



London Grove Gazette

Summer 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.

Summertime Tips: How can we make London Grove Township an even BETTER place to live??

Let's look at it by the numbers.

78 This is the temperature you should set your indoor thermostat while you are home.

When you go away for more than 8 hours, move the temperature up 7-10 degrees F. This will save you money, consume less electricity, and reduce power generation pollution. A good way to keep your house cool during the summer is to simply close your blinds or curtains and use a ceiling fan for better circulation.

3 Number of inches tall your grass should be AFTER mowing. This number has several benefits. As a rule of thumb, you should only mow 1/3 the height off the blade. This means that the lawn needs to grow to 4.5 inches before mowing (1 1/2 inches of new growth). If you kept your lawn short, say 2 inches, it would need to be cut at 3 inches tall (1 inch of new growth). Therefore, a fuller, taller lawn will need to be mowed less often over the summer. Also, the taller blade means taller roots, which makes your lawn more drought resistant. AND, during the hot summer, the longer blades give more shade to their delicate roots and doesn't give weeds a chance to grow. Less mower pollution, less watering, and best of all, more free time for you this summer.

1 Try to grill out one time per week during the summer. By keeping the heat outside, you don't have to turn up the AC to cool down the kitchen. Also, just because you grill out once doesn't mean it is for just one meal. Plan ahead and grill for leftovers too. Keeping the stove to a minimum inside will show up in your smaller utility bill!

Thanks for taking the extra time to keep our environment clean and healthy by making smart decisions. 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 FIRE MARSHAL:
BEST TO LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE EXPERTS
ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL SAFETY
COUNCIL**

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks displays. But along with all the festivities are plenty of visits to emergency rooms especially during July. In 2017, at least eight people died and about 12,900 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, homemade or other illegal fireworks or explosives, thousands were from less powerful devices like small firecrackers and sparklers. More fires are reported on July 4 than any other day of the year, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Each year, fireworks cause on average 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires resulting in thousands of injuries. The National Safety Council advises everyone to stay away from all consumer fireworks and to only enjoy fireworks at a public display conducted by professionals. The following are some fireworks that are legal for consumers to purchase and use in some states. But just because they are legal doesn't mean they're safe.



Sparklers— Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but they are a lot more dangerous than most people think. Parents don't realize they burn at about 2,000 degrees— hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and many children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet.

Bottle Rockets— These small rockets are attached to a stick, lit by a fuse and typically fired from a bottle. Teens have been known to have bottle rocket wars, firing them at one another and causing chest, head and eye injuries.

Firecrackers— Firecrackers are designed to explode on the ground. They are often linked together by one long fuse and explode in a series. They are designed to be very noisy, but they also can cause burns and other serious injuries.

Roman Candles— Roman candles eject multiple exploding shells from a tube the user holds in his or her hand. There have been numerous reports of children losing fingers, severe burns and other injuries, which are sometimes caused when the device gets jammed.

Two Words About M-Class Fireworks— Just don't! You hear them go off every year: M-80s, M-100s, and even M-250s. The unmistakable explosions associated with these devices can rattle the windows of homes for blocks. They are produced illegally and without quality control, have short fuses and cause hundreds of extremely severe injuries each year. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives outlines the risks of these explosive devices.

If They're Legal— If fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips.

- * Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- * Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- * Older children should use them only under close adult supervision.
- * Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear.
- * Never light them indoors.
- * Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material.
- * Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
- * Never ignite devices in a container.
- * Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
- * Soak unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
- * Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire.

Better yet, grab a blanket and a patch of lawn, kick back and let the experts handle the show.

<https://www.nsc.org>

Mr. Robert Weer,
Fire Marshal/ Emergency Management
Coordinator



PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS
BY MARIE ANTOINETTE NEILSON
HAPPY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY GODDARD PARK

MS4 Tip:

Clean Water Begins At Home! Only Rain Down The Drain!

A few key points are as follows:

Check your car for leaks and recycle used motor oil. Never pour it on the ground or into a storm drain. Minimize pesticides. Have your septic pumped and system inspected regularly. Pick up after your pets, don't let pet waste wash into storm drains.



