

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GETS THE GREEN LIGHT

You have been hearing about the Park Avenue/Eagleville Road/Crawford Road intersection project for many years from the planning, engineering and design phases through the process to secure funding from various grant programs. At last, the initial stages of the project will be getting underway.

The project is a great example of an intergovernmental/private/public partnership to benefit the community. Analyses by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and the Township recommended improvements at the offset, unsignalized intersection to improve safety issues and address the significant number of crashes.

McMahon, a Bowman Company was selected to perform the preliminary engineering and final design phases, and the construction phase was

awarded to Allan Myers, LP, as the prime contractor. While a notice-to-proceed was issued in June 2023, the physical construction could not officially start with tree clearing until August 28th in accordance with environmental agency requirements.

As the project gets underway, tree and vegetation clearing and trimming will be one of the first efforts to be done in order to prepare for the initial utility relocation phase. You will start to see this clearing and trimming activity within the project limits.

In order to do the roadway widening and associated construction, utility facilities will eventually need to be moved in an orderly fashion and in conjunction



with various work phases. Utility relocations are significant throughout the project area, and they are handled primarily by the utility owner contractor, in concert and coordination with the prime contractor for the project. Utility relocation schedules are also heavily dependent on Mother Nature, often being adjusted as a result of weather-related events.

Please know that Lower Providence Township,

PennDOT, the contractor, and the project team, in accordance with PennDOT and Township requirements, will keep the community and traveling public apprised of the project conditions.

Project status updates will be provided on the Lower Providence Township website at www.lowerprovidence.org under the "Current Projects" tab.

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Election Day
November 7, 2023

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ON TOWNSHIP BOARDS

The Board of Supervisors is looking for qualified Township residents who want to contribute to the quality of living in Lower Providence. The Board will be making appointments to the Environmental Advisory Council, Human Relations Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Sewer Authority, Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board, Vacancy Board, and Zoning Hearing Board.

If you believe you have the education and experience to contribute to one of these groups and are interested in serving your community, please submit a letter of interest and resume.

Submissions should be sent to:
Lower Providence Township
Attn: Township Manager
100 Parklane Drive
Eagleville, PA 19403
or admin@lowerprovidence.org



Please indicate which group is of interest to you. Each group typically holds one evening meeting per month. Term lengths range from three to five years.

Details and meeting schedules can be found at the "Boards and Commissions" link on the Township website, lowerprovidence.org.

CONVENIENT ONLINE PERMITTING PORTAL AVAILABLE

Reminder: You can submit applications, track, pay for and receive permits completely online. You don't have to make a trip to the Township Building - you can complete the process at any time.

The online permitting portal can be accessed from the Citizen Action Center on the home page of the Township website, lowerprovidence.org.

For those who prefer, paper permit applications are still being accepted and can be submitted via email or in-person.



Please be aware that the majority of construction and home improvement projects require a permit.

Not sure if you need a permit? Visit <https://www.lowerprovidence.org/code-enforcement/pages/do-i-need-permit> for more information.

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

Agendas and any specific meeting instructions can be viewed on the Township website, www.lowerprovidence.org. All meetings are listed in the online calendar. If a meeting is held virtually via Zoom, those without computer access can attend 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 7:00 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees

(Library board room, 50 Parklane Drive)
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

(Sewer Authority meeting room
20 Parklane Drive)
Second Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

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

Upcoming Office Closures

Columbus DayMonday, Oct. 9

Veteran's Day (observed)Friday, Nov. 10

Thanksgiving HolidayThursday, Nov. 23 &
Friday, Nov. 24

Christmas HolidayMonday, Dec. 25 &
Tuesday, Dec. 26

New Year's DayMonday, Jan. 1



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Board of Supervisors' and Zoning Hearing Board meeting videos can be viewed on the Township website, lowerprovidence.org.

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WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

New Assistant Manager Joins Township

Paul Donnelly has joined the Township team as the new Assistant Township Manager. In this new role, he is responsible for assisting Township Manager E.J. Mentry in the administration, direction and supervision of all departments and the day-to-day activities of the Township. Additionally, Paul provides special assistance in finance, personnel, administration, planning and research, grant management, and communications.

Paul has over three years of experience in government including his time as an intern at Braddock Borough where he designed and produced a comprehensive, cost neutral program in a resource-limited environment that enabled the local government to collect information and revenue from landlords.

In his most recent position as a Program Analyst with the U.S. Agency for International Development (Office of Inspector General), Paul handled project management, strategic transformation,

stakeholder engagement, technical expertise, and process improvements. Prior to graduate school and starting his career in government, he taught Spanish for kindergarten through eighth grade.

Paul holds a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish from West Chester University and earned his MBA and Master's in International Development from the University of Pittsburgh. He possesses an advanced proficiency in Spanish and intermediate proficiency in Portuguese.

Paul recently moved to Phoenixville with his fiancée and two greyhounds and enjoys spending time camping, cycling, and running. He is excited to host a foreign exchange student from Thailand this year who will attend Phoenixville Area High School.

