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Sunset Golf Course Blue Angels Air Show



On May 24th and 25th, Sunset Golf Course will close to golf and open as a spectator venue for the Blue Angels Air Show. Admission to the golf course during the weekend will be by ticket only. Tickets can only be purchased ahead of time and in person at Sunset Golf Course or at the Londonderry Township Municipal Building. Fairway #1 and #2 will be open for spectators to set up chairs and watch the show!

- Food trucks will be on site and the Sunset Bar and Grill will be open with a full menu.
- Parking will be at the Sunset Golf Course parking lot and on the driving range.
- Sunset Golf Course will open at 9am on the 24th and 25th. The Air Show is from Noon-4pm.
- No admission to Sunset Golf Course will be permitted without a ticket.
- Tickets must be purchased before May 24th in person at Sunset Golf Course or at the Londonderry Township Administrative Building. Check or credit card only, no cash.
- No day-of ticket sales!
- Ticket sales are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis.
- Tickets are \$35.00 per vehicle.
- Spectators will be allowed to set up camp chairs on Fairway #1 and #2 to observe the show! Available space is on a first come, first serve basis.

Sunset Park will remain open to the public during the Air Show at no cost. Residents who wish to view the show from Sunset Park may do so with parking limited to paved and gravel areas only. No parking will be permitted in grass areas or along Sunset Drive. No pavilion rentals will be offered on May 24th and 25th. Please call Londonderry Township at 717-944-1803 with questions.



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Municipal Office

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP

www.londonderrypa.org • 717-944-1803

783 S. Geyers Church Road
Middletown, PA 17057

HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Township Manager, David Blechertas
dblechertas@londonderrypa.org

Zoning/Building Codes Officer
Duane Brady, Jr.

dbrady@londonderrypa.org

HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am – 2:00pm *by appointment*

Public Works Director, Andy Brandt
2501 Sunset Drive • Middletown, PA 17057
717-944-9440 • Hours: 6:30am – 2:30pm

SUNSET GOLF COURSE

Sam Risteff, Golf Course Manager
sristeff@londonderrypa.org

Bob Gomboc, Jr., Golf Course Superintendent
rgomboc@londonderrypa.org

www.sunsetgc.com • 717-944-5415
2601 Sunset Drive
Middletown, PA 17057

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ron Kopp, Chair

Mike Geyer, Vice-Chair

Anna J. Dale, Member

Mel Hershey, Member

Bart Shellenhamer, Member

TAX OFFICE

Loren M. Bowen, Tax Collector
lorenbowen086@gmail.com

2900 East Harrisburg Pike
Middletown, PA 17057

717-944-2842

HOURS:

Wednesday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

& 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Thursday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Don't Forget to VOTE

ELECTION DAY Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Residents that are United States citizens and 18 years of age or older are encouraged to exercise their right to vote.

Dauphin County Voter Registration: 717-780-6360

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at these locations:

Precinct #1 – Living Hope Church

3030 Schoolhouse Road

Precinct #2 – Londonderry Fire Company

2655 Foxianna Road

Precinct #3 – Bright Hope Fellowship Church

345 N. Deodate Road

Emergencies - 911

Non-Emergencies - 717.671.7500



ADDRESS:
PA State Police
Troop H
8000 Bretz Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17112



LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP

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YOUR TOWNSHIP!**

See Important information & Upcoming Events.

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Tax Collector Notes

Loren M. Bowen, Tax Collector • 717-944-2842
2900 E. Harrisburg Pike • Middletown, PA 17057

Greetings from the tax office. Hopefully by the time you read this the nasty winter is over!

You should have received your County/Township Real Estate Tax bill by now. They were mailed February 1, 2025. If you did not receive yours by now, please call me.

You probably noticed there was a tax increase! The Dauphin County Commissioners raised the County Real Estate tax by about 22%. This is one of 5 taxes on the tax bill. The rest of the taxes on the bill did not change, including the Township taxes. Overall, this made the tax bill go up by about 12%. If you have concerns about the increase, I would be glad to provide you with the Commissioner's phone number.

The Dauphin County Recorder of Deeds Department now has a program to help protect your property from scammers! It's a free service and is easy to sign up for. There was a flyer in with your tax bill explaining the program. Basically, if anyone tries to take a loan against your property you will be notified right away.

There seems to be a lot of confusion between property taxes, school taxes, and real estate taxes. You receive a County/Township Real Estate Tax in February. This bill has nothing to do with school taxes! Money goes to the County and Township. This is for the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st.

In July you receive your School Real Estate Tax. This is for the fiscal year, July 1st to June 30th of the following year. This goes entirely to the school district.

You also receive a personal occupation and per capita bill at the same time in July. Every adult in Lower Dauphin School District receives this bill. You can be exonerated from the occupation (\$250.00) tax if you have less than \$6000.00 in earned income, are over 70, are a full time college student both semesters, or are clergy with no other source of income. Everyone still pays the \$10.00 per capita and \$5.00 township tax!

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Loren M. Bowen Tax Collector

2025 Meeting Dates

All meetings are held at the Township Municipal Building,
783 S. Geyers Church Road in Middletown

BOARD of SUPERVISORS — 7:00 p.m.

1st Monday each month, unless otherwise noted

PLANNING COMMISSION — 6:00 p.m.

2nd Monday each month, unless otherwise noted

ZONING HEARING BOARD — 7:00 p.m.

3rd Tuesday each month, unless otherwise noted

BOARD of SUPERVISORS WORKSESSION — 7:00 p.m.

3rd Wednesday each month, unless otherwise noted

Board minutes are posted on the Township website www.londonderrypa.org.

