

# Londonderry News

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## Township Project Updates

Although there is not much construction happening right now, there is a lot in motion that will bring considerable activity to the township in the near future. This has been a culmination of over a decade of hard work by the Township and its team, including HRG engineers, Gmerek Government Solutions, Eckert Seamans, our solicitors, and Arro Consulting. Numerous projects are being designed and permitted to prepare for the construction of improvements and economic development within the township. Further, the team has had steady, unwavering, support and direction from the Board of Supervisors who have encouraged us to think creatively to meet the needs of Township residents. This approach by the Board of Supervisors is what sets Londonderry Township apart and has produced excellent results, allowing the team to do their jobs without micromanagement.

Importantly, these projects would never have been able to move forward without the vision and strong continued support the Township has received from State Representative David Hickernell, State Senator David Arnold and

the Dauphin County Commissioners, Jeff Haste, Michael Pries and George Hartwick. They have been instrumental in enabling the Township to complete these objectives and bring desperately needed economic development to Londonderry.

Three private warehouse developments were recently approved – on the west end at the Lytle Farm, at Saturday's Market, and on the east end between Route 230 and Hertzler Road. Developers will be installing public sewer and water service for these projects at their cost. Sewer will extend from Hertzler Road the entire length of Route 230 and up Swatara Creek Road to Derry Township Municipal Authority's (DTMA) Southwest Plant just south of Interstate 283. The developers are going to make nearly \$15,000,000.00 in sewer line improvements helping the township meet their DEP waste water mandates while saving that cost from the taxpayers. Water service provided by Pennsylvania American Water Company will also extend from Swatara Creek Road the full length of Route 230 to Hertzler Road. Construction is expected to begin on the instal-

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## New Zoning & Building Permit Process

The Corona Virus has changed the way that we conduct business. Companies have to be agile and adapt to the new normal, embracing the use of technology to ensure continuity of operations. This allows companies to remain viable within their industry, provide customer service and protect the health of their customers and employees.

Accordingly, the Township has developed a new tab on the Township's web page that automates the building permit process and moves it to an online platform.

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## TOWNSHIP OFFICE

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10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

## NEWSLETTER

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## Don't Forget to VOTE

### ELECTION DAY Tuesday November 3, 2020

Residents that are United States citizens and 18 years of age or older are encouraged to exercise their right to vote.

Dauphin County Voter Registration: 717-780-6360

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at these locations:

Precinct #1 – Living Hope Church • 3030 Schoolhouse Rd.

Precinct #2 – Londonderry Fire Company • 2655 Foxianna Rd.

Precinct #3 – Bright Hope Fellowship Church • 345 N. Deodate Rd.

**NOTE: PRECINCT #3 HAS MOVED TO BRIGHT HOPE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH FROM GRACE CHAPEL CHURCH**

*See page 17 for the Letter of Explanation from the Dauphin County Board of Elections*



**Emergencies - 911**

**Non-Emergencies - 717.671.7500**

**Address: PA State Police - Troop H  
8000 Bretz Drive • Harrisburg, PA 17112**

## LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP

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See Important information & Upcoming Events.



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## 2020 Meeting Dates

All meetings are held at the Township Municipal Building,  
**783 S. Geyers Church Road in Middletown**

**BOARD of SUPERVISORS — 7:00 p.m.**

*1st Monday each month, unless otherwise noted*

**PLANNING COMMISSION — 7:00 p.m.**

*3rd Monday each month, unless otherwise noted*

**ZONING HEARING BOARD — 7:00 p.m.**

*2nd Monday each month, unless otherwise noted*

**BOARD of SUPERVISORS WORKSESSION — 7:00 p.m.**

*3rd Tuesday each month, unless otherwise noted*

**Can't Make a Meeting?**

**Board Minutes are now available on the web!**

*(posted the following month)*

Please check our website for 2020 meeting dates.

**<http://www.londonderrypa.org>**



## New Zoning & Building Permit Process

*Continued from Front Cover*

**Effective Monday June 22, 2020, all zoning and building permits have been processed online, including payment.**

To use the process, go to [www.londonderry.org](http://www.londonderry.org).

Find the tab on the web page named "Building and Zoning" this is designed to allow our residents to complete, receive and pay for their permit on line. You can find the new tab by highlighting:

1. "ZONING CODES & RESOLUTIONS"
2. You will see a drop down menu that says "BUILDING & ZONING"
3. Click on "BUILDING & ZONING"
4. You will see a screen that says: "HOW TO OBTAIN A PERMIT"
5. Follow the step by step procedures from there.

We know that as with all new processes there will be bumps during implementation so please reach out to Jeff Burkhart, Zoning and Codes Officer at 717-944-1803 or 717-682-5566 or via e-mail at [jburkhart@londonderry.org](mailto:jburkhart@londonderry.org) or Ed K at 717-944-1803 or 717-315-0011 or via e-mail at [edkdrexel@londonderry.org](mailto:edkdrexel@londonderry.org) and we will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

We believe the online process will help us be more efficient relative to building permit processing and we look forward to working with you as we implement this new process.

### NAVIGATING THE NEW WEB SITE

Utilizing the new web site involves a three step process:

#### STEP ONE

The first step in obtaining a permit is to determine what type of permit or permits are required for the project being proposed.

#### Projects That Require a Permit

In 2004 Londonderry Township adopted the Uniform Construction Code established under Act 45 of 1999. The purpose of the Building Code is to protect the public health, ensure safety of building occupants and protect property from failure and destruction. Chapter 403 of the UCC requires that an owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of any building or erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace an electrical, gas,

mechanical or plumbing system regulated by the Uniform Construction Code shall first apply for and obtain a building and /or zoning permit for those [projects that require a permit](#).

Apart from any project or building plan required to be submitted under the UCC when a Zoning Permit is required the submission of a site plan, legible in all respects and drawn to scale, shall be submitted with the application for a Zoning Permit as denoted in Chapter 27 Part 4 Section 422 of the Londonderry Township Zoning Ordinance.

In 2010 Londonderry Township adopted the Stormwater Management Ordinance designed to manage accelerated stormwater runoff resulting from 'regulated activities' defined to include, but not limited to, the construction of new or additional impervious surfaces. The SWM Ordinance requires that an owner or authorized agent who intends to construct a new building or add an addition to any existing building must submit a Stormwater Management Plan, unless exempt within the guidelines of the ordinance, before a building and/or zoning permit may be issued. Refer to this link to review the [Stormwater Management Ordinance](#).

#### STEP TWO

The second step requires that a permit application must be completed and submitted to the Building Code Official together with all the required documents specified in the [permit submittal guide](#) link.

#### Select The Appropriate Permit Submittal Guide For Your Project

##### NEW CONSTRUCTION

New construction by definition is intended to include but not be limited to the construction of a residential or non-residential building or accessory building such as a garage, pole building, shed, or an accessory structure such as a deck, fence, pool either above ground or in ground as defined where location, size and the amount of impervious coverage are governed by the zoning ordinance requiring a [zoning permit application](#), the building codes requiring a [building permit application](#) and the [stormwater management ordinance](#) requiring a SWM plan unless exempt.

In order to assure any proposed project is in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and the PA Uniform Construction Code and [Stormwater Management Ordinance](#), 'construction

documents including plans and specifications' must be prepared using [New Construction Permit Submittal Guide](#).

