

## ***SOCIAL SERVICES LIAISON PROVIDES OUTREACH, RESOURCES***

Nicole Urbanski (Nikki) is the Lower Providence Township Police Department's Social Services Liaison. In this new vital role, Nikki will be facilitating connections, referrals, and support for community members in need. She will be a valued member of the Community Policing Division and will partner with officers to identify individuals and families with unmet social service needs (including mental health, addiction, substance use, trauma, food insecurity, homelessness, aging and adult services, and others) and facilitate referrals and warm hand-offs to the appropriate social service agencies.

Nikki has several years of experience in the social services field and has worked with all ages and backgrounds. Throughout her work, she has been able to successfully provide resources to individuals with mental health needs and their families. Prior to starting with the Township Police Department, Nikki was the Lead Mental Health Specialist with Central Behavioral Health, contracting for Methacton School District. In this position, Nikki provided counseling services to adolescents in grades 9-12.

Nikki holds her bachelor's degree in psychology from Kutztown University and master's in clinical and counseling psychology from Chestnut Hill College. In addition to her strong credentials and education in behavioral health, Nikki achieved a certification in Enhanced Placement Program through the Philadelphia Mental Health Care Corporation.

Nikki's perseverance and commitment to excellence is abundantly clear throughout her work. As a result, she



***Nicole (Nikki) Urbanski***

was presented with an Award of Excellence from the Methacton School District for her dedicated service within the school.

Questions about any type of social services need (substance use, addiction, homelessness, aging and adult services, mental health, behavioral health, etc.) within Lower Providence Township can be directed to Nicole.

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## MEET THE TOWNSHIP'S FRONT OFFICE LIAISON

Karliayn (Karli) Murphy has been selected to fill the Township's newly -created Front Office Liaison position within the Administration Department. She joined the Township team in February.

Karli has over 20 years of customer service and administrative assistant experience, with her most recent position as an assistant office manager with a local fence company. She possesses a diverse background in office management, customer service, and problem resolution and has worked with manufacturers and vendors/clients in fast-paced environments.

A Lansdale, PA native, Karli currently resides in Collegeville. In addition to working full

time, she runs a small business allowing her to pursue her love of repurposing furniture. Karli brings a commitment to providing top notch customer service and is a valuable addition to the Township team.

*-Welcome Karli-*



## HOW TO REQUEST COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Act 3 of 2008, Pennsylvania's Right-To-Know Law, provides for access to public records created and maintained by state and local agencies.

The first step to filing an effective Right-To-Know (RTK) request is to determine which agency is most likely to have the records you're interested in. The PA Office of Open Records has produced a table which tells you where you can obtain some of the most commonly requested records. Visit <https://www.openrecords.pa.gov/RTKL/CommonlyMisdirected.cfm>.

Identify the records you want as specifically as you can, so that an agency can quickly locate them and determine whether they are public records. Keep in mind that the RTK Law provides access to records; it doesn't require agencies to answer

questions. Filing a request is always free, but you may be required to pay duplication fees.

Requests for records may be submitted to the Township in person, by mail, email or fax. All requests must be in writing on the Township's Request for Records Form or on the Commonwealth's Right-To-Know Request Form.

The Township's Open Records Policy, records request forms and additional information are found on the Township website: [lowerprovidence.org/open-records-office/pages/right-know-law](http://lowerprovidence.org/open-records-office/pages/right-know-law).



## 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

Agendas and any specific meeting instructions can be viewed on the Township website, [www.lowerprovidence.org](http://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

**Memorial Day**.....Monday, May 29

**Independence Day**.....Tuesday, July 4

**Labor Day** .....Monday, Sept. 4

**Columbus Day** .....Monday, Oct. 9

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

**Thanksgiving Holiday** ....Thursday, Nov. 23 &  
Friday, Nov. 24

**Christmas Holiday**.....Monday, Dec. 25 &  
Tuesday, Dec. 26



## View Meeting Videos

Board of Supervisors' and Zoning Hearing Board meeting videos can be viewed on the Township website, [lowerprovidence.org](http://lowerprovidence.org).

In the **Citizen Action Center** on the home page, click on "Agendas & Minutes" to find the meeting videos.



