

## 2021 Budget Process Driven by Long-Range Solutions

The Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors adopted the 2021 budget at its December 3, 2020 public meeting. A copy of the 2021 budget is available on the Township website. The overriding factor in the budget process was determining long-term solutions to address challenging shortfalls created by reduced revenues and ever-increasing costs. To that end, the budget includes a real estate tax increase of .22 mills in the General Fund budget which covers the general operating expenses of the Township.

The increase will generate \$350,000 and equates to about a \$37 increase annually for the average residential homeowner. It is important to note that the Per Capita Tax was eliminated in 2020, saving residents \$15 per person annually. Additionally, the General Fund millage rate had not been increased since 2004 and prior to that it had been the same for eight years.

The shortfalls in the General Fund continue to be driven by personnel costs that are outpacing revenue growth. Although it appears that recent large developments in the township have positively affected the Township's assessed value, revenues have not appreciatively increased. Typically, property values will naturally increase through development and improvements, thus generating additional revenue without increasing the tax millage rate. Unfortunately, since 2007, the Township has only experienced an average of .44% per year increase in assessed value.

A subcommittee began meeting in the first half of 2020 reviewing options for a sustainable path for the Township's operating and capital budget needs for the next 5 to 10 years. Much of the work has focused on addressing the structural

deficiencies of the General Fund seeking changes that will improve revenues on a recurring basis rather than one-time revenue enhancements.

With the tax increase, the 2021 General Operating budget includes total revenues of \$10,699,086 and total expenditures of \$11,096,463, representing operation at a deficit of \$397,377. A portion of the General Fund Reserves of \$4.3 million will be used to balance the 2021 budget. The Township also utilized a transfer of \$40,000 from the Debt Service Fund to help balance the General Fund. This transfer was possible because of excess revenues in the Debt Service Fund resulting from recent debt being retired.

The majority of expenditures in the 2021 budget remain consistent from last year with the exception of the normal annual personnel cost increases including salaries, pension and benefits. While these represent a large portion of the General Fund, the Township is at a point where it is difficult to make cuts in this area without compromising services.

As mentioned, long-term solutions were discussed which included an analysis of revenue trends and any impact from the pandemic for future years. The Township will continue to analyze the Debt Service Fund in future years and consider transferring additional funds to the General Fund due to the debt retirement schedule. In 2022 and 2023, the Township will consider additional Real estate Tax increases in addition to utilizing General Fund Reserves to continue to address the structural deficiencies of the General Fund. It was discussed that the Township will also utilize General Fund Reserves to fund the Capital

purchases in 2022 and 2023. After 2023, the Township will have to review at that time options to fund the capital purchases moving forward. Finally, there was an understanding that some of the General Fund Reserves should also be held for future MS4 stormwater obligations. These are stormwater management requirements and costs being imposed by DEP and the EPA to municipalities.



The following is a summary of the adopted 2021 budget:

General Fund.....	\$11,096,463
Emergency Services Fund.....	\$736,998
Library Fund .....	\$565,197
Highway Improvement Capital Reserve .....	\$600,000
Debt Service Fund .....	\$742,675
Liquid Fuels Funded Loans .....	\$178,524
Capital Projects Fund.....	\$264,520
Parks & Recreation Operating Fund .....	\$891,714
Parks & Recreation Capital Fund.....	\$108,000
Highway Aid Fund.....	\$1,074,174
Unrestricted Capital Fund.....	\$26,104
Tree Fund .....	\$20,000
Sidewalk Fund .....	\$0
Stormwater Fund .....	\$0
Westend Capital Fund .....	\$0
Self Insurance Fund .....	\$63,830
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Total All Funds.....	\$16,368,199

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## Supervisors Continue Annual Update With Video Presentation

For the past three years, the supervisors have hosted a year-end open house to personally provide residents with information on current projects and future goals. But 2020 was a very different year and unfortunately the supervisors were not able to hold a live event due to the pandemic.



However, because they believe it is vital to continue to bring residents this state-of-the-Township message, they have recorded a video to share important updates with the community. In the video, the supervisors cover various topics including Transportation Improvements, Development Progress, the Comprehensive Planning Process, Recreation and Open Space, Stormwater Management, Public Safety, and Municipal Operations, especially COVID mitigation measures. The year-end video presentation will be posted to the Township website, [lowerprovidence.org](http://lowerprovidence.org).

