

No Tax Increase In 2018 Budget



The Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors adopted a 2018 budget that holds the line on real

estate taxes. For 2018, the Township tax rate will remain at 1.767 mills. The average homeowner assessed at \$167,886 would continue to pay \$296.66 in real estate taxes to Lower Providence Township.

The \$10,543,523 General Operating budget is balanced without utilizing any Fund Balance Reserves. Permit fees and other revenue increases helped balance the budget thanks to significant land development taking place in 2018.

Capital purchases and projects planned for 2018 include Dell Angelo Park playground equipment (\$50,000); computer technology upgrades (\$79,500); police radios (\$35,780); police vehicles (\$73,000); in-car police cameras (\$92,000); Public Works dump truck (\$175,000); bridge repairs (\$19,000); and continuation of the Township's road paving program (\$661,494). These projects/purchases are funded through the Capital Projects Fund, the Parks and Recreation Capital Fund and the Liquid Fuels/Highway Aid Fund.

The Board adopted the budget at its December 7, 2017 meeting.

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In February, Lower Providence Township will begin using Montgomery County's free emergency alert system, ReadyMontco, to send emergency alerts via text, email and phone. If you would like to receive Township emergency messages, you'll need to sign up for the new system even if you've received Township alerts in the past. You're also encouraged to register with Smart911 to provide additional information that will help first responders in the event of a 911 call at your home.

ReadyMontco offers a wide variety of resources, in addition to the Township messages. These include notifications about severe weather, crime alerts and disasters throughout Montgomery County. You can choose the devices on which you're contacted and the order in which they're used.

The switch to the county system will save the Township approximately \$16,000 annually.

To sign up, go to **ReadyMontco.org** and click on the Sign Up tab at the top of the page. You'll be prompted to enter basic contact information and paths to be used to contact you. ReadyMontco is most compatible with Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome. If you have a smart phone, you can download the Everbridge Mobile Member from the App Store on your iPhone or Android. Sign up is free, but your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to receive text messages on your cell phone or wireless device. Contact your carrier for information.

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Remember, even if you're signed up for the Township's current notification system, you'll need to create a new account with ReadyMontco in order to continue receiving alerts.

Smart911 is a separate service which provides information to first responders regarding specific 911 calls.

Be sure to sign up for both.

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Website Gets New Responsive Design

We hope you've had a chance to take a look at the Township's redesigned website. The new look debuted in November; the address remains the same, www.lowerprovidence.org.

In addition to a clean and contemporary look, the new site offers users simplified navigation and a responsive design that automatically reshapes itself for any screen, like smart phones and tablets. There are many new features, including the "Citizen Action Center" that provides quick access to popular services and the "Find It Fast" feature. The website will remain



a work in progress with ongoing updates and improvements. We're looking to build on the new design and integrate more

features to better serve residents, businesses and visitors. Please check back often to see what's new. www.lowerprovidence.org

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors
7:30 p.m.
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Library Board of Trustees
7:00 p.m.
3rd Monday
Library Board Room

Parks & Recreation Board
7:00 p.m.
2nd Tuesday

Planning Commission
7:00 p.m.
4th Wednesday

Sewer Authority
6:00 p.m.
2nd Monday
Sewer Authority Board Room

Zoning Hearing Board
7:00 p.m.
4th Thursday

All meetings held at the Township Administration Building unless otherwise noted.

Watch at home or online:

Board of Supervisors & Zoning Hearing Board meetings are shown on the Cable Access Channel (Comcast Channel 28 and Verizon Channel 42) the week following a meeting. Rebroadcast times are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1 am, 9 am and 7 pm. You can also watch Board of Supervisors meetings on the Township website, www.lowerprovidence.org - click on "Minutes" to find the meeting videos.

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Board Holds Annual Reorganization Meeting

Re-elected supervisor Jason Sorgini and newly-elected supervisor Gary Neights were sworn in as the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors held its reorganization meeting January 2, 2018. Also taking oaths of office at the meeting were newly-elected auditor Jonathan Perrone and new tax collector Michael Deal. The Board elected Supervisor Patrick Duffy to serve as chairman for the year; Sorgini was re-elected as vice chairman. Judge Cathleen Kelly Rebar and Judge Jeffrey Saltz administered the oaths.