STATE & FEDERAL OFFICIALS

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

DONALD J. TRUMP

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500
202-456-1414

GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120
717-787-2500

U.S. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE

SCOTT PERRY, 10th District

1207 Longworth House
Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
202-225-5836

15TH SENATE DISTRICT

SENATOR PATTY KIM

17 East Wing
Senate Box 203015
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3015
(717) 787-6801

REPRESENTATIVE

TOM MEHAFFIE

Capitol Office – 159-B East Wing
PO Box 202106
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2106
(717) 787-2684

DAUPHIN COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS

Justin Douglas, Chairman
Mike Pries, Vice Chairman
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary
P.O. Box 1295
Harrisburg, PA 17108
(717) 780-6300

Emergency Services

SOUTH CENTRAL EMS

South Central EMS has provided advanced life support service to the citizens of Londonderry Township for the past 20 years. Recently, South Central EMS entered into an agreement to provide basic and advanced life support to the citizens of Londonderry Township. The mission of South Central EMS is to meet the needs and exceed expectations for excellence in pre-



hospital care and transportation by providing cost effective, response time sensitive, and patient oriented care, through our highly trained staff of professional EMS providers.

Please contact South Central EMS with any questions and for memberships. A patient care representative may be reached at 717-671-4020.

Portable Generator Safety Tips

Take precautions for your safety and the safety of those working to restore your power

ALWAYS

- Read and follow all manufacturer's operating instructions
- Use your generator outdoors, away from open windows, vents or doors
- Allow the generator engine to cool at least 2 minutes before refueling
- Store the recommended type of fuel for the generator in an approved, properly labeled safety can
- Maintain your generator according to the manufacturer's schedule
- Have a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm to check for deadly buildup
- Turn off the generator and let it cool before refueling to prevent a fire
- Start or stop the generator **ONLY** when no electrical loads are connected
- Allow at least 4 feet of clearance on all sides of the generator when it is operating

- Keep children away from generator at all times

NEVER

- Never use a generator inside your home, garage, basement, crawl space or enclosed area, even with ventilation, as carbon monoxide buildup can kill
- Never operate the generator near combustible materials
- Never plug your generator directly into your home outlet as this presents an electrocution risk to utility workers and neighbors served by the same utility transformer - have a qualified electrician install a power transfer switch instead
- Never operate a generator under wet conditions or touch it with wet hands (put it on a level, dry surface under an open, canopy-like structure)
- Never overload the generator or connected appliances and components can be damaged
- Never cut corners when it comes to safety

REFLECTIVE SIGNS

Emergency reflective signs are being sold by the Londonderry Fire Company. They make it easier for emergency personnel to locate your home at night.

Just fill out the order form and mail it back with payment to the Londonderry Fire Company.

1
2
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ORDER FORM

Mail your form with payment to:

Londonderry Fire Co. No.1 • 717.944.2175

2655 Foxianna Rd. • Middletown, PA 17057

Attention: Bart Shellenhamer

Make checks payable to: **Londonderry Fire Co. No. 1**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

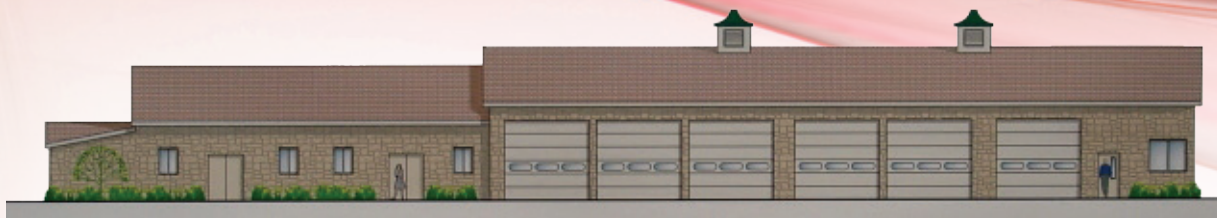
PHONE: (_____) _____

☐ **HORIZONTAL WITHOUT POST \$20**

☐ **VERTICAL WITHOUT POST \$20**

☐ **VERTICAL WITH POST \$25**

Emergency Services



Wow, it is Spring, and we all survived the winter months and cold temperatures. Hopefully we can all get out and enjoy the warmer temperatures and beautiful days ahead. So, how is your 100% volunteer fire department doing and what are some things on the horizon?

The Londonderry Fire Company is a 100% volunteer fire company that is made up of citizens of not just Londonderry Township but surrounding communities. These individuals may be your neighbor, a church member, or just the person in line at the grocery store. But regardless of who they are, they are always here for you in times of need. They volunteer their time and skills to assist the residents and visitors of our beautiful township during fire, rescue, and any emergency. They are willing to respond to your crisis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

If you would like to become a part of the Londonderry Fire Company family and volunteer to the community, we can use you. We need individuals that are 14 years of age or older and are willing to learn and train to become a firefighter and maybe even consider making it a career.

No prior experience is necessary. We will provide and pay for all entry level training and any continued training that is required. Don't want to become a firefighter but still want to contribute? Think about volunteering as a fire police officer, or someone who can assist at fundraising activities, public events or administrative functions. We are also looking into ways to make joining the fire company appealing.

What does that mean? Dauphin County currently offers a \$250.00 real estate tax rebate to those that qualify.

Fire Company officers are working with the Township Officials to introduce something similar, and we are also looking into ways to incentivize membership. If you have an interest in becoming a member of the Londonderry Fire Company family or have any questions, please feel

free to send a message to firechiefs@londonderryfire.com, or by calling 717-944-2175 X 1.

