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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Ms. Hunsicker holds a B.S. from The Pennsylvania State University and J.D. from Villanova University School of Law. She served on the Park and Recreation Board for seven years and is currently serving her fourth year as Supervisor. She and her family have lived in Lower Gwynedd for 14 years. Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated Staff, Police, Public Works and Parks and Recreation employees, the year 2012 brought exciting developments to Lower Gwynedd Township. The Board of Supervisors thanks the dozens of talented volunteer residents and business leaders who comprise the many committees and boards for their support and commitment to the Township's initiatives.

Phase II of the Bethlehem Pike Beautification was completed with lighting, sidewalks, fencing and daylilies extending south beyond Wawa. This project was funded with \$500,000 from the State's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program. The Board has authorized staff to apply for the same state funds to complete the improvement project down to Dager Road. We look forward to seeing more of you strolling the Pike!

As a part of the Board's efforts to transform the Bethlehem Pike corridor and promote its businesses, a marketing initiative was launched. The initiative utilized various media outlets – radio, print, social – to showcase our township and development opportunities. The Board unanimously passed a zoning ordinance designed to attract developers by affording them more flexibility to bring projects to life. Recently, over 110 businesses have banded together to form the Lower Gwynedd Business Association. Please shop and dine locally in support of our businesses!

In 2012 the Township expanded and improved Veteran's Memorial Park at Penllyn and Bethlehem Pikes. This special park serves as a memorial to those

lost in service to our country. It was completed mostly by our Public Works Department, resulting in significant savings of your hard earned tax dollars, and with generous financial assistance from the County Open Space Fund. Hikers and bikers may park at the Veteran's Memorial Park and enjoy our trail that now runs the length of Penllyn Pike to the Penllyn Train Station. The Board is committed to maintaining our beautiful parks and expanding our 20-mile trail system.

On the fiscal front, and thanks to the collective efforts of the Supervisors, Staff and the various Departments Heads who have held the line on expenses, we have a balanced budget and yet another year without a tax increase. Lower Gwynedd Township continues to hold its Aaa Moody's bond rating, which is the highest attainable and held by only five townships within Montgomery County. This rating is a testament to the Board's policy of conservative fiscal management and affirms that your township is in sound financial health.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you from the Board and, surely, from the entire Township, to Ed Brandt for his tireless, steady and accomplished tenure as Chairman. Under Mr. Brandt's leadership and that of the Supervisors who served with him over the last 2 ½ decades our Township has grown into what is considered, in Mr. Brandt's oft quoted lines, "one of the most sought after addresses in Montgomery County". The current Board of Supervisors will work in that tradition and encourages your comments and suggestions via email at supervisors@lowergwynedd.org . Lower Gwynedd Township is well positioned to move forward and welcome all the good to come in 2013!

Kathleen Hunsicker Chair

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HURRICANE SANDY

On October 29, 2012 Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast of the United States causing billions of dollars in damage. Many areas have still not recovered from this Category 1 Hurricane. Property damage in Lower Gwynedd was minimal, compared to other areas, although many residents were without electric for a week or more and many roads were closed due to downed power lines and trees.

Frank Baxter, the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator, kept in close communication with facilities in Lower Gwynedd, such as Foulkeways, Spring House Estates, Gwynedd Estates, Lynch Homes and Silverstream to make sure that they were able to care for their residents during the weather emergency. At a recent meeting of these



Assisted Living Facilities, they praised Mr. Baxter and the emergency service providers for keeping the lines of communication open. Ed Brandt, Chairman of the Board in 2012, praised our fire departments, police, ambulance and public works department for their splendid response to the emergency. Mr. Brandt thanked the various departments for working together to deal with the unprecedented weather event.

LOWER GWYNEDD "FRIENDS OF THE PARKS AND TRAILS"

Lower Gwynedd Township takes pride in all the trails and parks throughout the township and designates significant time and man hours for the upkeep of these trails to allow our residents a safe venue whether for exercising, leisurely walks, taking in nature or simply using it to get from one place to another. If you are one of the many utilizing the parks and trails and would like to made a donation to the "Friends of the Lower Gwynedd Parks and Trails" for the upkeep of the parks and trails, you can send your donation to the Township Building made payable to: "Lower Gwynedd Township Recreation Fund", P. O. Box 625, Spring House, PA 19477.



