# Londonderry News

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# OLSDS
## (On-Lot Sewage Disposal System)

The Township's OLSDS (On-Lot Sewage Disposal System) pumping and reporting management program was initiated in 2014 and established districts that requires all properties within each of those districts to have their septic system pumped and inspected once every four years.

Every septic system in the Township and every treatment tank or cesspool associated with every OLSDS shall be pumped and inspected once every four (4) years by a certified pumper/hauler within a specific time frame.

The Township established five (5) pumping districts identified as Sewer Districts 1, 2 and 3 and On-Lot Management Districts A and B. As a reminder the following pumping/inspection schedule is shown below:

| PROPERTY DISTRICT | PUMPING & INSPECTION DEADLINE DATES |
|---|---|
| Sewer District #1 & #2 | June 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 |
| Sewer District #3 | June 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 |
| On-Lot Management District B | June 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 |
| On-Lot Management District A | June 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 |

**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.

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# Municipal Office

## LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP

www.londonderrypa.org
783 S. Geyers Church Road
Middletown, PA 17057
Phone: 717-944-1803

HOURS: Monday – Thursday
8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday 9:00am – 2:00 pm

Stephan M. Letavic, Township Manager
sletavic@londonderrypa.org

Jeff Burkhart, Code/Zoning Officer
jburkhart@londonderrypa.org

HOURS: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
12:00pm – 3:30pm

### Sunset Golf Course

www.sunsetgc.com
2601 Sunset Drive
Middletown, PA 17057
717-944-5415
Sam Risteff, Manager
sristeff@londonderrypa.org

### Board of Supervisors

Anna J. Dale, Chair
Mel Hershey, Vice Chair
Mike Geyer, Member
Ron Kopp, Member
Bart Shellenhamer, Member

### Tax Office

Loren M. Bowen, Tax Collector
2900 East Harrisburg Pike
Middletown, PA 17057
Phone: 717-944-2842

WEDNESDAY 10:00am – 2:00pm
6:00pm – 8:00pm
THURSDAY 10:00am – 2:00pm

# Don't Forget to VOTE

## ELECTION DAY
## Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE TROOPER

**Emergencies - 911**
**Non-Emergencies - 717.671.7500**

Address: PA State Police - Troop H
8000 Bretz Drive • Harrisburg, PA 17112

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP

**KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR TOWNSHIP!**
See Important information & Upcoming Events.

**www.londonderrypa.org**
facebook.com/londonderrytownship

SUNSET BAR & GRILL

www.sunsetbandg.com
facebook.com/sunsetbandg
www.sunsetgc.com
facebook.com/sunsetgc

SUNSET GOLF COURSE

# Board of Supervisors

***Pictured L-R Back Row:***
Ron Kopp, Member
Anna J. Dale, Chair
Mel Hershey, Vice Chair

***Pictured L-R Front Row:***
Mike Geyer, Member
Bart Shellenhamer, Member



# 2023 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 — 7:00 p.m.**
*3rd Monday each month, unless otherwise noted*

**ZONING HEARING BOARD — 7:00 p.m.**
*2nd Monday each month, unless otherwise noted*

**BOARD of SUPERVISORS WORKSESSION — 7:00 p.m.**
*3rd Tuesday each month, unless otherwise noted*

**Can't Make a Meeting?**
**Board Minutes are now available on the web at**
**http://www.londonderrypa.org**
***(posted the following month)***

## STATE & FEDERAL OFFICIALS

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**
**JOE BIDEN**
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 REP.**
**SCOTT PERRY, 10th District**
1207 Longworth House
Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
202-225-5836

**48TH SENATE DISTRICT**
Senate Box 203048
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3048
Room: 352 Main Capitol
(717) 787-5708

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

**DAUPHIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
Chad Saylor, Chairman
Mike Pries, Vice Chairman
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary
P.O. Box 1295
Harrisburg, PA 17108
(717) 780-6300

# Emergency Services

## EMA Team Development

Again we are headed into spring. Typically along with spring arriving we see some extreme weather which may include heavy rain, high winds and power outages. We are asking for you to be as safe and prepared as possible. Most of all have a plan and make sure family and friends know what it is. If an emergency arises and help is needed call 911. For non-emergency information you may contact Londonderry Township Emergency Management at 717-564-0678.

Natural disasters, disease outbreaks, and emergencies can have widespread and even long-lasting impacts on supplies, services, and the public health and health care systems. Don't wait for an emergency to happen to prepare. Use the time before and between events to gather essential supplies, learn self-help skills, and build the self-confidence you need to respond quickly and constructively in a crisis. When services and supplies are limited, it is important to have the personal needs, prescriptions, paperwork, power sources, and practical skills you need to respond, such as:

- Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about how you can create an emergency supply of medicines.
- Keep a list of your prescription medicines as well as a current insurance card and medical records. Include information about your diagnosis, dosage, frequency, medical supply needs, and allergies.
- Have nonprescription drugs on hand, such as pain and fever relievers, antihistamines, and antidiarrheal medicines.
- Have ready a cooler and chemical ice packs to chill medicines that need to be refrigerated.
- Wash your hands. Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself, your family, and others from getting sick.
- Learn how to use a portable generator safely to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Learn how to create and store an emergency water supply.