The Londonderry Fire Company hosted the first 2 modules of the Introduction to the Fire Service Series. Now those members will continue with the series and all the additional classes that are needed to become a State Certified Firefighter 1. The fire company also hosts other certified training courses throughout the year that are open to our mutual aid partners. We also have our own In-House Training on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to observe what is happening, please don't hesitate to stop.



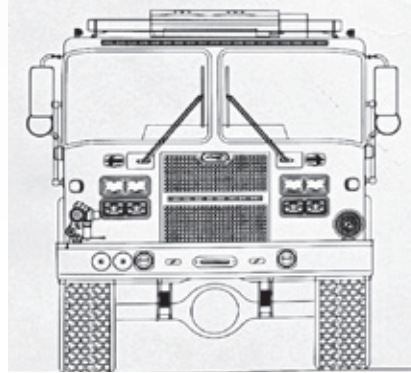
Emergency Services

I am sure some of you wonder where we are going and what we are doing when you see us in the community with the lights and sirens going. In 2024 we responded to 382 calls for service. Of those 382 dispatches approximately 220 of those incidents were with in Londonderry Township with the remaining incidents providing mutual aid assistance to neighboring communities. This was an increase from 2023 by about 50 incidents.

What type of incident is the largest response? Motor vehicle accidents and medical emergencies continue

to be the higher of the responses within Londonderry Township.

Now for some project updates. The Engine 54-1 order was placed in 2022 and is still on track for delivery within the first half of this year. I remind you that the unit is costing us \$829,989.00, of which we received a Grant from the Dauphin County Commissioners of \$150,000.00 and a loan is being secured through the USDA with the assistance of the Township Supervisors. We are also still researching the feasibility of



Emergency Services

refurbishing Engine 54, which is a 2009 KME, to save money but still maintain a Class A Fire Engine.

We have also applied for a grant through the Dauphin County Commissioners to help offset the refurbishing cost should we go in that direction. We continue to research the purchase of a UTV (Utility Vehicle) to access our wooded areas, large farm fields, areas along the railroad tracks, and other areas that present difficulty to reach with a normal piece of fire apparatus. Lastly, we are finalizing the plans to be hooked to sewage and water.

From the financial side, we continue to be stable but as you have read, we do have some large ticket items that will need to be financed and ultimately paid for. We continue to work with the Township Supervisors to identify grant opportunities because we know the tax dollars do not usually cover all of our expenses yearly.

Speaking of grant opportunities, we have once again partnered with the Middletown Fire Department, Hummelstown Fire Department, Highspire Fire

Department, and the Lower Swatara Fire Department and submitted a Fire SAFER Grant to update our radio equipment which is aging and becoming end of life. Be on the lookout in the coming months for the Annual Fund Drive letter.

In closing, I cannot stress enough the importance of the members of our department who continue to commit countless hours to keeping our community safe. Also, the members of our community that continue to support us financially. Without YOU we cannot continue to remain volunteer and keep YOU safe at little to no cost.

If you have ever considered or thought about joining, please reach out to us or stop by to look around and speak to our members.



***Thank You and remember
to follow us on Facebook at
Londonderry Fire Company.***



OLSDS Update (On-Lot Sewage Disposal System)

The Township On-Lot Sewage Disposal System maintenance program was established by Ordinance in 2013. All septic systems in Londonderry Township are required to be pumped and inspected every four years. Only those pumper/haulers which are certified and registered with the Township may perform pumping and inspection.

As part of the Township's 2025 Fee Schedule, OLSDS pumping and reporting fee is \$25.00 when done in the cycle year for the district in which your property is located. Out of cycle pumping reports will be accepted at a fee of \$75.00. Please consult the table of districts and pumping cycles and contact the Township with any questions

PROPERTY DISTRICT	PUMPING & INSPECTION DEADLINE DATES
On-Lot District B.....	June 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
On-Lot District A.....	June 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
Sewer District #1 & #2	June 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Sewer District #3.....	June 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028

Further information listing each address and District together with the schedule can be found on the Township's website www.londonderrypa.org or by contacting the Township Office at 717-944-1803.

Certified Pumpers/Haulers

Baker's Septic Service, LLC
1538 Ridge Rd
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Phone: 717-367-7271

Central Penn Septic Service *
725 Edgewood Ln
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Phone: 717-766-1280

John Kline Septic Services, LLC
3869 Old Harrisburg Pike
Mount Joy, PA 17552
Phone: 717-898-2333

Bauman's Septic Service
39 Homestead Rd
Grantville, PA 17028
Phone: 717-469-2463

Kauffman Septic Services LLC
236 Governor Stable Rd
Bainbridge, PA 17502
Phone: 717-944-4308 / 717-367-8228

Walters Environmental Service LLC *
P.O. Box 400
Grantville, PA 17028
Phone: 717-469-0588

*Pumper haulers that will pump island properties.

Meeting Date and Time Update:

The Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors has voted to approve Ordinance 2025-01 which made some changes to the submission criteria for the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. As a result, the Township Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board now have different meeting dates and times.

Planning Commission: 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00pm

Zoning Hearing Board: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
(if there is a case to be heard).

When are Permits Required

Londonderry Township requires permits for many types of construction and other work performed at residential properties within the Township. "Zoning Permits" and "Building Permits" have separate requirements and forms that need to be filled out. There are potentially other permits that may be required as well such as Stormwater Permits, Floodplain Permits, and other required permits and reviews depending on the scope of the project. Permits have varying review and approval times depending on the scope of the project, completeness of the application submitted, volume of permits currently under review, and requirements under State law.

Some examples of work needing a "Zoning Permit" are:

- Installing or changing the area of a fence
- Installing or construction of accessory buildings/structures, including sheds, carports, etc.
- Installing or construction of decks, porches, or patios
- Installing or construction of any paved surface, including walkways, driveways, or private drives
- A zoning permit is required for any "use" and/or installation or construction for that use. A "Permitted Use" under the zoning ordinance still requires an application to be submitted and a permit to be issued.

