



Lower Moreland Township

Fall 2023



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UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

Movie Night

Saturday, September 23, 7pm

Fire Prevention Week/ Open House

Saturday, October 7, 11am-2 pm

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 21, 2023; rain date Sunday, October 22, 2023





Township of Lower Moreland

640 Red Lion Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 | www.lowermoreland.org

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Christopher R. Hoffman, Township Manager
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John B. Rice, Township Solicitor
Timothy P. Woodrow, P.E., Township Engineer
Rettew Associates, Inc., Township Planner
Jane Anne Saile, Tax Collector

MEETING DATES & TIMES

Board of Commissioners: Monthly Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Second Tuesday of the month
Building Code Board of Appeals: No monthly meeting.
Chairman calls as assignments require
Civil Service Commission: No monthly meeting. Chairman
calls as assignments require
Historical Architectural Review Board: 7:00 p.m. First
Monday of the month
Lower Moreland Township Authority: 7:00 p.m. Meets
quarterly, first Wednesday of the month
Planning Commission: Monthly Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Fourth
Thursday of the month.
Zoning Hearing Board: 7:00 p.m., Third Thursday of the
month

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency: 9-1-1
Lower Moreland
Township Police (non-emergency):..... 215-947-3132
Lower Moreland
Township & Public Works: 215-947-3100
Huntingdon Valley
Fire Company (non-emergency):..... 215-947-2454
Bryn Athyn Fire Company:..... 215-947-1100
Huntingdon Valley Library: 215-947-5138

Pickleball Updates



In May of 2023, The Board of Commissioners authorized the permanent closure of the Lower Moreland Park pickleball courts during their monthly board meeting. The Board instructed staff to identify alternative locations for review and consideration at an upcoming meeting. In the interim, the Red Lion Gym has been for open pickleball use with two temporary courts.

As of August 2023, the courts at Lower Moreland Park have been converted back to tennis courts and are now open for use. Construction of the new pickleball courts is underway with bids for paving and coating scheduled for this fall.

Creek Friendly Yard Care – Winter Tips

During winter, there are still some things that can be done to your yard which will help reduce the need for pesticides next growing season.

- **Spray dormant oil** on bark surfaces of disease and pest prone ornamental trees and shrubs. Dormant oil is non-toxic and works to kill overwintering insect eggs and fungal spores. Spray this heavy oil before leaves or buds appear and when temperatures are above 40 degrees. Check product label for a list of plants that are sensitive, such as azaleas. Also, do not spray on blue needled conifers such as blue spruce.

- **Spray a leaf protectant**, such as Wilt-pruf®, to hollies, rhododendrons, and other broadleaf evergreen plants to protect against winter moisture loss. Spray early in the winter season when temperature is above freezing.
- **Late winter (i.e. March) overseeding of lawns** and seeding of bare spots is a good time to begin to increase turf density before weed seeds have time to germinate.

Source: Penn State Cooperative Extension



Huntingdon Valley Library

Explore | Engage | Enjoy

Movie Night Under the Stars

The Super Mario Bros. Movie

**Saturday
September 23
7 pm**

Held on the back lawn
of the library.
Bring a blanket or lawn
chairs to sit on.



Rated PG.

Sponsored by Lower Moreland Township.

70th Anniversary Party

Friday, December 1, 6:30 pm

Join us as we honor the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a future filled with even more stories, connections, and learning opportunities. This event is a tribute to every individual who has contributed to making our library a cherished institution over the past 70 years.



Anniversary Cake
and Refreshments

Music

Future Vision Board



Sign up for a Library Card
Inside the Library or
Online at hvlibrary.org.
It's free!



Go to the Best Events
Unleash your creativity and
curiosity through our diverse
lineup of programs and
workshops.



Access Us Anywhere
Access thousands of ebooks,
audiobooks, magazines, movies,
music, and newspapers from the
comfort of home, the gym, or on
vacation.



Explore Something New
Learn a new language, search for
your ancestors, and even chat
with a librarian to help you find
the info you need.