**Drinking Water:** If you don't have safe drinking water, boiling is the surest method to kill disease-causing germs, including viruses, bacteria, and parasites.

You can improve the flat taste of boiled water by pouring it from one container to another and then allowing it to stand for several hours, or by adding a pinch of salt for each quart or liter of boiled water.

**Power Sources:** On average, people experience about four hours of power loss each year. Power outages caused by a large-scale disaster can last much longer and as a result can become life threatening for people who rely on electrically powered medical equipment and devices. Be prepared for a prolonged blackout with alternative heating and lighting, and backup power sources for your cellphone, appliances, and medical devices.

If you have some extra time to spare we are always looking for volunteers.

Volunteer forms can be found in the Township newsletter and are available on the Township website www.londonderrypa.org. Training will be supplied.

Lester Gilbert, Director

Londonderry Township Emergency Management

# REFLECTIVE SIGNS

What is the worth of your family, your home, or your life? How much would you be willing to spend to make it easier for emergency personnel to locate your home easily? Would $20 be too much?

You may have seen those green numbered signs as you are driving around the Township. Ever wonder what they are for? They are emergency reflective signs. They make it easier for emergency personnel to find your house at night.

These signs are being sold by the Londonderry Fire Company. We want to respond quickly to your call for help. Please fill out the coupon and mail it back to us today. Isn't your family, your home and your life worth it?




## ORDER YOUR REFLECTIVE SIGN TODAY

Mail your form with payment to:

**Londonderry Fire Co. No.1 • 717.944.2175**

2655 Foxianna Rd. • Middletown, PA 17057

Attention: Bart Shellenhamer

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____

PHONE: (_____) _____

❒ **HORIZONTAL** WITHOUT POST $20

❒ **VERTICAL** WITHOUT POST $20

❒ **VERTICAL** WITH POST $25

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

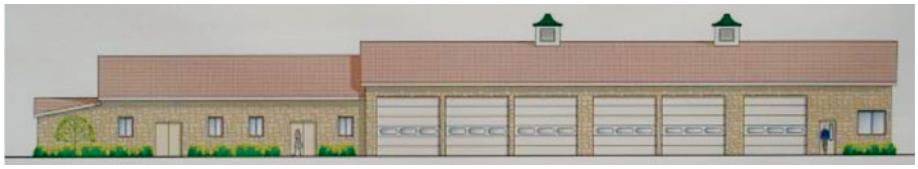
# Londonderry Fire Company No. 1



The Londonderry Fire Company has been proudly serving Londonderry Township since 1963. We have continued to provide this service with ALL volunteers, therefore using no tax dollars to supplement wages and benefits. The Township does have a fire tax in place to help with everyday expenses, maintenance costs and apparatus replacement costs. Why do we mention this? Because we have seen a decline in volunteers and those that continue to devote their time continue to age. We are searching for individuals that are 14 years of age and older and willing to learn and serve the community. No prior experience is necessary, we will provide and pay for all necessary training. We not only are in the need of firefighters but also fire police officers, EMT's and those individuals that are willing to assist in fundraising and public events. If you are interested in joining or have any questions please feel free to send a message to firechiefs@londonderryfire.com, or by calling 717-944-2175 X 1.

So, what are some of the projects in the works at the firehouse? I am sure you are all aware of the sewage and water projects occurring on East Harrisburg Pike (Route 230). The fire company has requested to hook into both of these services in order to provide better living facilities for our members wishing to live at the firehouse and also the community that wishes to use our facilities. We have also signed a contract to replace one of our engines, which is due to arrive in 2024. One other project to note is the upgrade and replacement of some aging HVAC and Plumbing equipment. We mention these projects to give you a heads up that the annual Fire Company Fund Drive Letter will be hitting your mailboxes in the May/June time frame.

In closing I ask that you keep in mind that we are all volunteers committing time to keep all of the residents of Londonderry Township safe.



# Fire Company Update

The Londonderry Fire Company at the December 29, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting voted to discontinue Basic Life Support Ambulance service effective June 30, 2023. This decision was not an easy one to make but with the continued attempts of recruiting and retaining volunteers to staff the ambulance we had to do what was right for the residents. What does this mean for you the resident? The current folks that have elected for membership, it will be honored until June 30, 2023. The Fire Company along with the Township is working to find an organization that is willing to provide Basic Life Support services to the Township. Once an organization is found we will have that organization contact the residents.

Thank You for your continued support over the years!!

