

## BOARD WELCOMES NEW SUPERVISOR, HOLDS REORGANIZATION MEETING

Newly-elected Supervisor Sarah Charles and re-elected Supervisor Gary Neights were sworn in as the Township Board of Supervisors held its reorganization meeting January 2, 2024. Also taking her oath of office was newly-elected Auditor Lisa Yanak.

The Board elected Dr. Janine Darby to serve as chair for the year; Supervisor Gary Neights was elected as vice chair. During the annual meeting, the Board also made appointments to various volunteer boards and consultant positions.

Supervisor Charles has lived in Montgomery County her entire life, except while attending college. She holds a BA from Shippensburg University and an MA from American University in Washington D.C. She currently serves on Shippensburg University's Alumni Board Association, and previously was selected to serve in the FBI Citizens Academy as a professional leader in Philadelphia.

Sarah has worked for the PA State Senate for Montgomery County officials, leading efforts

with stakeholders and activists on the state's first anti-human trafficking legislation. She spent a year working for the Borough of Conshohocken handling Communications and Special Projects which grew her understanding of the immensity of work local governments are responsible for day to day. She currently works as the Director of Public Engagement at the PA Office of Attorney General overseeing a team of dedicated public servants statewide. The Public Engagement section exists as the crime prevention arm of the statewide law enforcement agency.

Sarah is married to Rusty Rahmer, a lifelong Lower Providence resident and Methacton High School graduate. When not at home in Lower Providence, they can be found at their cabin in Pike County enjoying the Pocono Mountains.

Supervisor Charles fundamentally believes that government is about the improvement of people's lives and holds this notion to be the foundation for decision-making.



*Supervisor Sarah Charles is sworn in by Judge Daniel Ronca.*



*Judge Daniel Ronca administers the oath of office to Supervisor Gary Neights.*

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

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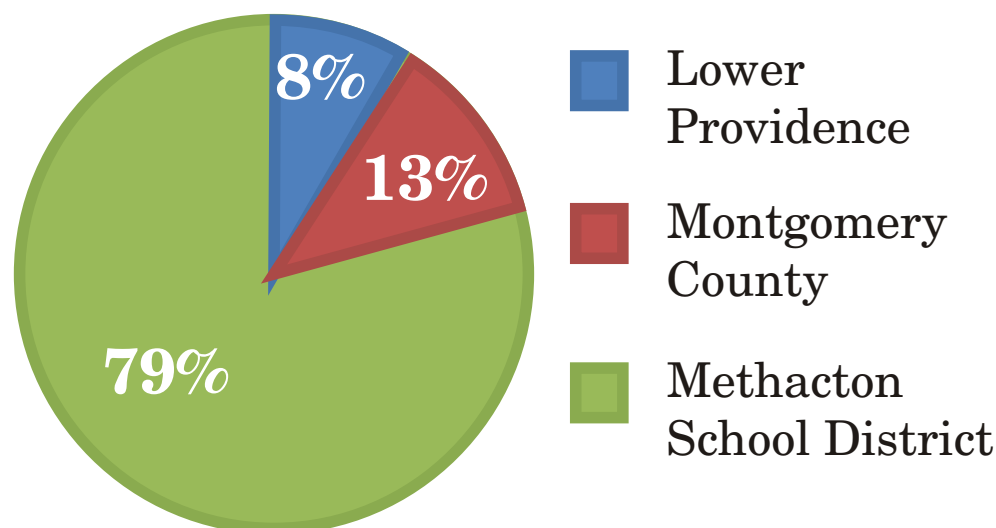
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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES 2024 BUDGET



On December 20, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2024 budget which includes a millage increase in the General Fund of 0.5131 mills, generating a total of \$835,475 in additional revenue for the Township. This increase will address the Township's structural deficit, boost reserves to minimize future borrowing costs, fund the addition of the 32nd Officer to the Police Department, enable improvements in services provided to the community, cover rising contractual expenses, and allow for equipment and vehicle replacements. The Township's 2024 Budget is the first budget in several years that does not utilize reserves to balance the budget.

The millage adjustment of 0.5131 mills will increase the Township's overall real estate tax millage to 3.4724 mills. As a result, the average taxpayer will see an average annual tax increase of \$86.66, or \$7.22 per month, in the portion of real estate tax allocated to the Township.

It is important to note the division of a homeowner's total real estate tax bill: 8% goes to the Township, 13% goes to Montgomery County / Montgomery County Community College and 79% goes to Methacton School District.

