

London Grove Township Gazette

Fall 2026

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Fall is coming! As summer is on its way out, the leaves are getting ready to turn and bring in the cool breeze of a new season. Fall is a personal favorite of mine, so check out some of the below options for some fun things to do this fall!

- Come to the London Grove Township Trunk or Treat event on October 21st for family friendly trick or treating here at the township building - more details can be found in this newsletter!
- The Dog Days of London Grove event will be going on October 8th at Goddard Dog Park. Even if you don't have a dog yourself, there will be plenty of adoptable pups from local rescues there to meet you! See the flyer in this newsletter for more info!
- Come out to the Turkey Trot 5K Run at Goddard Park on November 14th - see the flyer in this newsletter for more details!



TURKEY

Trot

5K RUN



NOVEMBER 14TH



**RACE STARTS AT
10:00 AM**

**REGISTRATION STARTS AT
9:00 AM**



GODDARD PARK

LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP, PA



Come dressed in your
TURKEY BEST!



**WINNERS GET A
FROZEN TURKEY!**



CUSTOM AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR:



**MOST
CREATIVE**



**FASTEST
FEATHERS**



**BEST GROUP
OR FAMILY**



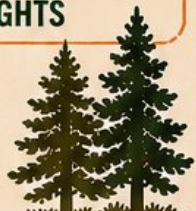
**FUNNIEST
OUTFIT**



**BRIGHTEST
LIGHTS**



Hosted by
**LONDON GROVE
FRIENDS OF THE PARK**
501C3



TRUNK OR TREAT

A SAFE & SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT OF FUN!



OCTOBER 21ST



6:00 - 8:00 PM



**LONDON GROVE
TOWNSHIP BUILDING**

**372 ROSE HILL ROAD
WEST GROVE, PA 19390**



**CANDY!
COSTUMES!
COMMUNITY!**



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Inniscrone Golf Course



Fall Newsletter



As summer comes to an end and kids start going back to school, we look forward to fall golf. Fall is a beautiful time of the year to play - cooler temperatures, beautiful colors from the changing of the leaves, and great golf course conditions with perfect growing conditions. Inniscrone will be aerating greens on August 31st and September 1st. These two days the course will be closed and then there will be reduced rates until September 7th as the greens heal. Once the greens fully recover from the aeration, they will be in great shape for the fall!

When you do come to play this fall make sure to take notice of the outside renovation of the pro shop that was completed in late July. The renovation began in April and included siding, roof, windows, and doors. This was a badly needed renovation and the finished product looks great. While the project was going on it was a little bit of an inconvenience, but it did not stop golfers from coming out. Both public play and memberships are up from 2025. All year the golf course has been in excellent condition even with the high temperatures and stormy summer that took over the area! The addition of three mowers this year has provided our maintenance staff with the equipment required to maintain the large property that Inniscrone occupies.

We look forward to seeing everyone as fall approaches and the temperatures lower. As always make sure to make a tee time as we are busy seven days a week! You can make your tee time on line at www.inniscronegolfclub.com or by calling the pro shop at (484) 720-8442.





Fall into Great Books and Programs at Avon Grove Library

As the air becomes crisp and the leaves begin to change colors, we are reminded that fall is a season for change and new beginnings. Fall brings us a refreshing start that invites reflection and ambition. This season, Avon Grove Library is your place to learn, grow, and connect. We are here to embark on new adventures with you with engaging programs, exciting events, and a dynamic collection of books and much more!

With the school year starting, fall brings a buzz of excitement to learn, create, and discover. However, this love of learning can be cultivated even before your child starts school. Avon Grove Library is proud to present the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten early literacy challenge. This nationwide program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before they start kindergarten. It is a wonderful opportunity to get your child ready for school, foster a lifelong love of reading, and spend important bonding time together! Sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten starting Monday, September 14th. Visit our website for more details.

We are excited to announce the newest addition to our collection: a Charlie Cart. The Charlie Cart Project is a national food education program equipping the next generation with the knowledge and confidence to make healthy food choices through hands-on cooking. The Charlie Cart is a portable, compact mobile kitchen that will allow us to start building a comprehensive food education program to create opportunities for culinary discovery and hands-on learning.

We are hosting a Passport Acceptance Fair for **first-time passport applications** on Saturday, September 19th from 10AM-3PM. Passport agents from Easttown Library will be on site processing applications. Passport applications will be processed by appointment only. Visit our website for more information and to schedule an appointment. This applies only to those eligible to use form DS-11. We do not process form DS-82, which is mailed in directly by the applicant or submitted online.