Paul brings a commitment to performance excellence and is a valuable addition to the Township and Administration team.

Welcome Paul!



Paul Donnelly

New Mechanic Joins Township Public Works Department

Ty Wisler has joined the Township Public Works Department. In his role as mechanic, Ty will be performing skilled mechanical work for the maintenance and repair of Township vehicles and equipment. His duties include diagnosing mechanical problems and defects; tuning engines; repairing and reconditioning vehicles and equipment, and performing diversified preventative maintenance.

Ty brings 30 years of experience in the auto mechanic field to his new position. He had provided services on multiple types of motors, transmissions, differentials,

suspension work, alignments and electrical systems. He most recently worked for "Righter Automotive" as the automotive mechanic.

In addition to holding his inspection license, Ty is licensed to handle A/C. He is the father of two sons and has a passion for cars and drag racing.

With his dedication to performance excellence, Ty is a valuable edition to the Township and Public Works team.

Welcome Ty!



Ty Wisler

PUBLIC WORKS REMINDERS

The Public Works Department is dedicated to the safety of all of our residents. Snow removal is a tedious and time-consuming job and your patience during a snow/ice event is appreciated. Our crews are responsible for over 90 miles of roads within the Township and they work many hours under very difficult conditions to keep motorists safe. The top priority is keeping main roads open.

Important information on snow removal and snow emergencies can be found on the Public Works page on the Township website: Lowerprovidence.org/public-works/pages/snow-removal-information

Please keep in mind that state and Montgomery County roads are cleared by their own crews; these roadways in the Township are:

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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION / RECENT COMPLETION:

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. The last of the homes is under construction and the others are occupied.

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. This includes the new home of Montgomery County District Court 38-1-20. Thirty townhouses have been constructed interior to the site near Crosskeys Road and most of these are occupied.



Montgomery County District Court 38-1-20 has relocated to Moscariello at Crosskeys on Ridge Pike.

Montgomery County EOC Development

This is the construction of a new state of the art 21,950 SF building for the County Coroner that has recently completed and is now open. The new 22,200 SF Archives Building is near completion.

Whitetail Ridge (Gambone Family) Development

This is a nine-lot single family home development on Woodland Avenue, near the ball fields and Woodland Elementary School. Salvi Builders has purchased the development. All but one of the lots have been sold, most are constructed and are beginning to be occupied.

Bud's Bar

Work on the former Bud's Bar at Egypt Road and Park Avenue is underway. Initially, the new owner is restoring the top two floors into four apartments. The

ground floor is to be renovated for commercial use once a tenant has been obtained.

Pat's Pizza

Another regional chain is moving into the former Bertucci's next door to Chipotle in Audubon Square. This restaurant will also include outdoor seating. Work is nearing completion, and we anticipate an early Fall opening.

Valley Forge Tavern

The closed restaurant has been purchased and is being demolished to facilitate the extension of Norris Hall Lane and some future construction in the Audubon Square tract. This work is to be done late this year or early next.

PLANS UNDER REVIEW:

Audubon Square V

The existing mixed-use development along South Trooper Road has been revised to add a larger retail space, two restaurants, a small stand-alone retail space, and the conversion of a building in Park Pointe into a self-storage facility. This project involves the extension of Norris Hall Lane mentioned above. The revised plan has received approval and once the final approvals from the state are received, site work will begin. We anticipate construction in early 2024.

Branca 420 Church Road

This subdivision plan for 25 single-family homes has been approved by the Township and the applicant has recently received approval from state DEP so the developer may soon be tying up remaining loose ends. The Township, developer, and some landowners are working out details of the sidewalk extension to Walker Lane.

Shannondell Phase III

The next series of five buildings for the residential portion of Shannondell have been reviewed and approved by the Township. The applicant is awaiting approval from outside agencies. We anticipate the construction of one of the residential buildings to take place early in 2024.

BrightView Landscaping

BrightView Landscaping is proposing to use their Lower Providence location on North Park Avenue as a model for innovative sustainable energy design for their 300 locations across the country. The proposal involves construction of solar arrays to generate the energy for their trucks, estimating vehicles, and equipment. They are also proposing to reconstruct buildings on the site to make it more efficient and attractive. These plans have received approval from the Township, with final design and state permitting underway.

Tidal Wave Car Wash

Tidal Wave Car Wash is constructing a new modern car wash facility just west of Lidl Supermarket in the 2600 block of Ridge Pike. The proposal has received Township approvals.

960 Rittenhouse

Applicant proposes to demolish existing building from contaminated site, remediate, and construct a 66,000 SF warehouse facility. The project has received conditional use approval. Design plans are being prepared, which the Board of Supervisors will consider at upcoming meetings.

Westrum—Luxor

The Township has received a proposal for a four-story luxury apartment building to be located behind the Collegeville Bakery. In its current form, this proposal will require zoning relief and an application for variances has been filed with the Zoning Hearing Board.

Encompass Health

A national operator of rehabilitation facilities, Encompass Health is proposing a 75,000 Square foot 80-bed hospital for a site at 2660 Audubon Road. Sketch (concept) plans have been presented to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Once feedback has been received, design plans will be developed.