The supervisors emphasized that the final budget decision was not made lightly. The Board and staff have diligently worked on the budget since July, involving 3 public budget workshops and many staff hours. Since the first budget workshop,

approximately \$385,000 in budget cuts were made by the Board and Staff to mitigate the tax increase on property owners.

In addition to crafting the 2024 budget, the Board has been actively engaged in long-term planning. The Township has a healthy fund balance as a result of years of conservative budgeting, fiscal restraint, and maintenance of minimum staffing levels. In addition, the Supervisors have elected to add \$50,000 to reserves to improve the Township's position for future borrowing needs. Formulating a strategy for meaningful allocations of these funds has been part of that planning effort which includes maintaining an unassigned "rainy day" fund in compliance with the Township's fund balance policy and best practices prescribed by the both the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

The Board's discussions have also included planning for the approximately \$2.8 million federal funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Of the remaining \$1.7 million, \$1.4 million has been allocated for non-recurring capital purchases such as a Case loader, replacement dump truck, police equipment, and \$500,000 for a community project or grant matches. The remaining \$300,000 in American Rescue Plan Act dollars will be discussed throughout 2024.

The 2024 Budget can be viewed on the Township website, [lowerprovidence.org](http://lowerprovidence.org).



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# 2024 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 to be 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.

## View Meeting Videos

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



Click on "Agendas & Minutes" in the **Citizen Action Center**.

## Upcoming Office Closures

**Martin Luther King Day**.....Monday, Jan. 15  
**President's Day**.....Monday, Feb. 19  
**Good Friday**.....Friday, March 29  
**Easter Monday**.....Monday, April 1  
**Memorial Day**.....Monday, May 27  
**Juneteenth**.....Wednesday, June 19  
**Independence Day**.....Thursday, July 4

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

We would like to thank Karen Hegedus for all her hard work and dedication to the Township Parks and Recreation Dept over the past 11 years.

As Recreation Superintendent, Karen has been a tremendous asset to the department and we are grateful for all she has done for the Township and the community.

Please join the Parks and Recreation Board, Supervisors, and Township staff in wishing Karen all the best as she focuses on herself and her family.



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Pipe Lining Project

The Township has initiated a program to address aging, deteriorated storm pipes utilizing a cured-in-place pipe lining process. A flexible line is inserted into existing pipe,

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## Why Some Roads Are Cleared Before Others

When snow is accumulating, the Township concentrates on certain roads. Major roads (or priority roads, please refer to the list below) receive attention first. As long as snow is falling, the Township's main focus is to keep these roads open and passable. It is unlikely that residential roads will be reached immediately because the main roads must be repeatedly plowed and kept open.

As soon as all major streets are clear, equipment is moved into residential areas. Under normal circumstances, cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets are the last residential streets to be cleared because they carry the lowest volume of traffic among the different types of streets.

State highways within the Township are cleared by PennDOT snow removal crews. County roadways are cleared by county crews.

**State and Montgomery County roads are cleared by their own crews; these are:**

<b>PennDOT: 1-800-349-7623</b>
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Trooper Road
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422 Expressway
<b>Montgomery County: 610-275-2368</b>
Germantown Pike

## Salting & Plowing

When roads start to freeze from falling precipitation, salting operations begin on priority roads and continue until all roads are complete or until it is no longer effective. The more traffic on a road, the more effective the salt. As a result, sometimes residential streets with small amounts of traffic may appear to not have been salted. If snowfall accumulates and plowing is required, salting operations cease. All roads are monitored for icy spots and salt again where needed.

## Clearing Your Driveway

Residents are requested to park in their driveways rather than on the street when snow is anticipated. It is almost impossible to keep snow from being deposited at your driveway during plowing. The plow cannot be lifted or stopped at each driveway as it passes.

If you have your driveway cleared before the street is completed, here is a tip that will help minimize the amount of snow left in front of your driveway. When your

driveway is cleaned, clear an area to the left of the driveway entrance (standing in the driveway facing the street). When your street is plowed, the snow can be unloaded from the plow in this area instead of your driveway.

Please do not empty snow from your driveway into the street. This slows the plowing operation and can create a traffic hazard.

## Fire Hydrants

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please clear the snow away from the area around it (leaving the markers intact). This will assist fire crews in the event of an emergency.



## Please, Be Patient

Snow removal is a difficult and time-consuming job. Since Township crews need many hours to complete snow clearing operations, please try to limit your travel during and immediately following a snowfall unless absolutely necessary. The less traffic on the roads, the faster the job can be accomplished.

