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LONDON GROVE GAZETTE



Spring 2017 Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Article by David Connors, Vice-Chairman

2017 will be a busy year for London Grove Township. Below are a couple of updates on some of the more major projects/issues we have been discussing.

- New public works building – The new public works building is well under way and located next to the township building. Maintaining quality roads is a priority for us and this new building will ensure a strong public works department for decades to come.

- Sidewalk along State Rd – This is a major safety issue as middle and high school aged kids are currently walking along State Rd with no sidewalks. Increased traffic at dismissal and high school kids driving presents safety issues for pedestrians. The Supervisors recently hired an engineering company to design the walkway and assist us with getting grant monies to help pay for it.

- Inniscrone Golf Course – The golf course management company, Heathland Hospitality, has been making their rent payments each year since the contract began five years ago. Those rent payments, roughly \$80k per year; pay all annual debt service for the golf course. The contract is up in 2017 and the board is looking to renegotiate with them for the future. At this time the board is not planning on seeking alternate bids (or RFP's). It is also important to note that the golf course also serves as a major spray irrigation site, a place where many communities (in the south) wastewater goes to get treated.

- On street parking – Our existing zoning dictates that street parking is not allowed anywhere in the Township. The issue is with 20' wide roads, how you allow on street parking and still get access for emergency vehicles. The board has decided that this issue should be reviewed and discussed in a (soon to be) town hall style meeting.

London Grove Township is in the execution phase of a well thought out and planned financial recovery in London Grove Township. Early on Mike Pickel and I developed a capital plan that included considerations for our failing roads/ bridges, public works building, and sidewalks.

Several years ago we decided to fund these initiatives through strategic cost cutting measures. We significantly reduced the township's reliance on consultants, implemented new policies regarding our employee's benefits, and reevaluated each employee position. Tough decisions were made. The board created an atmosphere where all spending was challenged, and the results were stunning. Over the past 4 years we have been able to accumulate about \$1.6 million dollars in reserves, all while properly funding the equipment replacement fund. In addition to those gains we also designated almost \$600k in cash on hand, vastly improving our cash flow from when Mike and I were first elected.

In 2013/2014 the board implemented a temporary ½ percent EIT tax that was instrumental in paying for repairs to our failing roads and bridges. In 2015 it was rolled back as promised to current tax rates. 30 years of neglected and underfunded roads and bridges have finally been addressed.

I recently developed a 5 year financial projection. I did that by analyzing the past ten years financial history, identified trends, and applied those trends to create a complete financial plan for our community. The board officially adopted that plan, and it serves as a financial road map. It includes all debt service (golf course, new public works building, everything). This plan clearly shows a healthy operating position for many years to come under the existing tax rates.

And finally, the Township will not have to borrow for the State Road sidewalk project, as we have the cash on hand to move forward. We are applying for grant monies for both the sidewalk project and the public works building (separate grants). If we get any or all of the grants, it should allow us to pay back some/most of the monies borrowed for the public works building, as that loan has no prepayment penalties.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at dconnors@londongrove.org

NOTICE OF TOWN HALL MEETING - April 20th

The Board of Supervisors will hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Avon Grove School District's Fred S. Engle Middle School on Thursday April 20, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. to discuss on street parking issues and contract law enforcement.
ALL RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Township Building unless otherwise stated:

Board of Supervisors Meetings

are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings

are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Authority Meetings

are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Board Meetings

are held on the Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

meets on an as needed basis.

Open Space Committee Meetings

are held on the second Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Committee

meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

SMART 911 CALLS

Article by Chuck Freese, Emergency Management Coordinator

Did you know Smart911 is a free service available to keep you and your family safer? Provided by Chester County Department of Emergency Services, Smart911 lets you create a private and secure safety profile for your family, including any information you want 9-1-1 to have during an emergency. You can include details such as a list of family members, photos, medical notes, pets, and emergency contacts. In an emergency seconds can save lives. Take a few seconds now to plan ahead at www.smart911.com.

