

VALLEY TOWNSHIP

SUMMER/FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Administrative/Codes Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm



The Valley Township administration, codes and police offices have relocated and reopened to the public at the new location at 1145 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA.

The main entrance to the building, and the public parking lot, are located on the east side of the building; the west side entrance and parking lot are for staff only.

The office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

A secure drop box is available flush with the main entrance to the Township Building -- Please ensure your payment, along with the remittance part of your bill, is in a sealed envelope. NO CASH!



A “Grand Opening” for the new Municipal Building is being planned to include a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours of the building. Notice of the event will be placed on the Township’s website and digital sign when finalized.

SALE OF WATER & SEWER TO PAWC UPDATE

The sale of our Public Water and Sewer System facilities is proceeding on schedule. At this time, we expect the sale to be finalized in early November, 2021.

The Township held several public meetings to discuss the concept of selling these assets to Pennsylvania American Water Company ("PAWC") in 2019, with a final decision being made on December 17, 2019, at the Board of Supervisors' public meeting, to proceed. As part of the negotiations with PAWC, the Township required that there would be no rate increases for Valley Township customers for a period of two years from the date of settlement on the sale of these assets.

This was not an easy decision for the Board of Supervisors to make, but one that was determined to be necessary. With increasing regulations to deal with, and an aging infrastructure in need of upgrades, the Supervisors were considering rate increases that may have been considerable to our customers.

PAWC has a stronger ability to make long-term investments in the water and sewer infrastructure. Their personnel have the experience and expertise to improve these systems, and maintain compliance with state and federal regulations. PAWC will be able to provide enhanced customer service and operational functions, other payment options, and customer assistance programs the Township cannot provide.

The benefits to Valley Township are many. The Township's financial condition will improve dramatically by increasing our reserve fund balance. This reserve will be invested, and, with our request to our legislators to allow for expanded investment opportunities, the interest income will more than offset the loss of income from water and sewer fees, along with and the reduction in operational expenses for these systems. The reserve funds will help protect against future revenue shortfalls, stabilize the need for future tax increases, and allow the Township to undertake capital projects it otherwise could not. The Township could also consider a reduction in debt, such as the debt for the new Township Building.

Some have expressed concern that PAWC will significantly increase for Valley Township customers. Because PAWC rates are subject to review and approval by the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC"), Valley Township customers, and the Township itself, will be notified when PAWC applies to the PUC for any rate increase, which will not occur until sometime in 2023. PAWC must provide substantial proof of need to justify any rate increase. The Township has been very careful and deliberate in the steps to sell these assets.

It is anticipated that following the issuance of Valley Township's third quarter invoice that you would receive on or around October 1, that a final invoice will be sent for those who have water and/or sewer from Valley Township for the period following the third quarter billing to the date that PAWC will take over the systems. As a reminder, going forward, PAWC invoices on a monthly basis.

We hope this explanation is helpful to your understanding of the reasons for the Board's decision to proceed. Please contact Township Manager, Scott Piersol, at 610 384-5751 (extension 101) if you have further questions or concerns.



COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

Valley Township, along with the Township's Environmental Advisory Council, held the annual *Community Clean Up Day* on Saturday, May 15, 2021.

Over 40 volunteers participated collecting 1,280 pounds of trash, three televisions, and two tires.

We appreciate those who came out to volunteer for this event, our on-duty police officers (Officers Pomroy, Duca and Garner for their assistance, the Concern Treatment Facility students who participated, and Harry's, The Neighborhood Place who donated their hotdogs and hamburgers for the volunteers.



GUIDELINES FOR MAINTAINING STREAMS: Good Rules of Thumb

- Maintain bridges and culverts so that they work as planned when flooding occurs. Proper operation and maintenance of existing, permitted structures may reduce flooding damage. Without periodic operation and maintenance of these structures to maintain free-flowing passage, conditions often worsen.
- Keep structures/materials (to include lawn trimmings and yard waste) away from the top of the streambank, including the materials you remove from the stream. These all can become debris during a flood event.
- Never drive through standing or flowing water.
- Removing debris from the stream channel should generally be done in a way that avoids altering the stream channel or banks, including vegetation.
- Root systems hold soil in place and keep it from eroding. Riparian buffers (trees and vegetation) in the floodplain help to absorb and slow down flood waters. Keeping vegetation intact and increasing vegetative cover, especially trees, is the best way to reduce erosion of streambanks and loss of property in the long term. A simple first step is to stop mowing streambanks.

REMAINING 2021 TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE & TRASH/RECYCLE COLLECTION DATES

<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Observed Holiday Date</i>	<i>Trash Collection</i>	<i>Recycle Collection</i>
Labor Day	Monday, September 6	September 7	---
Veterans' Day	Thursday, November 11	November 12	November 12
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25	November 26	November 26
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 26	November 26	November 29
Christmas	Friday, December 24	December 27	December 27

2021 FALL BULK COLLECTION DATES



Hayti, Quiet Village, Rainbow, Rock Run, West Lincoln Highway, Airport Road, Oakcrest, Meadowbrook	September 13, 2021
Mineral Springs Road, Hilltop Lane, Country Club Valley, Valley Springs, Beacon Hill, Country Ridge, Valley Farms, Villages at Hillview	September 20, 2021
Westwood area, Charles Street, Madison Street, Gap Road, Valley Crossing, Springbrook Village	September 27, 2021

- Two (2) large items equivalent to 4 trash bags -- **NO TELEVISIONS, ELECTRONICS, MATTRESSES/BOX SPRINGS CAN BE ACCEPTED AS THE DEP DOES NOT ALLOW THE DUMPING OF THESE ITEMS INTO THE LANDFILL. Also, NO building materials, tires, garbage, grass clippings, leaves or brush**
- Freon in refrigerators & air conditioners must be removed and tagged by a certified professional

2021 REMAINING YARD WASTE COLLECTION DATES

North Side: September 13, October 11

South Side: September 20, October 18

2021 LEAF COLLECTION

November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29



We collect rain or shine; Leaves must be placed in bio-degradable paper collection bags. To avoid damaging the equipment used to compost the leaves, the bags must be free of plastic, trash, sticks and all other debris.