Please note, that in the event of a police, fire or ambulance emergency, the Township's plow drivers are dispatched in conjunction with the emergency vehicles.

## What About Mailboxes?



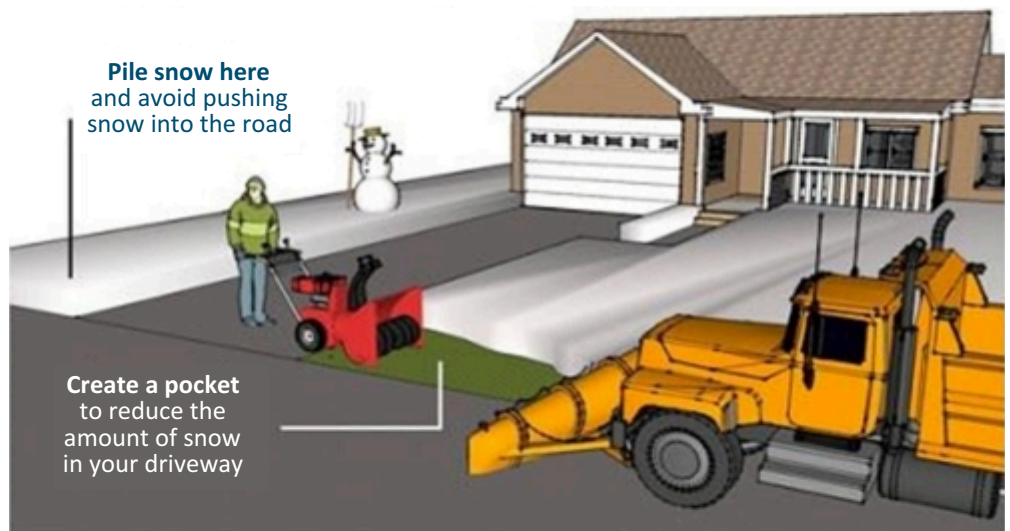
Help reduce the risk of your mailbox being damaged. Do a visual inspection prior to the winter season. Most damage occurs from either an old, rotted post, or if the entire mailbox was installed incorrectly. Please visit the USPS website for more details.

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

Additional winter weather information:  
<https://www.lowerprovidence.org/public-works/pages/snow-removal-information>.

## How Can I Keep Snow Out of my Driveway?

**Before your street has been plowed, we recommend the following:**



Using this method to clear snow will reduce the amount of snow that accumulates at the end of your driveway!



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## ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION / RECENT COMPLETION:

### Crawford Estates, 37 Crawford Road

There are to be eight lots, six of them being new. This project adjoins the intersection of Park Ave./Crawford Rd./Eagleville Rd., site of proposed intersection improvements. The last of the homes is under construction and the others are occupied.

### Moscariello at Crosskeys

This is a mixed-use project consisting of three buildings along Ridge Pike that will combine retail and office space with townhouse living above. This includes the new home of Montgomery County District Court 38-1-20. Thirty townhouses that have been constructed are occupied. The first mixed-use building is occupied by the Court, with residential occupants above.

### Whitetail Ridge (Gambone Family) Development

This is a nine-lot single family home development on Woodland Avenue, near the ball fields and Woodland Elementary School. Salvi Builders has purchased the development. All the homes are constructed, and most are occupied.

### Valley Forge Tavern

The closed restaurant has been purchased and will be demolished to facilitate the extension of Norris Hall Lane and some future construction in the Audubon Square tract.

## PLANS UNDER REVIEW:

### Audubon Square V

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

### Branca 420 Church Road

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

### Shannondell Phase III

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



### BrightView Landscaping

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

### Tidal Wave Car Wash

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

### 960 Rittenhouse

Applicant proposes to demolish existing building from contaminated site,

remediate, and construct a 66,000 SF warehouse facility. The project has received conditional use approval. Plans have been submitted and received a recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission. The Board of Supervisors will consider at upcoming meetings.

### Encompass Health

A national operator of rehabilitation facilities, Encompass Health is proposing a 75,000 Square foot 80-bed hospital for a site at 2660 Audubon Road. Plans have been presented to the Planning Commission and they received a recommendation for approval. The Board of Supervisors will consider at upcoming meetings.

### Evansburg Vineyards

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

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

## Reminder: Online Permitting Portal Available



Permit applications can be submitted, tracked, paid for and received through the Township's online permit portal. The portal can be accessed from the Citizen Action

Center on the home page of the Township website, [lowerprovidence.org](https://www.lowerprovidence.org). For those who prefer, paper permit applications are still being accepted and can be submitted via email or in-person.