Make New Friends
The Friends of Huntingdon Valley
Library donate their time to our
library and host events.



Enjoy the Best Museums
Join the Friends and gain access
to popular local museums.

Police Department



Detective Justin Brommer

School Resource Officer Program

Lower Moreland Township Police Department proudly partners with the Lower Moreland School District through the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. Detective Justin Brommer has been serving as the Township's SRO since its inception in 2020 upon receiving on-going specialized training in

school policing and juvenile investigations. In addition to serving as the SRO, Detective Brommer is an operator on the Eastern Montgomery County Regional SWAT team.

The primary goals of the SRO program are to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff members, foster a positive relationship with students and law enforcement, and develop strategies to educate students and staff on problems facing the youth so that they can reach their fullest potential. To achieve these goals, Detective Brommer serves in the capacity of an educator, informal counselor/mentor, and Law Enforcement Officer. Detective Brommer works hand-in-hand with school counselors and administrators to assist students in crisis, providing his knowledge and skills to ensure a positive outcome. He also educates students on negative trends affecting our youths to better inform students of laws and police procedures. Detective Brommer also provides quarterly training for students and staff members in Active Shooter Response and intruder drills. In the fall of 2023, Detective Brommer will focus on educating students on positive outlets to manage stress and the dangers of intoxicated driving.

We are proud of Detective Brommer's hard work and dedication to the SRO program, furthering a positive relationship with the school community. The LMPD and the LMTSD, under the guidance of Superintendent Davidheiser and Chief Scirrotto, are committed to providing a safe and positive environment for all the students of Lower Moreland.



Chief Scirrotto and the Chaplain volunteers

Chaplain Program

The Lower Moreland Twp Police Department recently instituted a Police Chaplain program for our police department and community. This program creates a partnership with various faith-based leaders within our community to assist members of the police department and provide support for community members.

Our chaplains are professionals whose training encompasses confidential listening skills, crisis intervention, and spiritual assessment. Chaplains offer comfort and compassion to those they work with, their families, and the community they serve, without forcing their personal spiritual beliefs on others. They offer a supportive presence to officers and community members in need and listen to people's worries and concerns in times of crisis. The Chaplain program is also a part of the Township's "Officer Wellness" efforts to provide support for the members of the police department who often undergo immense stress and trauma due to the nature of the job.

Pastor Paul Randolph, Pastor Bruce Petty, and Pastor Jacob Kim lead LMPD's chaplain program. All chaplains are volunteers, and we are appreciative of their dedication and commitment to LMPD and this community.

During the month of January Pastor Paul Randolph taught a certification class from the International Conference of Police Chaplains. The class was sponsored by Lower Moreland Police Department for nine new chaplains representing several neighboring police departments on the duties, value, and significance of a chaplaincy program. Pastor Randolph is a Master Chaplain and certified instructor of the program.

Register Your Cameras with LMPD

The Lower Moreland Police Department offers a new resource for all citizens of the Township (residential and commercial) to assist in crime prevention and crime solving efforts. If you have cameras on your property, residents and businesses may voluntarily register their personal security cameras in the CAMERA REGISTRY (link on the Police Department Page of the Township website - dropdown "Forms" and Click "Camera Registry").

Following a crime, the police often go door-to-door to check for cameras in the area, which can be a time-consuming process that can delay the apprehension of the criminals at large. The camera

registry list would help alleviate some of the time involved in searching for cameras to help move forward with the investigation in a timelier manner.

Registration is voluntary and can be withdrawn at any time by contacting the police department. The police department will not have direct access to your cameras, nor are you obligated to provide video if asked. This service is available at no cost. The process to register your cameras is simple and only takes a few minutes to complete.



Lower Moreland Township and Bryn Athyn Borough were selected as recipients of a 2023 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence in the Intergovernmental Cooperation category. This annual executive branch recognition, in collaboration with the Department of Community & Economic Development, selects winners from candidates nominated for their unique efforts to address various local challenges and goals. Our two municipalities have endeavored for several years to solidify planning for the future of fire and emergency services, which culminated in January 2023 with the unanimous approval of an intergovernmental cooperation agreement which formed the Office of the Chief of Emergency Services. While we did not seek this recognition, we were grateful to be selected for an award that acknowledged these important collective efforts.

