



Winter 2025

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Lower Allen Township • 2233 Gettysburg Road • Camp Hill, PA 17011



Lower Allen Township Commissioners

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Commissioner Joe Swartz,
President Dean Villone,
Commissioner Chuck Brown, and
Vice President Jennifer Caron

Regular Meetings: 2nd & 4th
Mondays, 6pm in Gorgas Hall

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Many thanks to the Public Works Department Parks and Highway staff who helped Lower Allen Community Park win a 2024 Simply The Best Readers' Choice Award in Harrisburg Magazine!

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Lower Allen Township

2233 Gettysburg Road • Camp Hill, PA 17011

Phone: (717) 975-7575 • www.latwp.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tax Office - Phone: (717) 737-5671

KEY STAFF

EXT

Rebecca Davis, Township Manager	1010
Benjamin Powell, PE , Public Works Director	1007
Alycia Knoll, Finance Director	1202
Isaac Sweeney, PE, Director of Community and Economic Development	1002
Dave Holl, Public Safety Director	1601
Leon Crone, Police Captain	1515
Tony Deaven, EMS Captain	1810
Thomas Rigling, Fire Rescue Services Chief	1315
Brian Ariano, District Chief, LA Fire Co. No. 1	1302
Greg Black, District Chief, Lisburn Cmty. Fire Co.	766-3994
Donna Paul, Human Resources	1402

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Police Fire EMS	9-1-1 (24-hours a day)
Non-Emergency & After Hours	717-238-9676
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
PPL	1-800-342-5775
UGI	1-800-962-1212
PA American Water	1-800-565-7292
Veola Water	1-888-844-0352
Lower Allen Sewer Authority	717-774-0610
Penn Waste (Trash & Recycling)	1-866-575-8720
Trash Complaints (call Township)	717-975-7575 x 1014
Cleve J. Fredrickson Library	717-761-3900
New Cumberland Public Library	717-774-7820
Joseph T. Simpson Library	717-766-0171
West Shore Recreation Commission	717-920-9515
Rep. Sheryl Delozier (88th District)	717-761-4665
Rep. Thomas Kutz (87th District)	717-783-2063
Senator Mike Regan (31st District)	717-975-1985
U.S. Representative Scott Perry	717-635-9504
U.S. Senator Dave McCormick	717-231-7540
U.S. Senator John Fetterman	215-241-1090

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

All meetings are held at the Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center (MSC) unless otherwise noted.

JANUARY

1 New Years Day	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
2 Sewer Authority / Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
13 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
16 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
20 Development Authority	6:00 pm
21 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
22 Recreation & Parks Board	7:00 pm
27 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm

FEBRUARY

6 Sewer Authority / Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
10 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
17 Presidents' Day	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
18 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
19 Development Authority (Wednesday)	6:00 pm
20 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
23 BINGO @ Lisburn Community Fire Co.	11:30 am
24 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
26 Recreation & Parks Board	7:00 pm

MARCH

6 Sewer Authority / Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
9 Turkey Dinner @ Lisburn Community Fire	11:30 am
10 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
17 Development Authority	6:00 pm
18 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
20 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
24 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
26 Recreation & Parks Board	7:00 pm

APRIL

3 Sewer Authority / Stormwater Authority	7:00 pm
14 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm
15 Planning Commission	7:00 pm
17 Zoning Hearing Board	7:00 pm
18 Spring Holiday	TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED
21 Development Authority	6:00 pm
23 Recreation & Parks Board	7:00 pm
28 Board of Commissioners	6:00 pm

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS / ENACTED ORDINANCES

OFFICIALS IN ACTION



The Board of Commissioners approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

2024-R-36 Commending and honoring the Lisburn Community Fire Company and the many dedicated volunteers for 71 years of service hosting the Old Tyme Festival helping to create a cherished community event and unprecedented fire company fundraiser. (Adopted: 10/14/24)

2024-R-37 Appointing Keegan Toot as the Training and Volunteer Coordinator in the Public Safety Department. (Adopted: 10/14/24)

2024-R-38 Appointing Kasha L. Griva as the Billing Specialist in the Finance Department. (Adopted: 10/14/24)

2024-R-39 Requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment (LSA) grant in the amount of \$682,778.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority in support of the Beacon Hill Radar Site Park Master Plan Project, Phases 2 & 3. (Adopted: 11/12/24)

2024-R-40 Appointing Benjamin E. Powell, P.E. as Public Works Director. (Adopted: 11/12/24)

