

LPPD, METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNER ON SCHOOL BUS SAFETY INITIATIVE

Collaboration Includes Safety Tech Company BusPatrol

The Lower Providence Township Police Department and Methacton School District have launched a new partnership dedicated to student safety with BusPatrol and the district's transportation provider, First Student.

The district's school bus fleet will be equipped with stop-arm cameras to deter drivers from illegally passing stopped school buses in Lower Providence Township. The camera system is positioned to capture images of drivers and their vehicles if they pass a school bus while the stop arm is extended and flashing red lights are activated. The video will be reviewed by the Lower Providence Township Police Department before citations are issued.

"Safety within our community is our department's top priority, especially amongst our children. Deploying this new technology to increase driver awareness and deter reckless driving is, in my opinion, the most logical way to continue providing that safety to our children and community as a whole," said Lower Providence Police Chief Mike Jackson.

According to the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, drivers across the U.S. are reported to blow past school buses 17 million times a year. Just one violation could cost a life. The BusPatrol program allows the school district to upgrade its current school bus safety technology at no cost to taxpayers.

The technology, installation, and maintenance are all provided at zero cost to Methacton School District.

BusPatrol's platform is entirely violator-funded and any additional revenue can be used to fund school bus safety initiatives.

Pennsylvania state law requires drivers to stop at least 10 feet away from a stopped school bus with its red lights

flashing and stop-arm deployed. Drivers must stop for a school bus approaching in any direction to allow children to enter and exit the bus safely. The first violation for a driver captured by the stop-arm camera will result in a minimum penalty of \$250.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY

With the school year underway, motorists need to be vigilant to avoid potentially tragic crashes and strong penalties as school buses return to the roads and transport children.

Students are also exposed to traffic while waiting for buses or walking to the bus stop or school. Motorists are reminded to be cautious and alert when approaching a school bus stop and to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.

In addition to watching for school buses, motorists should be alert in school zones, which become hubs of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Motorists are required to slow down to the posted speed limit of 15 mph in school zones.

For more information on Pennsylvania's school bus stopping law, school bus safety tips and programs, visit www.penndot.gov/safety.



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If you believe you have the education and experience to contribute to one of these groups and are interested in serving your community, please send a letter of interest and resume by November 19, 2021 to:

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Boards and Commissions

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

2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are currently being held in one of the following ways: Virtually via Zoom, in-person at the Township Administration Building, 100 Parklane Drive, Eagleview, PA, or a hybrid combination of in-person and virtually. Agendas and specific instructions for meetings will be posted to 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.

Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

Third Wednesday 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

Columbus Day.....Monday, Oct. 11

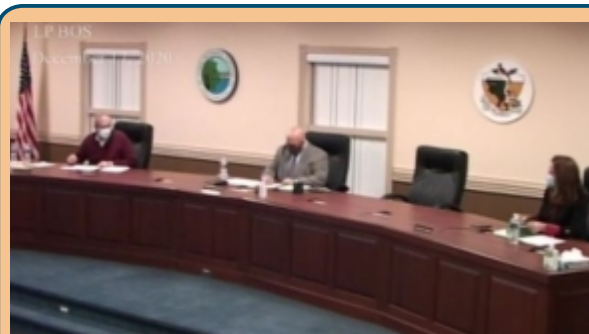
Veterans' Day.....Thursday, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving Holiday.....Thursday Nov. 25

.....& Friday Nov. 26

Christmas Eve (Observed)Thursday, Dec. 23

Christmas Day (Observed).....Friday, Dec. 24



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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.

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations Sought for Annual Community Awards

The Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors is accepting nominations for the annual Citizen, Volunteer and Business of the Year awards. Applications are due by November 1, 2021.

The *Citizen of the Year Award* is presented annually to an individual who has made exceptional contributions to Lower Providence Township. The selection committee looks for an individual who, among other attributes, continually gives of his or her time, dedication and talents to the betterment of the local community.

The *Volunteer of the Year Award* is presented annually to an individual, group or organization who has performed

outstanding service to the community. The award recognizes the inspiring efforts of volunteers and the selection committee looks for individuals who demonstrate commitment, service, creativity, and cooperation in their volunteer capacity.

