

London Grove Township Gazette

Winter 2024-2025

By: Jordon Hoopes

The temperature just keeps on dropping, and as it gets colder outside, it is a good idea to start thinking about how to prepare you and your loved ones. Below are some simple ways to keep everyone safe this season.

- Ensure proper layering if you are going to be exposed to the cold for a prolonged period of time!
- Make sure to keep the road salt off your pet's pads as best you can. The salt can cause pain and irritation on animal's pads, leading to licking and possible sores.
- Take care to winterize your home and avoid any costly repairs due to winter damage! Draining hoses, covering spouts, and insulating exposed pipes can help to keep your water from freezing.
- If you are going to be traveling, it's a good habit to make sure you have all the supplies you may need for simple roadside fixes. In the event of a storm, you never know how long it could take to get a tow or aid. Items like tire patch kits, jumper cables, tire iron & jack, and of course a spare. Some blankets or water can make the difference between a cold wait in the car & a dangerous situation.



Avon Grove Charter School Update

The second phase of construction of the new academic building for Avon Grove Charter School is well underway including the completion of underground utilities, concrete slabs, masonry walls and erection of structural steel. Completion of these milestones were celebrated with a Beam Signing event on November 5th, where staff, families and community members were invited to sign a gold colored beam before celebrating as it was lifted into place above the future main entrance. Interior construction efforts in the western half of the building are progressing with the placement of partition walls and the installation of mechanical/electrical/plumbing systems. Exterior walls were panelized off site and are currently being installed around the building, making way for roofing, windows and doors followed by drywall, casework and finishes. See the second page of this article for some overhead views of the progress!



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News from the Assistant Township Manager Dawn Maciejczyk

These last couple months have been tough for London Grove Township as well as many other Township's in Chester County being hit by storm after storm and then a drought. As a result, there has been some confusion as to who is responsible for the many fallen trees in the area. The Township does not clean up yard debris on private property. For example, if a tree on private property falls or loses a branch, this is the property owner's responsibility.



If the Township staff sees or is notified of a dead tree on private property that is in danger of falling on a public street or sidewalk, the Township will notify the property owner to have the tree removed within a given time period as a matter of public safety. Neglecting to remove the tree may result in penalties as stipulated in the adopted Township Codes and Ordinances.

The Township does clear fallen branches and/or trees that fall on Township roads. Our crews will remove the tree from the Township roads back to the property that it has fallen from. It is then the property owner's responsibility to dispose of the tree, branches and debris.

London Grove Township does offer a Brush Disposal Permit to Township Residents. Township residents are able to dump directly at the SECCRA Landfill located at 219 Street Road, West Grove, PA 19390 during their normal business hours. This is free of charge and offered to residents only. Brush Disposal permits are available at the Township Office. Please bring in a photo I.D showing proof of residency. Brush disposal permits are good for one calendar year, and can be renewed at any point in the year if no longer valid.



Inniscrone Golf Course News

Article By: Chris Ward

It is hard to believe that the 2024 season is coming to an end and it is time to look forward to 2025. It was a very successful year for Inniscrone Golf Club and we are excited for what lies ahead. This year did have its challenges with a hot, humid, and stormy season. Even with the tough weather the golf course was in great shape and play was good throughout the year. The golf course also celebrated its 25th Anniversary this year. The Monday special rate that we ran throughout the year was a big hit, and brought in many new golfers to Inniscrone. Also, Chef Michael with Mother Nature's Sun catering leasing out the kitchen in the upstairs of the pro shop worked out very well.

In 2025 we have capital improvement plans that will keep Inniscrone moving in the right direction. The new cart fleet should be delivered early in 2025 which will increase our cart fleet size so that we do not have an issue with carts running out on our busiest days. There are also plans to give the outside of the pro shop a total makeover with new siding and windows to name a few of the things we will replace. We will also continue to replace cart paths around the golf course and this will be done by the public works department. We thank them for everything that they do for the golf course. Finally, maintenance equipment has been ordered so that the grounds crew can keep Inniscrone in excellent shape.

We are very excited about the upcoming year and are currently selling memberships for the season. London Grove Township residents get a discount on all membership packages and on regular daily play. Please stop by or call the pro shop at (484) 720-8442 if you have any questions about becoming a member or daily play.



