

London Grove Township Gazette

Fall 2024

By: Jordon Hoopes

As summer comes to a close and flannel weather starts to creep up on us, it is easy to miss the sun and blooming flowers, but fall brings a whole new host of things to do! Below is a list of some fun activities for you and your family to make the most of the season.

- **Visit one of the many beautiful trails in our area:** Goddard Park, White Clay Creek, and Fair Hill are all nearby and contain miles of trails to bike, hike, or run on. A variety of inclines and difficulties allow for everyone young or old to participate and get outside to enjoy the cool air!
- **Go Pumpkin Picking:** One of the trademarks of the fall season is Halloween and all that goes with it. Going pumpkin picking is an excellent way to spend a fall day with your friends or family. Picking the perfect pumpkin, carving, and cooking up the seeds provides a fun way to spend some time outside and be creative, and you may even make a new tradition!
- **Camping:** camping is a great way to reconnect with nature and spend time outdoors! Whether you are someone who wants to sleep in an air conditioned camper, or looking up at the stars in a tent, anyone can get out there at their own pace.



News from the Assistant Township Manager, Dawn Maciejczyk

Township Finances

London Grove Township Finances

The fall is budget time for municipalities. In this article we will attempt to outline the budget process in general and provide an overview of London Grove Township's financial situation.

The Township Staff will prepare and submit a draft of the budget to the Board of Supervisors for review in September. The Board will conduct budget meetings throughout the month of October with Township Department Heads. The plan is to adopt the tentative budget at the November Board Meeting and then the final budget at the December Board Meetings.

The Township Budget is broken into various funds:

The General Fund is the most significant fund. The General Fund is the operating fund from which most of the Township business is conducted. The services run from this fund include General Government, Public Safety, Health and Welfare, Payroll and internal transfers. In increasing order, revenue from this fund comes from departmental earnings, grants and other governmental funds, interest/rents/royalties, fines, licenses and permits, and taxes.



The Bridge Fund- Due to the amount of bridge replacements/repairs pending the Bridge Fund has a forecasted budget through 2028. London Grove Township will continue to seek alternative funding for the repairs.

The Equipment Replacement Fund is established to programmatically replace Municipal Equipment, before the usable life has been exceeded. The replacement schedule is planned many years in advance of purchase.

The Road Improvements Fund provides a portion of the annual road maintenance program. Other funding for road improvement projects comes from Liquid Fuels, SECCRA, developers, grants, etc.

The Liquid Fuels Fund is a restricted account funded by State aid to be used in the maintenance of township owned Roads. Each Municipality within the State received a proportional share of the funds. The funding is based on population and miles of Municipal owned roads. Funds are expended on snow & ice removal, line painting, and contract paving.

The Open Space Fund is a restricted account funded by a portion of the Earned Income Tax. This account is used to purchase open space land, land to be conserved or eased in London Grove Township. This fund is used for professional services, and land acquisitions.

The Recreation Fund receives funds from developers as part of the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance for “fee in lieu of.”

The Park Capital Fund is used for major park capital projects.

London Grove Township’s Current Financial Situation:

The Township is currently in a solid financial position. We have been able to provide a very high level of service while maintaining a relatively consistent budget as a result of long-term planning and efficient staff.

Avon Grove Charter School News

The first phase of Avon Grove Charter School's new 7-12 academic building has been completed, including the relocation of the township's water main to accommodate the new building foundations and the upgraded stormwater management system for the entire site. Excavation and foundations for the new building are complete with concrete slabs and masonry underway. Erection of structural steel is scheduled for mid-September through October which will allow construction of exterior walls, windows, and doors ahead of the winter weather.

The project team has been working closely with Township and Municipal representatives to ensure proper approvals, compliance, and sign-offs of critical infrastructure components and is looking forward to continuing the positive relationship as the construction continues.





ENGLE EDUCATION CENTER UPDATE

The Chester County Intermediate Unit's Engle Education Center will open its doors in Avondale, PA this school year. Formerly the Fred S. Engle Middle School, the renovated building in the Avon Grove School District is set to begin serving students in April 2025 and will be a family-centered hub of innovation, housing special education programming, preschool education classrooms, and Avon Grove School District administration. With cutting-edge facilities and a focus on individualized support, the Engle Education Center represents a commitment to enhancing special educational services and creating inclusive learning environments for families throughout London Grove Township, Chester County, and beyond.