## 2021 Meeting Schedule

Dependent on state COVID restrictions, meetings will be held in one of the following ways: Virtually via Zoom, in-person at the Township Administration Building, 100 Parklane Drive, Eagleville, PA, or a hybrid combination of in-person and virtually. Agendas and specific instructions for meetings will be posted to [www.lowerprovidence.org](http://www.lowerprovidence.org). Those without computer access can attend virtual meetings via phone. For phone-in instructions, call 610-539-8020.

#### Board of Supervisors

First & third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Environmental Advisory Council

Third Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.

#### Library Board of Trustees

Third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Parks and Recreation Board

Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Sewer Authority

Second Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

#### Zoning Hearing Board

Fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### 2021 Administration Office Closures

**Presidents' Day**.....Monday, Feb. 15  
**Good Friday**.....Friday, April 2  
**Easter Monday**.....Monday, April 5  
**Memorial Day**.....Monday, May 31  
**Flag Day**.....Monday, June 14  
**Independence Day (Observed)**.....Monday, July 5  
**Labor Day**.....Monday, Sept. 6  
**Columbus Day**.....Monday, Oct. 11  
**Veterans' Day**.....Thursday, Nov. 11  
**Thanksgiving**.....Thursday Nov. 25  
**Day After Thanksgiving**.....Friday Nov. 26  
**Christmas Eve (Observed)**.....Thursday, Dec. 23  
**Christmas Day (Observed)**.....Friday, Dec. 24



#### Watch at home or online:

Board of Supervisors & Zoning Hearing Board meetings are shown on the Cable Access Channel (Comcast Channel 28 and Verizon Channel 42) the week following a meeting. Rebroadcast times are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1 am, 9 am and 7 pm.

You can also watch Board of Supervisors meetings on the Township website, [www.lowerprovidence.org](http://www.lowerprovidence.org) click on "Minutes" in the Citizen Action Center on the home page to find the meeting videos.





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# 2020 Community Awards Recognize Outstanding Service

The Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors recognized outstanding contributions of individuals and businesses within the community, presenting the 2020 community awards at its December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those submitting nominations for the awards were asked for input on the leadership, service, character and accomplishments of the individual or business.

## The 2020 winners are:

### Citizen of the Year

*The Darby Family*

### Volunteer of the Year

*Christopher Carbonara*

### Business of the Year

*Collegeville Italian Bakery*

#### The Citizen of the Year Award

is presented to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the community, lending their leadership and vision for the betterment of the Township.

Dr. Janine Darby, and her two oldest children, Chadé and Ty, were catalysts for change in the local community and were the driving forces behind the creation this year of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force. Under Dr. Darby's leadership as president of this task force, more than 300 community members have been organized around the common goal of supporting diverse, equitable, and inclusive practices to inspire the

respectful treatment of all community members and students regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexuality or disabilities.

Through the DEI Task Force, the Darby family's goal of raising community awareness has been carried out through peaceful protests, roundtable discussions with the Lower Providence Township Police Department and a virtual fundraiser. The task force is planning additional events to continue the celebration of our community's diversity.

The Darby Family is to be commended for their courage and leadership to make a positive change and to be a unifying force in our community.



*The Darby Family:  
Chadé, Ty, Avani, Janine, Dion and Chád*

#### The Volunteer of the Year Award

is presented annually to an individual, group or organization who has performed outstanding service or made an exceptional contribution to the community by volunteering their time and talents.

This past summer, Christopher Carbonara, owner of Via Roma Restaurant in Eagleville, played a critical part in the success of an initiative called "Meals for 150," an initiative that provided meals for children whose parents were struggling because of the pandemic. Despite facing the challenge the pandemic presented him as a business owner, Mr. Carbonara opened his restaurant to the program. He

received food deliveries, provided access to refrigeration and food storage, and made space available for volunteers to pack meals.

When restaurants were permitted to reopen and Mr. Carbonara was working to get his own business back up and running, he continued to take food deliveries for the program and provide space for the volunteers.

Over just a few short months, the generosity of Mr. Carbonara facilitated the distribution of thousands of meals to local residents by the program.



