



# London Grove Gazette

Spring 2019 Newsletter

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

London Grove Township is Making a Difference!

The London Grove Board of Supervisors are tasked to ensure that your health and safety are protected. We lay out a strategy, and ultimately, we look to each citizen to help carry out the tactics of the plan. Without your support and participation, our strategy to maintain the health and safety of the Township would be at jeopardy. With that said, we are making tremendous strides in maintaining and improving our Township, and the Board of Supervisors would like to thank each one of you living in our community who make a difference.

Couple of big strides for our community recently...

**Sustainability:** You are doing great, but we can always do more. Our township is committed to sorting refuse for the benefits of more effective landfill composting and non-decomposing recycling. Did you know that the Chester County Landfill harvests enough natural gas from our landfill to have the potential to power up to 3000 homes every year!

**Recycling:** This is something that I have talked about in past newsletters. Please.... Be the change you want to see in others. This can be as simple as helping pick up trash on your property or common areas in neighborhoods. A glass bottle can take up to 1,000,000 years to completely break-down (that is not a typo). Pick it up and let's recycle! Regarding personal trash collection, our regional landfill has made tremendous improvements in their recycling and sorting capabilities. So please, take the time to sort your personal garbage and recycling waste streams.

**Water Quality:** Our regional year-over-year reports have shown that our water quality meets or exceeds government standards of health and safety. On a positive note we have seen a small decline on allowable synthetic organic chemicals typically associated with herbicide runoff. Although a modest improvement, big changes only happen with small steps and the cooperation from our farmers.

**Air Quality:** This is a topic that has been talked about in the past and will continue to be talked about going forward. We all understand the some of the undesirable aspects associated with the composting industry in and around London Grove Township. One of the most talked about aspect is the odor emission. Several years ago, the Township concluded an air analysis study, and made the conclusion, that although obnoxious at times, it did not pose a health risk. Recently, we have had some more complaints from our citizens that will prompt another and more expansive evaluation of the air quality in and around the composting areas. Until we initiate, complete and report our findings to the public, I would encourage anyone who has an odor complaint to fill out the form on the Township's website. Those complaints go directly to the state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) agency.

Thanks for taking the extra time to keep our environment clean and healthy and let's continue to keep London Grove Township a great place to live!

If you have any comments regarding this article, feel free to email me directly at

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**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.

**Parks and 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 7:00 p.m.

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



# News From The Code Department

## By Dawn Maciejczyk

Spring is almost here! It's time to get started on all those building projects that you thought about during the Winter months. Building permits are required to construct, enlarge, alter or demolish a building; including replacement of electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems. Zoning permits are required to install sheds under 200 square feet and to erect fences. The Code Department issues various types of permits, please refer to the Township website Code Department page or contact the Code Department to discuss the type of permit that is required for your project. Mr. Latta White, Building Code Official, Mr. Robert Weer, Fire Marshal, Assistant Code Official and Ms. Lois Zunino, Codes Administrative Assistant will be able to walk you through the process and help



you to identify the permit that you need. Also, keep in mind that ordinary repairs to structures do not require a building permit; however, these repairs are required to meet the Code. London Grove Township adopted the 2009 International Building Code as well as the October 9, 2018 London Grove Township Zoning Ordinance, both which set forth the requirements for permits. The Code Official has 15 business days to complete the review process of the permit. If the permit is incomplete when received the 15 day clock will begin after all information is received and the application is complete.

Mr. Latta White,  
Building Code Official  
610-345-0100



### TRASH AND RECYCLING DAY AT SOUTHEASTERN CHESTER COUNTY REFUSE AUTHORITY (SECCRA) BY DAWN MACIEJCZYK



This is a **free** event 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, May 18, 2019

from 1-4 p.m. **SHARP**. Recycling occurs at SECCRA throughout the year, fees could apply. For more information please visit our website at <https://www.londongrove.org/recycling-waste-program/recycling-events-information/>

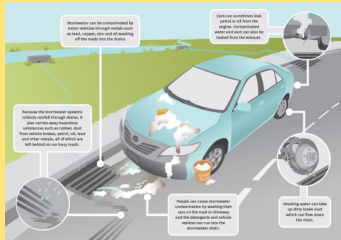


**PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS  
BY ERIC SCHOTT**

**HAPPY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY GODDARD PARK**

**MS4 Tip:**

When your car is leaking oil on the street, remember it's not just leaking oil on the street! Leaking oil goes from car to street, and is washed from the street into the storm drain and into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters. Now imagine the number of cars in the area and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its way from leaky gaskets into our water. So please, fix oil leaks!