## ADDITIONS

Additions by definition is intended to mean an extension or increase in floor area or height of a building or structure both of which are governed by the zoning ordinance in terms of:

- location with respect to building setbacks
- coverage with respect to the amount of impervious material permitted.
- If such change in impervious material exceeds 1000 sq. ft. a [stormwater management plan](#) is required.
- Consequently projects associated with enlarging the floor area or changing the height by adding a bedroom, or attaching a garage, or deck to an existing residence are examples of additions that are governed by the zoning ordinance requiring a [zoning permit application](#), the building codes requiring a [building permit application](#) and the [stormwater management ordinance](#) requiring a SWM plan unless exempted.

In order to assure any proposed project is in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and the PA Uniform Construction Code and [Stormwater Management Ordinance](#), construction documents including plans and specifications must be prepared using [Additions Permit Submittal Guide](#).

## ALTERATIONS WITH STRUCTURAL CHANGES

are by definition any structural changes or modifications in the supporting members of a building, such as bearing walls, columns, beams or girders, **within the building envelope** and are governed by the building codes.

As an example a [finished basement](#) with new walls, doors, windows, bedrooms and modifying the means of egress are governed by the building codes. These types of alterations require a Building Permit.

## ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

The terms accessory structure and accessory building are used interchangeably. An accessory building by definition is a building detached from and subordinate to the main building and used for purposes customarily incidental to the main building. Accessory buildings are commonly used as carports, garages, greenhouses and sheds whereas accessory structures include but are not limited to decks and pools.

The structures all house uses that are incidental to the primary use which is the dwelling unit and the activities that take place in accessory structures occur as a result of the primary building. Their use is secondary or minor in importance to the primary residence.

It is important to go to the ['projects that require a permit'](#) page to know what type of permit is required. Once the type of permit is known go to the ['how to obtain a permit'](#) page and follow the instructions found in the ['permit submittal guide'](#) for new construction.

Accessory Structures follow the Permit Submittal Guide For New Construction.

## STEP THREE

### COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

The third step is to submit the application with supporting documents by one of the following methods below.

The following is a list of permit applications that are described on how they apply by going to the [projects that require a permit page](#):

- Building Permit Application
- Zoning Permit Application
- Mechanical Permit Application
- Electrical Permit Application
- Plumbing Permit Application
- Floodplain Development Permit Application
- Sewage Permit Application Informational Guide
- Stormwater Management Application
- Stormwater Exemption Application

NOTE: Any project proposed in a floodplain or floodway requires a [Floodplain Development Permit](#).

### SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Ways To Submit Your Permit Application:

- Apply Online
- E-mail With Attachments Directed To: BCO@londonderry.pa.org
- US Mail Directed To: Londonderry Township Building Code Official, 783 S. Geyers Church Rd, Middletown PA 17057
- Special Delivery: (UPS, FED-EX, etc)



# Stormwater & Environmental Department

## Riparian Buffers, Funding for Plantings

Are you looking to change your landscape? Reduce time and money spent mowing? Create biodiversity to benefit pollinator and other animal communities? If you would like to **convert traditional lawn into meadow areas** or plant upland trees, funding may be available for projects half of an acre, or larger.

### Benefits of Meadows

- Increases groundwater absorption
- Trap, filter and slow runoff
- Recharges groundwater supply
- Reduces need to irrigate, mow and apply pesticides & herbicides
- Increase pollinator populations
- Provide food, cover and habitat for wildlife

Furthermore, if you have a stream on your residential property, or farmland, you may be eligible for a forested riparian buffer planting. Forested riparian buffers will stabilize stream banks, therefore reducing erosion and



property degradation, or loss.

### Benefits of Buffers

- Prevent streambank erosion by using roots for stabilization
- Reduced impacts from flooding
- Increase aesthetic value
- Trap, filter and slow runoff
- Provide shade for temperature control
- Provide food, cover and habitat for wildlife
- Absorb and store excess nutrients which are associated with decreased water quality

If you are interested in participating in either of these programs, at no cost to yourself, please contact Monique Dykman at [MDykman@Londonderrypa.org](mailto:MDykman@Londonderrypa.org) to learn more.

## Grass on the Roads

When mowing your grass this fall, make sure to keep all grass clippings and garden trimmings off of the road. When left on our roads, they can create dangerous driving conditions, especially for motorcyclists, as well as add to stormwater runoff. This debris, often times containing fertilizer, is not meant to be in our waterways and disrupts the natural ecosystem. Please make sure to either blow or sweep your clippings from the road, do not dump them down the storm sewer. It's also a good idea to leave the grass clippings on your lawn. They serve as a great natural fertilizer!



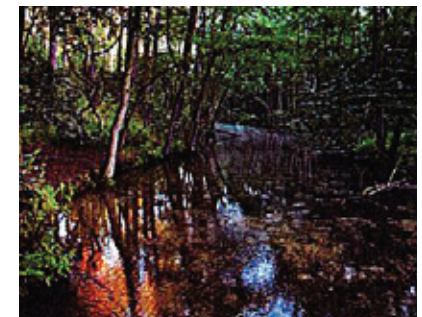
TURN THIS

A heavily eroded stream channel



INTO THIS

Newly planted riparian buffer with protective tree tubes



A mature forest adjacent to an established stream channel

# Stormwater & Environmental Department

## LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP ILLICIT DISCHARGE AWARENESS

*An illicit discharge is any discharge not composed entirely of stormwater, entering a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System aka an "MS4" aka a storm drain.*

*An illicit discharge also includes any piping or drainage leading directly into a storm drain that was not initially placed during construction. MS4's are only intended to carry stormwater directly to streams and rivers. Any illicit discharges flowing into an MS4 can pollute the streams in the area, harming the wildlife and way of life of the people who use these streams.*

### How You Can Help?

The easiest way you can help is by disposing of liquid wastes properly and not allowing them to flow into storm drains. You can also check your storm drains near your home to make sure no pipes are flowing from your home which you were not previously aware of.

If you notice a possible illicit discharge you can contact the MS4 Environmental Specialist at 717-461-0027.

However, if you ever see a rare, large quantity spill which would be unable to be handled locally, please call DEP's South-Central 24/7 Emergency number at 717-705-4700.

### Examples of Illicit Discharges

- Sanitary Wastewater
- Septic Tank Effluent
- Chlorinated Pool Discharge
- Improper Oil/Radiator Flushing Disposal
- Laundry Wastewaters
- Spills from roadway accidents
- Improper disposal of household toxins



### Exemptions

- Discharges from fire-fighting activities
- Fire hydrant flushing
- Potable water, including water line flushing
- Uncontaminated condensate from air conditioners, coolers, and other compressors and from the outside storage of refrigerated gases or liquids
- Irrigation drainage
- Landscape watering provided all pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer have been applied in accordance with the approved labeling
- Pavement wash waters where no detergents are used and no spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have occurred
- Routine external building washdown that does not use detergents
- Uncontaminated ground water or spring water

## Emergency Contact List for Spill Response

**MS4 Dept. Spill Reporting, Monique Dykman**  
(Business hours; 8:30-5:00, Monday – Friday)  
**717.944.1803 or 717-461-0027**

**South-Central Emergency Number (24/7)**  
**717.705.4700**

### LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP

- Township Manager, Steve Letavic  
717.580.2089
- Public Works Director, Andy Brandt  
717.443.5426
- Sunset Golf Superintendent, Sam Risteff  
717.943.4547

### PENNSYLVANIA DEP

- South-Central Regional Office, Lynn Langer  
717.705.4700
- South-Central Emergency Number (24/7)  
717.705.4700
- EPA National Response Center  
1.800.424.8802 US Coast Guard

### LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

- **In an EMERGENCY... DIAL 911**
- Fire Company Chief, Bart Shellenhamer  
717.571.0428
- Fire Company Assistant Chief, Matt Naples  
717.943.0706

### CONSULTANTS

- Sewer Enforcement Officer, Timothy Wargo  
Hoover Engineering Services 717.443.2878
- HRG Engineering, Andrew Kenworthy  
717.564.1121

**Contact Codes** (determine the kind of spill, then contact the appropriate person highlighted in the corresponding color)

### Common Spill/Illicit Discharge

**Rare, large quantity spill unable to be handled locally**

**EMERGENCY – Immediate danger to health, property, and environment**



# Stormwater & Environmental Department

## Spotted Lanternfly Management for Residents

This fact sheet was adapted from a resource by Penn State Extension in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Spotted lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula*, is an invasive planthopper, native to Asia, that was first detected in southeastern Pennsylvania in 2014. It feeds on many plants, including economically important crops like grapevines and ornamentals. If you think you have SLF, do not panic! First, make sure the insect you are seeing is the spotted lanternfly. Second, learn about its life cycle and habits. Third, determine what plants it is infesting and what it is not. Fourth, employ effective management strategies at the proper time of the year.