The *Business of the Year Award* recognizes a business that has promoted and inspired the business community through its leadership, example and investment in Lower Providence Township.

If you have a friend, neighbor, relative or business that you feel meets any of the above criteria, complete a nomination form and return it to the Township by November 1, 2021. Nomination forms are available on the Township website, lowerprovidence.org (enter "Awards" in the search bar) or at the Township



Administration Building. For more information, contact Denise Walsh, dwalsh@lowerprovidence.org.

SEPTEMBER - NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."

No matter where you live, the importance of preparing for disasters is universal. Emergencies can happen anywhere -- at home, at work, in your car -- and Pennsylvanians should take action to prepare for emergencies and unexpected events..

Talk to your family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Have a plan and make sure to update it frequently. Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and

supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

Start your emergency preparedness today by making a plan, building a kit, and planning for special needs in your household or community.

For valuable resources to guide you, visit Ready.pa.gov.



From Methacton School District: Strategic Plan Update

Methacton School District is preparing to update its strategic plan and will be seeking stakeholder participation. The district's strategic planning process will include several stakeholder avenues to help gather input and feedback, including participation in focus groups by various stakeholders. Those dates have been established as follows:

September 9, 2021	Release participation process - Signup
October 21, 2021	Full Group Meeting 1 of 2 (Kick Off Event)
October 22 - Nov 24, 2021	Sub-committee Work (In person/Virtual as determined by Committee) NOTE: Sub-committee work generally consist of 1-2 meetings within the outlined timewith specific dates/times/locations/virtual/in person made at the discretion of the sub-committee members.
January 10, 2022	Virtual Full Group Meeting 2 of 2 (Wrap Up Meeting)
February 22, 2022	Board Presentation - Strategic Plan



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Development Projects: Underway & Under Review

ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION / NEARING COMPLETION

Courts at Brynwood

Within this 139-townhome community along Germantown Pike, the units have completely sold out - ahead of schedule. Construction will be completed later this year.

Eagleview Hospital 100 Eagleview Road

A \$45-million project to modernize the campus has begun. Construction of Phase 1 is nearly complete, with three new residential buildings recently completed.

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. Most of the homes have been completed, with a few left to be sold.

IROY Gym & Track 3444-50 Germantown Pike

Interior work has been completed for the approximately 47,000-square foot indoor gym and courts facility and the gym is open.



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./Eagleview Rd., site of proposed intersection improvements. Permits for six of the seven lots have been submitted with much construction either completed or underway. The existing house on the tract has been occupied by new owners.

109 River Road

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

306 Level Road /Creekview Estates

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. All the lots have been sold, with several homes having been completed.

Arrowhead Elementary

Methacton School District is reconstructing the existing Arrowhead Elementary School building at 262 Level Road. The project involves continuous operation of the existing building while the new building is being constructed. The new building is adding a second story over part, enhanced traffic circulation, stormwater management, and modernized construction systems. Construction is underway, and the new school is on schedule to be opened in 2022.

Eagleview Elementary

Methacton School District is adding 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. Construction work on the addition at the main entrance, the HVAC system, and the façade is underway.

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 30 townhouses constructed interior to the site near Crosskeys Road. Site work has begun. Townhouse construction is to begin in the fall.

PLANS THAT HAVE COMPLETED FINAL REVIEW:

Montgomery County EOC Development

This is for the construction of a new 21,950 SF building for the County Coroner and a new 22,200 SF Archives Building.

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.

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. The property owner is seeking tenants and will then begin construction.

PLANS THAT ARE UNDER REVIEW:

Branca 420 Church Road

A subdivision plan has been submitted for review after an appeal was granted by Common Pleas Court. Presently, the plan shows 25 lots and is being reviewed by Township staff and consultants, prior to public meetings and consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

JVJD 15/42 Meadow Road

A minor subdivision plan has been submitted for review; the plan shows subdivision of 2 lots creating 3 new lots. This plan is being reviewed by Township staff and consultants, prior to public meetings and consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

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Construction on the new Arrowhead Elementary School



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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TOUR

Committee Conducts Outreach Tours

Over the summer months, the Lower Providence Business Development Committee embarked on a series of outreach tours to local businesses. The committee visited the Park Ridge, Audubon Village, Audubon

Plaza and Audubon Square shopping centers. An additional "Meet and Greet" event is also planned for businesses in the west Ridge Pike corridor.

