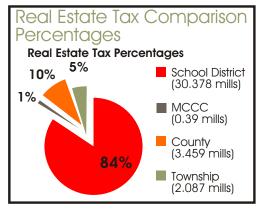


Supervisors Adopt 2020 Budget: No Tax Increase

The Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors adopted the 2020 budget at its December 5, 2019 public meeting. The budget holds the line on taxes. For 2020, the Township tax rate will remain at 2.087 mills.

A homeowner with an average assessment of \$168,000 will continue to pay \$351 in real estate taxes to Lower Providence. Only 5 percent of a homeowner's total real estate tax bill comes back to the Township to fund all the services it provides.



The 2020 General Operating budget includes total revenues of \$10,497,085 and total expenditures of \$10,779,379, representing operation at a deficit of \$282,294. The Township began 2019 with a General Fund Balance of \$3.4 million and due to some one-time revenue generators ended the year with fund balance of \$3.9 million. A portion of these revenues will be used to balance the 2020 budget, bringing the balance at the end of 2020 to \$3.7 million.

In presenting the budget to the Board of Supervisors, Township Manager Donald Delamater said that the Township's Unrestricted Capital Fund will be used for the capital projects included in the 2020 budget and noted that this is a trend that is not sustainable. He recommended establishment of a subcommittee to begin meeting in the first half of 2020.

"The committee," Delamater said, "would review options to address the Township's operating and capital budget needs moving forward not just for next year, but for the next 5 to 10 years, to put us on a sustainable path to meet our needs." He further explained that this committee would provide the options and recommendations as part of the 2021 budget process.

The majority of expenditures in the 2020 budget remain consistent from last year with the exception of the normal annual personnel cost increases. Representing a large portion of the General Fund - 86 percent - these increases are people-related costs. "We are at a point where it is difficult to make cuts here without compromising services," said Delamater.

Capital purchases and projects planned for 2020 include:

- Technology Upgrades\$7,200
- New GIS Software\$44,900
- Police Radio Equipment Upgrade..\$35,780 - Part of interest-free County loan
- 3 police vehicles\$150,000 - Includes one hybrid vehicle
- Dump truck/plow/spreader\$180,000
 Replaces 1993 vehicle
- Gunite repair projects\$19,000
 Alternative to costly stormwater pipe replacement

Realizing Environmental Goals

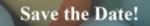
A contract with Constellation Energy will provide 100 percent renewable energy to the Township facilities, streetlights and traffic signals in 2020 using Constellation's NewMix© Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). The RECs are Green-e Energy Certified and sourced from generating facilities located in the continental US. They will be used for the generation portion of the Township's electricity.

The use of renewable energy furthers the Township's commitment to environmental goals outlined in a resolution the Board of Supervisors approved in May supporting the increased use of clean, renewable energy and sustainability. In addition to the renewable energy contract, a hybrid vehicle will join the Police Department fleet in 2020 and all lighting in the Township Building has been replaced with LED fixtures greatly reducing daily energy consumption.

The Constellation contract represents a savings of approximately 21 percent roughly \$1,900 for the year for streetlight and traffic light electric generation. Another 18 percent about \$4,300 - in savings will be gained for electric generation to Township facilities. The one-year contract is through the Pennsylvania Municipal League's Municipal Utility Alliance which selected Constellation Energy through a request for proposal process.

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Methacton School District	610-489-5000

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New Supervisor, Auditor Sworn Into Office

committees.

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"News" tab.

Newly-elected Supervisor Cara Coless was sworn in at the annual reorganization meeting of Board of Supervisors held on January 6, 2020. Also taking the oath of office at the meeting was newly-elected auditor Anna Darpino Morris.

At the meeting, the Board elected a chairman and vice chairman for the year and made appointments to

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able to be included in this edition.

For photos and a summary of the

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lowerprovidence.org, under the

further details of the meeting were

To sign up, go to

www.ReadyMontco.org and click on the Sign Up tab at the top of the page. If you need assistance, consider reaching out to a family member or neighbor. There is also a short "how to sign up" video you can watch. You will need to provide an email address to register. You'll be prompted to enter basic contact information and how you would like to be contacted. If you have a smart phone, you can download the Everbridge Mobile Member from the App Store on your iPhone or Android.

If you have questions, please call the Township Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Rohlfing at 610-635-3546.

MEETING SC	HEDULE	Watch at home or online: Board of Supervisors &	2020 Administration Office Closures
Board of Supervisors 7:00 p.m. 1 st and 3 rd Thursdays	Planning Commission 7:00 p.m. 4 th Wednesday	Zoning Hearing Board meetings are shown on the Cable Access Channel (Comcast Channel 28 and	Presidents' DayMonday, Feb. 17 Good FridayFriday, April 10 Easter MondayMonday, April 13
Library Board of Trustees 7:00 p.m. 3 rd Monday Library Board Room	Sewer Authority 6:00 p.m. 2 nd Monday Sewer Authority Board Room	Verizon Channel 42) the week following a meeting. Rebroadcast times are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1 am, 9 am and 7 pm.	Memorial DayMonday, May 25 Flag DayMonday, June 15 (Observed) Independence DayFriday, July 3 (Observed) Labor DayMonday, Sept. 7
Parks & Recreation Board 7:00 p.m. 3 rd Tuesday All meetings held at the To Building unless ot	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	You can also watch Board of Supervisors meetings on the Township website, www.lowerprovidence.org - click on "Minutes" to find the meeting videos.	Columbus DayMonday, Oct. 12 Veterans' Day Wednesday, Nov. 11 Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday/Friday Nov. 26 & 27 Christmas Holiday Thursday/Friday Dec. 24 & 25