If you ever need to call 9-1-1 for a medical emergency, house fire, car accident or other incident, Smart911 will provide 9-1-1 with the information you have entered to provide you with help faster. Plan ahead, with Smart911.com.

What if there's a fire, a medical emergency, or a child goes missing? When you dial 9-1-1 under stress, you may not have access to important details, or you may have trouble remembering them. Smart911 is a new service in Chester County that allows you to create a Safety Profile at www.smart911.com that includes details you want the 9-1-1 center and public safety response teams to know about your household in an emergency. When you dial 9-1-1, from a phone associated with your Safety Profile, that information automatically displays to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send responders based on up-to-date location and emergency information. With your Safety Profile, responders can arrive aware of many details they would not otherwise know. Fire crews can arrive knowing exactly how many people live in your home and where the bedrooms are located. EMS personnel can know family members' allergies or specific medical conditions. And police can access a photo of a missing family member in seconds rather than minutes or hours, helping the search start faster.



BOARD APPOINTS KEN BATTIN AS MANAGER AND ZONING OFFICER FOR LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP

We are please to announce that the Board of Supervisors have appointed Ken Battin as the new Township Manager and Zoning Officer. Ken comes to us with many years of experience from East Whiteland Township. Ken has a Masters Degree in Public Administration. Welcome Ken!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ Steven Zurl has been appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Supervisors. Welcome!

◆ Township Secretary, Dawn Maciejczyk and husband Kyle

welcomed their son, Liam Jacob on December 30, 2016. Congratulations!



Municipalities in the White Clay Creek Watershed Agree to Collaborate on Water Quality

Article by Shane Morgan

In a partnership that includes the White Clay Creek Watershed Association, Brandywine Red Clay Alliance and the Chester County Water Resources Authority, five municipalities in the White Clay watershed have agreed to work together to identify possible ways to restore our community's waterways in a cost-effective manner. The five municipalities include Avondale, Franklin, London Grove, New Garden and West Grove. All five municipalities are required to submit stormwater management permit applications to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) by September 2017.

Sources of polluted runoff in developed areas include roads, rooftops and driveways and with average rainfall during storms increasing, this means larger amounts of polluted runoff flowing untreated into our streams over shorter periods of time. As a result, polluted rain water (also known as stormwater) is one of the biggest concerns in the White Clay Creek watershed. Rain water picks up and carries with it car fluids, oils, grease, fertilizers, and dirt as it flows over land, along roads, and eventually into the creek. These pollutants make the creek unhealthy for insects and fish as dirt smothers their preferred habitat and feeding grounds, and it makes the water more expensive to clean for the tens of thousands of our neighbors downstream who rely on the White Clay Creek as drinking water.

"Stormwater is one of the biggest challenges for municipalities to manage in that it doesn't have a sole source that is easy to regulate like a pipe that comes out from a factory. Managing runoff relies heavily on the voluntary efforts of property owners to keep rainwater on site and allow it to soak into the ground where it can be filtered by plants and soil organisms, replenish groundwater supplies, and provide consistent flow to streams during drought. If it does run off, it's important to keep it as clean as possible."

-Shane Morgan, Watershed Coordinator for the White Clay Creek.

By participating in the collaboration, the municipalities will benefit from:

- direct engagement with the Pennsylvania Department of the Environment and other regulators;
 - access to technical experts;
 - guidance in the development of individual municipal separated storm sewer system (MS4) permit applications;
 - assistance in determining viable financing options for permit implementation; and
 - a watershed approach toward meeting pollution goals and returning streams to a better health.
- Over the next two years, London Grove Township will participate in this pilot project with the Christina Watersheds Municipal Partnership (CWMP). The CWMP has received grant funding from the William Penn Foundation through the



Stormwater runoff carrying dirt and other pollutants over land, down roads, and directly to the creek.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to facilitate multi-municipal, watershed-based plans for three pilot areas in Chester County, with the goal of creating plans that result in more efficient and effective implementation of stormwater pollution reductions. The pilot areas include a variety of land uses, including suburban, urban, and rural-agricultural communities. The municipalities invited to participate in each pilot area are:

East Branch White Clay Creek Watershed:

- Avondale
- Franklin
- London Britain*
- London Grove
- New Garden
- West Grove

Mid-West Branch Brandywine Creek Watershed:

- Caln
- Coatesville
- Modena
- South Coatesville
- Valley

Upper-West Branch Brandywine Creek Watershed

- Honey Brook Borough
- Honey Brook Township

**Note: London Britain has not joined the collaboration to date because it may not be required to submit a permit application at this time.*



FUN FACTS

London Grove Township was organized in 1723, with James Lindley as constable, Joseph Sharp and Shadrack Scarlet as overseers of the poor, and John Fincher as supervisor.

On August 12, 1699, William Penn sold to Tobias Collet, Daniel Quare, Henry Goldney, and Michael Russell, all of London Grove. These persons admitted others into partnership with them, and formed a company, generally known as the London Company, for the improvement of their property, the number of shares eventually reached 8,800, and the shareholders numbered several hundred.

*Happy
Spring!*



GODDARD PARK GARDEN

Article by Audrey Reith



Gardening; Planting a Memory

Although we are not quite through the winter months, planning ahead for a garden is part of the excitement and learning experience of gardening. My grandfather always sat with a stack of seed catalogs that were delivered by our mailman, Mr. Krantz, during December and January. Grandfather read the Farmer's Almanac, he watched for full moons, and like a little kid, he counted down the days until Good Friday. That was the magical day that the gardens started. He had plans sketched out on a yellow legal pad. The plans started with Good Friday, and a full day that was set aside for planting potatoes, weather dependent, of course.

Just a few days prior to planting, burlap bags were hauled from the cellar, and with a quick lesson or two, those bags were sorted into a "good, a bad, and a really nasty" buckets. Grandfather would bark commands at the 4 or 5 grandchildren who were old enough to sort and prepare the stored seed potatoes for planting. "Don't break the new shoots", and "Here...hold the knife this way." repeatedly echoed in the shed. Fumbling with the buck knives, we learned how to cut the larger potatoes into cubes without snapping off the "eyes". When what seemed to be mountains of potatoes were sorted, the buckets of readied roots were allowed to harden, and planting would officially start. The small plow hind the John Deere to pre-potato planter was greased loving hands just before it first furrow.



As a small child, my recollection that the eye side of the potato was covered with four inches of soil. Almost 35 years later, my sons have a different definition of a garden. Their potato patch is much smaller, but the experience is similar. The soil is turned once by hand, and then tilled with the walk behind gas tiller. Furrows or cut with a triangular hoe, and potatoes placed, eye-side up. We mark the day of planting as Good Friday, weather permitting. The success of the day's work is celebrated with the first stems and leaves emerge from the earth. If the learning experience and sense of accomplishment of that day could be carried to the internet with a "like" and "share" button, it would be.

responsibility was to make sure the potato was upright before it was planted in soil. Almost 35 years later, my son's definition of a garden. Their potato

The Goddard Park Community Garden is a perfect place to start, or continue, your interest in gardening, nurturing your skills, and creating new memories for your family to carry to the next generation is rewarding on so many levels. The physical and mental exercise is great. Gardening at Goddard can be a positive family experience that does not require batteries. The time spent together can 'sow seeds' of pride, and accomplishment. The harvested vegetables or flowers can garnish your table, or someone else's, but the memories would be all yours.

The Friends at Goddard Park and the London Grove Parks and recreation Board would like to invite you to try your hand at gardening. Your family may reserve a plot for the 2017 growing season, and begin making plans for the season by emailing the Suzanne Sylvina at ssylvina@londongrove.org or by calling 610-345-0100 for more details.

Soils will be tilled and ready for planting by Good Friday.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY NEWS

Article by Karen Linaweaver

Spring is here! LGTMA customers, who are serviced by public water and sewer, please be advised that the sewer portion of your bill is calculated by your water consumption. Any additional water used during the warm weather months such as watering your lawns, washing your cars, filling your swimming pools, watering flowers and gardening, etc. will be calculated in the sewer portion of your quarterly bill.



