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Township Project Updates

Route 230 Corridor

Construction of the water and sewer lines that will service the 230 Corridor is expected to begin during 2021. We anticipate that it will take a year to complete. These lines will be installed along the entire length of route 230 beginning near the Lytle Farm (near Middletown) and ending at Hoffer Road (near Mount Joy Township). This project is expected to cost approximately \$15,000,000.00 to construct and is being funded by private developer dollars. The sewer line will assist the Township in meeting its mandate from DEP to install public sewer in the corridor while shifting the expense for construction away from residents. This infrastructure will support the commercial projects planned in this corridor. Currently there are expected to be four logistics centers constructed that will result in approximately 1,500 new jobs. The tax base these projects will create will ensure that the Township has the funding to meet its financial obligations such as equipment replacement, roadwork, capital projects and operating expenses. It is of note that the sewer line was mandated by DEP so it is very fortunate that we were able to shift the cost away from residents by partnering with developers. Otherwise, we would have to pay for the sewer line and the developers would merely connect to it after we paid for it because the corridor is comprised of commercial zoning. The Township has an annual general fund budget of approximately \$2,000,000.00 so we do not have the regulatory required borrowing base capacity to borrow the funds to construct the lines. Additionally, the cost of a tax increase to fund this project would not only cost our residents much more in taxes but hurt home values by placing a tax burden on each home that is disproportionate to assessed home values. Partnering with developers allowed us to meet our DEP requirements, create jobs, and save our taxpayers money.

Sunset Park Trail

Construction of this project is expected to begin and be completed during 2021. This project will include a trail head and parking area, bathroom and the trail itself. This is the first two phases of a multiphase trail plan for Sunset Park. The first phases will cost approximately \$350,000.00 and is being funded by a combination of grants including CFA, DCNR and a contribution from the Harrisburg Rugby Club. The Township will seek additional grant funding for future phases of construction. The long term vision is to complete a trail that begins in Sunset Park and connects to the proposed trail system at the Lytle Farm Development and ultimately to the trail system located in Derry Township.

Londonderry Estates Sewer

This project is expected to cost approximately \$1,800,000.00 to construct. The design and permitting for this project have been completed and funded by a combination of PA Vest loans and grants. The Township will complete a second PA Vest application for the construction

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Municipal Office

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

www.londonderrypa.org 783 S. Geyers Church Road Middletown, PA 17057 PHONE: 717-944-1803 HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Steve Letavic, Township Manager sletavic@londonderrypa.org Jeff Burkhart, Code/Zoning Officer jburkhart@londonderrypa.org

SUNSET GOLF COURSE

www.sunsetgc.com 2601 Sunset Drive Middletown, PA 17057 PHONE: 717-944-5415 Sam Risteff, Manager sristeff@londonderrypa.org

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Bart Shellenhamer, Chair Ron Kopp, Vice Chair Anna J. Dale, Member Mel Hershey, Member Ron Kopp, Member

TAX OFFICE

Loren M. Bowen, Tax Collector 2900 East Harrisburg Pike Middletown, PA 17057 PHONE: 717-944-2842 FAX: 717-944-8238 HOURS: Wednesday 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER

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Don't Forget to VOTE

ELECTION DAY Tuesday May 18th, 2021

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



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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Municipal Office

Board of Supervisors

Pictured L-R Back Row: Ron Kopp, Vice Chair Anna J. Dale, Member Mel Hershey, Member

Pictured L-R Front Row: Mike Geyer, Member Bart Shellenhamer, Chair



Upcoming Town Hall Meeting Dates via Zoom: 4-10-21 at 10 a.m. Meeting ID: 852 0840 0395 4-17-21 at 10 a.m. Meeting ID: 870 1786 1349 Use these TOLL-FREE numbers to connect: 888 475 4499 • 877 853 5257

2021 Meeting Dates

All meetings are held via Zoom due to COVID-19. The links to each meeting are on www.londonderrypa.org under the meeting agenda tab.

> 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)

STATE & FEDERAL OFFICIALS

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES JOSEPH R. BIDEN 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500 202-456-1414

GOVERNOR TOM WOLF 508 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120 717-787-2500

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DAUPHIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JEFFREY T. HASTE, Chairman MIKE PRIES, Vice Chairman GEORGE P. HARTWICK, III, Secretary P.O. Box 1295 Harrisburg, PA 17108 717-780-6300

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

NOW RECRUITING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Londonderry Fire Company #1 2655 Foxianna Road • Middletown, PA 17057 • 717-944-9222 Ext. 7

CONTACT US TODAY! • WWW.LONDONDERRYFIRE.COM

REFLECTIVE SIGNS

What is the worth of your family, your home, or your life? How much would you be willing to spend to make it easier for emergency personnel to locate your home easily? Would \$20 be too much?

You may have seen those green numbered signs as you are driving around the Township. Ever wonder what they are for? They are emergency reflective signs. They make it easier for emergency personnel to find your house at night.

These signs are being sold by the Londonderry Fire Company. We want to respond quickly to your call for help. Please fill out the coupon and mail it back to us today. Isn't your family, your home and your life worth it?