FEATURED PHOTO



Send us your favorite photographs taken from locations in Lower Gwynedd Township. Each newsletter will spotlight one.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Philip G. Damm has been a resident of Lower Gwynedd for 60 years. He retired from Merck & Co. in West Point as an Engineer and Production Manager after 40 years of dedicated service. Since 1963 Phil has served as a Member and Treasurer of the Lower



Gwynedd Township Municipal Authority. His expertise over the past 50 years contributed to the development of a modern sewage system in the Township. He has spent numerous uncompensated hours to the benefit of residents over the years at the expense of his personal life such as attending meetings and making on-site inspections. During a recent hospitalization he continued to sign checks and communicated with the Authority's attorney and other authority officials. Phil could have retired years ago to a life of leisure, but to his credit and to the benefit of residents, he continues to serve. Phil is committed to Lower Gwynedd and would have it no other way. In addition to his service to the Township, he is a World War II Veteran having actively served in France and Italy. Phil graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) on a full scholarship with an engineering degree. He also attended Texas A & M. Phil was married for 63 years to Anne C. Damm and has two wonderful sons Philip G. Damm, Jr. and Michael C. Damm as well as three grandchildren, Laura, Philip III, and Kristin.

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LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP 2013 SPRING/SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings to be held in the Administrative Office at 1130 North Bethlehem Pike, Spring House

	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (7:30 PM)	ZONING HEARING BOARD (7:30 PM)	PLANNING COMMISSION (7:00 PM)	PARK AND RECREATION (7:00 PM)	MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (7:30 PM)
MARCH	12 and 26	14	20	26	13
APRIL	9 and 30	11	17	23	10
MAY	28	9	15	28	8
JUNE	25	13	19	25	12
JULY	23	11	17	23	10
AUGUST	27	8	21	N/A	14

Deadline for Submissions:

Zoning Hearing Board 30 days prior to scheduled meeting

Planning Commission Last day of month prior to scheduled meeting

TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS are as follows:

March 29 (Good Fridy) May 27 (Memorial Day) July 4 (Independence Day Holiday) September 2 (Labor Day) October 14 (Columbus Day)

Primary Election Day: Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Who you gonna call?

Pothole? Tree branch on a walking trail? Trash on the road? Icy roads? Street sign damaged? Grass too high on the park playing fields? Sewer back-up? Trees down after a storm? Traffic signal not working? Street light out?

Like the song from Ghostbusters, in Lower Gwynedd Township when you have a problem, the answer to "Who you gonna call?" is most likely the Public Works Department.

Over the last few years the Public Works Department has taken on projects that previously would have had to be bid out. The expansion of the Veterans Park and the improvements of the Township Building entrance are recent examples. "The Township saved about \$100,000 by doing these projects with our 13-man Public Works Department under the direction of Public Works Director Mike DeStefano." according to Larry Comunale, Township Manager. Jim Hensman, does much of the Township's electrical work. Rich Miles volunteered to paint the signs at the Township Building, Oxford Park and Penllyn Woods instead of sending them out to a professional painting company.

"The prompt response of the Public Works Department always makes the Board of Supervisors look good. We get plenty of compliments for their efforts." said Board Chair, Kathleen Hunsicker.

Who you gonna call? The Lower Gwynedd Public Works Department!! 215-646-5302

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ADMINISTRATION

"I Like The Pike" Effort Stimulates the Renaissamce of the Lower Gwynedd Business Association

On June 13, 2012, Lower Gwynedd Township teamed with Janssen Research and Development to hold a Business Expo where 50 businesses from Lower Gwynedd showcased their products and services to over 900 employees at the Janssen facility on Welsh and McKean Roads. This initiative provided an opportunity for the business owners to enter into a genuine dialogue about their thoughts and visions for operating a business in today's environment and in the future.

That day sparked the interest of several business owners to re-establish the Lower Gwynedd Business Association (LGBA) that had been active years ago. With new life and enthusiasm this group has been meeting on a monthly basis to discuss topics of interest, ways to revitalize the business corridor and how to stimulate growth in Lower Gwynedd. This communication amongst the businesses will be integral for long term success, as each business can build off the other in strategically planning for attaining their business goals for the future. So far the effort of the members of the LGBA has paid off. The LGBA has created a Business Directory with contact information and business details along with a Map of all the member's businesses in Lower

Gwynedd Township (this map can be found in the centerfold of this newsletter and at any of the participating businesses).