2024-R-41 Recognizing, commending, and honoring Thomas G. Vernau, Jr., Township Manager for his 37 years of service. (Adopted: 12/9/24)

2024-R-42 Establishing fees and charges authorized by various ordinances and statutes for administration of Township business in accordance with these ordinances and statutes, known as the “2025 Fee Schedule”. (Adopted: 12/9/24)

2024-R-43 Adopting minimum municipal obligations (MMO) payable to the Lower Allen Township Police Pension Plan and the Lower Allen Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in fiscal year 2025, and appropriating specific sums known as the pension budget for fiscal year 2025. (Adopted: 12/9/24)

ORDINANCES

2024-03 Amending Chapter 180, Solid Waste, and replacing it with a new Chapter 180, Solid Waste, to comply with current Act 101 Municipal Recycling Requirements. (Enacted: 12/23/24)

2024-04 Appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government during the Fiscal Year 2025. (Enacted: 12/23/24)

2024-05 Amending the Codified Ordinances of Lower Allen Township, 1997, as amended, Section 32-7, dealing with Compensation of the Township Manager. (Enacted: 12/23/24)

LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Welcome New Staffers

The following people have joined the staff or changed roles here at Lower Allen Township:

Full-time

Rebecca Davis, Administration Department, Township Manager

Kasha Griva, Finance Department, Billing Specialist

Benjamin Powell, P.E., Public Works Department, Director

Part-time

Connor Thetga, EMS Department, EMT

William Brown, Public Safety Department, PSO

Christopher Klinepeter, Public Safety Department, PSO

Shawn Moore, Public Safety Department, PSO

Christopher Mowry, Public Safety Department, PSO

Joshua Rokowski, Public Safety Department, PSO

Kaleb Shreiner, Public Safety Department, PSO

Garrett Strouse, Public Safety Department, PSO

Alan Erler, Police Department, CSO

Bradyn Zeiders, Police Department, CSO

Recent Retirements

Thomas J. Vernau, Jr. – Administration Department – Township Manager - 37 years



New Township Manager: The Lower Allen Township Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the appointment of Rebecca L. Davis as its newest Township Manager. Although Rebecca is new to the position, she is a well-known presence in our community, as she has been our Director of Public Works since 2021 and prior to that the Township's Stormwater Program Manager and MS4 Coordinator since 2018. Rebecca brings more than 20 years of municipal experience to the position. Before coming to Lower Allen, Rebecca served as the Township Manager at South Hanover Township in Dauphin County. Rebecca has a strong understanding of municipal government and has managed millions of dollars in grants and has overseen a wide variety of projects ranging from planning to construction including road resurfacing, stormwater infrastructure, and park improvements. In addition, she has experience in budgeting, administration, and oversight over Lower Allen Township's Public Works Operations. We wish Rebecca much success in new role as the Township Manager.

SERVE ON A TOWNSHIP BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Lower Allen has a variety of Boards, Commissions, and Authorities comprised of Township residents. Occasionally the need to fill a vacant seats arises most often due to a member resigning at the end of their term. Terms can range from three to six years depending on the board. Boards are scheduled to meet monthly, but meetings will be cancelled if there are no business matters to discuss for the month . Others boards meet on an as needed basis, such as the Civil Service Commission, which meets to review and recommend police officer candidates. The Township is always seeking applicants interested in serving on a board or commission. Due to the limited number of positions and the length of terms it may be a while before you are contacted regarding an opening. There is no obligation for submitting a resume and cover letter expressing your interest and qualifications to our Township Manager (see below). We have the following Boards and committees including the new Traffic Calming and Steering Committee recently authorized by the Board of Commissioners and now soliciting members to form (also below):

<u>Board/Committee Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Meeting Times</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>
Recreation and Parks Board	5-year	4th Wed. 7:00 p.m.	7	None
Planning Commission	4-year	3rd Tue. 7:00 p.m.	7	1 Vacancy
Zoning Hearing Board	3-year	3rd Thu. 7:00 p.m.	4	None
Development Authority (LATDA)	5-year	3rd Mon. 6:00 p.m.	5	None
Sewer Authority (LASA)	5-year	1st Thu. 7:00 p.m.	5	None
Stormwater Authority (LATSA)	5-year	1st Thu. 7:30 p.m.	5	None
Civil Service Commission	6-year	Meets as needed	4	None

Traffic Calming Steering Committee Formation

Lower Allen Township is seeking interested residents to join the Traffic Calming Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will guide the development of a Township-wide Traffic Calming Policy. The development of a Traffic Calming Policy will provide a written and consistent process for the Township to handle traffic safety complaints and concerns. Committee members must be available to meet in person during the Township's normal business hours, weekdays, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.. Initially there will be regularly scheduled meetings to develop the policy and then the committee will meet on an as needed basis to address traffic issues. If interested in joining the Traffic Calming Steering Committee please send a resume and/or letter of interest to the attend of our Township Manager, Rebecca Davis, at 2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011 or by email to rdavis@latwp.org.



LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP YAPPY HOUR!

The 2024 Yappy Hour was held on Thursday, September 19th, and it was a woofertiful time!!! But don't you worry we are already planning the 2025 Yappy Hour! We want to thank all that attended who made this event a great success. Plus we want to thank the businesses, organizations, vendors and our food trucks that helped make Yappy Hour come together. If you are a pet friendly vendor who would like more information on this event or to participate next Yappy Hour please reach out to Helen Grundon, 717-975-7575 ext. 2104 or email at hgrundon@latwp.org.



Lower Allen Township Recreation and Parks Board 1st Annual Gardeners Fall Fest

On Saturday, October 19 the Lower Allen Township Recreation and Parks Board held the first annual Gardeners Fall Fest at Lower Allen Community Park. There were Local vendors, who make, create, build, and/or grow their own products, along with two local speakers that did presentations, one on Winter Sow, was done by Master Gardener Linda Johnson and the second one was on What to do in the fall to help with bees, was presented by Key's Bee. There were kids games, crafts, and activities too. Kids could make their very own Halloween inspired Terrarium, in a glass jar and small succulents that were donated by a Recreation and Parks Board member. We are already preparing for the 2nd annual Gardeners Fall Fest for 2025, if you would be interested in being a vendor, presenter, a home grower, etc. Please reach out to Helen Grundon at 717-975-7575 ext., 2104 or email at hgrundon@latwp.org. The Recreations and Parks Board can not thank those who attended the event and made it a success enough, and a big shout out to or vendors, and presentations, all of your hard work make this all worth while. See you all in 2025, and keep growing!



Lisburn Community Fire Company News

Events



MARCH 9TH—TURKEY DINNER

11:30-1PM (or until sold out)

Dinner includes: Turkey, filling, potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, roll, vegetable, & dessert. \$12 for Adults \$7 for Children.

FEBRUARY 23rd—BINGO

There will be regular & special games of bingo and a final jackpot. The doors and kitchen open at 11:30am. Early bird bingo starts at 1:00pm and Bingo starts at 1:30pm. There will be small games of chance available also. Additional cards will be available for purchase. Check out our Facebook page or website for additional information. You can pre-register for \$22 or \$25 at the door. Pre-register through Facebook, email, or calling the Fire company. See you in February!

1800 Main Street Lisburn, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
(717) 766-3994 LisburnFire24@gmail.com

Lower Allen Township EMS

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT • 2025 UTILITY BILLING & DOG LICENSES

Fourth quarter utility bills will be sent on January 1, 2025 for the months of January, February, and March 2025.

Utility bills may consist of up to three (3) separate fees: sanitary sewer, stormwater, and residential refuse (including trash, recycling, and curbside yard waste services).

Quarterly billing dates are as follows:

January 1st - for January, February, and March - due February 1st

April 1st - for April, May, and June - due May 1st

July 1st - for July, August, and September - due August 1st

October 1st - for October, November, and December - due November 1st

ACH withdrawal is a free payment option offered by the Township. Customers who enroll agree to have their payment for their quarterly utility bill automatically withdrawn from their checking account on the due date. This helps alleviate receiving a ten percent penalty applied on late payments. The ACH enrollment form is available on the Township website www.latwp.org or at the receptionist's desk in the Municipal Services Center (MSC), located at 2233 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

The Township is now offering an e-billing option for customers who wish to receive their quarterly utility bills via email. E-billing creates a completely paperless billing process. Alternatively, customers may request both options and continue to have paper bills mailed but also receive electronic notices and bills. Interested customers should email utilitybilling@latwp.org to request this service. Please provide your name, address and/or account number, along with the email address where you'd like the utility bills sent.

2025 UTILITY RATE INCREASES

Refuse services will be increasing from \$108.06 to \$112.83 in the first quarter of 2025. Low flow refuse will be increasing from \$103.26 to \$107.82 in the first quarter of 2025. Stormwater fees will remain unchanged at \$19.00 per ERU (unit). The Lower Allen Sewer Authority has increased residential sanitary sewer fees from \$83.00 to \$87.00 also effective in the first quarter of 2025 (SEE related article on the next page).