ORDER YOUR
REFLECTIVE SIGN TODAY
Mail your form with payment to:
Londonderry Fire Co. No.1 • 717.944.2175
2655 Foxianna Rd. • Middletown, PA 17057
Attention: Bart Shellenhamer
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NAME:
ADDRESS:
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PHONE: ()
REFLECTIVE SIGN \$20 W/POST \$25 Make checks payable to: Londonderry Fire Co. No. 1

Emergency Management Agency

Note From Les Gilbert, EMA Director

First and foremost, it has been almost one year since this pandemic started and again, we need to thank our township supervisors, volunteer emergency medical services (EMS) and firefighters 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 public works and office 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 shut down of all non-life sustaining businesses which we in-turn shut down Sunset park, golf course and all nonessential 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 Acting

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 londonderrytownshipema@gmail.com

Secretary Alison Beam are providing daily updates and remain 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 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 our township officials and 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.

Thank you all, please stay safe.

Les Gilbert and the EMA team

Londonderry Township Special Fire Police

Londonderry Township's Volunteer Fire Police provide onscene traffic control, equipment and personnel safety, and crowd control for 911 dispatched emergencies such as fires and vehicle crashes.

Upon request Fire Police also provide traffic control for planned events within Londonderry Township as well as in the surrounding local area. Pending the nature of the event, the Fire Police may be in uniform or in Hi-Visibility attire for safety in moving traffic environments.

Interested men and women need to be 18 years of age, they must complete an application, undergo a background check, be a member of the Londonderry Fire Company, be accepted by the township supervisors, sworn-in and complete the Basic Fire Police Course. The course provides guidance on state laws and police powers, dealing with emergency scenes, traffic patterns and control devices.

For more information e-mail firepolice@londonderryfire.com, call 944-2175, or go to the web site www.londonderryfire.com.

Calling All Londonderry Township Farmers ...

The Chiques-Conoy-Conewago Regional Partnership, or C3RP, organized by the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center, is funded by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant. This opportunity provides technical assistance and funding to farmers to implement priority conservation practices, including riparian buffers, manure storages, cover crops, no-till transitions, stream and wetland restoration, grazing management, barnyard improvements and 4Rs nutrient management.

Londonderry Township has provided resources to this grant to ensure all interested farmers in Londonderry Township to be able to take advantage of this opportunity, even if they are outside of the Conewago watershed. This partnership builds upon over a decade of local watershed collaborative and will take advantage of tools developed by Penn State researchers and Extension to improve soil health, water guality and farm productivity.

Chiques-Conoy-Conewago Regional Partnership

We are a group of local agriculture and conservation partners working together to provide resources for farmers to meet their production and conservation goals.

Facilitated by the Penn State Ag &

Environment Center, the partnership provides tools for farmers to improve herd health, soil health, overall farm health and local water quality by funding conservation practices to improve farm operations.

Londonderry MS4 Program has updated our website to include:

- **Resources for farmers** •
- **Resources for homeowners**
- **Resources for students**
- A Story Map on our Conewago **Restoration Pollution Reduction Program**

CHECK IT OUT! At LondonderryPA.org > Stormwater Management & MS4 Tab



Benefits of the Program:

- Soil Health: No-till and cover crop consultation and custom operator assistance, soil testing, manure testing, nutrient management planning and execution, and erosion controls for wet and/or sloping fields to reduce crop inputs and improve yields
- Herd Health: Pasture management practices, barnyard improvements, manure management practices, feed management, and drinking water protection, reducing vet bills and improving animal welfare
- Overall Farm Health: Protecting natural resources including streams, ponds, wetlands, and sinkholes across the landscape for beauty, wildlife, and ensuring a lasting family legacy of conservation

Funding for conservation practices is available through a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant for farmers willing to install forest riparian buffers, earned at \$4,000/acre of buffer, capped at \$20,000. Farmers without streams can earn up to \$10,000. Funding is provided on a first come, first serve basis until funds run out!

Funding earned can be used for planning, design, or implementation of Ag conservation practices,

including:

- Manure Storages
- Grassed Waterways
- Barnyard Improvements .
- Cover Crops •
- No Till Transition •
- Stream/Wetland Restoration •
- Grazing Management
- 4Rs Nutrient Management

If needed, our team is happy to work with you to find additional funding sources and can provide free assessment tools to make your project happen.

Now is the time to take advantage of these opportunities! For more information, contact Sarah Xenophon, (570) 294-5229, skx5000@psu.edu

Conewago Creek Restoration Project Update

If you have been following the Conewago Creek Restoration Project, you know this project is a mandated, and unfunded, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requirement - also known as a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP). Londonderry Township is undertaking a revolutionary stream restoration, along with the removal of 125,000 cubic yards of legacy sediment. The project is expected to become a model stream restoration project, able to be replicated by watershed organizations and municipalities, alike.

To establish the effectiveness of stream restoration and legacy sediment removal our partners are collecting immense amounts of water quality data. By collecting samples before, during and after restoration, we will be able to scientifically demonstrate the results of stream restoration and legacy sediment removal. Similar projects have never documented water quality data to this degree. We hope by compiling the data, we will impact industry standards in regards to stream restoration and its effectiveness. We hypothesize the restoration project will reduce sediment and nutrient levels, which are negatively impacting our local water guality. Furthermore, by removing legacy sediment from the Conewago Creek, there will be expanded compacity to handle flood waters, therefore reducing downstream flooding.