*Christopher Carbonara*

#### The Business of the Year Award

recognizes a business or business owner located within Lower Providence Township for outstanding professional and community contributions.

Collegeville Italian Bakery has for many years been a successful business and also a very generous one. This family-run business supports local sports teams, charitable causes, and most notably, emergency responders, police and firefighters. Collegeville Italian Bakery supports and unites the community in other ways, as well. They are cheerleaders for the local

community with their marquee sign regularly saluting achievements from birthdays and anniversaries to athletic accomplishments to charity events. And, innovative owners Steve and Patrizia Carcarey serve as ambassadors for the community, taking their signature custom tomato pies far and wide.

A fabulous menu of excellent pizzas, salads, sandwiches and other quality Italian foods is a testament to their commitment to family traditions and dedication to excellence. Collegeville Italian Bakery is a perfect blend of outstanding operations and generosity as a corporate citizen.





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# Open Space Plan Update

## Work Continuing on Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Lower Providence has initiated work on the Township Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. The plan will examine the current park and recreation system and how it can be improved to better serve the recreational needs of current and future residents. A study committee of residents and Township officials was formed and the Township retained a team headed by Simone Collins Landscape Architecture of Norristown to guide the study. The professional team started their work in July by visiting the Township's parks and is now analyzing park facilities, trails, open space, and recreational programming, all geared toward recommending new and improved facilities and programs.

One of the most important aspects of the planning process is obtaining robust public input. There are several ways residents can share their thoughts and ideas about park improvements. Virtual meetings are scheduled throughout the process and so far, there have been three committee meetings and one public meeting. You can view the presentation of public meetings on the Township website [lowerprovidence.org](http://lowerprovidence.org).

Future meetings will focus on analysis, findings, and recommendations. There is also an online public opinion survey for the plan as well as a Wikimap where users can map their own recommendations. A draft plan will be released in April 2021 for public review and a final plan will be completed in late June.

The next virtual public meeting will be on April 15, 2021 at 7PM and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/lowerprovidence3>. For more information on the plan, please visit the Township project webpage at [www.lowerprovidence.org/parks-and-recreation/pages/open-space-plan-update](http://www.lowerprovidence.org/parks-and-recreation/pages/open-space-plan-update).

If you'd like to take the survey, go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/LowerProvidenceParks](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LowerProvidenceParks) and if you'd like to comment on the Wikimap, go to [www.wikimapping.com/Lower-Providence.html](http://www.wikimapping.com/Lower-Providence.html).

For more information contact Jane Delaney, Parks and Recreation Director at: (610) 635-3524.

**Don't Forget to Take the Survey!**

Obtaining feedback from the community about the use of parks, trails, open space, and other recreational opportunities is vital to the planning process. Please take the time to complete this survey:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/LowerProvidenceParks](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LowerProvidenceParks)

# Comprehensive Plan Update

## Shaping the Future

In the years that have passed since the existing Township comprehensive plan was adopted, Lower Providence has grown and changed and so, too, have the community's needs. The

Township is currently creating an updated comprehensive plan that will help the township prepare for the future and serve as a long-range community vision, guiding policies for land use, infrastructure investments,