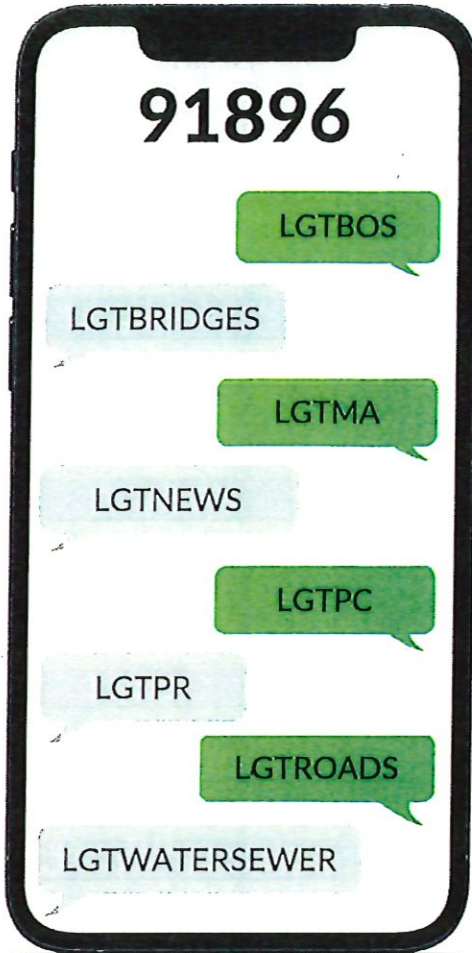
Structural Property Damage Due to Storms

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!



! 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.

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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GREEN BANK

RESIDENCE OF THOMAS M HARVEY

ARTICLE BY: LONDON GROVE
TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Joseph Jackson built a “dated” brick house in London Grove Township in 1742. The house is two and a half stories high. The main block is thirty-eight by nineteen feet plus an original wing to the north, eighteen by twenty-two feet. This north wing was extended eleven feet sometime during the late eighteenth century. The west gable of the main block has a wavy pattern in black brick. Across the west side, in two-foot figures, between the second story windows is the date “1742”. The house faces south, the foundations are of stone and the pitch of the roof is steep. The roof is covered by slate on the southern sections, the remainder of the roof is tin. Across the front of the house is the original plaster cornice. When the house was built, the cornice was also on the east and west sides.

The *DAILY LOCAL NEWS* (West Chester, Penna.) on March 23, 1879 mentions; “About a mile from the village of West Grove on the Baltimore Central Railroad, is situated the fine old farm of Thomas M. Harvey. For a distance over the neighboring hills Friend Thomas can see his broad acres stretching, and on the fertile meadows are as fine a herd of cattle as can be found in the county when its large size is considered. The old place was recently purchased by him, but already the hand of improvement can be seen on every side. There has lately been erected a large addition to the barn, an immense corn crib, one of the most improved patterns of milk house, a pig pen under cover and capable of holding 200 head of stock; and this year, he is building a tenement house on the hill between the old house and West Grove. The old farm house itself is a curiosity. On the northwest end, built of brick in the wall is the date 1742 in figures 2 feet long. The bricks for the building were brought from England. The interior division walls are quite substantial, being eighteen inches thick, of solid brick. The east walls of the rooms are in some cases covered with fine hard wood paneling, and cupboards and mantel shelves show very clearly that the carpenter of long ago was not afraid to rub a plane over the seasoned oak and ash. There is not so much as one cut nail in the whole house that was put there when it was built; all of these useful articles had formerly been pounded out by hand, one at a time. The hinges on the doors, instead of being the neat affairs of today, are ponderous wrought iron bars, strong enough to resist the rust and wear of an eternity. The dining room contains four windows, no two of which are of the same size. In the march of improvement, the old house has been left undisturbed and Friend Harvey likes the grand of place well enough to keep it as it stands.”

Reprint from Futhey and Cope’s HISTORY OF CHESTER COUNTY, 1881

The following is a list of the current and past owners;

Joseph Jackson 1733-1760	Lewis M. Paschell 1911-1925
Samuel Jackson 1760-1775	James P Hood 1925-1938
Lewis Pusey 1775- ?	Roland P. Hood 1938-1958
Ellis L. Pusey ?-1852	Willis E Roberts 1958-1962
Daniel Pennington 1852-1871	Robert Sr. and Mabel Romanowski 1962-early2000s
Thomas M. Harvey 1871-1886	Current owner Robert Romanowski, Jr
William B. Harvey 1886-1911	

The “1742” house, as it is now referred to, is located west of West Grove on Paschall Mill Rd. It is currently unoccupied and in disrepair due to a fire in the early 2000s. The Historical Commission will have more articles about the “1742” house and other historical properties around London Grove Township in the coming months.

*** If you are interested in serving on the Commission, please fill out the Volunteer form on the website and submit it to Dawn Maciejczyk at the township.***



The 1742 House

Ann Bedrick



OH, THE HOLIDAYS! DECORATE, TASTE – WATCH YOUR WASTE!

By Patti Lynn
Recycling Resources Manager



Quick – what time of year generates the most trash for landfills? That’s right, it’s the holiday season. There’s online shopping and shipping, wrapping paper, more uneaten food, new toys, and electronics. You get the idea. Household waste increases about 25% this time of year!