Additionally, Londonderry's undertaking has been recognized by DEP, the EPA, large funding sources and regional conferences. In February Londonderry Township was awarded a \$200,000 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant, bringing our grant dollars raised for this project to \$1,625,645. Further, our MS4 department has been asked to present on the PRP three times, at a Pennsylvania Land Trust Association conference in 2019, at the WeConserve PA conference in 2020, and Southcentral MS4 Forum in 2021. These speaking engagements highlight Londonderry's environmental leadership, as well as allowing us to demonstrate this large-scale project to our peers.

Construction of Phase 1 is slated to begin in the Summer of 2021. Phase 1 will restore a portion of Brills Run, by removing legacy sediment and adding stream length, 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



Photo 13 - Removed from bank indicative of pre-settlemen floodolain conditions.



Photo 15 - Aggressive erosion on left bank causing bank pins to drco into channel.



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



Photo 16 – Extreme erosion on concave bank upstream of Brill's Run confluence.

catch sediment coming from upstream on the Conewago Creek and allowing the sediment to settle out of the water, before it enters the project site.

Ultimately, we plan to partner with local organizations to expand recreation opportunities for Londonderry Township residents. To learn more about this everevolving project, please take a moment to look into a GIS Story Map on our website (https://www.londonderrypa.org/) under Stormwater Management & MS4 > Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plan.

Conewago Watershed Group Seeking New Volunteers and Landowners

The Tri-County Conewago Creek Association (TCCCA) is a non-profit volunteer watershed group active in Londonderry Township and the entire watershed. Founded in 2002, TCCCA is committed to monitoring, preserving, enhancing, and promoting the Conewago Creek Watershed in Dauphin, Lebanon, and Lancaster Counties through education, community involvement, and watershed improvement projects.

Through the years, TCCCA has worked with volunteers to plant trees along the Conewago and its tributaries to establish riparian buffers. TCCCA has also partnered with interested landowners to find programs and apply for grants to fund stream and wildlife habitat restoration. A current grant is funding several stream restoration projects in the watershed.

TCCCA is actively seeking new members and volunteers interested in helping with a variety of educational and hands-on opportunities. In addition, if you are a landowner interested in improvements to your stream, we would love to work with you. Contact Monique Dykman, mdykman@londonderrypa.org, Matt Royer, mroyer@psu.edu, or visit www. conewagocreek.org to learn more.

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

water-testingconsider replacing standardvery 14 monthswell caps with sanitary versionstesting atto keep out insects, smalle year tomammals, and other surfaceasonal changescontamination.

 If you have not taken measures to prevent backflow, contact a plumbing supplier and take advantage of backflow prevention devices that are inexpensive.

If you have an existing well,

corrosion.

 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

 <u>https://extension.psu.edu/</u> resources-for-water-wellspring-and-cistern-owners
- National Ground Water Association – Informing consumers about groundwater and water wells - <u>http://www.</u> 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

Grass on the Roads

When mowing your grass this summer, 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!

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 1-800-541-2050.

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) 1-800-541-2050

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP

- Township Manager, Steve Letavic 717.205.7254
- Public Works Director, Andy Brandt 717.443.5426
- Sunset Golf Manager, Sam Risteff 717.943.4547

PENNSYLVANIA DEP

- South-Central Regional Office, Lynn Langer 717.705.4700
- South-Central Emergency Number (24/7) 1-800-541-2050
- 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



Spotted Lanternfly Management for Residents

Full article: https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-management-for-residents

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.

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.

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.

STEPS OF SPOTTED LANTERNFLY MANAGEMENT

STOP THE SPREAD

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.

SCRAPE EGG MASSES

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. Scrape them into a bag or container filled with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer and keep them in this solution permanently

USE TREE TRAPS TO CATCH NYMPHS

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. 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.

REMOVE HOST PLANTS

Tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) is an invasive plant that is common in landscapes and disturbed areas, such as along the sides of roads (Figure 6). This is a preferred host



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

tree for SLF, and current management efforts are focused on removing it or using it as a trap tree by treating it with insecticide. Tree-of-heaven grows rapidly; it can reach up to 100 feet tall and 6 feet in diameter



Tree Traps to Catch Nymphs

All EPA-registered insecticides have an EPA registration number and a label for safe, appropriate, and legal use. Home remedies should not be used against SLF because they may be unsafe to humans, pets, and plants and could be illegal.

Visit: <u>https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-</u> management-for-residents for more information and further resources.

APPLY INSECTICIDES

Only use insecticides that are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to treat any insect on your property.

CONTROL OPTIONS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	ΜΑΥ	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC
Don't move any lifestage												
Scrape/Smash eggs												
Use tree traps (e.g., sticky bands w/ wildlife barrier)												
Contact insecticides (after hatch and avoid bloom)												
Systemic application of imidacloprid (after hatch and avoid bloom)												
Systemic application of dinotefuran (after hatch and avoid bloom)												

Spring Has Sprung

Winter is over. Birds are chirping, flowers are blooming and lawn mowers are getting ready to keep lawns manicured once again. It's also time to get think about next winter.

Is your mailbox secure and in good condition? Is the edge of your yard marked with temporary markers?

As the Public Works Department clears the roads, we attempt to clear the entire roadway. This means plowing as close to the edge of the road as we comfortably can.

During snow plowing events, unfortunately mailboxes and yard edges get damaged. This is in no way deliberate. If your mailbox is physically struck by the snow plow, the Township will reimburse you up to \$35.00 to help with the replacement. If the mailbox is damaged from snow coming off of the plow, the entire cost for repair or replacement is on the property owner.

