

Commissioners' Corner

During this Holiday Season, as most of us are completing shopping for our ever growing gift list, let us not forget that this time of year offers us a perfect chance to connect with family and friends and say thanks for our many blessings. Let us not forget to say thank you and pray for our troops and their families for the sacrifices they make to preserve their gift to us, freedom, which many soldiers have paid the highest price for.

A special thank you to all those residents who took time out of their busy schedules to complete the Quiet Zone Survey. You are to be commended for your interest in your community.

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

I Hear the Train A-comin'...

Johnny Cash won't be the only one. According to the Quiet Zone survey results, Lower Allen residents could be hearing the train a-comin' for many years to come.

The results of the Quiet Zone survey clearly indicate that Township residents are NOT interested in spending tax money to address this issue. Although I'm sure folks who live near the tracks would disagree, the majority of you did not view this as a problem that needed to be fixed by the Township.

We received 151 responses, which represents about 2.5% of Township households. The results were as follows:

- Only 34% said that train horns negatively affected their quality of life.
- 56% preferred that train horns not be silenced at Township crossings.
- 68% did not want Township funds to pay for wayside horns on Slate Hill Road. Of those, 84% *still* didn't want to pay for wayside horns even if grants covered half the cost.
- 79% did not want to install 4-quadrant gates on 18th Street. Of those, 83% said no even if grants covered half the cost.
- 60% said that the Township should spend *nothing* to pursue quiet zones. Another 21% would only agree to spend up to \$100,000, total.

What we gather from the results is that while a good number of you feel that train horns have a negative effect on quality of life, the majority don't think it's enough of a problem to spend Township money on. This issue will be put to rest until such a time that federal, state, or private funds can be acquired to pay for 100% of the project.

We'd like to once again thank the citizens who gave their time to serve on the Quiet Zone Advisory Committee.



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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Officials In Action

The Commissioners held the following PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing re: the Application of LFGC Incorporated to amend the zoning ordinance to authorize "rural resort" as a permitted use and/or to permit "age qualified seniors community" and condominium apartments as a permitted use within the R-2 Single Family Rural Residential District subject to various criteria and standards. The hearing also considered amending the zoning ordinance to permit nursing home and/or continuing care community as a permitted use within R-2 Single Family Rural Residential District subject to various criteria and standards. (8/20/07)

Public Hearing re: the application of High Properties L.P./Hoss's Steakhouse/Marzoni's Italian Restaurant for a freestanding eating establishment by conditional use pursuant to Section 220-220B of the Code of Lower Allen Township, subject to various criteria and standards. (8/27/07)

Public Hearing re: Ordinance 2007-12, an ordinance amending, modifying and changing Section 220-A, Zoning Map, to rezone a tract of land from R-1 Single-Family Established Residential District to R-3 Neighborhood Commercial District. (09/24/07)

The Commissioners approved the following RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2007-R-25, Allocation for Application for County Aid for Liquid Fuels

Resolution 2007-R-26, adopting minimum municipal obligations payable to the Lower Allen Township Police Pension Plan and the Lower Allen Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in Fiscal Year 2008, and appropriating specific sums known as the pension budget for fiscal year 2008.

The Commissioners approved the following ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2007-12, changing Section 220-8A, Zoning Map, to rezone a trace of land from R-1 Single Family Established residential district to R-3 neighborhood Commercial District. (10/08/07)

Ordinance 2007-13, to establish permit parking on Strafford Road, Warwick Road, Selwick Road and Manchester Road in Lower Allen Township. (08/20/07)

Ordinance 2007-14, creating exceptions from junkyard and junk car enforcement for evidence processing and emergency services training. (10/22/07)

Ordinance 2007-15, repealing Chapter 197 Taxation Article III, Emergency and Municipal Services Tax and by enacting by this ordinance a new chapter 197 Article III, providing for the assessment of a Local Services Tax. (10/08/07)



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Mini Grant Program

The Township is proud to announce that Allendale Association has been approved for funding in the amount of \$250 through the Mini Grant Program. They are planning on using the grant monies towards the purchase of a low voltage transformer for their front mall area in Allendale. Congratulations!

