

London Grove Township Gazette

Spring 2025

By: Jordon Hoopes

This recent warm weather has announced that spring is on its way! With that in mind, here are some good activities for family and friends to get everyone outside and enjoying the sunshine:

- **Hiking:** as the trails become lush and green again, it is the perfect time to get back out for a peaceful walk through some of our many trails in and outside of the township.
- **Bird Watching:** As animals start to emerge from their winter hiding places, it is a great season for bird watchers. There are many colorful species to see in Chester County, including Red-Tailed Hawks, Red Bellied Woodpeckers, Great Blue Herons, and more!
- **Golfing:** Warmer sunny days are ideal for a day of golf. Head over to the Inniscrone Golf Course at 15 Athelone Way, Avondale, PA 19311 to enjoy the greens!
- **Gardening:** Spring is a popular time of year to get those gardens started to have some beautiful fresh produce. Growing your own food is great for your health, as well as being a valuable skill you can take with you into the future!





Avon Grove Library News



We have had a busy, fun-filled January and February at Avon Grove Library, and the next coming months will be no different! Did you know that we have some exciting programs lined up for March? In 2025, we successfully launched three brand new monthly programs, Adult Art Night*, Art Explorers,* and Writing Club*. On Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30PM, adults are welcome to join us for Adult Art Night, where, in honor of Women's History Month, we will explore several local female painters who took part in the American Impressionist movement. After learning about the artists, we will work on a fun art activity inspired by their work. Our art exploration does not stop there, though! Students of all ages and their families are invited to Art Explorers on Wednesday, March 26th at 5:30PM, where we will be making a project inspired by the Red Rose Girls, a group of female illustrators. Another exciting opportunity is our Writing Club featuring author Ryan Estrada on Wednesday, March 19th at 5:30PM. Ryan Estrada is an author, artist, and adventurer, and he will be joining us live via Zoom and talking about how to be a fearless storyteller. This is an in-person event and is open to students 3rd grade and up, including adults. These three programs occur monthly, so be sure to be on the lookout for April and May's dates on our website and social media!

We are excited for our Local History Speaker Series in partnership with the West Grove History Museum to continue in March and April. Furthering our celebration of Women's History Month, historian Robyn Young presents *Women's Suffrage in Chester County* on Thursday, March 27th at 6:30PM. Come to the library to learn about the remarkable stories of women suffragists in Chester County and their lasting impact in Pennsylvania. On Thursday, April 24th at 6:30PM, join us for *A Killer at the Door: The Dramatic Prison Break and Manhunt for Danilo Cavalcante* with Bruce Mowday. These programs are sure to be riveting!

The Friends of Avon Grove Library's Used Book Sale will be on Saturday, March 22nd from 10:00AM-3:00PM. This is a great chance to get good quality books at bargain prices; paperbacks are \$1, hardbacks are \$2, and you can fill a brown bag for \$5. There will be a large selection of military history books available for purchase. Hope to see you there.

As the weather starts to get warmer, be sure to check out our library's Read and Roam Backpacks and our Orion StarBlast 4.5 dobsonian telescope! They are both perfect for exploring nature and spending quality time outside. Please see our website or inquire at the library for more details.

For more details regarding any of these programs and more, please check out our website at www.avongrovelibrary.org or our Instagram and Facebook: @avongrovelibrary.

*Registration required, please register on our website.

Article by: Cecelia Figueroa

The title 'Easter EGG HUNT' is displayed against a white wooden plank background. 'Easter' is written in a green cursive font at the top. 'EGG HUNT' is written in large, colorful, outlined block letters below it. The letters are filled with a rainbow gradient. Below the text, a row of ten decorated Easter eggs in various colors and patterns (including stripes, zig-zags, and polka dots) sits on a patch of green grass.

Easter EGG HUNT

When: Saturday April 12th 11AM-1PM

Where: Goddard Park Upper Lot

568 Wickerton Road West Grove, PA
19390

Egg hunts for 2-5 & 6-11

A close-up photograph of several colorful Easter eggs (pink, blue, yellow, purple) scattered in a field of tall green grass. The background is softly blurred, showing more eggs and greenery.