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Congratulations Corporal Michael Slattery



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Mike began his career in law enforcement as a police dispatcher with the Department on December 15, 1997. On July 15, 1999, he was sworn in as a Police Officer and he was promoted to the rank of Corporal on February 19, 2009.

During his career, Mike was assigned to the Patrol Division, served on the Bicycle Patrol Unit, the Police Honor Guard, the Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team, and was very active with the Montgomery County Drug Task Force. Additionally, Mike was a certified Field Training Officer, certified in Level I Accident Investigation, certified in Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and Vehicle Inspections, and was certified as one of the department's taser instructors.

Throughout the years, Mike received several Letters of Commendation, Commendations of Merit, Distinguished Unit Citations, Lifesaving Commendations, and a Commendation for Heroism for his actions in the course of his duties.



## Welcome Officer Chris Douglass

Officer Chris Douglass was hired by the Lower Providence Township Police Department in November and sworn in by Magisterial District Judge James Gallagher. He was formally recognized at the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors meeting on December 6, 2023.

Officer Douglass is a 2019 graduate of Methacton High School and former intern with the Lower Providence Police Department. Upon graduation, he attended Shippensburg University where he majored in Criminal Justice and played baseball.

He left Shippensburg in 2021 to attend the Montgomery County Municipal Police Academy. After graduation, he was hired by Northern York County Regional Police Department and assigned to the patrol division.

To move closer to home, he accepted a full-time police officer position with the Upper Pottsgrove Township Police Department. Officer Douglass returned to school and earned a BA in General Studies from Southern New Hampshire University.





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## Out of the Darkness Walk

Members of LPPD and their families participated in the Greater Philadelphia Area Out of the Darkness Walk, which began at the Philadelphia Art Museum. The goal of the event was to remember those lost to suicide, spread awareness, and raise funds for research and suicide prevention resources. If you're feeling lost, hopeless, or suicidal, please reach out for help. Text or call 988, which is a free and confidential 24/7 support lifeline for people in distress. You can also call the Lower Providence Social Services Liaison Nikki Urbanski at 610-539-5901 or email [nurbanski@lowerprovidence.org](mailto:nurbanski@lowerprovidence.org) during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8AM-4PM. She can provide you with resources and help you get connected with local services.



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Remove all snow and ice from your vehicle, not just from all windows and the windshield, but also from mirrors, headlights, taillights, and the roof of the car.

It's the law: If snow or ice from your vehicle impairs the vision of other drivers by hitting their windshields, the road, or the shoulder, you could be hit with a hefty fine.



## Temps Fall, Car Thefts Rise

It's not uncommon for drivers to leave their cars to warm up as they prepare to head to school, work or home on a frigid winter morning or dark and chilly evening. Unfortunately for the owner, an unattended vehicle left running with the keys inside is an inviting opportunity for thieves.



Following these simple tips will help keep you from being left out in the cold:

- Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition when you are away from it, even for "just a minute."
- Keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk. Purses, credit cards, and cell phones in plain view only help attract thieves.
- Always roll up the windows and lock your car, even if it is in your driveway, garage, or in front of your home.
- Never leave the vehicle title in your car. If stolen, it makes it easier for the thief to dispose of your vehicle. It can also make you a target for identity theft.
- Only park your car in busy, well-lit areas.
- Install a mechanical locking device - commonly called a club, collar, or j-bar -

that locks to the steering wheel, column, or brake.

- If your vehicle has an alarm or other anti-theft device, USE IT.

### DONT BE LEFT OUT IN THE COLD...

Never leave your car running unattended... in your driveway, on the street, or in a parking lot.



### "PUFFING"

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# FROM LOWER PROVIDENCE EMS/MEDIC 322

## Updated Information - Billing For Service

### Dear Community Member(s),

We are writing to inform you of a change in the Lower Providence Community Center Ambulance (Lower Providence EMS) standard billing practice.

Lower Providence will begin to charge for services previously provided by the Ambulance at no cost. Effective on August 1st a fee will be charged in the amount of \$100 for a Lift Assist and a fee will be charged in the amount of \$250 for a Patient Refusal.

A Lift Assist is defined as "A 9-1-1 ambulance is dispatched to a location and the ambulance crew is asked to assist someone who is not injured from the floor or other location to a standing or sitting position as they are unable to do so themselves."