The Commissioners have decided to use some of the remaining grant funds that were not applied for to purchase an information kiosk for the playground at Highland Park.

The Mini Grant Program is anticipated to continue in 2008. If the program is offered, the deadline for the first round will be March 31, 2008. Contact Donna Paul at 975-7575, ext.1402 for more information.

Remember your recycling efforts are funding this program, so please spread the word to your friends and neighbors to utilize their curbside recycling!

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 surround 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 the Mary Ann Bingeman at 975-7575, Ext. 2104, between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:30 pm.

Officials In Action (continued)

The Commissioners approved the following Subdivision / Land Development Dockets:

SLD Docket #2007-05, Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Marzoni's Restaurant, 4925 Ritter Road (09/10/07)

SLD Docket No. 2007-06, Final Subdivision Plan for Leshner Property. (09/24/07)

SLD Docket 2007-07, Final Subdivision Plan for Anna V. Carey Estate, 1909 Sheepford Road. (10/08/07)

SLD Docket 2007-10, Final Land Development Plan for Chapel of Peace Mausoleum Addition at Rolling Green Cemetery, 1811 Carlisle Road. (10/08/07)

The Commissioners awarded the following bids:

Awarding the telephone and data cabling contract for the new Municipal Services Center to Secco, Inc., the low bidder at \$76,500.

Township Employees Reach Milestones

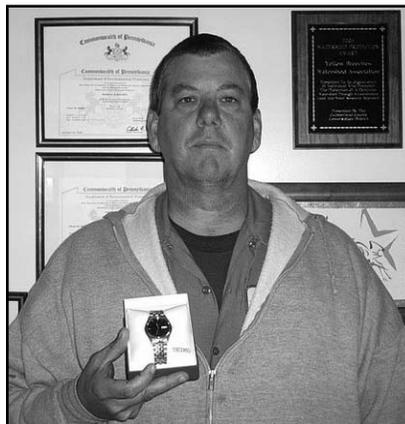
Twenty-Five Years of Service

Congratulations to Richard S. Baublitz on completing twenty-five years of service with the Authority on November 1, 2007. Richard holds a Class E operators license, CDL for tank trucks, and a DEP certification in biosolids land application. He is involved with daily plant operation and maintenance activities along with being a key member of the land application work group. The Authority Board and Richard's co-workers appreciate his experience and effort in plant operations, and extend congratulations on reaching this 25 – year milestone.

Retirement After Thirty-Years of Service

On December 31, 2007 Russell E. Carnes will be retiring with more than thirty-years of service with the Authority. Russell started employment with the Authority on May 23, 1977 as a plant operator. He is a DEP certified Class A wastewater licensed operator and held the position of Operations Foreman – Operator of Responsible Charge. Russell was actively involved with treatment operational transitions from using lime to alum for phosphorus removal and use of chlorine to UV light for disinfection, odor control system additions, along with numerous other facility projects.

The Authority Board appreciates Russell's commitment and dedication to his work over the many years of service. Russell has indicated he plans on enjoying his retirement by keeping busy with grandparent duties, following his favorite sports teams, fishing on the river and reading. Best wishes and good health in retirement.



Richard S. Baublitz



Russell E. Carnes

Tips for Driving in Inclement Weather

With the winter weather soon approaching, the Lower Allen Township Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit has some advice for driving this season. The following are some tips for keeping you, your family, and your vehicle safe while driving on the roadway.

❖ **Slow Down** - Your car handles differently in the snow and ice than it does on a dry warm roadway. Your tires do not have as much friction with the roadway in these types of conditions. By slowing down, you will decrease the time and distance that it takes to bring your vehicle to a safe stop.

❖ **Increase Distance** - The distance between you and the vehicle in front of you should be 1 car length for every 10 mph you are driving. For example, if you are driving at 50 mph, you should be about 5 car lengths behind the vehicle in front of you. On snow and ice covered roads, this distance should be increased. This will ensure that you have plenty of distance to stop your vehicle should the vehicle in front of you have to make an emergency stop.