Some examples of work needing a "Building Permit" are:

- Building an addition onto your house, including attached garages and attached carports
- Swimming Pools – Any pool, including "seasonal" portable and "wall-less" pools, capable of holding 24 inches or more of water.
- Changing the size of doors and/or windows

- Alterations that include the moving of walls, electrical wiring, plumbing piping, HVAC components and ducting, and LP or Natural gas piping.
- Replacement of Electrical Panels, HVAC systems, and other such major component replacements that would not be considered an "ordinary repair"

Some examples of work NOT needing permits are:

- Replacing siding
- Replacing floorboards on decks or porches
- Replacing windows and doors IN THE SAME SIZE OPENING
- Painting, carpet, tiling, cabinetry (kitchen cabinets or bathroom medicine cabinet)
- Replacing fixtures, such as toilets, faucets, lights, ceiling fans, etc., as long as the fixture is not being relocated

It is always best to contact the Township Codes Department prior to beginning work. If a permit is required, the property owner is legally responsible to make sure that all permits are acquired before the start of the project, even if the contractor is "handling" the permitting process. It is a recommended best practice to apply for permits approximately one month before your intended start date as residential "building permits" may have as long as a 15-business day review period by the Township Third Party Inspection Firm along side of any needed zoning or other reviews.

This is not an all exhaustive list but a sampling of the types of projects that require permits. Some projects require more permits and review, some require less. If there are questions about whether a permit is needed or if there is a problem with a permit that has been issued, please contact the Londonderry Township Codes Department at 717-944-1803.

Zoning Hearing Board Updates

The Londonderry Township Zoning Hearing Board has heard the following cases in 2024 and 2025:

- ZHB24-04: Variance request for signage at 1141 E Harrisburg Pike (Approved).

No cases to date in 2025. The Zoning Hearing Board only meets when there is a case to be heard.

Codes Department Hours

The Londonderry Township Codes Department is open Monday through Thursday 8am to 4pm and Friday 9am to 2pm. It is requested that appointments be made to best serve your time when coming into the Codes Department. Staff may not always be available to meet without notice. Please contact the Codes Department at 717-944-1803 or dbrady@londonderrypa.org.

Planning Commission Updates:

The Londonderry Township Planning Commission has reviewed the following plans in 2024 and 2025:

- PC24-02: Lot Add-on for 2840 Foxianna Road (Recommended Approval).
- PC24-03: Reconstructive Sewage Planning Module for Parcel 34-002-127, 1366 Newberry Road (Recommended Approval).
- PC24-04: Subdivision plan for 291 Schoolhouse Road (Recommended Approval).
- PC24-05: Subdivision plan for 190 Lauffer Road (Recommended Approval).
- PC25-01: Subdivision plan for Parcel 34-006-015, No Address Schoolhouse Road, (Under Review).
- PC25-02: Lot Add-on plan for 1712 Colebrook Road (Under Review).

Board of Supervisors Actions for Spring

Below is a list highlighting some of the actions taken by the Board of Supervisors since the last newsletter. Full Minutes of each meeting are available on the Township website:

- Approved Londonderry Township Volunteer Fire Police to participate in multiple events.
- Approved the Susquehanna River Basin Commission Grant agreement for award of a \$350,000 grant for Phase IV of the Conewago Creek Project.
- Approved the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-350 from Hondru Ford under Costars number 025-E22-387 at a cost of \$48,815.00.
- Approved the upfit of a 2024 Ford F-350 with a flat bed, snowplow mount, lighting, and associated equipment from Lancaster Truck Bodies under Costars number 025-E22-436 at a cost of \$19,700.00.
- Approved the purchase of 250 tons of 25mm asphalt from Pennsy Supply at a cost of \$58.00 per ton for a total of \$14,500.00 under COG bidding for the reconstruction of Lauffer Road.
- Approved the purchase of 155 tons of 2A stone from Byler Quarries at a cost of \$10.95 per ton for a total of \$1,697.25 under COG bidding for the reconstruction of Lauffer Road.
- Approved the purchase of a trench drain system for Pavilion 3 from LB Water at a cost of \$4,362.85.
- Approved Ordinance 2024-07 prohibiting parking on Snively Road.
- Approved Resolution 2024-16 supporting a grant application and authorizing the submission of a Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant Application in the amount of \$150,000.00 to the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board.
- Approved the purchase of asphalt and installation improvements for Sunset Park pavilion and parking areas from Ebersole Excavating Inc. at a cost of \$12,750.00.
- Approved Ordinance 2024-06 to amend Chapter 27, Zoning of the Township Code of Ordinances for the removal of Residential uses in the Commercial District.
- Approved the proposed budget and made available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building during regular business hours from November 5th through December 2, 2024.
- Appointed Richard Swartz to the Planning Commission to fill the alternate member vacancy and complete the remaining term which expires on 12/31/2027.
- Approved a 5-year lease with Golf Cart Specialties for the acquisition of 80 Golf Carts at a cost to the Golf Course of \$ 337,312.40.
- Approved emergency patchwork of the roof at Sunset Golf Course by Moser Roofing Solutions to not exceed \$3,745.00.
- Approved a proposal from Blue Scope Construction for renovation of the Township Administration Building at a cost of \$488,570.00. A majority of this cost is grant funded.
- Appointed Scott Merchlinski to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the vacancy and complete the remaining term which expires on 12/31/2025.
- Approved the purchase of four (4) turning arrows for East Harrisburg Pike at Geyer's Church Road from Alpha Space Control, LLC. at a cost of \$1,554.00.
- Approved the Final 2025 Londonderry Township Budget.
- Approved Hoover Engineering as Township Sewage Enforcement Officer for 2025 with Tim Wargo as primary SEO and Chris Hoover as alternate.
- Approved a Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract with C.M. High at a cost of \$1,800.00.