IROY Multi-Sport Facility II

A state of the are indoor track facility is proposed for a portion of the farm property at the intersection of Germantown Pike and Smith Road. This facility will be owned and operated by the neighboring property owner. This project also involves zoning relief. Sketch plans were recently presented to the Planning Commission.

Evansburg Vineyards

The success of this local winery has required the need for additional parking and the Blat family has received Township approval, with construction now underway.

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The intention of this area is to provide an added layer of protection for internet trades, child custody exchanges, etc.



Blue Envelope Program

We are happy to announce that the Lower Providence Township Police Department is participating in the Montgomery County Blue Envelope Program. You can stop by the police department anytime, Monday - Friday between 8AM & 4 PM to pick one up.

The purpose of the Blue Envelope Program is to help vehicle drivers who have conditions such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), communications challenges, dementia, anxiety, or other conditions that might impair their ability to communicate easily during a traffic stop, car accident or other on-the-road interactions with police officers.

The program also raises awareness among police regarding this population of drivers and the kind of driver reactions they may observe during a traffic stop.

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School Bus Safety

Parents, it's important to talk to children about bus stop safety. Here are some tips.

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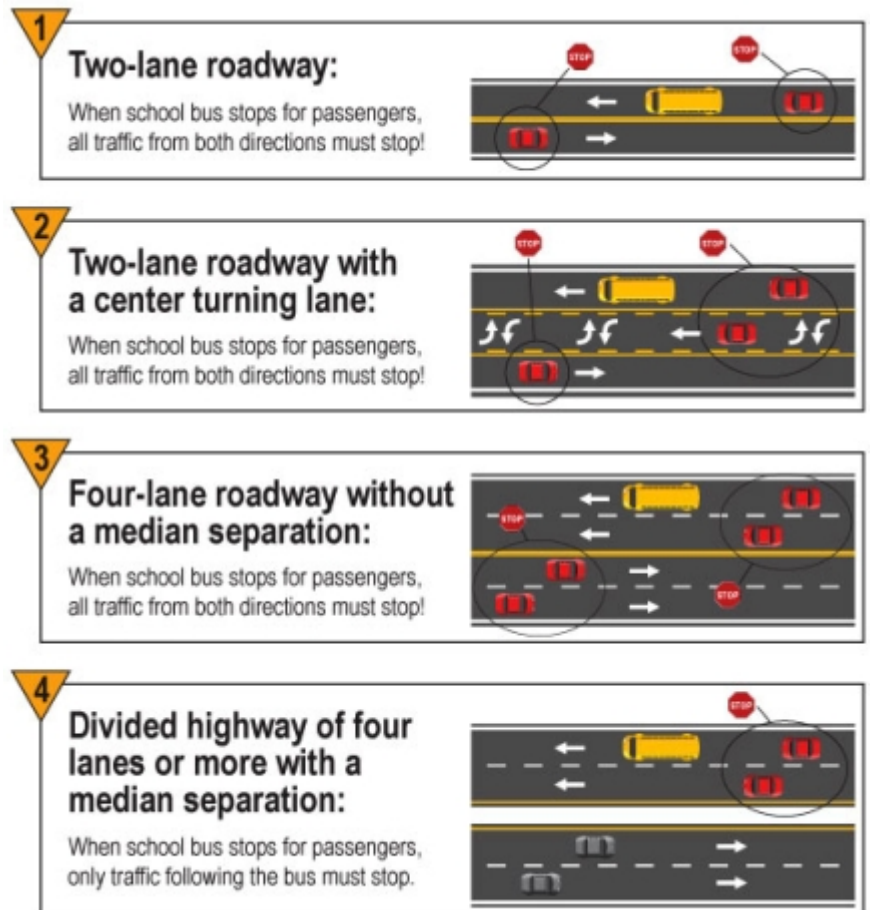
Your child should arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus arrives. Show your child where to wait ahead of the new school year, visit the bus stop and show your child where to wait for the bus, at least ten feet — five giant steps — away from the curb. Remind your child that the bus stop is not a place to run or play.

Getting On & Off Safely

When the school bus arrives, your child should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay to get on or off. Your child should use the handrails to avoid falling.

Always Use Caution Around the Bus

Your child should never walk behind a school bus. If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, tell them to walk on a sidewalk or along the side of the street to a place at least ten feet — five giant steps — in front of the bus before crossing. Your child should also make eye contact with the bus driver before crossing to make sure the driver can see that they're crossing to avoid the danger zone. If your child drops something near the school bus, like a phone or book, the safest thing is for your child to tell the bus driver right away. Your child should not try to pick up the item, because the driver might not be able to see them.