❖ **Big Trucks** - Tractor trailers, dump trucks, and similar vehicles can not stop in the same amount of time and distance that you can stop your car. They are 26 times heavier than your vehicle. It takes them much more time and distance to stop, especially on snow and ice covered roads. Always allow them plenty of room in front, behind, and to the sides to ensure everyone's safety.

❖ **Four Wheel Drive** - Four wheel drive is not the end all when it comes to inclement weather. This only helps you when trying to move your vehicle either forward or backwards, and slightly increases your vehicle's handling in this weather. Four wheel drive does not help you when you are trying to stop your car.

❖ **Avoid Distractions** - Distracted drivers are one of the leading causes of crashes in Pennsylvania. Do not talk on your cell phone, send text messages, turn around to talk to the children, read the newspaper, or put on your make-up while driving your vehicle. If you have to do any of the above, pull your vehicle to the shoulder of roadway safely before attempting to do them. It is advised to turn your cell phone off when you first get into your vehicle to avoid this distraction all together.

❖ **Wear Your Seatbelt** - Crashes happen when you least expect them. The best thing you can do to keep yourself and everyone in your vehicle safe is to ensure that you are all properly seatbelted. Children under 8 years of age should be in a child-restraint seat that is properly installed in your vehicle. The Lower Allen Township Police Department has car seat technicians who will install your car seat properly. To arrange an appointment call the Police Department during business hours at 717-975-7575.

❖ **Report Collisions** - If you are involved in a vehicle crash, no matter how minor, move your vehicle to the side of the roadway safely, if possible, and call 911. Even if you feel that you are at fault for the collision, it is better to have the crash investigated by the Police Department, because you may not know if the other driver has a valid car insurance policy. A police officer will respond to your location and obtain information from you and the other driver and complete a report. This will help you when making a claim to your insurance company.

Please drive and arrive safely this holiday and winter season using the above tips.



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Fitness Equipment Needed

The Public Safety wing of the new Municipal Services Center will include a fitness room so that our Police Officers, Firefighters and EMTs can be in peak physical shape when they respond to your calls for help. As a budget-saving measure, however, we did not include equipment right away. While we're looking at acquiring fitness equipment in the near future, we'd appreciate donations from the public in order to keep expenses down.

The fitness room isn't huge, so we do have to be a little choosy with what we accept, and of course the equipment must be safe and in good working order. Please don't be offended if we have to turn down your generous offer, just know that we certainly appreciate you for making it. Please contact Dianna Knisley at 975-7575 for more information.



Lower Allen Township Police Introduces the KidPrint ID System

Thanks to a grant through Senator Pat Vance's Office, Lower Allen Township Police Department has purchased a KidPrint ID System. This new service provides parents with a photo identification card, giving them the peace of mind in knowing that their child's important information is at their fingertips. KidPrint ID cards also provide the police department with a helpful tool for tracking a missing child more accurately and efficiently.

Each card includes the child's, height, weight, age, eye color, hair color and photo. Other pertinent information is also gathered and stored in a secure computer for one year. In the event that the person becomes missing, a poster can be created in minutes. Upon request, ID cards can also be produced for Alzheimer's patients and other at risk adults.

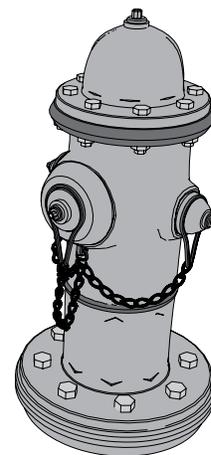
For additional information, or to sponsor a KidPrint event, please contact Dianna Knisley at 975-7575, ext.1602, or dianna_knisley@lower-allen.pa.us.