London Grove Township

Friends of the Park 501 (C)(3)



Goddard Park Gardens

Do you have a green thumb? Do you love fresh fruits & vegetables? Do you enjoy the outdoors? If you've answered yes to any of these questions, then don't miss your chance to rent a plot in the Gardens over at Goddard Park in London Grove Township! Grow your own produce and herbs while enjoying the fruits of your labor in the beautiful outdoors with your fellow community members.

The process to reserve a bed is quick & simple. Send your application to the garden liaison, Mary Giordano at gardens@londongrove.org. Once Mary has approved your application, bring it to the township building with payment at 372 Rosehill Road, West Grove, PA 19390, and we will get you set up! Written below are some important dates & information about the garden beds to keep in mind.

- ❖ Resident fees are \$31.00
- ❖ Non-resident fees are \$52.00.
- ❖ Plots will be open to residents from March 1st - March 31st
- ❖ Plots will be open to non-residents from April 1st onward.
- ❖ Any remaining plots after April 30th will be first come first serve.
- ❖ All garden plot applications must be sent to Mary for approval before being brought to the Township.
- ❖ Gardeners will receive a full set of rules for garden plots within application to agree to.

CHESTER COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES



CHESTER
COUNTY
HAZARD
MITIGATION
PLAN

COMMUNITY HAZARD MITIGATION SURVEY

YOUR PARTICIPATION
IS ENCOURAGED

**SCAN WITH
CELLPHONE
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PARTICIPATION IN THIS SURVEY HELPS US DEVELOP A COMPLETE AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE DIRECTLY USED IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE MITIGATION PROJECTS.

**CHESTER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
TEAM APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT.**

Structural Property Damage Due to Storms

In London Grove Township we focus on making sure the residential, commercial, educational, and industrial structures are safe for everyone. In order to do this, we need your help. In the event of a catastrophic weather event, such as a tornado, hurricane, flooding, heavy rain, wind storm or even a major snow event or any other form of natural disaster, structural property damage may happen. If you fall victim to structural property damage from one of these events, please contact the Township Fire Marshal to report this and we will be happy to have someone come assess the damage.

When contacting the Township Fire Marshal during or even after one of these events the best and most efficient point of contact would be through email, firemarshal@londongrove.org as the Fire Marshal may be out of the building assessing damage. For immediate response to an emergency please call 911. Thank you for your help in keeping London Grove Township a safe and happy place to live, work and visit!



Trash and Recycling Day at SECCRA



These are FREE events for Township residents ONLY. Residence is defined as any dwelling unit used as a place of human habitation, which is not commercial, municipal, institutional, or a community activity. For those items that cannot be recycled at the curbside this event will be Saturday, April 26, 2025 and October 11, 2025 from 1 p.m. till 4 p.m. sharp.

Recycling occurs at SECCRA throughout the year, fees could apply.

By filing out a Brush Disposal Permit, Township residents are able to dump directly at SECCRA Landfill during their normal business hours. This is FREE of charge, offered to residents only. Brush Disposal Permits are available at the Township Office, please bring Photo ID with proof of residency, permits will be issued each calendar year.

May Not Participate:

- ✓ Businesses
- ✓ Commercial entities
- ✓ Landlords
- ✓ Non-residents
- ✓ Organizations

Accepted Items:

- ✓ Appliances: refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners, humidifiers, stoves, empty, grills
- ✓ Electronics: computers, monitors, television, stereo equipment, printer, cell phones, DVD players, basically anything that has a circuit board.
- ✓ Automobile Tires: limit 4 per load per residence, large batteries, such as those in automobiles or tractors.
- ✓ Bulky Waste: furniture, mattresses, carpet, doors, windows, etc.
- ✓ Residential 20-pound propane tanks (empty)
- ✓ No materials will be accepted from “clean outs” of residences.