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- Never click on pop-ups or unknown links.
- Do not provide banking information to anyone you do not know.
- Do not provide any money to strangers online or over the phone.
- If you are asked to make purchases, or send money for items such as gift cards, Bitcoin, etc. do not provide the money or make the purchases.
- Reach out to your bank if you need confirmation for emails, links, or phones calls you may view as suspicious.
- Use virus protection and malware on your devices.
- Complete all online banking on a secure network. These will usually include "https" at the beginning of the link.
- Should access to your bank account be accessed by someone who is not authorized, immediately contact your bank, and freeze all accounts.
- Should you become a victim of these scams, contact your local police department as soon as possible.



The Federal Trade Commission is a great resource for fraud, identity theft, scams, and more. For more information from the FTC check out www.ftc.gov

Specialized Training

Sergeant Matthew Kuhnert and Social Services Liaison Nikki Urbanski completed specialized training specific to serving veterans in crisis and they officially became members of the Montgomery County Veterans Response Team (VRT). This team is a specialized collaborative response team, created to assist agencies better support veterans in need, or who may be experiencing a crisis. The Veterans Response Team is made up of several partnerships between law enforcement officers with military service experience, the Coatesville VA, local veteran's service organizations, mental health crisis responders, Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court, and social service groups.



Lower Providence Township Police Department's Social Services Liaison

If you or someone you know has unmet social services needs and live in Lower Providence Township, please reach out to Nikki Urbanski, our Social Services Liaison.

She can assist in facilitating connections, referrals, and support for community members in need. These needs can range from mental health, addiction, homelessness, substance use, trauma, food insecurity, aging and adult services, and others.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

LPFD Gives Students Hands-On Look at Firefighting

Lower Providence Fire Department, in partnership with Methacton School District and Worcester Fire Company, held the first of what is hoped to be many volunteer firefighter recruitment programs. As local volunteer agencies face an overwhelming decline in recruitment and retention, the recruitment program is designed to identify talent and catch the attention of students who see the benefit of public service and take acute interest.

The first-ever recruitment event was held in May at the LPFD station and consisted of classroom overviews of the fire companies and a firefighter's job. Following a station tour and mock round table discussion, the students participated in hands-on simulations under supervision, including forcible entry on a door simulator using what firefighters call the "irons," operating a fire attack hose line, and removing parts of an automobile damaged in a crash with hydraulic rescue tools (jaws of life).

The LPFD program provides students the opportunity to learn valuable skills to volunteer and serve their communities or to possibly embark on a fulfilling career in the emergency services. The program provides many benefits to students such as full access to state-of-the-art public safety training centers, and the ability to learn, teamwork, decision-making, and leadership skills. Gym access, private sleeping and work spaces, and the satisfaction of serving your neighbors in a time of need are just a few of the benefits afforded. Certified volunteer firefighters also can participate in a cash incentive program(s) in conjunction with college or other career goals.

LPFD is the primary provider of fire/rescue services to Lower Providence Township and regularly provides mutual aid to surrounding communities. The department responds to approximately 740 emergencies per year and the numbers are climbing. In-station training is held weekly on Tuesday evenings with other options available. If you are 14 years of age or older and interested, please contact recruitment@lpfire.com



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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

More Reasons To Say — Go Birds!

Lower Providence Township has recently become a Bird Town and that may have triggered some questions. What does being a Bird Town mean? What's the purpose of attracting birds here?



**BIRD TOWN
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Just like humans, different birds have different jobs to keep our neighborhoods thriving. Some birds such as swallows, chickadees, and bluebirds act as pest control and can keep mosquitos and other unwelcome insects away from you and your garden. Barn owls help rid your property of larger destructive pests such as mice and rats. Hummingbirds work as graceful pollinators while fruit and nut eating birds scatter seeds. Other birds such as vultures and buzzards take on the dirty

job of disposing of animal carcasses that could potentially spread disease to humans.

So now that you know just a few reasons why birds are so important, what can you do to attract them and provide them with a healthy environment? Some easy steps to make your property more bird friendly include reducing light pollution, keeping domestic cats inside, planting native plants and trees, and using safe pesticides and fertilizers.

Bird Town PA's mission is to "work in partnership with local municipalities and like-minded organizations to promote community-based conservation actions to create a healthier, more sustainable environment for birds, wildlife, and people." The Lower Providence Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will be overseeing the Township's Bird Town PA program. Please keep your eye out for upcoming Bird Town and EAC events and news in the township!

To learn more about Bird Town PA please visit birdtownpa.org.

To learn more about the EAC visit www.lowerprovidence.org/environmental-advisory-council, follow us on Facebook, or attend a meeting the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



End of summer

POOL CLOSING TIPS



- Pool water may be disposed of through the sanitary sewer system **ONLY** with municipal permission
- Never dispose of pool water through a storm sewer, which will discharge to a stream
- If lowering the water level of the pool, let it drain to a lawn to prevent it from running off into a storm sewer
- If a sanitary sewer system is not available, water may be used for irrigation if it does not run off the property or into a storm sewer

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REDUCE THE TIME YOU DRIVE ALONE

Explore Alternatives to Driving Alone

When communities invest in sidewalks, bike lanes, trails, crosswalks, public transit, and other infrastructure it promotes transportation equity, improves public health, and reduces our carbon footprint. Lower Providence Township partners with the nonprofit GVF, which focuses on improving climate, equity and overall quality of life by reducing single-occupancy vehicles and educating residents on alternatives such as biking, transit, walking, working from home, carpooling and vanpooling.