At the meeting, the Board made appointments to vacancies on various boards and committees. These included:

- Finance Committee - Joseph Busillo, Paul Chapin
- Library Board of Trustees - Lisa Bono, Earl Catagnus, Arthur Miller
- Parks and Recreation Board - Jean Akers, Joseph Clement
- Planning Commission - Susan LaPenta (re-appointment), David Akers
- Sewer Authority - Fred Walker (re-appointment), Doug Hager
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Business Development

Redevelopment, New Businesses Fuel Economic Growth

A surge in both commercial and residential development over the past year has helped to improve the Township's overall tax base and resulted in significant one-time revenues. Additional benefits of the development are the traffic improvements, connectivity, and pedestrian safety upgrades Township officials made sure were included as the projects made their way through the approval process.

The growth is a trend that the Township's Business Development Committee fully expects will continue, noting that the number of businesses opening their doors in Lower Providence has been rising, with 30 in 2016 and 46 in 2017.

Supervisors Colleen Eckman and Peter MacFarland are members of the Committee and they, along with the entire Board, have worked to bring thoughtful redevelopment to Lower Providence. "Business development success not only strengthens the Township's fiscal health, but broadens the residents' options and resources within the Township, as well," said MacFarland.

The recent activity includes the revitalization

of three challenging properties - the Collegeville Inn and Norristown Ford sites and property once owned by Superior Tube Company - that returns some 50 acres to productive use.

The landmark Collegeville Inn, at the western end of Ridge Pike, is being restored as part of the Providence Place Senior Living complex. It will serve as a dining room and activity space for residents and as office space for staff. A new two-story addition will house 113 resident apartments. Construction began in November with a targeted completion of December 2018.

"We're more than pleased to have the investment that's being made in the original Collegeville Inn, to preserve the location and the architecture of the building as a gateway to Lower Providence," said MacFarland.

Nearby at Germantown Pike and River Road, the Courts at Brynwood townhome community is giving property once owned by the Superior Tube Company a new lease on life. As it has done several times in the region, builder WB Homes is returning a brownfield site to beneficial use. Construction has begun for Phase 1 which includes 88 of the 139 units.

At corner of Ridge Pike and Trooper Road, the long-vacant Norristown Ford property is the site of an approved plan calling for the

construction of a Lidl grocery store. A German-based discount supermarket chain, Lidl operates over 10,000 stores in 27 countries across Europe and has plans to open some 100 stores in the eastern U.S. by the end of 2018.

All throughout the Township, a variety of new storefronts and restaurants are popping up. Look for new retailers, service businesses, and eateries with something for everyone, from ethnic cuisine to healthy eats to sweet treats.

As it works to attract new businesses, the Committee recognizes that the Township's existing businesses community is no less important. "Many businesses are undertaking expansion and renovation projects and this re-investment will go a long way to bolstering the Township's economy," said Eckman.

The Committee held an Open House for West Ridge Pike businesses and land owners and this year we plan to hold similar meetings for East Ridge Pike, South Trooper Road, and Audubon businesses.

"The Committee remains focused on improving the brand that is Lower Providence," said MacFarland. "There are several exciting projects already in development for 2018."





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Welcome New Business



Welcome!

The Township Business Development Committee rolled out its “Welcome to Lower Providence” program at Corropolesse Italian Bakery in December. The program, specifically for businesses new to Lower Providence, serves as a way to introduce new businesses to the local community. Township officials will be visiting new businesses to snap a photo for sharing on social media. In addition, a sign announcing “Lower Providence Township Welcomes a New Business!” will be on loan for a week following the visit.



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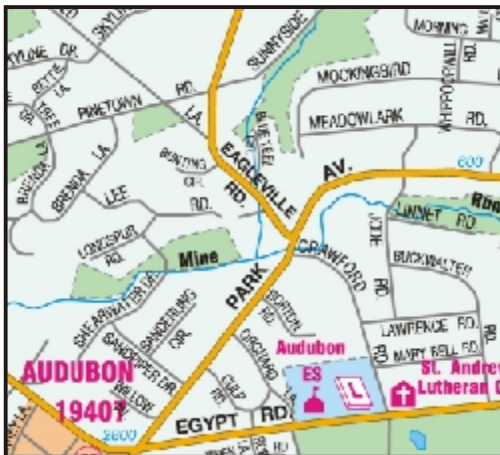
The Board of Supervisors has undertaken two significant transportation improvement initiatives: The first phase of a realignment project for the Park Ave./Eagleville Rd./Crawford Rd. intersection and a mobility study targeting the western portion of Ridge Pike. The initiatives continue the Board's investment in improving traffic flow through the Township, an investment that already includes a closed-loop signal system that allows adjustments for traffic flow.