There is one generation of SLF per

year. The eggs are laid in the fall and hatch in the spring. Egg masses are laid on hard surfaces (trees, decks, houses, outdoor equipment, rocks, etc.) and protected with a mud-like covering. Each egg mass contains 30–50 eggs. After hatching and before reaching adulthood, SLF goes through four nymphal stages. Nymphs are small ( to ½ inch) and can be hard to find. The first three stages (instars) are all black with white spots, and the last instar is red with white dots and black stripes (Figure 1). SLF adults emerge in July and are active until winter. This is the most obvious and easily detectable stage because they are large (~1 inch) and highly mobile. Adults have black bodies with brightly colored wings.

### Quick Facts

- SLF is a **destructive invasive pest** threatening agricultural and

ornamental plants.

- As of May 2020, **26 counties in Pennsylvania are under quarantine** for SLF. SLF has also been **found in 5 other states in the northeastern U.S.**
- SLF **does not bite or sting.**
- SLF **does not kill all trees it feeds on.** SLF is a **plant stressor** that, along with other stressors, can cause significant damage to its host.
- **Stop the spread** of SLF by checking your car and any outdoor equipment (grills, mowers, firewood, etc.) when going in and out of the quarantine zone.
- Manage SLF on your property by **scraping and destroying eggs, carefully using bands or traps on trees**, removing **preferred hosts**, and **using registered insecticides for control** when appropriate.

### Stop the Spread

When you travel in and out of the quarantine zone, check your car and any outdoor items you are moving (grills, outdoor furniture, landscaping supplies, mowers, etc.). Check for SLF egg masses from September through June. Remember that egg masses may be underneath your car or in your wheel wells. During all other times of the year, check for nymphs and adults, and keep your windows rolled up when you park. Don't store things or park under infested trees, and don't move firewood.

### Egg Scraping

Walk around your property to check for egg masses on trees, cement blocks, rocks, and any other hard surface. If you find egg masses on your property from September to May, you can scrape them off using a plastic card or putty knife (Figure 3). Scrape them into a bag or container filled with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer and keep them in this solution permanently. Egg masses can also be smashed. Remember that some eggs will be unreachable at the tops of trees, in other well-hidden areas, and throughout your neighborhood and community. Be aware that this method may not

## Tree Canopies

Although tree canopies are scenic and enjoyable to drive through, they can also cause a hazard to vehicles and the road surface. While low hanging branches keep the road shaded, they also keep the sun from drying the road after it rains, and hinders the melting process of ice and snow in the winter. Emergency vehicles must travel slower to avoid low hanging branches from striking their vehicles. Delivery trucks, garbage trucks, and school buses also have a difficult time passing safely under low hanging limbs. During rain and snow events, these limbs hang even lower than usual making safe passage more difficult.

It is not our intent to remove all trees from hanging over the roadway. But we do have to make it safe for all vehicles and pedestrians to travel the roadways. We will be removing limbs back 3 to 4 feet from the edge of the pavement, and 16 to 20 feet above the road surface. We will also be removing the dead limbs that we can reach before they cause damage to vehicles or pedestrians.





# Stormwater & Environmental Department



Adult, wings closed (Actual size = 1 inch) Photo credit: PA Department of Ag



Scraping SLF egg masses from a tree. Photo credit: PA Department of Agriculture



Egg Mass. Found September-June. Photo Credit: E. Swackhamer

reduce the number of nymph or adult SLF you see later in the year.

## Tree Traps

After the eggs hatch, nymphs will walk up the trees to feed on the softer new growth of the plant. Nymphs frequently fall to the ground, walk to trees, and walk back up the trunks. Take advantage of this behavior by wrapping tree trunks in tree traps to catch the

nymphs (Figure 4). Traps can be used on any tree, but we recommend only banding trees where SLF is abundant. You can use either sticky bands or a funnel-style trap. Sticky bands may be purchased online or from your local garden center. Push pins can be used to secure the band. While some bands may catch adults, banding trees is most effective for nymphs. Be advised that birds and small mammals stuck to the bands have been reported. To avoid

this, you should cage your sticky bands in wire or fencing material wrapped around the tree. Read more about trapping SLF visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/using-traps-for-spotted-lanternfly-management>

Revised by Heather Leach, Emelie Swackhamer, Amy Korman, and Brian Walsh. Originally prepared by Heather Leach, David Biddinger, and Greg Krawczyk

## Winter Maintenance and Snow Removal

Like it or not, it will be cold and snowy again soon. The Londonderry Township Public Works Department is ready for the winter season.

We are always looking to recruit part-time snow plow truck drivers, CDL and non-CDL drivers. If you or anyone you know is interested, please complete an application at the Township office located at 783 S. Geyers Church Road, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Applications are also available on the Township website.

When we are not performing winter maintenance on our roads, we will be doing other maintenance work on various Township roads. Please be alert for Work Area signs, equipment and Public Works employees.

### Following are additional reminders for snow removal:

- Do not place snow on Township roads, in drainage ditches or over storm drains. If you have a storm drain in front of your property, please keep it clear of leaves and all debris.
- If you have a basketball net that hangs over any portion of a Township road, please remove it. It is a hazard for passing vehicles, including garbage trucks, delivery trucks and especially snow plows that need to get close to the

curbing and edge of the road. Residents should take time to be sure to secure any loose or broken mailboxes, fences or other property that lies within close proximity to the roadways to prevent avoidable damage from normal snow plowing operations.

- When snow falls, please be patient. Our crews salt 67 miles and plow 135 lane miles of Township and State roads. We will do our best to get a plow truck to your street as quickly as possible.
- If you clear your driveway before the street is plowed, pushing or blowing of snow into the streets is not permissible. When the plow truck comes by, the snow will inevitably end up back on your property. It is **NOT** the responsibility of the Township to clear the end of your driveway once the plow has passed through.
- When a snowstorm is forecast, **remove all vehicles** from Township roads so the entire road can be plowed.
- Plowing main arteries will be our first priority, followed by secondary roads and then developments.
- Sidewalks and fire hydrants must be cleared within 24 hours after the end of a snow or ice event.

Please call the Public Works Maintenance Department at 717-944-9440 with any questions or concerns related to the potential roadway and/or winter maintenance.

# Emergency Services

## Fire Company Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers for our fire department. If you are 14 years of age or older, please consider serving your community by volunteering. No prior experience is necessary. We will provide and pay for all training. All types of volunteers are needed; firefighters, fire police, EMT's, ambulance crew, auxiliary. Please feel free to send us a message or stop in at the fire company any Wednesday night between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.