COMPOSTING & YARD WASTE

Valley Township residents can take their yard waste and leaves to the Central Chester County Recycling Authority Compost Site located at 2240 Upper Gap Road, Coatesville, on the second Saturday of each month, and the fourth Saturday of April, May, August and September, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Identification required. Items accepted are leaves, vegetables, garden clippings, weeds, brush and limbs.



DROUGHT EMERGENCY PLAN



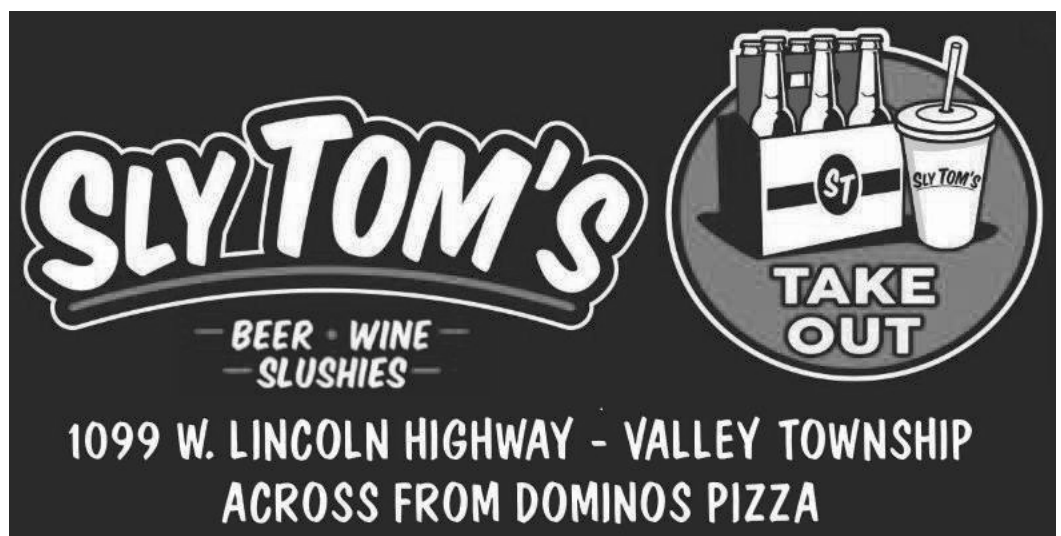
A Drought Emergency Plan will be implemented for the Valley Township Water System by establishing several stages of water demand reduction as shown below:

<u>Stage</u>	<u>Water Demand Reduction</u>
Normal Conditions	Emphasize Water Conservation Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage voluntary conservation b. Constant leak survey program, prompt repair c. Repair/replace meters where applicable d. Enforce use of water conservation fixtures
Ground Levels Reach “Drought Watch” Stage	<u>Voluntary</u> restriction on lawn watering, car washing, and all other non-essential use of water
Ground Levels Reach “Drought Warning” Stage and notice of intent to replace rationing plan in effect.	<u>Mandatory</u> restrictions on all non-essential use, voluntary 25% reduction in consumption request
Groundwater Levels Reach “Drought Emergency” Stage	<u>Mandatory</u> water rationing put into effect. All users – 25% reduction with a floor for residential users of 40 gallons per person per day.
If Supply Continues to Drop ...	<u>Decrease</u> allowance to 50%.
The groundwater levels to trigger the different stages show above will be set initially as follows:	

<u>Pumping Level</u>	<u>Stage</u>
40% of normal-critical	Drought Watch
30% of normal-critical	Drought Warning
20% of normal-critical	Drought Emergency

**Difference between normal pumping level and pump intake level*

These trigger levels would be adjusted as actual season pumping levels are determined. Emergency supply to the Valley (Mineral) Springs water system is available from the Airport Road Interconnection with Pennsylvania American Water Company’s system, supplying a maximum daily capacity of 0.40 MGD.



TIPS ON MANAGING STORMWATER

In order to recharge the groundwater levels, rain must soak back into the ground and with increased impervious (non-porous) surfaces such as asphalt on driveways and streets or impervious rooftops the ability for this to happen is diminished. This leads to flooding and increased pollution of our streams.

Low groundwater levels result in critically low or even dry creek beds and diminished drinking water supply during periods of reduced rainfall. As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can help with reducing stormwater runoff on their property. To assure that common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings and automotive fluids are kept off the ground and out of stormwater, adopt these healthy household habits and help protect your drinking water.

Use a Rain Barrel

Rain Barrels capture and store rain making it available for watering gardens, washing cars and other activities that you would use your hose for. The collected rainwater is used in place of your utility or well water, therefore reducing costs. The stored rainwater will not contribute to stormwater runoff, which causes flooding and carries pollutant to our streams.