Londonderry Township Recycling Center

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The yard waste/recycling yard is located behind the salt storage shed at 2501 Sunset Drive. Hours of operation are dawn to dusk, 7 days a week.

Only woody yard waste, leaves, grass, limbs and roots will be accepted. No lumber, glass, metal or combustible materials. **Dumping of trash of any kind is prohibited.**

Watch the Township newsletter, website and Facebook for any changes.

Dauphin County Recycling Center

1625 S. Cameron Street | Harrisburg

Phone: 717-982-6772 • Illegal Dumping Hotline: 717-255-2677

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30pm– 4:15pm NO Saturdays or Holidays

RECYCLE FOR FREE

- Televisions
- Cell phones
- Printers
- E-Reader
- Computer monitors (all types)
- Computers
- Cables
- VCR's
- Tablet (iPad, etc.)
- Laptops
- Copiers
- DVD player
- Computer peripherals
- Networking equipment

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Major appliances (stove, dishwasher, etc.)
- Polystyrene (styrofoam)
- Mercury thermostats only – no other mercury containing devices accepted!

RECYCLE FOR A FEE:

PAPER SHREDDING: \$5 per box/bag

APPLIANCES W/REFRIGERANT:

\$20 per Unit

- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Air conditions
- Dehumidifiers

To dispose of hazardous waste such as oil drums, insecticides, spray cans, poisons, please call 800-449-7587.

Glass bottles and jars are no longer accepted. Place these items with regular trash as they are biodegradable.

Conewago Township Recycling Center

3279 Old Hershey Road • Hershey, PA • 717-534-8556

HOUSEHOLD GOODS –

Dauphin County has designated Conewago Township as the local recycling center. No permit is required and there is no charge to residents. Items that may be brought to the Recycling Center are:

- Magazines/office paper/junk mail/phone books
- Corrugated cardboard & boxboard
- Newspapers & inserts
- Plastic bottles with recycling symbols on them
- Aluminum & tin cans

SCRAP METAL RECYCLING FACILITIES

Consolidated Scrap Resources

1616 N. Cameron Street • Harrisburg, PA • 717-289-0341

ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED:

- Aluminum, brass, copper
- Appliances – CSR will pay scrap value of appliances minus the refrigerant removal cost.
- Auto and truck radiators
- Lead and vehicle batteries
- Scrap iron and steel, scrap vehicles

Royalton Recycling

3 Hollendale Street • Middletown, PA
717-944-4823

ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED:

- Aluminum
- Copper
- Lead
- Insulated aluminum and copper wire
- Brass
- Radiators
- Steel

Public Works Updates

Winter is finally over, and Spring is just around the corner. It's been a long winter that produced many pot holes on our roads. The Public Works crew will start repairing these soon. We will also be replacing deteriorated storm sewer pipes on Hoffer Road, South Geyers Church Road and Braeburn Road. Hoffer Road and Braeburn Road will be closed during these pipe replacements, and detours will be posted in advance of the work. These closings will be posted on the Township webpage and the Facebook page.

We will also be cleaning gutters on various roads, and as the grass grows, we will be mowing roadsides. Please be alert for "Work Area" signs, and most importantly, watch for road workers, not just in Londonderry Township, but every road you may drive on. We all want to go home to our families every day.

Swatara Creek Road Update:

After many years of planning and securing funding, Swatara Creek Road reconstruction is finally underway.

Last Fall, the contractor that the Township hired to perform the reconstruction replaced several storm sewer pipe crossings which included: new plastic pipes, concrete structures and rock aprons for erosion protection.

Starting on March 31, 2025, the contractor will return to complete the project.

This will include Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) for the section of road between Iron Mine Road and the Vine Street overpass. The section from Red Bridge Road to the DTMA driveway will be overlaid.

The "hump" that is located between Red Bridge Road and Vine Street will be lowered by 3 feet, and paved.

When this project is complete, the entire road will be paved from Iron Mine Road to the DTMA driveway, with new yellow center lines and white edge lines along with new guiderails in the area of Newberry Road.

This project is planned to be completed by the end of May, 2025.

Detours will be set up along with "One Lane Closures" during daytime working hours. Please watch for and follow detours and lane restriction signs.

Tree Canopies

Although tree canopies are scenic and enjoyable to drive through, they can also cause a hazard to vehicles and the road surface. While low hanging branches keep the road shaded, they also keep the sun from drying the road after it rains, and hinders the melting process of ice and snow in the winter. Emergency vehicles must travel slower to avoid low hanging branches from striking their vehicles. Delivery trucks, garbage trucks, and school buses also have a difficult time passing safely under low hanging limbs. During rain and snow events, these limbs hang even lower than usual making safe passage more difficult.

It is not our intent to remove all trees from hanging over the roadway. But we do have to make it safe for all vehicles and pedestrians to travel the roadways. We will be removing limbs back 3 to 4 feet from the edge of the pavement, and 16 to 20 feet above the road surface. We will also be removing the dead limbs that we can reach before they cause damage to vehicles or pedestrians.