Fire Prevention Week

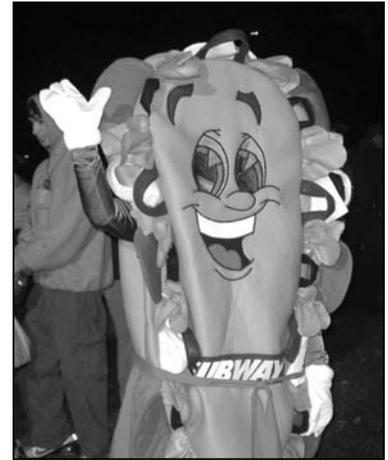
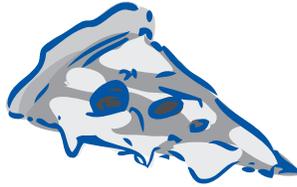
Lower Allen Firefighters and Public Safety Officers took time out of their busy schedules to teach area students about fire safety. Visits were made to Lower Allen Elementary School, Highland Elementary School, Rossmoyne Elementary School, Brookside Montessori School, The Goddard School and Christ Presbyterian Church Nursery School.

We would like to thank the Capital City Mall for their generous donation toward the purchase of fire prevention workbooks for the students.



SPONSOR APPRECIATION Fire Prevention and Trick or Treat Night October 25, 2007

Lower Allen Township Police, Fire and EMS visited 12 Township neighborhoods during Trick or Treat night. We would like to thank Pizza Hut (Hartzdale Dr.) for making 200 pizzas for our hungry trick or treaters. Sponsors for the event included DriveKore, Inc. and Flinchy's.



Periods for required headlights:

- Any time the operator cannot discern a person or vehicle upon the roadway from a distance of 1,000 feet due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, including rain, snow, sleet, hail, fog, smoke or smog.
- Any time when the vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to precipitation or atmospheric moisture, including rain, snow, sleet or mist.

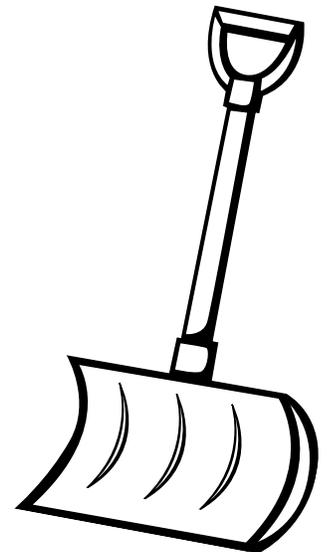
A question was asked if a vehicle equipped with day time running lamps, that automatically come on when the vehicle is started, meets this requirement. The answer is no they do not. The statute requires that your headlights be activated, as well as other lamps and illuminating devices required under the vehicle code, during these times. This is to ensure that your tail lights are also illuminated, which is not the case with day time running lamps.

This is also applicable when you are entering an active work zone. Full illumination of your headlights is required.

Snow and Ice removal from your vehicle:

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires the operators of any vehicle to fully remove snow and ice from their windshield, side windows, and rear window before operating the vehicle on the roadway. A small, cleared off spot on the front windshield does not meet this requirement.

It is also important to remove large amounts of snow or ice from the top of your vehicle. If the snow and or ice from the top of your vehicle should come off and damage another vehicle, or injure someone, it is punishable by a fine of up to \$1000.



Winter Parking Restrictions:

Odd/Even Parking Restrictions

This is 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 signs posted (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, you will get a parking ticket on your vehicle.

Snow & Bad Weather Parking Restrictions

Upon declaration of snow or bad weather parking restrictions, all residents will be given a minimum of six hours to remove their vehicles from the street. Vehicles may be returned to the street only after the parking restrictions have been lifted. The Township will use standard media notification to alert you as 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.

Vehicles violating the snow or bad weather parking restrictions will be subject to towing and a fine of \$100 per violation.

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 magnesium chloride, 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 * Hummel Ave. * 17th Street
- * L Locust Street * Arcona Road * Main St. Lisburn
- * Route 15, including all ramps and connecting roads.
- * Gettysburg Road – North of Lower Allen Drive

Snow Emergency Declaration

During a declared snow emergency, all residents of Lower Allen Township must move their vehicles from the roadway within 12 hours of the declaration. The vehicles may be returned to the roadway after all the snow and ice has been completely plowed for the full width of the roadway. During these weather related emergencies, you may park your vehicle in your yard, or any other area of your property, so long as your vehicles are not on the roadway.