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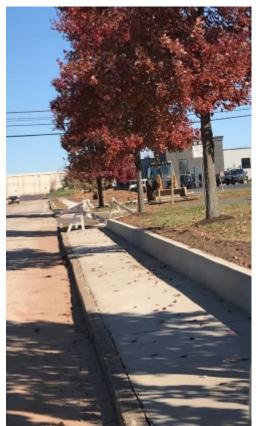
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Township Awarded County, State Grants

Creating Connections in Park Pointe

The Township has been awarded a Montgomery County grant for "Creating Connections in Park Pointe," a sidewalk project to improve pedestrian safety and connectivity in the Township's business park. The grant was awarded through the county's Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program which supports local projects that specifically further the goals of the county Comprehensive Plan and its themes of Connected Communities, Sustainable Places, and Vibrant Economy.

The Park Pointe business park has experienced substantial growth and redevelopment in recent years, with the Township benefiting from real estate transfer taxes and an expanding employment base. The increased walkability and access to surrounding shops and restaurants that the project will provide are amenities that will help attract continued interest in the park.



The sidewalk project includes construction along Jefferson Avenue, as well as Adams and Eisenhower avenues.

The project includes the construction of sidewalks along Adams, Eisenhower, and Jefferson avenues, and painted crosswalks and ADA ramps at the Eisenhower/Adams and Eisenhower/Jefferson intersections. These connections also will tie into a paved trail that links Park Pointe to the neighboring Audubon Square V retail center.

The business park is uniquely situated between established residential neighborhoods, an active senior population at Shannondell retirement community, a golf course, and Audubon Square that includes hotels and other dining and retail establishments. Continued growth of pedestrian connections and linkages to these adjacent amenities and populations will help to transform this area into a highly desirable center. The completed Route 422 interchange will further aid in attracting new businesses and potentially additional residential uses.

PennDOT Green Light-Go

The Township was awarded a PennDOT Green Light-Go Program grant to be used for automated traffic signal performance measures with fiber optic communication, controller upgrades, and detection upgrades at three intersections along Egypt Road.

Green Light-Go, municipal signal partnership program, provides state funds for the operation and maintenance of traffic signals along critical and designated corridors on state highways. Grants are provided as reimbursement to municipalities for updates to improve the efficiency and operation of existing traffic signals.



DID YOU Census KNOW...? 2020

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task: counting all the people living in the United States. This count affects the allocation of funding for our community's public resources (e.g., roads, hospitals, schools), how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. Learn more about the importance of the census and how to participate: **2020census.gov**. #2020Census



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Community Development

Faces of Service: Community Development Department

It is the primary responsibility of the Township's Community Development team to foster and ensure a safe environment for the Township's growing and richly diverse community. Team members assist, advise, and regulate residents and businesses navigating the permit and land development processes. It is our hope that by learning a little more about each of us, you'll find us approachable should you need our services.

Community Development Director / Zoning Officer.....Mike Mrozinski......610.635.3514 In addition to his Department Leader duties, Mike is also Zoning Officer responsible for review of applications for compliance with Zoning ordinances. He also is staff liaison to the Planning Commission & Zoning Hearing Board.

Fire Marshal / Emergency Management......Michael Rohlfing610.635.3546 Michael's duties include local coordination of planning, preparation, and communication with the public & local businesses related to larger-scale emergencies. Michael also oversees investigations of the source of fires, as well as conduction of annual safety inspections of local businesses.

Permit Coordinator......**Joan Holley**.....**610.635.3512** As the contact point to the public, Joan's role includes preparation of forms, data entry of submissions, coordination with reviewers & applicants, as well as scheduling of inspections.

> Community Development officials (I to r) Ron Long, Brad Bollinger and Mike Mrozinski

> > discuss work underway at the

Permit coordinator Joan Holley, left, and Administrative Assistant Tina Blain serve as the department's points of contact for the public.





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Development Projects: Underway & Under Review

ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION 109 River Road

Family and Friends Holdings are renovating the former residence to include office space and exterior improvements. Work is underway.

Courts at Brynwood

Within this 139-townhome community along Germantown Pike, most of the units in Phase One have already been sold, many are occupied, and construction on Phase Two is underway. Community amenities have been installed.

Crawford Estates, 37 Crawford Road

Site work has begun. There are to be eight lots, six of them being new. This project adjoins the intersection of Park Ave./Crawford Rd./Eagleville Rd., site of proposed intersection improvements.

Dunkin Donuts

Construction of the new Dunkin Donuts is well underway at Trooper Road and Ridge Pike.

Enclaves at Evansburg

DeLuca Homes of Bucks County is underway with this project, which is to include 24 small-lot single homes in a tract connecting Evansburg Road and Ridge Pike.

Evansburg Vineyards, 3855 Germantown Pike

Existing buildings are being renovated to create a winery and tasting room. Operations to start in 2020.

Liberty N Park, 805 N. Park Avenue

Proposal to create two new residential lots. Construction on the first home is underway.