If you should have any questions or concerns related to the discontinuation of Ambulance service, please feel free to contact the Fire Chief at 717-944-2175 X 1 or by emailing him at firechiefs@londonderryfire.com.

# Road Work Update

Winter is over. Birds are chirping, flowers are blooming and lawn mowers are getting ready to keep lawns manicured once again.

We have many road projects planned in Londonderry Township this year. We have a small crew and occasionally we will close a road and set up a detour to complete a project. Please check the Township website www.londonderrypa.org or the Township Facebook page for upcoming road projects. We will also post the road that will be closed.

We will be closing Foxianna Road from Krepps Road to E. Harrisburg Pike starting Wednesday, May 10th. This project will involve removing approximately 250 feet of roadway, removing the existing storm pipe concrete work, setting a 30 foot long x 10 foot wide x 4 ½ foot arch pipe, raising the road grade by approximately 3 feet, paving and guiderail installation. This project is projected to be completed by June 23rd. Detour will be S. Geyers Church Road to E. Harrisburg Pike.

There will be roadwork continuing on the Rte. 230 corridor this summer along with some of the back roads. Please pay attention to signs and watch for road workers.



# BE AWARE OF DIRTY DIRT!!!

**DEP wants to help residents and contractors in Pennsylvania ensure they do not accept or use fill materials that may cause contamination. Fill materials are used to bring sites to desirable grades to enhance the usefulness of the properties. Homeowners and contractors need to be aware that there are some "fill" materials out there that can cause potential environmental and/or health concerns, as well as open up property owners to potential liabilities. Here are a few tips to ensure you are using acceptable fill materials on your property**

## Do your homework...

- Before you buy or accept **"FREE"** dirt, make sure it is clean.
- Know the **source** of the fill, especially if it is offered to you for FREE.
- Know the supplier and hauler. Check for references.
- Ask for documentation from the provider regarding the source:
  - A bill of laden if you purchased it.
  - An official **DEP FP-001** form that identifies where the fill came from and any testing that was done.
- Do not accept any free material without documentation.

## Take a look...or smell...

- If the fill has a petroleum/oil-like or garbage odor...**BEWARE!**
- If the fill has materials such as: plastic, ash, demolition debris such as wallboard, shingles, nails, wood or paint chips...**BEWARE!**
- If the fill appears to be "discolored" or stained...**BEWARE!**
- If you don't know the source of the fill...**BEWARE!**

## Get some advice...

- The DEP wants residents and contractors in Pennsylvania to make sure they do not accept or use fill materials that may contain or cause contamination.
- Check with your regional office if you have questions, consult with your local Bureau of Waste Management or DEP office.
- If you don't know the source of the fill...**BEWARE!**

## DEP's Management of Fill Policy and Frequently Asked Questions:

- https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/SolidWaste/Residual/Pages/TechnicalGuidance.aspx

pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## Always BE SURE where the dirt is coming from!

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## 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 Dept. Spill Reporting, contact Monique Dykman if you notice possible discharge 717-461-0027 Monday – Friday**

**LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP**

- **Township Manager, Steve Letavic 717.205.7254**
- **Public Works Director, Andy Brandt 717.443.5426**
- **Sunset Golf Manager, Sam Risteff 717.943.4547**

**PENNSYLVANIA DEP**

- **South-Central Regional Office, Lynn Langer 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 TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**

- **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**

- **Sewer Enforcement Officer, Timothy Wargo Hoover Engineering Services 717.443.2878**
- **HRG Engineering, Andrew Kenworthy 717.564.1121**