Grass on the Roads

When mowing your lawn this Summer, make sure you keep all grass clippings and garden trimmings off the road. When left on our roads, they can create dangerous driving conditions, especially for motorcyclists, as well as add to stormwater runoff. This debris, often times containing fertilizer, is not meant to be in our waterways and disrupts the natural ecosystem. Please make sure to either blow your clippings or sweep them from the road. **DO NOT DUMP DOWN THE STORM SEWER.** *It is also a good idea to leave the clippings on your lawn, they serve as a great natural fertilizer!*



Stormwater & Environmental Department

Pennsylvania Urban Nutrient Management - Spring Greening

Spring to Life

As the snow slowly melts away, the birds begin to sing and fresh life bursts from the soil heralding the approach of Spring and the lawn maintenance season.

For the 1 million-plus acres of home lawns in Pennsylvania, selecting and implementing an appropriate lawncare management program to promote healthy and aesthetically pleasing lawns is not only important to homeowners, but is also essential to protecting our waterways.

Know What's Best. Soil Test!

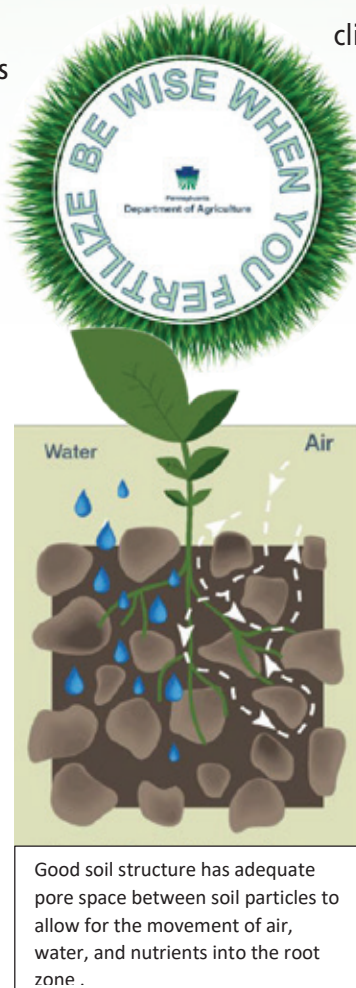
The first step to understanding what your lawn really needs to be lush, healthy, and green is to know what your soil needs. It is important to conduct regular soil tests to determine nutrient deficiencies that should guide fertilizer selection and application. Soil test kits can be purchased for a nominal fee from your local Penn State Extension office.

Following soil test recommendations, reading fertilizer label instructions, and using a properly calibrated spreader will ensure the right amount of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium are applied, while reducing nutrient loss and fertilizer cost.

Soil Health. It's the bottom line.

Maintaining a happy, healthy soil is imperative to your lawn's success. Soil is the foundation for your lawn and is home to a multitude of microorganisms that are essential for plant growth. Take the time to support your soil by incorporating some simple practices into your lawn care program. Your lawn and wallet will thank you.

- Keep it open. Routine soil aeration can help reduce soil compaction. Good soil structure is essential for proper root growth, healthy microbe communities, and the movement and exchange of water, air, and nutrients.
- Raise it up. Maintain a taller lawn by only cutting 1/3 of the grass blade with each mowing. Taller lawns slow runoff and promote deeper roots, which reduces lawn stress and improves soil structure.
- Put it back. Return nutrients and organic matter back to the soil by mulching your leaves and grass



clippings.

For more soil management strategies, contact your local county conservation district or Penn State Extension office.

Green Lawns – Clean Streams

Pennsylvania's 2022 Fertilizer Law amendments were developed to protect Pennsylvania waterways and the waterways downstream. As a bonus, following the limitations in the law will boost your bottom line by ensuring that your investment doesn't wash away. The 2022 law established the following nitrogen and phosphorus limits for turf fertilizer applications.

- Nitrogen is limited to 0.9 pounds of total nitrogen and 0.7 pounds of available nitrogen per 1000 ft² per application.
- No phosphorus can be applied unless establishing or repairing turf.
- Nitrogen and phosphorus rates can be adjusted based on soil test recommendations and/or if using an enhanced-efficiency fertilizer.

In addition to the nutrient limitations, the law also established application parameters to prevent direct movement of fertilizer nutrients into our streams:

- Do not apply fertilizer if a heavy rain event is expected.
- Keep fertilizer away from drainage ditches, storm drains, or water.
 - o Maintain a 15-foot buffer from the banks of all waterways.
- Remove fertilizer that lands on impervious surfaces (driveways, sidewalks, roads, parking lots).

Working Together for Clean Water

With ever growing acres of managed turf in Pennsylvania, controlling what goes into PA waterways is ALL of our responsibility. Help protect Pennsylvania's waterways by being wise when you fertilize!

For more information on the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law, visit the Department of Agriculture's website at agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer or contact Denise Uzupis at duzupis@pa.gov.

Stormwater & Environmental Department

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP ILLICIT DISCHARGE AWARENESS

An illicit discharge is any discharge not composed entirely of stormwater, entering a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System aka an "MS4" aka a storm drain.

An illicit discharge also includes any piping or drainage leading directly into a storm drain that was not initially placed during construction. MS4's are only intended to carry stormwater directly to streams and rivers. Any illicit discharges flowing into an MS4 can pollute the streams in the area, harming the wildlife and way of life of the people who use these streams.

How You Can Help?

The easiest way you can help is by disposing of liquid wastes properly and not allowing them to flow into storm drains. You can also check your storm drains near your home to make sure no pipes are flowing from your home which you were not previously aware of.