To find out the date of the next meeting, join the LGBA or get in touch with the group go to their website at www.ILikethePike.com or contact one of the Executive Committee Members:

• President: Greg Harth, Harth Builders

- Vice-President: Sue Adair, Feast and Fancy
- Treasurer: Timothy Smith, Susquehanna Bank
- Secretary: Penny Wosewick, Spring House Village Pharmacy

As with any new endeavor, the success of achieving a goal is reliant on the support of the people. Please support all the local businesses in Lower Gwynedd Township.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK & PENLLYN PIKE TRAIL COMPLETION

Over the past several years you witnessed and read about the trail connections the Township has made along Penllyn Pike from First Niagara Bank to the Penllyn SEPTA train station, continuing to the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Green Ribbon Trail. Veterans Memorial Park located at the corner of Bethlehem Pike and Penllyn Pike expansion which included; parking lot expansion, flag array and a holiday tree. Veterans Memorial Park serves as the trail hub for parking for trail users to access the Penllyn Pike Trail which does connect to the Green Ribbon Trail. All of these connections and expansions were made possible through an Open Space Grant Program by Montgomery County Planning Commission.

Another important asset to the park was the installation of a sign kiosk which was constructed by Mike Gerhart, Troop 540 as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Gerhart not only constructed the kiosk located at Veterans Memorial Park but also the kiosk located at Treweryn Farms Trail located off Sumneytown Pike. Lower Gwynedd Township thanks Mr. Gerhart for his hard work and dedication to the project and congratulates him on receiving his Eagle Scout Badge.



Quick Response May Have Saved A Life

As reported in our Fall Newsletter, around September 1, 2012 the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA) placed an ambulance and crew at the Lower Gwynedd Township Municipal Building. In February this strategic placement paid off. CAAA's paramedic ambulance was dispatched to an emergency in Lower Gwynedd for a 10-year old child that had stopped breathing. The paramedics were on the scene in less than 4 minutes, restored normal breathing and transported the child to the hospital. The quick response time played a key role in averting a tragedy.



The 2013 Budget

The Township's real estate tax will not increase in 2013. In December of 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved a budget for 2013 that keeps the millage rate at 1.223 mills. No increase in sewer user fees was included in the budget either. The General Fund Budget will total \$6,058,840, representing a 2.5% reduction compared to 2012.

The Township will devote 51% of its General Fund revenues to the Police Department. In 2013, the Township has allocated \$654,757 to pave six roads in the Township. Replacement of the 25- year old heating system in the Township Building is estimated to cost \$100,000. Funds in the amount of \$90,000 have been allocated to connect trails in Lower Gwynedd to trails in Whitpain Township, dependent upon a County Open Space Grant.



SIGN UP FOR NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE WEBSITE

With the new design of the Township Website residents can now register their email address to be notified when news items or announcements are posted on the website. On the home screen of the Township Website if you scroll to the bottom of the page you will see a News and Announcements section, click on Subscribe to register. Take the time today and register on the website and you can begin receiving announcements.



POLICE

Chief Scholly to Retire

Serving as Lower Gwynedd Township Chief of Police since November 3, 2003, John Scholly has announced he will retire in May of this year.

John began his career in law enforcement, immediately following high school, as a police dispatcher at Cheltenham Township Police Department. While working he attended Montgomery County Community College and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Temple University. He subsequently was hired as a police officer, and worked his way through the ranks as corporal, patrol sergeant, lieutenant in auxiliary services, lieutenant in detective services, and then concluded his career there as Chief of Police.

While chief at Lower Gwynedd Police Department, he began the Child Identification

Program. This program allows police to gather information on a child, by police photographing, fingerprinting and video recording a short interview of the child, which is all given to the parents. The



parents are also supplied with a kit to obtain a DNA sample of the child. The kit would be used as a tool in the event that something should happen to the child. This is a free service to the parents and is easy to update as the child grows, and has been utilized by many in the community.

Chief Scholly was responsible for the restructuring of the police department and has brought many new ideas and changes that have been beneficial. He has promoted a police department that is interactive in the community and more active overall.

He has served the people of Lower Gwynedd Township well. His dedication and hard work has been appreciated and respected by all.

This May will conclude forty years in law enforcement for Chief Scholly.

The Lower Gwynedd Police Department and the Township Board of Supervisors wish him the very best in any future endeavors and for a happy, healthy retirement.



The Montgomery County of Public Safety be serviced by cell towers in Philad

recommends that anyone calling 9-1-1 from a cellular phone in communities near the County border immediately state, "I'm calling from Montgomery County."

