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Board Adopts Budget That Holds Taxes and Fees Steady

The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday adopted the Township's 2021 budget, which holds the line on real estate taxes and sewer user charges.

Under the \$17.6-million budget, the real estate millage remains 1.223 mils. A residence with the median Township assessment of \$429,900 would pay \$524.67 for the services provided by the Township in 2021.

"This has been a challenging year for each of us," said Supervisor Chairman Mark Grey. "Our goal was to minimize any financial impact on homeowners and businesses. We're pleased we were able to do that with this budget."

The 2021 budget is available for review at the Township Building between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. by making arrangements with staff. The budget is also [available by clicking here](#).

State Announces New COVID-19 Restrictions

Governor Wolf and Secretary of Health Rachel Levine yesterday announced new COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

[Click here for the announcement of the mitigation efforts](#). The restrictions include:

- All in-person indoor dining at businesses in the retail food services industry, including, but not limited to, bars, restaurants, breweries, wineries, distilleries, social clubs, and private catered events is prohibited.
- Outdoor dining, take-out food service, and take-out alcohol sales are permitted and may continue.
- Indoor gatherings and events of more than 10 persons are prohibited.
- Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, and other places of congregative worship are specifically excluded from the limitations set forth above during religious services.
- All in-person businesses serving the public may only operate at up to 50% of the maximum capacity stated on the applicable certificate of occupancy, except as limited by existing orders to a smaller capacity limit.



Winter Doesn't Mean the End of The Spotted Lanternfly

When we think of the Spotted Lantern Fly (SFL) we typically think of the jumping/flying bug that we see in our parks and around our homes in late summer and early fall. While there are traps and other ways of helping to control these invasive insects during the summer, one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of the SFL is to learn to identify and remove the egg masses that they lay in late fall and early winter.

Winter is almost officially here, which means the last of the adult spotted lanternfly have died off. However, their egg masses remain and are waiting for warmer weather to hatch. You can use this time to inspect trees, patio furniture and other outdoor items for streaks of grey that are lanternfly egg masses.

Each egg mass contains up to 50 lanternflies. So simply scraping the egg mass can reduce the lanternfly population more than squishing a bug on a patio can.

[Click here to learn more from Penn State Extension](#)



Township Staff Available by Appointment

The Lower Gwynedd Township Building is open but appointments are necessary. Please call 215-646-5302 to schedule a visit. 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](#)