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# DEVELOPMENT NEWS

## Development Projects: Underway & Under Review

### 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. There will also be 30 townhouses constructed interior to the site near Crosskeys Road. Townhouse construction by D.R. Horton is nearing completion and work on the mixed-use buildings along Ridge Pike is well underway.

**Montgomery County EOC Development** - This is the construction of a new 21,950 SF building for the County Coroner and a new 22,200 SF Archives Building. Construction has been progressing.

**Whitetail Ridge Estates** - 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. Several houses have been sold and two are currently being constructed.



**Bud's Bar** - The long-awaited 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 a commercial use once a tenant has been obtained.

**Pat's Seleto Pizza/Grill** - Another regional chain is moving into the former Bertucci's next door to Chipotle in Audubon Square. This restaurant will also include outdoor seating. Interior fit-out is well underway with exterior improvements scheduled.

**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. Tenants are currently being sought.

**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 later in 2023.

**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 proposing a new facility just west of Lidl Supermarket in the 2600 block of Ridge Pike. The proposal has received conditional use and Zoning Hearing Board approval. Plans are proceeding through land development.

**960 Rittenhouse** - Applicant proposes to demolish existing building from the contaminated site, remediate, and construct a 66,000 SF warehouse facility. The project requires conditional use approval which the Board of Supervisors will consider at an upcoming meeting.

**Westrum — Luxor** - The Township has received a proposal for a three-story luxury apartment building to be located behind the Collegeville Bakery. The proposal is starting through the review process with a sketch plan presentation upcoming.

**Encompass Health** - A national operator of rehabilitation facilities, Encompass Health is proposing a 75,000 square foot, 80-bed rehabilitation hospital for a site at 2660 Audubon Road. Discussions and reviews are just getting underway.

*Please check the Planning and Development page on the website, [lowerprovidence.org](http://lowerprovidence.org), or call the Community Development Department at 610-635-3521 for details and updates.*

## FIREWORKS REGULATIONS

### Celebrate Respectfully, Responsibly, and Legally



If you intend to celebrate with fireworks, please be respectful and responsible. Keep in mind that warmer temperatures can create dry conditions that can cause fireworks to ignite a structure. Keep water close by and never relight fireworks that failed to ignite the first time.

Under Township ordinance, any person purchasing, possessing

or using consumer fireworks must be at least 18 years of age. In addition, a person may not intentionally ignite or discharge consumer fireworks:

- On public or private property without the express permission of the owner
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# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## New Hire: IT Specialist/Police Investigator



**John Salamone** is the new IT Specialist for Lower Providence Township and the Police Department.

John comes to us with many years of experience and holds several certifications in his field. Prior to starting with Lower Providence Township, John worked as a County Investigator and was the Community Service Director with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office.

## Officer Completes Prestigious FBI Training

**Lieutenant William Hopkins** graduated from the FBI National Academy class of 285 on March 16, 2023 in Quantico, Virginia. The National Academy class was made up of 247 law enforcement professionals from around the world who were taught by experienced FBI instructors, special agents, and professional support teams who provided the highest degree of law enforcement expertise and leadership training.

Recognized worldwide for its academic excellence, the FBI's National Academy offers 10 weeks of advanced communication courses, leadership classes, and fitness challenges. Candidates must demonstrate proven records as professionals within their agencies to even be considered for selection into the program. On average, these officers have more than 20 years of law enforcement experience and typically serve in executive-level positions after returning to their respective agencies.

Since its inception in 1935, more than 54,000 public safety professionals have graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Congratulations Lieutenant Hopkins, we are proud of your prestigious accomplishment!



## Officer Joins Veterans Response Team

Another officer from the Lower Providence Township Police Department recently went through the essential two-day training to become a member of the Veterans Response Team (VRT). Our department is proud to now have two committed officers, **Sergeant Kuhnert**, and **Corporal Hubert** assigned to the Veterans Response Team.

The VRT training teaches law enforcement officers about the different types of mental health needs that Veterans may have as well as resources to assist Veterans in meeting those needs. VRT members must have prior Crisis Intervention Specialist training and prior service in the U.S armed forces. VRT's provide proactive interventions that seek to meet the needs of justice-involved Veterans while attempting to avoid unnecessary arrests or involuntary commitments.