London Grove Township Municipal Authority continues to grow with new customers every billing quarter. Periodically, we inform our customers that the water/sewer bills are mailed each year in January, April, July, and October by the 15th of the month. The water and sewer bills are a bright yellow postcard. The past due notices are a bright pink postcard which are mailed out after 30 days of non-payment. Please visit www.londongrove.org, "Online Payments" section to view your account balances or to make an online payment at any time. There is a convenience fee to pay your bill online.

It is the time of year when the grass starts growing, please weed around any fire hydrants on or near your property. The fire companies greatly appreciate your assistance in keeping the fire hydrants clearly visible in the event of a fire. Thank you.



The Municipal Authority meets the 1st Monday of the month and *welcomes* the public. For any other information, please feel free to contact the Municipal Authority Office at 610-345-0300.

LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD VACANCIES

The London Grove Township Board of Supervisors are seeking motivated individuals that would like to give back to the community. London Grove Township has several openings on various Boards and Committees. Openings include;

- ◆ Board of Auditors
- ◆ Board of Appeals
- ◆ Planning Commission
- ◆ Environmental Advisory Committee
- ◆ Historical Committee
- ◆ Open Space Committee.

If you are interested please sent a letter of interest to Ken Battin, Township Manager, at kbattin@londongrove.org or 372 Rosehill Road, Suite 100, West Grove, Pennsylvania 19390.



American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter

The American Red Cross is recognizing the country's everyday heroes during Red Cross Month.

March has been recognized as Red Cross Month for more than 70 years. All of our presidents have designated March as Red Cross Month to recognize how the American Red Cross helps people across the country and around the world.

The Red Cross depends on local heroes to fulfill its mission. Every eight minutes, Red Cross disaster workers respond to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families at home and around the world. It must collect nearly 14,000 donations of blood every day to meet patient needs. It trains millions of people in first aid, water safety, and other lifesaving skills. And it supports the vaccination of children around the globe against measles and rubella.

In the fiscal year 2016, the Tri-County Chapter, which covers Berks, Chester, and Schuylkill counties, responded to 119 local emergencies. It also assisted military families more than 450 times through its Service to the Armed Forces program.



It's easy to become a Red Cross community hero. Be ready for an emergency by creating a preparedness plan for your home. Test your smoke detectors and tell your neighbors to do the same. You can sign up to be a Red Cross volunteer or make a financial donation.

More information about how people can support the organization is available on RedCross.org. The Red Cross is not a government agency and relies on donations of time, money and blood to do its work. An average of 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs.

For more information on how to become a Red Cross volunteer, visit redcross.org or email Ned Bloom at Ned.Bloom@redcross.org.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzro-jaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

Message from Chuck Freese, London Grove Township's Emergency Management Coordinator:

On New Year's Eve, texting by phone was jammed due to everyone passing along greetings for the New Year. It took several hours for the system to clear and return to normal. In your personal preparedness, never lose sight of what can happen to the cellular network when everyone attempts to use it at the same time. The very same thing can happen during area emergencies. If you have any questions regarding preparing for emergencies, please feel free to email me at emcwg05@verizon.net and I'll be happy to help !

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT at Goddard Park

Article By: Eric Schott, Chairman, Park & Recreation Board



Eagle Scout projects have been such a positive for London Grove Township over the years and most recently at Goddard Park. Even before the park opened in 2009 scout projects have been a mainstay because

we had scouting help in plotting and blazing trails. This was courtesy of Mike Simasek in Troop 191.

Since that early initiative we have had projects such as a new roof on the spring house and further trail construction and mapping. Most recently, two scouts from Troop 191 in Avondale have completed their Eagle projects and I am sure that regular attendees to the park have taken notice.

Last fall, Connor Smith, along with his fellow scouts and parents, built two sections of boardwalk on the Gouge Trail. This trail always had a problem with runoff water and sometimes becomes almost impassable. Thanks to Connor's work the path will be used year round.