The Park Ave./Eagleville Rd./Crawford Rd. intersection has been identified as a high accident rate location in the Township and is

a particular problem with congestion during the morning and evening rush hour periods.

"As a high crash area, the police department continually looks for ways to manage the traffic flow," said Lower Providence Police Chief Stanley Turtle. "The police department has conducted enforcement in the general area but cannot do it at the intersections due to road design. PennDOT has modified and updated warning signs in the area several times; however, frequent crashes continue to occur. The new alignment and signalization will better manage traffic flow in an effort to reduce the crashes and congestion at the intersection," he said.

Working with PennDOT's Traffic Unit, the project team, led by the Township Traffic Engineer McMahon Associates, determined two alternatives to be acceptable, an aligned intersection and a roundabout. After careful consideration, the Township has decided to pursue the aligned, signalized intersection design. The Township secured a \$1 million grant from PennDOT to perform the preliminary engineering and final design and will continue to seek grant funding for the construction phase of the project. The Township also currently has \$2,300,000 from Audubon Land Development to apply toward the project. Updates on the project can be found under "Current Projects" at the Township website, www.lowerprovidence.org



Map provided by Franklin Maps

The Ridge Pike West Mobility Study

The study has been undertaken through a Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) grant, a program of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). The results of the study will be used to make recommendations for an improved transportation/pedestrian system in the area to support the Township's strategy of future village-style development. Additional components of the study are:

- Evaluation of the need for a second crossing of the Perkiomen Creek in the vicinity of Ridge Pike and, if warranted, preliminary recommendations for the location and configuration of the crossing
- Adoption of an official map with roadways, sidewalks and trails

The Township was awarded an \$80,000 grant, with \$20,000 matching/in-kind funds, to complete the study for Ridge Pike from the Perkiomen Creek to Evansburg State Park and along Germantown Pike from Ridge Pike to west of Old Crosskeys Road. The study, led by McMahon Associates, includes a steering committee comprised of Township, county and state officials, PennDOT and SEPTA representatives and local business/property owners.

Information on the study can be found under "News" at www.lowerprovidence.org.

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Police Recommend Online System to Track Valuables

If something you value went missing, would you be able to provide serial numbers, photos and receipts for the property? Knowing what you own could be the difference between recovering your missing property or never seeing it again.

The Lower Providence Township Police Department encourages residents to register their property with ReportIt, a free, secure online system that will help keep track of your valuable - and invaluable - personal property.

ReportIt allows you to record serial numbers, item descriptions and upload images for phones, electronics, and other valuables. Should those items ever be stolen, police say that having the information will go a long way to accurately and quickly identify your property. You can access the site at reportit.leadsonline.com.

The ReportIt service is a part of LeadsOnline, an online system that works with police across the country to track and recover stolen property.

"Lower Providence detectives use LeadsOnline on a daily basis to assist with our investigations into fraud, theft, and burglaries. It is an invaluable tool that tracks many data sources allowing us to save time, recover evidence and prosecute those involved," explains Police Chief Stanley Turtle.

The system allows detectives to search for the items using a variety of parameters, including item descriptions

and serial numbers. When an item is sold to a pawn or secondhand shop, the product information is entered in the LeadsOnline database and is immediately viewable by participating law enforcement agencies across the country.

Lower Providence police have used LeadsOnline since 2015 with very successful results, recovering stolen property and making arrests for the Township and surrounding communities. Recently, the system helped detectives track stolen property from a local credit card fraud to a home in New Jersey.



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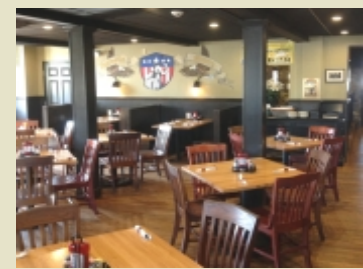
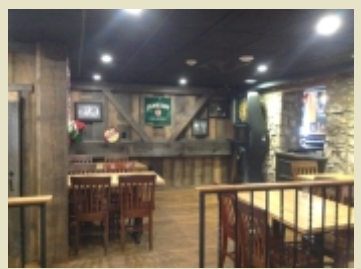
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Township to Switch to ReadyMontco for Alerts *(Continued From Cover)*

If you need assistance, consider reaching out to a family member or call the Township Emergency Management Coordinator Charles DeFrancesco, 610-635-3546. The following times have been set aside for in-person help at the Township Building: 9-11 am, Saturday, Feb. 3 and 17 and 9 - 10 am, Tuesdays and Thursdays in February.