Many times we receive phone calls or emails that our truck damaged a mailbox. When we go out to check the damage, the mailbox is usually 3' to 4' behind where we plowed. Also, many of the wooden posts are rotted or improperly installed. Please check the condition of the post before the snow starts to fall.

We also plow the edge of lawns. Once again, this is not done deliberately.

Vehicles parked on the roads are also a deterrent for the plow truck drivers. Please move all vehicles off of the road so that we can plow the entire roadway. If vehicles hinder our snowplowing, you may not get your road plowed properly. We do not want to cause damage to any vehicles parked on the road, or our equipment.

If you have questions about securing your mailbox or marking your yard, please contact the Public Works Department at 717-944-9440 or email to abrandt@ londonderrypa.org.

This summer we have many projects planned. Please check the Township website and Facebook page for project schedule and if any, road closures.

Community Outreach

Stray & Feral/Wild Animals, Dog Licenses

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



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.

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 by **emailing the Township at aevans@londonderrypa.org**. Proof of residency is required. Animals are not permitted inside the Township office.

<u>Trap and Release Vouchers</u>—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!**

OLSDS (On Lot Sewage Disposal System) **UPDATE SPRING 2021**

The Township's OLSDS (On Lot Sewage Disposal System) pumping and reporting Management Program was initiated in 2014 as mandated by the DEP, which established districts that requires all properties within each of those districts to have their septic system pumped and inspected once every four years. Every septic system in the Township 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.**

In 2018 the Township began the SECOND CYCLE of the program.

The Township established five (5) pumping districts identified as Sewer Districts 1, 2 & 3 and On Lot Management Districts A & B. As a reminder the following pumping/inspection schedule is shown below.

OLDS DISTRICT

PUMPING & INSPECTION DEADLINE DATES

Sewer District # 1 & # 2 Sewer District # 3 On-Lot Management Dist. B On-Lot Management Dist. A June 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 June 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 June 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 June 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

On January 4, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2021-01 that established the new Fee Schedule for 2021. Of significance is that part of the fee schedule adjusting the rates for the On-Lot Sewage Disposal System as shown herein.

ON LOT SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FEES

On Lot Sewage Disposal System inspection and pumping reports shall be submitted to the Township with an administrative fee in accordance with the following schedule:

Initial Fee with report received by June 30th	\$25.00
Late Fee with report received after July 31st	\$100.00
Late Fee with report received after August 30th	\$200.00
Late Fee with report received after September 30th	\$300.00

For the current year (June 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022) it must be pointed out that late pumper/hauler reports will be assessed the appropriate rate for late fees.

Failure to submit the required fee along with the report shall be adjudicated thru the Magisterial District Judge with a minimum fine of \$300.00 plus cost of prosecution and the Township's reasonable attorneys' fees.

Certified Pumpers/Haulers

ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS SERVICES, INC.

2 East Road • Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 717-766-5397

BAKER'S SEPTIC SERVICE, LLC 1538 Ridge Road • Elizabethtown, PA 17022 717-367-7271

BAUMAN'S SEPTIC SERVICE 39 Homestead Road • Grantville, PA 17028 717-469-2463

DILLSBURG EXCAVATING & SEPTIC, INC. 516 Range End Road • Dillsburg, PA 17019 717-432-9704

THOMAS H. ERB & SONS, INC. 268 Sego Sago Road • Lititz, PA 17543 717-626-5591

RE FINK & SONS, LLC* 1920 Old Trail Road • Etters, PA 17319 717-938-3581

GERBERICH-HOFFMAN SEPTIC SERVICES

165 Mowery Road Jonestown, PA 17038 717-865-2015 • 717-867-5024

KAUFFMAN SEPTIC SERVICE, LLC

236 Governor Stable Road • Bainbridge, PA 17502 717-944-4308

JOHN KLINE SEPTIC SERVICES, LLC

3869 Old Harrisburg Pike • Mount Joy, PA 17552 717-898-2333

WIND RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC D/B/A KLINE'S SERVICES

5 Holland Street • Salunga, PA 17538 717-898-8158

WALTER M. STROHL, LLC SEPTIC SERVICES 670 W. Girl Scout Road • Stevens, PA 17578 717-733-2339

WALTERS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.* P.O. Box 400 • Grantville, PA 17028 717-469-0588

> *pumper haulers that will pump out island properties

Sunset Golf Course

WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2021?

The beginning of the 2020 golf season recorded some of the warmest winter temperatures in many years. This led to found revenues and a great start to our season. Unfortunately, it was short lived as COVID 19 and the pandemic began to ramp up and Governor Tom Wolf imposed the stay at home order and non-essential business closures until further notice.

Sunset closed its doors on March 24th and would remain closed for the next six and a half weeks with so many unanswered questions about how the golf industry would survive. Sunset reopened the course on May 8th to a full tee sheet, which became a theme for the year. Social distancing rules were in effect and being outside in a safer environment, rounds increased and Sunset experienced record high revenues.

The first priorities when opening the course was ensuring the safety and protection of our team and our customers while following CDC and PA state guidelines. We decided the best way was to utilize our deck take-out window to double as the pro shop and snack bar and only accepting credit and debit cards. This practice along with not accepting cash will continue into 2021. The installation of Plexiglas shields along with masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers stations were also setup to help create a safer environment. The pro shop opened later in the year with the same guidelines in place. The bar and banquet room remain closed. Thursday night entertainment will be evaluated throughout the season. Please check our website for further updates. Sunset will however host 33 golf outings so far this season with normal league play returnina.