In the coming months, Avon Grove Library will be offering many festive programs and events. In October, join experienced railroader Kenneth Serfass for “The Phantom Brakeman and other Railroad Ghost Stories” as he takes the perspective of an old-time trainman to bring you along for some old-fashioned tales of specters and steamers. In November, we will wrap up our Chester County 250 anniversary celebrations with two programs about colonial taverns. Join Jim Segrave-Daly for his presentation titled “Colonial Taverns: An Intoxicating History” and return to the library for a performance by Spiced Punch, a colonial era singing group with tavern music. Popular children’s musician Mr. Jon will be returning this month for a “Rock & Rhyme” performance. December will bring Kenneth Serfass back to the library for “The Polar Express Experience” and a reading of Clement C. Moore’s poem “A Visit from St. Nicholas.” As you hear “ALL ABOARD!”, Conductor Ken will begin your adventure on the famous Christmas Eve ride to the North Pole on the Polar Express.

There are also programs at the library that you can enjoy every month such as Sensory Storytime, Crafty Kids Corner, Magic Tree House Book Club, American Girl Book Club, Junk Journaling Club, Art Explorers, Adult Art Night, and so much more!

Stay updated with all our upcoming programs by visiting our website www.avongrovelibrary.org, following us on social media at @avongrovelibrary, subscribing to our monthly e-newsletter on our website, and picking up a copy of our program calendar in a brand-new format at the library!

Strengthening Fire and Emergency Services for Our Communities

The Avondale Fire Company and West Grove Fire Company have taken an important and proactive step to protect the future of fire and emergency services in our region. By joining together to form Southern Chester County Fire & Rescue, the two organizations are working to preserve the high level of service that residents of London Grove Township and our neighboring communities rely upon every day.

This consolidation comes at a critical time for fire and emergency medical services across Pennsylvania and throughout the country. Many volunteer fire companies are facing significant financial and staffing challenges, and some have been forced to reduce services, consolidate, or close entirely. Rather than waiting for these pressures to reach a crisis point, Avondale and West Grove Fire Companies chose to act early and work together.

The challenges facing our local fire and emergency medical service providers are very real. Over the past three years, volunteer participation and available volunteer hours have declined by approximately 20%, while emergency call volume has increased by roughly 20%. During that same period, simultaneous calls—when multiple emergencies occur at the same time—have also increased significantly as well. Simply put, fewer volunteers are being asked to respond to more emergencies, with an increasing number of those incidents occurring concurrently.

The consolidation of Avondale and West Grove is an important step toward addressing these challenges. The leadership and members of both companies deserve recognition for taking the initiative themselves. They identified the pressures facing their organizations, worked through the difficult process of combining two long-standing community institutions, and created a stronger regional organization designed to serve our communities well into the future.

Now, the municipalities that rely on these services must take the next step.

London Grove Township and the other participating municipalities must establish a fair, predictable, and sustainable method for funding Southern Chester County Fire & Rescue. Emergency services cannot effectively plan for staffing, equipment, facilities, and long-term operations if funding decisions are made differently each year or vary significantly from one municipality to another.

Community leaders from each of the municipalities served by the new organization are currently participating in a series of ad hoc meetings to evaluate potential funding and governance structures. Two of the primary options under consideration are a Fire & Emergency Services Commission or a Municipal Authority.

Both models are intended to create a more formal regional structure through which the participating municipalities can jointly fund, oversee, and support emergency services. The goal is to develop a plan that is fair to taxpayers, accountable to the public, and capable of providing Southern Chester County Fire & Rescue with the financial stability necessary to maintain high-quality service.

This process is not being driven by a decline in service. It is being undertaken to prevent one.

Southern Chester County Fire & Rescue begins with dedicated volunteers, experienced career personnel, committed leadership, and a strong tradition of service. The consolidation gives the organization an opportunity to combine resources, improve coordination, and build a more sustainable emergency service system.

Avondale and West Grove have already demonstrated leadership by coming together voluntarily. It is now the responsibility of the communities they serve to work collaboratively, plan responsibly, and provide a stable foundation for the future of fire and emergency medical services in our region.