GVF believes everyone should have safe and reliable transportation choices. A community's infrastructure should support residents of all ages and abilities to make trips by walking or cycling because it is convenient, affordable, and promotes a healthy lifestyle. Below are resources to provide options on how you can travel throughout the community:

TRAIL INFORMATION

Circuit Trails - Did you know that one of America's largest trail networks is in your backyard? Find your trail on the Circuit among the hundreds of miles of interconnected trails in the Greater Philadelphia region: <https://circuittrails.org/find-trails/>

TRANSIT INFORMATION

SEPTA Bus 131 serves Lower Providence Township. For real-time information on local bus and regional rails visit www5/septa.org.

TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

Wearetdm.com - *Wearetdm.com* provides the latest and most up-to-date transportation information and shares resources to help you save time and money on your commute.

Ruti Bike - Let Ruti help you find the bike route with the least car traffic: <https://rutiapp.bike>

SEPTA's Bicycle Policy - Most SEPTA vehicles can accommodate bicycles, defined as two-wheeled, manually powered or electrically assisted vehicles. Folding bicycles are always permitted on all vehicles. www5.septa.org/travel/bike-ride/

Share-A-Ride - Share-A-Ride's platform & mobile apps help you discover all your sustainable travel options in SE PA like telecommuting, carpool, vanpool, transit,

walk, or bike. You can also record your sustainable trips and earn rewards! dvrpc.org/sar/

Emergency Ride Home Program - Did you know if you take public transit, carpool, or vanpool to work and an unexpected personal or family emergency or illness, unscheduled overtime, or if the regular ride home is not available for certain reasons, registered commuters are provided with a free ride to home, their car or to the place of the emergency. Sign up at: dvrpc.org/mobilityalternatives/erh/

GVF - Transportation Management Association serving Chester and Montgomery Counties: Gvftma.com

TRAFFIC AND CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

For information on local road work, please visit the following pages:

PennDOT District 6 - www.penndot.pa.gov/RegionalOffices/district-6/Pages/default.aspx

511PA for active PennDOT and PA Turnpike advisories - www.511pa.com/Traffic.aspx



TRASH, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE INFORMATION

A dedicated phone line and email address have been setup for service-related trash, recycling and yard waste issues.

Call 610-635-3599 or email trash@lowerprovidence.org to report an issue with service. Please provide your name, address and phone number, date the service issue occurred, and description of the problem.

Bulk Item Collection

Bulk item collection takes place once per month on the last second trash day of the month. For example, if your second trash collection day of the week is Thursday, then bulk collection for you is the last Thursday of the month. If a holiday affects bulk pickup collection, a notice will be posted on the Township website, www.lowerprovidence.org/trash-recycling-yard-waste. Mattresses and box springs must be placed in disposable mattress bags. For an additional fee, you can schedule an extra bulk item pickup.

For appliances with freon, such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners, please call to schedule an appointment, 484-518-7026.

Holiday Collection

If your trash collection day falls on a holiday (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day) it will be skipped until the next collection day.

If your recycling collection day falls on one of these holidays, Memorial Day, Independence Day July 4th, Labor Day or Thanksgiving, recycling collection will occur the following week as a double collection.

When **recycling** collection day falls on Christmas and New Year's Day, recycling will be collected on Wednesday for those two weeks and there will be no yard waste collection during those weeks.

Billing Information

Residents are billed directly by J.P. Mascaro four times a year under a Township-wide contract. The current five-year contract went into effect March 2022 and provides for twice per week trash collection, once per week recycling collection, and yard waste collection every Wednesday year-round with a 10-bag limit.

The current annual cost per household is \$551.76. Annual household costs for the remainder of the contract are: \$601.32 in year three, \$655.44 in year four, and \$716.16 in year five.



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WHAT IS CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME?

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Carpal tunnel syndrome is a common condition that causes pain, numbness, and tingling in the hand and arm. The condition occurs when one of the major nerves to the hand, the median nerve, is squeezed or compressed as it travels through the wrist.

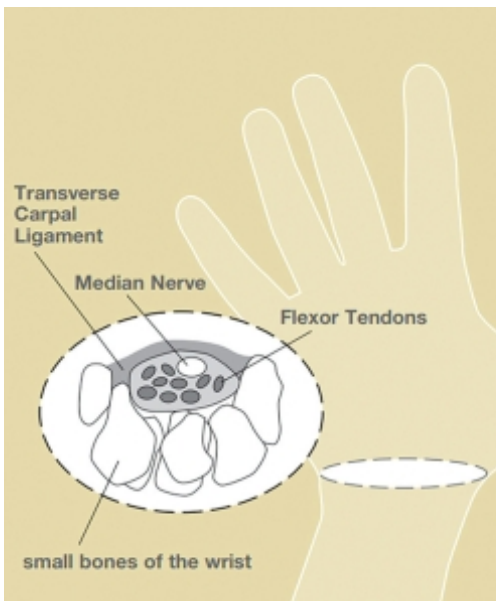
In addition to numbness and tingling, carpal tunnel syndrome can cause swelling, weakness, and night time pain. Patients sometimes describe dropping things unexpectedly and may have difficulty with buttoning shirts, tying shoelaces, or handling loose change.



