



Lower Moreland Township

Winter 2024



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SNOW REMOVAL

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 the sidewalks as soon as possible. Schoolchildren and other pedestrians are counting on you to help keep them safe.



Township of Lower Moreland

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

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

Jill Matyas and Ted Middleman, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officers

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

Mark Showmaker, Chief of Emergency Services

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

Township Staff Updates

Lower Moreland Township recognizes Robert D. Schadegg, who has served in various roles for Lower Moreland Township for 46 years, starting in 1977. He began as the Assistant Superintendent for the Lower Moreland Township Public Works Department for the first five years of his employment. Then, in 1982, he transitioned to his most recent role as the Township's Code Enforcement Officer. In this position, he was responsible for overseeing the Township's body of ordinances, including the Building Code, Zoning, and Historic District. Bob has also served as the Building Inspector on the Township's Historical Architectural Review Board since 1986. His service to the community extends beyond his positions at the Township; Bob also volunteered as a firefighter at Huntingdon Valley Fire Company, where he concluded his tenure as Chief. After nearly five decades of dedicated service to the Lower Moreland Township community, Bob is preparing for retirement. Thank you, Bob!

Upon Bob Schadegg's retirement, Jill Matyas and Ted Middleman have taken over the roles of Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer.



Additionally, we are happy to announce that Mark Showmaker has joined as the new Chief of Emergency Services for Lower Moreland and Bryn Athyn borough. In collaboration with Bryn Athyn, this newly established position will manage and supervise the emergency response services within the Township and Borough.

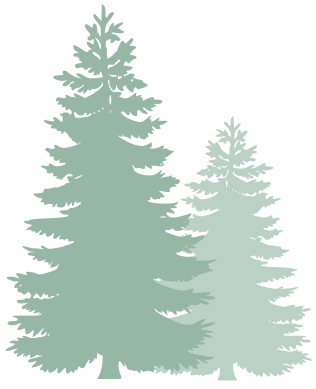


Mark Showmaker



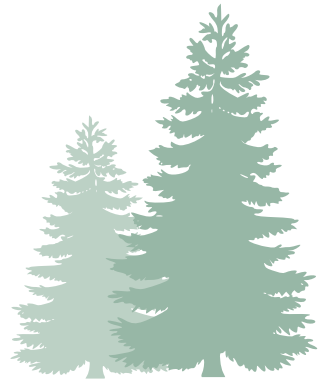
Pickleball Updates

Four new Pickleball courts are now available for use at the Public Works Yard located at 3901 Heaton Road. There is still open gym time to play at Red Lion Gym. Please check our website for more information and hours of availability.



ADVENTURE

----- BEGINS AT -----



Huntingdon Valley Library

Spring Egg Hunt

Sponsored by Lower Moreland Township

**Saturday, March 16
11 am**

Lower Moreland Park

**Rain date/time: Sunday,
March 17 at 2 pm**

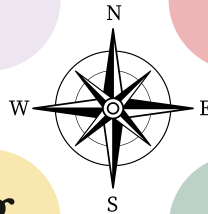
Help Your Library Grow!

*Our Board of Trustees is seeking to
fill upcoming Vacancies.*

Requirements

Lives in Lower Moreland
Township

Serve on Two Committees
Attend Monthly Board Meeting



Summer Learning Kickoff Party!

**Saturday,
June 22,
1-3 pm**



Swap subscriptions for FREE library services!

Audible	\$	➡	Libby	FREE!
Netflix	\$	➡	Hoopla	FREE!
Consumer Reports	\$	➡	Consumer Reports	FREE!
Phila. Inquirer	\$	➡	Phila. Inquirer	FREE!

**Hvlibrary.org | 215-947-5138 |
625 Red Lion Road | HV, PA 19006**

Police Department



December Officer of the Month

Officer Jamie Samuels was Officer of the Month for December 2023. She made an impeccable arrest during a traffic stop which also solved her preceding theft case, occurring just one week apart.