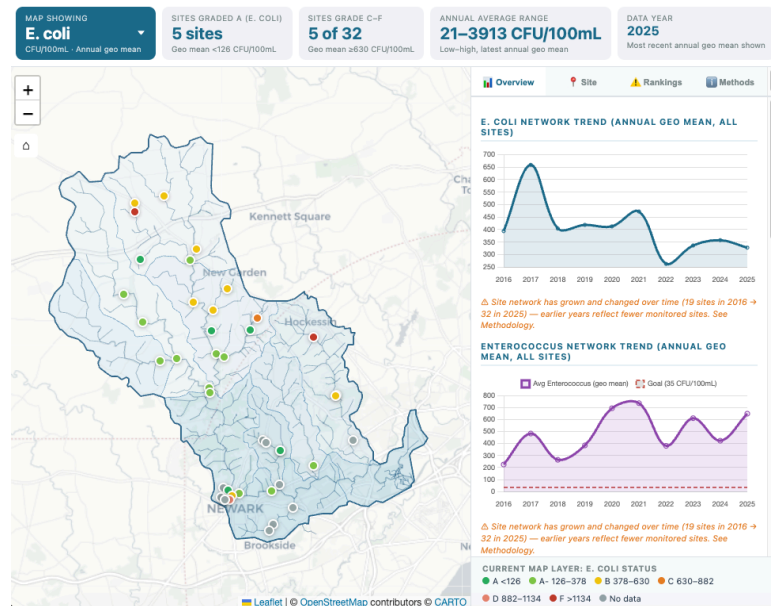


Introducing the White Clay Watershed Association Water Quality Data Hub

Are you curious about the water quality of streams in your community? The White Clay Watershed Association Water Quality Data Hub makes more than a decade of monitoring data available to the public so you can see how it's changing over time. White Clay Watershed Association volunteers and staff have collected bacteria samples, lab chemistry, and in-stream measurements at more than 40 sites across the White Clay Creek watershed in Chester County, PA and New Castle County, DE, in partnership with Stroud Water Research Center, Delaware Nature Society, and the University of Delaware. That data helps guide our research and restoration priorities, and now it's easy for anyone to explore.

What is it?

The Water Quality Data Hub is a free, public, interactive map and dashboard of water quality data collected at every White Clay Watershed Association Stream Watch monitoring site. No login or download required.



What can you find there?

- An interactive map color-coded by parameter, so you can see at a glance how monitoring results compare with applicable water-quality standards.
- Bacteria data (E. coli & Enterococcus): each summer we collect stream samples to analyze for fecal indicator bacteria to help answer the question: Is it safe to wade or swim in the creek? Elevated levels can signal contamination from pets, wildlife, agriculture, or septic systems, especially after rain.
- Nutrients (Nitrate & Orthophosphate): excess nutrients from fertilizer and runoff can fuel algal blooms, deplete oxygen, and raise treatment costs for drinking-water utilities that draw from the White Clay. We measure these at multiple sites monthly to track how nutrient levels are changing over time.
- Chloride & Conductivity: chloride from road salt doesn't break down once it's in the water and can be toxic to aquatic life over time; high conductivity is an early-warning sign that salt has reached a stream. The year-round stations improve our understanding of the persistence of road salt pollution, while data from our new winter Salt Snapshot survey takes a more focused look at specific sites during the winter months when salting tends to be elevated.
- Water Temperature governs how much oxygen a stream can hold, and which species can survive there. Sustained warming stresses cold water fish like brook trout and pollution-sensitive aquatic insects.

Why it's useful to you

For municipalities: the Hub is a ready-made, citable resource for stormwater projects, capital project prioritization, grant applications, and answering questions about local stream health.

For residents: it provides a straightforward way to explore local stream conditions and see the long-term record behind the data, no technical background required.

We'd welcome the chance to walk any municipality, agency staff, or friends' group through the Hub in more detail.

Explore the Hub

[White Clay Watershed Association Water Quality Data Hub](#)

The interactive components of the hub are more easily accessed on a desktop computer but will also work on mobile devices. Questions or feedback? Contact us at smorgan@whiteclay.org or visit whiteclay.org/streamwatch to learn more about the monitoring program behind the data.



JOIN US FOR

DOG DAYS

of

London Grove

A CELEBRATION OF OUR FURRY FRIENDS!



OCTOBER 8, 2026



4:00 PM – 5:30 PM



**GODDARD PARK
DOG PARK**

London Grove Township



**PET
VENDORS**

Shop local pet-friendly
products and services!



SPECIAL GUESTS
— from —
LOCAL RESCUES

Meet amazing adoptable pets
and learn how you can help!

**ALL
DOGS
WELCOME!**



HOSTED BY
LONDON GROVE
— FRIENDS OF THE PARK —



*Let's celebrate
our four-legged
friends and the
community we love!*



FOR MORE INFO: dmaciejczyk@londongrove.org



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Calling all **DOG** Lovers!