TOWNSHIP INFORMATION EMAILED TO YOUR INBOX

Log on to 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

Some of you may remember, in June of 2018, London Grove Township Parks and Recreation Board produced a survey for the patrons of Goddard Park to fill out. Allowing for the constraints of Goddard Park, the Parks and Recreation Board has prioritized the information that was gathered to better the enjoyment of the park in the future.

The 2019 prioritized list of goals for Goddard Park is as follows:

Open Space and Natural Resource Protection

- ⇒ Invasive plant removal.
- ⇒ Maintenance of rain gardens and newly planted trees.
- ⇒ Pond reclamation (dredge the pond and restore to a healthy status)
- ⇒ Meadow establishment and maintenance.
- ⇒ Additional trees and landscaping.
- ⇒ Streambank restoration.

Trails

- ⇒ Rehabilitate or upgrade existing trails: more boardwalks in wet areas, extend paving of some trails.
- ⇒ Provide bridge access to Goddard Parcel.
- ⇒ Close priority trail gaps.

Playground for 2 to 5 Year Old's

Amenities

- ⇒ More Benches.
- ⇒ More trash cans
- ⇒ Signage: educational, informational, and consistent with park logo, color and font
- ⇒ Outdoor grills
- ⇒ Bathrooms near lower lot.

Pave and Expand Lower Parking Lot

- ⇒ Required for any event serving food, such as a food truck day.

Multi-Purpose Playing Field

- ⇒ For passive recreation (unorganized), and could be used for events, picnics, and pick-up games.

Land Acquisition/Adjoining Parcels

- ⇒ The Township would like first refusal rights when the Goddard house site becomes available.

The Parks and Recreation Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Building. If a meeting date is changed it is advertised and posted on the Township Website/Facebook page. If a meeting is cancelled, it will be posted on the Township Website/Facebook page.



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

1 Vacancy

Environmental Advisory Committee

4 Vacancies

Municipal Authority News

By: Karen Linaweaver

Smoke testing of the sewer mains in the Heather Grove Development took place May 22, 2019. This project was organized in an effort to help West Grove Borough identify cracks or leaks in the sewer mains. All customers were sent individual letters in advance of the test. All 911 Dispatch, Local Fire, Local Police and Local EMS were notified in advance of the project. The smoke testing was completed successfully. The test identified that all the sewer mains in the roadways were in good working order and no repairs were needed.



The 2018 Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report is available on-line. Please visit www.londongrove.org

homepage right bottom page "Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report".

Fire Hydrant flushing will commence June through October to ensure the hydrants are exercised, maintained, and in full service. The hydrant flushing program is a necessity for the health, safety, and welfare of our residents. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you during that time.



The London Grove Township Municipal Authority coordinated fire hydrant flushing last year with the testing of flow. The National

Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) has designated a colored coded marking system that allows local fire companies to know what kind of flow will be able to have in the event of a fire. Each hydrant will be delineated with the NFPA color system reflective band.

The summer months are upon us...As a friendly reminder for all customers who have



public water and sewer, please be advised that your sewer portion of the bill is calculated by your total water consumption.

Please be aware when you are watering your lawns and shrubbery, washing your cars, filling your



swimming pools, gardening, etc. your sewer bill will reflect this usage.

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. Enjoy your summer.

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STAYING SAFE ON PLAYGROUNDS BY DAWN MACIEJCZYK

[HTTPS://WWW.NSC.ORG/HOME-SAFETY/SAFETY-TOPICS/CHILD-SAFETY/](https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/)

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, each year, more than 200,000 children ages 14 and younger go to the hos-



pital emergency departments with injuries associated with playground equipment. More than 20,000 of these children are treated for a traumatic brain injury, including concussion. As the weather warms up and trips to the park become frequent, take a moment to familiarize yourself with the risks on playgrounds and how you can prevent injuries.



Check For Playground Hazards

Nearly 80% of playground injuries are caused by falls. Watch out for these potential hazards when taking kids to the playground, and report any hazards observed.