Crime Scene Club Program Recognized by State Library Association for STEM Best Practices

Our Crime Scene Club program was recently recognized by the Pennsylvania Library Association with an award for best practices in STEM education. Started in 2021, Crime Scene Club is a collaborative program run jointly by the Huntingdon Valley Library and the Lower Moreland Police Department to provide a unique learning opportunity for teens interested in forensics and the science behind criminal investigations. Crime Scene Club is designed for students in grades 6-12 and meets once a month at the Huntingdon Valley Library. Students learn about fingerprinting, interviewing, trace evidence collection, blood spatter analysis and other related topics. For more information about this program visit <https://hvllibrary.org/teens/>.



Albanians in Blue

The Albanian-American Association of Philadelphia Bijte e Shqipëe invited Albanians in Blue to their annual Christmas show to show their students the pride and respect for those who sacrifice. Our very own, Chief Scirrotto, who has Arber descent, was met on stage with Philadelphia PD and Pennsylvania State Police officers, to signify unity for these students.



Yellow Dot Program

Have you heard about Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program? This program assists citizens in the "golden hour" of emergency care following a traffic crash when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a Yellow Dot decal in your

vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need. The program is a cooperative effort between PennDOT, the state departments of Health and Aging, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, first responders, and local law enforcement. Please visit PA Yellow Dot Program for more details and to register. You can pick up a pamphlet in the LMPD lobby.

Car Seat Checks

New baby? Don't wait until the last month to get your car seat installed properly! Clerk Stahl can help with car-seat checks! Call 215-947-3132 to schedule an appointment.



Internet Safety Seminar

In the upcoming year, Lower Moreland PD is looking to host seminars for parents of children who are at the age of using a cellphone. The goal is to assist the parents in having conversations with their children about internet safety. Be on the lookout for upcoming dates!



Reading Across America

Reading Across America will be happening again soon! Officers will read a book to LM elementary school students in the upcoming months.

Gift Card Fraud

Suspects steal empty gift cards from the racks at grocery stores, drug stores, and other retail establishments. They then carefully open the gift cards, record all relevant data into a sophisticated computer program, neatly reseal the gift cards, and return them to



the shelves. The casual consumer would never even know that the card had been tampered with. When the victim then purchases the card by loading money onto it, the thief is notified, and immediately depletes the funds. The victim is left with an empty gift card.

What you can do to reduce the risk of becoming a victim: Do not purchase gift cards from the rack in a retail store. Make your gift card purchases online, at a bank, or at the original location where the gift card is tendered to and the cards are kept non-accessible to the public.

Register your cameras with LMPD!

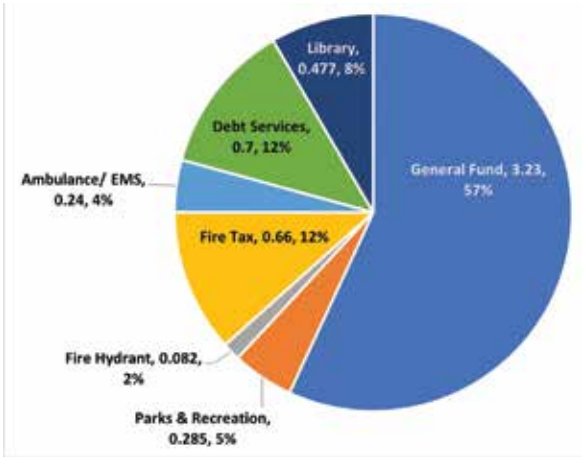
Residents and Businesses of Lower Moreland Township: The Lower Moreland Police Department offers a new resource for citizens to assist in crime prevention and crime solving efforts.

Do you have cameras on your property? Citizens and businesses may voluntarily register their personal security cameras in the

- CAMERA REGISTRY (lowermorelandpolice.org).
- Following a crime, police department employees often go door-to-door to see if there are any cameras in the area. This process is time consuming and can delay the apprehension of the criminal at large.
- The camera registry list would allow Lower Moreland Twp Police officers to see who in the area has cameras, and volunteered to be contacted by our employees to obtain this vital information and move forward with their investigation in a timely manner.
- Registration is completely 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.
- If you do not have any cameras, please consider purchasing and installing them. If you already have cameras, please make sure they are operating.