If your vehicle remains on the roadway after 12 hours during a snow emergency, you shall pay a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1000, and the vehicle will be towed at the owners expense.





Interesting End Products - What Gets Recycled Into What?

Sometimes it's exactly what you'd expect. Old corrugated boxes turn into new corrugated boxes.

Newspapers? Same pulp, different news. Glass bottles into glass bottles. But some of the end products may surprise you!

Glass beverage containers can be recycled over and over again. But they can also be used for other things you may not expect, like roads, marbles, decorative tiles, surfboards, and a host of other products and materials.

Five PET bottles (plastic soda bottles) yield enough fiber for one extra large T-shirt, one square foot of carpet or enough fiber to fill one ski jacket.

Steel and aluminum cans can be easily recycled for the use in other steel and aluminum products.

Recycled steel and aluminum finds its way into new cars, bikes, appliances, cookware and a whole lot more.

Businesses and households are encouraged to keep recycling. Who knows, that T-shirt you're wearing today may have been a plastic soda bottle last month!!!



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.

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Wood Chips, Compost and Brush Wood 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, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to check on availability of compost or visit our website at www.lower-allen.pa.us.

Delivery:

Small load – 3 cubic yards\$15.00
Large load – 8 cubic yards \$25.00

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

Pick-Up:

The township will load your vehicle:
1-5 cubic yards \$10.00/load
(Each additional 1-5 cubic yards – \$10.00 each load)

Compost is available for pick-up by **Township residents** at no charge when loaded by the resident.

Brush and Wood Drop Off

1400 S. St. John's Road

(St. John's Road intersects with Lisburn Road and runs parallel to Slate Hill Road.

You can also access St. John's Road off Slate Hill Road by turning onto Appleton Street, then turn right on S. St. John's Road.)

- **Monday thru Friday (Year Round)**
8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

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

Trash Tidbits

Christmas Tree Pick Up

- The Township will be picking up Christmas trees from January 7th to the 11th. Please make sure you remove all ornaments, garland, plastic bags and decorations from the trees.

Trees will be picked up on the same day as your regular trash.

Waste Contract Extended

At their November 13th public meeting, the Commissioners voted to extend the Township's refuse contract with York Waste until December 31st, 2009. Staff had surveyed the bids and renewal rates for several surrounding municipalities and found that the extension rates offered by York Waste were lower. The Commissioners took the opportunity to retain a service that has generated relatively few complaints at no cost increase in 2008 and an increase of only 4.5% in 2009. The lowest increase we saw amongst the other municipalities was 4.7%, and that did not include bulk item pickup.

Residents will receive NO fee increase in 2008, but refuse is likely to increase by 2.25%, from \$55.50 to \$56.76 per quarter for 2009. Services, including unlimited refuse, recycling, bulk item and yard waste services would stay as they are.

No Recycling Waste Drop-off Center

Last Spring, residents along Slate Hill Road and in the Society Hill and Country Walk Apartments were notified by mail that the Cumberland County Solid Waste Authority was considering leasing part of Lower Allen's Public Works Facility for a drop-off center for recyclables, electronics, and hazardous waste.

Due to a shortage of funds, the County Commissioners have decided to focus their efforts on first providing such a facility in the western part of Cumberland County, where many municipalities do not have comprehensive recyclable programs. The plans for a facility in Lower Allen Township have been scrapped for the foreseeable future.

Bulk Item Roll-Offs

As a convenience to Township residents, roll-offs have been located at the Public Works Facility, 1400 S. St. John's 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. Items of metal containing any other material must be placed in the "bulk roll-off". As reminder, all fuels (gasoline, oil, etc.) must be removed prior to placing in the roll-off.

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

Stormwater Management Tips for the Winter

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 streets or into storm drains. Do not store or dump snow or sand into or near streams.

To find out more, visit the Department of Environmental Protection website at www.depweb.state.pa.us.