Improper Ground Surfaces: Surfaces around playground equipment should have at least 12 inches of wood chips, mulch, sand or pea gravel, or mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials. Playgrounds should be free of exposed concrete footings, rocks or tree stumps.

Overcrowded Play Areas:

the area under and around play equipment should be a minimum of 6 feet in all directions while swing set areas should be twice the



height off the suspending bar both in back and front of the swings. Structures more than 30 inches high should be at least 9 feet apart, **Unprotected Elevated Areas:** Platforms higher than 30 inches should have guardrails or barriers.

Head Entrapment Spaces: Openings between rails bars rungs and even ropes of cargo nets should be less than 3 1/2 inches or more than 9 inches.

Sharp Points and Edges: Playground equipment should be

free of protruding bolt ends, "S" hooks, and other sharp points and edges.



Avoid Strangulation Hazards:

The American Academy of Pediatrics cautions that children should not wear or play with anything that could get caught on equipment and become a strangulation hazard.

*Never attach or allow children to attach ropes, jump ropes, clotheslines or pet leashes to play equipment.

*Leave sweatshirts with drawstrings and necklaces at home.



*Remove bike helmets when playing on the playground.

Be Cautious of Too Much Sun Exposure: The National Program for Playground Safety reports that only 3% of public playgrounds assessed had full sun protection from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., peak exposure hours, while 30% had partial shade. The remaining 67% of public playgrounds were exposed to full sun during the peak hours.

*Limit playtime at peak sun exposure time and familiarize yourself with the signs of heat illnesses.



*Avoid burns; if playground equipment is hot to the touch, it is too hot for your child's bare skin.

Allow Only Age-Appropriate Activities: The Consumer Product Safety Commission lists age-appropriate equipment in the Public Playground Safety Handbook. And remember, there is no substitute for parental supervision, especially for young children.





'CLOSE TO A CRISIS:' RECYCLING IN CHESTER COUNTY IN JEOPARDY DAILY LOCAL: FRAN MAYE

LONDON GROVE — Earlier this month, Steve Burn and Scott Mengle stood in the recycling processing facility at Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority off Route 926 in West Grove.

Among the recyclables were soiled pizza boxes, empty oil quarts, broken glass and half-empty bottles of cooking oil. They know that a few items like these will likely end up causing the entire batch to be relegated to the landfill.

"When you put things in the recycling bin — glass, an olive oil container with a little oil in it, soda bottles — that all mixes together in the truck," said Mengle, general manager of the SECCRA landfill, which serves 24 municipalities in southern Chester County. "What happens is the mixed paper ends up getting really contaminated by all the liquids and broken glass. The whole thing will get landfilled."

Recycling habits of Chester County residents are so bad, the recycling operation locally is in jeopardy. If just 10 percent of a 12-ton load is contaminated, the entire load goes to the trash. And the more use the landfill gets, the shorter its lifespan.

Mengle estimates the 300-acre SECCRA landfill only has 42 years left, but proper recycling could extend that time considerably.

"That jar of olive oil with some residuals in it can contaminate so much more, you are much better off throwing it in the trash,"

said Burn, SECCRA site manager. "It has to be clean and dry when you toss it in the recycling can." Because all recycling is

now single-stream, the material must be hand sorted on the recycling line. This adds to the cost of recycling. That cost is passed on to the consumer.

"I would say we are very close to a crisis," said Mengle. "If it is more expensive to recycle than to put in a landfill, people just aren't going to recycle. If recycling gets too expensive, we are afraid people won't recycle."

Right now, Mengle said the cost per ton to recycle is close to the cost to landfill it. Soon the cost to recycle will surpass the cost to landfill it.

"This means that people will choose the path of least cost," Mengle said. "Instead of only the right stuff being recycled, people will recycle nothing, and everything will go to the landfill, and the landfill will fill up very fast."

To address the problem, SECCRA officials are being proactive. A campaign to educate residents on the proper way to recycle is underway, and in the near future, glass may no longer be accepted for recycling. "Glass never had value," Mengle said. "Sand is cheap. If we take glass out of the mix, it will contaminate pa-

per less. But regardless of what we do, whether we eliminate glass or not, we need people to keep their recyclables clean and dry."

