

London Grove Township Gazette

Summer 2025

By: Jordon Hoopes

SUMMER ACTIVITIES!

The sun is shining, the weather is warm, and the days are longer! All signs that summer is here and it's time to have some fun outside. Below is a list of a couple ideas for activities to get everyone together this summer:

- 1) Boating / Kayaking / Canoeing: There is nothing like a good day on the water to make it feel like summer. Whether you are on a boat with family, canoeing with friends, or taking a solo trip to kayak or fish, being on the water is a great way to get out of the house and cool off.



- 2) The Beach: A summer classic, it would be wrong to skip over a beach trip on this list. Put on the SPF, head down to your favorite beach and relax for a weekend trip. Walk the boardwalk for some funnel cake or ice cream, cool off in the ocean, and head home sandy and tired from a great day!



- 3) Barbeque: Gather the family and friends, fire up the grill, and have a barbeque. Any occasion is a good enough reason to get together for good grilling! Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, and anything in between wouldn't be whole without a good cookout!

- 4) Fishing: There are some beautiful ponds and waterways in and around the township to fish. The weather is perfect for it, and it is a fantastic way to relax and enjoy nature!





NATIONAL PENNSYLVANIA DAY | July 20

Founded in 2017 by National Day Calendar® to celebrate Pennsylvania as the 2nd state to join the Union. This is a way of honoring each state in the order they joined the Union. This is a day dedicated to celebrate the unique heritage, achievements, and spirit of each state.

America250PA has dedicated the weekend of July 18th & 19th to encourage Pennsylvanians to volunteer across the Commonwealth under the theme of “Pennsylvanians helping Pennsylvanians. The activities listed below are an example of how you can become involved. America250PA is looking to grow this volunteer effort each year. Help all of us to be #PA Proud

For more information visit: www.america250pa.org/PPE:_PA_Day

Volunteer at a site near YOU!

July 18th, 2025:

- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank - Harrisburg, PA
 - HANNA's Pantry - Harrisburg, PA
- CEO's Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank – Pittston, PA
 - Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank – Pottsville Mobile Market, Pottsville, PA
- Mercer County Food Bank – Food Bank Warehouse & Myron's Meal Mobile – Sharon, PA
 - Philabundance - Philadelphia, PA
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania – Nazareth, PA
 - York County Food Bank - York, PA
- Garden of Health Food Bank - Hatfield, PA

July 19th, 2025:

- Main Street Gettysburg – Adams County
- Towamensing Township – Carbon County
- The Roland Curtin Foundation – Centre County
 - Shenango Township – Lawrence County
 - Bethel Township – Lebanon County
 - Historic Trappe – Montgomery County
- Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia – Philadelphia County
 - York County History Center – York County



AVON GROVE LIBRARY NEWS



Avon Grove Library has been busy in preparation for a fun-filled summer! Our free summer reading program, “**Color Our World**”, kicked off on Saturday, June 7th. Available to all ages, “Color Our World” offers engaging, age appropriate, and entertaining activities and materials. Participants will not only enjoy fun challenges, but will also keep their minds fresh and active during summer vacation. Summer reading materials can be picked up at Avon Grove Library anytime between Saturday, June 7th and August 9th. Signing up for “Color Our World” will enter you in a raffle to win one of our four grand prize raffle baskets. Visit our website to learn more about registration and “Color Our World” today!

Community members can also look forward to a great variety of programs and events coming to the library this summer. From adult art programs to STEM science experiments and local history scavenger hunts, we have something for every member of the family! Events include our **Tuckers’ Tales Puppet Show** (Saturday, June 7th at 11AM), **Adult Art Studio** (Saturday, June 7th at 1PM), **STEM Spark spacesuit engineering programs*** (Wednesday, June 18th at 12:30 and 1:30PM), **Mr. Jon’s Rock & Rhyme*** (Thursday, June 19th at 11AM), **The Amazing Magi Magic Show** (Tuesday, July 1st at 2PM), **The Raptory Live Bird Show*** (Wednesday, July 9th), **Bluey’s Big Summer Send-Off Party** (Saturday, August 9th at 11AM), and more. We are especially excited to be visiting Goddard Park on Wednesday, June 11th at 10AM for a special edition of **Crafty Kids Corner**, where we will be making a Father’s Day craft. Be sure to visit our online calendar on our website or check our social media pages (@avongrovelibrary) to stay up to date on all of our summer program offerings.