**TOWNSHIP INFORMATION EMAILED TO YOUR INBOX**

Log on to [www.londongrove.org](http://www.londongrove.org) and click on the "Notify Me" tab to sign up and receive text or email notifications for the latest Township Documents and publications.

Information Available (Click any or all):

- ◆ Calendar of events
- ◆ Goddard Park
- ◆ Agendas and Minutes
- ◆ Newsletters
- ◆ Recycling
- ◆ And many more

The Parks and Recreation Board is looking at ways to improve the park. The 120-acre park has gone through two phases of development and while there is no official, planned third phase the Board is hoping to add to the park experience. Last spring, the Township conducted a two week survey in which residents were able to express their opinion regarding Goddard Park. From that survey, the Park and Recreation Board, created a list of projects that they are presenting to the Board of Supervisors. The list includes the following:

- Open Space and Natural Resource Protection-Pond Reclamation, Rain Garden Maintenance
- Trail Expansion and Improvement-Paving, Boardwalks
- Signage Within- Park Educational and Informational
- Parking Lot Expansion and Improvement
- Playground for Younger Children
- Multi Purpose Playing Field, Volleyball Court
- Amenities-Benches, Outdoor Grills.

The above categories will be further finalized over the coming months with guidance provided by Park Consultants, Residents and the Board of Supervisors (BOS). On February 28th, the BOS hosted a meeting for all Township Boards and Commissions to create a strategic plan for the future, the Park and Township walking trails was certainly part of this discussion.

Township residents are also encouraged to attend the monthly Parks and Recreation Board meetings to provide input and help us finalize our park plan. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the

Township Building. The Parks and Recreation Board welcomes two new members: Dominique Boddorff and Laura Miller.

Frequent park visitors will notice some improvements to the park.



On the morning of February 16th, the Parks and Recreation Board along with local resident volunteers, worked on the trees around the pond;

trimming and stake removal were the order of the day. You will also notice, a new cover on our oldest bridge that connects the trail at the pond. Much thanks to Mr. Shane Kinsey, Public Works Director and the Public Works Crew for a safer, smoother walking surface. Thanks also to resident John Bickhart for his water bar work on several trails. With record setting rainfall this year, many of the trails became almost impassable and John's solo work has been a big help.



Just a reminder that beds will be available this Spring! Either call the Township Office (610-345-0100) or look on the website [www.londongrove.org](http://www.londongrove.org) for more information about renting a site. Also, if there are any scouts in need of Eagle Projects we have a long list of needs that qualify for this endeavor.



# Municipal Authority News

By: Karen Linaweaver



London Grove Township needs volunteers for various Boards and Commissions.

Periodically the Township invites residents to volunteer their time on the various boards and commissions that service the community. Please see below the available opportunities to volunteer. This is your time to give back to your community. The Township appreciates your service!

If you would like more information on the Boards and Commissions that have vacancies please contact the Township at 610-345-0100.

**Board of Auditors**  
3 Vacancies

**Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals**

2 Vacancies for alternates

**Inniscrone Golf Course Advisory Committee**

2 Vacancies

**Environmental Advisory Committee**

4 Vacancies

**Open Space Committee**

2 Vacancies

**Vacancy Board**

1 Vacancy



The Municipal Authority has a vacancy to fill an unexpired term from 1/1/17 -12/31/21. Meetings are the first Monday of each month. The London Grove Township Municipal Authority (LGTMA) consists of a 5-member board. They are an autonomous Board whose members are appointed by the London Grove Township Board of Supervisors. Each member serves a five-year term and must be a resident of London Grove Township. For more information go to [www.londongrove.org](http://www.londongrove.org); Left side bar: Public Water and Sewer. Thank you.