2025 DOG LICENSES

Regular (Annual) Dog Licenses are available for purchase at the Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center (MSC, address above). Lifetime Dog Licenses are only available through the Cumberland County Treasurer's office. Both Annual and Lifetime Dog Licenses can be obtained online at <https://www.doglicenses.us/PA/Cumberland>.

TAX COLLECTOR • LOWER ALLEN SEWER AUTHORITY

Winter greetings from Bonnie K. Miller, Tax Collector. I hope this finds you safe, healthy and full of the Christmas spirit. Sorry to have to bring this up, but if you are delinquent on your 2024 Lower Allen Township/Cumberland County and/or West Shore School District real estate taxes you will be contacted by Cumberland County Tax Claim mid-February. They automatically add \$15 to the tax bill and add interest February 1st along with affecting your credit and a lien goes on your property. If you receive a delinquency notice and you believe it was an error, please research with either a stamped paid receipt or cancelled check and provide it to me and I will research it in the tax office with my records.

You should have received a \$136.10 Homestead Exclusion credit on your July 1st, 2024 West Shore School District Real Estate tax bill, if you did not, perhaps you are a new homeowner or didn't apply for it, the next window to apply for the Homestead Exclusion is December 15, 2024 through March 1, 2025. You can obtain that form on Cumberland County's website, cumberlandcounty.pa.gov. If you take the \$9,512 Homestead Exclusion amount and multiply it by .01430780 mills it equals \$136.10. Your assessment on your house will go back to the original assessment before the Homestead Exclusion on your 2025 Lower Allen Township County/Cumberland County tax bill since that only applies to the West Shore School District real estate tax bill and not your Lower Allen Township/Cumberland County tax bill.

2025 Lower Allen Township and Cumberland County Real Estate taxes dated March 1, 2025, and will be mailed on March 1st.

If you need paid receipts (\$1 per copy) for your rebate and/or tax return please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with a note requesting it and a check for the number of copies and I will return the receipts to you via mail or email. You can email me at bmiller@latwp.org.

The Tax Office will remain closed due to my health. Thank you for understanding. If you need to get ahold of me, I can be reached at my home (717) 763-7960 Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10 AM to 2 PM or by email bmiller@latwp.org.

Sanitary Sewer Service Rates for 2025

Sanitary Sewer service rates will be increasing in 2025. The Lower Allen Sewer Authority continues to meet its customer service needs and environmental compliance goals cost effectively. Sewer billing rates will be as follows:

Residential: \$87 per quarter

Non-residential: \$87 per quarter base fee, plus \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons per quarter.

In the past 10 years, sewer rate increases have been less than 2/3 of the consumer price index. Our rates are currently less than all other surrounding municipalities and 1/3 of the rate of the local private wastewater utility.

Property owners with delinquent sewer bills can be placed on a payment plan by calling the Sewer Authority office at (717) 774-0610 between 8 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday. Delinquent sewer bills not on a payment plan are subject to municipal lien, water service shut-off, District Magistrate and Sheriff Sale collection actions. Sewer collection action fees are applied to the account.

Lower Allen Township's

Guide to MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

December 2024 Edition



UMHC basin progress, September 2024

Your Stormwater Fees At Work

In 2024 Lower Allen Township completed three basin retrofit projects. These projects were part of a public/private partnership developed between Lower Allen Township and the property owners. The Township bid the contracts separately and work began on the projects in spring 2024 with a completion date of August 2024.

Days before Hurricane Debby made its way to Central Pennsylvania, all three basins were hydroseeded. Some minor reseeded was necessary after the rain event. These basin projects were part of the Township's Pollution Reduction Plan required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and will reduce pollutants that enter the Township's stormwater system and ultimately the Yellow Breeches Creek and Cedar Run. The Township will maintain the stormwater infiltration basin projects as part of our commitment to our Pollution Reduction Plan requirements.

UMHC/Weis Basin

The basin retrofit located behind the Weis store has a drainage area of more than 36 acres. This basin is pictured on the right. The large square area in the foreground is the wet well. This area collects the excess water to pump out of the basin. There are 2 pumps in this basin that will work in tandem. Underdrain covers the bottom of the basin with pipes that are accessible for cleanout locations.