A Patient Refusal is defined as "A 9-1-1 ambulance is dispatched to a location for a medical emergency and the subject is evaluated and treated but refuses transport

to the Emergency Room." Refusals of Service will at minimum have an EMS provider evaluate a complaint, obtain basic vital signs, and obtain a signature from patient refusing care.

### Why is this charge occurring?

Unfortunately, due to increases in liability and litigation many people and agencies are no longer willing or able to assist with lifting. EMS providers are trained to evaluate, lift correctly, and utilize, if necessary, specialized equipment designed for this purpose. Additionally, LPEMS has worked for several years to communicate the increased usage of the 9-1-1 service for non-emergent usage. As workloads increase and numerous emergent calls are being missed, additional costs for staffing, and equipment, it has become necessary for LPEMS to begin to charge for this service being provided. The new charges will be for all patients treated by LPEMS.

LPEMS is working with our billing company to process these claims as effectively as possible. While it is unlikely, some insurance companies may cover this expense; however, if your insurance company denies

the claim, just as with a transport, a bill for service will be sent to the individual. Lift assistance service is not a covered service that Medicare or Medicaid will pay for; this bill will be the patient's responsibility.

To help you navigate this change, additional information is available on the LPEMS Website at [www.Medic322.com](http://www.Medic322.com).

Additionally, with an LPEMS Subscription the subscriber will have the Lift Assist Fee waived for the 1st lift assist of each paid subscription year.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us for additional information.

**Respectfully,**  
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Fire Department Partnership Reaches Potential Recruits

Lower Providence Fire Department, in partnership with Worcester Fire Department and Methacton School District, continued its recruitment efforts on October 25. Students in grades 9 through 12 had the opportunity to participate in



simulated firefighter training stations during the event held at the Worcester fire station. (An article on an orientation program that was the precursor to this event appeared in the Fall 2023 Newsletter).

Firefighters from the Lower Providence and Worcester Departments prepared four work stations, some with multi-disciplines. Following a safety briefing, the 52 students who participated spent an hour at each station. The students were presented with real life training exercises that simulated true fire activity. The stations were:

- **Forcible Entry Door Prop(s)**  
Students were given the opportunity to train with real forcible entry tools and force open an entry door.
- **High Pressure Air Bags**  
Students had an opportunity to operate air bags (designed for lifting) in a simulation.
- **Vehicle Rescue**  
Students were given demonstrations and had a hands-on opportunity to use state of the art hydraulic rescue tools (jaws of life) to remove parts of an automobile, similar to what would occur in the event of a car crash with subjects trapped.
- **Tower Ladder Operations**  
Students had an opportunity to be transported in the bucket of the tower ladder and learn about real life applications of fire ladder trucks.
- **Hose Line Evolutions**  
Students operated firefighting hose lines flowing upwards of 160 gallons per minute.



- **Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus**  
Students had an opportunity to get the feel of and breathe out of a firefighter's air pack.
- **Physical Agility Challenge**  
Students had an opportunity to participate in a portion of a real-life firefighter agility test. Each student was timed and the best times from each grade received a gift card.

Overall, the day was a huge success. The departments would like to thank the Upper Gwynedd Fire Department and Toscos's Pizza for their support. Lower Providence Fire Department would also like to express appreciation to Worcester Fire Department, Methacton School District's staff and students, and most importantly, the parents for their support.

If anyone missed this opportunity, or are interested in joining the fire company, candidates 14 years of age or older may contact [recruitment@lpfire.com](mailto:recruitment@lpfire.com) or [join@worcesterfd.com](mailto:join@worcesterfd.com) or come by for a visit.



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# SEWER AUTHORITY NEWS

## Disposable Wipes Causing Problems

The photo below shows wipes caught in a Sewer Authority's pump. These entangled wipes were two feet long and six to eight inches diameter. We've mentioned this in previous newsletters, but it can't be stressed enough. Even if a wipe is labeled "flushable" or "disposable" they don't degrade in the system. Flushing them is like flushing a handkerchief or other items made of cloth.



Wipes gum up the system, clog pipes and pumps, and cost taxpayers and residents a lot of money in maintenance costs. Homeowners also may face expensive maintenance issues at home. "Disposable" doesn't mean flushable. Most baby/adult wipes are not flushable - this information is usually written in tiny letters somewhere on the package.