London Grove Municipal Authority has an active Fats, Oils and Grease (F.O.G.) Program that monitors commercial and industrial establishments on a regular basis. Residential homeowners should be aware of F.O.G. and make a concerted effort to eliminate these substances from going into your sinks, toilets and drains. F.O.G. can ultimately create blockages in your privately-owned sewer pipes and in the public sewer system. Costs to repair and remove F.O.G. from sewer lines are very expensive. Please do your part to keep F.O.G. out of the sewer system. Thank you.

What Not to Flush Down the Toilet?

Flush only human waste and toilet paper down the toilet – avoid flushing dental floss, cat litter (including “flushable” varieties), hair, Kleenex, cigarette butts, cotton swabs, feminine hygiene products, condoms, paper towels,

static cling sheets, diapers, plastics, and disposable wipes.

What Not to Pour Down your Drain?

Many materials that are poured down the drain do not readily decompose and cause problems at the treatment plant. Several examples include bones, eggshells and coffee grounds. Do not pour grease, fats, and oils down the drain. These tend to collect in the collection system, cause backups and must be manually removed. Chemicals, pesticides, paints and paint thinners can cause problems with biological treatment process at the plant.



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Please feel free to visit our website at [www.londongrove.org](http://www.londongrove.org) and view the Municipal Authority menu for more information.

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It's becoming the time of year for backyard bar-b-ques and outdoor fun! Sure, you may know how to mow your yard so it looks like a professional baseball outfield, but do you know how to mow it safely?

1. **Wear the Proper Footwear**– Sandals are not proper footwear for mowing the lawn, and it's not because a spinning blade couldn't slash through a leather shoe or boot, because it could. The reason sandals are a poor choice is that they're less stable, and a trip, slip or stumble could cause you to come in contact with moving or hot parts. Sandals also increase the odds of pinching or stubbing a toe when mounting a riding mower or zero-turn mower.
2. **Watch Out for Kids**– Driving or pushing a mower around the yard is not the place for young children to show their parents how well they can "help." Keep toddlers inside when mowing, and don't let kids under 12 operate a push mower or kids under 16 run a rider. Avoid the temptation of giving your grandson a spin around the yard. Lawn tractors and zero-turn mowers are designed for one person only.
3. **Avoid Yard Missiles**– If you prefer non-shattered windows on your home and neighbor's car, then please pick up stones, branches, toys, sprinklers and other items before you start mowing. If you do miss something and notice it while you're mowing, don't wait until you mow over to the spot. Pick it up right away. You may forget or be daydreaming when you do get there, and then BAM! Yard Missile.
4. **Don't Mow Gravel**– Never cross over a gravel driveway with the blades engaged. If you live on a gravel road, mow the grass near the gravel only when there are no cars or pedestrians passing by. Launching rocks at your neighbors is not a good way to build relationships.
5. **Don't Pull Backwards**– Whenever possible, try not to pull a lawn mower toward you. If you slip, you could end up pulling the mower right on top of you. This is a real hazard, and there are a bunch of gruesome images online that can serve as a powerful reminder.
6. **Ditch the Key**– Lawn mowers look like a big toy to kids. They love to sit on them and pretend they're really driving, which makes for a precious photo opportunity. It's not so adorable when you forget to remove the key and little Johnny is suddenly cruising down the lane. Some new mowers have a new keyless ignition system that allows the mower to be started with a simple code rather than a key.
7. **Remove The Spark Plug Before Changing Blades**– It sounds goofy, but always remove the spark plug when working on the blades. If the piston happens to be at the top of the compression stroke, a little bump to the blade might force the piston over the "hump" and into the power stroke. This could cause the blade to lurch forward, possibly whacking your hand in the process!
8. **Mind The Hills**– Most riding lawn mowers are more likely to tip over sideways than forward or back, so mow up and down the hill. Mow hills side to side with push mowers. This way, if you do slip, you won't fall toward the mower or have the mower roll back at you. Also, mowing wet grass on hills increases your chance of having an accident no matter which type of machine you're using.
9. **Wear Hearing Protection**– According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, listening to sounds over 85 decibels for extended time periods can cause hearing damage. Lawn mowers can produce more than 100 decibels.
10. **Keep Clear of Moving Blades**– If the blades are spinning, don't unclog the chute, adjust the wheel height, inspect the blades or do anything that would bring your appendages in harm's way. The reasons are pretty obvious. Never disable the kill switch or tie down the safety lever.