## Londonderry Ambulance Volunteers Needed

**CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OR EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATOR**

### Benefits:

**Training Reimbursement • Sleeping Quarters • Full Kitchen • Weight Room • Live-In Program  
NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

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## EMA Team Development

Since September 11, 2001 there has been an even bigger demand to be prepared in the event of an emergency and we all need to take a look at what we can do to help. In the past we depended on the local fire company to handle emergencies, but it is at a point where they can't do it alone. Creating the Emergency Management Agency was the first step, forming a team of volunteers was the second. Some members of the team have been involved with the fire company and/or the ambulance service for many years and we depend on their experience in emergencies. However, you don't have to have a background such as theirs to help. The EMA has regular meetings and training is provided throughout the year to those wanting to volunteer.

Our team of dedicated men and women look forward to welcoming you aboard, should you decide to become a volunteer. Please call Les Gilbert, Coordinator, 717-350-3492 or the Township Office, 944-1803 for more information on becoming a volunteer.

### **MAKE A PLAN FOR WHAT YOU WILL DO IN AN EMERGENCY:**

Be prepared to access the situation, use common sense and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and your loved ones. Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the attack, the first important decision is deciding whether to stay or go. You should understand and plan for both possibilities.

#### **Develop a Family Communications Plan:**

Your family may not be together if disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review and review what you will do in different situations. Consider a plan where each family member calls, or e-mails, the same friend or relative in the event of an emergency. It may be easier to make

a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-state contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members. You may have trouble getting through, or the phone system may be down altogether, but be patient.

**Staying Put:** There are circumstances when staying put and creating a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside, a process known as "shelter-in-place", can be a matter of survival. Choose an interior room or one with as few windows and doors as possible. Consider precutting plastic sheeting to seal windows, doors and air vents. Each piece should be several inches larger than the space you want to cover so that you can duct tape it flat against the wall. Label each piece with the location of where it fits.

If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated, you may want to "shelter-in-place". Quickly bring your family and pets inside, lock doors, and close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers. Immediately turn off air conditioning, forced air heating systems, exhaust fans and clothes dryers. Take your emergency supplies and go into the room you have designated. Seal all windows, doors and vents. Watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet, if available, for instructions.

**Getting Away:** Plan in advance how you will assemble your family and anticipate where you will go. Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency. If you have a car, keep at least a half tank of gas in it at all times. Become familiar with alternate routes as well as other means of transportation out of your area. If you do not have a

If you need assistance during an event of a State of Emergency (declared by the Governor) please contact the EMA at:

Phone: 717-350-3492 • Fax: 717-546-0679

Email: [londonderrytownshipema@gmail.com](mailto:londonderrytownshipema@gmail.com)

car, plan how you will leave if you have to. Take your emergency supply kit and lock your door behind you.

**At Work or School:** Think about the places where your family spends time: school, work and other places you frequent. Talk to your children's school and your employer about emergency plans. Find out how they communicate with families during an emergency. A community working together during an emergency also makes sense. Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together.

### **MAKING A KIT OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES:**

**Water:** One gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation. Children, nursing mothers, and sick people may need more water. Keep at least a three-day supply of water per person.

**Food:** Store at least a three-day supply of non-perishable foods such as ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, and vegetables. Also protein or fruit bars, dry cereal, peanut butter, crackers, nuts, canned juices, vitamins, etc.

**First Aid Kit:** Items such as sterile dressings, cleaning agents, antibiotic ointment, adhesive bandages, eye wash, thermometer, prescription medicines, scissors, tweezers, petroleum jelly, antacid medication, aspirin, etc.

**Miscellaneous Supplies:** Items such as flashlights, extra batteries, radio, cell phone, map, clothing, bedding, paper towels, non-electric can-opener, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, tools, etc.

The above items are just suggestions. Please use your own judgment for what your family may need.

# Emergency Management Agency

## Note From Les Gilbert, EMA Director

First and foremost, we would like to thank our volunteer emergency medical services (EMS), firefighters and emergency responders for a job well done during this pandemic. We would also like to thank our Meals on Wheels program volunteers who kept delivering that vital meal to those in need. We also must not forget our Londonderry Township personnel who have been working hard to keep our township running as safe and efficient as possible during these trying times. For everyone who helps someone in need, our hearts are with you during this pandemic.

On March 6, 2020 the Governor announced the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency due to the coronavirus spreading across our nation. After reviewing the Governor's proclamation, attending a Senator Scott Perry briefing on Covid-19 on March 9 and also reading the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisor Report on Covid-19 we began the pandemic planning with the township manager Steve Letavic on March 12, 2020.

On March 13, 2020 Dauphin County Emergency Operations declared a disaster emergency.

On March 15, 2020 we closed the township office to outside visitors and moved all public meetings to telecommunication.

On March 16, 2020 Londonderry Township declared a disaster emergency due to the spread of Covid-19.

On March 19, 2020 the Governor ordered the shutdown of all non-life sustaining businesses which we in-turn shutdown Sunset park, golf course and all non-essential parts of the township services. We also reviewed the Center of Disease Control (CDC) Mitigation Strategies for communities with Covid-19 transmissions. It was decided to begin to sanitize the entire township building in preparation to open the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) if necessary.

One of the biggest challenges was to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to our first responders. Dauphin County Emergency Operations Center helped supply PPE for first responders only. Unfortunately, there was a gap in the supply for our emergency management personnel so we had to reach out to many businesses to fulfill our PPE supplies. PPE resources still remain a challenge today.

Governor Wolf and PA Health Secretary Rachael Levine provide daily updates and remains very transparent to the direction Pennsylvania must take to protect the well-being of the citizens of the Commonwealth during this pandemic.

Our emergency operation center like all other municipalities and townships in Dauphin County, will remain closed unless there is an emergency that requires us to open the center. So, with the help of some of our emergency management team, we will continue to review the daily information from the state and county emergency operations and work as a team to provide the information to the township supervisors to keep Londonderry Township as safe as possible during this pandemic.

We ask all township residents to be safe as possible and to do their part to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease. Please wear a mask when you go out in public, it protects you and others.

## Tax Collector Notes

Welcome to 2020. It certainly is a strange time in our lives. Some significant changes have occurred in the tax world as well.

As of this writing I am in the tax office regular hours. Obviously that could change at any time. I am limiting the number of customers in the office at one time to 3. Masks are recommended. You may mail your tax payments, or you may put them through the slot in the door. If you would like a receipt please include a self addressed stamped envelope.

On May 26, 2020 the Dauphin County Commissioners and the Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors announced that the penalty charges for the County/ Township tax bill will be waived for the remainder of the year. This means the Face payment, listed as the April/May amount on the tax bill, will be good through the end of December. If not paid by December 31, 2020, the 10% penalty will be added back on, plus other applicable charges from Tax Claim.

**NOTE:** This is for the Dauphin County/ Londonderry Township tax bill only. The Lower Dauphin School Real Estate and Personal Tax bills (which came out July 1) will be due with the amounts and due dates printed on the tax bill.

\$250 Occupation Tax Exoneration: There is an exoneration available for the occupation tax if you are over 70, are a full time college student both semesters, earnings under \$6,000, or are a member of the clergy with no other source of income over \$6,000. This is for the Occupation tax only, the \$10 per capita and the \$5 township tax are still due with applicable discounts and penalties. Social Security and Retirement income is not counted toward the \$6,000 threshold.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me and stay safe!