TruHotel - Audubon Square V

The new Tru by Hilton hotel opened November 21. The 121-room, five-story hotel is located at 825 Forge Ave. adjacent to Starbucks and Sprint.

PLANS THAT HAVE COMPLETED FINAL REVIEW:

28 Eagleville Road

Construction of the new headquarters for HTC Builders is anticipated for later this year.

306 Level Road

This plan proposes seven new single-family homes on a cul-de-sac, in between Arrowhead Elementary School and the Woods at Providence - Stella's Way. Construction is set to begin soon.

3829 Yerkes Road

Proposal to create two new residential lots. Recently received approvals from outside agencies.

3880 Yerkes Road

Proposal to create a new residential lot.

Eagleville Hospital, 100 Eagleville Road

A \$45-million project to modernize the campus is to begin in late 2019 or early 2020. All township approvals have been obtained.

Gambone Family Development

This is a nine-lot single family home development on Woodland Avenue, near the new ball fields and Woodland Elementary School.

American Tile - 9 S Park

This proposal is to renovate and repurpose the former marketing company building at S Park Avenue and Second Street. Two new apartments are to be added and the building expanded to house the Company's activities. American Tile is relocating from a neighboring community.

PLANS UNDER REVIEW

IROY Gym & Track, 3444-50 Germantown Pike

The project is proceeding through the land development process. Plans call for the conversion of the former Bridaltown building into an approximately 47,000- square foot indoor gym and track facility, relocating from a neighboring community.





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Winter Weather Reminders

Where to Go for Snow Info

As always, your cooperation is appreciated to help us make sure Township roads are maintained during inclement weather. Important snow removal information is posted on the Snow Info webpage: https://www.lowerprovidence.org/public-works/pages/snow-removal-information.

Here are some important reminders:

- Please keep in mind that is almost impossible to keep snow from being deposited at driveways during plowing (see the shoveling tip at right)
- Do not place or blow snow into the street
- If there is a fire hydrant on your property, please clear the snow away from the area around it leaving the markers intact
- Please make sure portable basketball hoops are moved out of the way
 of snow plows. We're trying to make sure the streets can be cleared
 and prevent damage to both the plow vehicles and the basketball nets.
- Remember that the plow truck needs room to clear your street please make every effort not to park cars on both sides of the street

Sidewalks and Snow

Property owners and tenants of properties bordering public streets are required by Township Ordinance to thoroughly clear a pathway at least 30 inches wide in the sidewalk within 48 hours after it stops snowing. In ice or sleet events, tenants/owners are required to cover the sidewalk with ashes, sawdust or similar materials. Placing snow in the roadway or gutter is prohibited (Ordinance 120-34).

Mailbox Damage

It is possible that some residential mailboxes will suffer damage during a snowstorm. If damaged is caused by snow or ice hitting the mailbox or due to deteriorated materials, repair or replacement is the homeowner's responsibility. If it is believed that the damage is the result of direct contact with a plow truck, please call the Public Works Department, 610-635-3525, after the storm has subsided and within 48 hours, and we will evaluate the damage

to determine responsibility.

A smart way to shovel your drive

How to reduce the possibility of getting a huge pile of snow in your driveway opening when snowplows clear your street



It's the Law

State law requires that vehicles be completely clear of snow and ice and headlights be on when windshield wipers are in use. Daylight running lights, a standard feature on most cars these days, are not enough. It is necessary for drivers in vehicles with daytime running lights to turn on their headlights in order to activate their taillights.



lowerprovidence.org/public-works/ pages/snow-removal-information

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From The Police Department

Congratulations and Welcome...

The Department is pleased to announce the following promotions and new hire:

- Bill Hopkins was promoted to Lieutenant on October 17, 2019. Lt. Hopkins began his career in July 2000 and was previously assigned as the department's Administrative Sergeant.
- Zach Wise was promoted to Sergeant on November 7, 2019. Sgt. Wise began his career in April 2013 and he is currently assigned to patrol.
- Ryan Singleton was promoted to Corporal on November 7, 2019. Cpl. Singleton began his career in June 2013 and he is currently assigned to patrol.
- Officer Lance Cannon joined the Department on June 24, 2019. Ofc. Cannon is a graduate of West Chester University and previously worked for the Philadelphia Police Department.







Chief Mike Jackson, Sgt. Zach Wise and Cpl. Ryan Singleton

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Protect Against Package Theft

With the popularity of online shopping ever increasing, the Lower Providence Township Police Department offers the following tips to avoid the theft of packages left at your doorstep:

- Elect to have delivery confirmation when packages are shipped to your home.
- Contact the shipping company and arrange for the delivery at a time when you will be home.
- Arrange for a friend or neighbor to receive the package on your behalf if you are not home.
- Keep an eye out for strangers coming to your front door for no apparent reason. Be suspicious of anyone following delivery trucks.
- If you have an understanding boss, have your package delivered to your place of employment.
- Track your packages online to see exactly when they are scheduled for delivery.
- If available, request text notifications on your cell phone when a package has been delivered.
- Have FedEx or UPS packages sent to a local distribution center nearby to be held for pick up.
- If your package contains a valuable item, request delivery insurance.



No Need for Speed



The Lower Providence Township Police Department has made speed enforcement a priority throughout the township. Portable speed signs are regularly installed on township roadways for traffic calming. These signs serve as a reminder to motorists to be aware of their speed. They also collect data for us to use in traffic studies. Results of the traffic studies help us prioritize which roadways should/could benefit from increased enforcement details.