The outreach program allows the committee members to hear the concerns of business owners/operators and to discuss what the future may hold for businesses in the Township. Recognizing the

challenges local businesses have faced, the outreach events also provide an opportunity to thank the business community for the sacrifices made during the pandemic.

The committee is made up of elected officials and Township staff committed to promoting our existing businesses and recruiting others to Lower Providence.



The committee tours the Park Ridge Shopping Center.



Committee members talk with Francesca Mannino at Tony's Pizza in the Audubon Plaza.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Lower Providence 2040

A Comprehensive Plan for Lower Providence Township

Lower Providence Township is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan that will lay the foundation for our community for the next 10+ years. The plan will describe a long-range vision for the Township and provide direction for implementation of that vision. A committee made up of Township officials and community members is working with professional planners from the Montgomery County Planning Commission on the update.

The committee is using data gathered and survey results to make policy recommendations and set priorities in these key areas:

- Employment and business development
- Commercial character
- Natural environment
- Road safety, traffic and transit
- Walking and biking
- Housing and Neighborhoods
- Community identity

It is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will vote on the final adoption of the updated Comprehensive Plan in the fall of 2022.

Follow the Progress

You're encouraged to follow the progress of the Comprehensive Plan update and provide input in this important process. Schedules, meetings videos and materials, and other resources are available online:
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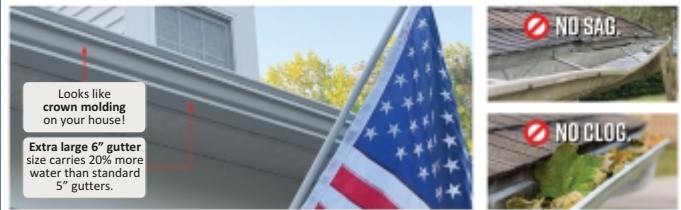
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Project Return Safely A Valuable Tool for Police Department

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 for residents who participate, 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, visit lowerprovidence.org/police-department/pages/programs and complete the Project Return Safely registration form. The completed form, as well as a recent photograph, can be dropped off at the Police station or sent to:

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LOWER PROVIDENCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NEWS

75th Anniversary Open House and Housing Ceremony

In continuing with our 75th Anniversary events, the LPFD will be hosting a family-friendly and exciting Fire Prevention Week Open House and Housing at the



main fire station 3199 Ridge Pike, Eagleville. This event will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will be held in lieu of our annual Friday evening open house.

The event falls during the annual National Fire Protection Agency Fire Prevention Week. There will be several different displays on hand for everyone in the family to enjoy including fire department displays, a helicopter, children's bounce house, DJ, smoke house, and other children's activities. Along with the displays and attractions, we intend to have several local small business vendors and agencies in attendance.

At 3 p.m., a "Housing" ceremony will be held in which several newer pieces of fire apparatus will be officially housed into the fire department. This ceremony is rich in

the history of fire departments and is always enjoyable to attend. Please mark your calendars and don't forget to come out and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with your local volunteers!

Firefighters needed!

The Lower Providence Fire Department is a 100% volunteer organization comprised of dedicated community members who have answered the call for help since our establishment in 1945. We want to continue answering those calls in a timely, effective, and professional manner and are looking for like-minded community members to join our ranks.

Volunteerism in the fire service in the United States has been in decline for years and, unfortunately, the LPFD has not been immune from this trend. For us to keep fulfilling our mission of protecting the lives and property of the residents, businesses and visitors of Lower Providence and surrounding communities in our current structure, we need a strong, multi-generational volunteer base that is trained, confident, and ready to keep answering the call for years to come. While our greatest need is for firefighters, we welcome those interested in fire police, support, and administrative roles. If you have the ability and the desire to do the job, we can teach you the rest; the department covers the cost of training and equipment.