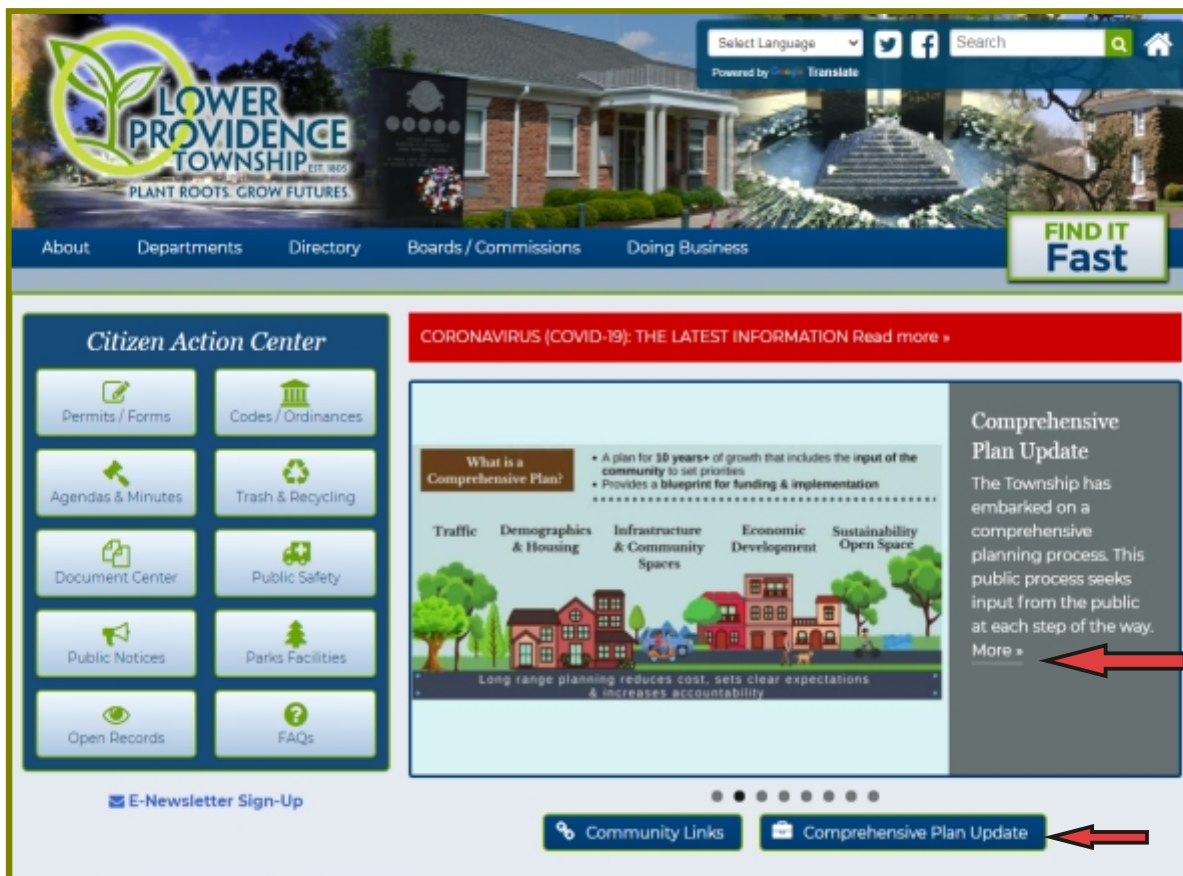
and community facilities. Input from the public is critical to the success of the plan and will be sought throughout the intensive and lengthy process which is expected to take 18 to 24 months.

A Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, including representatives from both the Board of Supervisors, staff, county Planning Commission, and other key municipal stakeholders within the community, is helping to facilitate update. The committee is in the analysis phase of the process which includes extensive data collection, analysis, and mapping. As needed, coordination with partners such as SEPTA, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission(DVRPC), and adjoining municipalities will be done to gather pertinent information.

The community is strongly encouraged to participate in this important process.

Progress information, meeting videos, public meeting dates and virtual meeting links are posted on the Township website, [lowerprovidence.org](http://lowerprovidence.org)

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# Community Development News

## Development Projects: Underway & Under Review

### ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION

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Work is nearly complete with the expected opening of the winery happening this spring.



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#### Courts at Brynwood

Within this 139-townhome community along Germantown Pike, the units have completely sold out - ahead of schedule. Construction will continue through 2021.

#### Crawford Estates, 37 Crawford Road

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. Two of the seven lots have been permitted.

#### Eagleville Hospital

##### 100 Eagleville Road

A \$45-million project to modernize the campus has begun. Construction on the residential units is underway and is expected to be completed mid-2021.

#### 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. Many of the homes along the northerly loop have received permits and are under construction.

#### IROY Gym & Track

##### 3444-50 Germantown

Pike -Interior work has begun for the approximately 47,000- square foot indoor gym and courts facility. Expected opening is early spring 2021.

#### 109 River Road

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

#### 28 Eagleville Road

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

#### 306 Level Road

This project for seven new single-family homes on a cul-de-sac, in between Arrowhead Elementary School and the Woods at Providence - Stella's Way has begun. Four of the homes are underway, with one having been completed

### PLANS THAT HAVE COMPLETED FINAL REVIEW:

#### Gambone Family Development

This is a nine-lot single family home development on Woodland Avenue, near the ball fields and Woodland Elementary School. This project has been sold to a builder who is looking to begin soon.