When:

Saturday, April 26, 2025
Saturday, October 11, 2025

Time:

1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. SHARP

Where:

SECCRA Community Landfill
219 Street Road
West Grove, PA 19390



HOW DO I DISPOSE OF _____? (Fill in the blank)

Patti Lynn, Recycling Resources Manager, CCSWA

At the Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA), we get hundreds of inquiries each year that begin with those words. Some of the unusual things people have asked us about include:

- Credit cards, water filters, taxidermy, and plastic soda rings. (These can all go in trash; NOT for recycling collection.)
- And what about road flares, pepper spray, and nail polish remover? (For these, you should register for a Household Hazardous Waste event.)
- Are you confused about how to recycle right? Watch our video [here](#).

Why is this important? Mostly because it demonstrates the Chester County public is concerned about solid waste generation and disposal. Chester County's population is *growing*, and *everyone* creates trash for our two landfills. Can something be repaired, donated or reused? Can the item be recycled somewhere other than your convenient curbside or drop off system?



THE WASTE HIERARCHY

The CCSWA operates the Lanchester Landfill and Reclamation Center (LLARC) for the northern county region. Our [website](#), offers guidance for disposal of many products with our **A-Z list**, composting resources, curbside and drop off recycling, donations, hazardous waste, electronics, light bulbs, and batteries. There are a few videos you can watch, too.

The Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority operates the SECCRA Landfill for the southern region. See their website [here](#).

Both landfills offer ways to contact them for more specific guidance depending on where you live.

Thanks for being Trash Smart!

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Inniscrone Golf Course News Letter



Winter has really shown up this year! After two mild winters, this winter has been very cold. We have not gotten a ton of snow, but what snow did fall has stuck around, which has led to the golf course only being open for a handful of days through January and February. With that being said we cannot wait for warmer temperatures and a return to golf. The 2025 season is right around the corner and we are very excited for another successful season at Inniscrone Golf Club!

The 2025 season will see continued improvements to the golf course and facilities. We have already received our new cart fleet, which will be a big upgrade for golfers. It will be clear to all who see the new blue carts as soon as they pull into the parking lot. The renovation of the pro shop will continue this season as well. An overall outside renovation is budgeted for the pro shop, but work on that likely will not start until fall. Other items that are budgeted for the future are HVAC replacement and new refrigerators so that we can continue getting the pro shop back to optimal service. Chef Michael with Mother Nature's Sun will now do all of our catering events after a very successful first year. You can also go to the Mother Nature's Sun website to order outside catering if so desired. The crab cakes are his specialty and they are delicious! On the course itself there are plans to continue cart path upgrades and bunker improvements. The grounds crew has been and continues to get new equipment that will allow for upgrades to the course and not just daily maintenance.



We are extremely excited about the direction Inniscrone Golf Club is going, and the 2025 season will be another step toward our goals. Come to Inniscrone to play a round, become a member, sign up for our kid's camp, or just hit the driving range! If you are not a golfer, come on by to see our banquet room that can be rented for events. For tee times visit our website at Inniscronegolfclub.com or call the pro shop at (484) 720-8442. We look forward to the warm weather and seeing everyone in 2025!

Article by: Chris Ward, Golf Course Manager

A Brief Update on Inniscrone Golf Course

Spring is finally here! Hopefully, we've seen the last of the snow, salt trucks, and plows for at least 8 months! While the snow in our recent past wasn't much, it was frequent, and wreaked havoc on the roads. It will be good to see the daffodils bloom, people walking the trails at Goddard Park, and golf carts running around the Inniscrone golf course.



With regard to the Inniscrone Golf Course, there's an article in the February 24 issue of *Vista Today*, a publication that features "Upbeat Chester County news", titled "Two Chester County Golf Courses Listed Among Best in Pennsylvania". Not surprisingly, one of the golf courses is Inniscrone. The article references the source article as "2025 Best Pennsylvania Golf Courses List" from PennsylvaniaGolfer.com.

I mention this because while Inniscrone is a beautiful Open Space gem in London Grove Township benefitting all our residents, it has presented challenges since the township acquired it in 2009. The course went from private ownership to township ownership with a management company, then to the total township ownership and operations that you see today.