Whether you're ready to sign up or just want to learn more, we encourage you to visit our firehouse located at 3199 Ridge Pike in Eagleville at 6:30 PM every Tuesday during our maintenance and training night. You can also visit volunteerlpfd.com, fill out the form and we'll be in touch.



Our cadet and junior firefighter programs provide an opportunity for those as young as 14 years old to get involved and become proficient in fireground support functions, providing an advantage when entering the fire academy for formal certification after turning 18. The program is also a great opportunity to showcase an ongoing commitment to community service on college applications and resumes.

LOWER PROVIDENCE EMS NEWS

How You Can Help During an Emergency

Medical Emergencies are terrifying and emotional experiences for anyone. However, they are rather common occurrences in not just Lower Providence but in the U.S. Did you know that LPEMS Paramedics and EMT's respond to over 3,800 calls for service in Lower Providence Township alone? That is an average of just over 10 emergencies every day!

This may seem extreme; however, our dedicated staff has the training, compassion, and drive to handle every emergency respectfully and expeditiously. While we are trained for handling numerous situations, medical emergencies are an emotional experience for the individual requiring assistance and the family/friend(s) that are witnessing the event.

We would like to offer some tips and suggestions that can help make the process a little smoother which we hope will alleviate some of the stress of an already stressful experience.

In the event emergency assistance is needed please dial 9-1-1; provide the call taker with answers to their questions as accurately as possible.

Before the EMS Unit Arrives

If you can do so or if a family member or friend can assist, please gather the following information. All this information must be obtained quickly and upon initial contact as it serves to complete our assessment of your condition and what is needed to safely continue your treatment. The most accurate and effective way to communicate much of this information to provide is to have a pre-written list printed on a simple piece of paper or a flash card:

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Current List of Medication(s) and

Medication Allergies - Many individuals advise us that "they have this information at the hospital", however, EMS providers need this information as well, so we ensure that if we give you medications on the way to the hospital that they will not negatively interact with each other. Additionally, we will make every attempt to take you to the hospital of your choice that is within reason (see list on our website) however, certain conditions require special resources not available at every hospital and hospital diversion (overcrowding with no space)

may cause the need for you to be treated at a different hospital, this will be clearly communicated to you on scene.

Medical History - Major medical conditions such as heart conditions, diabetes, high blood pressure, and prior surgeries are needed to best diagnose your current condition.

Once EMS arrives if you are a bystander or family member, please consider the following:

- Try to control your emotions and stay calm - we do not need to further upset the patient.
- Direct EMS to the patient.
- Please allow the patient to answer questions from our providers, please do not crowd the scene or speak over the providers to answer on the patient's behalf.
- Please remember we are here to assist in this emergency and bring a wealth of knowledge and experiences.

We hope that everyone stays happy and healthy and that our interactions are limited to community events and public interactions. However, if our services are needed, we thank you for your cooperation and understanding, with these suggestions and tips. LPEMS has proudly served this community since 1955 and hopes to continue to gain the trust and respect of this community each and every day.

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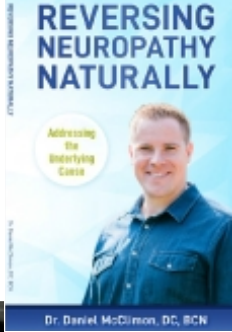
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SEWER AUTHORITY NEWS

Sewer Line Replacement Work

In our continued efforts to remove I/I* from the Sanitary Sewer System, our previous construction projects were in 2018 and 2020. Construction is currently underway and will continue through February 2022 to replace the main sanitary sewer lines and laterals serving the properties on the following streets in no particular order:

- Summit Avenue
- Amy Drive, Alexandra Drive, Jennifer Lane
- Second Street
- Sunnyside Avenue (Note: Sunnyside Avenue will be detoured during the construction work; residents will have access to their homes at all times.)
- Section of Walker Lane from East Mount Kirk to Church Road including Jamestown & Roanoke Circle, and section of Walker Lane from Church Road halfway to cul-de-sac.

Questions about this upcoming project should be directed to the Sewer Authority at 610-539-6161 during the hours of 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

***Inflow and infiltration (I/I)** is clear water that enters the sewer system from a variety of sources.

Inflow is water that is entering the system through downspouts, floor drains and sump pumps.

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.