#### Arrowhead Elementary

This project has been approved through the land development process. Methacton School District is proposing to reconstruct the existing Arrowhead Elementary School building at 262 Level Road. The project will involve continuous operation of the existing building while the new building is being constructed. The new building will add a second story over part, enhanced traffic circulation, stormwater management, and modernized construction systems. Contracts have been awarded and the new school is on schedule to be opened in 2022.

#### Eagleville Elementary

Methacton School District is proposing to add an addition at the entryway to the existing school at 125 Summit Avenue. It will be a two-story addition; the area of the addition is 2,190 SF. This project is nearly through the land development process.

#### Moscariello at Crosskeys

This is a mixed-use project consisting of three buildings along Ridge Pike that will combine retail and office space with townhouse living above. There will also be thirty townhouses constructed interior to the site near Crosskeys Road. The approval process is completed. The developer is working on state permits.

#### Salters Rebuild

This is a proposal to build approximately 12,000 SF of new retail space on the site of the former Salter's Ski and Fireplace building. This project is completed through the land development process.

Three lot line change projects are completing the land development approval process.

Please check the Planning and Development page on the website or call the Community Development Department at 610-635-3521 for details and updates.



IROY Gym

## INFORMATION FOR RENTERS

In the Community Development Department, we occasionally hear of concerns from residents in rental units. While recognizing that housing is increasingly expensive and that affordable options are difficult to find, tenants should be careful about the conditions they agree to and continue to live with.

The Township does have an apartment registration requirement but does not have a rental inspection program. Because of this, we are limited in our awareness of poor conditions such as mold and tripping hazards, and we have little legal recourse to investigate. Buildings with common areas, such as hallways and lobbies, are subject to inspection under the Township Business license program. In extremely severe situations, Township personnel can investigate, and if warranted, can condemn a property. In these rare situations, tenants would be legally required to leave the residence until the conditions are remedied.

If tenants find themselves in a bad situation, it is necessary for them to work directly with the landlord and/or property manager or seek legal counsel, as they would with other contractual matters.



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## Stay Informed

### New Year's Resolution: Sign Up for ReadyMontco Already registered? Review Your Information

"The New Year is the perfect time to make sure you've registered for ReadyMontco, the notification system used by Lower Providence to send emergency messages," said Michael Rohlfing, Lower Providence Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. "If you've already registered, now is a good time to make sure the system has your most up-to-date information."

ReadyMontco, delivers alerts about emergencies, severe weather, police activity, and other important events in Lower Providence and throughout Montgomery County. You can select what types of notifications you'd like to receive, from what locations, and how you wish to be contacted. You can change your selections or choose to stop receiving notifications at any time.



To sign up, go to [ReadyMontco.org](http://ReadyMontco.org) and click on the Sign Up tab at the top of the page. You'll be prompted to enter basic contact information and choose the ways you'd 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. Sign up is free, but your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to receive text messages on your cell phone or wireless device. Contact your carrier for information.

ReadyMontco, administered by the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, also provides a "My Information" tab. If you, a family member or someone you live with has an access or functional need that requires assistance during an emergency, this page is especially important. It is strictly confidential and the information is used for planning for a large-scale emergency or disaster.

You're also encouraged to register with Smart911 to provide information that will help first responders in the event of a 911 call at your home. Register at

[www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) and fill out a questionnaire, providing as much or as little information as you choose. If a 911 call is received from your phone number, the information will be displayed for the call taker. The information is stored on a private and secure national database and only accessible when a 911 call triggers it.

For questions about any of these services, contact the Township Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Rohlfing, 610-635-3546.



## EARNED INCOME TAX ALERT

### Working from Home May Affect Your Local Wage Tax

If you are an employee of a Philadelphia-based employer and are now required to work remotely from your residence in Lower Providence, you should inquire with your employer about withholding the appropriate earned income tax. If you have been and continue to be required to work from home for 90 or more days, your employer could register your home as a work location and no longer withhold the Philadelphia wage tax.

