



# Lower Moreland Township

Winter 2023



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## Snow Removal Reminders

Lower Moreland Township Code requires all property owners to remove accumulated snow and ice from sidewalks, clearing a pathway not less than 30 inches in width, within 36 hours of the completion of a snowstorm. Please try to clear sidewalks as soon as possible. Schoolchildren and other pedestrians are counting on you to help keep them safe.

- Plowing or piling snow into the gutter or street is prohibited.

- A tenant is just as responsible as an owner for the removal of all snow on the property's sidewalks.
- All roads in the Township are designated as "snow emergency routes." It is unlawful to drive or park on any roads in the township once an emergency has been declared.

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# Township of Lower Moreland

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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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

## TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Christopher R. Hoffman, *Township Manager*  
 E.J. Lee, *Assistant Township Manager/Finance Director*  
 David J. Sciroto, *Chief of Police*  
 Stephen D. Woerner, *Director of Public Works*  
 Robert D. Schadeegg, *Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer*

Robert Scholly, Jr., *Fire Marshal/Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator*  
 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

# 2023 Budget

The 2023 Final Budget has been adopted. Total millage of 5.332 is broken down between the following funds:

- General Fund:.....3.230
- Fire Hydrant: .....0.063
- Fire Tax:.....0.490
- Debt Services: .....0.700
- Library:.....0.477
- Ambulance/EMS: .....0.087
- Parks & Recreation:.....0.285

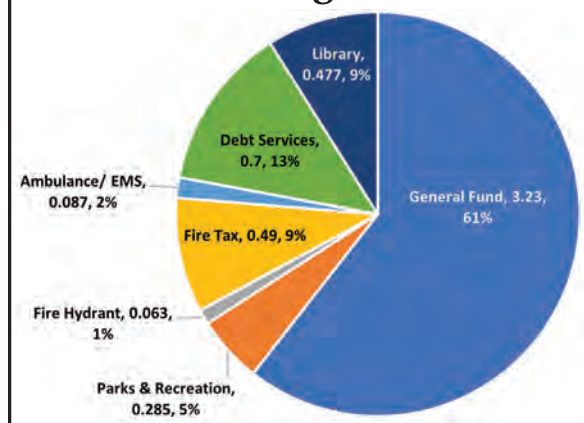
The Township budget is prepared by the Township Manager and is approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners every fall. The

goal of the budget is to provide financial management, resource allocation, program evaluation and long-range planning. The budget is comprised of 16 funds with the largest being the General Fund, which supports Township departments as well as funding capital projects and needs.

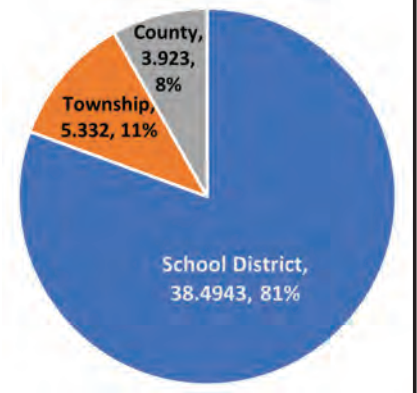
New Starting in 2023, the Township will have a third business-type fund for Stormwater.

The 2023 trash fee will stay at its current level while providing the following additional programs and policies:

### 2023 Tax Millage Breakdown



### Total Real Estate Breakdown



- Continued provision of the Township's no-additional-cost e-waste dropoff
- Continue to provide annual fall leaf collection and composting program.

The 2023 sewer fee reallocates \$70/quarter from the base sewer rate of each billing cycle towards the newly created stormwater rate. This will fulfill expenses needed for staffing, engineering, equipment, capital projects and capital planning needs related to stormwater management. More information on the stormwater rate can be found on page 7.

# Huntingdon Valley Library

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## Spring Egg Hunt

*Sponsored by  
Lower Moreland Township*

**Saturday, April 1  
Starting at 11 am**

**Lower Moreland Park  
Entrances off Warfield Dr.  
and Wheatsheaf Rd.**

**Rain date/time: Sunday, April 2 at 2 pm**



## Online Resources

Access The Philadelphia Inquirer and Consumer Reports from home using your HV library card through [hvlibrary.org](http://hvlibrary.org).



## Summer Programs

**Save the Date!  
June 26 - August 6, 2023**



### Go to the Best Events

The Library hosts book clubs, storytimes, educational presentations, interactive activities, author visits, and more!



### 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

With access to online resources you can 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. Visit the library to join the Friends group.



### Enjoy the Best Museums

Join the Friends and gain access to popular local museums like:

- The Brandywine Conservancy
- Buck's County Children's Museum
- Elmwood Park Zoo
- The Mutter Museum
- And More!



### Sign up for a Library Card

- Inside the Library
- Online at [hvlibrary.org](http://hvlibrary.org)
- It's free!