The SECCRA landfill takes in, on average, 500 tons of trash a day. At its highest peak, on a clear day, the cooling towers at Limerick Nu-

clear Power Plant and the Salem Nuclear Power plant in New Jersey are clearly visible. The area used for landfill is double



lined with 80-mil heavy plastic to ensure nothing leaks into the earth. Residents generate about one ton of waste per person per year. To date, more than 1 million tons of waste have been collected there since it began operating in 1986.



The driving factor in a successful recycling program is economics, and recycling had been a lucrative business until China, which had accepted more than 40 percent of American paper, glass, metal and plastics, essentially banned the importation of recyclables from the U.S. in response to trade wars. No longer are recycled materials generated in the U.S. shipped to China, where they were used to create new goods. The fallout means that U.S. recycling firms only make money on in-demand products.



"Even though we take Number 3 through 7 plastics, there isn't a big market here for those," Mengle said. "So it's a loss leader. Our processors take it, knowing they will make \$800 a ton on Number 1 plastics, while costing them \$5 a ton to separate the Number 3 through 7 plastics. We are now in the negative because the undesirables are greater than the desirables."

Chester County isn't alone. Hundreds of local recycling programs in American cities and towns are collapsing. Some states are now sending newspapers, cans, and bottles to landfills, while others are burning their waste instead.

Many communities used to make money selling trash to private recycling companies that would process the materials and then sell them to China or to manufacturers. Now they pay those companies to take



their recycling away. Philadelphia went from making \$67 a ton selling trash six years ago to having to pay \$40 a ton today to get rid of its recycling. And in Fort Worth, Texas, the recycling program there earned the city \$1 million two years ago. This year, it's projected to lose \$1.6 million. "A year ago California earned \$100 a ton for mixed paper. Now, they need to pay to get rid of it. Trends like these began happening all over the country after China pulled out of the recycling market.

For the big ticket items, such as electronics and computers, SEC-CRA is one of the few landfills that accept those at no cost. Residents can even bring in refrigerators for a nominal fee and they will be recycled. "Freon is dangerous to the environment," Mengle said. "Most places charge \$70 to recycle a refrigerator. We charge just \$12. We have people trained and certified in certified Freon removal."

But for some Chester County residents, it still comes down to money regardless of the environment. Mengle said that a man brought a refrigerator to the landfill earlier this year in his pickup truck. When he was told it would cost him \$12, the man drove off. When Mengle drove home from work that same day, he saw the refrigerator on the side of Mosquito Lane.

But Burn said there's still hope, if local residents can learn to properly recycle.

"The problem is people negate all our efforts by not disposing of recycling properly," Burn said. "We need to convince people that throwing away is OK, because if it's not recyclable, it will be rejected."





Avon Grove Library

Children and their families are invited to celebrate “**A Universe of Stories!**” following the theme of **Avon**

Grove Library’s 2019 Summer Reading Program. In honor of this program, the library will be hosting a free **Summer Reading Kick-Off Party** on **Saturday, June 15 beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Then throughout the summer, Avon Grove Library will offer many opportunities for both learning and enjoyment. The website www.avongrovelibrary.org and the Avon Grove Library Facebook page will have updates and additions.

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.
- **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.
- **Cruise Into Kindergarten** will be held every Monday at 11 a.m. starting June 17. Attendees participate in activities such as circle time, stories, learning activities and art projects that prepare 4- and 5-year-olds for kindergarten.
- **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 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 Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and includes stories, crafts and playtime fun with the cats that are up for adoption. Treetops 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.
- Avon Grove Library partners with Dansko Shoes each summer to offer a weekly **Storytime at Dansko** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. from July 10 to August 21.