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LP Ambulance: How To Help Us Help You

Lower Providence Community Center (LPCC) would like to share some points to help you manage a call to 911 for an ambulance which can be one of the most stressful times in a person's life. The 911 dispatchers are trained to help callers give basic first aid for any immediate life-threatening situations. Remaining calm and making every effort to control your emotions will help the person in distress and help manage the emergency, preventing possible delays. If the safety of a scene is in question, the ambulance crew may stay away from the scene until the police department determines it is safe.

Can the ambulance crew find you? The use of GPS can help find buildings faster, but the technology is only as good as the database. If you live in a site that people have trouble locating, please give a reference point to the dispatcher. If you have a house number, can it be seen from the street or is it hidden? Do you have an outside light that can be turned on? The faster we can find you, the faster we can start treatment.

Once the ambulance crew arrives, we ask a lot of questions. They help usunderstand the current situation,

evaluate the status of the patient and decide what type of hospital the patient needs. The questions are usually directed to the patient. We will look to family members/ caregivers to help fill in any responses that could not be answered by the patient or to decide if the patient is acting normally.

Calling 911 for an ambulance can be stressful, but if you take a few preventative steps now, you will be ready...

We then look to gather specific information. Below is a sample:

Personal Demographics: Name, age, date of birth, address, phone number, social security number, primary care physician's name.

Medical History: Major medical conditions such as heart conditions, strokes, diabetes, respiratory conditions, cancer or genetic diagnosis, surgeries or mental health diagnosis.

Current Medications: Names and dosage amounts of all current medications, including over-the-counter and herbal/holistic medicines/supplements.

Allergies: Allergies to any medications or medical treatment materials, the type of reaction the patient may have when they come in contact with the allergen.

The information aids in completing our assessment of the patient who is in distress. *The most effective way to communicate the information listed above is to create a prewritten list or flash card.* It should be easily accessible and updated when any changes are made. The information is used by our ambulance crews and provided to the Emergency Room staff.

The ambulance crews respond to these types of calls each day and they will be there to offer help and get you through the challenging situation. For more information, please view our website at www.medic322.com or contact us at 610-539-8465.



Fire Department News



Salute to outgoing Fire Chief James Alexander

Jim Alexander joined the Lower Providence Volunteer Fire Department in August of 1988. At the time, he was a junior firefighter being under the age of 18. Over the past 31 years, Jim moved through the ranks from firefighter to his election as Fire Chief in 2013. He also has served on the board of trustees and as the Deputy Fire Marshal.

The community and department can be proud of the many accomplishments Chief Alexander and his staff have achieved over the last six years. A few of the major items would include: Implementing an apparatus replacement program; taking delivery of a new fire engine and heavy rescue; ordering a new aerial ladder; forming a recruitment and retention stipend program; and completing countless hours of hard disciplined training.

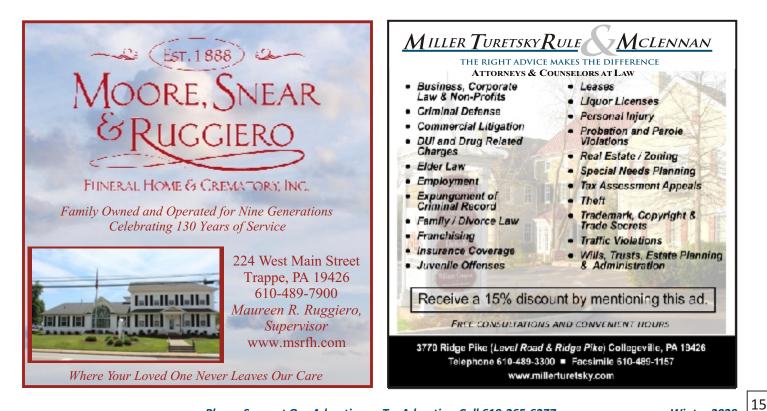
Jim will remain a line officer and continue to serve the Township as Deputy Fire Chief. We're grateful to have had Jim as the LPFD Fire Chief to lead the department for the last six years. His impact will be long-lasting and he is owed a debt of gratitude from the Township and its residents.