Vegetated Stream Bank

Riparian buffers are the vegetated areas alongside streams. They are an important part of the natural ecosystem and vital to the health of streams and their organisms including plants, fish and other aquatic organisms.



Vehicle and Garage

Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody. Check your car, boat, motorcycle and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material. **Recycle** used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.



Lawn & Garden

Minimize lawn chemicals and consider using organic fertilizers if you must. If using chemicals use, the recommended amounts and do not apply them when the forecast is calling for rain. **SWEEP UP** yard debris rather than hosing down areas. **COMPOST OR RECYCLE** yard waste when possible. Don't over water your lawn. Water during the cool time of the day and don't let water runoff into the storm drain. **COVER** piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. **VEGETATE** bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

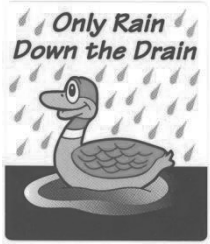


Pick Up After Your Dog

Pet waste can contribute nutrients and bacteria to our streams. When walking your pet remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method.

**IF YOUR DOG POOPS
PLEASE SCOOP**

Only Rain in the Drain



Never put anything into the storm sewers, including oil, paint, soap, debris, leaves, etc. Storm sewers do not go to the sewer plant but discharge directly into our streams. Check with the township website for the location and times for the county hazardous waste pickup schedule.

Please check the websites and numbers listed below for additional stormwater runoff issues and pollution prevention tips. If you are interested in volunteering at the Township to mark storm drains, cleaning up trash and litter, or writing articles concerning stormwater runoff, please contact the Township Office at 610 384-5751.

Valley Township
PA DEP Southeast Regional Water Quality
Chester County Conservation District
Chester County Water Resources Authority
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance
Chester County Solid Waste Authority

610 384-5751
484 250-5970
610 925-4920
610 344-5400
610 493-1090
610 273-3771

www.valleytownship.org
www.dep.pa.us
www.chesco.org/conservation
www.chesco.org/water
www.brandywineredclay.org
www.chestercountyswa.org

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM



Valley Township will implement the following measures to encourage water conservation:

- Water Rates & Metering
 - ✓ All connections are metered and rates charged based on water consumption to help reduce wasteful water usage.
 - ✓ Household leak detection will be encouraged by informing customers with unusually high meter readings and distributing leak detection tips in brochures with all water billings.
- Leakage Monitoring and Control Programs
- Water Saving Fixtures – Ordinance for water saving fixtures has been enacted
- Public Education – The public will be informed through brochures (to be sent out in mailings or in the Newsletters and website) of laws affecting water conservation and how to avoid wasting water.
- Drought Emergency – Water conservation will become mandatory during a drought emergency plan.



If you are a water and sewer customer of Valley Township, Please remember that your sewer bill is also based on your water usage. If you choose to water your lawn, wash your car, power-wash your home or fill a swimming pool, not only will this increase your water bill but it will increase your sewer bill as well.

Mattress Collection

(effective 10/1/2019)

Mattresses and box springs are no longer permitted to be dumped in the landfill. Valley Township will pick up these items for a fee of \$33.00 per item. The fee includes a mattress/box spring bag that will be provided upon payment for you to put your mattress or box spring in for collection.



Collection of these items will be once per month on the last Monday of each month (if a holiday, will be collected on the next work day). The bags are required to protect Township Public Works personnel from any potential contact with bed bugs. These items will not be collected if not in the bag.



Payment must be made to Valley Township one-week prior to the collection date. Mattresses/box springs should be set out by 5:00 am on the day of collection and must be in the bag issued by the Township. To arrange a mattress and/or box spring collection, please contact the Township Office to arrange or for additional information.



Name: _____

Address (collection address): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Number of mattresses: _____ Box springs _____

Amount paid: _____

Collection date: _____

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

Utility bills (Sewer, Trash, Water) are due every January, April, July and October. If you do not receive your bill by the 5th of the month, please contact our office. When the Township Building returns to being open to the public, when paying in person, please bring the entire bill with you if you would like a receipt. We accept cash, personal check or money orders. Unfortunately we are unable to take credit card payments for utility bills as payment is distributed into three accounts – water, sewer, and general funds. Upon completion of the sale of the water and sewer systems, the Township will be able to look into credit card payments for trash billing and permit payments.

If mailing a payment:

Please send your payment to: Valley Township, **1145 West Lincoln Highway**, Coatesville, PA 19320

If you are paying by check: please ensure that your check is made out properly! Check is to be payable to “Valley Township” and your account number should be written in the “memo” section of the check. Ideally, the remittance portion of the invoice should be returned with payment or brought into the office if paying in person. Please proofread your check before submitting it for payment -- ensure that the written amount and the numeric amount of your check match. The bank will go by the written amount of the check. Checks that are not written out properly, do not include any identification to which account the payment is for, and/or are post-dated will be returned. We are not responsible for any untimely posting to your account due to checks that cannot be posted to the correct account or processed through the bank. This could result in lost discounts or penalties being assessed.

If you pay online through your bank:

Please ask them to send your payment, **with your account number**, in a separate envelope addressed to:
Valley Township, **1145 West Lincoln Highway**, Coatesville, PA 19320

Valley Township will not be responsible for misdirected or late mail. No adjustments will be made if your bank mails your payment to the incorrect address or encloses it with other correspondence.