2024 Budget

2024 Tax Millage Breakdown (5.674)



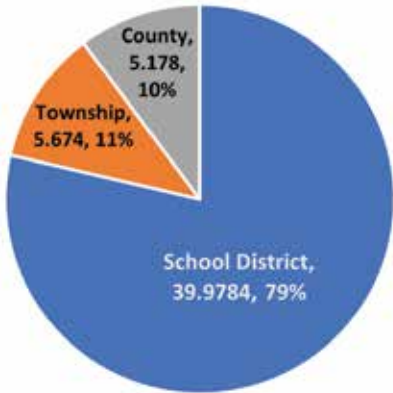
The Township budget is prepared by the Township Manager and is approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners every fall. The goal of the budget is to provide financial management, resource allocation, program evaluation and long-range planning. The budget is comprised of 16 funds with the largest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

The 2024 Final Budget has an adopted total millage of 5.674 broken down between the following funds:

- General Fund:3.230
- Fire Hydrant:0.082
- Fire Tax:0.660
- Debt Services:0.700
- Library:.....0.477
- Ambulance/EMS:0.240
- Parks & Recreation:0.285

The average local real estate tax bill will be \$1,191.54 (face value).

Total Real Estate Breakdown



- For reference, the following is the average tax bill paid by a resident for each fund if paid after the discount period:
- General Fund:\$678.30
- Fire Hydrant:\$17.22
- Fire Tax:\$138.60
- Debt Services:\$147.00
- Library:.....\$100.17
- Ambulance/EMS:\$50.40
- Parks & Recreation:\$59.85
- This funding allows all programs and policies to continue or increase, including:
- Funding of increased fire hydrant system throughout the Township.
- Continued funding for a shared Emergency Services staff with Bryn Athyn Borough.
- Continued capital reserve planning for fire apparatus.
- Continued fully funding the Huntingdon Valley Fire Company shift program.

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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.

- 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: 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY

- No collection Monday, May 27, 2024 – collection moves to Tuesday, May 28, 2024
- Tuesday's Regular Collection moves to Wednesday, May 29, 2024
- Wednesday Yard Waste Collection moves to Thursday, May 30, 2024
- Thursday Regular Collection moves to Friday, May 31, 2024
- Friday Regular Collection moves to Saturday, June 1, 2024

INDEPENDENCE DAY

- No collection Thursday, July 4, 2024 – collection moves to Friday, July 5, 2024
- Friday Regular Collection moves to Saturday, July 6, 2024

LABOR DAY

- No collection Monday, Sept. 2, 2024 – collection moves to Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024
- Tuesday's Regular Collection moves to Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024
- Wednesday's Yard Waste Collection moves to Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024
- Thursday Regular Collection moves to Friday, Sept. 6, 2024
- Friday Regular Collection moves to Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024

THANKSGIVING

- No collection Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024 – collection moves to Friday, Nov. 29, 2024
- Friday Regular Collection moves to Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024



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

Public Works Snow Plowing 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 cul-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 (1) lane in 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 snow plowing. 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.

2024 Budget, continued from page 5

- Continued partial funding of the Bryn Athyn Fire Company fire operations request.
- Increased funding to Bryn Athyn Fire Company's ambulance operations with an added second daily ambulance.
- Continued funding of pedestrian connectivity projects throughout the Township.
- Continued annual funding of the Township's capital equipment needs and capital programs to complete large infrastructure project needs throughout the Township.
- Meeting the Township's annual debt service obligations.
- Continued funding of the Huntingdon Valley Library to provide excellent library services for the community.
- Funding the annual contribution to the Parks & Recreation Capital fund.
- Funding grant matches for current intersection and pedestrian improvement projects.
- Continued contribution to the Township's capital reserve allocations for large Public Works equipment, Police fleet vehicles and IT hardware.



Lower Moreland Township

640 Red Lion Road

Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

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US Postage

PAID

Philadelphia, PA

Permit # 2278

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.

625 Red Lion Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

215-947-5138 | www.hvlibrary.org | www.facebook.com/hvlibrary | <https://twitter.com/HVLOnline>



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 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.



Huntingdon Valley Athletics Association

For more than 70 years, the Huntingdon Valley Athletics Association (HVAA) has provided youth sports and activities to Lower Moreland residents and the surrounding community. HVAA sponsors recreational and travel sports including soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, and taekwondo. Visit www.hvaa.net for more information.