The registration process also contains a My Information tab. If you, a family member or someone you live with has an Access or Functional Need and will need assistance during an emergency, this page is especially important. It is strictly confidential. The information is used for planning for a large-scale emergency or disaster in your area. This information was previously contained in the Special Needs Registry.

Smart911 - Provide Helpful Information for First Responders

Smart911 is a free, separate service from ReadyMontco and helps first responders in the event of a 911 call at your home. Users register at www.smart911.com and fill out a questionnaire, providing as much or as little information as they want. If a 911 call is received from your phone number, the information will be displayed for the call taker. The information is stored on a private and secure national database and only accessible when a 911 call triggers it.

Residents can list members of their household, including a description and a

recent photo data that would be helpful if a family member goes missing. If there is a fire, knowing how many people and pets live at a location and whether any of the residents have mobility issues or medical concerns can aid firefighters.



Text to 911

Montgomery County residents have the ability to send short text messages to 911 in an emergency. At this time, Text-to-911 is only available to subscribers of AT&T, Sprint, Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile. Text-to-911 may be most helpful in emergency situations for individuals who have speech or hearing impairments, or who are having a medical emergency that renders them incapable of speech; or in instances when making noise may endanger the caller, such as a home invasion/robbery, or instances of domestic violence or an abduction.

Only use Text-to-911 in an emergency and if you are unable to make a voice call. To text, enter 9-1-1 in the "To" field. Text your exact location, address and municipality and what emergency help is needed. Send a short text

message without abbreviations or slang. Push the "Send" button, stay calm and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 call taker.

Text-to-911 is an important tool to enhance communications with the public in an emergency, but it has many limitations. It's important to keep these things in mind:

- Text messages to 911 may take longer to receive, may get out of order, or may not be received at all
- Voice calls are real-time communication and text-to-911 is not
- Location information will be limited to the cell tower that your cell phone is communicating through.
- A Text-to 911 message that hits a cellular tower outside of Montgomery County will connect to the emergency communications center where the tower is located. They may not be able to transfer the communications directly to Montgomery County.
- A text or data plan is required
- Text-to-911 conversations cannot include more than one person. Do not send your emergency text to anyone other than 911.
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Apps Connect Cardiac Arrest Victims With Potential Lifesavers

The Montgomery County Department of Public Safety has taken steps to improve the survival chances for people who suffer a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) in the county with the lifesaving PulsePoint mobile apps. The apps bring together CPR trained bystanders and SCA victims in the critical minutes before EMS arrive.

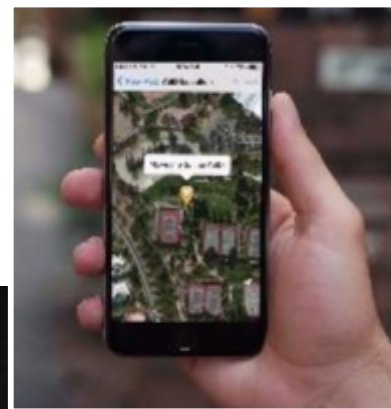
The PulsePoint Respond app alerts those who are CPR-trained and have the app whenever an ambulance is dispatched to a SCA event in a public area within ¼ mile of their location. The app sounds a distinctive tone and a map pops up showing the reported location of the victim. The app also shows the location of the nearest Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) registered in the county's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

Those in Montgomery County who are CPR trained, especially first responders and health care professionals, are encouraged to download and begin using the free PulsePoint app, available for iPhone and Android. It can be downloaded from the iTunes Store and Google Play or by following this link:
<http://www.pulsepoint.org/download>.

Residents are also being asked to help crowdsource the locations of AEDs throughout the county. With PulsePointAED, people can report the locations of publicly

accessible AEDs anywhere in Montgomery County. Users enter a description of the AED's location and snap a picture of it. The information is stored for local authorities to verify. Once verified, the information will be made available in the CAD and to PulsePointRespond users.

For questions about PulsePoint, contact the Township Fire Marshal, 610-635-3546.



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- Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas, coal, or wood-burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- Do not use portable, flameless, chemical heaters indoors.
- Never use a generator inside your home, basement, or garage or less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent. Fatal levels of carbon monoxide can be produced in just minutes.
- Have your chimney checked and cleaned every year and make sure your fireplace damper is open before lighting a fire and well after it is extinguished.

- Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly and never use a gas oven to heat your home.
- Never let a car idle in the garage.