Under the township's ownership and operations, Inniscrone has been well-managed, profitable, and has put revenue into the township's general fund each year!

Aside from the benefits to the golfers and residents that live around it, the course also serves as a spray irrigation facility. As wastewater from within the township is treated and converted to clean effluent, it is sprayed on the course to maintain the turf, and recharge groundwater. The golf course needs a lot of water, and the township produces a lot of wastewater. It's a perfect marriage!

Inniscrone is a public course, offering a 10% discount to township residents. The Inniscrone clubhouse now has an excellent caterer, and can facilitate your private events, either family or business. I invite you to check it out for your next event!



Article by: Steve Zurl, Chairman, LGT Board of Supervisors



ATTENTION PENNSYLVANIA SEPTIC SYSTEM USERS

Take Our Survey

Penn State Extension seeks Pennsylvania residents with on-lot septic systems to take part in a study of how users care for and maintain these systems. The study will help identify needs for treating domestic wastewater.

If you own or use a septic system, visit the link or use the QR code to see if you qualify to participate in the study.

To take the survey, call 814-863-4622 or visit extension.psu.edu/septic-system-survey



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CHESCOBUS

IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH?

What if improving your physical and mental health was as easy as riding the bus?

The benefits of public transportation are expansive, ranging from public health to household finances.

Breathing fresh air, driving safely, being physically active, and avoiding excessive stress are a few of the well-known steps toward living a healthy life style. Actually, using [public transit](#) supports all of the above! The Victoria Policy Institute and [the American Public Transportation Association](#) explored the health impacts of transit, and here is what they found:

1) Public transit users are more active.

Individuals who use public transportation get over three times the amount of physical activity per day of those who don't (approximately 19 minutes, rather than six minutes) by walking to stops and final destinations.

2) Buses are safer than individual vehicles.

Bus related accidents have one-twentieth the passenger fatality rates of automobile travel.

3) Public transportation reduces stress.

Public transportation improves access to education and employment, which in turn leads to better long-term economic opportunities ... It also provides access to social and recreational activities, allowing individuals to participate in events they otherwise couldn't.

4) Public buses keep air cleaner.

Pollution is estimated to cause as many deaths per year as traffic accidents. However, buses (especially newer diesel and electrically powered vehicles) produce less pollution than cars per passenger mile by utilizing advanced technologies and higher standards.



WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION

Winter weather can still impact us. To stay informed about cancellations, inclement weather, or emergency delays visit www.chescobus.com. To receive alerts right to your phone or email, sign up for ReadyChescoPA at www.readychesco.org.



WELCOME!

Thank you for your purchase of our CHESCOBUS passes! Enjoy riding as the daylight hours extend and the weather starts warming up. Happy Spring!

SERVICE UPDATES FOR MARCH



March 9, 2025 - Daylight Savings Begins

Make sure to turn your clock 1 hour forward March 9!

Daylight Savings (also known as Daylight Saving Time and previously known as 'Fast Time' in the United States) is the practice of setting the clocks forward one hour from standard time during the warmer parts of the year (usually summer months), and back again in the colder parts (usually fall), in order to make better use of natural daylight so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less.



IMPROVE...cont'd.

5) Riding public transportation saves money.

...Car payments, gas prices and parking can be a major budget drain...but public transportation lessens those financial burdens by alleviating the need to purchase and operate individual vehicles (saving a household around \$6,251 annually).

6) Public transportation provides access to essential needs later in life.

Public transportation is a way for ... non-drivers (particularly low-income seniors and disabled individuals) to gain access to important services and activities.

ABOUT US

CHESCOBUS is Chester County's Public Transportation System comprised of SCCOOT and Coatesville LINK. The bus service is managed by the Transportation Management Association of Chester County (TMACC). CHESCOBUS is funded by the PA Department of Transportation with support of the Chester County Commissioners and municipal partners.



Pennsylvania Urban Nutrient Management - Spring Greening



Spring to Life

As the snow slowly melts away, the birds begin to sing and fresh life bursts from the soil heralding the approach of Spring and the lawn maintenance season.