This will assist rescue services in determining a distressed person's location, as a cellular call near the County border may also

Burning in Lower Gwynedd

As you are looking forward to spring, we are too! But, there are some important things to be mindful of when preparing to burn firewood and other items in your backyard.

The following items can NEVER be burned at Lower Gwynedd:

-Garbage: business, household, industrial trash or similar waste -Any kind of recyclables (paper, metals, cardboard, etc.)

The following may be burned under the right conditions and distance requirements:

-BBQ and cooking grills, chimineas and/ or outside fireplaces. Any of these devices must have a UL listing for burning use.

Only during the months of April, May, November and December can Open Burning take place.

Advance permission by the Township must be given up to one (1) day in advance. The Township can be reached at 215-646-5302.

Any open burning must be attended to by an adult with a fire extinguisher or hose.

be serviced by cell towers in Philadelphia or Bucks, Berks, Chester or Delaware Counties. Stating that you are calling from Montgomery County reduces emergency response time, thus increasing one's safety and overall well-being.

The use of a landline phone to call 9-1-1, however, results in automatic routing to the proper call center.

Open burning can only be done between dawn and dusk. All fires must be COMPLETELY EXTINQUISHED by dusk.

Recreational burning—campfires, picnicking and similar uses is permitted with advance permission—received by

with advance permission—received by calling the Township as per open burning. Recreational fires are

limited to 3 feet in diameter, 2 feet in height. Bonfires—for special events, other than open burning and larger than recreational fires. Bonfires will be permitted at any times during the year with advance written request and approval.

The Township Fire Code Official, Fire Company Officer or Police Officer is authorized to order the complete extinguishment of any burning if that burning creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.



2013 Road Program

The following roadways are scheduled to be repaved this upcoming summer.

Hunt Seat Drive Rose Lane Hobby Horse Hill Winding Drive Carriage Circle Gwynedd View Road

PARKS AND RECREATION

Discounted Ski & Amusement Park Tickets

The Township offers discounted tickets for ski lift tickets and amusement park tickets. Discounted Amusement Park Tickets are on sale from the end of May until the end of August. Tickets can be purchased at the Township Building between the hours of, 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A full listing of the tickets can be found on the Township Website: www.lowergwynedd.org

Learn How to Knit

If you are an experienced knitter, or just a beginner and wish to learn how to knit. If you have a knitting question, or need help with a pattern. Those interested in Crocheting are also welcome to come



and join this group. This is a very informal group who meets at the Penllyn Woods Community Building once a week.

Dates: Thursday Afternoons (except for holidays)

Time: 1-3 p.m. • *Location:* Penllyn Woods Community Building *Cost:* Free

Library Programs

2nd Thursday Presents

The 2nd Thursday of the month Lower Gwynedd Township along with Wissahickon Valley Public

Library presents to you a speaker series. The topics will range from gardening, the arts, travel, or informative talks on Township services or services and resources offered at the library. This series is offered October – May on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

Tech Q&A - Wednesday, March 27 - 1-4 pm

Come get help with your mobile devices. We can help you with: Tablet computer (iPad), ereaders (Kindle, Nook), Smart Phones (iPhone, Droid), MP3 players (iPod). *The Library's intent is to help people learn the use of their devices. The library does not assume responsibility for devices that are not working properly and can't fix devices.*

Summer Bulbs - April 11

Master Gardener from the Montgomery County Extension Service, Mary McKnight will be discussing the large variety of summer bulbs, how to plant them, and when to plant and what to expect.

Japan and Thailand - May 9

Dr. Sheldon Weintraub will be returning again and sharing his adventures through Japan and Thailand. Dr. Weintraub is a world traveler and docent at the Barnes and shares his stories of some of the things you won't typically see or experience abroad.

Lush Landscapes for Smaller Spaces - June 13

Master Gardener from the Montgomery County Extension Service, Mary McKnight will be discussing the design elements for planning out smaller spaces and making them look absolutely beautiful.