**Bag it and trash it... don't flush it!**

## Sewer Line Replacement Work

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

The most recent Sewer Authority project that was done has proven to be very successful. The work for the next project is scheduled to begin early 2024 will include the following streets:

- Rogers Road from MH T81 (at house number 323 and 324) to Rogers Road MH T5 (at intersection of Rogers and Trooper Road)
- MH T77 Rogers Road (between the houses number 232 and 296) to the Pump Station (between houses 233 and 301 Trooper Road)
- Woodlyn Avenue from MH T56 (at house number 147 and 148) to Woodlyn Avenue from MH T50 (at intersection of Woodlyn and Trooper)
- Oakdale Avenue from MH T71 (at house number 142 and 149) to Oakdale Avenue to MH T14 (at the intersection of Oaklyn & Trooper Road)

### \*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.*

### 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.

### Contact Us First

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 it can be verified that it is not being caused by a blockage in our main line before you call your plumber.

### Moving?

Please make sure to notify the Authority by calling 610-539-6161 or email [lptsewer@lptsa.org](mailto:lptsewer@lptsa.org). **If you have your account set up on automatic payments with your bank or through the portal, it is your responsibility to discontinue these payments. The Authority does not have access to do this. Your attention to this is appreciated.**

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### 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. Emailed bill(s) will come from "[sewerbill@lptsa.org](mailto:sewerbill@lptsa.org)". **Past due and/or shut off notices will not be emailed. They will be mailed to you in paper form.**

### 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 being shut off and/or property liens. Water turn off/on and property liens will result in additional fees charged to your account.

## TRASH, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE INFORMATION

### Report a Service Issue

Service-related trash, recycling and yard waste issues can be reported by phone at 610-635-3599 or email [trash@lowerprovidence.org](mailto:trash@lowerprovidence.org). Please provide your name, address and phone number, date the service issue occurred, and description of the problem.

### Bulk Item Collection

Bulk item collection takes place once per month on the last second trash day of the month. For example, if your second trash collection day of the week is Thursday, then bulk collection for you is the last Thursday of the month. If a holiday affects bulk pickup collection, a notice will be posted on the Township website, [www.lowerprovidence.org/trash-recycling-yard-waste](http://www.lowerprovidence.org/trash-recycling-yard-waste).

Mattresses and box springs must be placed in disposable mattress bags. For an additional fee, you can schedule an extra bulk item pickup. For appliances with freon, such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners, please call to schedule an appointment, 484-518-7026.



### Billing Information

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

The current annual cost per household is \$551.76. Annual household costs for the remainder of the contract are:  
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# WHAT IS CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME?

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

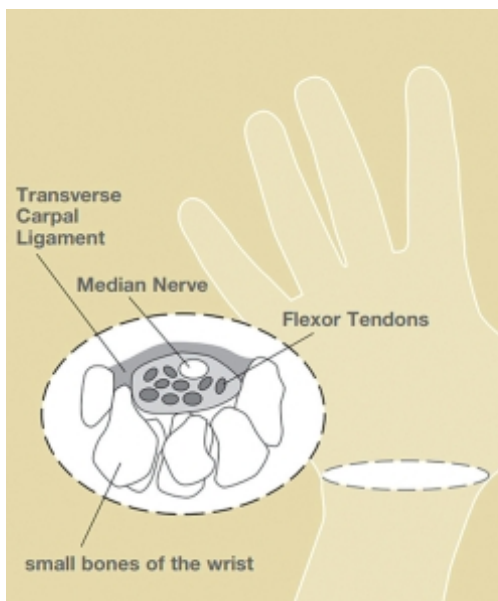
In addition to numbness and tingling, carpal tunnel syndrome can cause swelling, weakness, and night time pain. Patients sometimes describe dropping things unexpectedly and may have difficulty with buttoning shirts, tying shoelaces, or handling loose change.



## What causes carpal tunnel syndrome?

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

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



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

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

## What can a hand surgeon do to help?

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

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

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

## What can I expect from surgery?

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

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

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# HOW COLD IS TOO COLD FOR YOUR DOG?



As winter approaches, temperature safety for dogs is important whether they are going for a short walk or playing in the snow. Dogs get cold at 45°F and below, and by 20°F, dogs can develop frostbite and hypothermia.

Dogs can get frostbite, which initially effects extremities such as ear tips, feet, tail tip, nose, and the scrotum. If left untreated they will develop hypothermia.

Cold temperature safety in dogs is dependent on different variables. Every dog is different, but use of general guidelines in the cold are important for prevention of winter related illness.

## Size and Weight

Small dogs lose body heat faster than large dogs. Also, small dogs like chihuahuas have less fat padding around extremities making them more susceptible to ice and snow damage.