Larvicides are products to help control mosquitoes outside your home. They work by killing young mosquitoes before they can grow into biting adults. When used according to product label instructions, larvicides do not harm people, pets, or the environment.

Selecting a larvicide

Larvicides come in many forms:

- ◆ Liquids
- ◆ Granules
- ◆ Tablets
- ◆ Briquettes
- ◆ Pellets

Apply larvicides where mosquitoes lay eggs

Use larvicides where mosquitoes lay eggs to help reduce the number of mosquitoes in an area. Mosquitoes lay eggs in items that hold water:

- ◆ Buckets and rain barrels
- ◆ Fountains
- ◆ Gutters or downspouts
- ◆ Non-chlorinated swimming pool
- ◆ Pool covers that collect water
- ◆ Septic tanks
- ◆ Tires
- ◆ Tree holes

Treat standing water

Use larvicides to treat standing water that:

- ◆ Will not be used for drinking
- ◆ Cannot be covered, dumped or removed

When using larvicides

Follow the instructions on the label. Do not apply more than directed or reapply more often than instructed.

Prefer to hire a pest control professional?

Hire a pest control expert to treat your yard and outdoor areas. The National Pest Management Association offers tips on finding a pest management professional at <http://www.npmapestworld.org/>.



A dunk is placed in a fountain to kill young mosquitoes.

Information on Insecticides and Health:

- ◆ The [US Environmental Protection Agency](#) oversees the registration of these chemicals.
- ◆ The [National Pesticide Information Center \(NPIC\)](#) provides information online or through a toll-free number, 1-800-858-7378.

If you are experiencing health problems for any reason, see your doctor or healthcare provider.

Mosquito Control:

What state and local mosquito control programs do



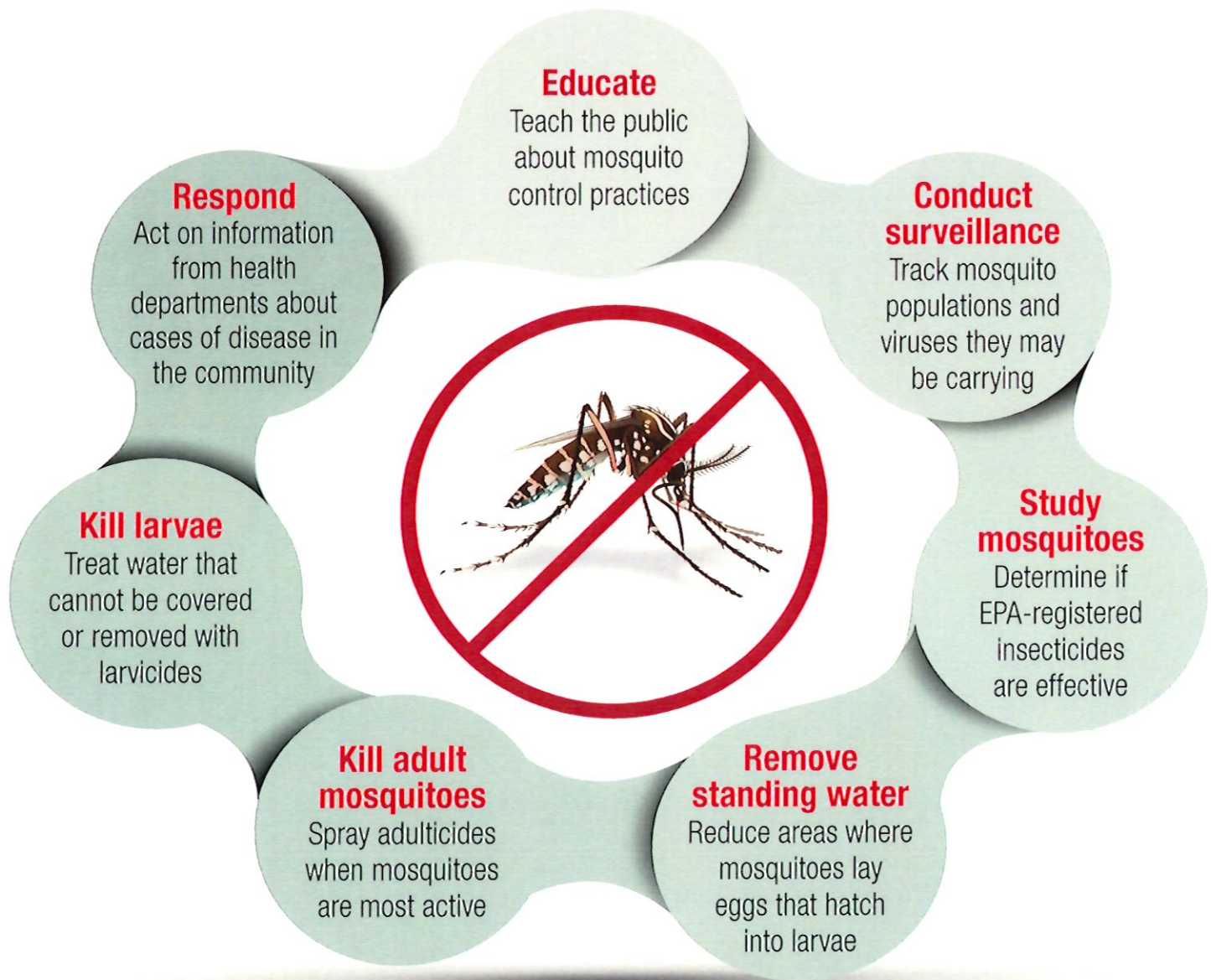
Why is local mosquito control important?