Don't forget when cutting your grass please be courteous and respectful of your Township and your neighbors. Blow your grass clippings back into your yard instead of into the streets and storm drains.

# Message From The Fire Marshal

## By: Dawn Maciejczyk

### Spring Cleaning? Remember These Fire Safety Tips!

After being stuck inside for this very wet winter, spring cleaning gives you an opportunity to get your home in order. This also gives you a chance to focus on some tasks that improve the safety of your home.

Fires can occur when you least expect, but by reviewing some safety guidelines you can help prevent them.

#### ◇ Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Replace smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries and test each unit once a month by pushing the test button. Gently dust and clean your alarms.



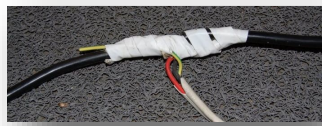
#### ◇ Kitchen

- Keep countertops and stovetops free of grease and clutter. Excess grease on the drip pan or stovetop can easily catch fire. Clean oil and food spills immediately after they occur and wait until the stove is cool to wipe off oil or grease spills. Keep items that can easily catch fire, such as oven mitts, towels or wooden utensils, in drawers away from your stovetop.



#### ◇ Electrical Cords

- Inspect all electrical cords in your home. Replace any that are worn or tattered. Avoid running cords under carpets or across doorways to prevent them from being damaged. Use extension cords only temporarily and plug major appliances directly into wall sockets.



#### ◇ Clothes Dryers

- Excess lint in the dryer is the number one cause of clothes dryer fires. Clean the lint that has collected



around the drum before or after each load of laundry. Always use a lint filter and clean it regularly. More combustible items like boxes and clothing around your dryer to a safer place.

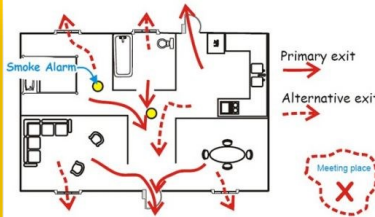
#### ◇ Grilling

- Clean the grease or fat build up after every use. Doing so not only decreases the risk of fire, but also helps your food cook better. Check the propane tank, hose, and all connection points for leaks. If you smell gas when the grill is on, turn off the tank and burners immediately. If you have a charcoal grill, use only charcoal starter fluid.



#### ◇ Escape Plan

-You should have an escape plan in case of a fire or other disasters. Update your escape plan every Spring. This plan should include a map of each level of the home with two escape routes in each room. Discuss and practice the plan with everyone in the household, including children. Don't forget to add your pets to the plan.



Mr. Robert Weer,  
Fire Marshal/ Emergency  
Management Coordinator  
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# Community Risk Reduction Program By: Dawn Maciejczyk

## Fighting the Opioid Epidemic Through Awareness and Education

Opioid abuse is a dangerous worldwide epidemic that continues to grow. According to the World Drug Report 2017, about 29.5 million people— or .6% of the global adult population suffered from drug use disorders in 2015. Opioids were the most harmful drug type during that period, accounting for 70% of the negative health impact associated with drug use disorders. The epidemic, which has cost healthcare systems millions, has made its deepest inroads in the U.S. more than 115 Americans die daily after overdosing on opioids. Meanwhile more than 11 million people in the U.S. misused prescription opioids in 2016, says the New England Journal of Medicine. The U.S. government now considers the opioid crisis a public health emergency.

Below are four of the programs that aim to address the opioid epidemic.

1. **Overdose Lifeline**, an Indiana-based nonprofit, offers the “This is (not) about drugs” program ([www.overdose-lifeline.org/opioid-heroin-prevention-education-program.html](http://www.overdose-lifeline.org/opioid-heroin-prevention-education-program.html)) for students. This one of a kind educational program addresses the opioid health crisis specifically. The program has 150+ delivery partners and has reached 24,000 students in Indiana and 15 other states.



2. **South Central PA Opioid Awareness Coalition** offers a united front in the war against opioid and heroin abuse. It brings together health systems; hospitals and medical centers; dental and behavioral health providers; pharma-

cists; and healthcare professionals associates to fight the opioid epidemic together.



