October 16, 2020

Voting Resources for November 3 General Election

The General Election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. For those who wish to vote in-person polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The last day to register to vote is this Monday, October 19.
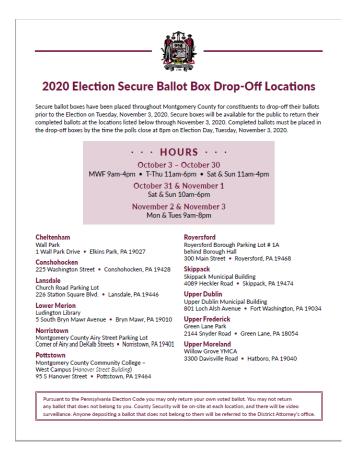
Click here for voting information and resources from Montgomery County Voter Services

Montgomery County has finalized polling locations for November 3. Below are the locations for Lower Gwynedd.

Lower Gwynedd 1-1	Gwynedd Mercy University, East Campus	1201 Sumneytown Pike	Gwynedd Valley
Lower Gwynedd 1-2	Church of the Messiah	1001 Dekalb Pike	Lower Gwynedd
Lower Gwynedd 1-3	Gwynedd Mercy University, East Campus	1201 Sumneytown Pike	Gwynedd Valley
Lower Gwynedd 1-4	Wissahickon High School	521 Houston Road	Ambler
Lower Gwynedd 2-1	Lower Gwynedd Township Building	1130 North Bethlehem Pike	Spring House
Lower Gwynedd 2-2	Wissahickon School Administration Building	601 Knight Road	Ambler

The County Commissioners have approved 10-ballot drop off locations for the General Election. The closest drop off box to Lower Gwynedd is at the Upper Dublin Township Building, 801 Loch Alsh Avenue. The ballot boxes will open on October 3 and be available for use from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Information for additional Secure Drop Box information for mail-in ballots can be found at: https://www.montcopa.org/3587/Secure-Ballot-Drop-Box-Locations

Almost Time to Trade in Recycling Totes and Trash Bins

As part of the switch to a new trash hauler, please place your current recycling toters at the curb on Monday, October 26 for pickup by Waste Management. Please leave your trash bins out on Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30 for pickup by Waste Management.

The Board of Supervisors recently approved a three-year waste and recycling contract with [Republic Services](#) beginning November 1 and running until October 31, 2023. The contract calls for a price of $28.19 a month per household in the first year, $29.18 in the second year and $30.20 in the final year. The monthly fee for low volume households is $18/month plus a charge of $3 per 30-gallon bag.

Leaf and yard waste in excess of eight bags per pickup will be $3 per bag. Grass clippings in excess of four bags per pickup will be $3 per bag. One bulk item per month is included for free. An extra bulk item is $75.

Republic Services are currently setting up all the accounts in their system and they will be sending out information to the residents about the new account and access to their accounts on their website during the last week of October. Please be patient while they work through setting up all the accounts. There will be no interruption of service to either the trash or recycling during the switch over.

Drug Take Back Day Is October 24

[National Drug Take Back Day](#) is Saturday, October 24. The Lower Gwynedd Police Department will be a drop off location between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drug Take Back Day is a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs.

Halloween Safety Guidance

Halloween is just two weeks away and understandably there are questions this year about trick-or-treating. Montgomery County and the CDC have issued guidance for Halloween. Please visit the websites for tips.

[Montgomery County Halloween guidance](#)

[CDC Halloween guidance](#)

Montgomery County Office of Public (MCOPH) health believes there are alternative ways to safely engage in Halloween activities. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) outlines Halloween festivities that are considered low, moderate and high risk for COVID-19. MCOPH has reviewed the guidelines set by CDC and below has outlined activities to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission:

General Prevention	
Feeling Ill?	If you are sick with COVID-19 like symptoms (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea) or under isolation/quarantine, STAY HOME!!
Social Distancing	Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet or more from people you don't live with. Be particularly mindful in areas where it may harder to keep this distance, such as restrooms and eating areas. Minimize gestures that promote close contact. For example, do not shake hands, elbow bump, or give hugs. Instead wave and verbally greet others.
Masking	A face mask or face shield should be worn at all times. Do not use a costume mask (such as for Halloween) as a substitute for a cloth mask unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers your mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around your face.
Cleaning/ Disinfecting	Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and shared items between uses when feasible. Use EPA-approved disinfectants.
Hand Hygiene	Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

Township Staff Available By Appointment

The Lower Gwynedd Township Building is open but appointments are necessary in order to maintain a safe distance for both the public and our staff. Please call 215-646-5302 to schedule an appointment or discuss your issue. If possible, please conduct business online or by phone for the health and safety of yourself and staff.

Coronavirus Resources

[Lower Gwynedd Township coronavirus page](#)

[Montgomery County coronavirus hub](#)

[Pennsylvania Department of Health](#)

[CDC](#)