Exposure to carbon monoxide can result in permanent neurological damage or death, and anyone can be at risk. Infants, the elderly, and people with chronic heart disease, anemia, or breathing problems are more prone to illness or death. Low to moderate carbon monoxide poisoning is characterized by headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. Mild symptoms sometimes are mistaken for the flu. High-level carbon monoxide poisoning results in mental confusion, vomiting, loss of muscular coordination and consciousness, and death.

Never ignore a carbon monoxide alarm and don't try to find the source of the gas. Instead, follow these steps:

- Immediately move outside to fresh air; don't attempt to ventilate the building
- Call 911
- Do a head count to make sure that everyone in the home is accounted for
- Do not re-enter the premises until emergency responders have given you the OK to do so

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Contact the Township Fire Marshal,
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What To Do When An Alarm Sounds



Never Ignore an Alarm.

Evacuate.

Call 911.

Do Not Ventilate or Reset Alarms.

When a fire or carbon monoxide alarm sounds at home or at work what should you do? "I would never recommend turning off or resetting the alarms or in any way delay calling 911," says Lower Providence Township Fire Marshal Charles DeFrancesco. He offers the following advice:

Let the Sound of the Alarm Continue. The alarm tells people there could be a fire or other emergency. When the sound stops, people might think that everything is all right and they can now go back to what they were doing. If there is a problem, you want to warn everyone, so let the alarm continue to sound.

Get Out of the Structure. Close doors behind you and do not ventilate by opening windows. Keeping doors and windows closed will help slow a fire spread or contain a fire. Also, firefighters will have the opportunity to get a more accurate carbon monoxide reading. Use fire extinguishers only when needed to assist someone to safety. Your employer may have a written policy telling employees what they're expected to do when an alarm sounds. If not, all you need to do is get out of the building.

Call 911. Call the fire department. The fire alarm system may automatically call, but says DeFrancesco, "You should never assume the system is going to call the fire department. I'd rather get a call from someone on the premises saying the alarms are going off and I don't see or smell anything, or the alarms are going off and the hallways are filled with smoke." He adds, "A little added information doesn't hurt. As a matter of fact, if we get two to three calls on it, that's fine."

Do Not Reset an Alarm. Sometimes, you will not immediately know why the alarm is sounding. "Please do not turn off or reset an alarm prior to the arrival of firefighters," says DeFrancesco. Your alarm does a lot more than make noise. The alarm system captures data useful to the firefighters in determining

a cause of the alarm when no apparent reason is present.

Lower Providence Township requires the following detectors in all residences. Smoke detectors are required on each floor of the residence including basements; outside of sleeping areas; and in each bedroom or room adapted for sleeping. Carbon Monoxide detectors are required outside of sleeping rooms.

Make sure your house number can be seen from the road.



Clearly display your house number so emergency responders can quickly find you.

For questions or concerns, contact the Township Fire Marshal, 610-635-3546.



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Lower Providence Community Library
18th Annual Wine Tasting



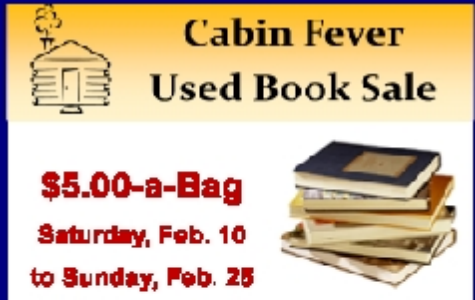
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18th Annual Wine Tasting

Mark your calendars for the 18th Annual Wine Tasting, "Grape Expectations," on Saturday, March 24 from 7:00-10:00 PM. The grape is the star of the event this year. Wines made from featured grapes will be served with great food donated by local establishments. Music, a basket raffle, 50/50 drawing and televised "March Madness" basketball round out the evening. All proceeds benefit the Lower Providence Community Library. Tickets are on sale in the library and online through the library website at www.lowerprovidencelibrary.org.

Cabin Fever Used Book Sale

Shop for books, DVDs and CDs for all ages for \$5.00 a bag. The Friends of the Lower Providence Community Library will run this fabulous sale from Saturday, Feb. 10 to Sunday, Feb. 25. Bags are provided.

Model Train Exhibit

The North Penn S Gaugers will have a model train exhibit in the Community Room on Friday and Saturday, February 2-3. Check the library for times. The free exhibit is open to train enthusiasts of all ages.

One Book, One County 2018

Montgomery County Public Libraries will host Amor Towles, author of *A Gentleman in Moscow*, on Wednesday, April 4. Mr. Towles will appear at Ursinus College at 2:00 p.m. and Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park at 7:00 p.m. A question and answer session and book signing will follow his presentation. Ticket information will soon be available through the library.