Along with our reading program and events, our Read and Roam Family Backpacks are here to take your summer to another level! Packed with fun and useful gear like binoculars, an insect jar, a compass, and PA wildlife guides, these backpacks make outdoor exploration easy and exciting. Each pack also includes materials that you can keep even after returning the backpack, including a scavenger hunt of West Grove, a water bottle, and local park information, such as a resource folder from Goddard Park. Our Read and Roam Backpacks can be borrowed by any CCLS cardholder for two weeks and are renewable (unless on hold).

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer, and we hope to see you in Avon Grove Library very soon!

*Please register for this program on our website.

Article by: Cecelia Figueroa, Marketing Coordinator

Chester County Intermediate Unit Update: Engle Education Center

The Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) is pleased to provide an update on the Engle Education Center project, with a revised opening now scheduled for September 2025. As we continue transforming the former Avon Grove School District building, our commitment remains steadfast to bringing special education services closer to the learners and families we serve. This repurposed facility will create a welcoming and supportive environment where students with diverse learning needs can grow, connect, and thrive within their home community.

While construction adjustments have shifted our original timeline, these modifications have allowed us to incorporate significant improvements that will better serve our students. The renovated center will feature a newly installed elevator enhancing building-wide accessibility, a completely replaced roof system, an engaging new playground, and a reimagined welcoming entrance.

The Engle Education Center represents CCIU's commitment to bringing students back to their home community. By creating this specialized home within Chester County, we're reducing the need for out-of-county placements while providing exceptional, accessible experiences closer to where our students live, helping each child feel supported, valued, and connected to their community.

Additional enhancements to the facility include:

- Modern facilities purpose-built for special education needs
- Outdoor learning spaces with protective canopies
- Dedicated playground areas
- Improved campuswide accessibility
- Potential for shorter travel times for many families

The Engle Education Center will serve as a family-centered hub of innovation, housing specialized educational programming, preschool education classrooms, and Avon Grove School District administration. These improvements reflect our dedication to creating a supportive learning environment that meets the unique needs of students throughout London Grove Township, Chester County, and surrounding communities.

We look forward to welcoming students, families, and educators to this exceptional facility in September 2025, where we'll continue our mission of providing high-quality, innovative, and cost-effective programs and services to enhance the lives of every learner.



Local Student News!



Two Avon Grove Charter School sophomores, Noah Ramsey and Ben Mullen, recently competed at the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida, and they did incredibly well!

ICDC is exceptionally competitive, with over 25,000 high school students from all over the world participating in various business events. Noah and Ben competed in the Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making category, including a role play and written examination, and they finished in the top 10!

Noah and Ben had to analyze complex business law situations and develop ethical solutions.

Please join us in congratulating Noah and Ben on this fantastic achievement!





Avon Grove Charter School Update



Avon Grove Charter School's new Upper School building is progressing on schedule and slated to open for 7th-12th grade students in the spring of 2026. Over the winter, the project team completed the roof while also making significant progress with the interior partitions and rough-ins of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and sprinkler (MEPS) systems. Drywall is nearly complete in the west half of the building, as well as a large portion of the first floor on the eastern side. Painting has begun where drywall is complete, allowing the carpentry team to begin installing the ceiling grid before the MEPS contractors install sprinkler fixtures and equipment. Exterior wall panels and glazing continue to progress; this spring will bring the completion of the building envelope in its entirety.

Looking ahead to the summer, contractors will install ceramic tile, flooring, casework, and terrazzo once permanent power is in place and HVAC systems are online. Preparations have begun for sitework, including installation of gas lines, sanitary systems, and the extension of loop road parking.





Inniscrone Golf Club News Letter

The 2025 golf season has arrived and the course is ready for play! Unfortunately, the weather has been very up and down to start. There have been extended periods of cloudy, rainy, weather that has put a damper on the start of the season, but nicer weather should be right around the corner. The one upside to the rain is the course being very green and lush. Conditions are the best they have been in years.