We continued making course improvements throughout last season. The most significant change was on hole number 18 where two bunkers were removed that were guarding the left side of the green. These continued to wash out and created poor playing conditions as well as costly maintenance practices. The bunkers were replaced by a stone retaining wall running the entire length of the left side. Jeff Templin, a Public Works department employee, constructed the 100 foot long wall with the iron stone found on-site. This was a great cost savings to Sunset

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Introducing The Sunset Golf Course App Now Available For Apple & Android!



Book your group now! Tee Sponsorships, Leagues & Outings! Call Sam Risteff at 717-944-5415 or email sristeff@londonderrypa.org



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 for the yard waste/recycling yard 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. Geyers 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

Codes/Zoning Island Update - Spring 202

UPDATE #1

The Board of Supervisors at their January 4, 2021 meeting passed Resolution 2021-04 authorizing owners of seasonal cabins/manufactured (mobile) homes located on specific islands in the Susquehanna River to submit a "Seasonal Cabin/Manufactured (Mobile) Home Affidavit" in lieu of a pumper-hauler report for the upcoming OLSDS Cycle that begins June 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022. The "Affidavit" is valid for only one year until the next cycle comes due after which every septic system must be pumped and inspected and a pumper hauler report submitted during that cycle period which begins June 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026.

After reviewing the initial pumper hauler reports for the islands there was sufficient evidence to recommend a onetime adjustment to the pumper hauler schedule provided the use remains seasonal and the seasonal use is verified by the owner by means of submitting a 'Seasonal Cabin / Manufactured (Mobile) Home Affidavit' where the term 'seasonal' is explicitly defined as follows:

- The cabin/manufactured (mobile) home is utilized principally for recreational activity.
- The cabin/manufactured (mobile) home is not utilized as a domicile or residence for any individual for any time period.
- The cabin/manufactured (mobile) home is not utilized for commercial purposes.
- The cabin/manufactured (mobile) home is not greater than two stories in height, excluding basement.
- The cabin/manufactured (mobile) home is not utilized by the owner or any other person as a place of employment.
- The cabin/manufactured (mobile) home is not a mailing address for bills and correspondence.
- The cabin/manufactured (mobile) home is not listed as an individual's place of residence on a tax return, driver's license, car registration or voter registration.

An affidavit must be submitted between June 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022 and only applies to the owner of record. If an affidavit is not submitted within the required time frame, then a pumper hauler report is required. Late affidavits or pumper hauler reports will be subject to the late fee schedule.

UPDATE #2

Inspections of the Islands will continue to be conducted during the spring as part of a systematic inspection process intended to ensure conformity with FEMA's compliance agreement for island enforcement.

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Those inspections will focus 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 and have been expanded to enforce conformity to Chapter 3 of the International Property Maintenance Code adopted by the Township by Ordinance in 2010.

Listed below are some examples where Floodplain violations have occurred:

§ 27-1505(2)(C)(1) Enclosed Space. Fully enclosed space shall be constructed to allow for automatic entry / exit of floodwaters in compliance with the Floodplain Ordinance

§ 27-1505(3)(C)(3) Sewage Facilities. Sewage facilities shall prohibit the discharge of untreated sewage into floodwaters in compliance with the Floodplain Ordinance.

§ 27-1505(3)(F) Buoyant Materials. Buoyant, flammable or explosive materials shall be secured, flood proofed or stored more than 18" above the base flood elevation in compliance with the Floodplain Ordinance.

§ 27-1505(3)(H)(1) Anchoring. Buildings / structures, including manufactured homes, shall be firmly anchored in accordance with accepted engineering practices in compliance with the Floodplain Ordinance.

§ 27-1505(3)(H)(2) Secured objects. Storage tanks and other similar objects shall be securely affixed or anchored

Island Update - Spring 2021

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in compliance with the Floodplain Ordinance.

Listed below are some examples of where IPMC violations have occurred:

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

302.7 Accessory structures. All

accessory structures, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.

302.8 Motor Vehicles. No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle 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.

304.1 General. The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair and structurally sound.

Codes/Zoning

308.1 Accumulation of rubbish or garbage. All exterior property shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish.

Township Project Updates

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of the lines. Construction is anticipated to begin in July of 2021 and be completed in July of 2022. To date the Township has applied for and received \$1,146,247.00 in grant funding (CFA, PA Vest and Local Share Gaming) for this project to reduce the cost to each resident connecting to the sewer line. The Township continues to seek additional grants as they become available for this project. This project has been a collaborative effort of the Township and the residents of Londonderry Estates and their input and effort is very much appreciated.

Lauffer Road Bridge

This project is expected to cost approximately \$702,100.00. This is being completed as part of the Dauphin County Bridge Bundling program. The project is expected to begin in June of 2021 and be completed by November of 2021. The bridge bundling program allows the Township to take advantage of economies of scale relative to engineering, permitting, and construction costs, thereby reducing the total expense of the project. The Township will be responsible for 40% or \$280,840.00 of the total project cost and Dauphin County will be paying 60% or \$421,260.00. This results in cost savings to our residents of \$421,260.00! This bridge was identified as the next one that needed replaced by an engineering study the Township completed in 2009. To date the Township has replaced bridges on Beagle, Braeburn, Hollendale, Round Top, Swatara Creek, and Foxianna roads. These projects were funded using grant funding and the Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank. The infrastructure bank allowed the Township to incur low interest loans and use our Liquid Fuels Funds to pay them back over time, thereby preserving our cash flow. This meant we would not have to raise taxes to complete the needed bridge replacements. By participating in this program the Township could plan for the projects so that there was minimal impact to travel -and- ensured that no bridges would have to be closed because they were unsafe. The Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank program was the vision of the Dauphin County Commissioners. There is simply no other way the Township could afford to undertake the needed bridge replacements without substantial tax increases and we are grateful for their leadership.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2021?