Loren M. Bowen, Tax Collector  
2900 E. Harrisburg Pike  
Middletown, PA 17057  
717-944-2842



## FEMA Mandated Flood Plain Compliance Update

The Township has completed the second of three annually scheduled FEMA compliance inspections. The first inspection was completed on Beech Island in October 2019 and the second inspection was completed on Hill Island July 2020 with the third inspection scheduled for the fall of 2020. This systematic inspection process will be an annual occurrence. These annual inspections are designed to insure conformity with FEMA's mandated compliance agreement for properties located on the islands in Londonderry Township. It is important to reiterate the fact that in 2015 FEMA determined that there were significant violations that mandated the Township to:

- Strictly enforce the Floodplain Development Permitting process.
- Conduct a comprehensive analysis of compliance of Township floodplain properties.
- Comprehensively pursue enforcement actions for any violations.
- Assure properties are brought into -and- remain in compliance thru ongoing inspections.

FEMA has indicated that failure to meet these mandates would cause all residents in Londonderry Township to be suspended from the National Flood Insurance Program . Additionally, Londonderry Township would not be eligible to receive any federal grants or loans, including disaster recovery grants.

The initial compliance inspections focused on floodplain violations as highlighted in the Community Action Visit report [CAV] prepared by FEMA and further referenced in Chapter 27

Part 15 Section 1505 of the Township Book of Ordinances. This report is available to anyone who would like to see it. Subsequent compliance inspections will include conformity to Chapter 3 of the International Property Maintenance Code adopted by the Township by Ordinance in 2010.

Examples of International Property Maintenance requirements and violations include the following:

**302.1 Sanitation.** All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.

shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.

**304.1 General.** The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

### THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS REPRESENT VIOLATIONS:



The occupant shall keep that part of the exterior property which such occupant occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.

**302.7 Accessory structures.** All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.

**302.8 Motor Vehicles.** Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle

If you have any questions about the flood plain compliance measures as mandated by FEMA, please reach out to Ed K. or Jeff Burkhart at the following email addresses:

Ed K: [edkdrexel@londonderry.org](mailto:edkdrexel@londonderry.org) or Jeff Burkhart: [jburkhart@londonderry.org](mailto:jburkhart@londonderry.org)

We look forward to working cooperatively with you to reach our compliance mandates.

# Stormwater & Environmental Department

## Conewago Creek Restoration Project Update

The Conewago Creek Restoration Project is on track to meet the mandated, and unfunded, Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) - as part of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. As it stands, the health of the creek is in danger. Erosion is causing farmers along the creek to lose valuable soil, and unmanaged stormwater runoff is carrying pollutants into the creek – threatening the water quality, that both humans and animals depend on. Additionally unique to the project is intercounty cooperation, as the Conewago Creek is the border between Dauphin and Lancaster Counties. Londonderry has partnered with Mount Joy Township in Lancaster County, who will also be using this project to fulfill their PRP commitments to the Conewago Creek.

Our one-of-a-kind Pollution Reduction Plan has caught the attention of the EPA, DEP and many large funding sources. The project is expected to become a model stream restoration project, able to be replicated by watershed organizations and municipalities, alike. To prove the project's effectiveness, our partners are collecting huge amounts of water quality data. Water quality data being collected includes:

- Weekly data on Sediment and Nutrient levels collected by a team with Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center.
- Pre-project macroinvertebrate identification collected by Penn State Agricultural and Environment Center and Dauphin County Conservation District, and analyzation funded through a Pennsylvania American Waters Environmental Grant, awarded to Londonderry Township MS4 Department.
- A total of four sondes placed along the river for continuous, long term data collection; two funded through

USGS and two funded through Lancaster County Conservation District.

Historically, the Creek was dammed, which caused a large buildup of legacy sediment to settle upstream, this has greatly impacted the capacity of the stream, and now results in flooding. The banks are experiencing severe erosion at an aggressive rate, which is exacerbating negative impacts on the wildlife habitat. This erosion will continue to happen if efforts are not taken to mitigate these



Photo 13 – Removed from bank indicative of pre-settlement floodplain conditions.



Photo 15 – Aggressive erosion on left bank causing bank pins to drop into channel.



Photo 14 – Removed from bank indicative of pre-settlement floodplain conditions.



Photo 16 – Extreme erosion on concave bank upstream of Brills Run confluence.

issues. The proposed Conewago Creek Floodplain Restoration is intended to restore the site to conditions that are as close as possible to pre-settlement era conditions. Restoring the Creek will have immense benefits including improved downstream water supplies, improved recreation in Londonderry Township, reduced flood potential, and reduced sediment and nutrient pollution.

The overall approach to this project's stream channel design pursues a multi-channel system, thereby maintaining the existing channel, while also creating additional channels and large pools through the restored floodplain. This approach increases channel length and associated habitat, improves hydrologic connectivity, and maximizes flood storage. More specifically, the proposed channels are designed to accommodate baseflows while allowing increased flows to quickly exit the channels and dissipate energy across the floodplain.

Phase 1 will restore a portion of Brills Run, by removing legacy sediment and adding stream length by weaving back and forth allowing the water to slow its momentum. In addition to the stream restoration, a catchment area will be installed at the confluence of the Conewago Creek to catch sediment coming from the upstream on the Conewago Creek and allowing the sediment to settle out of the water, before it enters the project site. Phase 2 of the project will continue downstream from the confluence with Brills Run, until the farm bridge, this portion of the project will remove legacy sediment to expose buried hydric soil and restore the floodplain to prehistoric conditions. Woody material from the site will be used to stabilize the banks, additionally, a secondary channel will be created to alleviate the stress on the main channel, and allow for floodplain overflow. The third phase will continue from the farm



bridge until the north side of the route 230 bridge, during this phase legacy sediment will be removed to expose hydric soils to prehistoric conditions and a riparian buffer will be established.

In order to avoid spending tax payer dollars on this mandated, unfunded PRP, the Township has received \$1.3 million in grant backing, which has funded design, permitting and construction phase one, of three. Phase one of construction is on track to begin in Spring 2021, with phases two and three slated to break ground in Spring 2022 and 2023, pending funding. Thus far, in 2020 the township has continued to seek funding for phase two, having applied to three grants from multiple sources, totaling \$550,000.

## OLSDS (On Lot Sewage Disposal System) UPDATE FALL 2020

The Township's OLSDS (On-Lot Sewage Disposal System) pumping and reporting Management Program requires that all properties shall have their septic system pumped and inspected once every four years. Every septic system in the Township (including the island properties) and every treatment tank or cesspool associated with every OLSDS shall be pumped and inspected once every four (4) years by a **certified pumper/hauler within a specific time frame.**

The Township established five (5) pumping districts identified as Sewer Districts 1, 2 & 3 and On-Lot Management Districts A & B. The following pumping/inspection schedule shown below is accompanied by a map of each district.

**For the current year (2020-2021) it must be pointed out that any pumper/hauler report dated AFTER June 30, 2021 will be in VIOLATION of the OLSDS Ordinance.**

Further information listing each address and District together with the schedule and maps for each District can be found on the Township's web site at [www.londonderry.pa.org](http://www.londonderry.pa.org) by clicking on Resource Center then scrolling down to On-Lot Sewage Disposal System. For further information contact the Township Office at 717-944-1803.

### SECOND FOUR YEAR CYCLE SCHEDULE:

DISTRICT	PUMPING & INSPECTION DEADLINE DATES
On-Lot Management District B	June 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
On-Lot Management District A	June 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
Sewer District #1 and #2	June 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
Sewer District #3	June 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

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# Sunset Golf Course



## WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE?

June 17th marks three years since the beginning of Sunset's dynamic course changes. Sunset's Golf Superintendent Craig Kinsey and myself were riding the course last week and marveling over the transformation that Sunset has gone through. The course has truly matured over that time and certainly has met our expectations. So much so that we are planning to continue those improvements by implementing more of the native grasses and wildflowers on the back nine as well. Londonderry Township's MS4 Environmental Specialist, Monique Dykman, has secured state funds from DCNR to help offset any costs for the project. The project will not only improve the aesthetics of the back nine but will aid in reducing labor costs by reducing our mowing acres.