Instead, your employer could be withholding at the rate applicable to your new work location your Lower Providence residence. This means that you would then be taxed at Lower Providence Township's lower earned income tax rate of 1%. Additionally, the tax revenue would come back to your home community of Lower Providence Township as well as the Methacton School District thus benefiting both of your taxing districts.

Again, this must be initiated by the employer so if this applies to you, please inquire with your employer to see if this could apply to your 2021 Earned Income Taxes.

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# Police Department News

## Project Return Safely Provides Vital Service for Caregivers

The Lower Providence Township Police Department is proud to expand upon an already successful initiative. "Project Return Safely" is a program for families of individuals who may not be able to communicate with a law enforcement officer because of various physical and/or cognitive conditions. The program assists police officers in reuniting caregivers with lost or wandering loved ones suffering from Alzheimer's disease, Autism, or other incapacitating conditions. It is a valuable tool in identifying distressed individuals quickly and effectively.

The police department recognizes time is of the essence and having background information will help our officers to make informed decisions on how to peacefully intervene to avoid those actions that will likely trigger fear, anxiety or even a violent response. We use the program to gather and maintain individual enrollment records. This information is placed in a secure database that can be accessed in a police cruiser or back at the station. If officers find someone who cannot communicate where he/she lives, they can search the database by description and safely return the person to their family or care givers. The system also works in reverse - if a loved one goes missing, their picture and description are immediately available.

Project Return Safely is voluntary and all information is kept confidential. There is no charge for participation nor an enrollment fee. However, there is a responsibility and commitment of participants to keep the system up to date and current.

Please take a moment to register your loved one today, so you can help us help them. Once registered, officers can search for information specific to the person to include a physical description, photographs, medical conditions, home address as well as a list of individuals to contact in the event of an emergency. To enroll in the program, simply complete the Project Return Safely registration form as well as attach a recent photograph of the participant.

Forms can be found online:  
[www.lowerprovidence.org/police-department/pages/forms-documents](http://www.lowerprovidence.org/police-department/pages/forms-documents)

The registration form and photograph can be dropped off or sent to:  
[mstead@lowerprovidence.org](mailto:mstead@lowerprovidence.org)  
-or-  
Project Return Safely Coordinator  
Lower Providence Township Police Department  
100 Parklane Drive, Eagleville, PA 19403

For additional information,  
please contact  
Sergeant Mark Stead  
at (610) 635-3571  
or [mstead@lowerprovidence.org](mailto:mstead@lowerprovidence.org)



In addition to Facebook, the police department can now be found on Instagram ([lowerprovidencepd](#)) and Twitter ([Lower Providence Township Police@PoliceLower](#)).

Keep up on police department events, incidents, and safety tips by following us.





# Police Department News

## Innovative Restraint Tool Demonstrated for Police

Members of the Lower Providence Police Department met with a representative from BolaWrap to test out the latest in restraint systems. BolaWrap is a restraint tool developed to provide safe distance between the subject and the Officer.

BolaWrap does not rely on pain compliance and is specifically designed to be deployed early in an engagement. The device discharges a Kevlar rope that wraps around the subject's legs or arms preventing the individual from harming themselves, police, or others.

LPPD is committed to using as little force as necessary to take people into custody and we will continue researching ways to do our jobs more safely and effectively.



## Reminders for Snowy Driving Conditions

To increase your ability to see when driving in snowy conditions, the LPPD offers these reminders:

- ❄️ Clear all the windows, hood, trunk and roof of your vehicle before starting to drive in the snow. If you don't, snow will blow off of your vehicle and onto your windshield, blocking your view, or could blow off and onto the windshield of a driver who is following you. If snow or ice from your vehicle strikes another vehicle or pedestrian harm, you could be fined.
- ❄️ Clear your headlights, taillights and directional signals of snow, ice and dirt. This helps other drivers see you and helps you see what is ahead. A dirty headlight reduces light output by more than 50 percent.
- ❄️ Let the engine warm up before you start driving. It gives the defroster a chance to warm the windshield and melt any ice you could not scrape off.
- ❄️ Use your wipers to keep your windshield as clear as possible and make sure your windshield washer reservoir is full and you're using fluid that will not freeze.
- ❄️ Keep the defroster on to clear steamed windows. If you have a newer vehicle, your defroster may be part of your air conditioning system. Read your owner's manual to learn how your vehicle's defroster settings should be used.
- ❄️ Turn on your low beams, even during the daytime. This increases your visibility to other drivers.