A secure drop box is available flush with the main entrance to the Township Building -- Please ensure your payment, along with the remittance part of your bill, is in a sealed envelope. NO CASH!



Attention Valley Township Water Customers:



Water meters are read through a remote device attached to the outside of your home. This remote device must be clear of all obstructions and must provide a direct line-of-sight for drive-by and walk-by meter readings. It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep the area where the remote device is located clear of all vegetation or other obstacles.

MedReturn

Drug Collection Unit



As part of a County-wide initiative, Valley Township was issued a MedReturn Drug Collection Box for residents to bring in prescription and over-the-counter medications that they no longer need. The collection box is located at the Township Building near the reception area.

Acceptable Items



- Prescriptions
- Prescription patches
- Prescription medications
- Prescription ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets



NOT Accepted

- Hydrogen peroxide
- Inhalers
- Aerosol cans
- Ointments/lotions/liquids
- Medications from businesses or clinics
- Needles
- Thermometers



Please check out website monthly for our monthly Newsletter focusing on monthly announcements and updates. The monthly on-line newsletter is typically posted on the first of each month!

Advertisements in the Newsletter have helped defray the costs of printing. If you would like to place an advertisement in an upcoming issue, please contact the Township Office for more information. There is a limited amount of space dedicated to advertisers in each issue.



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PARKS & RECREATION UPCOMING EVENT:



CONCERT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – Concert:
12:00 p.m.

ADMISSION: Request that you bring a paper item such as napkins, toilet paper, plastic utensils, or paper towels which will be donated to the W. C. Atkinson Men's Shelter.



Food & Vendors

BY POPULAR DEMAND!

WILSON LAMBERT'S

BLUE philly

MAGIC

SHOW STARTS AT 12:00PM

WESTWOOD FIRE COMPANY PARK

PARK 1403 VALLEY RD.
COATESVILLE, PA 19320

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

SOUNDS LIKE TED "WIZARD" MILLS FORMER ORIGINAL LEAD SINGER OF BLUE MAGIC.

The poster features a black and white photograph of four men in white suits standing together. At the bottom left, there is a close-up portrait of a man with a mustache.

It is anticipated that annual holiday events, to include the Children's Holiday Party and Tree Lighting, will be able to be held this year. Updated information will be posted on the Township website.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



The Honorable Judge Koon administered the Oath of Office to **Casey Max Leidy** as a member of the Board of Supervisors on March 8, 2021.



Mr. Leidy was appointed to the Board of Supervisors following the resignation of Board Member **Christopher Lehenky** that was effective February 1, 2021. The Board of Supervisors and the Township Staff extends their appreciation to Mr. Lehenky for his 17 years serving as Supervisor as well as serving for many years as the Township's Roadmaster.



Scott T. Piersol was appointed Township Manager effective January 19, 2021. Mr. Piersol brings 27 years of experience in local government in Chester County with him to take on the challenging role as Township Manager at Valley Township. He is well trained in land use regulations, personnel development, and emergency services.

In addition to his 27 years as serving as a Township Administrator/Manager, he serves as a PA State Fire Academy Local Level instructor, Traffic Incident Management System instructor, is state certified as a Vehicle & Machinery instructor and a certified Fire Services Instructor I & II.

Mr. Piersol also serves as the Assistant Zoning Officer and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for Valley Township.

POLICE

Prior to the Valley Township Board of Supervisors' meeting of August 3, 2021, **Glenn D. Eckman** was sworn in as Valley Township **Chief of Police**.



Mr. Eckman had previously served with the Phoenixville Borough Police Department for the last 28 years, most recently serving as Sergeant/Patrol Supervisor. He has been a police supervisor in the Phoenixville Police Department since 2000 – first starting as a Corporal in 2000 and then as a Sergeant in 2003. He has worked in the Patrol Division as a Corporal and Sergeant. In 2008, Phoenixville created the Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and Mr. Eckman commanded that unit for 11 years. In 2019, he was assigned to command the Department's third platoon. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organization Management from Eastern University and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from St. Joseph's University where he graduated with honors and has recently graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Mr. Eckman, in addition to his leadership duties for the Phoenixville Police Department, was a Field Supervisor for the Chester County Municipal Drug Task Force for 19 years and has served as the police representative and member of the Phoenixville Emergency Operations Center. He also was the Phoenixville Police Department representative to the Phoenixville Town Watch and the Greater Phoenixville Area Mental Health Advisory Committee.



Officer Vernon N. Garner, Jr. was promoted to full-time Police Officer effective April 5, 2021. Officer Garner joined the Valley Township Police Department as a part-time officer on March 1, 2016. Officer Garner is pictured with (left to right) Judge Koon, his oldest son Damon, his wife Robin, his mother Janice, and his Aunt Betty during his Oath of Office.



Valley Township has added three new part-time officers. We welcome Officers (left to right) David Pomroy, Lennard Smith, Jr., and Anthony Faraca.



Peter R. Barsz, CPA, CGMA was appointed as Township Treasurer at the 2021 Reorganization Meeting following his appointment as Assistant Treasurer in July 2020. He is a partner in the regional certified public accounting firm of Barsz Gowie Amon & Fultz LLC. His firm represents a wide variety of governments, municipal entities, businesses (both non-profit and for-profit) and individuals providing auditing, accounting, tax, management, and financial consulting and bookkeeping services. Mr. Barsz provides full oversight of the Township's accounting and financial practices and he and his staff perform all internal account reconciliation and internal control and compliance.