## Away on Vacation Home Checks

If you are planning on going away on vacation this summer, or anytime during the year, make sure you take advantage of the Lower Providence Police Departments Vacation Home Check service. A police officer will check your property at least once per day while you are away. You can fill out the registration form online by going to: <https://www.lowerprovidence.org/police-department/webforms/vacation-home-check>



## Tips to Prevent Vehicle Break-Ins

With the warmer weather here, please be vigilant when you leave your vehicle unattended at parks, baseball fields, gyms, daycares, bike trails, etc. If you must leave your purse or valuables in the car, make sure it's not left in plain view. Always park in a well-lit area or a garage, roll up your windows completely, keep your car doors locked, and as always, if you see something suspicious call 9-1-1 immediately!





## HELP SOLVE CRIMES

### COMMUNITY CAMERA REGISTRATION PROGRAM

REGISTER TO INFORM LPPD THAT YOU HAVE CAMERAS  
*Officers will only contact you if a crime happens near you.*

REVIEW YOUR FOOTAGE  
*LPPD does not have access to your camera; you choose what footage to share when you get a request.*

HELP LPPD GATHER EVIDENCE  
*Your video could lead to the identification of a suspect or suspect's vehicle.*

## Community Camera Registration Program

The Lower Providence Township Police Department is asking all residents and business owners in the Township to register their privately-owned surveillance camera systems. This technology is very helpful to our department and may be useful in the apprehension/conviction of a criminal. We ensure that you will only be contacted if there is a criminal incident in the vicinity of your camera, as indicated by your registration.

Registration forms can be picked up and filled out at the Police Department during normal business hours, Monday - Friday between the hours of 8AM-4PM, or by visiting the Township's website at: <https://www.lowerprovidence.org/pol.../pages/forms-documents>.

Thank you in advance for your collaborative efforts in helping our department better protect the citizens and property of Lower Providence Township.

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# FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Lithium-Ion Battery Safety for Consumers

Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, scooters, e-bikes, smoke alarms, toys, Bluetooth headphones, and even cars. Li-ion batteries store a large amount of energy and can pose a threat if not treated properly.

### Why do lithium-ion batteries catch fire?

Li-ion batteries are easily rechargeable and have the highest energy density of any battery technology, meaning they can pack more power into a smaller space. They can also deliver voltage up to three times higher than other battery types. Generating all this electricity creates heat, which can lead to battery fires or explosions. This is especially true when a battery is damaged or defective, and uncontrolled chemical reactions called thermal runaway are allowed to occur.

### How do I know if a lithium-ion battery is damaged?

Here are a few warning signs to look for:

**Heat:** It is normal for batteries to generate some heat when they are charging or in use. However, if your device's battery feels extremely hot to touch, there is a good chance it is defective and at risk of starting a fire.

**Swelling/Bulging:** If your battery looks swollen or appears to be bulging, you should stop using it immediately. Similar signs are any type of lump or leakage from the device.

**Noise:** Failing li-ion batteries have been reported to make hissing, cracking, or popping sounds.

**Odor:** If you notice a strong or unusual odor coming from the battery, this is also a bad sign. Li-ion batteries emit toxic fumes when they fail.

**Smoke:** If your device is smoking, a fire may have already started.

If your battery is showing any of the above warning signs, immediately turn off the device and unplug it from the power source. Slowly move the device to a safe, isolated area away from anything flammable. Use tongs or gloves to avoid touching the device or battery with your bare hands. Call 9-1-1.

### How can I prevent a battery fire?

**Follow instructions:** Always follow the device manufacturer's instructions for charging, use, and storage.

**Avoid knockoffs:** When purchasing devices, be sure that the equipment has undergone third party testing such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). These marks show that the product has been safety tested. Only replace batteries and chargers with components specifically designed and approved for your device.

**Watch where you charge:** Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.

**Unplug your device:** Remove devices and batteries from the charger once they are fully charged.

**Store batteries properly:** Batteries should always be stored in a cool, dry place. Keep devices at room temperature. Do not place devices or batteries in direct sunlight.



## Lithium Ion Battery Safety for Consumers

Lithium ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, scooters, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. Take care when using them. In rare cases, they can cause a fire or explosion.