A High-Powered Way to Search

A new search feature using EBSCO Discovery Service is now in place on the library website. Library patrons can search in the library catalog only or choose to search all resources, which search the library's databases and electronic resources to retrieve articles from magazines, newspapers, journals, encyclopedias and more, in addition to the items in the library catalog. Find this high-powered search tool on our website at www.lowerprovidencelibrary.org.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Weekly Story Time Programs

Mondays & Tuesdays
10:30 am - Infants-2 yrs
11:15 am - Older 2-3 yrs.

Thursdays (kids only/adults stay in library)
10:30 am and 2:00 pm - 4 yrs. & up

Saturday
10:30 am - Infants-3 yrs.
11:15 am - 4 yrs. and up

Monthly Lego Club

All ages, free play Mondays
3:45 - 4:45 pm
Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14

Craft Classes

Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 8

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Skyview Upper Elementary Poetry Celebration

Celebrate poetry as students read poetry at this open mic event on Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Teens, grades 7-12 only, meet the 1st Tuesday of each month from 7-8 pm to plan activities, help the library, earn community service credit and have food and fun.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Weekly

Yoga

\$5.00 per session
Mondays 5:45 - 6:45 pm and
Fridays 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Meditation

Mondays, 7:15 pm

Cercle Francaise,
French conversation group
Tuesdays 10:30 am - noon

Mahjong
Tuesdays, 12:30-3:30 pm

English Conversation (ESL)
Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Craft Club
Wednesdays, 10:00 am-noon

Chair Yoga
\$5.00 per session, Wednesdays,
1:30-2:30 pm

Canasta
Thursdays, 11:45 am-2:00 pm

Monthly Monday Matinees
Feature films twice monthly
Mondays at 1:30 pm
Jan.29; Feb. 12, 26; March 12, 26;
April 9, 23; May 7

Adult Coloring Book Class
Monday, 1:00 pm
Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 14

Evening Book Discussion Group
2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Afternoon Book Discussion Group
3rd Monday, 1:00 pm

A Different Kind of Book Club (happy endings)
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Friends of the Library
2nd Thursday, 7:00 PM

Special Programs Supporting Women's Health with Essential Oils
A DIY Workshop
Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm

Turkish Coffee Reading
Wednesday, Feb. 7
5:30 - 8:15 pm
register for a 15-minute session

Documentary Film Night
Man on Wire
Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 pm

The Art of Freelance Writing
Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 pm

Genealogy Basics
Wednesdays,
Feb. 28 and March 7
10:30 - 12:00 noon

Deer Resistant Gardening
Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 pm

Social Security
Thursday, March 22 at 6:15 pm

Learn to Be an Instant Pot Expert
Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 pm

Technology Programs
Microsoft Publisher Basics
Learn to create flyers, brochures, and more
Friday, Feb. 9
10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Learn Computer Basics
Wednesday, Feb. 14
10:30 am - 12:00 noon

PowerPoint Basics (2-part class)
Learn to create and show a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation
Friday, Feb.23 & March 2
10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Microsoft Word Basics
Wednesday, March 7
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Microsoft Excel Basics (2-part class)
Learn basic functions of Excel and create a simple spreadsheet
Friday, March 16 & 23
10:30 - 11:30 am

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Snow Removal Reminders

The Public Works Department counts on your cooperation so that crews can maintain the roadways during inclement weather. Please remember that Township Code prohibits parking in cul-de-sacs at any time. Also please...

- Try to limit travel so snow clearing operation can be accomplished more quickly.
- Keep in mind that if it's still snowing and you see a plow truck, during most storms we just make a pass in and out to try to keep the road open for emergency equipment like police, fire and ambulance. Not until the storm is over do we plow curb to curb on Township streets.
- Remember that the Township's first priority is to keep main roads open and passable. Under normal circumstances and for safety reasons, cul-de-sacs and dead end streets are not plowed until high-priority roads are passable.
- Note that state highways are cleared by PennDOT and Montgomery County roads are cleared by their crews. Contact PennDOT, 1-800-349-7623, for concerns on Audubon, Eagleville, Egypt, Evansburg, Level (between Ridge Pike and Yerkes Rd.) Roads and Park Avenue. Contact the county, 610-275-2368, for concerns about Germantown Pike.

- State law requires drivers to make sure vehicles are completely clear of snow and ice. Also, headlights must be turned on if windshield wipers are in use.