Calendar at a... GLANCE!

- Municipal Building. Unless other
- Wednesdays – 9:30am BINGO (Lisburn Commu
- **TAX OFFICE HOURS:** (2008 Dog Licenses available)
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 9am – 4pm



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Interested in volunteering at the 2008 July 4th Picnic?

Volunteers are always needed for the day of the event, and committee members are needed for planning. Meetings are held once a month starting in February. For more information or to sign up, please contact Donna Paul at 975-7575, ext. 1402.

January

1	New Years Day Holiday - TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
7	Board of Commissioners Meeting..... 7:30 p.m.
10	Last day to pay 2007 Township and County Per Capita & Real Estate Taxes, School Real Estate Taxes before going to collection.
15	Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
17	Zoning Hearing Board Meeting.....7:00 pm
23	Recreation & Parks Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm
28	Board of Commissioners Meeting..... 7:30 p.m.

February

1	Last Day to mail School Real Estate and Per Capita Taxes
11	Board of Commissioners Meeting..... 7:30 pm
19	Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
21	Zoning Hearing Board.....7:00 pm
25	Board of Commissioners Meeting..... 7:30 pm
27	Recreation and Parks Board Meeting 7:00 pm

March

10	Board of Commissioners Meeting..... 7:30 pm
15	Easter Egg Hunt at Lower Allen Community Park 10:00 am
18	Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
20	Zoning Hearing Board.....7:00 pm
24	Board of Commissioners Meeting..... 7:30 pm
26	Recreation and Parks Board Meeting 7:00 pm

April

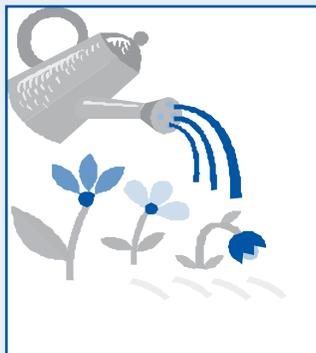
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15	Planning Commission 7:30 pm
17	Zoning Hearing Board.....7:00 pm
23	Recreation and Parks Board Meeting 7:00 pm
26	Gardners Gathering at Lower Allen Community Park, 9:00 - 10:00 am
28	Board of Commissioners Meeting, 7:30 pm
30	Last day to pay 2008 Township and County Real Estate & Per Capita Tax bills at discount amount.

Library News

Here is a brief overview of activities happening at your local libraries. For more information or to register for activities, please contact the library.

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Gardeners Gathering

April 26, 2008

The annual event will be held at Lower Allen Community Park.

Watch for more details in the Spring edition of the Township News or visit the website at www.lower-allen.pa.us

January Events

January 21 - February 25	Winter Story Time (Registration Required)
4	Chess Night, ages 7-13, 6:30 pm
5 & 12	Safe Sitter Certification Workshop 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
6	Meet the Musicians Series, 2:00 pm
8	The Making of the Modern Middle East 7:00 pm
17	Winter Crafts with Susan, age 3 9:15/10:30 am
18	Family BINGO Night, 7:00 pm
19	Day Care/Nursery School Fair 2:00 - 4:00 pm
20	Dance, Dance Revolution Tournament 2:00 pm - Grades 6-12
22	R.A.P. - 4:00 pm Literary Café: Beneath a Marble Sky 7:00 pm
23	American Girl Doll Book Club, 4:00 pm
25	Independent Film Fridays, 7:00 pm Not recommended for ages under 17.