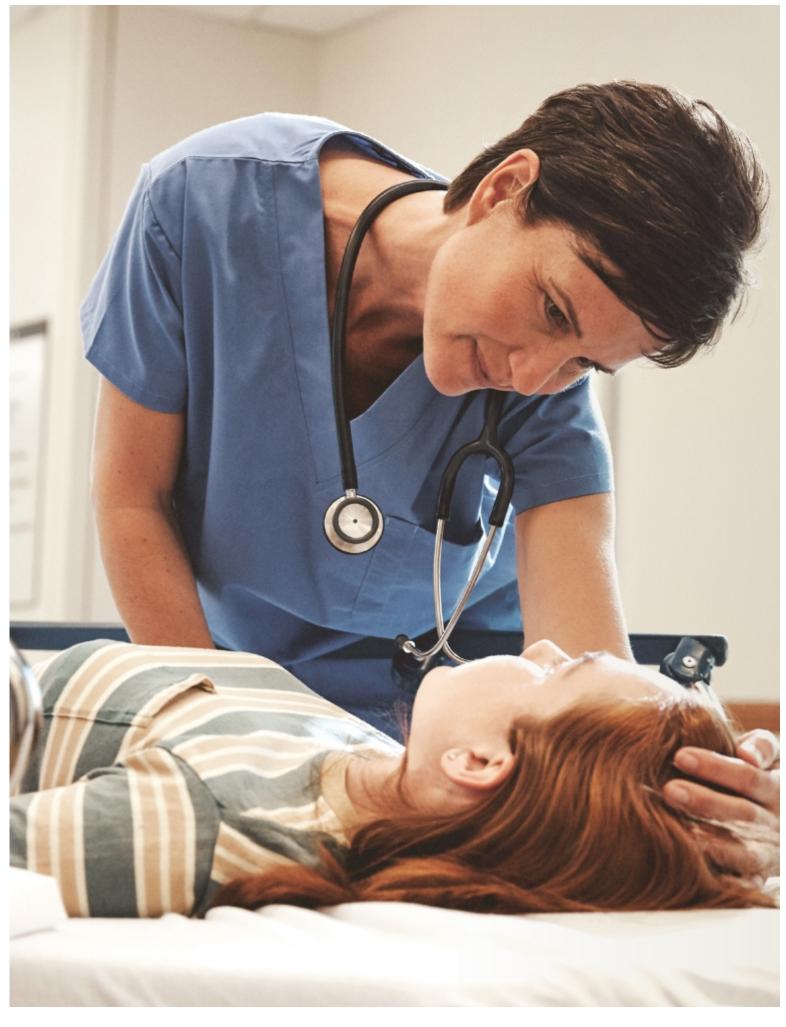


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Carpooling Campaign Targets Commuter Congestion

422 MY WAY

In southeastern Pennsylvania, 76% of commuters drive alone to work, and only 9% carpool (U.S. Census Bureau, 2016). Carpooling is an alternative transportation mode that helps to reduce the number of people who drive alone. Something the U.S. 422 Corridor could benefit from since it continues to be one of the most congested roadways in Montgomery County with over 100,000 vehicles traveling it per day!

A campaign underway by GVF focuses on the need to start looking at commuting options and make better choices for quality of life. The 422 My Way campaign promotes transportation alternatives that avoid driving alone such as carpooling,

vanpooling, public transit, biking, walking or working from home. If more people choose carpooling over driving alone, congestion could be alleviated, improving the environment and the quality of life for our region.

Carpooling is one of the easiest alternative transportation modes to participate in. Through 422 My Way commuters can find information on the Share-A-Ride program, a free, online service that matches commuters with potential carpools. Visit **422myway.com** and sign up through the pledge page. Once signed up, commuters create a profile with their personal preferences and are matched with potential carpools or vanpools in their area.

GVF's campaign will include contests and prizes until it concludes in May 2020. Commuters can also follow the

campaign on social media by liking @422coalition on Facebook and following @US422coalition on Twitter.

Founded in 1990, GVF is a not-forprofit organization created to advocate and promote a viable transportation network for the region's economic vitality. To maximize awareness and develop sustainable support, it partners with public and private entities.

Contact Stacey Weiss, TDM Manager, GVF, sweiss@qvftma.com or 610-354-8899.



Sewer Authority News **Sewer Line Replacement Work**

The most recent Sewer Authority project that was completed has proven to be very successful in removing I/I* from the Sanitary Sewer System. The Sewer Authority went back to areas of the project and paved the roads and driveways affected by the project. There are a few more areas throughout the Township that will need sewer mains replaced in the near future.

*Inflow and infiltration

(I/I) is clear water that enters the sewer system from a variety of sources. Infiltration occurs when groundwater seeps into sewer pipes through cracks, leaky pipe joints and/or deteriorated manholes which may cause sewage volumes to exceed design capacity.

Force Main Break

The Authority had three Force Main breaks this year. All of the force main breaks were due to the deterioration of the 50-60-year-old pipes / system. The Sewer Authority will be replacing / upgrading those areas in the future.

You may have seen us digging up the repairs on:

- Audubon Road at the A.R.A baseball field
- East Mount Kirk Avenue •
- North Park Avenue

The Sewer Authority wants our customers to know that our employees are always available during regular business hours by calling 610-539-6161 to address emergency situations. After hours emergencies, please call 1-800-379-5713. If you should have a backup in your outside line, contact us so that we can verify that it is not being caused by a blockage in our main line before you call your plumber.

Pictured are before and after pictures of the Audubon Road force main break and repair.



Deteriorated section of pipe to be repaired







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We Can Recycle That Now!



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The Township's waste and recycling hauler, J.P. Mascaro & Sons, has teamed up with some of the biggest companies in the world to increase its recyclable processing ability. The Township is now the second community in the nation to be able to recycle "flexible packaging" curbside (cereal pouches, chip bags, retail bags, etc.) The addition became effective with the December 5th collection, allowing residents to recycle materials that are considered "rFlex." J.P. Mascaro sent a list of the included materials to residents' homes and they also can be viewed on the Township website. Mascaro has set up a hotline to answer any questions about the program: 484-250-4686. Also, a display outlining the program can be visited at the Community Library. Learn more about the program at: materialsrecoveryforthefuture.com.

Clean and place these items in your recycling cart:





We all have clothes and electronics we no longer use cluttering our closets, drawers, and basements. Retrievr is the only program that collects these items right from your door and then recycles them for you.