Sewer Gas What You Should Know

The Sewer Authority often gets calls from homeowners that they smell sewer gas in their home.

One common cause of sewer gas in the home is a dried P-trap in a sink that has not been used in a while. Water sits in the P-trap and blocks sewer gas from entering up through the drain. If the P-trap runs dry, it allows the gas to escape through the drain.

Sewer gas is a mixture of inorganic gases created by the action of anaerobic (needing no oxygen) bacteria in sewage and sludge. This gas can contain hydrogen sulfide, ammonia, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen, and hydrogen. Sewer gas can be produced in our sewer systems, during the sewage treatment process, and can also occur in homes where there are plumbing issues.

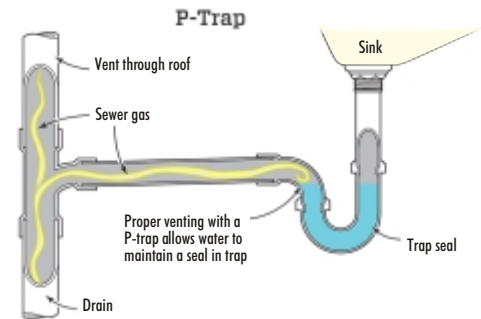
The primary part of sewer gas, and the smelliest part, is hydrogen sulfide. This is what gives the gas the "rotten egg" smell

that is also used to detect gas leaks. This smell is actually added to natural gas by utility companies to warn customers of a potential leak. However, if you smell this around your drains, it is likely from sewer gas trapped somewhere in your plumbing system.

If your plumbing system is working properly, you should not smell any sewer gas in your home. If you do have odors, the best thing to do is find the problem and have it repaired. Run water down your drains, even in sinks you may not use often, as part of routine maintenance.

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 1-888-831-7818. 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.

PUBLIC WORKS

Fall Cleanup Reminder

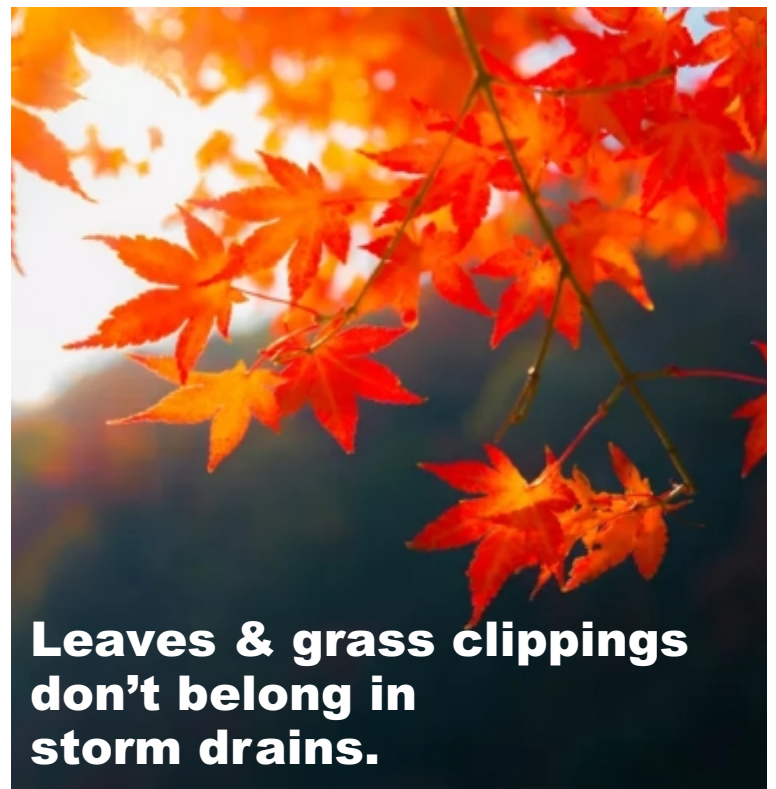
Fall yard care practices can make a big impact on water quality. The dead leaves that blanket your yard are full of things like phosphorus and nitrogen that feed algae, cause fish kills and contaminate our waters with toxins and bacteria. Keeping leaves and other yard waste away from stormdrains will go a long way toward protecting our rivers, lakes and streams.