Following closely on Connor's work, was another Eagle aspirant, Zack Aman. His proposal was to extend access south in Goddard Park. He built a bridge and blazed a path to the southernmost reaches of the park on the eastern side of the middle branch of the White Clay Creek. He too had the help from his fellow scouts, friends and parents.

London Grove Board owes a debt of gratitude to these two scouts who put in hours of planning, fund raising and work on these initiatives. The township is very supportive of these efforts and

welcomes anyone, scout or not, with a park improvement idea to approach the Park and Recreation Board (PRB).

This year the PRB is going to have two community volunteer park days: April 22nd and October 21st. On these two Saturdays we would like to encourage all park users to come get involved with some aspect of Goddard Park. We need help with the front flower bed, the trees, trails and parking lot shrub beds. The idea is to work from 9:00-11:30. The township will supply all materials, we just need some of your time and expertise. Signs will be posted as we approach the two dates and there will be more information on the township website.

The Park and Recreation Board is also looking for someone to give some time and energy on the board. Diana Werner has recently announced that she is retiring from her duties. She has done a terrific job helping to engineer a trail audit, budgetary initiatives, meeting minutes and countless hours physically working at the park while drafting her entire extended family to do likewise. We thank Diana for devotion to the park and township and encourage park residents to contact the township office if you are interested in being appointed to the board.

Lastly, we will once again celebrate Arbor Day with a short ceremony and tree planting. This year we will be dedicating the tree to the local Lion's Club who will be donating a tree in honor of departed members.



Avon Grove Library Plans Spring Programming For All Ages and Interests

From daily storytimes, monthly Books and Breakfasts, and STEAM-based events for children and their families, to a Teen Service Club, ACT and SAT practice exams, as well as, a book club and crafting sessions for adults, Avon Grove Library offers many opportunities for learning and enjoyment this spring.

Children's and Family Programs:

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, along with their caregivers, can attend free **storytimes** held every day at the library. Most are themed for certain age groups, but older and younger siblings are always welcome. No registration is necessary.

- ◆ **Toddler Storytimes** are held every Tuesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Preschool Storytimes** are held every Monday at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., Thursday at 10 a.m. and Friday at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Avon Grove Library partners with Starbucks Coffee in Jennersville to offer a weekly **Storytime at Starbucks** every Thursday at 1 p.m.
- ◆ The Winter/Spring 2017 **Books and Breakfast** series of free programs (no registration) will include:
 - * On Saturday, March 11 at 10 a.m. families can celebrate **Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!** with books by this beloved author, colorful crafts and breakfast.
 - * Families will **Welcome Spring!** on Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. with fun stories, an opportunity to create themed crafts, and breakfast.
 - * Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. is a great day for families to **Celebrate our Feathered Friends** with storied, crafts and a delicious breakfast.
- ◆ Children age 3 to 5 and their caregivers will learn the skills needed for success in Kindergarten during **Play K** at your local library on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Participants will enjoy innovative play-based learning. This is a free program with no registration needed.
- ◆ **Lego Club** and **Lego Block Party** are free, open to all ages, and need no registration. Lego Club is held the first and third Thursday of each month 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Lego Block Party is held the fourth Saturday of each month 1-2 p.m. Legos, Duplos or MegaBlocks are provided.
- ◆ On the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. visitors can build setups with tracks, buildings and accessories using the library's collection of **GeoTrax Trains**. This is a free program with no registration necessary.
- ◆ On the third Saturday of each month at 1 p.m., **Super Science** enables children in kindergarten through fifth grade to experience a variety of STEM-based activities. See library website for list of topics. The program is free, but registration is limited to 15 participants.
- ◆ Fans of American Girl Dolls can attend "**Molly's Birthday Party**" an Avon Grove Girls event on Friday, April 28 at 4-6 p.m. Enjoy fun games and crafts, readings from the American Girl series books, delicious snacks and more.
- ◆ Families will gather at the library for an **Egg Dye** on Tuesday evening, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. to create colorful eggs. Participants will supply their own hard-boiled eggs for this free program. No registration needed and all ages are welcome.
- ◆ Homeschoolers in grades 4 to 6 and their caregivers can meet at the library the third Thursday of each

month at noon to 1:30pm for **Cooks Among Books**. Each program allows participants to discuss an assigned book and make a tasty snack related to the story. Attendees are asked to bring a bagged lunch. Registration is necessary for this free program.