Examples of Illicit Discharges

- Sanitary Wastewater
- Septic Tank Effluent
- Chlorinated Pool Discharge
- Improper Oil/Radiator Flushing Disposal
- Laundry Wastewaters
- Spills from roadway accidents
- Improper disposal of household toxins



Exemptions

- Discharges from fire-fighting activities
- Fire hydrant flushing
- Potable water, including water line flushing
- Uncontaminated condensate from air conditioners, coolers, and other compressors and from the outside storage of refrigerated gases or liquids
- Irrigation drainage
- Landscape watering provided all pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer have been applied in accordance with the approved labeling
- Pavement wash waters where no detergents are used and no spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have occurred
- Routine external building washdown that does not use detergents
- Uncontaminated ground water or spring water

Emergency Contact List for Spill Response

MS4 Department Spill Reporting, contact Monique Dykman if you notice possible discharge. 717-461-0027 Monday – Friday

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP

- Township Manager, David Blechertas
717-944-1803
- Public Works Director, Andy Brandt
717.443.5426
- Sunset Golf Course Manager, Sam Risteff
717.943.4547

PENNSYLVANIA DEP

- South-Central Regional Office, 717.705.4700
- South-Central Emergency Number (24/7)
1-800-541-2050
- EPA National Response Center
1.800.424.8802 US Coast Guard

LONDONDERRY FIRE CO. NO. 1.

- In an EMERGENCY... DIAL 911
- Fire Company Chief, Bart Shellenhamer
71.944.2175 X 1
- Fire Company Assistant Chief, Matt Naples
717.943.0706

CONSULTANTS

- Sewage Enforcement Officer, Timothy Wargo
Hoover Engineering Services 717.443.2878
- HRG Engineering, Mike Wood 717-599-8772

Contact Codes (determine the kind of spill, then contact the appropriate person highlighted in the corresponding color)

Common Spill/Illicit Discharge

Rare, large quantity spill unable to be handled locally

EMERGENCY – Immediate danger to health, property, and environment

Community Outreach

Stray & Feral/Wild Animals, Dog Licenses

OTHER SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS

PETS

FERAL/WILD

Helping Hands for Animals 717-687-7297
helpinghandsforanimals.org

X

X

Friends of All Animals 717-272-6466
FriendsofAllAnimals.org

X

X

Greys & Strays 717-304-9987
GreysandStrays.com

X

X

Humane Society of Harrisburg 717-564-3320
HumaneSocietyHbg.org

X

X

Nobody's Cats Foundation 855-867-4228
NobodysCats.org

X

PAWS of PA 717-957-8122
PawsofPa.org

X

X

SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance Program)
717-732-5377 SnapofPa.org

X

X

York County SPCA 717-764-6109
ycspca.org

X

X



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF HARRISBURG

7790 Grayson Road, Harrisburg • (717) 564-3320 • SPAYING/NEUTERING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

NO APPOINTMENT IS NEEDED TO SURRENDER ANIMALS

Animal Surrender Forms — Animal surrender forms are for stray cats and dogs. Before bringing the animal to the Humane Society, residents must first obtain an animal surrender form. Forms are available at the Township office Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm and Fridays 9am- 2pm. Proof of residency is required.

Trap and Release (TNR) — The Humane Society now offers low-cost TNR services. They can accommodate up to 2 walk-ins per day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The cost is \$50 and includes spaying/neutering, ear tip and vaccines. No appointment is needed. Residents can also schedule TNR appointments by calling 717-702-7330 to guarantee an appointment for a specific day.

Dog Licenses — Residents may purchase a license online at **PADogLicense.com**. Lifetime licenses are available at the Treasurer's Office at **DauphinCounty.org**.



Improvements Coming to Sunset Park in 2025!

Londonderry Township Parks Department is excited to announce the first round of improvements coming to Sunset Park in 2025! Londonderry Township has received a DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program Small Community Program Grant to replace two of the small play structures for ages 2-5 and install three free standing play pieces. In addition to the grant of \$62,500.00 from DCNR, Londonderry Township has committed an additional \$32,500.00 of matching funds, including in-kind contributions, totaling \$95,000.00 of improvements to Sunset Park in 2025.

Did you know that Londonderry Township has just

created a Parks Recreation and Open Space plan? You can review the plan at:

Londonderrypa.org > Parks and Recreation > Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan Adopted January 2025

More park improvements are in development, per our Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan!

These projects are financed in part by grants from the Community Conservation Partnership Program, under the administration of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation.

Londonderry Bocce League

Registration for the summer league begins on April 1, 2025. Games are played May 5th thru August 12th, Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m., and on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

The fall league games are played September 8th

thru October 13th at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in playing bocce, you can sign up as an individual or as a team (four persons). Bocce is easy to learn, so come out and give it a try. Call 717-944-6518 for more information.



Sunset Park Pavilion Rental

At Sunset Park there are two small pavilions, each accommodating 50 guests. The large pavilion accommodates 150 guests. Each pavilion is equipped with electricity and charcoal grills. Amenities include ball fields, horseshoe pits, bocce ball courts, a basketball court, sandpit volleyball court, and a small nature trail. There are two small playgrounds and one large playground.

The pavilions are available for rent April through September and can be reserved online at www.londonderrypa.org. Just click on the Parks and Recreation tab and follow the links to reserve a pavilion.

If you are using your cell phone to reserve a pavilion please use the following link: <https://ldtwp.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

The water pumps located in the park are not accessible to the public. Park patrons must bring their own drinking water.



Community Outreach

Londonderry Lionettes

The Londonderry Lionettes continue to serve Londonderry Township, surrounding communities, and statewide by caring and sharing. Meetings are held at the Londonderry Fire Company at 1:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday, February thru May, and September thru November. Special activities are held in June and December.