# Police Department

## Sam and Thor

Welcome the newest member of our Police Department, K9 Thor! His handler, Officer Saman Hashemi-Sohi, has been working with Thor for the past couple of months to get him prepared for his new job for the Lower Moreland Police. Officer Hashemi-Sohi met Thor in school when he was a puppy. After 480 hours of hard work, Thor and Officer Hashemi-Sohi graduated from the PennVet Working Dog Center K9 program in November. He credits his dedicated instructors; Robert Dougherty, Danny Eliassen, and Michael Moore for all of their remarkable training.



Even though Officer Hashemi-Sohi has been by Thor's side throughout the entire training process, creating an unbreakable bond between the two, there were some difficulties along the way. Officer Hashemi-Sohi said that getting used to Thor was no easy task, however, having Thor has been a wonderful opportunity and it has helped him grow as an officer and a person. Officer Hashemi-Sohi also added that his family loves Thor and that he enjoys playing with everyone and receiving treats. Thor even gets energetic when they get to the station and has taken a liking to the other officers and staff within his department. Thor has become a huge part of the Lower Moreland Police department and a valued member of our team.

There are countless benefits to implementing a canine unit in a police department. With canines increased speed, agility and heightened sense of smell, a canine and their officer can clear an entire building in ten minutes, a job that would take officers close to an hour to complete. Different canines can be trained for different things such as; tracking subjects, locating missing people, sniffing out drugs or bombs, and more. Thor and Officer Hashemi-Sohi are scheduled to attend narcotics detection school which will take dedicated work.

Thor is going to be a great addition to the Lower Moreland Township Police Department and these two will certainly be a duo to keep a lookout for! Congrats Officer Hashemi-Sohi and Thor on your dedicated work in school and we cannot wait to see what you accomplish in the future!

## Learn to Spot Scams!

People lose a lot of money to scams, sometimes even their life savings. Scammers have figured out countless ways to cheat you out of your money over the phone. Here are some tips that you should keep in mind if you believe that you may be a victim of a scam.

- **There is no prize.** Some scams may say that you have been selected for an offer or won a lottery, but if you must pay for it, then it could be a scam.
- **You won't be arrested.** Some scammers may pretend to be law enforcement and claim that you will be arrested, fined, or deported if you do not pay taxes or some other debt.
- **You don't need to decide right now.** Legitimate businesses will give you time to consider an offer. If there is an urgent demand, it could be a scam.
- **Do not send cash or pay with a gift card.** This makes it more difficult for a victim to get their money back after being scammed.
- **Government agencies do not call to confirm your sensitive information.** It's never a good idea to give out sensitive information like your social security number to someone who calls you unexpectedly.

So, how do you stop scammers and what can you do if you have already paid a scammer? The best thing that you can do if you believe that you are dealing with a scam call is to hang up the phone. Scammers will make calls from all over the world and your best defense against unwanted calls is call blocking. Scammers can make any name or number show up on your caller ID. This is called spoofing.

In addition, scammers will most likely ask you to pay in

ways that make it difficult for you to get your money back. If you believe you have paid a scammer the sooner you act the better the chance you will have to get your money back. If you paid a scammer with a credit card or debit card, contact your credit card company or bank IMMEDIATELY. For scams via wire transfer, call the money transfer company IMMEDIATELY to report the fraud and file a complaint. MoneyGram: 1-800-MONEYGRAM (1-800-666-3947) Western Union 1-800-325-6000 are resources to call to ask for wire transfers to be reversed.

If you believe you gave a scammer your social security number or sensitive information, please visit [identitytheft.com](http://identitytheft.com) for help.





## Introduction to Women's Self-Defense

In February the Lower Moreland Police Department is hosting two "Introduction to Women's Self-Defense" Seminars which will allow participants to learn and practice introductory techniques to safely defend themselves in situations of assault.

The seminars will be taught by expert instructors experienced in Brazilian jiu-jitsu from 3E Self-Defense (Effectively Enriching Each other).

Female police officers and Department Control Tactics Instructors will be in attendance to assist the instructors and meet our community members.

- The two opportunities to participate are being held on different dates and locations in Lower Moreland and Bryn Athyn.
- Minimum age to participate is 16 years old. Keep your eye on the Lower Moreland Police and Township Social Media Platforms for additional dates and times in the future, as this will be an ongoing series!
- These seminars are provided free-of-charge courtesy of Lower Moreland Police Department. Suggested donations of \$30 are encouraged for the instructors from 3E Self Defense.

## Emergency Management

**Be Alert • Be Informed**  
**READYMONTCO**

### Stay Informed- Sign Up for ReadyMontco

Want to receive notifications regarding emergencies, severe weather, crime alerts and disasters in Montgomery County? Sign up for ReadyMontco, a mass notification system administered by the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety that allows you to receive emergency and community notifications via your preferred delivery method. The service is free of charge but text messaging and voice rates may apply. To sign up, visit <http://readymontco.org/>. You will need to create a profile, provide a method of contact (text, personal or business email or phone) and add a location. Select "Lower Moreland Township" under Community Info to receive Township alerts. There is also an option to receive County alerts, weather alerts and school information as well.