- ◆ **Lunch Bunch Book Club** enables first to third graders to read, complete assignments and discuss their favorite books with others. Held on the first Thursday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m., this free program requires registration. Attendees are asked to bring a bagged lunch.

- ◆ **Cook the Books**, held the first Wednesday of the month (February 1, March 1 and April 5) at 6 p.m. is an invitation for families with school age children to discover and prepare healthy, tasty plant-based treats using cookbooks from the library's collection. Each month is a different theme including February (Snack Attack!), March (Break the Fast!) and April (Lunchbox Treats!) Participants will enjoy sample tastings. For children grades 4 to 12 and a caregiver. Program is free but requires registration.

Children can enjoy their day off from school with a series of special library programs this spring. All of these programs are free and do not require registration.

- ◆ On Friday, March 10 at 2-4 p.m. **Family Game Days**, opportunities to use library's toys and board games with family and friends, will be held. Two more Family Game Days will be offered on Tuesday, April 11 and Wednesday April 12 at 1-3 p.m.

- ◆ **Make It, Take It Crafts**, drop in crafting for families, will be held on Monday, April 10 and Friday, April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.

- ◆ Using STEAM based ideas, participants can take part in an **Egg Drop** on Thursday, April 13 at 2 p.m. Attendees will be challenged to create packages to safely drop an egg from a distance of six feet.

Teen Programs:

Tweens and teens entering sixth through twelfth grade can participate in specially created activities and have the opportunity to accrue service hours by volunteering to help at children's and family programs. Highlights include the following.

- ◆ Avon Grove Library will host "The Princeton Review" free **ACT and SAT Test Prep** sessions in March and April. Registration is necessary. Please refer to the library's website for details.

- ◆ The **Teen Service Club** meets every Tuesday 3:30-5:00 p.m. Teens can accrue volunteer service hours by preparing storytime crafts, helping out at family programs, and participating in other activities to benefit the library. No registration is needed.

Adult Programs:

- ◆ Avon Grove Library's **Book Club for Adults** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Participants vote on the titles chosen to read, gathering monthly for lively conversation and snacks. No registration is necessary for this free program.

- ◆ **Craft and Create for Adults** meets the first and second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Participants bring their own favorite project (painting, sewing, scrapbooking etc.) and enjoy the company of other adults while crafting. No registration is necessary for this free program. For adults 18 and over.

- ◆ Adults can make a festive **Fabric Wreath** to welcome spring on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own fabric, wreath frames available for purchase. See the library's website for details. Registration is necessary and limited to 10 participants.

Area residents can learn more about storytimes, classes and programs at www.avongrovelibrary.org, which is updated frequently with new programs and details.



RECYCLING CORNER

Article by Suzanne Sylvina, Recycling Coordinator

RECYCLE UNWANTED DVDs & CDs

Spring is in the air! It's time for that dreaded spring cleaning. If you find DVDs and CDs that you no longer want or need, DON'T throw them away. Recycle them! Bring them to the Township building and place in the box in our lobby marked RECYCLE/ DVDs & CDs. London Grove Township will send them to the CD Recycling Center of America so they will be recycled properly.



CDs contain a number of recyclable materials, including polycarbonate, aluminum, lacquer and gold. When they are properly recycled, these materials can be reutilized to make new items. Recycling saves mining virgin materials as well as reducing the use of natural resources like water, natural gas, and oil that are needed to process those virgin materials.

Please recycle unwanted DVDs & CDs. Help stop unnecessary pollution, conserve natural resources, and help slow global warming. Spread the word and help us save the world we all live in.



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