Your neighbors have already discovered the joy of decluttering their homes by recycling over 50 tons of clothing and electronics. Now you can, too!

Thanks to Montgomery County's partnership with **retrievr**, you can recycle your clothing and electronics right from your doorstep. This service is FREE for all clothing, textiles, and small electronics. **Simply visit** <u>retrievr</u> or text the word PICKUP to **757-70-FETCH** (757-703-3824), and **retrievr** will send a truck to your home. Bag up your items and leave them on your porch; or, leave them inside your door and tell **retrievr** to ring your bell when they arrive.

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FAQ

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What if I can't send text messages?

Call our number and leave a voicemail. Someone will contact you to schedule a pickup.

What items do you accept?

Visit retrievr for a full list of accepted items.

Where should I leave my items?

You can leave your items on your porch, just outside your door, or just outside your garage.

What if I have items I don't want to leave outside, is that okay?

Yes! You might prefer to keep items like computers, phones, or tablets indoors until the driver arrives. When you schedule your pickup, you can ask **retrievr** to ring your bell when they arrive.

Can I get a tax write off for items collected?

No. Just as your recycled paper, bottles and cans are not tax deductible, neither are recycled clothing and electronics.

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Library Events & Programs

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Model Train Exhibit

Friday, January 31 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturday, February 1, 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM Fun for all ages.

CHILDREN AND TEEN EVENTS

Storytimes! Mondays & Tuesdays 10:30 AM

Infant - 2 Year Olds

11:15 AM Older 2s & 3 Year Olds

Thursdays

10:30 AM & 2 PM *4 Year Olds & Older* (This is a Storytime for children only. Parents remain in the Library.)

Saturdays 10:30 AM

Infant -3 Year Olds

11:15 AM 4 Year Olds & Older

Music and Movement!

This is a fun, interactive movement class set to music for ages 18 months to 3 years, along with their caregiver. Due to popularity, this class is "First Come, First Serve." Instructor: Kendra **DATES** Fridays: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13, April 17, & May 15 @ 10:30 AM

LEGOS!

We supply the Legos, you supply the fun! Drop-in, free-play. Caregivers remain with children under 10. We meet the first Monday of the month in the Community Room.

DATES

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Mondays: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, 3:45 - 4:45 PM

Adit's Binary Bootcamp!

Instructor Aditi will teach HTML computer class to kids in Grades 3 - 6. Registration is required to due limited space. Please make sure your child can attend all four classes. **DATES**

Saturdays - Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 8 & 15 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Giggle Magic *presents* Pirates Treasure!

Join us for another fun music, comedy and dance party! This program is geared for ages 3 - 6 year olds. No registration necessary. (This event is in place of Monday storytimes on this date.) **DATE** Mon. Feb. 17 @ 10:30 AM

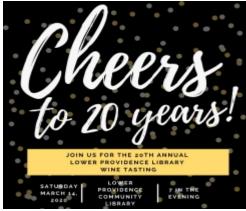
Animal Babies!

The Perkiomen Watershed will introduce young children to animal babies found in our area. Ages 4 - 6 Instructor: Linda Altman **DATE** Thursday, March 26 @ 1 PM

Fabulous Frogs!

This program, geared for ages 4 - 6, introduces children to the wonderful world of frogs! Instructor: Linda Altman from the Perkiomen Watershed.

DATE: Thusday, April 23 @ 1 PM





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Parks & Recreation Department



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The Lower Providence Township Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide professional, multifaceted leisure services to the community.

Our mission is based on a passion for enriching the lives of our residents through recreation, creating natural beauty and maintaining a safe, clean park environment. We foster the responsibility for developing, supporting and administering recreational activities and facilities that enhance the quality of life for all our residents.



Check out the website for Lower Providence **Township Parks and Recreation Programs!** www.lptrec.com

To get started, please visit the website and create an account with all your household information. The data provided - emergency contacts, medical information, etc. - will help us better serve you. This information will also be automatically placed into your registration forms.



2020 Winter/Spring Recreation Programs are now on www.lptrec.com so check out all the fun and exciting recreation programs, special events and bus trips for everyone!

- Living Well In LP Workshop Series Firebird Theater Acting Classes
- LP Seniors On The Go Series
- Spring Jump Start T-Ball Program Mediation/Yaga Classes
- Sensory Shenanigans Fun
- LP Spring Walking Club
- Zumba Fitness Class

- SNAPOLOGY Lego Workshops
- Kids Night Out Programs
- AND MUCH MORE!

You Snooze...You Lose! Nothing cancels a good class quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If there are not enough registrations by a certain date, the program will be cancelled! No walk-ins accepted at program site, so please register early!

RECREATION PROGRAM NOTES:

Early Registration Saving (ERS): With the ERS, you'll save an average of 10% just for registering early! To qualify, register more than 7 days before the start date of a program. (Does not include bus trips.)

2020 Bus Trips & Tours

03/25/20	Mohegan Sun Casino Trip
04/07/20	Washington D.C. Cherry Blossom Trip
05/06/20	St. Michael's, Maryland
07/14/20	Murder Mystery Lunch at Bube's Brewery
• •	NYC American Girl Lunch/NYC Day Trip
	Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Check website in January for more details and to register visit www.lptrec.com

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DISCOUNT TICKETS!