**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**

# Certified Pumpers/Haulers

**Associated Products Services, Inc.**
2 East Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Phone: 717-766-5397

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

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

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

**Dillsburg Excavating & Septic, Inc.**
516 Range End Road
Dillsburg, PA 17019
Phone: 717-432-9704

**Thomas H. Erb & Sons, Inc.**
268 Sego Sago Road
Lititz, PA 17543
Phone: 717-626-5591

**RE Fink & Sons, LLC***
1920 Old Trail Road
Etters, PA 17319
Phone: 717-938-3581

**Gerberich-Hoffman Septic Service**
585 N. Mill Street
Jonestown, PA 17038
Phone: 717-865-2015 / 717-867-5024

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

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

**Kline's Services LLC**
5 Holland Street
Salunga, PA 17538
Phone: 717-459-8029

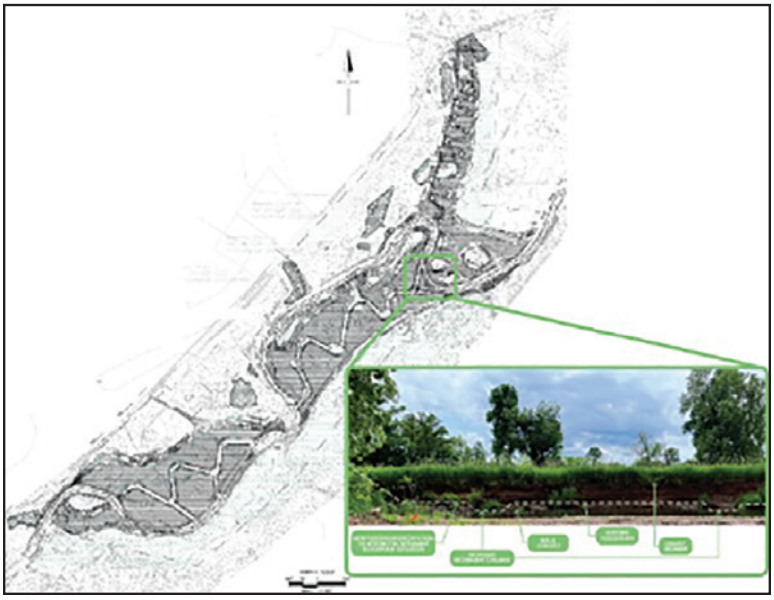
**Walter M. Strohl LLC**
670 W. Girl Scout Road
Stevens, PA 17578
Phone: 717-733-2339

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

***PUMPER HAULERS THAT WILL PUMP OUT ISLAND PROPERTIES.***

# Conewago Creek Restoration

If you have walked on the Conewago Recreation trail recently, you probably notice the creek is "under construction". Londonderry Township has partnered with neighboring communities to fulfill the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System's Pollutant Reduction Plan. This project is designed to mitigate downstream flooding, remove sediment and nutrients from our waterway, and create wildlife habitat. The major construction of all planned phases is now complete, and we are looking forward to enhancing the project with native plants in Spring 2023



**Come out to tour the project on**
**April 2nd at 11am**
**at the Conewago Darter Field Day!**

Visit Londonderrypa.org > Stormwater Management & MS4 > Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan to learn more about the project. Or take a walk along the Conewago Recreation Trail to see the construction.

If you have a creek on your property, contact MDykman@londonderrypa.org to assess grant funded stream restoration or tree planting opportunities.

## *"WEED BE GONE" Recipe*

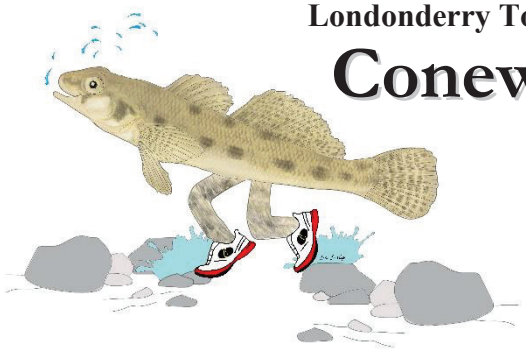
- *1 gallon white vinegar*
- *2 cups Epsom salt*
- *¼ cup Dawn dish soap*

***Spray weeds in morning after dew dries. Weeds will be gone by evening.***

## 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!*





Londonderry Township and Local Conservation Partners present the 1st …

# Conewago Darter 5k Run/Walk
## 1-Mile Fun Run
## & Field Day for Clean Water
## Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

### Sunday, April 2, 2023 10:00 A.M

**WHO**: Runners & Walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate in either the 5k event or 1-mile distance event. Bring your family, friends and co-workers out to support clean water in the Conewago Creek Watershed. The course is stroller and wheelchair accessible.

**WHAT**: 5k Race, 1-mile Fun Run, and Community Field Day to raise money and awareness for Clean Water Projects in the Conewago Creek Watershed.

**WHERE:**
5k Race: Park at 2771 N Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, near the Finish line by 9:25, you will then board a bus to transport to the start line at Old Trolley Line park - 475 Beverly Road, Elizabethtown. You will race your way back to the Finish Line at the Route 230 trailhead, where your cars are parked a short distance away.

1-mile Fun Run/Walk. Park and register at 2771 N Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, and follow signs to the trailhead. The fun run is an "out and back" race. Fun Run/Walk is not timed and does not include awards.

**WHEN:** April 2nd, 2023
9:00 – 9:50 a.m. – Registration at Old Trolley Line Park
9:30 a.m. – Last Bus leaves Registration Site for Start line.
10:00 am - 5k Run starts from Old Trolley Line Park
10:45 am - 1 Mile Fun Run /Walk begins at 2385 N. Market St
11:00 a.m. – Award presentation at finish line

**Optional Online Registration Available at**:
www.pretzelcitysports.com
(Nominal service fee applies.
Closes at midnight on Wed. 03/29/23)

### 10:00AM 5K / 10:45 Fun Run

**Entry Fee for 5k or 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk**: $27 if registered by March 15th $32 after that date and day of race registration.