Janis A. Rambo was appointed as Assistant Township Manager/Secretary in October 2021. Ms. Rambo joined Valley Township in 2008 as Assistant to the Secretary/Treasurer and was appointed Township Secretary/Treasurer in 2015. She also serves as the Township's Open Records Officer, the Recycling Coordinator and the Township's representative on the Central Chester County Recycle Authority.



Joy D. Hurst joined Valley Township in February 2021 as Township Clerk. Ms. Hurst serves as the receptionist in the administrative office, answers the general phone line, and keeps the Township's website and message board up to date. Ms. Hurst has been an active volunteer with the Township's Parks and Recreation Authority for several years.

Maria Sanchez joined Valley Township in July 2021 as a Part-time Police Secretary/Receptionist. Ms. Sanchez currently serves with the U.S. Army and is pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice through Immaculata University.

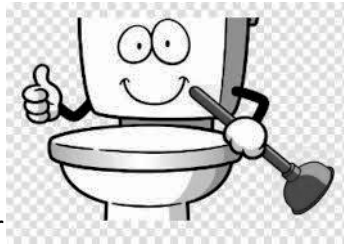
Valley Township Board of Supervisors appointed **Shawn Leonard** to the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Leonard replaces Kate Kelly who had to resign due to her move out of the Township. The Board of Supervisors thanks Ms. Kelly for her volunteering on the EAC and welcomes Mr. Leonard.

Valley Township extends their sympathies to the family of **Rev. James Norman Allen** who served Valley Township between May 1976 – September 1970 as a patrol officer/sergeant/police captain.

Avoid Costly Clogs

Unlike toilet paper, many hygiene products and wipes don't break down once they are flushed.

Wipes, even those that are labeled as flushable, can clog your sewer pipes and leave you with a nasty repair bill. On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system, they can collect together and cause blockages in the sewer mains, get tangled up in the pump equipment and result in service problems. So instead of flushing these items down the drain, throw them in the trash!



What NOT to Flush or Pour Down the Drain

- Acids
- Baby wipes
- Cat litter
- Cigarette filters
- Condoms
- Diapers
- Facial tissues
- Food scraps
- Engine coolants (antifreeze)
- Gas or motor fuels
- Grease and fats
- Hair
- Herbicides
- Paint & paint thinners
- Paper
- Paper towels
- Pesticides
- Petroleum solvents
- Photographic development solutions
- Plastics
- Sanitary napkins
- Septic tank additives
- Tampons
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- Toxic chemicals
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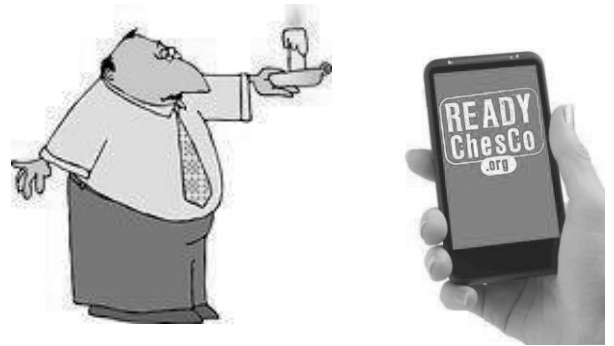
BE PREPARED

What if there's a fire, a medical emergency, or a child goes missing? When you dial 9-1-1 under stress, you may not have access to important details, or you may have trouble remembering them. Smart911 is a new service in Chester County that allows you to create a Safety Profile at www.smart911.com that includes details you want the 9-1-1 center and public safety response teams to know about your household in an emergency.

When you dial 9-1-1, from a phone associated with your Safety Profile, that information automatically displays to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send responders based on up-to-date location and emergency information. With your Safety Profile, responders can arrive aware of many details they would not otherwise know. Fire crews can arrive knowing exactly how many people live in your home and where the bedrooms are located. EMS personnel can know family members' allergies or specific medical conditions. And police can access a photo of a missing family member in seconds rather than minutes or hours, helping the search start faster.

In an emergency seconds can save lives. Take a few seconds now to plan ahead at www.smart911.com

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MONTHLY eNEWSLETTER/WEBSITE UPDATES

At the beginning of each month, Valley Township posts a monthly newsletter on our website, www.valleytownship.org. The monthly "eNewsletter" focuses on key items for that month.

In early 2021, our website was updated with a new layout. In accordance with new regulations, public meeting agendas will be posted both online and at the Township Office 24 hours in advance. Copies are also available at the Township Building.

The Board of Supervisors public meetings and Planning Commission monthly meeting are now being held hybrid – both in person at the Township Building with virtual access utilizing *Go To Meeting*. Links being utilized through the end of 2021 are published on our website or available by calling the Township Secretary at 610 384-5751, ext. 102



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JULY MEETING DATES:
July 6: Board of Supervisors – 7:30 pm
July 13: Planning Commission – 7:00 pm
July 15: SAC – 6:30 pm
July 20: Board of Supervisors – 7:30 pm
July 21: Hearing Committee – 6:30 pm
July 27: Parks & Recreation – 6:30 pm

905 & 10 meetings are being held hybrid. Persons with ability to participate via the Go To Meeting platform will be able to participate in person. For more information, contact the Township Secretary at 610 384-5751, ext. 102.