Projects for 2025 include:

- Crafted Valentines with a sweet treat for the Alzheimer's unit and adopted grandparents at Oak Hill Village and Meals on Wheels recipients in February.
- Sponsored an art contest for 4th graders at Londonderry Elementary School in February (see separate article for more information.)
- Providing Easter bags for residents at Merakey Allegheny Valley School, a non-profit organization, which provides a home and a full range of services to individuals with all levels of disabilities.
- Providing surprise bags for residents at Oak Hill Village who have a birthday in March.
- Providing healthy snack bags for Meals on Wheels recipients and adopted grandparents at Oak Hill Village in April.
- Donations to the Middletown Food Bank.
- Donations to the Londonderry Fire Company

Ongoing Project: Collect used eyeglasses (see separate article) for the Pennsylvania Lions Club. To date, the Lionettes have collected 2,663 pair of eyeglasses since the project began eleven years ago. They also collect aluminum tabs from beverage cans and canned goods for the Ronald McDonald House.

Welcome to Londonderry Township: The Londonderry Lionettes would like to give you an information kit to welcome you to our area. It includes happenings in Londonderry Township and the surrounding area. If you are a new resident and are interested in receiving a kit, call 717-944-2223.

Monthly Programs for the Rest of the Year Include:

- March 5th – David Blechertas, Township Manager, and Duane Brady, Zoning Officer – update on Township happenings and

proposed data center construction.

- April 2nd – The Ukrainian tradition and art of decorating eggs by writing with beeswax and dyeing eggs to tell a story.
- May 7th - Katherine Scott, Master Gardener - Using Containers to Create a Pollinator Friendly Garden (butterflies, hummingbirds, etc.)
- June 4th – Picnic

Membership is open to all ladies in Londonderry Township and the surrounding area. Make a difference in our community by helping those less fortunate. For more information, call 944-6518

Meals on Wheels

Are you over age 60, home bound because of physical, mental, or emotional disability and without a caregiver who is able to provide meals on a regular basis?

If so, the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging can help by providing a well-balanced hot meal to residents of Dauphin County who have been determined to be eligible for the program by the Agency's Care Management Unit.

Meals are delivered Monday through Friday by volunteers who observe, in their brief contact, the well-being of the homebound individual receiving the meal. Volunteers are recruited by community Meals-on-Wheels volunteer groups.

Recipients are encouraged to make a voluntary contribution toward the cost of the meals according to their financial ability. To request home delivered meals, please call the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging at 717-780-6130 and ask for Intake.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Louise Morgan, Londonderry Township's Meals on Wheels coordinator, at 717-944-6518.

Help the Ronald McDonald House

Aluminum tabs from beverage cans and canned goods are collected (if the tab does not stick to a magnet, it is aluminum). The tabs are sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey which sells the tabs to a local recycling company. Funds generated help support their programs. Collection boxes have been placed at the Londonderry Township Building and at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hummelstown.

If you would like to have a collection box in your workplace, church or business to help support either of these programs, please contact: Anita Housman at 717-756-7467 or Louise Morgan at 717-944-6518.

Volunteer Application

Please mail to:

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP • 783 S. Geyers Church Road • Middletown, PA 17057



PLEASE VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Date: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Email: _____

I would be interested in Volunteering for the following organizations:

☐ Londonderry Lionettes

☐ Meals on Wheels

☐ VIP Van Service

I would be interested in serving on the following Boards or Commissions:

☐ Planning Commission

☐ Zoning Hearing Board

☐ Emergency Management Agency

I would be interested in receiving more information on volunteering at the Fire House:

☐ Fire Fighter

☐ Fire Police

☐ Fund Raising

Please list times available: _____

Students Win Art Contest

The Londonderry Lionettes sponsored a curriculum-based art contest for 4th graders at Londonderry Elementary School. Mrs. Brown, the art teacher, tasked the students to use at least three different types of materials to create a two-dimensional collage depicting an animal/pet. In addition, the background had to be developed using the entire space. Judging was based primarily on animal representation, background development, use of materials, neatness and creativity.

Winners are:

- **1st place:** Wayeland M.
- **2nd place:** Emery S.
- **3rd place:** Bridget A. and Eloise L.

Each winner will be presented with a certificate and gift card during the Awards Assembly at Londonderry Elementary School on March 14th. Judges were Ann Kopp, Nancy Weikel, and Deb Weaver, all members of the Londonderry Lionettes.

V.I.P. Senior Van Service

The V.I.P. van service is for seniors, 65 and over, who are residents of Londonderry Township. The van provides transportation to and from doctor and hospital appointments. If possible, other locations within Dauphin County may be scheduled. The van is not handicapped accessible. Residents must be able to get in and out of the van without assistance. There is no charge for this service.

This service is only possible through the efforts of volunteers. We need volunteers to take phone requests and to schedule drivers. We also need volunteers to drive the van. A valid driver's license and a clean driving record is required. Both of these volunteer opportunities can fit anyone's schedule.

For more information, please call V.I.P. Van Service at 717-317-3402 between 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon, Monday thru Friday. The van does not operate on weekends.

Municipal Office

Bridge Replacements Planned for Zion Road and Gingrich Road

In January, the Board of Supervisors took action to start the engineering and planning needed to replace two Township owned bridges on Zion Road and Gingrich Road. The goal of the project is to replace both bridge decks and paved surfaces with a new bridge superstructure, road surface, and approaches. Engineering and permitting will take place throughout 2025 and the Township hopes to complete construction in 2026. More information, including construction dates and detour routes, will be made available to the public as it becomes available.

Swatara Creek Road Improvement Project

In September 2024, the Board of Supervisors awarded a publicly bid project to Construction Master Services to complete an improvement project on Swatara Creek Road. The project was to replace six underground stormwater pipes, to remove the hump in the road near the Turnpike bridge, and to repave the road from Iron Mine Road up to the DTMA Waste Water Treatment Plant. As of the publishing of this article, the underground pipe work was completed in December of 2024 and the contractor is scheduled to return to finish the paving work starting March 31, 2025.