Some mosquitoes can spread viruses like Zika, West Nile, and dengue. Other mosquitoes bother people, but don't spread viruses. Mosquito control activities reduce all types of mosquitoes.

Who conducts mosquito control?

Mosquito control districts or state and local government departments work to control mosquitoes.

What do local mosquito control programs do?



Mosquito Control: You Have Options.


Learn more: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/controlling-mosquitoes-at-home.html>




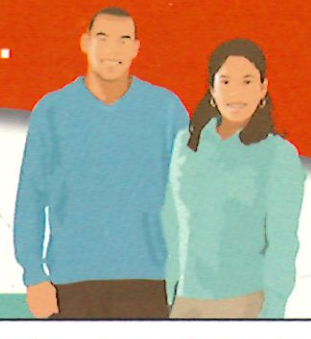
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Mosquito prevention starts with you.

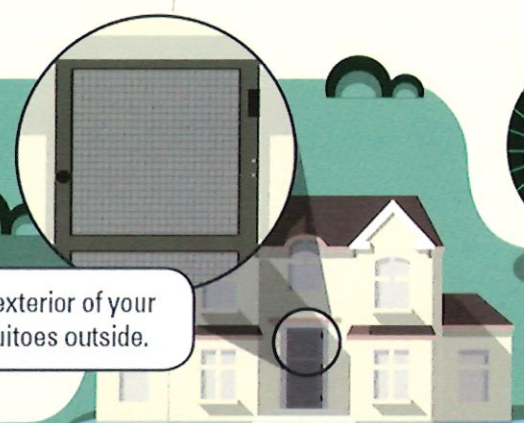
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Eliminate standing water inside and outside your home.



Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants and treat clothing with permethrin.




Use screens on the exterior of your home to keep mosquitoes outside.



Repair and seal your septic system.



Use an EPA-registered insect repellent.
www.epa.gov/insect-repellents



Work together to eliminate standing water and reduce mosquito populations.

Protect yourself, your family, and your community.

American Red Cross



London Grove
Township
Blood Drive



Friday, November 8th, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

London Grove Township Building

www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation

For helpful tips and to reserve your appointment time click the link above. Search for sponsor code: **londongrove** to schedule an appointment.

For Donor Eligibility Guidelines: Call 1-800- REDCROSS

Please contact tedra.farrell@redcross.org if you experience issues.