What causes carpal tunnel syndrome?

Carpal tunnel syndrome is frequently seen in individuals who develop swelling or inflammation in their hands. People who smoke, as well as those with connective tissue diseases, diabetes mellitus, and hypothyroidism, may be at greater risk. Repetitive work activities can also cause carpal tunnel syndrome.

The median nerve acts as an electrical wire between the spinal cord and the hand. The nerve passes through the carpal tunnel in the wrist along with nine tendons that bend the fingers. When the tendons in the



wrist become swollen and inflamed, the median nerve can become compressed by the transverse carpal ligament (see figure), leading to carpal tunnel symptoms.

Early on, symptoms commonly occur during sleeping hours. In more advanced cases, the symptoms can become problematic during waking hours. Many sufferers describe symptoms with benign activities, like reading the newspaper or driving a car.

What can a hand surgeon do to help?

A hand surgeon can order special nerve tests to verify the extent of the problem. Custom wrist splints are helpful for early stages of carpal tunnel syndrome. These splints are worn at nighttime to relieve pressure on the median nerve and to prevent the wrists from bending during sleep.

Cortisone injections often provide excellent relief from symptoms. Unfortunately, symptomatic relief is only temporary, and most people experience a recurrence of symptoms after 3-4 months.

For chronic or more advanced cases, carpal tunnel surgery is often recommended as the best course of treatment.

What can I expect from surgery?

Surgery provides more space for the median nerve and relieves pressure on the median nerve and tendons. This procedure is typically done under light sedation and local anesthesia and usually takes only minutes to complete.

While there are several different approaches to performing carpal tunnel surgery, usually a 1/2 inch incision is made near the wrist and use of a camera to release the tunnel under direct visualization. This minimally invasive approach minimizes discomfort following surgery and allows patients to return to activities more quickly. Over 95 percent of patients improve dramatically following surgical intervention, with most returning to daily activities within days. Many patients can resume heavier job-related activities after 2-4 weeks.

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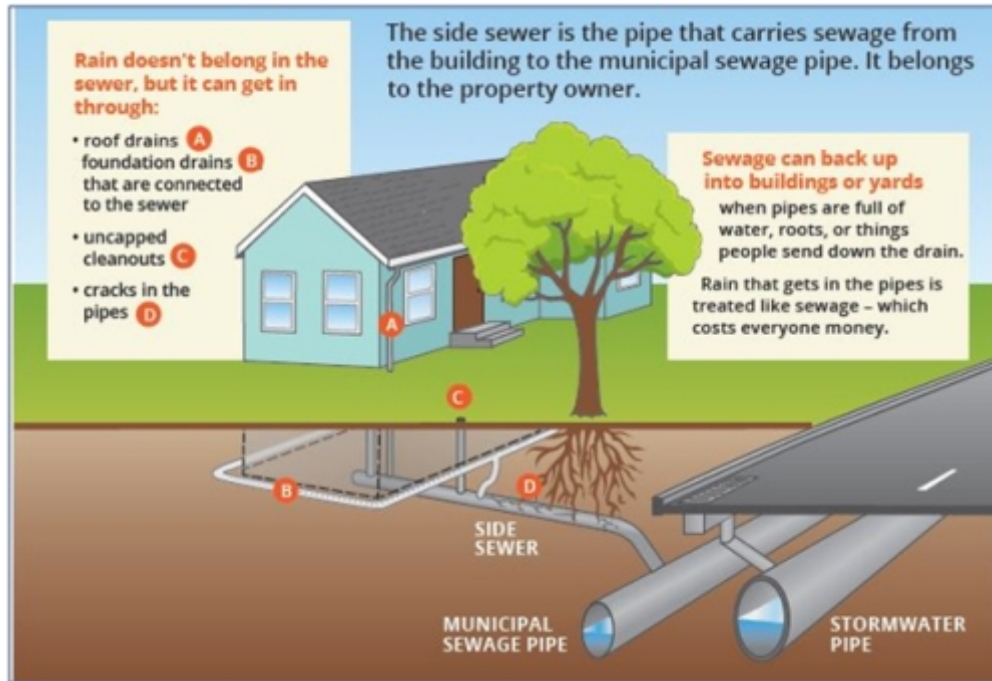
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SEWER AUTHORITY NEWS

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How To Avoid Sewage Backups - Maintain Your Side Sewer Pipe:



Here's What To Do

Disconnect your downspouts or floor drain from the sanitary sewer:

This is a violation of Township ordinance and must be disconnected. If you are uncertain if your downspouts or floor drains are connected to the sanitary sewer, please contact the Sewer Authority. We will be happy to come out to inspect.