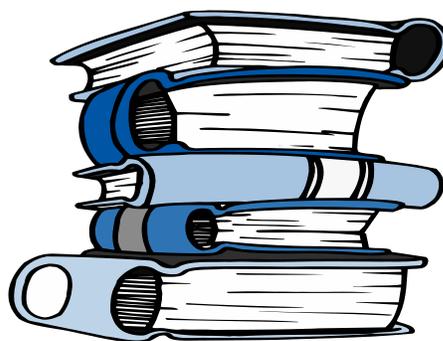
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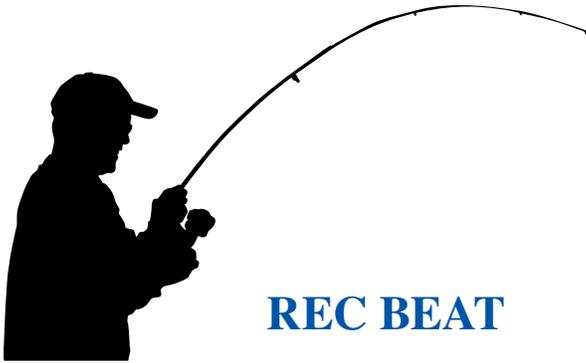
1	Chess Night, ages 7-13, 6:30 pm
3	Video Game Tournaments, 9-12th grades, 2:00 pm
8	Independent Film Fridays, 7:00 pm
9	Duct Tape Roses, grades 6-12, 2:00 pm
10	Meet the Musicians Series, 2:00 pm Video Game Tournaments, 6-8th grades, 2:00 pm
13	Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre 6:30 pm (Registration Required)
15	Family Movie Night, 6:30 pm
22	Independent Film Fridays, 7:00 pm Not recommended for ages under 17
26	R.A.P., Grades 2 - 4, 4:00 pm
26	Literary Café: Anne of Green Gables 7:00 pm
27	American Girl Doll Book Club, 4:00 pm
29	Independent Film Fridays, 7:00 pm
30	BINGO Night, 7:00 pm

March Events:

10	April 14 Spring Story Times For all ages birth - K.
8 & 15	Safe Sitter Certification Workshop 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
16	Meet the Musicians Series, 2:00 pm

For more information or to register for activities, please contact the library at 761-3900.





REC BEAT

With an unusually mild Fall we now are rolling into the Winter season. It's time to keep warm and reflect on what was accomplished in 2007. The Recreation and Parks Board has finished its recommendations for the 2008 strategic plan. This plan is based on the past year's comments from the residents, park tours and direction from the Township Staff and Commissioners. These ideas and goals are rolled into the plan in which the Township focuses its efforts on bringing you a park system that reflects the wishes of the residents of Lower Allen. Once again, as with past years, we will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Gardeners Gathering, National Trails Day, 4th of July Picnic 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. The Board is always looking for volunteers to help with these events.

We also had two new additions to our parks this year. A boat launch was created at the Lower Allen Community Park, partially funded by a grant from the PA Fish and Boat Commission. The other addition was a trail enhancement to the Yellow Breeches Park, which was accomplished as part of an Eagle Scout project. The boat launch is part of an ongoing project to establish a Water Trail along the Yellow Breeches. The overall goal is to establish more boat launches along various points along the creek. These points will allow easier access to put-in or take out spots for boating along the creek. The Recreation and Parks Board would also like to take this time to thank the Parks Maintenance Department and the Township staff for providing us a wonderful and beautifully maintained park system for the residents of Lower Allen.

Finally, we welcome your input as to what we can do to help improve the parks in the Township. Residents are always welcome, and our meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Township Municipal Building. Every month we have a "Feature Park" of the township that we focus on in depth. Even, if you can't make it to one of the meetings we still welcome your comments. If you have any suggestions or concerns please contact Donna Paul, staff liaison for the Recreation and Parks Board at donna_paul@lower-allen.pa.us or 975-7575, extension 1402.



Lower Allen Township's Easter Egg Hunt!!

Saturday, March 15th (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.

Lower Allen Community Park
4075 Lisburn Road

For additional information please call
Wendy Hayden or Donna Paul at 975-7575



Street Light Assessments to Rise in 2008

Due to the increasing costs of electricity and maintenance, The Commissioners were forced to adjust street light assessments. These assessments are levied on any properties within 300 feet of a street light, and are calculated by the number of linear feet of frontage on the street. Unimproved properties are assessed at 25% of improved properties.

Assessments on improved properties will increase from 40 cents to 52 cents per linear foot, while unimproved properties will decrease from 15 cents to 13 cents per front foot. These rates will result in an average bill of \$39.21 and \$15.66 respectively, while the most common assessment amount will be \$31.20 and \$19.50.