Body condition is important. A thin dog will get cold fast because they have less insulating body fat. However, obese dogs may move slower, increasing their exposure time to the cold.

## Breed and Coat Type

Thick hair insulates the body. Dogs with thicker fur such as Huskies can withstand cold temperatures for longer periods of time. Short haired dogs have less fur insulation and will get cold quickly. Hair can also be shortened from grooming or medical procedures.

Snow and ice can stick to long hair around toes. This can be painful, and cause prolonged ice contact on skin and toe pads. Snow pellets stick to longer fur, decreasing a dog's body temperature.

## Age and Health Condition

Older dogs generally have more health issues that decrease their tolerance to cold exposure. Pain from osteoarthritis in aging dogs can make it harder to move around in the cold. Older dogs may also have conditions such as kidney disease, diabetes, liver disease, and cancer, making it more difficult to tolerate the cold.

## Acclimation

Dogs that live in colder areas regularly can tolerate more cold. Sled dogs get so used to the cold, they will sleep in the snow. However, if an owner moves from a warm to a cold climate and there is not sufficient time to acclimate to the cold, a dog gets cold fast.

## What Can Owners Do?

Measures can be taken to keep dogs safe in the cold weather. Shoveling a small area for a dog to eliminate quickly in the cold without having to step through snow is helpful. Dogs can wear sweaters or jackets that extend along a dog's back and along the chest that is thick enough to block out wind while keeping out moisture. Booties that are warm and water resistant are great if the dog will tolerate them. Getting a dog used to these items can take a while, but persistence is key.



As outdoor temperature drops, it's important to monitor dogs for signs of being uncomfortably cold. Hypothermia can set in rapidly and is life threatening. Symptoms which should prompt an owner to take a dog to a warmer location include shivering, reluctance to walk, turning to return home, whining, trouble walking, lifting paws frequently, and even falling over. Once an owner has a dog inside, it's important to keep monitoring them to make sure they are okay. If an owner is unsure, it's always best to call the veterinarian.

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# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



## Department of Parks & Recreation

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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.

**2024 LPTCRec Winter Recreation schedule is now on [www.lptrec.com](http://www.lptrec.com)! Check out all the fun and exciting recreation programs and presentations we have planned!**

- **Firebird Theatre Acting Classes**
- **Kids Night Out**
- **ARC Babysitting Course**
- **Silver Knights Chess Club**
- **Young Rembrandts Drawing & Cartooning Class**
- **Pottery Classes**
- **AND 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 a week before, the program will be cancelled! No walk-ins accepted at program site, so please register early!

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Keep up to date with all the fun things going on in the Lower Providence community!

Follow Lower Providence Township on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter @LowerProvTwp to get the latest on Township news and happenings!



### 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

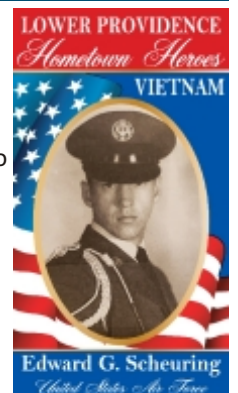
Lower Providence Township is pleased to announce our Hometown Heroes Banner Program, a tribute created for the community to recognize and honor those who are serving or have served our country in the United States Armed Forces.

Banners will be displayed within the Eagleville Park Complex from Memorial Day 2024 through May 1st, 2025. Each Banner requires the Hometown Hero Form to be filled

out, along with a photograph of the hero in uniform and payment of \$135.00 for each banner, payable to Hometown Heroes. Please mail payment, form & photo to:

Anne Henning Scheuring  
225 South Line Street  
Lansdale, PA 19446 or email to: [heroes@verizon.net](mailto:heroes@verizon.net)

If you have questions, please call 215-855-1743





# 2024 Lower Providence Township Community Events



## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Egg Hunt

*Eagleville Park*

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am



## Spring Community-Wide Yard Sale

*LP Residents Only*

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm



## Concerts in the Park

*Eagleville Park*

Sundays starting in June 2024

Dates of the Concerts TBD



## 28<sup>th</sup> All American Fireworks Celebration

*Eagleville Park*

Date: Thursday, July 4, 2024

Time: 7:00 - 9:30 pm



**THANK YOU to all our 2023 Community Event Sponsors!**  
**Without your support we would not be able to provide amazing events to the LP Community!**

### Events Sponsorships:

Lower Providence Township Parks & Recreation Department proudly hosts several special events throughout the year at no charge to the community.