3. In 2016, **Cigna** committed to reducing opioid abuse among its costumers by 25% within 3 years. It has numerous initiatives underway to identify and help drive solutions to the opioid epidemic.



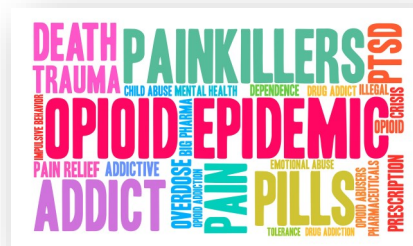
Cigna also supports adoption of the National Pain Management Strategy and the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Opioid Prescribing Guidelines.

4. **Christiana Care Health System, Delaware, offers Project Engage** ([www.aha.org/news/headline/2017-08-16-project-engage-seizes-reachable-moment-treat-substance-use-disorder](http://www.aha.org/news/headline/2017-08-16-project-engage-seizes-reachable-moment-treat-substance-use-disorder)) an early intervention and referral program. It helps hospital patients struggling with substance abuse including opioid misuse. Of the approximately 1,500 patients with substance use disorder offered help through the program, about 30% accepted treatment. Virtually no patients accepted help before Project Engage.

**Project Engage**

- Targeting hospitalized substance users
- Bedside Peer-to-peer intervention using Motivational Interviewing
- Addictions Community Social Worker
- Assistance with barriers to transition to care
- Help with integration into the hospital milieu

The opioid crisis isn’t a public health nuisance; it’s a dangerous full-blown epidemic that doesn’t discriminate. It can affect people from all walks of life and any age.





# Avon Grove Library

## Avon Grove Library Plans Spring Programs for All Ages and Interests

Children's and Family Programs (unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require no registration):

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, along with their caregivers, can attend **Storytime's** held every weekday at the library. Most are themed for certain age groups, but older and younger siblings are always welcome. No registration or fees are necessary except for the Treetops Kitty Café Storytime.

**Toddler Storytime's** are held every Tuesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

**Preschool Storytime's** are held every Monday at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and Friday at 10 a.m.

**Bilingual Storytime** is held Thursdays at 10 a.m. Participants will have the opportunity to hear stories and songs in both English and Spanish. The session also includes a craft and open playtime. This Storytime is open to all ages and no previous experience with Spanish or English is necessary.

Avon Grove Library partners with Starbucks Coffee in Jennersville to offer a weekly **Storytime at Starbucks**, held every Thursday at 1 p.m.

**Pets and Friends Storytime**, a partnership with the Pets and Friends store in Jennersville, is held the first and third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. in the store.

**Storytime at Treetops Kitty Café** is held the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. and includes stories, crafts and playtime fun with the cats who are up for adoption. Kitty Café is located at 305 State Street, Kennett Square. Registration and a fee are required. To register and for more information, visit [www.treetopskittycafe.com](http://www.treetopskittycafe.com).

**Big Yellow Mug Storytime** will be held in the coffeehouse at the Christian Life Center located at 125 Saginaw Rd, Lincoln University, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

**Books and Breakfast** continues on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. with season-themed stories, crafts and a pancake breakfast. All ages are welcome to this lively family-friendly event.

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**. Children of all ages are welcome.

On the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon, slots are available for a 10-minute session reading aloud to Cooper or Wesley, the library's **Paws for Reading** canine partners. All ages are welcome. Registration is necessary for this free program.

**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, Duplo's and/or Mega Blocks are provided.

**Cliffhangers Club** for 6- to 9-year-olds will begin weekly in April. A librarian will read aloud from a chapter book over a series of weeks, start to finish, with plenty of "cliffhangers" in between. At the finish of each book, there will be an activity themed to the book.

**Longwood Reads** will take place on Saturday, April 20. There will be two different readings of this year's Longwood Community Read children's books selections at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., followed by eco-friendly crafts.

At 10 a.m., a librarian will read *The Reason for a Flower* by Ruth Heller and other Earth Day-themed books aloud. Attendees will learn about seeds, pollen, the parts of a flower and how plants help the environment. This program is designed for families and all ages.

At 1 p.m., a librarian will read *Seedfolks*. Attendees will learn how the simple act of a 9-year-old girl planting lima bean seeds sparked stories from individuals of various ethnic backgrounds, cultures and ages to come together to create a community garden. This program is for families and children grades 3 and up.