Story Time @ Oxford Park

Date: Thursdays June 20 – August 1 • *Time:* 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Ages:* 2-6 years • *Location:* Oxford Park Picnic Pavilion

I Dig Nature



In keeping with the theme of the Summer Reading program, this program will focus on books with a fun nature theme, projects and a short nature walk. *Date:* Saturday August 3 • *Time:* 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. *Ages:* 6 - 12 years

Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building

2013 EASTER EGG HUNT

Date: Saturday March 23 Location: Penllyn Woods Time: 10 a.m. –Noon Participants must bring their own baskets This is a rain or shine event



Trail Dusters

Join us as we explore a new trail each week. Meeting locations with trail details will be provided upon registering for the program. *Dates:* Tuesdays & Thursdays, April 9 through May 23 • *Time:* 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Location:* Varies each week, participants will receive a list of walking locations upon registering for the program. *Cost:* \$5 per person

Trail Clean Up Day

Township residents, high school students, and service clubs are all encouraged to pre-register to volunteer in helping us clean up some of the trails. The cleanup will focus on collecting trash and maintaining the beauty of the Township's extensive trail system. For further information please call the Parks &



Recreation Department 215-646-5302. If you are a member of a service group and would like to focus on a particular trail that not on our list to clean please let us know.

Date: Saturday April 27 (raindate of Sunday April 28) • Time: 9 a.m. Meeting Location: Township Building Parking Lot

SUMMER CONCERTS AT OXFORD PARK

Lower Gwynedd Township Parks & Recreation Department proudly presents the 2013 Summer Concert Series.

Wednesdays Evenings beginning July 10, 7:00 p.m. at Oxford Park.

JULY 10 ~ Raven Hill Blue Grass Band

JULY 17 ~ The Mighty Pudge Band

JULY 24 ~ Mighty Rhythm Kings

JULY 31 ~ The Rivers Rock-a-Billy Trio

AUGUST 7 ~ The Boogie Dogs



SAVE THE DATE September 21, 2013 ~ Countrie Picnic 2013

Mark your calendars now for the Countrie Picnic. 2012 showed to be a great year with an excellent showing of vendors and activities for the family. If you have a business or are interested in having a vendor space at this year's picnic please contact Sandi Feight at 215-646-5302, for more information regarding the picnic, vendors spaces, bake off and more.



PARKS AND RECREATION



CHALLENGER SPORTS SOCCER

First Kicks A unique and creative program that introduces very young players to the game of soccer through fun

games, stories, and skill building activities. (parents are encouraged to join in)

Dates: Thursday April 4-May 23 (8 week) *Time:* 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Ages: 2-3 years • Location: Oxford Park Cost: \$85 per participant

Mini-Soccer

Fun games, competitions and skill-building activities are designed to enlighten and develop budding players. Dates: Thursday April 4-May 23 (8 week)

Time: 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Ages: 4-5 years • Location: Oxford Park Cost: \$95 per participant

Player Development

This session will develop technical proficiency, skill building, include team concepts, opposed activities, and problem solving through fun activities and games. Dates: Thursday April 4 - May 23 (8 week) Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Ages: 6-8 years

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Ages: 9-12 years *Location:* Pen-Ambler Park Cost: \$99 per participant

First Kicks

A fun introduction to the very basic elements of the game Date: August 12-16 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Ages: 3-4 year olds Location: Penllyn Woods ~ Soccer Field Cost: \$95 per child

Mini-Soccer

Fundamental practices, skill-building activities and small sided games. Date: August 12-16 *Time:* 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Ages: 4-6 year olds Location: Penllyn Woods ~ Soccer Field Cost: \$109 per child

Half Day Camp

Emphasis is placed upon individual skill development, core techniques and small sided games. Date: August 12-16 • Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon Ages: 6-16 year olds Location: Penllyn Woods ~ Soccer Field Cost: \$140 per child

SPRING TENNIS LESSONS

Adult Beginner Tennis

Days: Tuesday and Thursdays Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m. Session 1: April 9 – May 2 Session 2: May 7 – May 30 Session 3: June 4 – June 27 Location: Penllyn Park Cost: \$140 per person per session

Adult Advanced Tennis

Days: Tuesday and Thursdays *Time:* 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Session 1: April 9 - May 2 Session 2: May 7 - May 30 Session 3: June 4 – June 27 Location: Penllyn Park Cost: \$140 per person per session

Youth Tennis Ages: 8 and Under

Days: Saturday *Time:* 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Session 1: April 9 - May 2 Session 2: May 7 - May 30 Session 3: June 4 – June 27 Location: Penllyn Park Cost: \$140 per person per session

Youth Tennis

Ages: Advanced and Above Days: Saturday *Time:* 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Session 1: April 9 – May 2 Session 2: May 7 – May 30 Session 3: June 4 – June 27 *Location:* Penllyn Park Cost: \$140 per person per session