**5k AWARDS**: Trophy to Overall Male and Female Champion. Prizes presented to top three (3) Male and three (3) Female finishers in each of the following age brackets: 14 and under, 15-19 years, 20-29 years, 30-39 years, 40-49 years, 50-59 years, 60-69 years, 70+ years. No mailed awards.

**QUESTIONS**: Monique Dykman, 717-461-0027, or email MDykman@LondonderryPA.org

**RESULTS:** Finish line and timing service by Pretzel City Sports. Race Results will be posted on www.pretzelcitysports.com

*Bathrooms available at Start and Finish lines*




## Mail in Registration

**Checks payable to "Londonderry Township MS4" 783 S Geyers Church Road Middletown, PA 17057**
Detach and mail. Include $27 early registration fee by March 15th. After March 15th registration fee $32. Please do not mail registration form with payment after March 27th , due to mail delivery time. Race day registration will be available

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Event (circle one): 5k RUNNER 1-Mile Fun Run

**5k only: I plan to ride the provided bus to the start line □ Yes □ No**

Gender (circle one): Male Female Age on 4/2/23 _____

Race Fee □ **$27** **Donation to Clean Water Projects $**_____

WAIVER/RELEASE: I hereby waive all claims against the race director, race officials and volunteers, any and all sponsors including, but not limited to Conewago Darter, Londonderry and Mount Joy Townships, Lancaster County Parks and Recreation and those in their employ, and all their representatives and successors from any injury or liability I might suffer in this event. I attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this event. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including, but not limited to: falls; contact with other participants; the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity; and the condition of the road; all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I grant full permission for organizers to use my name and or pictures in legitimate accounts and promotions of this event.

Signature X_____ Date _____*(Parent or guardian's signature if less than 18 years of age.)*

**Londonderry Township and Local Conservation Partners present the 1st …**

# Conewago Darter

**Sunday, April 2nd, 2023**

## Field Day for Clean Water

**10:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M.**

**&**

## 5k Run/Walk – 1 Mile Fun Run

**10:00AM 5K - 10:45 Fun Run**

**Conewago Recreation Trail**

## Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

**Join local Conservation Partners to celebrate the Conewago Creek!**
Park at 2771 N Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 and follow signs to the event.

To register for run/walk:

- Help to plant 50 trees
- **Learn** about water quality monitoring efforts and results
- Food from The Chubby Unicorn food truck
- **Tour** an ongoing stream restoration
- Connect with conservation professionals to discuss local water quality issues
- **Identify** macroinvertebrates & learn how they support fish populations
- Enjoy time outside!

Thank you to our sponsors

Thank you to our event funders: The Lancaster Clean Water Partners/Lancaster Community Foundation & Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Healing the Planet Grant, with support from The GIANT Company.

# Dauphin County's Water Resource Enhancement Program (WREP) Would Cut Municipal Costs, Improve Water Quality

In recent years, Dauphin County's municipalities have been facing an increasing range of stormwater management, water quality, and flooding issues. Costs for addressing these issues are rising due to the increasing complexity of the impacts and environmental regulations associated with stormwater management.

To address this issue, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) has been working with the county to create a regional Water Resource Enhancement Program (WREP) that would provide a central framework, offer strategic partnerships and coordinate efforts between municipalities, thereby cutting municipal costs by up to 90 percent.

In addition to saving taxpayer dollars, this voluntary program will save considerable time and effort for participating municipalities by enabling them to participate in regionalized services where it makes the most sense to do so.

It's important to note that this program is meant to enhance -- not replicate or replace -- existing stormwater management programs, and would not create new fees. The overall savings, however, would rely on participation: The more municipalities involved, the more they will save.

The first project to be undertaken under WREP is the Conewago Creek Restoration Project, a watershed-based approach to fulfill MS4 requirements, reduce local flooding and improve local water quality in Londonderry Township. The MS4 benefits for sediment reduction are able to be shared with other municipalities in the watershed (Highspire, Middletown and Steelton boroughs and Lower Swatara and Swatara townships) at a very cost-effective rate thanks to the efforts of Londonderry Township in securing grant funding and Dauphin County's contribution through a recently awarded grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

Participants are able to buy into this project through WREP at savings ranging between 60 and 90 percent, compared to previous projects proposed individually. Beyond the cost savings, all residents will benefit from better flood prevention and improved water quality for the region's streams and groundwater. The Dauphin County Board of Commissioners are supportive of this program due to its many benefits and potential for cost savings, especially as more municipalities sign on.

There will be an extensive outreach effort over the next few months to provide information and answer questions about WREP.

Municipalities wishing to learn more can contact Jerry Duke (gduke@tcrpc-pa.org) at TCRPC.