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and Jeff did a great job with the construction. Jeff also has been cleaning up the wooded areas throughout the course that have been devastated by the Emerald Ash Bore, an insect that is destroying our Ash trees throughout the state. Craig Kinsey, the golf course superintendent and his staff have reshaped and edged our existing bunkers making the playability more consistent. Our focus for the 2021 season is to continue bunker work and clean up the Ash tree damage around the course. We are also happy to announce that the course was able to plant another five acres of meadow grass mixes last season due to a grant obtained by Londonderry's MS4 director, Monique Dykman. This combined with our previous meadow plantings, the course now has over 12 acres.

A special thanks goes out to Craig Kinsey and his staff for keeping the course in great playing condition. I would also like to thank Ed Ponessa and our pro shop staff along with Sue Leggore and grill room staff for all their hard work in a difficult season. They continue to keep our operation functioning well on a daily basis.

The clubhouse deck will be getting a new cover for the 2021 season that will be equipped with roll down sides to better serve the public during inclement weather. This will also help extend our deck use well into the later fall months.

We are all hoping for a safe 2021 season and that the pandemic continues to lose its momentum to return some normalcy to our lives. In closing I would also like to take this time to thank our Township Manager, Steve Letavic and Board of Supervisors for their outstanding support last season.

Thanks and see you on the links, Sam Risteff

Recreation

Sunset Park Pavilion Rental

Sunset Park is the perfect location to host a picnic, reunion or golf outing.

There are two small pavilions, each accommodating 50 guests. The large pavilion accommodates 150 guests. Each pavilion is equipped with lights, electric and charcoal grills. Amenities include ball fields, horseshoe pits, bocce ball courts, a basketball court, sandpit volleyball court, and a small nature trail. For the little ones there are two small playgrounds and one large playground.



Sunset park is now OPEN! Enjoy the park at your own risk. Come prepared to follow all the CDC guidelines. Please wear masks, bring hand sanitizer and use social distancing.

Sunset Park is located adjacent from Sunset Golf Course making it convenient to play a round of golf and meet in the park afterward for a cookout with friends and family. Or if you don't feel like grilling, head up to Sunset Bar & Grill "Your Friendly Backyard Hangout", where you can relax on the deck, enjoy the great food, cold drinks and a spectacular river view.

The pavilions are available for rent and can be reserved online at www. londonderrypa.org. Just click on the Parks and Recreation tab and follow the links to reserve a pavilion. If you are using your cell phone to reserve a pavilion please use the following link: https://ldtwp.recdesk.com/ Community/Home.

Portable toilets will be provided for the use of park patrons. The restrooms at the concession stand will be closed. Please remember to bring your own water with you. The water pumps in the park are not available to the public.

Swatara Creek Road Buffer Walk

May 10th 2021 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Homes along Swatara Creek Road were once plagued by frequent flooding. Londonderry Township utilized a FEMA grant to purchase residents substantially damaged homes at pre-flood value. This was important to protect the resident's safety relative to frequent flood events and so they could afford to relocate. The Township and its partners have since planted riparian buffers in place of the homes, restoring the flood plain and reducing the impacts of flooding. Each buffer has a unique history and the plantings vary in maturity, however all work to infiltrate stormwater and support local pollinator populations. This area is open for use for passive recreation. Please join us to learn more about this community resource!

Prepare to spend the hour outside, walking between nearby buffers. To Register, Email MDykman@londonderryPA.org

Sunset Park & Golf Course Expands Meadow Areas

A few years ago, in the Fall of 2016, Harrisburg International Airport (HIA) underwent major runway renovations. The subsequent flight path changes required the removal of over 175 mature trees on the golf course property, changing the look of the front nine of the golf course forever. In 2017, after the required tree removal, Sunset made the decision to transform into a more open links style course, creating a more open green, and unbeatable views spanning three counties. The change was received positively by our golfers and has made Sunset Golf Course one of the most unique courses in our area.

Sunset received funding from a Federal grant to complete the required renovations. After the improvements were complete Sunset planted over ten acres of native wildflower meadow plantings to enhance the links look. Native species including Little Blue Stem, Black Eyed Susan, Flat Topped White Aster and many other varieties were selected to bring beauty, nourish pollinator species, and infiltrate and retain water.

In 2020, the Golf Course was presented with a grant opportunity through DCNR and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay: A Turf to Meadow Conversion grant program to combat water and air pollution, reduce mowing and maintenance costs and support local pollinators. Sunset Golf Course and Park reduced an additional five areas of turf grass, planting more wildflower meadow instead. Reducing these five acres of turf will reduce mowing and maintenance costs by over \$3,500 yearly.

In place of turf grass, meadows are far superior at absorbing stormwater, recharging our groundwater and preventing runoff. Native meadow grasses provide habitat and food for birds, insects and pollinators, alike. In the long run, the native grasses will require less fertilizer, pesticide and herbicide treatments saving potential pollution, time and money. Additionally, the native grasses will not require irrigation, as turf grass does. If you are interested in transitioning your home grass into meadow or trees, please contact mdykman@londonderrypa.org.