Summer Tennis Camp

Ages: 8 and under Days: Monday, Wednesday, Fridays Dates: Session 1: June 17-July 5 Session 2: July 8 - August 2 Session 3: August 5 - August 30 *Time:* 9:30 - 10:30a.m. *Location:* Penllyn Park Cost: \$140 per person per session

Days: Monday, Wednesday, Fridays

Dates: Session 1: June 17 - July 5 Session 2: July 8 - August 2 Session 3: August 5 - August 30 *Time:* 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. *Cost:* \$140 per person per session

Session 1: June 17 - July 5 Session 2: July 8 - August 2 Session 3: August 5 - August 30 *Location:* Penllyn Park Cost: \$140 per person per session

Bricks for Girlz Camp



Super Hero Camp

Be a part of a week building Super Heros with LEGO bricks! Explore all the caped crusaders and discover their super powers. Create a fantasy world and protect it against all the evil arch enemies with custom contraptions. At the end of the camp, all Super Hero Campers will go home with a custom create mini figure. *This camp is not affiliated with Marvel Comics.

Date: August 19 - 23 (Monday – Friday) • Time: 9 a.m. – Noon Ages: 5-10 year olds • Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building Cost: \$150 per child

Date: July 8 – 12 (Monday – Friday) • Time: 9 a.m. – Noon Ages: 5-10 year olds • Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building Cost: \$150 per child

rainforest, create an arctic home, erupt a volcano, and go spelunking in

models. Build adorable houses, cafes and more for a brand new cast

of female characters including Olivia and all her friends. We'll do lots of



Do you want to be an archaeologist...a geologist...or how about a biologist ? You can be all this and more in this fun-filled camp! Each day we'll explore a new habitat as we dig for dinosaurs in the desert, make creatures of the

your own cave creation. There's so much to do in this exciting week of camp.

Date: August 12 - 16 (Monday – Friday) • Time: 9 a.m. – Noon Ages: 4-6 year olds Location: Penllyn Woods Community Building Cost: \$205 per child



Location: Penllyn Park Ages: Adults

Days: Wednesday Dates:

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

JR. EXPLORERS

Ages: 9 - 13 years



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PARKS AND RECREATION



EVENTS:

50 meter dash 100 meter dash 200 meter dash 4x100 meter relay 800 meter run 1600 meter run Standing long jump (field event) Softball throw (field event)

Each child can participate in either 2 track and 1 field or 2 field and 1 track event.



HERSHEY'S TRACK & FIELD GAMES

Saturday, June 8, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of the Hershey's Track a& Field Program is to encourage physical fitness among youth and emphasize participation and sportsmanship.

WHO: Boys & Girls AGES: 9 - 14 (age as of December 31, 2013) LOCATION: Gwynedd Mercy High School Track 1345 Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd Valley, PA 19437

Participants must pre-register through Lower Gwynedd Township Parks & Recreation Department 215-646-5302, registration forms can fe found at : www.lowergwynedd.org

The winners of each event have the opportunity to advance to the District meet which will be held in Easton, PA.



Summer Drama Camp

Young actors spend the week working as a team to create a play full of action, drama, mystery or comedy. They are guided through the process of the entire production; playwriting, creativity with costumes and finally the production. On the last day, they perform their productions for family and friends using props and costumes they designed. Participants should bring a lunch, drink and snack, a refrigerator is on site, clothing should be comfortable, shoes should be enclosed ~ no skirts or flip flops.

Date: July 15-19 (Monday –Friday) • *Time:* 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Ages:* 7-11 year olds • *Location:* Penllyn Woods Community Building *Cost:* \$165 per child

2013 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION



Summer Camp program will be held at the Wissahickon Middle School with use of the Pool. Summer Camp will take place from June 24th until August 2nd. For further information regarding the camp please call the Township Building, registration forms can

be downloaded off the Township Website www.lowergwynedd.org. You can also pay for the summer camp fees on-line but the registration forms must still be mailed or dropped off at the Township Building. Please call the Recreation Director with any questions.

This year due to school days lost because of Hurricane Sandy the tentative start date for the camp will June 24. The camp will be held at a different location the week of June 24 and then move to the school facilities once available. Registered participants will be kept informed upon registering for the camp.