For the 1 million-plus acres of home lawns in Pennsylvania, selecting and implementing an appropriate lawncare management program to promote healthy and aesthetically pleasing lawns is not only important to homeowners, but is also essential to protecting our waterways.

Know What's Best. Soil Test!

The first step to understanding what your lawn really needs to be lush, healthy, and green is to know what your soil needs. It is important to conduct regular soil tests to determine nutrient deficiencies that should guide fertilizer selection and application. Soil test kits can be purchased for a nominal fee from your local [Penn State Extension office](#).

Following soil test recommendations, reading fertilizer label instructions, and using a properly calibrated spreader will ensure the right amount of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium are applied, while reducing nutrient loss and fertilizer cost.

Soil Health. It's the bottom line.

Maintaining a happy, healthy soil is imperative to your lawn's success. Soil is the foundation for your lawn and is home to a multitude of microorganisms that are essential for plant growth. Take the time to support your soil by incorporating some simple practices into your lawn care program. Your lawn and wallet will thank you.

- **Keep it open.** Routine soil aeration can help reduce soil compaction. Good soil structure is essential for proper root growth, healthy microbe communities, and the movement and exchange of water, air, and nutrients.
- **Raise it up.** Maintain a taller lawn by only cutting 1/3 of the grass blade with each mowing. Taller lawns slow runoff and promote deeper roots, which reduces lawn stress and improves soil structure.
- **Put it back.** Return nutrients and organic matter back to the soil by mulching your leaves and grass clippings.

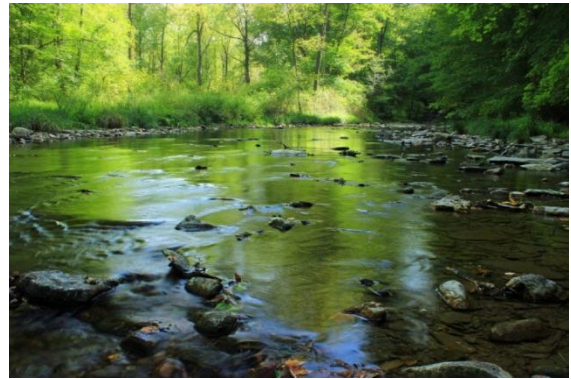
For more soil management strategies, contact your local county conservation district or Penn State Extension office.

Green Lawns – Clean Streams

Pennsylvania's 2022 Fertilizer Law amendments were developed to protect Pennsylvania waterways and the waterways downstream. As a bonus, following the limitations in the law will boost your bottom line by ensuring that your investment doesn't wash away. The 2022 law established the following nitrogen and phosphorus limits for turf fertilizer applications.



- Nitrogen is limited to 0.9 pounds of total nitrogen and 0.7 pounds of available nitrogen per 1000 ft² per application.
- No phosphorus can be applied unless establishing or repairing turf.
- Nitrogen and phosphorus rates can be adjusted based on soil test recommendations and/or if using an enhanced-efficiency fertilizer.



In addition to the nutrient limitations, the law also established application parameters to prevent direct movement of fertilizer nutrients into our streams:

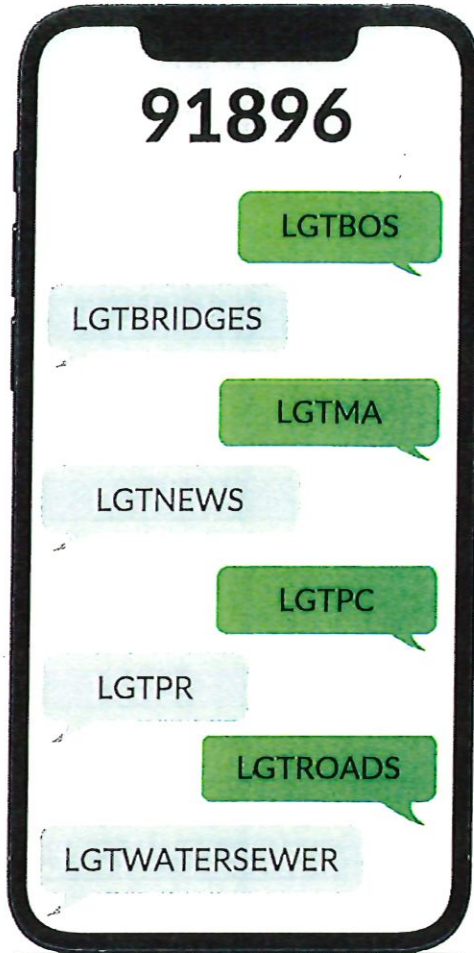
- Do not apply fertilizer if a heavy rain event is expected.
- Keep fertilizer away from drainage ditches, storm drains, or water.
 - Maintain a 15-foot buffer from the banks of all waterways.
- Remove fertilizer that lands on impervious surfaces (driveways, sidewalks, roads, parking lots).

Working Together for Clean Water

With ever growing acres of managed turf in Pennsylvania, controlling what goes into PA waterways is ALL of our responsibility. Help protect Pennsylvania's waterways by being wise when you fertilize!

For more information on the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law, visit the Department of Agriculture's website at agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer or contact Denise Uzupis at duzupis@pa.gov.

! Receive London Grove Alerts



London Grove Township

Sign up to receive notifications via text message.
Opt-in to any of the following programs:

- ✓ Agenda Notices: **LGTBOS**
- ✓ Bridge Updates: **LGTBRIDGES**
- ✓ Municipal Authority: **LGTMA**
- ✓ Newsletters: **LGTNEWS**
- ✓ Planning Commission: **LGTPC**
- ✓ Parks & Rec: **LGTPR**
- ✓ Road Closure Notices: **LGTROADS**
- ✓ Water/Sewer Notifications: **LGTWATERSEWER**

Get Started:

Text in one of the above keywords to: **91896**

What to Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply YES to verify opt-in.
- You may receive up to 4 text messages a month with a notification for each alert category opted-in to.
- Message and data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for more details.

How to Opt-Out:

- Text STOP at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.

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Msg & Data rates apply. Msg frequency varies. Text HELP for contact info.

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Township Departments and Staff

Administration Building:

The administration building is located at 372 Rose Hill Road, West Grove, PA 19390. Hours of Operation are from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Our main phone number is 610-345-0100, Fax 610-345-0455.

Public Works Building: The public works building is located at 374 Rose Hill Road, West Grove, PA 19390. Hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Main phone #: 610-345-0100.

Inniscrone Golf Course:

The Inniscrone golf course is located at 15 Athelone Way, Avondale, PA 19311. Hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Main phone #: 484-720-8442.

Administration Department:

Township Manager/ Zoning Officer: Ken Battin
Assistant Township Manager: Dawn Maciejczyk
Township Secretary: Rain Catoia
Director of Open Space & Parks: Victoria Lichman
Receptionist: Samantha Caulfield

Codes Department:

Director of Codes and Life Safety: Brian Elwood
Fire Marshal: Tim Shannon

Finance Department:

Treasurer: Tracy Kellett
Utility Billing/Codes Assistant: Jordon Hoopes

Public Works Building:

Public Works Director: Shane Kinsey
Public Works Superintendent: Nate Hughes
Public Works Foreman: Ryan Yerkes

Laborers:

Joey Swift
Mike Hughes
Shaun Dickenson
Brenden McNair
Jack Jacobson
Devlin Schekner
Arthur Chester
Keith Pyle Jr.

Inniscrone Golf Club:

Golf Course Director:
Chris Ward

Greens Manager:
Chris Newdeck

Pro Shop Manager:
Jesse Connors

2025 Public Meeting Schedule

Municipal Authority Board Meetings: 1st Monday of every other month at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Historical Commission Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Open Space Committee Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings: Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (Except December, these are the 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Zoning Hearing Board Meetings: As Necessary.

All meetings will happen on the day above as listed unless it is a holiday or other announcements have been made. All meetings are listed on the Township Website Calendar