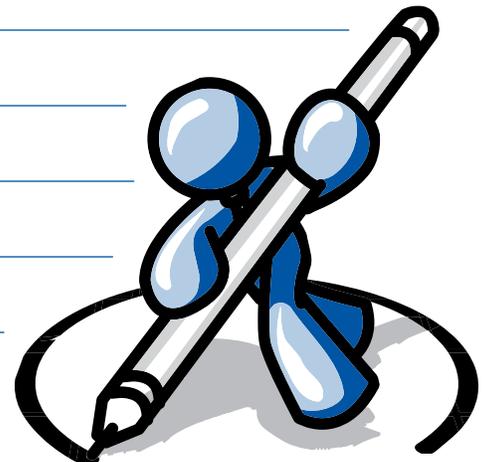
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COMMENT/SUGGESTION FORM

We are always interested in hearing from our residents and businesses on any topic pertinent to the Township. Please take the time to offer your comments on this form. Simply drop the completed form in the drop box in front of the Township Municipal Building at 2233 Gettysburg Road, give it to the receptionist or mail it. THANKS!

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