Recreation

Londonderry Bocce League

Bocce can be played "at your own risk" with players wearing masks, sanitizing and social distancing. Bocce players will be contacted and polled around April 1 to determine how many have received the vaccine, and if they have, are they willing to come out and play. If any of our readers would be interested in giving bocce a try, call Louise Morgan at 717-944-6518.

Rugby Club Update

The flat and graded playing surface of the Perseverance Lodge Fields Complex in Sunset Park is starting to resemble an actual sports complex. In late fall, the surface was covered with topsoil and grass seed began to take hold. The Harrisburg Rugby Football Club (HRFC) remains steadfast in our efforts behind the scenes to prepare the field for enjoyment of the community in the upcoming months.

The fall and winter allowed the complex to rest and settle through freeze and thaw cycles. Once the weather breaks, the contractor will return to amend the crest of the field to improve water management and redistribute soil in compromised areas. Some changes will be completed to the layout, including the relocation and replacement of several light poles.

Once this has completed, more topsoil will complement the surface and final seeding will prepare the field for its future players.

While the playing surface develops, HRFC is pursuing grant funding and working with local contractors to have electricity run through the complex and reviewing options for irrigation systems to assure the durability and longevity of the playing surface. We are looking forward to upcoming developments and hope to see you at the complex.

Boy Scouts



Boy Scout Troop 97 Londonderry is looking for boys who will be completing 5th grade or older who are interested in camping, hiking, canoeing, survival skills, leadership opportunities, community service and most importantly fun!

Boys do not need to reside in Londonderry Township or have any prior scouting experience to join. Troop 97 meetings are held from 6:30-8pm on Tuesday evenings year-round, in addition to monthly outdoor adventures and annual summer camp.

Our 8-acre Troop Complex is located at 1831 Felker Road in Middletown, Londonderry Township.

Boy Scout Troop 97 is sponsored by the Londonderry Fire Company. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Ted Pauley at 717-503-3078.

> Cub Scouts (Ages 7–10) Boy Scouts (Ages 11–17)

To become a member of the Boy Scouts, please contact Ted Pauley at 717-503-3078.

For more information about the Boy Scouts of America please visit their website at

www.scouting.org.

Girl Scouts



Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls-all girlswhere, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop gualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and selfworth.

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Daisy Girl Scouts (Ages 5–6) Brownie Girl Scouts (Ages 6–8) Junior Girl Scouts (Ages 8–11) Girl Scouts (Ages 11–17)

Information on Girl Scouts can be found at <u>www.girlscouts.org</u> or on our website at <u>www.londonderrypa.</u> <u>org</u>

for more information regarding the local Girl Scout Troops.

Community Outreach

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.

A big thank you to our faithful volunteers. They not only deliver the meals, they care about our clients, and also report any irregularities. We all look forward to the time when we can again have personal contact with our clients.

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 717-317-3402 between 10:00 a.m. – Noon, Monday – Friday. The van doesn't operate on weekends.

Londonderry Lionettes

The Londonderry Lionettes continue to "care and share" in our community, surrounding communities, and statewide. However, our activities in 2020 were impacted because of Covid 19. Even though we only could meet in January, February, March, September, October and November we were able to complete the following projects:

- Made valentines with a candy treat for Meals on Wheels clients and Alzheimer's residents at Frey Village.
- Prepared snack bags for Meals on Wheels clients and adopted grandmothers at Frey Village in spring and fall.
- A donation was sent to the Londonderry Fire Company for allowing us to meet at the firehouse in September, October and November, 2020.

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.

- Donated gloves for the Christmas baskets at Londonderry Elementary School in December.
- Collected 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.
- Give Christmas presents to our adopted Grandmothers at Frey Village and remembered them by sending cards for major holidays and birthdays.

Monthly activities for 2021 have not been finalized, pending the receipt of vaccines for the Covid 19 virus. All ladies in Londonderry Township are invited to join the Lionettes and help make a difference in our community. For more information, call 717-944-6518.

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Londonderry Township Comprehensive Plan Update Community Survey

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP'S PLANNING COMMISSION IS ASKING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO EXPRESS THEIR NEEDS AND ISSUES TO HELP THEM PREPARE A MEANINGFUL UPDATE TO THE TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. ONCE THE RESPONSES FROM THIS COMMUNITY SURVEY ARE RECEIVED AND COLLATED THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE INPUT ON HOW THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES CAN BE ADDRESSED OVER THE NEXT 5 TO 10 YEARS AND TO HELP PLAN THE FUTURE FOR ALL WHO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY IN THE TOWNSHIP.

You Can Help By Completing This Survey Online At The Township's Website: www.londonderrypa.org

INSTRUCTIONS: Please Place A Check Mark Next To Your Response Or Write In Your Own Response Where Indicated. Print Responses On The Line Next To The Question If You Have Additional Responses Or Ideas.