Sunset Golf Club will again host numerous golf outings, corporate outings and fundraisers. Full catering service is available as well as alcohol and beverage services. Sunset Golf Club offers a beverage cart daily, weather conditions permitting, for your convenience.

Sunset Golf Club has become a special venue to host weddings, anniversaries, graduation and birthday parties. Catering, beverage and alcohol services available. Need a change of scenery for a business luncheon, seminar or meeting place let Sunset Golf Club host your event and do the work for you.

When this article was originally written in March little did anyone know of the things to come and how it would impact the future of golf and the industry in 2020 due to COVID 19. Sunset closed the course on March 23rd and did not reopen until May 8th following new guidelines and restrictions set forth by the CDC and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The game of golf certainly has changed over the last five months but our industry will survive the pandemic. The innovativeness of golf minds provided our industry a safe way to still enjoy the game we love.

Take care and be safe.  
Sam Risteff, Manager

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Below is a letter that we received from Dauphin County Bureau of Registration & Elections regarding a changed voting location. Please note the change of polling places they require. We have listed the other polling locations on page 3 at the top.



## DAUPHIN COUNTY

### BUREAU OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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March 18, 2020

Steve Letavic, Manager  
Londonderry Township  
783 S Geyers Church Rd  
Middletown, PA 17057

Dear Mr. Letavic:

On behalf of the Dauphin County Board of Elections, I am writing to alert you to a polling place change approved today for Londonderry Township's 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct.

**FORMER**

Grace Chapel Church  
2535 Colebrook Road  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

**NEW**

Bright Hope Fellowship Church  
345 N Deodate Road  
Middletown, PA 17057

This change was made due to the U.S. Department of Justice determining that the former site was not compliant with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. There were numerous issues with the grade of the slopes that would have required extensive upgrades to make compliant. Bright Hope Church was chosen after an ADA survey was conducted that showed it would be ADA accessible with only minimal temporary changes.

New voter registration cards are being issued to all voters in this election district, as well as a separate postcard, alerting them to the change of polling place.

If any voter calls your office, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 717-780-6360. 3/17/20 4:11 PM

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Spackman, Deputy Director

# Recycling



## RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE

*It's Spring! Keep it Clean AND Keep it Green!*

### Londonderry Township Recycling Center

#### FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The yard waste/recycling yard has moved. It is now located behind the salt storage shed on Sunset Drive. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A permit is required for Londonderry Township residents. The permit is available at the Township office at 783 S. Geysers Church Road, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is no fee for the permit.

#### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

- Grass
- Yard waste
- Leaves

#### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- Paper
- Plastic
- Lumber
- Glass
- Metal
- Limbs
- Ashes
- Trash

Tree limbs can be taken to Zeagers Mulch at 4000 E. Harrisburg Pike in Middletown. For more information on what items Zeagers Mulch will accept, give them a call at 717-944-8481.

Watch the Township newsletter, website and Facebook for any changes.

### Dauphin County Recycling Center

1625 S. Cameron Street • Harrisburg • 717-982-6772  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30–4:30 • Saturday 9:00–2:00

Drop off location for unwanted or obsolete electronics, appliances and much more including:

Car and boat batteries • Lithium, rechargeable and regular batteries • Thermostats containing mercury • Empty propane canisters • Fire extinguishers • Light bulbs (including compact fluorescent bulbs) • (long fluorescent tubes – contact Dauphin Electric) • Refrigerators/freezers/air conditioners (\$20 fee for freon removal) • Dehumidifiers • TV's • Microwaves • Computers (must be intact) • Hardcover books - if the local library won't take them, cut covers off first

Large items — if you get it there, they'll unload it! **To dispose of hazardous waste such as oil drums, insecticides, spray cans, poisons, please call 800-449-7587.**

### Conewago Township Recycling Center

3279 Old Hershey Road • Hershey, PA • 717-534-8556

#### HOUSEHOLD GOODS –

Dauphin County has designated Conewago Township as the local recycling center. No permit is required and there is no charge to residents.

Items that may be brought to the Recycling Center:  
Magazines/office paper/junk mail/phone book • Corrugated cardboard and boxboard • Newspapers and inserts • Aluminum and tin cans • Plastic bottles with recycling symbols on them

**Glass bottles and jars are no longer accepted.**

#### APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, SCRAP METAL –

Do you need to dispose of items such as appliances, furniture or scrap metal? One option is to contact your trash hauler and inquire what items they will pick up. Another option is to contact local scrap metal yards. Some scrap yards will pay you for metals such as aluminum, copper, brass, etc.

**CSR Scrap Metal** (717) 233-7927

**Dauphin County Recycling Center** (717) 982-6772

**DEP Waste Management** (717) 705-4918

**Royalton Recycling** (717) 944-4823



## Township Project Updates *Continued from Front Cover*

lation of the sewer and water service this fall. These projects are expected to produce nearly two thousand new jobs and the tax base they generate will exceed the tax revenue lost by the premature closing of Three Mile Island nuclear power plant. The developers will be investing \$284,000,000.00 in private capital in these projects. These projects will create the infrastructure that will allow the development of a traditional neighborhood design development to be constructed on the south side of the Lytle farm. The traditional neighborhood project is in the very early stages but is anticipated to take place in the next few years.

A second sewer project is being finalized for the Londonderry Estates development on Woodcrest and Pasture Drives. This project is also a DEP mandate. This system will connect to the existing DTMA public sewer located in the Hills of Waterford development on the east side of Steinruck Road. The design and permitting are being funded through the combination of a PENNVEST grant and loan. Construction is expected to begin on this project in the summer of 2021. A Commonwealth Financing Authority grant was received in the amount of \$934,000.00 to reduce the overall cost of the project to the residents receiving the sewer service. While other sources of funding are still being pursued to offset costs, the township will at least apply for another PENNVEST grant for construction. The Township is applying for a local share gaming grant to hopefully offset more of the cost to residents. Water and gas service are being explored as part of this project. The idea would be to do all the installations at the same time so we do not have to do road restoration twice. The Township has been meeting with stakeholders about this project for the past two years and monthly mailings keep residents apprised relative to the

status of the project and relevant information that will or could impact them. This has been a collaborative process with residents and we appreciate their input and support. The residents have provided valuable information and insight and the collaborative nature will ensure the best possible project outcome.

After years of continuing deterioration, Lauffer Road Bridge over Iron Run cannot be sustained and must be replaced. The bridge is being designed for a full replacement. The majority of funding for this project comes from the Dauphin County Bridge Bundle program where the county pays for 60% of the costs and provides a below-market loan rate for the township's portion of costs through the Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank. Construction for this project is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2021. This project is expected to cost approximately \$700,000.00 and is the only access to two residences. The Township has been replacing bridges based upon need as determined by engineering studies. There have been six bridges replaced to date.

Sunset Park is one location where construction activity is currently occurring. Rugby fields are under construction by the Harrisburg Area Rugby Club. The club is installing these improvements at their cost under a lease agreement with the township. The fields will be open for public use when the rugby club is not using them providing that the use does not damage the fields. The start of a pedestrian path is located adjacent to the rugby fields. An extension of this path is expected to start construction this fall. This path will have a trail head with amenities including a parking area and bathrooms, located near the playground parking lot and extend up to the golf course clubhouse. The path is intended to make its way to Hillsdale and

Foxianna Roads to connect to a planned residential development (at the Lytle farm) on the south side of Route 230. Ultimately, the path should connect to other pedestrian paths in our adjoining townships. The location of the parking area and bathrooms was chosen to ensure multi-user cohesiveness in that area of the park.