The new carts are being put to use and golfers have taken notice. It is a huge upgrade for the golfing experience! The cart fleet also grew from 59 to 70 carts which was necessary due to the increase in play we've experienced. The bigger cart fleet has allowed us to have 12 minute tee times all day. Prior to the new carts we had to do 12 minute tee times until 12:00pm, and 15 minutes for the rest of the day. Even with this schedule we still had to block times to insure we did not run out of carts. Bunker improvements have also begun and will be another big upgrade for the course. The maintenance staff is improving drainage on the bunkers and adding sand. Earlier this spring Chris Newdeck, superintendent, hired an assistant superintendent. We would like to welcome Kyle Basehore to the Inniscrone team. Kyle attended Penn State and will be a big help for Chris and his staff. The relationship between Inniscrone and Mother Nature's Sun catering is great, and has been very beneficial for both parties. On the golf course side, it has allowed us to increase our food offerings at the pro shop, as well as allowed us to cater our events in house. All of this has led to a better customer experience.

Come to Inniscrone and experience all the improvements that are taking place! We are sure you will not be disappointed. For a tee time visit our website at Inniscronegolfclub.com or call the pro shop at (484)720-8442.



Article by: Chris Ward, Golf Course Manager

Historical Commission News

Article by: Doug Green, LGT Historical Commission

Wickerton

As taken from Avon Grove Remembered 1976

Wickerton, near Avondale-New London road and 841 in southern London Grove Township, was first called Walnut Grove. Later it was known as Canningsville after an early settler, next Wickersham Mills and today as Wickerton. In the corner of Wickerton crossroads is the mill property; the mill itself fronts on the Avondale-New London road.

The Chandler Mill was built in 1829 of wood cut on the premises. There was an addition built on the back which housed the large wheel; the drive shaft was on the second floor. Chandler ran a Post Office out of this location from 1892-1901. He also ran a creamery and a small general store on the same floor. Upstairs was a granary with its chute. London Grove had numerous mills with Wickerton having the most.





LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 3, 2025

Woodview Road Bridge Replacement Project Completion

Chester County, PA – The Woodview Road Bridge, which sustained significant structural damage during a severe storm in 2020, is now reopened following a complex and multi-phased process.

Bridge replacement involves numerous critical steps, including funding acquisition, engineering design, permitting, and construction. These phases often overlap and are subject to both regulatory review and environmental constraints—particularly in protected areas like the White Clay Creek National Wild and Scenic River System.

For a typical timeline for such a project please visit our website at <https://www.londongrove.org/bridges-culverts/>

This project faced additional delays due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which significantly impacted governmental and regulatory operations. The permit review process was further complicated by the location within a federally protected White Clay Creek National Wild and Scenic River System, requiring multi-agency coordination.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Stephen Zurl, played a vital role in advocating with state legislators to help move the permitting process forward. Township staff also worked closely with engineers and regulatory agencies to keep the project on track and to keep residents informed through regular updates on the Township website.

In January 2025, the Township's Public Works Department commenced demolition of the damaged bridge. Their scope included removal of asphalt and concrete layers, guiderail dismantling, steel substructure removal, and site excavation for crane access and coffer dam installation. Following site preparation, the crew installed precast bridge components, foundations, pedestal walls, and re-profiled the roadway. Final tasks included guiderail installation, finish grading, and landscaping.

Final paving for the project, including a new overlay extending to Gap Newport Pike (Route 41), will be completed later in the year as part of the Townships annual paving program.

“This project was a true team effort,” said Chairman Stephen Zurl. “From navigating a lengthy state and federal permitting process to executing the construction in-house, the Township Office and Public Works staff demonstrated exceptional professionalism and dedication. Their expertise delivered a critical infrastructure project while saving taxpayers significant costs.”

The Township extends its sincere thanks to residents for their patience and support throughout this process. The bridge is now open for all to use.



KEEP LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES OUT OF TRASH & RECYCLING

By Patti Lynn
Recycling Resources Manager



It is extremely likely that you have rechargeable lithium-ion batteries in your home – to power a cell phone, laptop, or power tool, for example. Batteries are both ubiquitous and confusing, having various sizes and chemistries in multiple products. They also don't last forever. It is important to know how to properly dispose of them, ESPECIALLY those with lithium-ion (Li-ion). From button cells to embedded ones, batteries are smaller, lighter, cheaper, but more energy-dense than ever before. Their power can make them dangerous to manage, even if you think they have lost their charge.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? The two Chester County landfills that accept your trash must routinely manage potential fire conditions. Collectors of trash and recyclables must also be prepared for dangerous materials that may be hidden in residents' containers. You wouldn't want a "hot load" dumped in your neighborhood!