Children can leave their stuffed animals at the library for a **Teddy Bear Sleepover**. Participants can drop off their animals anytime on Friday, March 22, and return at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, to make crafts, share a breakfast, and find out what kind of fun their animals had the night before.

**Bilingual Family Night** will be held on March 29 from 6 - 8 p.m. More details will be posted on [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) as they become available.

Family Spring Break Fun: Avon Grove schools will be closed various days this spring. Area children can enjoy their days off from school with a series of special library programs. No registration is necessary for these free programs, except where otherwise noted. On Monday April 1 from 1 - 2 p.m., all ages can play **Candy Bar Bingo** and other games for chances to win candy and other treats. **School Age Escape Room** will be held on Monday April 15 from 4 - 5 p.m. More details will be posted on [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) as they become available.

Using STEAM-based ideas, participants can take part in an **Egg Drop** Tuesday, April 16 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Attendees will be challenged to create packages to safely drop an egg from a dis-

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tance of six feet.

**Make It, Take It Crafts** (drop-in crafting for families) will be held Wednesday April 17 and Friday April 19, 1-3 p.m. Attendees can choose from a variety of crafts to make.

Families can bring their own hard-boiled eggs to dye and also enjoy themed stories and crafts on Wednesday April 17, 6-7 p.m. during **Egg Dye**.

**Franken Toy!** will be held on Thursday April 18 from 1 – 3 p.m. Using materials provided by the library, participants will take apart old toys and glue, sew, and more to make a whole “new” toy.

Racers of all ages are invited to join the **Mario Kart Race** on Thursday, April 18, 5 – 7 p.m. Attendees will compete in the classic Wii game, *Mario Kart*.

Teen Programs (unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require no registration).

The **Teen Service Club** meets every Tuesday 3:30-5 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.

The Princeton Review and Avon Grove Library are sponsoring a free **ACT Practice Test** on Saturday March 16, 1-4:30 p.m. and a free **SAT Practice Test** on Saturday March 30, 1-4:30 p.m. Participants can register using the link on [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) under Teen Programs. Pre-registration is required to participate, and each test must be registered for separately. *Limited seating is available.* Registration forms will be used only for the purpose of registration, not for any solicitation. Avon Grove Library does not hereby endorse or promote The Princeton Review.

Teen Spring Break Fun: Avon Grove schools will be closed various days this spring. Area teens can enjoy their days off from school with a series of special library programs.

On Friday, April 19, 6-7:30 p.m., 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders will search for candy-filled treats during an **Egg Hunt** in the library after hours.

**Teen Escape Room** will be held on Monday April 15 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. More details will be posted on [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) as they become available.

Adult Programs (unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require no registration).

Avon Grove Library is partnering with the Chester County Health Department to host a **Lyme Disease Prevention** program on Thursday March 7 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Attendees will learn prevention tips, how to choose a repellent, signs/symptoms of Lyme and what to do if bitten by a deer tick. A Lyme disease book, tick lifter and tick identification card will be included.

**Plant-Based Cooking Demo** will be held on Wednesday April 10 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. More details will be posted on [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) as they become available.

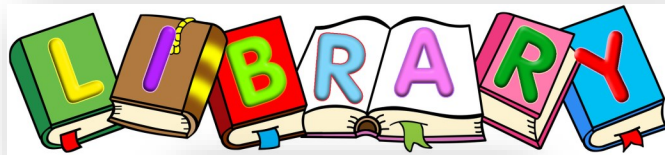
**The Music of Star Wars** will be held on Saturday May 19 from 2 – 3 p.m. More details will be posted on [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) as they become available.

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 to read and gather monthly for lively conversation. Each month’s title will be posted on [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org).

The **Young Adult Book Club for Adults** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Participants 18 years and older read a book from the YA genre and discuss it with their fellow Young Adults at heart. Each month’s title will be posted on [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org).

**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.

**Sit and Knit** will be held on the first and third Monday of each month, 3 – 4:30 p.m. Participants of any experience level can bring a project they are working on to learn tips and share ideas with other knitters. This program is also intended for crochet and embroidery crafters. All adults and children accompanied by an adult are welcome.





LICENSE YOUR DOG.