## Tree Canopies



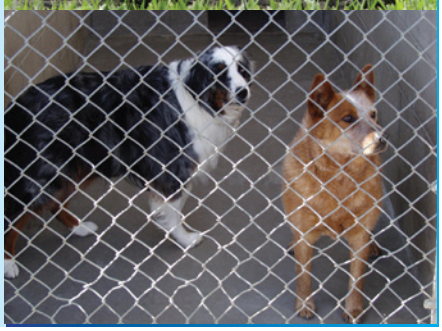
Although tree canopies are scenic and enjoyable to drive through, they can also cause a hazard to vehicles and the road surface. While low hanging branches keep the road shaded, they also keep the sun from drying the road after it rains, and hinders the melting process of ice and snow in the winter. 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.

# Stray & Feral/Wild Animals, Dog Licenses







| OTHER SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS | PETS | FERAL/WILD |
|---|---|---|
| Helping Hands for Animals 717-278-9412 helpinghandsforanimals.org Call 717-687-7297 for scheduling | 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 |

## TOWNSHIP VOUCHER PROGRAM CONTINUES WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF HARRISBURG

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

**SOME IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER:**

Before bringing the animals to the Humane Society, residents must first obtain a trap and release voucher OR an animal surrender form by contacting the Township office Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Proof of residency is required. Animals are not permitted inside the Township office.

**Trap and Release Vouchers**—The trap and release vouchers are for feral (wild) cats only. The animal must be placed in a crate prior to obtaining a voucher from the Township office. One voucher per animal is given. The resident must make an appointment with the Humane Society to have the animal spayed or neutered. The animals will then be returned to the resident so that the resident can release the animal in the original location where it was found.

**Animal Surrender Forms**—The animal surrender form is for stray cats and dogs. One form per animal is given. No appointment is needed to surrender stray animals at the Humane Society.

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



# International Property Maintenance Code 2018

The Board of Supervisors at their August 1, 2022 meeting voted to update the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code ("IPMC") with the 2018 edition of the IPMC with the adoption of Ordinance 2022-01 that may be found on the Londonderry Township web site at **www.londonderrypa.org**

The IPMC includes in part a variety of requirements for exterior property areas, and exterior elements of the structure by providing:

- specific criteria for regulating the installation and maintenance of building components
- maintenance requirements for the structural, weather resistance, sanitary and safety performance of the structure's exterior.
- criteria for maintaining exterior property areas.
- minimum maintenance requirements for vacant structures and land.
- criteria to determine unsafe structure conditions based on specific parameters.

The provisions of the IPMC, as modified by revisions as provided in Section 5-202, as amended, of Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the Londonderry Township Code of Ordinances, apply to all existing residential and nonresidential structures and properties within the Township, including all island properties, and constitute minimum requirements and standards for premises, structures, equipment and facilities. Copies of the IPMC booklet are on file in, and can be reviewed at, the Township Building in the Office of the Code Enforcement Officer.

## 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

# Need A Building And/Or Zoning Permit?

## Just Follow The Online Application & Payment Process

Building and zoning permit applications and payments are now made online. **Payment can also be made by check or money order (made payable to Londonderry Township) at the township building by placing payment in the drop box located inside the lobby or by mailing payment to Londonderry Township at 783 S. Geyers Church Road, Middletown, PA 17057.** ***Cash is not accepted***. Pickup times for permits must be arranged with the Codes Officer **OR** your permit will be mailed, once confirmation of payment has been made.

**For faster service,** pay online through the
BCO@londonderrypa.org website under the
Building and Codes Quicklinks Section 3,
***"pay permit application fee and/or permit fees online".***

# Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund

## 888-987-2423 • https://pahaf.org

Established through the 2021 American Rescue Plan, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was awarded $350 million in COVID-19 relief funds for homeowners. The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund (PAHAF) provides financial assistance to address mortgage delinquencies and avoid default, displacement and foreclosure for eligible Pennsylvania homeowners experiencing financial difficulties due to the coronavirus pandemic. PAHAF provides assistance of up to $50,000 per homeowner for the following mortgage and housing-related expenses:

- Mortgage Reinstatement: Funds to bring a first mortgage current and to pay other housing-related costs, such as taxes and insurance, if included in the mortgage payment.
- Forward Mortgage Payment: Forward payment assistance for up to 6 months or up to program cap.
- Property Charges: Funds for past due property taxes, homeowner association (HOA) fees, condominium fees or common charges that put ownership of the property at risk.
- Utility Payment: Funds to resolve delinquent payments for utility services including: electric, heating fuel, water, trash and/or sewer bills; particularly if no other assistance program currently exists, and that there is imminent loss of utility disconnection, liens, possible foreclosure, or homeowner displacement. A one-time fill-up for the expenses related to pre-paid fuel delivery may be provided.

Applicants must be at least 30 days past due/delinquent on payments for all asistance types, except forward mortgage and pre-paid fuel delivery, in order to qualify for PA assistance. Applicants who are eligible will meet the following criteria:

- Household income is equal to or less than 150% area median income (AMI), which varies by locality. Note: PAHAF Program priority will be given to households at or below 100% AMI.
- Homeowner owns and occupies the property as their primary residence.
- Property is in Pennsylvania.

# RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE

*Keep it Clean AND Keep it Green!*

## Londonderry Township Recycling Center

**FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The yard waste/recycling yard is now located behind the salt storage shed on Sunset Drive. Hours of operation will be dawn to dusk, 7 days a week.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:**

- Grass
- Yard waste
- Leaves

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:**

- Paper
- Plastic
- Lumber
- Glass
- Metal
- Limbs
- Ashes
- Trash

Tree limbs can be taken to Zeagers Mulch at 4000 E. Harrisburg Pike in Middletown. For more information on what items Zeagers Mulch will accept, give them a call at 717-944-8481.

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

**NOTICE: THE REASON GLASS CAN BE DISPOSED OF THROUGH REGULAR TRASH IS BECAUSE IT IS BIODEGRADABLE.**

## Dauphin County Recycling Center

**1625 S. Cameron Street | Harrisburg**
**Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30– 4:30 Saturday 9:00 – 2:00**
**Phone: 717-982-6772**

Drop off location for unwanted or obsolete electronics, appliances and much more including:

- Car and boat batteries
- Lithium, rechargeable and regular batteries
- Thermostats containing mercury
- Empty propane canisters
- Fire extinguishers
- Light bulbs (including compact fluorescent bulbs) *(long fluorescent tubes – contact Dauphin Electric)*
- Refrigerators/freezers/air conditioners ($20 fee for freon **removal)**
- Dehumidifiers
- TV's
- Microwaves
- Computers (must be intact)
- Hardcover books - if the local library won't take them, cut covers off first

Large items - if you get it there, they'll unload it!

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

## 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 and boxboard
- Newspapers and inserts
- Aluminum and tin cans
- Plastic bottles with recycling symbols on them

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

## APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, SCRAP METAL

Do you need to dispose of items such as appliances, furniture or scrap metal? One option is to contact your trash hauler and inquire what items they will pick up. Another option is to contact local scrap metal yards. Some scrap yards will pay you for metals such as aluminum, copper, brass, etc.

**CSR Scrap Metal** (717) 233-7927 • **Dauphin County Recycling Center** (717) 982-6772
**DEP Waste Management** (717) 705-4918 • **Royalton Recycling** (717) 944-4823



SUNSET GOLF COURSE

Here we go again! With another golf season rapidly approaching Sunset is hoping for another good season. In the last two and half years due to COVID and seeing the golf industry thrive Sunset and all golf venues are hoping the trend will continue.

It's hard to believe but's it's been five years since Sunset's front nine renovations. The adding of the fescue grasses, wildflowers, new tees and traps has certainly enhanced the golf course playability giving our golfers a unique experience.

This Winter at the time this article was written has been pretty mild and has brought golfers out to the course making January and February months for some found revenues. We all know that can change in Central Pennsylvania at the drop of a hat but we like the positive thinking approach and keep our fingers crossed.

The pro shop is continuing to receive the newest golf equipment for 2023 making Sunset your next stop. Our grill room and bar will carry all the latest products for you to enjoy while sitting on our deck enjoying the best sunsets in the area. Thursday Night Entertainment is returning starting June 1st to August 31st. Stop by and listen to some of the best performers in the area.

Remember that Sunset Golf Club is just not for golf. It's a great venue to host your wedding or reception, birthday parties, class reunions, graduations and banquets. Sunset offers full catering options as well.

See you on the links,

Sam Risteff, Manager

## Londonderry Bocce League



Registration for our bocce summer league begins April 1, 2023. Games will be played on a Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. and in the evening at 6:00 p.m., and on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Games begin on Monday May 1, until August 15.

A fall league will begin on Monday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m. and end on October 16 (every Monday for six weeks). 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 if you are interested.



## 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 electric 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.

Please remember to bring your own water with you. The water pumps in the park are not accessible to the public.



# Londonderry Lionettes

The Londonderry Lionettes continue caring and sharing in our community, surrounding communities, and statewide. Meetings are held at the Londonderry Firehouse at 1:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of February thru May, and September thru November. Special activities are held in June and December. Projects for 2023 include:

- Make valentines for the Alzheimer's unit and adopted grandmothers at Oak Hill Retirement Village, as well as, for Londonderry's Meals on Wheels clients.
- Provide healthy snack bags for Meals on Wheels clients and adopted grandmothers at Oak Hill Village Retirement Home.
- Provide Easter bags for residents at Merakey, a non-profit organization which provides a home and a full range of services to individuals with all levels of disability.
- Collect used eyeglasses (see separate article) for the Pennsylvania Lions Club. To date, the Lionettes have collected 2,366 pairs of eyeglasses since the project began eight years ago. They also collect aluminum can and soup tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Both of these are ongoing projects.