OFFICE/PUBLIC WORKS – JULY 5, 2021
The administrative and public works departments will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021, for the Independence Day holiday.
Monday's trash collection (July 5) will be collected on Tuesday, July 6.

MATRESS COLLECTION
Monday, July 26
Must be placed by close of business on Monday, July 19, 2021.

YARD WASTE
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Keep structures/materials away from the top of the streambank, including the materials you remove from the stream. These all can become debris during a flood event.

TOWNSHIP BUILDING TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
The Township Building is scheduled to reopen following the COVID-19 shutdown on Monday, July 12th at 8:00 a.m. The Township Building will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. We would ask that anyone coming to the Township Building would continue to wear a mask. As a reminder, a secure drop box is available to the right side of the entrance for payments without having to come into the building. NO CASH and please remember to include the remittance portion of your bill. If you want a receipt, please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment. The Prescription Drug Box is located inside the building entrance; however, the eWaste drop off box and the monthly television paid collection is suspended until further notice until the Township is able to re-establish a collector and be re-certified with DEP. The Chester County Solid Waste Authority, 7224 Division Highway, Narvon, PA (Route 322 West of Honey Brook) will take one television free of charge per vehicle.

PUBLIC MEETINGS REOPEN
With the state legislature terminating the Emergency Declaration declared by Governor Wolf and authorized by Act 15 signed by the Governor on April 20, 2020, the remaining Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings for 2021 will be held as hybrid meetings which will allow attendance in person or virtual viewing and public participation through the Go To Meeting platform.

The Parks & Recreation Authority, Environmental Advisory Council, and Historic Committee meetings will be in person.

REMINDER FOR TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION:
Please remember to have your containers at the curb on your designated trash and recycle day by 5:00 a.m. During the hot summer months, our crew may start at 5:00 a.m. instead of 6:00 a.m.



CODES/ZONING/BUILDING



What do I need a building permit for?

A permit is required for additions, structural renovations, basement renovations, decks > 30" above grade, pools, plumbing, new mechanical systems (or replacement of entire system, grading (more than 1,000 sq. ft.), demolition, fireplaces/chimneys and storage tanks.

What do I need a zoning permit for?

A zoning permit is required for all fences, sheds, carports, retaining walls, driveway expansions, patios and decks <30" above grade.

How long will it take to get my permit?

We have 15 business days to review, comment, deny or approve Building Permit Applications. We have 30 days to review, comment, deny or approve Zoning Permit Applications. PERMITS ARE NOT APPROVED AT THE TIME THE BUILDING/ZONING OFFICER ASKS QUESTIONS. PERMITS ARE CONSIDERED VALID WHEN ISSUED AND SIGNED FOR AT THE TIME OF PICK UP.

Do I need to register a Rental Property?

All rental properties must be registered annually. Also, any time there is a change in tenant, a Rental Use & Occupancy application and inspection must be applied for. Forms are available on our website or at the Township office.

Do I need a resale inspection?

All properties that are sold (change in name on deed) require a Resale Use & Occupancy Application and Inspection.

How are inspections scheduled?

All inspections are scheduled through the Valley Township Codes Department. Please allow at least seventy-two (72) hours notice for these inspections. These include Building Permit inspections, Zoning Permit inspections, Rental inspections and resale inspections.

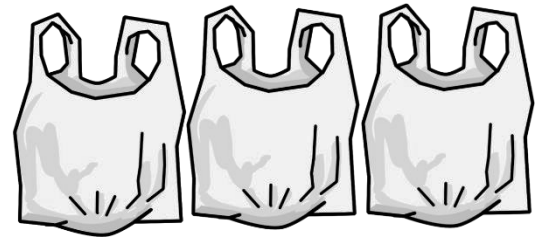


**Contact Codes Office at
610 384-5751, ext. 401**

Building and Zoning Permits need to be approved, issued and signed prior to any work starting, unless it is an emergency situation, which will be determined, in writing, by the Code Enforcement Department.

Ordinance 2011-07 states that with the exception of building permits issued for replacement(s) or repairs to a rental property, no building permit, rental license(s), or rental license renewal(s) shall be issued for any dwelling unit, rooming house, or structure containing a housekeeping unit or rooming unit for which there are delinquent water, sewer, or trash fees due the Township. A bill shall be considered delinquent if not paid within ninety (90) days of its due date.

**The Codes Department Permit Fee Schedule and the Non-Permit Fee Schedule can be found on the website:
www.valleytownship.org**



Valley Township was a recipient of a bench through the *Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Program* through their partnership with Giant/Martin's Food Stores. Through their "Bags to Benches" program, Giant/Martin's donated 20 recycled content benches for distribution within communities in Doylestown, Chester County, and part of the Philadelphia area.

The benches are made from approximately 10,000 plastic bags. This is a great way of cleaning up, recycling, and bringing educational activities full circle.

The bench is placed outside the entrance to the Township Building.

Thanks to Giant for the donated bench and to Janice Duca, Senior Clerk, for completing the application for the bench as well as the Township's Annual *Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Program* coordinator.



Reminder

You are required by law to call PA One Call at 1-800-242-1776 to locate gas, electric & telephone lines before you dig. Whether you are planting a tree, building a fence or laying foundation, contacting a line with a shove or pick can damage utility lines and injure or kill.