MOVIE TICKETS:

Lower Providence Township Department of Parks and Recreation offers discount tickets to the "Movie Tavern" & "Regal Entertainment Group" theatres in our area. These ticket vouchers may be purchased at the Township Building, Monday Friday, between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm. Cash and most major credit cards are accepted to purchase tickets. No personal checks, refunds or exchanges.





Movie Tavern Tickets are \$8.50 Regal Entertainment Group tickets are \$10.00 **

**Participating Regal Entertainment Group theatres include United Artists, Regal Cinemas & Edwards Theatres.

SKI/SNOWBOARDING LIFT TICKETS:

Lower Providence Township offers cool savings on discount ski tickets! These ski lift tickets may be purchased at the Township Building, Monday -Friday, between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm. Cash and credit cards are accepted to purchase tickets. No personal checks, refunds or exchanges. Tickets will be available through March 2020. Call ahead to confirm availability.



Ski Areas Include:

www.LowerProvidence.org

- Bear Creek
- Blue Mountain
- Elk Mountain
- Big Boulder/Jack Frost
- Camelback
- Shawnee Mountain
- & MORE

2020 Lower Providence Township Community Events

41st Annual Easter Egg Hunt *Eagleville Park* Saturday, March 28, 2020 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Rain Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020

NEW!

Spring STAR Party *Eagleville Park* Friday, TBD (April 2020) 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

NEW!

Yard Sale in the Park

Eagleville Park Saturday, May 16, 2020 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

NEW!

Concert in the Park Eagleville Park

Sunday, May 31, 2020 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Band: TBD

25th All American Celebration & Fireworks Eagleville Park Saturday, July 4, 2020 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Rain Date: Sunday, July 5, 2020

Summer Movie in the Park "MOANA" *Eagleville Park* Wednesday, August 5, 2020 7:30 pm 9:30 pm *Rain Date: Thursday, August 6, 2020*

















Resolutions!

an excerpt from Andrew Mullen's book, Middle Schooled.

When do you normally sit down and think, "How can I be a better parent to my middle school student?" Maybe you do that in between going to work and doing the laundry, or while picking up after the dog in the yard. Does your phone make a noise reminding you that between 12-1 on Thursday you are going to ponder ways to better support your children? You probably often find yourself saying "Sorry Sally, I can't go out to dinner with you on Saturday, I am brainstorming ways to improve as a parent. Maybe next time!' Oh, you don't do that? (Insert judgmental tone and eye rolling from this author.) Hmmm, I think we have some work to do with you. The good news is there is a new year just around the corner! How about this: On New Year's Eve, instead of playing Cards Against Humanity or Twister with your friends, you can suggest that everyone come up with 5 of the most important social and emotional skills for your kids to focus on next year and share them with the group? I suspect you might not get invited back to the party next year, but there is a price to pay for everything I guess ...

More good news! I have decided to do the work for you! It is sort of like getting prepared food at the grocery store but way less money. Below you will find a few things that in my estimation would be admirable goals to discuss or at least keep in mind for your middle school child in the new year:

Managing Friends

Middle school is plagued with a very obvious and defined social ladder. The kids all know who is

"popular" and who is not. Often, if given an opportunity, some children will vie for a seat at the popular table at the expense of their real friends. Remind your children that real friends are kind and accept them for who they are. Real friends make them feel good and are nice; they treat them the way they want to be treated.

Self-Advocacy

Encourage your child to speak for themselves, even if you are pretty sure they won't do it or will mess it up. The sooner they start asking for help and communicating what they need the better!

Time management

The kids are busy. They will continue to have more academic demands placed on them as they progress through middle school. Making a deliberate and intentional plan for how they use their time can be very helpful. If you see your child wasting an excessive amount of time and then freaking out because they have school work due or tests they are not prepared for, they may need to focus on this.

Figuring out how to study

Some students have difficulty in school and the need to study hard has al-ways been a necessary skill for them. Other students can listen in class and get solid grades with little or no studying. These are the kids that don't know how to study. Learning how to study is a pro-cess, an evolution if you will, that takes time. Encourage your child to start now by trying different strategies so they can figure out what works for them.

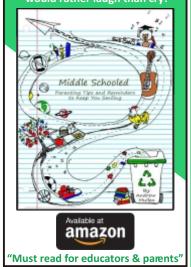
Taking control of their emotions

Learning how to express their feelings through talking, journaling, etc. combined with the implementation of daily stress reducing strategies (exercise, art, reading, music and more) are the key components to becoming a master of one's emotions. The sooner they start the better!

Check the box! You are done. A fully prepared middle school parenting to do list for the new year. Now, get out that Twister board and have fun!

I hope you have a wonderful winter break!

Middle Schooled by Andrew Mullen is an adolescent parenting guide for those who would rather laugh than cry!





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Parks & Recreation Department 2020 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS!

Lil' Perkiomy ~ Camp Perkiomy ~ Perkiomy Trailblazers

Mondays through Fridays ~ Summer 2020

Summer Camp Information, Activity/Trip Calendars and Registration Forms will be available on www.lptrec.com

LIL' PERKIOMY

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon Children ages 4 & 5 years old

Lil' Perkiomy Camp is designed for preschool children aged 4 to 5 years old who may have been in a day care or preschool setting throughout the school year. Children will participate in games, arts & crafts, free play time and other activities. "Special Guests" are scheduled throughout the summer. A weekly activity sheet will be emailed to you so you can prepare yourself and your camper for loads of fun each week.