**Monthly programs for this year include:**

- February 1 – Assemble valentines for Londonderry's Meals on Wheels clients, our adopted grandmothers, and Alzheimer's unit at Oak Hill Village.
- March 1 – Speaker from Hope Within Ministries in Londonderry Township. They offer free primary healthcare services for medically uninsured low income residents of Lancaster, Lebanon and Dauphin Counties.
- April 5 – Steve Letavic, Londonderry Township Manager, will present an update on happenings in Londonderry Township.
- May 3 – Trooper Kelly Smith from PA State Police will talk about "Safety (scams, situational awareness, email and phone)"
- June 7 – special outing
- September 6 - Lions Club update
- October 4 - Friends in Action International
- November 1 - Christmas at the White House
- December 6 - Christmas party

All ladies in Londonderry Township are invited to join the Lionettes and help make a difference in our community. 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 lunch meal for delivery to residents of Dauphin County who have been determined to be eligible for the program by the Agency's Care Management Unit.

Lunch meals are delivered five days a week (Monday through Friday) by volunteers who observe, in the 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 being a volunteer, please call Louise Morgan, Londonderry's Meals on Wheels coordinator, at 944-6518.

# Volunteer Application

***Please mail to:***

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP • 783 S. Geyers Church Road • Middletown, PA 17057
Phone: 717-944-1803 • Fax: 717-944-1926 • www.londonderrypa.org

## 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:** _____

# Londonderry Lionettes

## CHANGE LIVES, ONE PAIR AT A TIME & HELP THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

The Londonderry Lionettes are collecting used eyeglasses and tabs (from beverage and other **aluminum** cans). NOTE: If the tab does not stick to a magnet, it's aluminum. The eyeglasses go to a local Lions Club who forwards them to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where they are cleaned, sorted by prescription strength, and packaged. Recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle-income communities where they will have the greatest impact. The can tabs go to the Ronald McDonald House (RMHC) in Hershey which sells the tabs to a local recycling company. Funds generated help support their programs.

Collection boxes for eyeglasses only have been placed at Karns, Londonderry Elementary School, Evangelical U.M. Church, St. Peters Lutheran Church, Presbyterian Church, Church of God, Geyers U.M. Church, and New Beginnings Church. Collection boxes for eyeglasses and can tabs can be found at the Londonderry Township building, Street Stores Wholesale Hardware, and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hummelstown.

Other sites are being sought as well. If you would like to have a collection container in your workplace, church or business to help support either of these programs, please contact: Anita Housman at 756-7467 or Louise Morgan at 944-6518. Please place all eyeglass and can tabs separate in a plastic Ziploc bag for protection during transport. NOTE: The Lions Club only accepts eyeglasses, no sunglasses, eyeglass cases, or loose lenses.

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

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## V.I.P. Senior Van Service

The V.I.P. is a van service for seniors 65 + over who are residents of Londonderry Township. The van provides transportation to and from doctor and hospital appointments as a priority. If available, other locations within Dauphin County for necessities (i.e. grocery store, bank) may be scheduled. The van is not handicapped accessible so residents must be able to get in and out of the van without assistance. There is no charge for this service, however, donations are strongly suggested and appreciated to help with the costs for gas and upkeep of the van. To date for 2021, we have provided over 50 rides for seniors. This is a much needed and appreciated service for Londonderry Township residents.

**PLEASE NOTE:** this van service is only possible through the efforts of volunteers. We are in **desperate** need of volunteers to take phone requests and call drivers. This can be done from one's own home and in one's own time frame! We are also in need of volunteers to drive the van. You only need a valid driver's license and a clean driving record. Driving is on a "can do/if available" basis as the need arises.

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.- 12:00 Noon, Monday - Friday. The van doesn't operate on weekends.***

## Tax Collector Notes

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

***COME ON SPRING!***

You should have received the County/Municipal Real Estate tax bill by now. They were mailed February 1. If you did not receive your tax bill, please call me.

Please make sure you have filed a "Homestead Exclusion" application. This is the money from the casinos that is allocated back to the school district. This reduces the assessment by the same amount for all properties that have qualified for the exemption. It is for primary residences only. Typically it has reduced the School Real Estate tax by a little more than $200.00.

If you have not filed for the exemption, you must file by March 1 for the following year. This reduces the School Real Estate tax, it does not affect the County/Municipal tax sent out in February.

If you have already qualified for the exemption and nothing has changed as far as it being your primary residence, you do not need to do anything. Dauphin County sends out a notice every 3 years, but if nothing has changed you do not need to respond.

If you're not sure if you are getting the reduction please call me and I'll look it up for you.

The school personal occupation tax bills are mailed in July with the school real estate tax bills. They are not included with the County/Municipal tax bills mailed in February. Payments can be dropped into the mail slot at my office. Please **do not** bring payments to the Township office.

As always if you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

Yours truly,
Loren M. Bowen