Replace uncapped cleanouts:

An uncapped clean out will allow excess water and debris into the sanitary sewer line. Caps are available at your local hardware, home improvement store or plumbing supply store.

Perform preventative maintenance for roots:

Sewer line pipes carry a lot of water, making them the best sources of moisture for roots. If there is any crack, the consistent supply of water will cause the roots to expand to fill and cause damage to your pipe. Early signs of tree roots or a clog in your sewer lateral pipe are the slow draining of water or some gurgling sounds when you flush.

The best time to call a plumber is when you start to notice the slow draining of water. Sewer Authority employees are available during regular business hours by

calling 610-539-6161. 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.

Foaming root killer works effectively against root growth in your sewer line pipe, removing existing roots and helping against future occurrences. Treat in spring and fall. The product, which is poured in the toilet

and flushed, is available at your local hardware, home improvement store or plumbing supply store.

Sewer Line Replacement Work

The Sewer Authority consistently does maintenance work on its sewer lines and is continuing its efforts to remove I/I* from the Sanitary Sewer System. We will be replacing the main lines and manholes in the street and the laterals from the main to the roadway right of way. Sewer replacements are costly and time-consuming projects but are necessary to extend the life of our sewers and ensure they continue to serve Lower Providence Township for generations to come. The most recent Sewer Authority project that was done has proven to be very successful.

The work for the 2023-24 project will include the following streets in no particular order:

- Woodlyn Avenue from house numbers 148 & 147 to Trooper Road
- Oakdale Avenue from house number 28 to Trooper Road
- Rogers Road from Woodland to Trooper Road

Letters will be sent to all homeowners in the project area before work begins.

***Inflow and infiltration (I/I)** is clear water that seeps into 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 may cause sewage flows to exceed design capacity.

Billing Information

The Pennsylvania Housing Assistance Fund (PAHAF) provides financial assistance to eligible homeowners to help cover wastewater charges. Please visit their website <https://pahaf.org/> or call 888-987-2423 for more information and to apply.

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.**

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Contact Us: 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 1-888-831-7818. 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.



CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

An Opportunity to Experience 'The Wall That Heals'



Lower Providence Township is honored to provide assistance to Upper Providence Township as it prepares to host The Wall That Heals, a Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica Wall and Mobile Education Center. The replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors will experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in Washington, D.C.

The exhibit will be free to the public and on display at Anderson Farm Park 24 hours a day beginning Thursday, Oct. 26 until closing Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023. The park is located at 499 Hopwood Road, Collegeville, PA, 19426.

As the nation begins the year-long recognition of the 50th anniversary of the close of the Vietnam War, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) announced The Wall That Heals national tour, spreading the healing legacy of The Wall and education about the war.

Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit:
<https://www.uprov-montco.org/423/The-Wall-That-Heals>

Continuing the Township's Tradition of Giving

Please join us in brightening the holidays for Township families in need. Food donations, monetary contributions, grocery store gift cards, and Angel Tree gifts are ways you can be a part of the Caring and Sharing program and help less fortunate families in our community during the holiday season.

Food donations can be dropped off at the Township Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



The Angel Tree will be located in the lobby of the Administration Building after Thanksgiving. Choose a wish card from the tree, purchase the gift requested and return it unwrapped or in a gift bag.

For details on the Caring & Sharing Program, please call 610-635-3543. Thank you for your generosity!



Lower Providence Community Library

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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The Lower Providence Township Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide professional and diverse program services to the community.

Our mission is based on a passion of enriching the lives of our residents through recreation, cultivating natural beauty, and maintaining safe and clean parks.

We foster the development, the promotion, and the administration of recreational activities and services that enhance the quality of life for all our residents.

CHECK OUT THE PARKS AND RECREATION WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION ON UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS! (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.

2023 LPTCRec Fall Recreation schedule is now on www.lptrec.com! Check out all the fun and exciting recreation programs and special events that we're offering

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- *Yoga in the Park*
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- *Firebirds Theatre Workshops*
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SPECIAL WAYS TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES Consider tree, bench, or brick donations

Memorial trees, benches and Walk of Honor brick pavers are welcomed donations at sites within the Lower Providence Township Parks system and are special ways to honor the memory of a loved one.

If you or your family enjoy a park and wish to place a lasting memorial to a family member, friend or pet consider donating a tree or bench. Memorial brick pavers are added to the Walk of Honor in front of the Township's Veterans' Memorial located at the Administration Building.

Memorial gift forms are available at the Administration Building or on-line at the Parks & Recreation website 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.



HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM

Lower Providence Township is pleased to announce our Hometown Heroes Banner Program, a tribute created for the community to recognize and honor those who are serving or have served our country in the United States Armed Forces.

Banners will be displayed within the Eagleville Park Complex from Memorial Day 2023 through May 1st, 2024. Each Banner requires the Hometown Hero Form to be filled

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2023 Lower Providence Township Fall Community Special Events

Fall Community Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, September 23, 2023 (LP Residents Only)
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

We believe that one man's trash is another man's treasure! What a great way to locate inexpensive items, clothing, jewelry, toys, games and more.