We are reaching out to the Township's businesses asking for support for the 2024 community special events. Sponsorship for these events is vital to the continuance of these important Township traditions.

The sponsorship forms allow you to choose a variety of sponsorship levels that work

for your business. Your commitment allows for us to budget for the events in advance of receiving your donations.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of partnering with Lower Providence Township to make our special events a huge success. If you have any questions, please contact Parks & Recreation Director, Jane Delaney at [jdelaney@lowerprovidence.org](mailto:jdelaney@lowerprovidence.org). Sponsorship packets are available to download at [www.lptrec.com](http://www.lptrec.com) under department forms.

### Platinum Sponsor: \$3,000 - \$10,000

- Named sponsor for (3) events
- Business on sign at events
- Booth space with table and chair provided
- Name and logo will appear on LPTREC website/social media
- Listed as sponsor on all event marketing materials & program book

### Gold Sponsor: \$1,000 - \$2,999

- Named sponsor for (2) events
- Business on sponsor board at events
- Booth space with table and chair provided
- Name and logo will appear on LPTREC website/social media
- Listed as sponsor in event program book

### Silver Sponsor: \$500 - \$999

- Named sponsor for (1) events
- Booth space with table and chair provided
- Listed as sponsor on running banner on LPTREC website
- Listed as sponsor in event program booklet

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

- Named Friend of the Parks for (1) event
- Booth space with table and chair provided
- Listed as sponsor in event program booklet

**Donations:** No donation is too small; we greatly appreciate any in-kind or monetary donations.

# PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## 2024 SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

### LIL' PERKIOMY CAMP

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Sites: Eagleville Park - Pavilion Area**

*Children ages 4 & 5 years old as of 1/1/2024.*

**Camp Dates:** Session 1: Monday, June 24 - Wednesday, July 3  
Session 2: Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 19  
Session 3: Monday, July 22 - Friday, August 2

#### 2024 PRICING SCHEDULE

Rates	Early Registration Savings	Regular Fee (April 1 <sup>st</sup> )
First Child Rate	\$200 per session	\$220 per session
Additional Child Rate	\$180 per session	\$200 per session
Non-Resident Rate	\$230 per session	\$230 per session

### CAMP PERKIOMY

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Sites: Eagleville Elementary & Woodland Elementary**

*Children must have **completed** Kindergarten to be enrolled. Camp Perkiomy is for children who are entering 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade as of 9/2024.*

**Camp Dates:** Monday, June 24 - Friday, August 2 (no camp 7/4 & 7/5)

#### 2024 PRICING SCHEDULE

Rates	Early Registration Savings	Regular Fee (April 1 <sup>st</sup> )
First Child Rate	\$900	\$970
Additional Child Rate	\$875	\$945
Non-Resident Rate	\$1170	\$1170
Extended Care PM M-Th. 4-5 pm	\$260	\$285

### PERKIOMY TRAILBLAZERS

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Site: Arcola Intermediate School**

*Perkiomy Trailblazers is for youths who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade as of 9/2024.*

**Camp Dates:** Monday, June 24 - Friday, August 2 (no camp 7/4 & 7/5)

#### 2024 PRICING SCHEDULE

Rates	Early Registration Savings	Regular Fee (April 1 <sup>st</sup> )
First Child Rate	\$1,030	\$1,080
Additional Child Rate	\$1,005	\$1,055
Non-Resident Rate	\$1,320	\$1,320
Extended Care PM M-Th. 4-5 pm	\$260	\$285

**Registration Opens for all (3) summer camp programs on:**

**\*Residents: Monday, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

**\*Non-Resident: Saturday, APRIL 1, 2024**



## 2024 SUMMER CAMP JOB OPPORTUNITIES...



**Come join the fun this summer with LPP&R!**

Lower Providence Parks and Recreation Department is accepting summer job applications for staff positions for the Lil' Perkiomy Camp (*pre-school age camp*), Camp Perkiomy (*elementary age camp*) and Perkiomy Trailblazers (*middle-school age camp*) for the upcoming summer camp 2024.

#### Tentative Summer Camp dates:

Monday, June 24, 2024, through Friday, August 2, 2024. No camp scheduled on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5.

**Applications and Job Descriptions are available to download and print from [www.lptrec.com](http://www.lptrec.com) under department forms. Please bring all original clearance documents if asked to interview.**

- Positions are classified as part-time seasonal employment.
- Lower Providence Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
- PA Child Abuse Clearance is needed for employment.
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