### 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.



### SNOW REMOVAL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

#### Road Treatment/Snowplow Process

- Depending on a storm's forecast, the Public Works Department will begin to treat roadways with brine (a saltwater mixture) a day or two in advance. Brine is not always the best practice; it depends on many storm characteristics.
- When snow is two (2") inches deep, plowing will begin.
- Township crews prioritize plowing routes. State routes are plowed first to provide access to emergency vehicles.
- Once snowfall or sleeting has ceased, main thru-streets of major areas are plowed, followed by side streets and finally culs-de-sac. This provides for the highest number of residents served at the highest possible efficiency.

- The minimum service goal of Lower Moreland Township is to have all roads passable, not necessarily down to blacktop, for at least one lane each direction, no later than 24 hours after snowfall has stopped. In most storms that level of service is surpassed but every storm is different, forecasters are good but not perfect, and equipment can be compromised in severe weather.
- Mailboxes sometimes present a problem to the Public Works Department when they are performing snowplowing. It would help prevent interference with snowplowing if mailboxes are installed so that the front of the mailbox is even with the back of the curb, or 12" off the edge of the roadway without curbs. Heavy, wet snow being plowed from streets can easily create enough force to take down mailboxes which are the responsibility of property owners.

# 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 fifty (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.
- 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.

## TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 29, 2023

- Collection on Tuesday, May 30, 2023
- Tuesday's regular collection moves to Wednesday, May 31, 2023
- Wednesday yard waste collection moves to Thursday, June 1, 2023
- Thursday regular collection moves to Friday, June 2, 2023
- Friday regular collection moves to Saturday, June 3, 2023

### INDEPENDENCE DAY: Tuesday, July 4, 2023

- Collection on Wednesday, July 5, 2023
- Wednesday's regular collection moves to Thursday, July 6, 2023
- Thursday yard waste collection moves to Friday, July 7, 2023
- Friday regular collection moves to Saturday, July 8, 2023

### LABOR DAY: Monday, September 4, 2023

- Collection on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023
- Tuesday's regular collection moves to Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023
- Wednesday yard waste collection moves to Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023
- Thursday regular collection moves to Friday, Sept. 8, 2023

- Friday regular collection moves to Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023

### THANKSGIVING: Thursday, November 23, 2023

- Collection on Friday, Nov. 24, 2023
- Friday regular collection moves to Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023

### CHRISTMAS: Monday, Dec. 25, 2023

- Collection on 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



# 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](mailto:kjones@lowermoreland.org)

## Acceptable items

- AC adapters
- All-in-one computers
- Aluminum, brass, light iron and copper
- Audio and video equipment
- Ballasts (non-PCB 's)
- 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, copiers, scanners, modems, fax machines
- Scales
- Televisions – intact
- Toner cartridges
- Uninterrupted power supply
- VCR, DVD, blu-ray, laser disk and cd players
- Wire – all types
- Yokes



# Stormwater Fee Updates

Beginning January 2023, all properties in Lower Moreland Township will begin paying a \$70 per quarter stormwater fee. The fee will be paid through the Township's existing sewer billing process. For most residents and businesses, the stormwater fee comes from rebalancing the existing sewer rates and no net increase will be experienced. For residents or businesses not connected to the public sewer system, you will begin receiving this quarterly bill. Regardless of which category you fall into, all properties in Lower Moreland will be paying the same fee.

Establishing the Stormwater Fee allowed the Township to create the Stormwater Fund as part of its 2023 budget. For several years, the Township has been researching ways to develop a specific funding source to meet our obligations for our stormwater system. Once issued, the next National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) will have significant obligations to implement a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP). This will involve several capital projects on public or private property to modernize existing stormwater infrastructure.

In addition to these PRP projects, there are several commitments in the Stormwater Fund in the 2023 budget:

- Hiring a dedicated Public Works employee for general MS4 maintenance.
  - Allocating specific engineering time for capital project design.
  - Developing and implementing an inspection program for properties with existing Stormwater Operations & Maintenance agreements.
  - Collaborating with community partners, including the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust and existing homeowners associations, for stormwater facility improvements.
  - Improving the Township's mapping and other MS4 records.
- These tasks and projects will take several years to implement. Public Works will expand to include a Stormwater Division to lead these responsibilities.

## MS4 Maintenance

- The Township takes responsibility in maintaining its stormwater infrastructure. There are also many instances of privately owned stormwater features throughout the Township. If you encounter a maintenance issue (ie: clogged inlet), please contact the Township at 215-947-3100. Someone from our Stormwater Division will come out to the location to assess the situation.





### **Lower Moreland Township**

640 Red Lion Road

Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

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Philadelphia, PA  
Permit # 2278

## **Community Organizations**



### **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](http://www.hvfire.org) | [www.facebook.com/hvfc8](https://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.

625 Red Lion Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

215-947-5138 | [www.hvlibrary.org](http://www.hvlibrary.org) | [www.facebook.com/hvlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/hvlibrary) | <https://twitter.com/HVLOnline>



### **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](http://www.hvaa.net) for more information.