Dates: June 24 – August 2 • Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Post Camp: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (additional cost) \$330 per child Location: Wissahickon Middle School
Daily Swimming: Wissahickon Middle School
Ages: 6 (or completed Kindergarten) – 12 years

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT PERIOD

Register between Monday March 18–Friday April 12 and save \$10. *Registrations received after April 12 will be charged the full price of camp.* \$535 first resident child \$475 for each additional resident child

Teen Drama Camp

Young adults spend the week working as a team to create a play full of action, drama, mystery or comedy. They are guided through the process of the entire production; playwriting, creativity with costumes and finally the production, lead by Philadelphia area theatre professionals. Actors will also learn the basics of stagecraft, how to speak loudly and clearly, how to work in teams, how to accept and respect others' ideas. On the last day, they perform their productions for family and friends using props and costumes they designed. Participants should bring a lunch, drink and snack, a refrigerator is on site, clothing should be comfortable, shoes should be enclosed ~ no skirts or flip flops.

Date: August 12- 19 (Monday –Friday) • *Time:* 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Ages:* 12-16 year olds • *Location:* Penllyn Woods Community Building *Cost:* \$165 per child

\$620 first non-resident child \$590 for each additional non-resident child

Weekly rates for 2013

\$ 180 first resident child
\$160 for each additional resident child
\$240 first non-resident child
\$200 for each additional non-resident child

All Registrations must be post marked or dropped off by Wednesday May 3, 2013 any registrations received after a \$50 Late Fee will be charged.



Summer Camp Counselors

Applications for Summer Camp Counselors are being accepted. All applicants must go through the interview process and complete all necessary background checks. Applicants must be 15 years of age and over

Counselors In Training

The CIT program is designed to train youths ages 13-14 to assist the staff with the activities and programs conducted at the summer camp. There is a \$100 fee to participate in this program – covering program administration and supervision. Successful participation in this program may be a "stepping stone" for future employment with the Parks & Recreation Department. Participants must complete an employment application, go through the interview process and complete all necessary background checks. The fee will be collected if the applicant is chosen to participant.

STORMWATER... SOAK IT IN!!! - EVENT APRIL 20, 2013

Gwynedd Green is a Committee of Township Gresidents dedicated to ensuring a great quality of life for the community through educational outreach, involvement and best practices. Supervisors Grey and Brandt are the Township's representatives on this Committee. The Gwynedd Green Committee's goal is



to help residents take steps to reduce stormwater runoff, protect water quality and create natural habitats for wildlife.

The Committee is planning an informative day of activities on April 20, 2013 from 11:00am - 3:00pm. The Stormwater... Soak It In! community event will take place on the grounds of the Ingersoll/Claytor House located on Old Bethlehem Pike, behind the Lower Gwynedd Township administration building. Limited parking at the Township Building and overflow parking will be at the Spring House Village Shopping Center.

Participants include the following organizations:

- Ambler Borough Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)
- Audubon Society of Pennsylvania
- Penn State Extension Montgomery County Master Gardeners
- Philadelphia Water Department (PWD)
- Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA)

Participants will learn what stormwater management is and what Lower Gwynedd Township is doing to address stormwater runoff and why it is important to everyone. Participants are invited to watch or dig in and get dirty to assist with the rain garden planting! Please dress appropriately.

Giveaways for each family include a flash drive loaded with Lower Gwynedd Township park and trail maps, and stormwater management-related information (while supplies last). A rain

barrel will be raffled off to one lucky person! This event is great for families, homeowners and anyone interested in learning about stormwater management.

Check the Lower Gwynedd Township website and media for updated information about the upcoming spring event to learn what you can do to mitigate stormwater runoff and protect water resources while creating natural habitats for wildlife!



Sump Pump and Roof Drain Connections

It is illegal to have sump pumps, roof drains, or any other connection that discharges or allows storm water to enter the Township's wastewater collection system. Storm water entering the wastewater collection system has the potential to overload the system, which can lead to sanitary sewer backups and equipment failures at the Township sanitary sewer pumping stations. The Township's wastewater conveyance system on a dry day conveys approximately 2.5 million gallons of sewage to the Ambler Joint Authority Treatment Plant. After heavy rain events our flows can double due in part to these illegal connections. If your property has any of the above mentioned connections, Lower Gwynedd Township requests that they be disconnected from the sanitary sewer system and allowed to discharge across the lawn or into a nearby storm sewer if possible. In addition, any sanitary sewer cleanouts on your property must be a minimum of 6 inches above grade and should have a proper cap placed on them to prevent debris and surface water from entering the system.



PAPER SHREDDING AND E-CYCLE DAY

Saturday, April 20, 2013 Lower Gwynedd Township Building Parking Lot



The Lower Gwynedd Township Board of Supervisors will again be sponsoring a paper shredding and electronic recycling event on Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 8:00AM - 12 Noon. It is that time of year again to clean-out your desks and attics from built-up clutter and bring

us your cancelled checks, personal files, banking records, credit & ID cards, old invoices, billing statements, tax records and any other sensitive or confidential material for secure destruction.