Vendors: register your home yard sale with us to receive a spot on our Township-wide list and a sign to post near your home.



35th Annual Community Fall Festival

Saturday, October 7, 2023

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Eagleville Park

Rain Date: Sunday, October 8th

Come join us at the 35th Annual Community Fall Festival at Eagleville Park.

This is a popular fun filled family-oriented community event. It features hayrides, pony rides, inflatables, music, food vendors, crafters, business courtyard, truck & vehicle area, pumpkin patch and much more fun!



CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Come join the fun at the
35th Annual Community Fall Festival
on Saturday, October 7, 2023



Consider being part of this wonderful community event. Spaces are limited so get your registration in early!

Participation Levels:

Business Courtyard.....	\$115.00
Vendors/Crafters.....	\$60.00
Non-Profit/Tax Exempt Organizations.....	\$30.00

To register go to the Lower Providence Township website:
www.lptrec.com

4th Annual Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 21, 2023

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eagleville Park

- Bus Parking Lot Area

Rain Date: Sunday, October 22nd

Decorated cars, costumes, candy... and lots of fun! The cost for being a trunker is \$15. Please register at www.lptrec.com to secure your spot as a trunker! This gets you a parking space and a chance to win 1 of 3 prizes. Trunkers are responsible for providing their treats (NO handmade or perishable or novelty items. Pre-packaged treats only).



Holiday Pet Photos with Santa at the Winter Wonderland!

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Eagleville Park

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15th Annual Community Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1, 2023

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Eagleville Park

Join us for the 15th Annual Community Tree Lighting and Winter Wonderland. Activities begin at 6:30 pm with Santa arriving at 7:00 pm. Enjoy the songs of the season by the Arcola Select Chorus, hot chocolate and cookies provided by the LP Optimist Club, Character Meet & Greet and more!



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 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Cash and credit cards are accepted to purchase tickets. No personal checks, refunds or exchanges. Tickets will be available mid-December 2023 through March 2024. Call ahead to confirm availability.

Ski Areas Include:

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



DISCOUNT 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 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Cash and most major credit cards are accepted to purchase tickets. No personal checks, refunds or exchanges.



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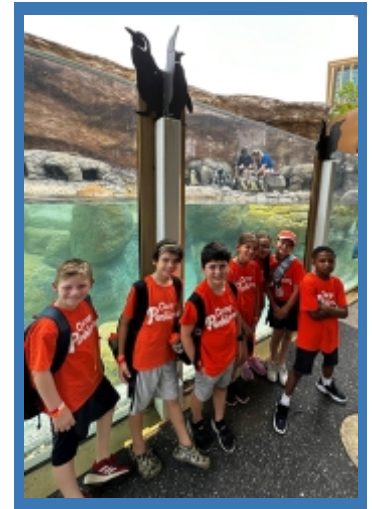
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Another **EXCITING** Summer Camp Season!

The Lower Providence Township's Parks and Recreation Department wrapped up another successful summer camp this year! Lil' Perks, Camp Perky Eagleville & Woodland, and Perkiomy Trailblazers campers all had a fun summer playing games with their friends, eating Kona Ice, adventuring on field trips and everything in between.

Campers had fun on field trips to the Philadelphia Zoo, Dutch Wonderland, Crystal Cave, Citizen's Bank Park, Adventure Aquarium and more! Throughout the summer, campers enjoyed theme days, special guest speakers and a wide variety of special events including Holiday Celebrations, Camp Olympics, and Everybody's Birthday Day. Thanks to our camp supervisors and counselors for another outstanding job!

If you'd like more information on the 2024 Summer Camps program or Summer Camp staff job opportunities, contact the Parks and Recreation Department, 610-635-3543. The 2024 Summer Camp Information Guide, activity calendars and job applications will be available after the first of the year.



The Township and the Parks & Recreation Department expresses its appreciation to the employees of Infinite Blue, a software company located in the Township's Park Pointe business park in Audubon. They volunteered their time to help clean up many parks in the Township. The areas they helped beautify were Eagleville, Eskie and Hoy Parks. The volunteers covered a lot of work in just one afternoon as they painted, planted flowers, mulched, and wiped down many tables. A special "Thank You" to CEO, Frank Schultz, and Karen Loomis, Chief of Staff, for reaching out to the Parks and Recreation Department and making this opportunity possible.



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- Guest instructors include **Rotation Records, FLUX, and Montgomery County Community College**
- Snacks and warm dinner provided
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- Registration on a rolling first-come-first-serve basis!



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- Annual Art Exhibition
- Spring Fling
- Art in the Park Arts & Music Festival
- Summer Series including Juneteenth & Fourth of July performances
- East Norriton Holiday Parade

ARTS & MUSIC CAMP

We host two weeks of camp in July holding **one week of visual arts and one week of music & movement**.

EP Camp features:

- An small cohort of up to 10 students age **12-19**
- Breakfast, lunch & snacks provided
- Registration on a rolling first-come-first-serve basis!

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

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