Clearing Sidewalks

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



Adopt-A-Hydrant

If there's a fire hydrant outside your home or place of business, please consider taking the time to maintain it in the event of snowfall. A clear, 3-foot path on all sides makes hydrants easier to locate and can save precious time in an emergency. Thank you!

Mailbox Damage

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

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Winter Driving: Be Prepared, Stay Safe



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Remember, maintenance is essential. Make certain your tires are properly inflated. Never mix radial tires with other tire types. Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up. Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage, and clear all snow and ice from your vehicle before heading out.

On snow and ice covered roads:

- ▲ Accelerate and decelerate slowly. It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- ▲ Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning - nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement.
- ▲ The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds.
- ▲ Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold braking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- ▲ Don't stop if you can avoid it. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- ▲ Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill as slowly as possible.
- ▲ Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.
- ▲ Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can.



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We all know that pests like rodents and insects love to hide out in our homes over the winter, but pesticides and insecticides eventually enter our waterways via stormwater and can be very harmful to aquatic environments.

Do your part this winter season to protect our watershed from stormwater pollution!

Follow these tips to keep our water clean:



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Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas; never dump it into streets or streams.

Use natural and non-toxic alternatives to chemical pesticide and insecticide sprays such as boric acid or bait boxes.

Use safe and effective alternatives to salt for ice prevention, such as sand or kitty litter.

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Alan has been with the Sewer Authority for 28 years, and in more recent years as Foreman. He has shown a strong commitment to his job and the overall goals of the Authority, seeking results that are in the best interest of the Authority.

Lori has been with the Authority for 8 years. In her role as Office Administrator she has made numerous changes to make the office more efficient and cost effective in handling the daily activity of the Authority.

We hope you'll join us in congratulating Alan and Lori on their promotions and wish them the best of luck in their future positions for years to come.

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Saturday, June 30

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**Saturday,
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DROP OFF GUIDELINES

- BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY, commercial/industrial generated hazardous waste will not be accepted.
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- Gas containers returned upon request.
- Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- Maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds. No 25- or 50-gallon drums.
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The Lower Providence Township Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide professional, multi-faceted leisure services to the community.

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

Check out the website for Lower Providence Township Parks and Recreation!

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.



2018 Winter/Spring Recreation Programs are now on www.lptrec.com so check out all the fun and exciting recreation programs, special events and bus trips for everyone!

- **Mediation & Yoga Clinics**
- **Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance**
- **Firebird Theater Acting Classes**
- **Kids Night Out Programs**
- **AARP Safe Driving Course**
- **AND SO MUCH MORE!**

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

RECREATION PROGRAM NOTES:

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



Parks & Recreation Department

Discount Movie Tickets

Lower Providence Township Department of Parks and Recreation offers discount tickets to the "Movie Tavern" & "Regal Entertainment Group" theaters 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 \$9.50**

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

DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS

Lower Providence Township offers "cool" savings on discount ski mountain tickets! These ski lift tickets may be purchased at the Township Building, Monday - Friday, between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm. Cash and most major credit cards are accepted to purchase tickets. No personal checks, refunds or exchanges. Tickets will be available through March 2018. Call ahead to confirm availability.

Ski Areas Include:

Bear Creek

Big Boulder/Jack Frost

Blue Mountain

Camelback

Shawnee Mountain

Elk Mountain

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 particular 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 Township 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 Karl Lukens, Director of Parks and Recreation at 610-635-3543 or klukens@lowerprovidence.org.



2018 Bus Trips

Trips are being sponsored in conjunction with Upper Providence & Worcester Township Parks & Recreation Departments

Washington DC – Cherry Blossoms

April 5, 2018

New York City Day Trip

May 16, 2018

Baltimore Inner Harbor

July 19, 2018

NYC 9/11 Memorial & Museum

August 16, 2018

Culinary Institute of America

October 23, 2018

Radio City Christmas Show

December 13, 2018

For more details and to register visit www.lptrec.com

LIKE LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER!



Keep up to date with all the fun things going on in the Lower Providence Township community. Follow Lower Providence Township on Facebook and Twitter @LowerProvTwp to the latest on Township news and happenings!

Sponsorship Banner Opportunity!

The "Sponsorship Banner Program" is created for the purpose of providing opportunities for businesses to promote products and services while supporting the Township Parks & Recreation Department. Revenue generated from this program will be utilized to defray overall park facility maintenance expenses. Sponsorship banners would be displayed at selected ball fields within the Township parks system.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the program, contact Karl Lukens, Director of Parks and Recreation at 610-635-3543 or klukens@lowerprovidence.org.