### The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

### Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
- Keep batteries at room temperature.
- Do not place batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot vehicles.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

### Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

### Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

### High-Tech Luggage

Some major airlines no longer accept 'smart' luggage with non-removable lithium ion batteries as checked or carry-on luggage. The powerful batteries can potentially overheat and pose a fire hazard during flight.

In some instances, smart bags with removable lithium ion batteries will be allowed on board if the battery can be removed on site and taken on board with the customer. Check with your airline for restrictions.

**Inspect for damage:** Regularly inspect your device and batteries for the warning signs listed above.

**Call 9-1-1:** If a battery overheats or you notice an odor, change in shape/color, leaking, or odd noises coming from the device, discontinue use immediately. If safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 9-1-1.

Source: NY State Fire Prevention and Control Sept 2022 bulletin



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# PUBLIC WORKS REMINDERS & UPDATES



## ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SYSTEM

An Accessible Pedestrian System (APS) has been installed on the signal at the Ridge Pike, Eagleville Road and Parklane Drive intersection. APS provides essential information to persons with disabilities, alerting them to the walk cycle via auditory, visual and tactile cues.

## REMINDER

Residents are welcome to help themselves to the wood chips from the pile located on S. Park Avenue at Hollywood Avenue. There are no designated hours. Please - pick up only; no depositing of material.



## 2023 Road Improvement Project

The Township will be completing its road improvement project for 2023 in the coming months. The contract was awarded to Glasgow, Inc.



Included in the project are:

- Elizabeth Drive
- Clark Hill Drive
- Sweetgum Road
- S. Midland Avenue
- Level Road hill @ Arcola Road
- Portion of Regency Drive
- Linnet Road
- Beth Drive
- Portion of Nancy Lane
- Intersection of Appledale and Peacock Roads

Additionally, roads affected by the Sewer Authority's main replacement project have been included with the Township bid, allowing the Township and the Authority an opportunity to obtain better overall pricing. Included are Farmhouse Drive, Second Street and a portion of Regency Drive.

## Pothole Reporting

To report a pothole, contact the Public Works Department, 610-635-3538 or 610-635-3537.

*Please note:* If the pothole is on a state road, contact PennDOT at 1-800-349-7623.

State roads:

- Audubon Road
- Eagleville Road
- Egypt Road
- Evansburg Road
- Level Road  
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# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## What's All The Hype With Native Plants?

We've been hearing a lot about them but why do we need native plants? What's wrong with ornamental and non-native species? To sum it up — native plants are critical for a healthy environment.

Native plants are plants that grow naturally in a particular region and provide necessary food and shelter for native insects, birds, and other animals. Additionally, they provide pollen for pollinators such as bees and butterflies. You can make a huge difference just by adding a few natives to your garden. Bird Town PA reports that "our native tree, White Oak, supports over 500 caterpillar species compared to the non-native Ginkgo Tree, which supports only 5 species. This is significant as it takes over 6000 caterpillars to raise one brood of chickadees!"

Invasive plants can take over a habitat and outcompete everything, creating a monoculture. Ornamental plants and non-

native plants, while not invasive, do not provide food source or adequate habitat to support wildlife, pollinators, and insects. These plants tend to be deer resistant and therefore put even more pressure on native plants. You may think of non-natives as the junk food for ecosystems, they provide little value and take up space for healthy plants.

Planting native plants and trees is also a great way to manage stormwater issues. Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay states that native plants usually have deeper and more extensive root systems that prevent erosion and provide extra filtration and since natives also require little to no fertilizer or chemical applicants, they are also superior for improving water quality.

Before purchasing native plants you will need to assess what type/moisture of soil you have in your yard and how much sunlight it receives. Plan a visit to a local native plant nursery or conservancy (ex: Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy, Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve,

Jenkins Arboretum, Schuylkill Nature Center, Natural Lands Trust, Yellow Springs Nursery, Behmerwald Nursery) and learn about what native plants would do best in your yard.

The Lower Providence Environmental Advisory Council invites you to reach out via contact form on the Township website or join a meeting on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about what is being worked on and what ways you can volunteer in the Township!