In case of inclement weather, camp moves into the Township Building. Lil` Perkiomy Campsite is managed by a qualified staff of a Site Supervisor along with a Camp Counselor. Register EARLY as registration is limited.

Lil' Perkiomy Camp Activity Calendar will be available on the Lower Providence Township website www.lptrec.com in January 2020!

Registration Opens: *Residents: FEBRUARY 1, 2020 *Non-Resident: MARCH 1, 2020

Camp Session I: June 15 to June 26 Camp Session II: July 6 to July 17 Camp Session III: July 20 to August 31



CAMP PERKIOMY

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

NEW INFO

Sites: Eagleville Elementary & Woodland Elementary

Children who have <u>completed</u> Kindergarten thru entering 4th grade

EXTENDED CARE OPTION 7:30-8:00 am AND/OR 4:00-5:00 pm

Camp Perkiomy is designed for children who have completed Kindergarten through entering 4th grade. Each week is different with a variety of activities including arts and crafts, organized games, off-site trips and special events. The weekly activity newsletter will be emailed to you so you can prepare yourself and your camper for loads of fun.

Each Camp Perkiomy site is managed by a qualified staff of Site Supervisor, Group Leaders and Camp Counselors. Register EARLY as registration is limited.

Camp Perkiomy Activity & Trip Calendar will be available on the Lower Providence Township website www.lptrec.com in January 2020!

Registration Opens: *Residents: FEBRUARY 1, 2020 *Non-Resident: MARCH 1, 2020

Camp Dates: June 15 to July 31 No Camp: Friday, July 3



PERKIOMY TRAILBLAZERS

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

NEW INFO Site: Arrowhead Elementary Youths who are entering

5th thru 8th grade

EXTENDED CARE OPTION 7:30-8:00 am AND/OR 4:00-5:00 pm

Perkiomy Trailblazers Camp is designed for youths who are entering 5th through 8th grades. The weekly activity newsletter will be emailed to you so you can prepare yourself and your camper for loads of fun. Each week is different with variety of activities and organized games especially designed for this middle school age group.

Each Perkiomy Trailblazers Camp is managed by a qualified staff, specifically Site Supervisor Group Leader and Camp Counselors. Register EARLY as registration is limited.

Perkiomy Trailblazers Activity & Trip Calendar will be available on the Lower Providence Township website www.lptrec.com in January 2020!

Registration Opens: *Residents: FEBRUARY 1, 2020 *Non-Resident: MARCH 1, 2020

Camp Dates: June 15 to July 31 No Camp: Friday, July 3







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THANK YOU to all our 2019 Community Event Sponsors!

Without your support we would not be able to provide amazing events to the LP Community this past year!

2020 Community Events Sponsorships:

Lower Providence Township Parks & Recreation Department proudly hosts several special events throughout the year at no charge to the community.

We are reaching out to the Township's businesses asking for support for the2020 community special events. Sponsorship for these events is vital to the continuance of these important Township traditions.

The sponsorship forms allow you to choose a variety of sponsorship levels that work for your business. Your commitment allows for us to budget for the events in advance of receiving your donations.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of partnering with Lower Providence Township to make our special events a huge success. If you have any questions, please contact Parks & Recreation Director, Jane Delaney at *jdelaney@lowerprovidence.org* Sponsorship packets are available to download at *www.lptrec.com* under department forms.

Platinum Sponsor: \$3,000 - \$5,000

- * Named sponsor for (3) events
- Business on banner at events (banner provided by Township)
- Booth space with table and chair provided
- Name and logo will appear on LPTREC website/social media
- Listed as sponsor on all event marketing materials & program book

Gold Sponsor: \$1,000 - \$2,999

- * Named sponsor for (2) events
- Business on banner at events (banner provide by Township)
- Booth space with table and chair provided
- Name and logo will appear on LPTREC website/social media
- * Listed as sponsor in event program book

Silver Sponsor: \$500 - \$999

- * Named sponsor for (1) events
- * Booth space with table and chair provided
- * Listed as sponsor on running banner on LPTREC website
- * Listed as sponsor in event program booklet

Friend of the Parks: \$250 - \$499

- * Named Friend of the Parks for (1) event
- * Booth space with table and chair provided
- * Listed as sponsor in event program booklet

Donations:

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No donation is too small; we greatly appreciate any in-kind or monetary donations.

Congratulations to Lower Providence Township Parks & Recreation Department on securing grant money....

GRANT AWARD Lower Providence Township is pleased to announce that the Township is the recipient of a PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant.

The grant award of \$50,000 will be used by the Township to prepare a Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan. The grant was awarded under DCNR's 2019 Community Conservation Partnerships Program.



2020 Summer Camp Job Opportunities...

Come join the fun with LPP&R! Lower Providence Parks and Recreation Department is accepting summer job applications for staff positions for the Lil' Perkiomy Camp (pre-school age camp), Camp Perkiomy (elementary age camp) and Perkiomy Trailblazers (middle-school age camp) 2020 summer camp programs.

Tentative Summer Camp dates: Monday, June 15, 2020 through Friday, July 31, 2020. No camp scheduled on Friday, July 3rd.

Applications accepted until March 1, 2020.

Applications and Job Descriptions are available to download and print from *www.lptrec.com* under department forms. **Application deadline due no later than Friday, February 28, 2020.**

- Positions are classified as part-time seasonal employment.
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