## Accident Reports Available Through Carfax

Copies of accident reports prepared as a result of an accident investigation conducted by the Lower Providence Township Police Department may be obtained through Carfax. LPPD will no longer process these requests.

To request an accident report, visit [crashdocs.org](http://crashdocs.org).

All requests will be considered in compliance with the applicable Pennsylvania statutes with respect to public records. A \$15.00 fee is charged for a police accident report. Additional fees are charged for reconstructed accidents, photographs and video.





# Public Works



The Public Works Department counts on your cooperation to help us with the tough task of maintaining roads during inclement weather. You'll find complete snow removal information on the department's webpage: <https://www.lowerprovidence.org/public-works/pages/snow-removal-information>. Below are some important things to consider during winter storms:

- When frozen precipitation is falling, Township roadways will not be free of snow and ice. Please limit driving during winter storms whenever possible. Remember: If you are stuck in traffic, so are we.
- The most economic and timely way for us to clear snow from a roadway is to push it off typically with the plow angled right. All drivers are instructed to safely plow the snow in the most suitable area to expedite the process.
- When plowing operations begin, usually around the 2" benchmark, the plows start off opening up the roadways. Priority roads will be first. Opening up refers to plowing two passes along each street and it may be completed multiple times before the precipitation ends. This process helps first responders get to any emergencies. In addition, it reduces the amount of snow we will need to clear once the storm has ended. At that point, curb-to-curb plowing operations will begin.
- Shovel snow to the right side of the driveway as you are facing the roadway. Piling snow away from the oncoming direction of the plow lessens the snow pushed back onto your driveway. Please wait to clear the end of your driveway one last time until all plowing has been complete along your entire roadway.
- Help reduce the risk of your mailbox being damaged. Do a visual inspection prior to the winter season. Most damage occurs from either an old, rotted post, or is the entire mailbox was installed incorrectly. Please visit the [usps.com](https://usps.com) website for more details. If damage is caused by snow or ice hitting the mailbox, or due to deteriorated materials, repair or replacement is the responsibility of the resident. 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.



**You may have been wondering about the large pile of wood chips on S. Park Avenue at Hollywood Avenue. The wood chips are from various Township trimming and tree removal projects. Residents are welcome to help themselves to the wood chips while the supply lasts; there are no designated hours. Please note that this is for pickup only. The Township does not accept branches, etc. to be chipped. Branches can be bundled and put out as yard waste for collection by J.P. Mascaro on Wednesdays.**



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# Sewer Authority News

## Sewer Line Replacement Work

In our program to remove I/I\* from the sanitary sewer, the Sewer Authority is planning to replace the main sanitary sewer lines and laterals serving the properties on Amy Drive, Alexandra Drive and Jennifer Lane. A section of sewer main will be replaced between West Mount Kirk Avenue and Second Street and Walker Lane between East Mount Kirk Avenue and Church Road.

This work is currently in the planning stages and is expected to begin sometime in late spring, early summer 2021. All property owners affected by this work will be contacted by mail prior to the project going to bid and well in advance of the start of construction.

## \*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.*

## Emergency Sanitary Sewer Line Repair & Replacement

An emergency repair was done to the Mine Run sewer main in the Sunnyside Avenue area. The repair consisted of the replacement of five manholes and approximately 600' of sewer main line. The project area started at the manhole in front of 668 Sunnyside Avenue, went off road into the wooded area behind 668, 672 and 680 Sunnyside; 186, 182, 178 South Midland and 113,119 Regency Drive. This repair was needed as a partially collapsed pipe was found between two manholes during a video inspection.

## New Truck

LPTSA has purchased a 2020 Ford F-350 with plow and utility body through the states COSTAR (cooperative purchasing) program. The truck replaced an 18-year-old truck that was in need of continual repair.

## A friendly reminder about our rates:

### Residential Customers

The rate is \$332.00 per year per unit or **\$83.00 per quarter per unit** which is divided between LPTSA - \$38.00 - for collection and LPVRS - \$45.00 - for treatment.