Can you be more TrashSmart? Try these ideas (or even just one!):

- ❖ Downsize – Smaller gathering, less decorations, careful gifting* so you create less waste
- ❖ Reusable, durable plates and silverware, cups, napkins, tablecloths (ask about renting)
- ❖ Shop (and wrap!) with reusable bags
- ❖ Electronic invitations – Evite®, Greenvelope, Punchbowl®
- ❖ Plan for guests to bring food in their own containers they can take back home, OR
- ❖ Have guests bring reusable containers for leftovers they may take home
- ❖ Cleaning the house – old socks for dusting rags; microfiber fleece cloths are washable
- ❖ Vinegar for glass surfaces
- ❖ [Online resources](#) like this “Guest-imator” can help you plan how much food you need
- ❖ *Gifts for experiences – tickets to an event, museum or zoo membership, cooking class or trip
- ❖ *Gifts of your time – Babysitting, pet sitting, gardening help, lessons for a new hobby, teach someone a new skill
- ❖ *Gift cards for services, not goods – gas stations, car washes, hair/nail salon, massage, lawn service, audio books, pet services
- ❖ Homemade food and gifts show your creativity, time, and effort
- ❖ Wrap gifts in reusable items such as cookies in a flowerpot, or wine bottle in a new dishtowel

RECYCLING BIN: *Non-metallic wrapping paper and greeting cards without batteries*

COMPOST: Evergreens, tea bags, coffee grounds, leaves, twigs, fresh cranberries, produce scraps

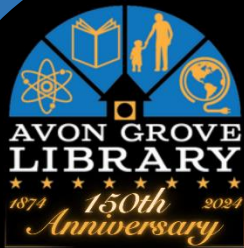
GARBAGE CAN: Cellophane, tissue paper, musical greeting cards, plastic ware

BATTERIES are special - [Here’s what to do with them](#)

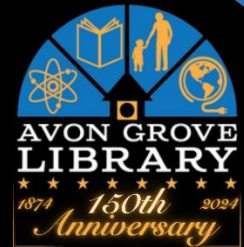
So, this year...celebrate how mindful you are with sustainable consumption and disposal practices. What GOOD behaviors and habits can YOU start on your way to being TrashSmart? And New Year’s resolutions are just around the corner...

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AVON GROVE LIBRARY NEWS



As the cold winter approaches, what better way to warm up than coming into Avon Grove Library? We have had a busy fall with a variety of new youth programming, our 150th anniversary celebration, the operation of our recently opened passport acceptance facility, and so much more! We are so excited to now highlight our December program offerings, which include a handful of festivities that are sure to get the whole family in the holiday spirit. Back by popular demand, children's musician Mr. Jon returns to Avon Grove Library on Saturday, December 14th at 11:00AM for a musical comedy show filled with lively holiday songs, fun rhymes, engaging books, and playful puppets. Join Mr. Jon and his silly sidekick, George the Monkey, as they lead the whole family in a joyful, laugh-out-loud performance. That is not all...calling all bakers and artists! We are hosting a delightful cookie decorating event on Saturday, December 21st at 1:00PM that will be fun for the entire family. Come on out to the library to decorate special holiday cookies with colorful icing and delicious toppings. Space is limited for this event, so please be sure to register on our website. Other festive programming includes our holiday storytime on Thursday, December 26th at 11:00AM as well as our friendship bracelet holiday party on Saturday, December 28th at 11:00AM. Our library's bracelet party will be filled with friends, beautiful beads, and fun Taylor Swift holiday music! To keep our minds fresh during the holiday break, we are hosting multiple STEM programs. All are welcome on Thursday, December 19th at 5:00PM for our snow STEM event, which includes hands-on activities like building your own snowflakes, creating "fake" snow, and experimenting with icy science. Then, on Monday, December 30th at 1:00PM, get ready for a sweet blend of science and creativity at our Gingerbread STEM program! Build your own gingerbread house, explore engineering challenges, and discover the science behind this holiday favorite. These activities are sure to be a blast!

We have so many more fun events for all ages happening at Avon Grove Library this winter! Please be sure to stay up to date with our offerings by checking out our website at avongrovelibrary.org, or by following us on our Instagram and Facebook: [@avongrovelibrary](https://www.instagram.com/avongrovelibrary).

Everyone at Avon Grove Library would like to extend warm wishes for the season. We hope everyone has a fantastic and joyous holiday and a happy new year! We thank you for your support during our momentous 2024, as we celebrated 150 years of public library service in West Grove and the surrounding communities. Please stay tuned for an exciting 2025 at Avon Grove Library!

*** Article By: Cecelia Figueroa, Avon Grove Library ***



Township Departments and Staff

London Grove Township consists of many different departments, buildings, and staff to keep day to day operations running smoothly. Below is a breakdown of the buildings, hours of operation, contact information, 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 6:30 a.m. – Dark, 7 days a week. Main phone #: 484-577-2700.

Inniscrone Golf Course:

The Inniscrone golf course is located at 15 Athelone Way, Avondale, PA 19311. Hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. – Dark, 7 days a week. Main phone #: 484-577-2700.

Administration Department:

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

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

Inniscrone Golf Club:

Greens Manager: Chris Newdeck
Golf Course Director: Chris Ward
Pro Shop Manager: Jesse Connors

2024 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 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 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