## SUMMER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Here are some tips for managing stormwater on your property this summer:

- 1) **Wash your car at a car wash.** When you wash your car on the driveway or the street, grease, soap and oil can wash into streams and creeks.
- 2) **Never dump anything down stormwater drains.** Remember that storm drains empty directly into local waterways without being treated so whatever enters storm drains will flow into streams and creeks.
- 3) **Direct downspouts over porous, not paved surfaces.** Where possible, direct downspouts into garden beds, your lawn or consider installing a rain barrel.
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# NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

## What are the Benefits of a Sewer System?

The main function of a sanitary sewer system is to **protect water quality and public health**. A series of underground pipes and manholes, pumping stations, and other accessories convey sewage from homes, businesses, and industries to wastewater treatment plants where it is cleaned and returned to the environment.



**Here is how they work...**when you flush the toilet or wash dishes in the kitchen sink, that water is carried away from your home (or business) through a four-inch pipe to a six-inch pipe that meets the sewer main in the street. The pipes that take waste from your home (or business) to the sewer main are only large enough to remove toilet paper and human waste. From there it continues until it reaches the wastewater treatment plant where the wastewater is treated to remove pollutants before it returns to the environment. When non-biodegradable items are flushed, such as sanitary wipes\*, oils, fats, grease, paint, and other items should never be flushed down your toilet or poured down your drain because they can harden inside household pipes and public sewers restricting the flow of wastewater, leading to blockages, overflows, sewage back-ups and damage to our pump stations and with processes at the plant.

Usually, sanitary sewers use gravity to carry the wastewater away. However, in low-lying areas pumps are sometimes used when the wastewater needs to reach an area that is at a higher elevation.

Sanitary sewers are accessed via manholes for routine maintenance and repair. Cleanouts located on your property provide access to the part of the sanitary sewer that goes from your home to the sewer main in the street. If there is a blockage in this pipe it can be accessed via the cleanout. A cleanout is a vertical pipe that extends from the service line to the ground surface to provide access to the service line for cleaning, inspection, and maintenance.

Being connected to the sanitary sewer benefits not only property owners but improves the environmental and public

health as well which include:

- o **Water Protection** - Improved protection of drinking and surface water.
- o **Nitrate Control** - Improperly treated sewage can also lead to increased nitrates in local water supplies, which is dangerous for infants, pregnant women and those with already compromised immune systems.
- o **Reduced Diseases** - Reduced risks to public health from diseases such as hepatitis or dysentery.
- o **Reduced Insects** - Fewer disease-carrying mosquitoes and flies.

*\*Flushing away "unflushables" adds to the cost of operating and maintaining your sewers and the wastewater treatment plant. "Disposable" doesn't mean flushable. Disposable means you should bag it and trash it... don't flush it! Most baby wipes and adult wipes are not flushable. This information is usually written in tiny letters somewhere on the package. Even if the phrase "flushable" or "safe to flush" is on the package, it may not be flushable. These "unflushable" and many "flushable" wipes do not fall apart in water like toilet paper. The wipes get tangled in the sewage with other wipes and debris, resulting in sewer clogs and expensive problems for your collection system/WWTP.*

**ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: 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.**

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

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

## 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.**

## 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 in removing I/I\* from the Sanitary Sewer. The work for the next project began mid-December and will continue through 2023 & will include the following streets in no particular order:

- Intersection of Midland and Regency
- Cul-de-sac of Regency in front of 144, 148, 152, 153, 156, 160, 164, 165, 168, and 169
- Right-of-way between 168 and 169 Regency
- Right-of-way between Regency and Sunnyside behind 165, 169, and S. Midland 186 and 187
- Right-of-way next to 668 Sunnyside
- All of Farmhouse
- Right-of-way from Hillside and Second Street to West Mount Kirk between 54 & 70
- Right-of-way off Linnet behind 605 & 609 and behind South Park Avenue 608, 612 & 616

*\*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.*

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# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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Karen M. Hegedus  
*Recreation Superintendent*  
Karen L. Barron  
*Administrative Assistant*

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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](http://WWW.LPTREC.COM))

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

**2023 Summer Recreation Programs are now on [www.lptrec.com](http://www.lptrec.com)! Check out all the fun and exciting recreation programs and special events for everyone!**

- **Science Explorers Camp**
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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](http://www.lptrec.com).