London Grove Township
Building

372 Rose Hill Road

West Grove, PA 19390

610-345-0100



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 6, 2024 and October 12, 2024 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 6, 2024
Saturday, October 12, 2024

Time:

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

Where:

SECCRA Community Landfill
219 Street Road
West Grove, PA 19390

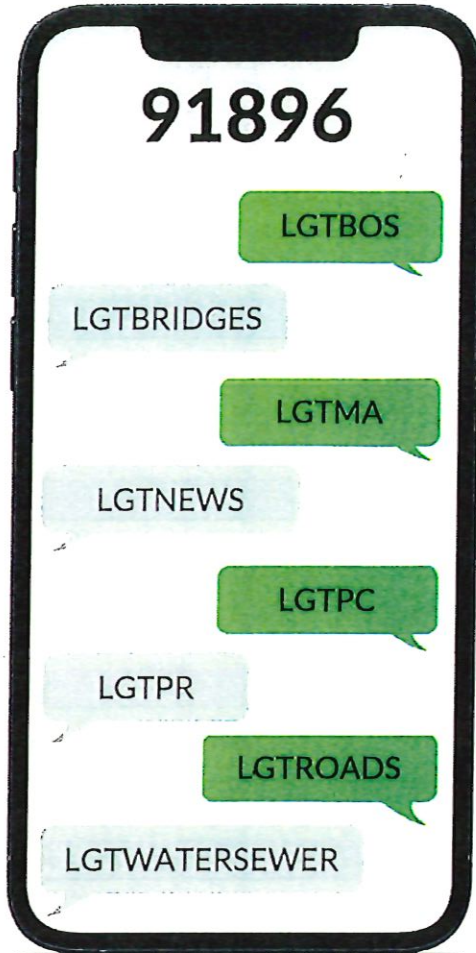
Structural Property Damage Due to Storms

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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Inniscrone Golf Course News

The hot, humid, stormy summer of 2024 is coming to an end and fall is right around the corner. Fall is a great time to play golf especially in beautiful southern Chester County. After the greens recover from the green's aeration



scheduled for August 26th and 27th, the greens should be smooth and fast making for great playing conditions. The greens at Inniscrone have only been aerated once in the last 10 years and really were in need of this type of maintenance. It will help greatly for the rest of this year and hopefully becomes something that is done twice every year in the future.

On September 26th of this year we are having a 25th Anniversary outing with funds going to London Grove's Friends of the Park. The outing will be a 9:30am shotgun with coffee, orange juice, donuts, and muffins before the round. It will be a scramble format with prizes for the top three teams and closest to the pin along with long drive. After the round there will be a lunch in the upstairs room. Cost for the event is \$90 per player or \$50 for current members of Inniscrone. Sign up as foursome or as a single and we will pair you up with a group. This will be a fun filled day, so either sign up at the pro shop or at the township building.

If you have thought of becoming a member of Inniscrone, keep an eye out for our membership special. Sometime during October, we will run a membership special in which the rest of 2024 will be included if you buy a membership for 2025. As always make sure to book your tee time in advance. Either online at www.inniscronegolfclub.com or call the pro shop at (484)720-8442.



Article by: Chris Ward, Golf Course Manager

Goddard Memorial Garden Dedication

The skies cleared and the sun peaked through the clouds just long enough on Saturday August 17, 2024, for the community to dedicate the Goddard Memorial Garden. The garden recognizes Steve and Marna Goddard, whose generous donation of their land resulted in the beautiful park that has become a cornerstone to London Grove Township. Marna's daughter Laura and sister Lainey were in attendance for the dedication. The Memorial Garden located adjacent to the community garden and dog park entrance features the water pump that served the Goddard property for years. Laura Miller from the London Grove Township Parks and Recreation Board spoke about the early discussions regarding the establishment of the park. Christina Fanning represented the London Grove Township Board of Supervisors and expressed the gratitude of the community for the generous gift, recognizing the Goddard's love of the land and determination to preserve it for future generations. Next time you visit the park stop by the Memorial Garden, grab a seat, and enjoy the lovely landscape that unfolds in front of you.





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 Foreman: Nate Hughes

Laborers:

Joey Swift
Mike Hughes
Shaun Dickenson
Brenden McNair
Ryan Yerkes
Jack Jacobson

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