HOW TO SUBMIT A COMPLAINT



A complaint can be submitted to our Codes/Zoning office. Complaints must be written or the Township *Complaint Form* can be completed. The complaint form can be found on the Township's website or available at the Township office. Complaints must be signed. Please be sure to provide your name, address, and phone number. Anonymous complaints will not be investigated. Complaints are kept confidential and are not permitted to be released under the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law (Section 708, 17 i). Completed complaint forms or written complaints can be dropped off at the township office, mailed to the attention of the "Valley Township Codes/Zoning Department" (1145 West Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville, PA 19320) or emailed to codes@valleytownship.org.

VALLEY TOWNSHIP LINCOLN HIGHWAY CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN

The Township received a Vision Partnership Program Grant from the County of Chester to develop a Corridor Master Plan as an amendment to the recently adopted Township Comprehensive Plan to plan desired improvements and changes to its defining corridor, West Lincoln Highway. Currently, the highway yields a high amount of traffic that is only expected to increase, does not adequately accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, or public transit users, and is haphazard and lackluster in appearance. Given that West Lincoln Highway plays a vital role in the Township's current and future economic development, transportation, community character and identity, it is pertinent that the corridor be carefully planned for redevelopment and new development, reconstruction, access management, traffic calming, and safety, widening and/or restriping, streetscape, and other general improvements to make the highway a safe and convenient experience for all users.

The Board has selected a Task Force to develop the Corridor Master Plan who will begin the 10-12 month study mid to late summer 2021. Updated information, including a public involvement session, will be posted on the Township's website.

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Thank you for supporting the Westwood Fire Company in 2021! The Fire Company has made many advances this year, despite the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of April 15, 2021, Westwood Fire Company Ambulance Service now provides Advanced Life Support (ALS) Paramedic services out of our main station in Valley Township. This increased level of care provides the most advanced EMS services possible to the residents, businesses, and visitors of Valley Township. Advanced Life Support is a critical component when a patient is suffering from a cardiac emergency or trauma. This is a certification through the Pennsylvania Department of Health which now allows a fully-equipped Paramedic to arrive on our Ambulance whenever there is a medical emergency, which significantly improves the potential for a successful outcome in the event of a critical emergency.

Paramedic are trained to carry medications, cardiac monitors, and other medical equipment which is not available to Basic EMTs. Transforming our service to the Advanced Life Support level is the culmination of a multi-year endeavor by Westwood Fire Company and our municipal partners to secure high-quality emergency services for the future.

We would also like to thank our residents and business owners for supporting our 2021 ambulance subscription fund drive. Not only does membership in the fund drive provide citizens with a valuable cost-savings in the event emergency medical transportation is required, it also allows the Fire Company the ability to maintain the highest level of providers and medical equipment in the area for a limited expense! For more information on the fund drive, please call the firehouse at (610) 383-0538.

The Westwood Fire Company is happy to provide child carseat installations and safety checks. To schedule an appointment, call the Fire Company at (610) 383-0538

Volunteers are needed! Help your community by volunteering with the Westwood Fire Company. We are always looking for volunteers to help with Firefighting, EMS, Fire Police, and administrative duties. No experience is necessary and all training and equipment is provided. For more information stop by the firehouse or visit www.westwoodfire.com

Please LIKE and follow us on Facebook to see more updates!



BOOK BAG GIVE AWAY

On Saturday , August 7, over 200 book bags were distributed to children in grades K through 8. The annual event, sponsored by the Valley Township Parks & Recreation Authority, was a “drive thru” give away at the new township building.

Bookbags were donated by Rev. Gary Lewis, Sr., Lifeline Baptist Community Church; Omicron Mu Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and Sustainable Solutions Corporation of Royersford, PA. The bags were stuffed with supplies that were purchased through generous donations from Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees (Township Solicitor) and Pennoni Associates Inc. (Township Engineer).

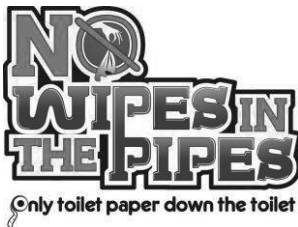


A special thank you to those who generously provided the book bags, the supplies and especially the volunteers who helped stuff the book bags, handed them out, Township Manager Scott Piersol for “traffic control”, Roadmaster Kris Lenhart for set up and bag distribution, and Township Supervisor and Parks & Rec Chairwoman Patrice Proctor for overall coordination and school supply shopping!

SEWER RULES & REGULATIONS REMINDER

Valley Township would like to once again remind all residents not to flush items such as rags, non-disintegrating wipes, condoms, tampons, etc. down the toilet/sewer system. These items have been found while staff has been routinely cleaning the sewer trash racks and the various pump stations. Continued disregard for flushing items that should not go into the sewer system creates the potential for clogging the system and causing back flows.

It is also in violation of the Valley Township Sewer Rules and Regulations to discharge or deposit the above items into the Valley Township sewer system. If you have been guilty of such violations, please stop immediately. We would appreciate your adherence to the Township rules and regulations and your consideration of all your neighbors and Township staff.



DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

\$9.50 each

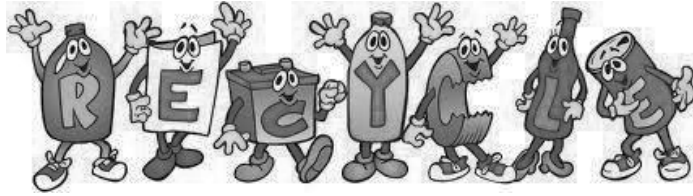


Tickets may be purchased by residents and non-residents at the Valley Township Municipal Office, 890 West Lincoln Highway, during normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tickets are for unrestricted access to any movie at any Regal, United Artist or Edwards theatres (except in Manhattan, NY) such as the Downingtown Cinema Stadium. Not valid for special events or private screenings. Surcharge fees apply at the theatre for all 3D, IMAX, large format, RPX and Real D films. Makes great gifts!! No expiration date!!

*Cash Sale Only; sorry, no checks or credit cards.
Proceeds Benefit the Valley Township Parks & Recreation Authority Programs*

UPDATE ...

What to Put in the Cart ...



Effective January 1, 2021, Valley Township began taking the recycle material to a new processing center, J. P. Mascaro & Sons. In addition to the items previously accepted:

- Newspapers
- Mixed paper -- cardboard, paper bags, magazines, mail, home/office & school paper, paper egg cartons, clean pizza boxes, box board (cereal, cake and cracker boxes)
- Glass – rinse and remove lids
- Aluminum – beverage cans, pie plates & clean foil. Rinse!
- Metal – rinsed food & beverage cans, empty metal aerosol cans
- Plastic - #1 - #7

They will now accept:

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| ➤ Grocery bags | ➤ Salad bags | ➤ Bubble wrap |
| ➤ Retail bags | ➤ Wipe pouches | ➤ Pet food bags |
| ➤ Pet treat pouches | ➤ Candy pouches | ➤ Cereal bags |
| ➤ Detergent pouches | ➤ Baby food pouches | ➤ Paper towel overwrap |
| ➤ Case wrap | ➤ Bread bags | ➤ Chip bags |
| ➤ Shrink film | ➤ Diaper wrap packaging | ➤ Meat bags |
| ➤ Food storage bags | NO DIAPERS NEW OR USED! | ➤ Cheese bags |
| ➤ Snack food pouches | ➤ Air pillows | ➤ Drink pouches |

REMINDERS ...

What NOT to Put in the Cart ..

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| ➤ No Styrofoam, packing foam/peanuts | |
| ➤ No yard waste, dirt, grass clippings | |
| ➤ No light bulbs, drinking glasses, crystal, ceramic cups & plates and ovenware | |
| ➤ No mirrors | ➤ No Tyvek plastic envelopes |
| ➤ No paint cans | ➤ No metallic wrapping paper |
| ➤ No oil cans or bottles | ➤ No building materials |
| ➤ No caps or lids | ➤ No Hard back books |
| ➤ No tissues, towels, napkins | |
| ➤ No Shredded paper | |

Recycle Cart

Reminder to ensure you have your address on your recycle cart !!

Trash, Recycle, Leaf, Bulk Collection

Reminder to have your items out by 5:00 a.m. on the day of collection in order to ensure pick up by our Public Works Department.

Trash Container

Residents have two options for trash containers:

- 32-gallon capacity cans, with lids and handles (weight cannot exceed 50 pounds)
- 48-gallon container which have all of the following:
 - Recessed metal rod which allows cart tipper to dump container
 - Must have lid
 - Must have wheels

Total amount of trash collected per household will remain at 128 gallons which will still allow four 32-gallon containers or up to two 48-gallon containers and one 32-gallon container.

VALLEY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY:

Administration

Township Manager – Scott T. Piersol
Assistant Township Manager/Secretary – Janis Rambo
Water/Sewer/Trashing Billing/Utility Certification – Janice Duca
Township Reception – Joy Hurst

610 384-5751, ext. 101
610 384-5751, ext. 102
610 384-5751, ext. 103
610 384-5751, ext. 104

Codes/Building/Zoning

Codes Secretary –Kathy Jeffers

610 384-5751, ext. 401

Public Works

Roadmaster - Kris Lenhart
Lead Worker - Brian Myers

610 384-5751, ext. 201
610 384-5751, ext. 202

Police

Emergency
Non-Emergency

911
610 383-7000

Tax Information

Township Real Estate Taxes – Chester County Treasurer
Earned Income Tax (Township & CASD) – Keystone Collections Group
CASD Real Estate Taxes – Berkheimer Associates
County Real Estate Taxes – Chester County Treasurer

610 344-6370
610 269-4402
1-800-360-8989
610 344-6370

Westwood Fire Company – Non-Emergency
Westwood EMS Office – Non-Emergency

610 383-0538
610 383-1453

District Court 15-1-05 (Judge Koon)
District Court 15-3-07 (Judge Gill)

610 380-3325
610 857-5841

Please note that effective July 1, 2021, Valley Township is now assigned to District Court 15-3-07 in Parkesburg (Judge Nancy Gill). Any cases assigned prior to July 1, will remain with Judge Koon's office. Judge Koon will be retiring at the end of 2021 and District Court 15-1-05's office will be closing. We thank Judge Koon for his service, not only as a magistrate judge but also as a past Valley Township supervisor and wish him the best in the future.



The Honorable Judge Nancy Gill
and The Honorable Grover Koon

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Board of Supervisors

1st & 3rd Tuesday
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Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday
7:00 pm

Historic Committee

3rd Wednesday
6:30 pm

**Environmental Advisory
Council**

3rd Thursday
6:30 pm

**Parks & Recreation
Authority**

4th Tuesday
6:30 pm