Grass clippings and leaves blown into the street during yard maintenance don't just disappear; they can end up clogging local

storm sewer systems. Allowing yard waste into the street or down the storm drain can cause blockages or serious damage to the storm drain infrastructure.

You can help to prevent this by never raking or blowing leaves into the street and by blowing grass trimmings back into your yard.

Leaves are a potent source of nutrients. If you mulch them into smaller bits with your lawnmower, it has roughly the same effect as adding a round of store-bought fertilizer.



Leaves & grass clippings don't belong in storm drains.

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LOWER PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Lower Providence Community Garden was created to give Lower Providence Township residents the opportunity to build community through sustainable gardening. The garden is an unincorporated nonprofit organization initiated collectively by community members who participate in its organization, design, construction, and ongoing care. Through a memorandum of understanding with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, there are currently 15 raised beds available to members at 1350 Pawlings Road, across the street from the former St. Gabriel's Hall.

Individuals, families, or community organizations are invited to participate. There will be a seed swap and plant exchange program, gardening book library, educational events, and gathering space to sit and chat with other garden members. Also planned are several environmentally beneficial garden initiatives above and beyond the traditional community garden concept, including a wildflower meadow, blueberry "pick your own" field, native pollinator garden, and a monarch waystation.

The site is also home to Martha's Community Farm which grows vegetables, flowers and herbs to supply to families accessing Martha's Choice Marketplace, located in Norristown serving all of Montgomery County, and other local pantries.

Township residents are encouraged to get involved in the township Community Garden by becoming a member, volunteer, board member, or partner. From seasoned gardeners to budding beginners, everyone has something to contribute and all insight, input, and ideas are welcome.

Those interested in joining can do so here: <https://www.lpcommunitygarden.org/join>.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Garden Members actively work a 4 x 6 plot, producing fresh and nutritious food for themselves, their families, and their neighbors, all while practicing sustainable



and organic gardening. They support building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community of gardeners and make lifelong connections with other community members through garden meetings, events, and work parties. Garden Members are members of the nonprofit organization and have voting rights.

Volunteers support the community garden by devoting their time to non-member initiatives. They share the community garden's vision and actively pursue it. High school volunteer hours and internships are available.

Board Members ensure that the community garden operates smoothly. They organize member and community events, plan and prepare work parties, maintain social media and membership

requests, keep track of garden maintenance needed, and utilize garden membership fees to cover necessary garden expenses.

Partners collaborate with the community garden in realizing initiatives and achieving goals on a reciprocal basis. We are currently seeking partner collaborations that involve organic garden education. All ideas are welcome.



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Food donations can be dropped off at the Township Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For the holiday meal baskets, the following items are requested:

- ★ **Canned goods:** Corn, green beans, peas, yams, fruit, soups, baked beans
- ★ **Pantry items:** Instant mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, macaroni and cheese
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- ★ **Beverages:** Juice, coffee, hot chocolate

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). Please remember to attach the wish card to the gift to make sure it is given to the correct family and family member.