Funding for this project is being provided by various grants. The Commonwealth Financing Authority allotted \$170,000 which was used as a match to obtain \$150,000 from the Department of Community and Natural Resources. The project was also supported by a \$30,000 contribution from the Rugby Club.

Londonderry Township has an annual operating budget of \$2,000,000.00 and there is no possible way we could afford to meet our DEP mandates and infrastructure requirements without the support of our partners. Additionally, grant funding and public private partnerships are being used to make enhancements to recreational opportunities within Londonderry. It would require massive tax increases to meet our mandates relative to sewer from DEP if we did not have our partners. In fact, we believe it would make it economically impossible for our residents to continue to live here. The tax burden would simply be too high to afford. It is why we have worked so hard to ensure that did not occur to protect our residents.

These projects demonstrate what can be achieved, even in a small town with a limited budget, when you work hard and persist in finding creative solutions with the support of partnerships!

Please reach out with any questions you may have on any of these projects to Township Manager, Steve Letavic at [sletavic@londonderry.org](mailto:sletavic@londonderry.org).

## Londonderry Bocce League



Bocce for Summer 2020 and fall 2020 has been canceled because Sunset Park has been closed because of the Covid-19 virus restrictions. We hope to have Bocce back for 2021.

More information will be provided in our spring 2021 newsletter

## Proper Management of Your Water Well or Spring

Many homeowners in townships across Pennsylvania including Londonderry, rely on a private water well or spring for their drinking water. While over one million homes are served by these types of water supplies, Pennsylvania is one of the few states where they are unregulated and Penn State surveys have found that about 40% fail at least one health-based drinking water standard (bacteria, lead, arsenic, nitrate, etc.).

The Penn State Master Well Owner Network (MWON) program was created in 2004 to help educate homeowners about the proper voluntary management of these rural water supplies. The MWON program has the following recommendations for homeowners using a private water well or spring:

- If you are having a new well constructed, make sure it is done with sanitary construction including a sealed well cap and a grout seal around the casing to prevent contaminants from entering your drinking water supply.
- Well and spring water should be tested every 14 months for bacteria by a state accredited water-testing laboratory. Testing every 14 months ensures that you are testing at different times of the year to document natural seasonal changes in water quality. Additional tests should be conducted every few years for pollutants related to local land uses.
- Keep the area within 100 feet around your well or spring box clean. Don't put anything in this protection area that you don't want in your drinking water. Especially limit animals and chemical use like pesticides or fertilizers near your well or spring.

- Be aware of local activities within sight of your well that may impact your well water and conduct the necessary testing prior to the activity starting. If you want to legally document your water quality, have personnel from the state accredited lab collect the water samples.
  - Complete an annual visual inspection of your well cap and casing to detect any cracks, holes, or corrosion.
  - If you have an existing well, consider replacing standard well caps with sanitary versions to keep out insects, small mammals, and other surface contamination.
  - If you have not taken measures to prevent backflow, contact a plumbing supplier and take advantage of backflow prevention devices that are inexpensive.
  - Get your well inspected about every ten years by a qualified water well professional to detect and correct problems before they become serious.
- Maintaining your well is essential to protecting your family's health on a day to day basis. Addressing this maintenance tasks will ensure clean, healthy drinking water for your household. For more information about proper water well and spring management consult the links below:
- Penn State Extension private water supply information - <https://extension.psu.edu/resources-for-water-well-spring-and-cistern-owners>
  - National Ground Water Association - Informing consumers about groundwater and water wells - <http://www.wellowner.org/>

If you have additional questions about private wells and springs, or more about the Well Owners Network, please reach out to Liz Fulton at [liz.l.fulton@gmail.com](mailto:liz.l.fulton@gmail.com)

## Rugby Club Update

The United States Emergency declaration has effected all of us in different ways. For the Harrisburg Rugby family, we have been unable to play the sport we love, but have endeavored on with our work on the Perseverance Lodge field complex in Sunset Park.

You have probably seen exciting progress at the Complex. If you've driven by the development on the west side of the road, below the Sunset Golf course, you will see a growing pile of topsoil, and dark green coverings rolled along the water management features. The Harrisburg Rugby Football Club (HRFC) has coordinated multiple club-wide work days to lay meters upon meters of erosion-mitigating landscaping fabric. The fabric has been spread, cut, and pinned to the soil through scores of hours of manual labor.

Wooden light poles have been erected and stretch 80 feet into the sky, awaiting their outfitting with state of the art and energy efficient LED fixtures. The sand mound, occupying an area on the west side, near the railroad tracks is nearly complete. Goal posts have been imported from England, without delay from customs or the pandemic. Next up, screened topsoil will be distributed across the flattened playing surface in the upcoming month in preparation for grass seeding.

Ongoing efforts for additional grant awards, fundraising, and planning are happening behind the scenes. As we emerge from the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to be optimistic about the next phases of construction and use.

As the weather cools, we anticipate sprouting grass and mounting enthusiasm. The progress made to date has been extraordinary. With good weather and good fortune, the fields should be prepared to serve the community and rugby club next year. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are forever grateful for the thankless and tireless work of our partners, this project would remain just a pipe dream, without their dedication and time.



## Volunteer Application

Please mail to:

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP • 783 S. Geyers Church Road • Middletown, PA 17057  
Phone: 717-944-1803 • Fax: 717-944-1926 • www.londonderry.org



### PLEASE VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in Volunteering for the following organizations:

- Londonderry Lionettes     Meals on Wheels     VIP Van Service     VIP Van Coordinator

I would be interested in serving on the following Boards or Commissions:

- Planning Commission     Zoning Hearing Board     Emergency Management Agency

I would be interested in receiving more information on volunteering at the Fire House:

- Fire Fighter     Fire Police     Auxiliary     Ambulance Crew     Fund Raising

Please list times available: \_\_\_\_\_

## Two Ways to Help the Ronald McDonald House

### 1 CHANGE LIVES, ONE PAIR AT A TIME

The Londonderry Lionettes are collecting used eyeglasses for people in need and for people in low and middle-income communities. The eyeglasses are sent to a local Lions Club who forward them to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. There the eyeglasses are cleaned, sorted by prescription strength, packaged and distributed to those in need.

Collection boxes for eyeglasses have been placed at Karns, Londonderry Elementary School, Evangelical U.M. Church, St. Peters Lutheran Church, Presbyterian Church, Geyers U.M. Church, Wesley U.M. Church, and New Beginnings Church. Please place all eyeglasses in a Ziploc bag for protection during transport. **NOTE: The Lions Club only accepts eyeglasses. No eyeglass cases, sunglasses or loose lenses. For more information on this project, please call Anita Housman at 756-7467 or Louise Morgan at 944-6518.**

### 2 HELP BY COLLECTING METAL TABS FROM BEVERAGE CANS & CANNED GOODS

The metal tabs, from beverage cans and canned goods, are collected and sent to the Ronald McDonald House where they are sold to a local recycling company. The proceeds are used for the daily operating expenses at the Ronald McDonald House. They average \$1,000 per month. Collection boxes for the can tabs have been placed at the Londonderry Township Building, and TLC-Quilting, 2900 E. Harrisburg Pike.

Other sites are being sought as well. If you would like to have a collection box in your workplace, church or business to help support either of these programs, please contact Anita Housman or Louise Morgan at the aforementioned numbers.