London Grove
Friends of
the Park



Enhancing our parks.
Enriching our community.



Show off
your pup and
support our
parks!

SEND US YOUR DOG'S BEST SHOT!



We're creating the **Dog Days of
London Grove 2027 Calendar**
and we want YOUR dog
to be a star!



HOW TO SUBMIT:



Email your photo to:
dmaciejczyk@londongrove.org



Include your dog's name
and a little about them!



Deadline: **November 1, 2026**



ON SALE
Late
2026!



All proceeds benefit
London Grove Friends of the Park
Supporting our parks, programs
and community.



Every dog has their day...

LET YOURS BE IN OURS!



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CELEBRATE
the dogs of London Grove!



Questions?

Email dmaciejczyk@londongrove.org
or visit our Facebook page



PRC

Pennsylvania Resources Council

A Pennsylvania where nothing is wasted



Deadline: October 31st
Prizes up to \$500

GENE CAPALDI

LENS ON LITTER PHOTO CONTEST



An annual statewide photography contest rewarding amateur photographers who snap unusual or eye-catching images of litter across the Commonwealth, bringing awareness to how litter threatens public health & safety, scenic beauty, property values, the environment and wildlife.

Prizes (adult & student categories) & **NEW** Before & After (adult & student categories):
\$500 first-place; \$250 second-place & \$100 third-place;

Additional information, guidelines and an online submission form: prc.org/lens-litter

Sponsors: The Capaldi Family
Keep PA Beautiful,
Sheetz & Wegmans



WOODSY OWL SAYS:



GOT BATTERIES?

X NOT in TRASH

X NOT IN RECYCLING

- ✓ Rechargeable batteries can still hold a charge.
- ✓ Lithium batteries may start fires if they are punctured or damaged.
- ✓ ONLY alkaline batteries are safe for trash.

For safe handling near you:

<https://batterysafetynow.org/home>



P.O. Box 312
High Bridge, NJ
08829



www.p4p.org
contact: alan@p4p.org
908.399.8217

Pedals for Progress/Sewing Peace, in its continuing effort to recycle unwanted items properly, is having a used bike and sewing machine collection sponsored by

Chester County Solid Waste Authority

Anyone with an adult or child's bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate their bike to this worthy cause. We do not accept "bikes for parts" or disassembled bikes.

We also accept working portable sewing machines and sewing notions (no fabric, please).

Bikes and sewing machines can be dropped off **rain or shine:**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12th 2026, 9AM-12PM

West Goshen Municipal Complex

1025 Paoli Pike (enter on Five Points Rd)

West Goshen, PA 19380

P4P/SP collects 3,000 to 5,000 items annually and transfers this material wealth to those in greater need. To date more than 170,000 bicycles and 6,300 sewing machines have been shipped to developing countries in Central America, Africa and Eastern Europe. In these countries the bikes are reconditioned by partner agencies and distributed at low cost to poor working adults. Bikes provide reliable transportation for commuting to work, transporting product to market, and provide greater mobility accessing health care and other services. Sewing machine shipments help initiate educational programs and generate income opportunities that may otherwise remain out of reach for many people. Steady employment for adults is vital to the development and success of struggling communities.

It costs \$75 on average to collect, process, and ship each bicycle. **A donation toward shipping costs is necessary for our continued success. \$20 is suggested per bike and sewing machine.** All cash and material donations are fully deductible. A receipt will be provided on site.

Pedals for Progress/Sewing Peace is a 501(c)(3) corporation and a registered charity in the states of **NJ, NY, PA, CT, VT**. Brochures explaining this innovative program will be available at the collection site. P4P seeks donations of wrenches for our overseas shops. For detailed information about our overseas projects and a current schedule of bicycle and sewing machine collections, visit our website at www.p4p.org.

For more information please contact:

**Sponsor, Patti, plynn@chesterccswa.org or
Alan Schultz, President P4P/SP alan@p4p.org**

CHESTER COUNTY
SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

USED BIKE AND SEWING MACHINE COLLECTION

We're collecting adult & kids' bikes & sewing machines to send to Guatemala, Belize, Rwanda, Tanzania, Liberia and Albania. Help us put unused bikes and sewing machines to good use in the developing world.



SAT 9AM-12PM
SEP 12

**WEST GOSHEN
MUNICIPAL
COMPLEX**

1025 PAOLI PIKE
(ENTER ON FIVE POINTS RD)
WEST GOSHEN, PA

A donation of \$20 per item is requested to help offset shipping costs overseas.
A tax deductible receipt will be provided on site.