These rates are expected to realize a positive fund balance in the Street Light Fund until 2016, when the accumulated effect of inflation will once again require an adjustment. Obviously, the Commissioners would prefer not to increase this assessment, but they also understand that we cannot continue to operate the Street Light Fund in the red without subsidizing it from the General Fund.

New Township Business

The following new businesses have opened in Lower Allen Township within 2007:

Young Chefs Academy - 3401 Hartzdale Drive, Suite 105

Fleet Operation - 1304 Slate Hill Road

Go Games & Toys - 3521 Capital City Mall Drive

Pinnacle Physical Therapy - 900 Century Drive

IFCO Systems - 2410 Gettysburg Road

L.A. Automotive - 2236 Gettysburg Road

Aero Fitness - 4750 Westport Drive, Suite 300

New Horizons of Harrisburg - 5010 Ritter Road, Suite 123

CACI, Inc. - 5000 Ritter Road

Yamaha of Camp Hill - 3809 Hartzdale Drive

Courtyard Marriott - 4921 Gettysburg Road

Starbucks - 3506 Capital City Mall Drive

Glass Gallery - 3506 Capital City Mall Drive

McGrath's Emerald Grille - 3439 Capital City Mall Drive

Build-A-Bear Store - 3506 Capital City Mall Drive

Moneyline Lenders - 3401 Hartzdale Drive, Suite 103B

Armstrong Cabinets - 4700 Westport Drive, Suite 400

Prevail Salon - 1 Commercial Drive

Dakota Watch Company - 3506 Capital City Mall Drive

Sugar Mama's - 3401 Hartzdale Drive, Suite 113

Samantha's Jewelry - 3506 Capital City Mall Drive

New York & Company - 3521 Capital City Mall Drive

Texas Roadhouse - 1101 Lower Allen Drive

Body Central - 3455 Capital City Mall Drive

Kay Jewelers - 3538 Capital City Mall Drive

QUARTERLY TAX TIPS

Bonnie K. Miller

The Holiday Season is Here!

The holiday season is here! Autumn leaves give way to branches twinkling with colorful lights. The air is filled with a crisp pine scent, as scarecrows hibernate and are replaced with stout snowmen. The "fruits of fall" can be enjoyed in piping hot pies and cider spiced with nutmeg and cinnamon. And of course, snow, snow, snow. I can't predict or change the weather forecast, but I can make your winter a little warmer with the following tax tips and services.

It's Your Right and Responsibility: Thank you for exercising your greatest right as an American...the right to vote. Your vote counts more than you realize.

A Stocking Stuffer for your Pet: 2008 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.

My Gift To 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 This Holiday Season:
Mark Your Calendar Today!**

Avoid extra costs from a collection agency by paying March 1, 2007 Lower Allen Township and Cumberland County Real Estate, per capita taxes, and July 1st West Shore School District Real Estate taxes **no later than Thursday, January 10, 2008.**

Personal checks for tax payments in penalty will **not** be accepted after **December 7, 2007**. The reason for this policy is the increasing number of Non-Sufficient Funds checks we have received in the past. **The only method of payment accepted after December 7 will be cash, money order, or cashier's check.** Sorry, we cannot accept partial payments or credit card payments. 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.

2008 Lower Allen Township and Cumberland County Real Estate and Per Capita taxes dated March 1, 2008 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. If everyone pays their fair share, perhaps some future tax increases can be avoided.

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 2008 are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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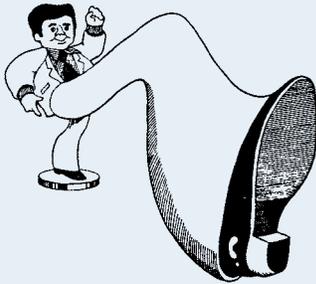
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Price, Ad Size & Number of Issues

- \$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.

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 yellow mail box in front of the Township Municipal Building at 1993 Hummel Avenue, give it to the receptionist or mail it. THANKS

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