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Parks & Recreation Department

2018 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS!

Lil' Perkiomy ~ Camp Perkiomy ~ Perkiomy Trailblazers
Monday through Friday ~ **Summer 2018**

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

LIL' PERKIOMY

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

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

Lil' Perkiomy Camp site is managed by a qualified staff of a Site Supervisor along with Camp Counselors.

Lil' Perkiomy Camp Activity Calendar will be available on the Lower Providence Township website www.lptrec.com in January 2018!

Registration Opens:

*Residents: FEBRUARY 1, 2018
*Non-Resident: MARCH 1, 2018

Camp Session I: June 18th to June 29th
Camp Session II: July 9th to July 20th
Camp Session III: July 23rd to August 3rd



CAMP PERKIOMY

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
*Children who have **completed** Kindergarten thru entering 5th grade*

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

Camp Perkiomy is designed for children who have completed Kindergarten through entering 5th grade. Each week is different with a variety of activities including arts and crafts, organized games, off-site trips and special events. The weekly activity and trip sheet will be emailed to you so you can prepare yourself and your camper for loads of fun.

Each Camp Perkiomy site is managed by a qualified staff of Site Supervisor, Group Leaders and Camp Counselors.

Camp Perkiomy Activity & Trip Calendar will be available on the Lower Providence Township website www.lptrec.com in January 2018!

Registration Opens:

*Residents: FEBRUARY 1, 2018
*Non-Resident: MARCH 1, 2018

Camp Dates: June 18th to August 3rd
No Camp: Wednesday, July 4th



PERKIOMY TRAILBLAZERS

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Youths who are entering 5th thru 8th grade

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

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

Each Perkiomy Trailblazers Camp is managed by a qualified staff, specifically Site Supervisor, Group Leader, and Camp Counselors.

Perkiomy Trailblazers Activity & Trip Calendar will be available on the Lower Providence Township website www.lptrec.com in January 2018!

Registration Opens:

*Residents: FEBRUARY 1, 2018
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Corporate Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum Sponsor: \$5,000 & UP

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- Check presentation photo opportunity (oversized check provided by sponsor)
- Placement of banner at events (banner provided by sponsor)
- Name / logo on event shirts (where applicable)
- Booth space at events
- Listed as sponsor on all event marketing materials (e.g. Flyers, program booklets)
- Listed on Sponsor Boards at events
- Listed as Sponsor on Parks & Recreation website

Gold Sponsor: \$2,000 - \$4,999

- Named sponsor for (2) events
- Check presentation photo opportunity (oversized check provided by sponsor)
- Placement of banner at events (banner provided by sponsor)
- Name / logo on event shirt (where applicable)
- Booth space at events
- Listed as sponsor on all event marketing materials (e.g. Flyers, program booklets)
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Silver Sponsor: \$1,000 - \$1,999

- Named sponsor for (2) events
- Check presentation photo opportunity (oversized check provided by sponsor)
- Name / logo on event shirt (where applicable)
- Booth space at event
- Listed as sponsor on all event marketing materials (e.g. Flyers, program booklets, website)
- Listed on Sponsor Boards at events
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Bronze Sponsor: \$500 - \$999

- Named sponsor for (1) event
- Check presentation photo opportunity (oversized check provided by sponsor)
- Booth space at event
- Listed as sponsor on all event marketing materials (e.g. Flyers, program booklets, website)
- Listed on Sponsor Boards at event
- Listed as Sponsor on Parks & Recreation website

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

- Named Friend of the Parks for (1) event
- Booth space at event
- Listed as sponsor on all event marketing materials (e.g. Flyers, program booklets)

Community Partner: \$50 - \$249

- Named Community Partner for (1) event
- Listed as sponsor on all event marketing materials (e.g. Flyers, program booklets)

Lower Providence Township Parks & Recreation is happy to work with each sponsor to help them gain as much exposure as possible. We welcome any sponsor benefits not listed above and will consider them on a case by case basis.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2018 Lower Providence Township
Community Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 17th - 10:00 am
Eagleville Park
Rain Date:
Saturday, March 24th ~ 10:00 am



Independence Day Fireworks & Concert

Wednesday, July 4th ~ 6:30pm
Eagleville Park
Rain Date:
Saturday, July 7th ~ 6:30 pm



31st Annual Community Fall Festival

Saturday, October 6th
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Eagleville Park
Rain Date: Sunday, October 7th



10th Annual Community Tree Lighting

Friday, December 7th
6:30 pm
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