1. Do you live or work in the Townshi	p?
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Live & work

Work

Neither

2. How long have you lived or worked in the Township?

0-5 years
10-20 years

- 5-10 yearsOver 20 years
- 3. If you live in the Township, what neighborhood do you live in? _____
- 4. Do you own or operate a business in the Township?
 no yes
 If yes, what type of business is it? ______

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Community Outreach Survey Continued from page 21 5. Do you own an agricultural, commercial, industrial or residential property in the Township? no ves If yes, what type of property is it? _____ 10. What are the biggest issues facing the Township? (check up to 5 or write in other issues) Environmental degradation and loss of natural resources Loss of agriculture and farming 6. Your Age: 0-18 **1**9-30 **3**0-39 Preserving and reusing historic resources 40-49 Economic development 50-59 **60-69 70-79 80** or over Inadequate recreational or athletic facilities 7. Number of people in your household: Suburban sprawl development two three to five Maintaining guality education opportunities one one six or more Residential property maintenance Unsafe or congested roadways 8. Does your household own or rent your dwelling Inadequate public transit options Stormwater runoff/flooding unit? own Inadequate walking and biking facilities rent Inadequate affordable housing 9. Please rank the most or least desirable features of Police & fire protection Access to guality healthcare the Township (Circle one from most to least or write in your own High taxes features): Quality of public schools MOST LEAST Other issues _____ 5 4 3 2 1 Parks 5 4 3 2 1 Available recreation programming (municipal, school district, church, etc.) Available municipal 5 4 3 2 1 11. Please identify and rank the top 5 areas where you feel the Township should focus its resources with public services (police, fire, building codes, local tax dollars: sewer, trash, recycling) Improving neighborhood character (sidewalks, street lights, signage, street trees, etc.) 4 3 2 1 Open space & natural 5 resources Improving community identity and recognition Managing/directing growth of residential 4 3 2 1 Public schools 5 5 4 3 2 1 Tax Rates developments My neighbors and my 5 4 3 2 1 Managing/directing growth of commercial neighborhood developments Supporting community arts, culture, and 4 3 2 1 Arts and cultural events 5 4 3 2 1 Pedestrian and bicycle holiday events connectivity Improving parks and recreational programming Improving pedestrian and bicycle facilities such 5 4 3 2 1 Variety of retail/ shopping/restaurants as sidewalks and pathways 4 3 2 1 Condition of local Improving traffic signals at intersections to 5 reduce traffic congestion roadways/transportation Improving public safety (police, fire, code options Fire and police services enforcement) 4 3 2 1 Local job opportunities Improving local roadway maintenance 5 4 3 2 1 (potholes, plowing, etc.) Other features Continued on page 23

Community Outreach Survey

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- Encouraging more public transit options
- Improving utilities (sewer, water, stormwater)
- Protecting the environment
- Preserving more open space
- Providing tax incentives to attract new economic development

Other (please describe) _____

12. Think of communities outside the township that you have lived in, visited and admired, describe the features you admired the most:

- State highway road and/or intersection conditions
- Increasing road congestion
- Parks and public open space availability
- Environmental quality
- Loss of farmers and farmland
- Neighborhood quality
- Sense of community
- Safety/increased crime
- Home prices
- Availability of affordable quality housing
- Economic opportunities

Other (please identify) _____

- 13. Please check up to 5 positive trends you have experienced recently in the township:
 - Local road conditions
 - State highway conditions
 - Decreasing road congestion
 - Suburban development
 - Parks and public open space availability
 - Environmental quality
 - Neighborhood quality
 - Sense of community
 - □ Safety/reduced crime
 - Availability of quality housing
 - Economic opportunities

Other (please identify) _____

14. Indicate how long would you ideally travel to reach the following destinations by walking or bicycling (time in minutes)

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Park:	walk	bicycle
Grocery:	walk	bicycle
School:	walk	bicycle
Work:	walk	bicycle
Retail:	walk	bicycle

15. Please check up to 5 negative trends that you have experienced in the township:

Local road conditions (if so, identity one that is in very poor condition)

- 17. Would you like to remain part of the planning process?

If yes, please write your email address here:

PLEASE REMOVE PAGES 21-24, TAPE OR STAPLE THE PAGES TOGETHER, AND MAIL IT TO:

PLANNING COMMISSION • LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP 783 S. Geyers Church Road • Middletown, Pa 17057 OR DEPOSIT IT IN THE DROP BOX AT THAT ADDRESS. OR FILL OUT THIS SURVEY ONLINE AT: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/</u> LondonderryCompPlanSurvey

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. Check The Township Website: londonderrypa.org from Time-to-Time for Results of the Survey and Announcements of Other Activities Related to the Planning Process.

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Londonderry Lionettes

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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 plastic 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.

HELP THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE BY COLLECTING METAL TABS FROM BEVERAGE CANS AND 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.

Tax Collector Notes

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

Welcome to 2021, let's hope this is a better year for everyone.

By now you should have received your 2021 Dauphin County/Londonderry Township Real Estate tax bill. If you have not received it please give me a call at 717-944-2842.

Last year Dauphin County and Londonderry Township waived the penalties on the Real Estate bill. That was for 2020 only. Don't count on the same process this year. As far as I know penalties will be added starting June 2021.

We've had some issues with the USPS getting mail on time. If you send me a check by mail, check your account and make sure the check was cashed. I do not hold checks, I process them within 2-3 days at the most. If your check wasn't cashed within a week call me.

Likewise, if you send a self-addressed stamped envelope for your receipt and don't get it back within a week call me.

You can bring payments into my office during my office hours or you can put your payment through the slot in the door of my tax office. Enclose a selfaddressed stamped envelope and I will mail your receipt back if you put it in the door.

As always if you have any questions feel free to call me.