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

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



## 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 out, along with a photograph of the hero in uniform and payment of \$130.00 for each banner, payable to Hometown Heroes. Please mail payment, form & photo to:

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# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## Discount Amusement Park Tickets

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Amusement Parks tickets available for in-person purchase include: Adventure Aquarium, Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Dutch Wonderland, Knoebel's, Sesame Place, Six Flags & MUCH 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 8:00am and 4:30pm. Cash and most major credit cards are accepted to purchase tickets. No personal checks, refunds or exchanges.

**Movie Tavern Tickets are \$8.50**

**Regal Entertainment Group tickets are \$10.00 \*\***

\*\*Participating Regal Entertainment Group theatres include United Artists, Regal Cinemas & Edwards Theatres. Regal Entertainment Group ticket vouchers do not expire.



**On July 21, 2023, communities across the commonwealth will celebrate the 5th Annual Pennsylvania Park & Recreation Professionals Day.**



The Pennsylvania Park & Recreation Society (PRPS) is sharing a way for communities across Pennsylvania to celebrate: a Good Gratitude campaign that invites local citizens and leaders to share the reasons they love their local park and rec facilities and the folks who keep these facilities safe, clean, and inviting. The Good Gratitude campaign honors park and rec employees; however, the greatest benefit of participation for local municipalities will be to remind residents of the impact of their local park and recreation services on their lives.

## Parks Employee Earns Promotion: Named Crew Leader

The Township is pleased to announce the promotion of Mike Nester to Crew Leader (Parks) in the Public Works Department. Mike has worked for the Township for over 16 years in the Public Works/Park and Recreation Departments.

Mike began his career with Lower Providence as a Maintenance Worker and has diligently advanced over the years in various roles. Prior to his promotion, Mike served as Equipment Operator and holds a Class A commercial driver's license.

Mike has been a valuable resource for the Township and has been particularly instrumental in maintaining the Township's beautiful park grounds, trees and flower beds.

His dedication, hard work and leadership skills have been outstanding and the Township is thrilled for him to take on the Crew Leader role.

Congratulations Mike!



## Exciting Park Updates



### PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

A new pedestrian steel bridge has been placed between the Washington Crossing development and the MARA baseball fields. The bridge will provide a safe, accessible crossing for everyone.

### PICKLEBALL COURTS

Lower Providence Township is excited to announce that America's fastest growing sport has arrived at Eagleville Park. Four pickleball courts were installed and are available for use. The courts are first come, first serve. Players must provide their own paddle and balls.



### SOLAR CHARGING STATION

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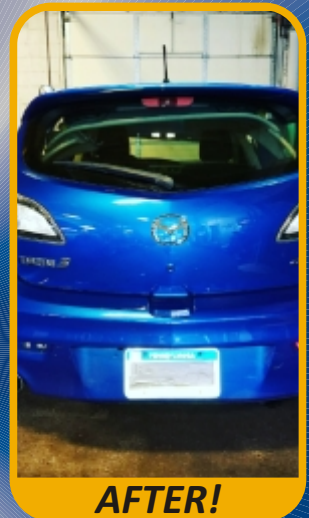
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Rain Date: Sunday October 8, 2023

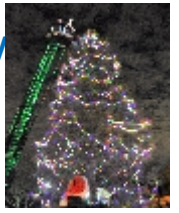
## 4th Annual Trunk or Treat

**Eagleville Park ~ Community Lawn**  
Saturday, October 21, 2023  
2:00 - 3:30 pm



## 15th Annual Community Tree Lighting

**Eagleville Park**  
Friday, December 1, 2023  
6:30 pm



## 27<sup>TH</sup> ALL-AMERICAN FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

Tuesday, July 4, 2023  
Rain Date: Wednesday, July 5

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Fireworks at Dusk

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## Movies in the Park



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**Friday**  
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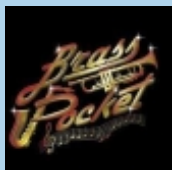
## Movies at Dusk

**Eagleville Park**  
**Community Lawn**

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## Concerts in the Park



**June 25**

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**August 20**

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