**2019 PENNSYLVANIA DOG LICENSE TOOLKIT!**

**BY: MEGAN HORST**

**REGION 7 DOG LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPERVISOR  
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF DOG LAW ENFORCEMENT**



LICENSE YOUR DOG.

Don't let this be your dog in a shelter. Licensing your dog is the best way to bring them home should they get lost. 2019 dog licenses are now available!

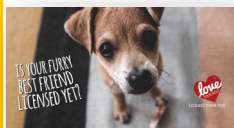


The look you get when your dog finds out you still didn't get their 2019 license...

Protect your family from the hurt of a lost dog. A dog license dramatically increases your chances

of getting them back if they go missing.

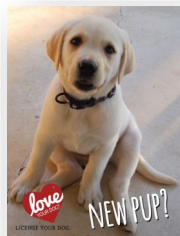
Licensing your dog: it's part of being a responsible pet owner. Do it for them, do it for every dog in PA. Having a dog license is the best way to bring them home if they get lost. And the cost of your dog license allows



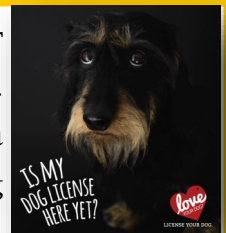
the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement to crack down on illegal kennels, investigate dog bites, and ensure dangerous dogs are not roaming the streets.

Checklist for a new puppy:

- ⇒ Toys
- ⇒ Bed
- ⇒ Food and Treats
- ⇒ Collar and Leash
- ⇒ Visit to the Vet
- ⇒ Dog License!



All dogs three months and older are required to have a dog license. If that precious pup is ever lost, a license is the best way to bring them home.



Your dog is patiently waiting. Get their 2019 license today!



If you've moved, your dog's license needs transferred to your new county. Be sure to contact both your old and new

county treasurer so that your dog can be properly tracked and returned home if lost!

An up-to-date dog license is a ticket home for a lost dog. Set your dog's mind, and your own, at ease.

Get your 2019 license now!



Pet owners are responsible for caring for their four-legged friends and assuring their pets

do not affect others negatively. In addition to finding a way home for lost dogs, dollars spent on a license allow the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement to

protect dogs in kennels, keep track of dangerous dog and investigate reports from Pennsylvanians. License your dog. It's a simple

thing to do. It's the right thing to do. For a complete list of outside dog license agents please call the



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**#LoveYourDogLicenseYourDog**



# Blood Drive

Save a life. Eat a cookie.  
(That's a good day.)

## LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

**London Grove Township Building**

Log on for helpful tips and to reserve your appointment time.

[www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation](http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation)

Or call Dawn Maciejczyk at the Township Building

London Grove Township Building

372 Rose Hill Road, Suite 100

West Grove, PA 19390

610-345-0100

Search by sponsor code: **londongrove** to schedule an appointment.

For Donor Eligibility Guidelines: Call **1-800-REDCROSS**

\*\*\*Please contact [tedra.farrell@redcross.org](mailto:tedra.farrell@redcross.org) if you experience issues.\*\*\*



### RECYCLING CORNER BY DAWN MACIEJCZYK

In honor of **Earth Day**, we want to share a few ways to go green by reducing waste and re-using items at home.

- Buy refillable spray bottles that can be refilled from large containers to reduce waste and save money.
- Use a microfiber cloth, which can take the place of 60 rolls of paper towels before it needs to be replaced.
- Stash leftovers in reusable containers instead of plastic bags.
- Roll up a couple of old magazines and stick one into each of your calf or knee high boots as boot trees, helping to keep the shape of your boots.
- Flatten empty toilet paper rolls and use them as knife sheaves to protect knives and fingers.

Don't throw away your old shower curtain! Wash it with the garden hose then stash it in your car's trunk. Use it to line the trunk when carting messy paints or picnic and beach gear.

*Go Green !*

**We'd love to hear your Earth Day ideas.**

*Happy Earth Day!*



London Grove Township is doing their part to reduce and recycle. The newsletter is now offered electronically. If you would like to receive the newsletter through email, please sign up on our website [www.londongrove.org](http://www.londongrove.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Maciejczyk at the Township, 610-345-0100.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping this earth healthy!

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