BASIC FACTS: Batteries are either primary (one and done), or they are rechargeable.

RECHARGEABLES DO NOT go in your recycling bin OR your trash bin.

- Look for these symbols that mean lithium-ion in a battery: Li-ion, Li+, LiB, LIB, UN3480, and UB 3481 (If built into a product).
- Beware counterfeit Li-ion batteries; they are often made with lower quality materials and less safety features. Look for misspelled words, forged certifications, cheap packaging and pricing, and suspicious third-party sellers online.

HOW YOU SHOULD HANDLE "DEAD" BATTERIES:

- A spent battery can still have a charge. Li-ion batteries are flammable if they are punctured. It is unsafe to remove a Li-ion battery. Before battery drop-off, tape the terminals, or put the same **type** of batteries (all NiCad, e.g.) in a plastic bag. [View the CCSWA's safety video here.](#)
- Retailers such as Staples, Home Depot, and Lowes often accept batteries. Check online or use Call2Recycle's zip code locator: www.call2recycle.org/locator/
- [Register for a County Household Hazardous Waste event here.](#)
- Bicycle batteries: the Call2Recycle product stewardship organization that recycles batteries has partnered with [People for Bikes](#) to collect bike batteries at retail bike shops.
- Small power equipment batteries: www.opei.org/battery-basics/
- Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, etc.) are the ONLY ones that can safely go in trash.
- For more battery types, visit www.chestercountyswa.org/373/Disposing-of-Batteries

Batteries *are* getting recycled for their component metals, thereby reducing extraction needed from the earth. That is a good thing. Please be safe and responsible with your batteries.

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CLOTHING DRIVE

**Saturday, September 13, 2025
9:00AM-12:00PM**

**1025 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380**

**ACCEPTABLE
ITEMS LIST**



Did you know?

Each person in the US discards about 115 pounds of clothes each year.
85% of that ends up in the trash.

LET'S CHANGE THAT TOGETHER!

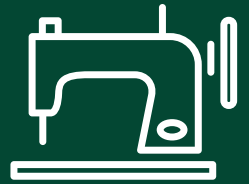
Bring your excess clothing, shoes, accessories and household linens to be reused & recycled.

Items should be clean, dry, odorless and pre-bagged in plastic bags.
Rips, stains, and broken fasteners are acceptable.





Used Bicycle & Sewing Machine Collection Drive



SPONSORED BY CHESTER CO. SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

SATURDAY SEP. 13TH 9AM-12PM

We're collecting adult & kids' bikes and sewing machines to send to Guatemala, Belize, Togo, Sierra Leon, Tanzania and Albania. Help us put unused bikes and sewing machines to good use in the developing world.

**WEST GOSHEN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
1025 PAOLI PIKE
(ENTER FROM FIVE POINTS RD)
WEST GOSHEN, PA**

A donation of \$20 per item is requested to help offset shipping costs overseas.

All material and monetary donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided on site.

Bikes should be rust free. No children's trikes, but bikes with flat tires in need of some repair are accepted. Portable sewing machines should be in working condition.

For more info contact Patti Lynn:

plynn@chesterco.wa.org

To read more about our cause visit:

P4P.org



pedals for progress™

Putting used bikes to good use

P.O. Box 312
High Bridge, NJ
08829



www.p4p.org
contact: alan@p4p.org
908.399.8217

Pedals for Progress/Sewing Peace, in its continuing effort to recycle unwanted items properly, is having a used bike and sewing machine collection sponsored by **Chester Co. Solid Waste Authority.**

Anyone with an adult or child's bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate their bike to this worthy cause. We do not accept "bikes for parts" or disassembled bikes. We also accept working portable sewing machines and sewing notions (no fabric, please).