Bikes should be rust free, bikes with flat tires or in need of some repair are accepted. Portable sewing machines should be in working condition with pedal.



pedals for progress™
Putting used bikes to good use



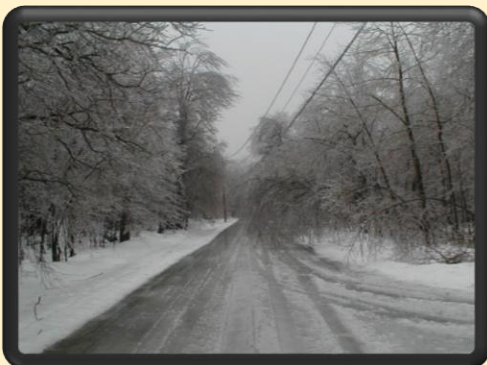
For more details visit:
P4P.ORG

Contact Patti:
plynn@chestercswa.org

Structural Property Damage Due to Storms

In London Grove Township we focus on making sure the residential, commercial, educational, and industrial structures are safe for everyone. In order to do this, we need your help. In the event of a catastrophic weather event, such as a tornado, hurricane, flooding, heavy rain, wind storm or even a major snow event or any other form of natural disaster, structural property damage may happen. If you fall victim to structural property damage from one of these events, please contact the Township Fire Marshal to report this and we will be happy to have someone come assess the damage.

When contacting the Township Fire Marshal during or even after one of these events the best and most efficient point of contact would be through email, firemarshal@londongrove.org as the Fire Marshal may be out of the building assessing damage. For immediate response to an emergency please call 911. Thank you for your help in keeping London Grove Township a safe and happy place to live, work and visit!



Attention all London Grove Township Water Customers!



In recent months we have been having a multitude of issues with sending and receiving bills and bill payments through USPS. Many customers have called in about not receiving their mailed bills in a timely manner. Unfortunately there is very little we can do as once the bills are put in our mailbox, it is in the hands of the postal service.

If you have not been receiving water bills by email already, please email jhoopes@londongrove.org or call the office at 610-345-0100 so that we can add an email to your account. By adding an email to your water account with us, a PDF copy of your bill will be emailed out to you as soon as the physical copy is printed. This way you will receive both the physical copy, as well as an emailed PDF as a backup in the event the mail does not deliver the physical bill.

We appreciate your understanding, as we have all been affected by these mailing delays!





Township Departments and Staff

Administration Building:

The administration building is located at 372 Rose Hill Road, West Grove, PA 19390. Hours of Operation are from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Friday. Our main phone number is 610-345-0100, Fax 610-345-0455.

Public Works Building: The public works building is located at 374 Rose Hill Road, West Grove, PA 19390. Hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Main phone #: 610-345-0100.

Inniscrone Golf Course:

The Inniscrone golf course is located at 15 Athelone Way, Avondale, PA 19311. Hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Main phone #: 484-720-8442.

Administration Department:

Township Manager/ Zoning Officer: Ken Battin
Assistant Township Manager: Dawn Maciejczyk
Township Secretary: Rain Catoia

Public Works Building:

Public Works Director: Shane Kinsey
Public Works Superintendent: Nate Hughes
Public Works Foreman: Ryan Yerkes
Water / Sewer Operator: John Bright

Codes Department:

Director of Codes and Life Safety: Brian Elwood
Fire Marshal: Tim Shannon

Laborers:

Shaun Dickenson
Brenden McNair
Jack Jacobson
Devlin Schekner
Arthur Chester
Keith Pyle Jr.

Finance Department:

Treasurer: Tracy Kellett
Utility Billing/Codes Assistant: Jordon Hoopes

Inniscrone Golf Club:

<i>Golf Course Director:</i> Chris Ward	<i>Greens Manager:</i> Chris Newdeck	<i>Greens Assistant:</i> Kyle Basehore	<i>Pro Shop Manager:</i> Jesse Connors
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2026 Public Meeting Schedule

Municipal Authority Board Meetings: 1st Monday of every odd month & December at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. (Exceptions: Jan.)

Historical Commission Meetings: Last Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. (Exceptions: Nov. & Dec.)

Open Space Committee Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of every odd month at 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings: Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (Except November & December, these are the 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Zoning Hearing Board Meetings: As Necessary.

All meetings will happen on the day above as listed unless it is a holiday or other announcements have been made. All meetings are listed on the Township Website Calendar