An application/interview process was held throughout the summer. Now, the Chief of Emergency Services for Lower Moreland and Bryn Athyn is slated to begin their post this Fall. We look forward to introducing the selected candidate to the community soon!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Community development refers to the process for guiding growth and development in the Township and includes the following types of applications:

Sketch Plan is the introduction of schematic and rough drawings of what is being proposed. It begins discussion between the developer and the Township for conceptual ideas. There is no vote for or against such a plan but rather this step serves as an opportunity to provide information.

Minor Subdivision Plan is typically one lot is being divided into two, or a lot is changing its boundaries, also called a lot line change. This type of plan will require a vote of the Board of Commissioners to be approved or denied.

Preliminary Land Development or Subdivision Plan is a plan providing significantly more detail than a sketch plan. This plan is circulated to Township consultants for review and then the applicant presents it before the Planning Commission for discussion and a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. The plan will appear before the Board of Commissioners for review and a vote to approve or deny the plan.

Final Land Development or Subdivision Plan is a plan of final changes made after the preliminary land development or subdivision plan is approved. All outstanding necessary approvals from other agencies are received. The plan must receive a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Finally, the plan goes before the Township Board of Commissioners for a vote at a public meeting for final approval.

Conditional Use is specifically set forth in the Zoning Ordinance. When the Township receives an application for Conditional Use, a public hearing before the Board of Commissioners is scheduled.

Zoning Amendment is a change to the text in the zoning ordinance. A revised ordinance is written and must be reviewed by the Planning Commission and receive a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Map Amendment is a change to the zoning map. A map amendment must be advertised and a Hearing must be held by the Board of Commissioners.

Community Development Review from January 2022 to July 2023:

- **SD 23-03 8 County Line Road/Zeon Real Estate LLC**
- Sketch plan for a 3-lot subdivision. Sketch Plan reviewed at the June 22, 2023, Planning Commission Public Meeting
- **SD 23-02 560 Welsh Road/Erion Mehmeti**
- Preliminary/final plan for a 2-lot subdivision. Plan reviewed at the May 25, 2023, Planning Commission Public Meeting. Preliminary/Final Plan approved at the June 13, 2023 BOC Meeting
- **LD 21-03 3001-301 Philmont Ave/BET**
- Land Development application for 219-unit apartment building with commercial space. (This application has been under review since 2021 at various public meetings prior to the 2023 approvals, including a zoning amendment review process in 2022.)
- Plan reviewed at the January 26, 2023, Planning Commission meeting. Conditional Use hearing held at the Feb 14, 2023, BOC meeting. Conditional Use granted at the March 14, 2023, BOC meeting. Preliminary Plan approved at the July 11, 2023, BOC meeting
- **ZA 21-03 3001-301 Philmont Ave/BET**
- A Zoning Amendment application submitted by BET Investments proposing multi-family residential building consisting of one and two-bedroom units and commercial use. Zoning ordinance amendment approved via public hearing at the December 14, 2021, BOC meeting allowing a maximum of 220 units.
- **SD 21-01: 1355 Grasshopper Road**
- Preliminary/final plan application proposing a two-lot subdivision. Plan reviewed at the January 27, 2022, BOC Meeting. Preliminary/Final Plan approved at the March 8, 2022, BOC Meeting
- **SD 17-04 Philmont Country Club/ Concert Philmont LLC & FC Gold GP II, LLC**
- Final plan submitted for an active adult housing community with 176 townhouse units. Plan reviewed at the June 23, 2022, Planning Commission meeting. Preliminary Plan approved at the July 11, 2022, BOC meeting. Final Plan approved at the Aug. 9, 2022, BOC meeting

Public Works

Trash Collection Guidelines:

- To ensure that your curbside materials (trash, recycling, and yard waste) will be collected, place trash curbside the night before, but no earlier than 6:00 p.m. Trucks will not return for materials placed curbside if the trucks have already passed by.
- All materials must be placed curbside, not in the street.
- A limit of six (6) trash cans, bundles, or bags is enforced.
- Containers should have securely fastened lids to prevent water or other debris from entering the container. The Township is charged by the amount of tonnage, which in turn determines trash fees.
- All empty containers must be removed from the curb on the same day of collection.
- Collection regulations will be strictly enforced and violators are subjects to fines and penalties.
- All curbside materials must be sealed securely in a metal or plastic container or plastic bag, and must not exceed 50 pounds each. Discarded carpeting must be sliced into three (3) foot sections, then rolled and tied into a bundle weighing less than 50 pounds.
- Items not collected curbside include hazardous waste, building materials, concrete, dirt, stones, tires, batteries and automotive parts. See below for hazardous waste disposal sites.

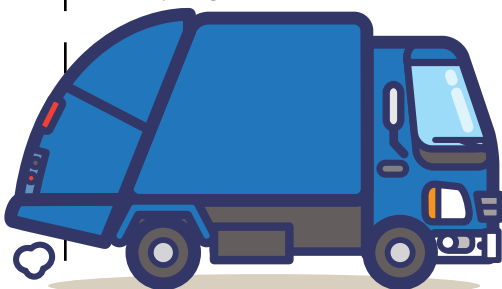
TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING: Thursday, November 23, 2023

- No collection Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023 – collection moves to Friday, Nov. 24, 2023
- Friday Regular Collection moves to Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023

CHRISTMAS: Monday, Dec. 25, 2023

- No collection Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 – collection moves to Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023
- Tuesday's Regular Collection moves to Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023
- Wednesday Yard Waste Collection moves to Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023
- Thursday Regular Collection moves to Friday, Dec. 29, 2023
- Friday Regular Collection moves to Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023



- Regulations on size and weight will be strictly enforced and all violations will result in applicable fines set out by Township Code.

Recycling Collection Guidelines:

- Residents must use the 64-gallon recycling toter provided by the Township. Toters must be 3 feet clear of any obstruction with the front side of the toter facing the street with the lid closed. This means that the wheels and handle should face toward the house.
- If you move from your residence, please place the toter inside of garage or a secure area for next resident's use. The Township is the owner of the toter.

- **Single Stream Recycling:** Materials include newspapers, inserts, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, paperback books, phone books, cardboard, but not pizza boxes, office and school papers, colored paper, boxboard, paper egg cartons, paper bags (grocery type), aluminum cans, clean foil, tin and steel aerosol cans (empty), clean glass jars and bottles and all plastic containers labeled 1-7. Please note that some types of #6 recyclables cannot be accepted, such as Styrofoam or other "foamed polystyrene" plastics. "Non-foamed polystyrene" plastics, such as butter and yogurt containers can be recycled. Please remember all containers should be empty and clean. Sort smarter – learn about what you can and cannot recycle on the website.

Remaining Household Hazardous Waste Events



Montgomery County hosts a variety of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events each year. For the collection schedule and details of acceptable material, visit the County Household Hazardous Waste website.

Saturday, September 23

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center

400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

Register Online: [Royersford HHW Event](#) at eventbrite.com

Sunday, October 22

Lower Merion Transfer Station

1300 North Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

Register Online: [Penn Valley HHW Event](#) at eventbrite.com

Electronic Waste Recycling

A collection bin for e-waste materials is available at the Public Works Building located at 3901 Heaton Road. Residents may drop off e-waste items **Monday- Friday by appointment only**. Collection is for Lower Moreland residents only and I.D. is required. To make an appointment, please call 215-947-3100 or email Kelly at kjones@lowermoreland.org