Bikes and sewing machines can be dropped off **rain or shine:**
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th 2025 9AM-12PM
West Goshen Municipal Complex – ENTER from Five Points Rd.
1025 Paoli Pike. West Goshen, PA 19380

P4P/SP collects 3,000 to 5,000 items annually and transfers this material wealth to those in greater need. To date more than 170,000 bicycles and 6,300 sewing machines have been shipped to developing countries in Central America, Africa and Eastern Europe. In these countries the bikes are reconditioned by partner agencies and distributed at low cost to poor working adults. Bikes provide reliable transportation for commuting to work, transporting product to market, and provide greater mobility accessing health care and other services. Sewing machine shipments help initiate educational programs and generate income opportunities that may otherwise remain out of reach for many people. Steady employment for adults is vital to the development and success of struggling communities.

It costs \$75 on average to collect, process, and ship each bicycle. **A donation toward shipping costs is necessary for our continued success. \$20 is suggested per bike and sewing machine.** All cash and material donations are fully deductible. A receipt will be provided on site.

Pedals for Progress/Sewing Peace is a 501(c)(3) corporation and a registered charity in the states of **NJ, NY, PA, CT, VT.** Brochures explaining this innovative program will be available at the collection site. P4P seeks donations of wrenches for our overseas shops. For detailed information about our overseas projects and a current schedule of bicycle and sewing machine collections, visit our website at www.p4p.org.

For more information please contact:
Alan Schultz, President P4P/SP
alan@p4p.org



LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP

OPEN SPACE

Application for Open Space Preservation of Property

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Land Owner Name | |
| Address | |
| Phone Number | |
| Email | |
| Number of Acres | |
| Property Type | |
| Property Restrictions | |
| Special Property Attributes | |

London Grove Township's goal and objective regarding open space, is the preservation of land as it is vital to the communities standard of living. Preservations ranges from Easement, Conservation Easement, Trail Easement or Bargain Sale. Contacting the township for further information will allow for further discussion and clarification on land preservation and what each type entails. Over the years London Grove Township has protected over 400 acres of land via conservation easement, and continues to seek out the opportunity to preserve more land in the community.

Please send completed form to Director of Open Space & Parks: Victoria Lichman
vlichman@londongrove.org

*London Grove Township Parks & Rec
Goddard Park Volunteer Days
9:30 – 11:30*

Saturday June 21, 2025: *Invasive Species Clean Up*
Hosted by Barry Glicklich & Heide Harper

Saturday July 19, 2025: *Invasive Species Clean Up*
Hosted by Parks & Rec Committee

Saturday August 23, 2025: *Invasive Species Clean Up*
Hosted by Barry Glicklich

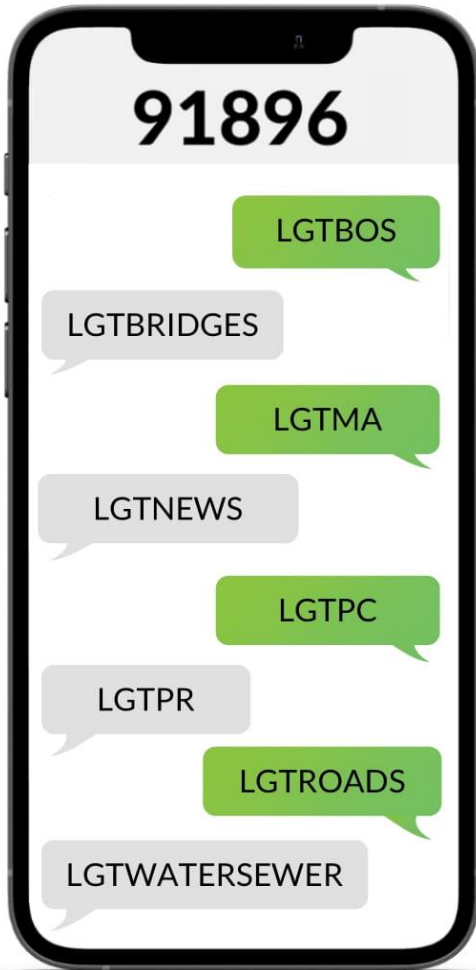
Saturday September 20, 2025: *Trail Clean Up*
Hosted by Barry Glicklich

Saturday October 18, 2025: *Trail Clean Up/Maintenance*
Hosted by Barry Glicklich

Saturday November 22, 2025: *Trail Clean Up/Maintenance*
Hosted by Barry Glicklich

*Volunteer events subject to change. Refer to
Facebook & Township Website for updates.*

! 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: **LGTM**A
- ✓ 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.

View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions
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

Greens Assistant:
Kyle Basehore

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