- **Lunch and Stories. Teddy Bear Picnic** is held every Wednesday at noon at Penn Township Park beginning June 19. Preschool age children are invited to come listen to stories, make a craft and play outdoor games. Participants may provide their own lunch or snack. This Storytime is weather permitting.
- **Big Yellow Mug Storytime** will be held in the coffeehouse at the Christian Life Center located at 125 Saginaw Rd, Lincoln University, the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
- 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, our **Paws for Reading** canine partners. All ages are welcome. Registration is necessary for this free program.
- 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.
- **Lego Club** is held the first and third Thursday of each month from 4:30–5:30 p.m.; **Lego Block Party** is held the fourth Saturday of each month from 1–2 p.m. Legos, Duplos and/or Mega Blocks are provided.
- **Bilingual Family Night** will be held the first Friday of each month from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Families are invited to enjoy an evening of themed games, crafts and snacks. No previous experience with Spanish or English is necessary.
- **Cliffhangers Club** for 6- to 9-year-olds meets every Wednesday from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. 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.
- Families are invited to join Avon Grove Library at Penn Township Park this summer for an **Outdoor Movies** series. Check www.avongrovelibrary.org for dates, times and movie titles. There will be food trucks and ice cream available for purchase.
- Families can build their creativity at **Messy Mondays** starting June 17 at 2:00 p.m. The library will open all the craft cupboards and allow participants to create whatever they desire to make.
- **Up to the Challenge** will return on Fridays at 1 p.m. beginning June 28. Second through fifth grade students are invited to think, build and succeed to complete a new challenge each week.

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- **Science Club** will return on Thursdays at 2 p.m. beginning June 20. First through fifth graders are invited to come and learn about a new aspect of science each week. Demonstrations, activities and crafts are included.

- Children of all ages are invited to bring their American Girl or another doll to enjoy pampering, crafts and snacks at **Avon Grove Girl Summer Spa** on Saturday June 8 at 10 a.m. Registration is required for this free program.

- Beginning Wednesday June 19 at 1 p.m., children in second grade and older are invited to **Camp Crafts**, where they can come learn to make crafts any camper would know.

- The first meeting of the **Dungeons & Dragons Club** will be held at 5 p.m. on June 27. More details will be posted on www.avongrovelibrary.org as they become available.

- On July 13 at 1 p.m., Avon Grove Library will host a very merry **Unbirthday Party!** Children of all ages can come enjoy birthday cake and classic party games. Registration is required for this free program.

- On Saturday August 3 from 6:00 – 8: p.m., families are invited to **Family Fort Night**, where they can build their own blanket fort in the library and read together.

- Children and teens can come to the library to celebrate all their reading accomplishments on Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the **Summer Reading Closing Party**. Before heading back to school, kids will enjoy the Rick Waterhouse puppet show, "Space: The Final Funtier," crafts, snacks and much more.

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

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to hang out at Avon Grove Library on **Teen Tuesdays** from 3:30 to 5 p.m. starting June 18. Activities may involve playing Wii, getting crafty, eating snacks, and making new friends.

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

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. A list of monthly titles can be found at www.avongrovelibrary.org.

Craft and Create for Adults will meet once 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. Dates will be posted at www.avongrovelibrary.org.

The **Young Adult Book Club for Adults** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Patrons 18 years and older read a book from the YA genre and discuss it with their fellow Young Adults at heart. A list of monthly titles can be found at www.avongrovelibrary.org.

Sit and Knit is held on the first and third Monday of each month from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Participants of any experience level should 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.

Résumé Prep will be held on Friday June 21 at 6 p.m., offering participants the opportunity to learn how to write a great résumé, cover letter, and thank you letter from an expert.

Interviewing Skills will be held on Friday June 28 at 6 p.m., offering participants the opportunity to learn skills to ace any interview.

Patrons are invited to the **Veterinary Acupuncture** program on Saturday June 29 at 4 p.m. Veterinarian Elizabeth McKinstry will teach about traditional Chinese veterinary medicine, which includes acupuncture, herbs, Tui-na and food therapy.

Basics of Canning Your Own Food is an interactive tutorial that gives participants the chance to come learn the basics of canning. This program will be held on Tuesday July 9 at 6 p.m.