Bethany Village Basin

The basin project at Bethany Village is located off Wilson Avenue in Lower Allen Township. This basin encompasses the largest drainage area at 37.65 acres. Unlike the other two basins, the Bethany Village Basin has more pervious coverage than impervious coverage in its drainage area.

BJ's Wholesale Basin

The basin retrofit at the BJ's Wholesale Club location on Hartzdale Drive is the most visible of the three basins that were completed in 2024. The smallest of the three projects, this basin has a drainage area of 10.9 acres, more than 75% of which is impervious coverage.

RECYCLING NEWS

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Lower Allen Township

Tips to Reduce Waste During the Holidays

- Consider a “real” Christmas tree if possible. The Township offers free collection of Christmas trees after the holidays.
- Reuse the brown paper from shipping boxes for gift wrap. Brown paper can be ironed to remove wrinkles. Consider decorating the paper or leaving it blank and tie packages with a ribbon.
- Reduce waste by using regular dishes during the holidays for 1 meal a day. Paper products are convenient, but the waste adds up over the holidays.
- Monitor your food waste. Food waste through the holidays is common. Consider donating unwanted foods or meals before the need to toss them out.
- Reuse tissue paper, boxes and gift bags.
- Recycle unneeded gift boxes!



Happy Holidays

The holidays can be stressful! The work/home balance can be enough to stress anyone during the holidays. Between attending all the holiday concerts to deciding where to spend the time off to preparing for guests to visit or be a guest, the holidays can bring out the best and worst in all of us.

When tossing things out over the holidays, consider donating or posting items for free. Your trash may be someone else's treasures!

Remember: Not all paper is created equal!

Check with the Township on how to dispose of items. Battery fires are occurring regularly throughout Pennsylvania. Batteries are NOT recyclable!

Dispose of items with care and caution!



Have you thrifted a gift during the holidays?

CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION • PAID ADVERTISEMENT



Lower Allen Township staff will be picking up Christmas trees from Monday, January 6th through Friday, January 17th on your regular trash collection day. Please be sure to remove all ornaments, garland, lights, tree stands, and other items that are not part of the tree. Staff will NOT collect dis-

carded trees with items still attached or Christmas trees placed in bags. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Grundon at (717) 975-7575, ext. 2104 or send email to hgrundon@latwp.org.



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2025 Lower Allen Township Trash & Recycling Collection Calendar

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
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 = Yard Waste Collection

Observed holidays are noted in **RED**. Collection days that fall on or after the holiday will be delayed one day. EXCEPTION: If holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there is no change in service prior to or after the holiday.

BASIC RESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES

- Trash, Recycling, and one bulk item must be curb side by 7:00 AM on your scheduled collection day. All waste must fit into one mobile cart. Excess material will not be collected.
- Yard Waste must not exceed 6 feet in length, 4 inches in diameter and must be bundled or placed in a Township-provided container.
- Yard waste will be collected on the same day as trash and recycling beginning in MARCH and continuing through OCTOBER (See calendar above)
- Call Penn Waste to schedule collection of appliances containing freon (air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, etc.)
- No construction debris will be collected curb side.
- To stay up to date on collection updates, sign up for our E-News Updates at www.pennwaste.com.



pennwaste.com



For additional details visit our website www.pennwaste.com

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CREATING A GREEN COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

Winter Deicing

Winter deicing, or **de-icing**, is a common practice to manage ice and snow in cold climates by businesses and homeowners alike. Winter weather often leaves us dealing with snow and ice on our sidewalks and driveways. Currently the most common substances used for this are salts. However, the salts can be harmful for the environment; as they kill plants, ruin soils and are toxic to many species within stream [ecosystems](#). Shoveling is the best form of snow and ice removal. The old standard of using sand for traction is good but must be used sparingly. The sand can clog storm drains, destroy [habitat](#) in streams through the increase in sedimentation in the waterways. Homeowners do have some choices when it comes to the kinds of deicing [chemicals](#) but the important thing to remember is to choose carefully and use sparingly.

Removing Snow & Ice Responsibly

The increased use of salts for deicing over the last 50 years has this country currently using over ten million tons on the roadways annually. There are alternatives to using salts even for the homeowner. Deicers are designed to loosen the ice so that it is easier to shovel. All substance options should be used sparingly to minimize the damage to waterways and the environment.

***Shoveling**– Very effective but can be back breaking and is the least damaging to the overall environment.

***Snow blower**– Easier on the back. Best if used before any deicers are used so as not to throw the [chemical](#) onto plants.