Acceptable items

- AC adapters
- All-in-one computers
- Aluminum, brass, light iron and copper
- Audio and video equipment
- Ballasts (non-PCBs)
- Car batteries
- Cash registers
- Cell phones and telephones
- Computer memory
- Computer monitors – CRT or LCD
- Computer periphery and parts
- E-readers
- Game consoles
- Gold clip ends
- Handheld / table mounted scanners
- Hard drives
- Hoverboards
- Keyboards, mice and pc speakers
- Laptop and cell phone batteries
- Lead acid batteries
- Metal – baled or loose
- Microwave ovens
- Motherboards, b, c, tweener and finger boards
- Motors
- MP3 players / ipods
- PC fans and power supplies
- PC scrap and stereos (no wood)
- PCs – desktop, laptops, tablets, towers
- Police scanners and pagers
- Portable radios
- Printers and copiers
- scanners, modems, fax machines
- Scales
- Televisions – intact
- Toner cartridges
- Uninterrupted power supply
- VCR, DVD, blueray, laser disk and cd players
- Wire – all types
- Yokes

Stormwater Management:

How Trees Can Retain Stormwater Runoff

Trees in our communities provide many services beyond the inherent beauty they lend to streets and properties. One of the most overlooked and underappreciated is their ability to reduce the volume of water rushing through gutters and pipes following a storm. This means less investment in expensive infrastructure and – importantly – cleaner water when the runoff reaches rivers and lakes.

How do trees help with stormwater management? Trees help reduce stormwater runoff in several ways.

1. Trees intercept rain and hold a portion of it on their leaves and bark. Part of this intercepted rain will evaporate and part will be gradually released into the soil.
2. Fallen leaves help form a spongy layer that moderates soil temperature and helps retain moisture, harbors organisms that break down organic matter, and recycle elements for use in plant growth. This important layer allows rain to percolate into the soil rather than rushing off carrying pollutants like oil, metals, and other toxins.
3. Below ground, roots hold the soil in place and absorb water that will eventually be released into the atmosphere by transpiration.

Whether standing alone to intercept rain or working in conjunction with water-retention facilities, trees can make significant contributions. Their benefits are practical and can save money for the community, but they also add beauty and that counts, too.

By Arbor Day Foundation



Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust

Forest and Wetlands Conserved

- A parcel of land harboring old-growth oaks and beeches, a wetlands, local wildlife and a pristine tributary to Pennypack Creek is now under the permanent protection of the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust.
- This acquisition of 38 brings the Pennypack Trust's total holdings to 900 acres. Credit is due to the late Margaret MacPhee and her family, all ardent nature and animal lovers who wanted the land to be preserved and protected from development.
- The Trust's Executive Director Chris Mendel said that acres of invasive species will need to be managed and native trees and shrubs planted by the hundreds to make the land more ecologically sound.
- Scan here to read Mendel's story of the legacy of the soon be known Margaret MacPhee Wildlife Sanctuary.





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Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

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Community Organizations • Emergency Management



Huntingdon Valley Fire Company

The Huntingdon Valley Fire Company, a volunteer organization, provides fire protection to residents and businesses in Lower Moreland Township.

636 Red Lion Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

| 215-947-2454 | www.hvfire.org |

www.facebook.com/hvfc8



Huntingdon Valley Library

Established in 1871, the Huntingdon Valley Library strives to enrich the community by providing an environment where people can gain knowledge by exchanging information and ideas. The library offers a variety of programs and events for people of all ages.

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Huntingdon Valley Athletics Association

For more than 60 years, the Huntingdon Valley Athletics Association has provided youth sports and activities to Lower Moreland residents and the surrounding community. HVAA sponsors recreational and travel programs including soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, roller hockey, chess and martial arts. Visit www.hvaa.net for more information.

Help Us Find Your Property in an Emergency

In an emergency, it is imperative that first responders are able to locate your home quickly. The Fire Code requires that new and existing buildings have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street fronting the property. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters that contrast with the background and are a minimum of 4 inches high with a stroke width of 1/2 inch. Address numbers should be mounted on both sides of your mailbox or on your mailbox post and on the house in a visible location from the street. Please note that numbers should not be spelled out. Numbers can be purchased at your local hardware store. Should you have any questions, contact the Fire Marshal at 215-947-3100.