In addition to the paper shredding, residents of Lower Gwynedd Township can recycle any old or unwanted electronics (CPU's, TV's under 40", monitors, printers, faxes, stereos, cell phones) at the township building. Lower Gwynedd Township residents have successful in removing electronics from the trash stream from this event for the past several years. Unfortunately, large appliances, TV's over 40", fluorescent light bulbs, hazardous waste and tires will not be accepted at this event.

Lower Gwynedd Township Police, in conjunction with the U.S. DEA will also be collecting unwanted or outdated drugs. Collection will occur from 8:00AM to 12 Noon in the Township Building.

These events are offered free of charge to Lower Gwynedd Township residents only- this service is not available to businesses and/or non-residents. Proper identification is required.



STORMWATER: NUISANCE OR NATURAL RESOURCE? What You Should Know and What You Can Do.



You want to live in a township that offers great schools, diverse and attractive housing stock, reasonable taxes, very little crime, easy access to both Philadelphia and more rural parts of Montgomery and Bucks Counties, convenient shopping and lots of woods, streams, and trails and parks-just like Lower Gwynedd.

Lower Gwynedd is such a desirable place to live that our population has been growing: according to census figures, the township had 12.3% more households (and 9.4% more people) in 2010 compared to 2000. In many ways, population growth benefits our

township. For example, it means higher tax revenues to support township initiatives and justifies more diverse small business development. Population growth also brings challenges, including environmental ones.

There are the obvious traffic issues as well as the air and water pollution associated with higher concentrations of automobiles and land development and redevelopment projects.

Stormwater runoff presents numerous challenges. Stormwater runoff is water that originates during precipitation from rainfall or snowmelt that moves over ground during and immediately following a storm and does not infiltrate into the ground. In a watershed undergoing land development, such as Lower Gwynedd Township, the amount of stormwater runoff after a rainfall event can increase significantly! More impervious surfaces such as pavement, driveways, buildings, and parking lots prevent runoff from infiltrating into the ground.

Even more problematic are the long-term effects of increasing amounts of natural habitat being turned into impermeable surfaces such as roads, driveways, parking lots and buildings.

Some examples:

• Fewer wooded lots, trees, shrubs and home gardens prevent rain water from slowly entering the aquifer. Healthy forests and woodlands absorb rain like sponges and prevent large volumes of runoff into streams and drainage systems. These natural areas serve as natural air cleaners by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen and also provide important habitats for many animal and bird species.

- Asphalt and concrete retain the sun's heat, which raises surrounding air temperature and produces heat sinks.
- Fewer woods and native plantings lead to fewer species that rely on them, including birds and helpful insects, which lead to increased pressures on ecosystems.
- Impervious surfaces lead to increased stormwater runoff because the runoff cannot infiltrate into the ground.
- Land development practices include diverting rainwater off-site as quickly as possible. Stormwater that does not soak into the ground rapidly flows over land picking up debris, fertilizers, sediment, pet waste, residues from roadways, and dissolved pollutants. The untreated runoff is transported to the nearest storm drain and eventually to streams and rivers. This untreated runoff harmfully affects water quality needed to support ecosystems and protect drinking water quality.

Stormwater runoff and management also costs homeowners! Stormwater quickly flows and can flood areas downstream from developed land, which can damage homes and businesses, flood septic system drain fields and overwhelm streams and wetlands. There are the non-financial costs as well, including more frequent flooding of roads and damage to infrastructure.

In addition, failure to properly manage runoff can lead to flooding which can cause greater stream channel erosion. Naturalized landscapes, trees, shrubs, gardens, riparian buffers and vegetative lawns (rather than impervious surfaces) help to slow down rainfall, allowing it to gradually soak into the ground and recharge aquifers.

The Township places special emphasis on stormwater management, and has a lot of useful information on this issue and what you can do to mitigate the impacts of stormwater runoff. Please visit the Township Website lowergwynedd.org under Stormwater Management to find out more useful information.

In addition to the Township's ongoing efforts, the Gwynedd Green Committee's main focus over the next few months will be on helping Township residents take steps to reduce stormwater runoff. Naturalized landscapes help to filter and absorb runoff while providing important localized habitats for birds and butterflies and beneficial insects such as bees.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!! TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013



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