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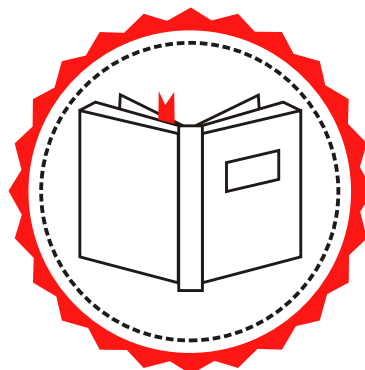
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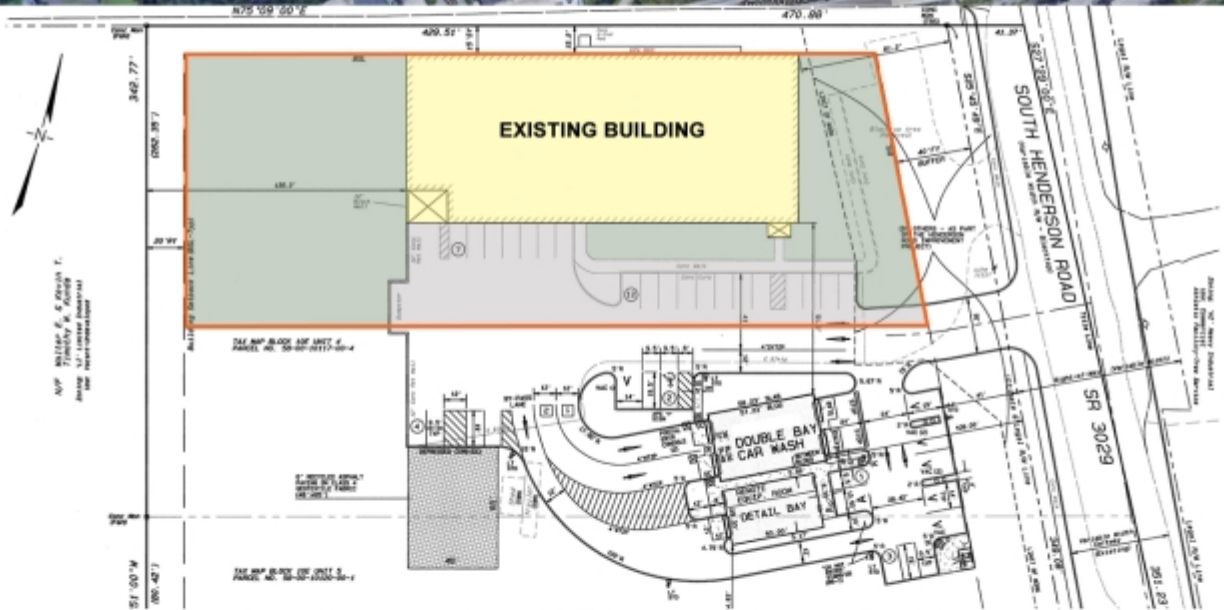
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My Dog Stopped Eating! Here are some common reasons.

What are some common reasons for a dog to stop eating?

When a dog stops eating it is referred to as anorexia. Dogs can become anorexic for many reasons. Sometimes it is an indication of a gastrointestinal issue. This could range from a simple cause like gastroenteritis to a more serious issue like gastrointestinal neoplasia or cancer. Gastroenteritis often occurs when dogs eat something out of the ordinary, from a new food or treat to getting into the garbage or ingesting something outside. Loss of appetite can also be a sign of other systemic illnesses such as kidney or liver disease, pancreatitis, and numerous other medical issues.

What illnesses are associated with a dog not eating?

There are countless medical causes for a dog to stop eating. Some are simple and can resolve spontaneously or get better with some simple medical intervention while others are more serious and require more extensive testing and treatment. The most common reason that we see dogs stop eating is gastroenteritis. This is inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract that occurs in dogs most commonly when they eat something out of the ordinary. More serious causes tend to result in a more gradual or persistent loss of appetite. These might include renal disease, liver disease, pancreatitis, cancer, and many other systemic illnesses.



How can dental issues affect a dog's appetite?

Dental issues should not affect your dog's appetite. Dogs are good at eating in a way to avoid oral pain. Dental issues can affect your dog's comfort when eating (he may drool excessively or have trouble picking up or chewing food), but he will still feel hungry and should show interest in food when it is offered.

What are food issues dog experience?

The most common food issue that we see

source (such as chicken or beef) used in food. The most common symptom of food allergies is actually itchiness of the skin. There are special prescription veterinary diets formulated with novel protein sources (duck, salmon, venison) or hydrolyzed proteins that are used to treat food allergies.

How long can a dog go without eating?

A dog can go for several days without eating and it does not cause bodily harm. Cats are very different and should not go more than 2 or 3 days without eating. Of course, both dogs and cats cannot go without drinking for more than a day or two without suffering dehydration.

When is it necessary to see a specialist about your dog not eating?

If your dog stops eating, you can wait a day or two to see if his appetite returns. If your dog is experiencing other symptoms, like vomiting, diarrhea, or lethargy he should be evaluated by a veterinarian within 24 hours. If your dog has a persistent loss of appetite and has seen either your primary veterinarian or an emergency veterinarian, has had initial testing done (bloodwork, x-rays, ultrasound), and has not responded to initial medical therapy, then he should be seen by a specialist. The type of specialist depends on the results of initial testing and could range from an Internal Medicine Specialist to a Dermatologist, or a Surgeon.