### Non-residential Customers

This includes all commercial, industrial, schools, clubhouses, fire houses, office, banks, hospitals, churches, chapels, institutions, and any other non-residential users. The rate is **\$45.00 per assigned UFU (user fee unit) per quarter, plus \$1.41 per 1,000 gallons of water** (as measured by the water bill promulgated to each non-residential user) which is consumed during the billing quarter, provided, however that the minimum sewer rental charge for each non-residential improved property shall be \$38.00 per quarterly billing period in addition to the charge related to UFUs.

### Late Fee

If payment is not received by LPTSA by the due date printed on the sewer bill, a 10% penalty is added on the current amount due only. The aggregate amount thereof shall bear interest from the penalty date at the rate of .5 % per month (1.5% quarterly). **Failure to receive your bill does not relieve you of your obligation to pay, nor waive customer of paying penalty.**

## Delinquency

Delinquent sewer bills will result in water shut off and/or property liens. Water turn off/on and property liens will result in additional fees charged to your account.

## Paperless Billing

Get your bill sooner! Sign up to receive your monthly sewer bill by email. If you haven't already signed up go to <http://www.lowerprovidence.org/sewer.htm> to complete the form. Past due and/or shut off notices will not be emailed. They will be mailed to you in paper form. Emailed bill(s) will come from "sewerbill@lptsa.org".

## REMINDER

Please do not flush masks, gloves or wipes into the Sanitary Sewer System. This can cause the pumps to clog and damage to equipment at our pumping stations. Also, please don't flush disinfecting wipes down the toilet.



*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.*

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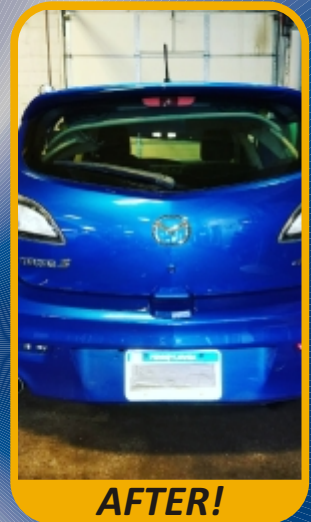
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*The Lower Providence Township Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide professional, multi-faceted leisure services to the community.*

*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](http://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.

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Memorial gift forms are available at the Administration Building or on-line at the Parks & Recreation website [www.lptrec.com](http://www.lptrec.com).

The Township must approve any wording that will appear on any plaques and/or bricks. Once the form is received by the Parks and Recreation Department, we will contact you to confirm your donation.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the memorial donation programs, contact Jane Delaney, Director of Parks and Recreation at 610-635-3543 or [jdelaney@lowerprovidence.org](mailto:jdelaney@lowerprovidence.org).



## Eagle Scout and Gold Award Candidates



The Township encourages and supports the efforts of local Boy and Girl Scouts who are pursuing their Eagle Scout Badge or Gold Award.

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For more information, candidates should contact Jane Delaney, Parks and Recreation Director, [jdelaney@lowerprovidence.org](mailto:jdelaney@lowerprovidence.org).





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# Parks & Recreation Department

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### 25<sup>th</sup> All American Celebration & Fireworks Eagleville Park

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6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Rain Date: Monday, July 5, 2020



### 33rd Annual Community Fall Festival Eagleville Park

Saturday, October 2, 2021  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Rain Date: Sunday, October 3, 2021



### Pumpkin Painting Palooza Eagleville Park

Saturday, October 16, 2021  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm



### 13th Annual Community Tree Lighting Eagleville Park

Friday, December 3, 2021  
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm



### Look for Updates

We truly hope to be able to resume these community favorites in 2021!

As always, look for updates on Facebook and the Parks & Recreation website, lptrec.com

## 2021 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) 2021 summer camp programs.



Tentative Summer Camp dates:  
Monday, June 21, 2021 through Friday, July 29, 2021.  
(No camp scheduled on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.)

Applications accepted **until March 1, 2021.**

Applications and job descriptions are available to download and print from [www.lptrec.com](http://www.lptrec.com) under department forms.

**Application deadline - no later than Monday, March 1, 2021.**

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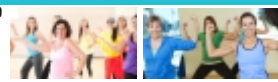
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