On Monday July 20 at 1 p.m., Avon Grove Library will offer patrons the opportunity to **Meet James Madison** as they interact with a James Madison impersonator. More details will be posted on www.avongrovelibrary.org as they become available.

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





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STATE POLICE

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE RE-
MIND PET OWNERS OF “HOT CAR
BILL”**

PRESS RELEASE: TROOPER KEVIN KOCHKA, PSP

Harrisburg, PA – With warmer summer weather in the forecast, the Pennsylvania State Police reminds animal owners to think about the health and safety of their pets.

In October 2018, Governor Tom Wolf signed Act 104 of 2018, otherwise known as the “Hot Car Bill.” The law provides protection for law enforcement and emergency responders when a dog or cat is removed from a motor vehicle when the animal is showing signs of distress.

The law states that an officer or emergency responder must have a good-faith and reasonable belief that the dog or cat is in imminent danger, make a reasonable effort to locate the driver of the motor vehicle, take reasonable steps to ensure or restore the well-being of the dog or cat, use no more force than necessary to enter the motor vehicle, and leave notice on the vehicle about where the dog or cat can be retrieved.

This law does not give civilians the authority to take this type of action. If you see a dog or cat in a motor vehicle that appears to be in distress, contact the local authorities. Do not enter the motor vehicle yourself.

“Properly caring for and protecting your pets should be a priority for all pet owners,” said State Police Animal Cruelty officer Michael Spada. “Utilize common sense and contact your local veterinarian if you have any questions or concerns.”

Animals can suffer from heat exhaustion and heat stroke just like humans. Both dogs and cats release heat through their paws and by panting. Ensure your pets have access to fresh, cool water and proper sustenance for the breed. Failure to do so could result in possible criminal charges.

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Estimated Vehicle Interior Air Temperature v. Elapsed Time

Elapsed time	Outside Air Temperature (F)					
	70	75	80	85	90	95
0 minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95
10 minutes	89	94	99	104	109	114
20 minutes	99	104	109	114	119	124
30 minutes	104	109	114	119	124	129
40 minutes	108	113	118	123	128	133
50 minutes	111	116	121	126	131	136
60 minutes	113	118	123	128	133	138
> 1 hour	115	120	125	130	135	140



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LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

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

London Grove Township Building

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372 Rose Hill Road, Suite 100

West Grove, PA 19390

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**COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM
BY DAWN MACIEJCZYK**

London Grove Township has been working diligently to help develop a program to protect our community in the event of an active shooter. Black Site International, Michael Bruecks, specializes in developing comprehensive security protection programs that establish a robust protection capability to defend against your "Design Basic Threat (DBT)". Michael has been working with London Grove Township Fire Marshal, Robert Weer, the 911 Operations Center, Avon Grove Charter School, Avon Grove School District, West Grove Fire and EMS, Avondale Fire and EMS, Medic 94, Pennsylvania State Police, DuVall Bus Company, Chester County Department of Emergency Services and Oxford Regional Emergency Management on table top exercises in the event of an active shooter scenario and active shooter trainings in the schools. They have and continue to go over the procedures, protocols, routine training and communications to find and fill all the gaps and any roadblocks they may come across to help keep our community safe. Below is an illustration of their services and capabilities for developing programs.

Key Elements	Physical Security Design	Protective Strategy
Security Plans and Operating Procedures	Identification of critical assets (structures, systems, and components)	Create capability that reduces risk and consequence.
Security Contingency Plan and Response Procedures	Establish a design basis threat (DBT) that is basis for building security de-	Perform Red Team "simulated attack" evaluations to identify vulnerabilities and weaknesses.
Security Training Plan	Identification of optimal product solutions (physical and technology sys-	Conduct Tabletop Exercises.
Insider Threat/Behavior Observation Program	Blast and ballistic analysis and solutions that reduce vulnerabilities and	Integration Plan and training with external emergency response organization (ERO)
Continuous Improvement Program	Establish situational awareness capability/integration of systems for cen-	Critique and Corrective Action Program

<https://www.blacksitesecurity.com/>

EDITOR'S NOTE

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.

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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