***Sand**– best for traction. Use sand [sparingly](#) as it can clog storm drains and choke waterways. Be sure to sweep up excess to minimize the amount of sand that gets into storm drains and waterways.

***Bird seed**– another traction method and it is biodegradable, or – even better, birds will enjoy eating it in the winter months!

***Safe Paw™**– Is not a salt but an amide/glycol mixture that is safe for the environment and is biodegradable.

***Calcium chloride**– works at very low temperatures, and you can use less. It is also easier on vegetation than regular Rock salt (sodium chloride). This is still a salt and can be toxic to waterways. Use Properly and SPARINGLY!

***Liquid deicer [chemicals](#)**– For areas that experience large occurrences of snow and ice, deicing [chemicals](#) are necessary. The liquid deicers works best when used BEFORE a storm hits, this is called Anti-icing. A thin layer of liquid deicer applied to sidewalks and driveways prevents the formation of ice. Timing is key to minimize the wash-off potential from rain. This method requires less product than granular forms of deicers which can be more economical.

Winter Parking



The Police Department would like to remind residents about parking regulations during the upcoming winter season. Beginning December 1 through March 31 along posted streets residents may only park their vehicles on one side of the street as indicated by the street signs. The side that is permitted for parking alternates on a monthly basis. Please be sure that you are parking on the correct side of the street. Your compliance with this Ordinance allows the Public Works Department to get into the developments to quickly clear a travel lane without weaving between vehicles parked on opposite sides of the street. The following streets have odd/even signs posted:

19th Street	Elmhurst Road	Letchworth Road	Shoreham Road
20th Street	Highland Drive	Letchworth Drive	Strafford Road
Apple Drive	Kelton Road	Manchester Road	Village Road
Chatham Road	Kent Road	Norman Road	Warwick Road
Chatham Drive	Kent Drive	Oxford Drive	Wyndham Road
Cherokee Avenue	Kingsley Road		

Vehicles that are in violation of the **odd/even** parking requirements are subjected to being ticketed.

A smart way to shovel your drive

How to reduce the possibility of getting a huge pile of snow in your driveway opening when snowplows clear your street:



Tips for Weathering the Winter

- *Consider using non-toxic de-icing substances such as clean clay cat litter, sand, or fireplace/stove ash to prevent hazardous waste from chemicals. Chemical deicers can be hazardous to your pets, your trees and shrubs, and the environment. Antifreeze that leaks from car engines and chemical snow melters on driveways, roads, and runways can pollute surface waters and groundwater through the soil.
- *Winterize your vehicle by checking your air filter and fluid levels, checking tires for tread wear and proper inflation, and checking the condition of your windshield wipers. Ensuring your vehicle is ready for weather changes will reduce damage, which prevents waste from broken parts, and will keep you safe on the road.
- *If you have a wood-burning fireplace, save your ashes in a tin instead of throwing them away. Cold wood ashes can be mixed in your compost heap to create a valuable soil amendment that provides nutrients to your garden.
- *Close the recycling loop. Many articles of clothing, such as jackets, scarves, gloves, and boots, are now made from recycled materials. Most fleece products are made from recycled plastic soda bottles, and certain clothing and shoe manufacturers use recycled cotton scraps and rubber tires to make their products.
- *Winter storms often cause power outages. Prevent waste by keeping rechargeable batteries rather than disposable ones stored throughout your house with your flashlights. If you do use disposable batteries, prevent hazardous waste by buying batteries with low mercury content. Be sure you know how to dispose of your batteries safely. For more information on disposal, contact Barbara Arnold, Environmental Coordinator at Lower Allen Township (717) 975.7575 ext. 1014 or barnold@latwp.org.
- *To make sure your heating system (boiler, furnace or heat pump) is operating at its most efficient level, it is a good idea to have a contractor perform a routine check-up and any necessary maintenance on the equipment before freezing weather drives up your energy bill.

WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Weather emergencies may be declared whenever there is a forecast or accumulation of 3 or more inches of snow or when conditions are dangerous. A Snow Emergency will be declared and announced in the media giving a time (not less than 6 hours) by which **ALL VEHICLES** must be moved off all the streets.

The Public Works Department's initial priority is keeping major arteries and feeder roads open. As the emergency subsides and crews become available, the plows will clear curb to curb and move into residential areas.

Vehicles left on the street during a weather emergency are subject to being ticketed and also towed and stored at the owner's expense. Please adhere to the above regulations so emergency personnel can focus on recovery and returning life to normal in the Township.

Please contact the Police Department at 975-7575 if you have any questions or concerns.



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