# Community Outreach

## Stray & Feral/Wild Animals, Dog Licenses



OTHER SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS	PETS	FERAL/WILD
Helping Hands for Animals 717-278-9412 helpinghandsforanimals.org	X	X
Friends of All Animals 717-272-6466 FriendsofAllAnimals.org	X	X
Greys & Strays 717-304-9987 GreysandStrays.com	X	X
Humane Society of Harrisburg 717-564-3320 HumaneSocietyHbg.org	X	X
Nobody's Cats Foundation 855-867-4228 NobodysCats.org		X
PAWS of PA 717-957-8122 PawsofPa.org	X	X
SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance Program) 717-732-5377 SnapofPa.org	X	X
York County SPCA 717-764-6109 ycspca.org	X	X

### LOST DOGS:

**PALostDogs.com** allows residents to post a photo and description of their lost dog. Almost 6,000 dogs in PA have been reunited through this site.

A lost dog is more likely to be found if licensed. The Treasurer's office records all sales and will contact the owner when a lost dog is found!

Lifetime licenses are available at the Treasurer's Office at [DauphinCounty.org](http://DauphinCounty.org).

## TOWNSHIP VOUCHER PROGRAM CONTINUES WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF HARRISBURG

7790 Grayson Road, Harrisburg • (717) 564-3320 • SPAYING/NEUTERING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

### SOME IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER:

Before bringing the animals to the Humane Society, residents must first obtain a trap and release voucher OR an animal surrender form from the Township office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Proof of residency is required. Animals are not permitted inside the Township office.

**Trap and Release Vouchers**—The trap and release vouchers are for feral (wild) cats only. The animal must be placed in a crate prior to obtaining a voucher from the Township office. One voucher per animal is given. The resident must make an appointment with the Humane Society to have the animal spayed or neutered. The animals will then be returned to the resident so that the resident can release the animal in the original location where it was found.

**Animal Surrender Forms**—The animal surrender form is for stray cats and dogs. Residents can obtain an animal surrender form at the Township office once the animal has been placed in a crate. One form per animal is given. No appointment is needed to surrender stray animals at the Humane Society.

**Dog Licenses**—applications are NOT available at the Township office. Residents may purchase a license online at **PADogLicense.com**. A metal tag will be mailed within a few days. Dogs over three months must be licensed by state law. If not, fines are up to \$300 for each violation. Fees collected are used to underwrite costs of monitoring PA kennels and puppy mills as well as other dog welfare initiatives not funded by tax dollars. **Dog tags run with the calendar year and must be renewed annually!**



## Londonderry Lionettes

The Londonderry Lionettes continue to "care and share" in our community, surrounding communities, statewide, and internationally. However this year our meetings and activities from March through August were canceled because of the virus. We plan to resume meetings on September 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Londonderry Firehouse, by practicing social distancing, wearing masks, etc. Remaining projects for 2020 include:

- Providing healthy snack bags for Meals on Wheels clients and adopted grandmothers in the fall.
- Donation of gloves for the Christmas baskets at Londonderry Elementary School
- Provide clothing for children to be distributed by the school nurse at Londonderry Elementary School as needed.
- Collecting used eyeglasses (see separate article) for the Pennsylvania Lions Club and soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House. To date, the Lionettes have collected 1,713 pair of eyeglasses since the project began six years ago.
- Giving Christmas presents to our adopted Grandmothers at Frey Village and sending cards to them for major holidays and birthdays.

The Lionettes meet the first Wednesday of each month except for June, July, August and December at 7:00 p.m. at Londonderry Elementary School. An annual picnic or outing is scheduled for June, and a Christmas party in December. Special activities for March and April are held on site at Frey Village and Interfaith Apartments.

**Monthly activities/speakers for the Lionettes for 2020 are:**

- September 2 - Dr. Edward Swartz presenting "Indian Echo Caverns"
- October 7 - Sharon Agresta-Siekerman presenting "The Beauty of Bats"
- November 4 - David Manuel presenting "A Call from Santa"
- December 2 - Christmas party (tentative)

All ladies in Londonderry Township are invited to join the Lionettes and help make a difference in our community.

For more information call 944-6518.

## Meals on Wheels

Do you know anyone (over age 60) who is home bound because of physical, mental, or emotional disability and is without a caregiver who is able to provide meals on a regular basis? If so, the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging can help by providing a well-balanced hot meal for delivery to residents of Dauphin County. Meal recipients are assessed by the Agency's Care Management Unit to determine their eligibility. Meals are delivered five days a week by volunteers which are recruited by our local "Meals-on-Wheels" organization. Recipients are encouraged to make a voluntary contribution toward the cost of the meals according to their financial ability. To request home delivered meals, please call the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging at 717-780-6130.

Delivery of Meals on Wheels has continued for the past several months using face masks, sanitary gloves, and hand sanitizer. Our clients put a cooler out for the meals so we also practiced social distancing. We will continue to do so until the Covid-19 season is over and the restrictions lifted by the CDC.

Volunteers are also needed to deliver meals for Londonderry Township from Monday thru Friday. Some volunteers deliver five times a month, some twice a month and some one day a month. It usually takes about 1 1/2-2 hours to complete the route. If interested in helping, please contact Louise Morgan at 944-6518.

**To request home delivered meals, please call the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging at 717-780-6130.**

## V.I.P. Senior Van Service

The V.I.P. is a van service for seniors (65 + over) who are residents of Londonderry Township. The van provides transportation to and from doctor and hospital appointments as a priority. If available, other locations within Dauphin County for necessities (i.e. grocery store, bank) may be scheduled. The van is not handicapped accessible so residents must be able to get in and out of the van without assistance.

There is no charge for this service, however, donations are strongly suggested and appreciated to help with the costs for gas and upkeep of the van.

**PLEASE NOTE:** this van service is only possible through the efforts of volunteers. We are in **desperate** need of

volunteers at this time for the phone (take requests and call drivers). This can be done from one's own home and in one's own time frame! We are also in need of volunteers to drive the van. You only need a valid driver's license and a clean driving record. Driving is on a "can do/if available" basis as the need arises.

Both of these volunteer opportunities can fit anyone's schedule! **PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR THIS IMPORTANT WORK IN OUR TOWNSHIP.**

**For more information, please call V.I.P. Van Service at 717-944-1777 between 10:00 a.m. – Noon, Monday – Friday. The van doesn't operate on weekends.**

## *Fall Fire Safety Tips*



### **SMOKE ALARMS**

- ✓ Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring.

### **SPACE HEATER TIPS**

- ✓ Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet of empty space.
- ✓ Never place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry.
- ✓ Do not place space heaters near furniture or draperies.
- ✓ Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed.
- ✓ Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters.

### **FIREPLACE TIPS**

- ✓ Get your chimney inspected each year to make sure that it is safe.
- ✓ Hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney every fall.
- ✓ Repair any cracks in fireplaces.
- ✓ Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace.
- ✓ Do not ever use gasoline to start a fire in the fireplace.
- ✓ Never leave a fire unattended.
- ✓ Make sure that combustible materials are not stored within three feet of your fireplace.
- ✓ For natural gas fireplaces, get all connections and lines inspected each season before use.
- ✓ Outdoor fireplaces can be just as dangerous as indoor units. Use and observe all safety precautions when using them.

### **HOLIDAY TIPS**

- ✓ Do not use candles in Halloween jack-o-lanterns. Flashlights are much safer.
- ✓ Make sure that children's costumes are made with fire retardant materials.
- ✓ Use only fire retardant holiday decorations.
- ✓ Verify that all holiday lights and extension cords have been tested by an organization such as Factory Mutual or Underwriters Laboratory.