Can a change in surroundings affect a dog's appetite?

A change in surrounding can affect a dog's appetite temporarily. If you have a dog who is easily stressed or normally has a picky appetite, then moving to a new home, boarding, or being cared for in another home could cause a dog to eat less or refuse food for a few days. But an otherwise healthy dog will eat when she is hungry or accept tempting food like chicken, ground beef, or treats.

in veterinary medicine is often referred to as a food allergy. This occurs when a pet has a hypersensitivity to a certain protein

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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 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.

2021 LPTRec Fall Recreation schedule is now on www.lptrec.com so check out all the fun & exciting recreation programs & special events!

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 week before, the program will be cancelled! No walk-ins accepted at program site, so please register early!

- **9/11 Memorial Event**
- **Community Yard Sale**
- **Yoga in the Park**

- **Firebirds Theatre workshops**
- **Medicare Update Seminar**
- **AND MUCH MORE!**



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.

To participate, complete a Hometown Hero Form and submit the form, along with a photograph of the hero in uniform and payment of \$130.00

for each banner, payable to Hometown Heroes. Forms are available at the Township Building.

Please mail payment, form & photo to:

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2021 Lower Providence Township Fall Community Special Events



33rd Annual Community Fall Festival

Saturday, October 2, 2021

11:00 am - 4:00pm

Eagleville Park

Rain Date: Sunday, October 3rd

Come join us at the 33rd Annual Community Fall Festival at Eagleville Park. This is a popular family-oriented community event. It features hayrides, pony rides, inflatables, music, food vendors, crafters, business courtyard, touch-a-truck, pumpkin patch and much more fun!

Fall Festival



2nd Annual Truck or Treat

Saturday, October 23, 2021

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eagleville Park

- Bus Parking Lot Area

Rain Date: Sunday, October 24th

Decorated cars, costumes, candy...and lots of fun! The cost for being a trucker is \$10. Please register at www.lptrec.com to secure your spot as a trucker! 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).



13th Annual Community Tree Lighting

Friday, December 3, 2021

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Eagleville Park

Join us for the 13th 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, Reindeer Carnival Games, Character Meet & Greet and more!



CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Come join the fun at the 33rd Annual Community Fall Festival on Saturday, October 2, 2021

Lower Providence Township's Fall Festival is a popular family-oriented community event. This year some of the feature's happenings will include a pumpkin patch, food vendors, music, inflatables, hayrides, pony rides, a business courtyard, crafters and more!

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

Participation Levels:

Business Courtyard.....\$115.00

Food Vendors\$150.00

Vendors/Crafters.....\$60.00

Non-Profit/Tax Exempt Organizations.....\$30.00

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

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 4:30 pm. Cash and credit cards are accepted to purchase tickets. No personal checks, refunds or exchanges. Tickets will be available mid-December 2021 through March 2022. Call ahead to confirm availability.

Ski Areas Include:

Bear Creek
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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 4:30 pm. Cash and most major credit cards are accepted to purchase tickets. No personal checks, refunds or exchanges.



Movie Tavern Tickets are \$8.50

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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We had another *AWESOME* Summer Camp Season!

The Township's Parks and Recreation Department wrapped up another successful summer camp season - the summer camp program has been serving Township families for over 25 years.

Camp Perkiomy, this year was held at Arrowhead and Woodland Elementary Schools, accommodated campers in kindergarten through 5th grade. The **Perkiomy Trailblazers** camp, which is designed for middle school youths in grades 5 through 8, was held at Arcola Intermediate School.

Due to the pandemic, summer camp this year went back to the good old days and held camp "old school" style. Throughout the summer, campers enjoyed theme days, special guest speakers and a wide variety of special events - everything from Christmas in July to Wacky Science Experiments to Camp Olympics Day!

If you'd like more information on the summer camps program or summer camp staff job opportunities, contact the Parks and Recreation Department, 610-635-3543. The 2022 Summer Camp Information Guide, activity calendars and job applications will be available after the first of the year.



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