Lower Merion Township

From the Manager’s Desk

A Milestone for L.M. Libraries, and a Busy Slate for Autumn

Fall is traditionally a busy time of year for the Township staff and Board of Commissioners, and this year is no exception. Something that we are all looking forward to is a sixth and final ribbon-cutting ceremony, coming later this Autumn at the Belmont Hills Library. Belmont Hills is the last of the Township’s half dozen libraries to be renovated and expanded as part of a 10-year, $27 million capital improvement program—one of the largest ever undertaken in Lower Merion. The results since the first re-opening (of Ludington Library in Bryn Mawr, in 2012) have been inspiring. Lower Merion has always been a strong place for libraries, but in the 21st century, they have become true community gathering places for residents of all ages, with access to Chromebook laptops and the Internet, board games and coding classes, book clubs and baking pans, informative presentations and a lot more.

In the Board Room this fall, our Commissioners will be considering a draft of the updated Zoning Code. With the Zoning Code, we will continue to gather public input and ultimately adopt a new code, the first time this has happened since before World War II. This modern code will translate the objectives adopted in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan into zoning regulations. As we enter this process, it is important to recognize zoning codes may regulate and direct development, but private property rights must still be respected, and under Pennsylvania law every possible use must be accommodated.

One of the latest Township technologies is proving to be a hit with residents. The “Parkmobile” app (see more info in this newsletter) has made it even easier to pay for parking throughout the Township—it was used for more than 7,000 transactions in a recent month after being introduced earlier this year.

And speaking of parking and traffic, Fall means schools are back in session, with more kids walking along and crossing streets. We all need to slow down, stow away the cell phones, and pay attention to driving safely—we just may save a life in doing so.

Fall is also the time for raking! It’s a task none of us much enjoy, but the proper use of paper leaf and yard waste bags or bundling the material according to regulations is important to allow it to be recycled. For property owners with storm drains or catch basins nearby, the clearing of leaves off those stormwater catch basins can really make a difference in avoiding road flooding. There are thousands of these catch basins in the Township and keeping them all clear is a real chore, so any assistance from property owners is a big help.

I hope you enjoyed your summer and hope you stay engaged with the Township using the LM Report-It app, registering your cell phone and email with our Blackboard Connect notification system, and participating in Township events and programs.

Sincerely,
Ernie McNeely
Township Manager
Join us for Meaningful Worship and Beautiful Music
Sundays 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Adult education classes and fellowship opportunities offered after both services.
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Childcare for children up to age 5 provided every Sunday.
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Bryn Mawr Day
Saturday, September 8th
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bryn Mawr Town Center
(7 N. Bryn Mawr Avenue, in parking lot across from Ludington Library)

FREE Township-wide family fun day hosted by the Bryn Mawr Business Association includes fire truck rides, face painting, acrobatic circus, petting zoo, pony rides, history tours, craft fair, live music and much more.

Visit BrynMawrDay.com for more details.

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**This Year’s One Book, One Lower Merion: ‘An American Marriage’**

*By Lenore Forsted*

*One Book One Lower Merion* is delighted to announce our selection for this Fall: “An American Marriage,” by Tayari Jones, a brilliant and heartbreaking book that tells a timely story and asks hard questions about the state of justice and the state of marriage. The writing is subtle, well-crafted, and powerful—and will keep the reader riveted to this story. OBOLM has several events planned. All programs are free and no reservations are required. Please check on lmls.org in case there are any changes.

— Our opening will be on **Sunday, October 21st at 2 p.m.** in the Board Room of the Township Administration Building at 75 East Lancaster Avenue, Ardmore, where attorney Michael S. Banks, of the Morgan Lewis law firm, will talk about his own experiences with trying to free a man from prison in Louisiana just days before his execution. The Thompson case sounds like a movie script for a thriller but it really happened, and Mr. Banks volunteered his time to go to Louisiana and work for the prisoner. This will be a riveting program.

— On **Monday, October 29th**, our favorite book reviewer Bev Rosen will be talking about this book at the Bala Library at **1 p.m.** For fans of Bev, new and old, this will be a very special afternoon while she provides insight and analysis into this book. Light refreshments will be served.

— Author Tayari Jones will be with us on **Sunday, November 11th at 2 p.m.** in the Township Administration Building’s Board Room. We look forward to Ms. Jones telling us why she wrote this book, the marriage between Roy and Celestial, the justice system, and more. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers, as well as a book-signing immediately after her talk. Copies of the book will be available for sale, too.

We will also have a social service project connected to this book: raising money for libraries in local women’s prisons. More information on this will be available at www.lmls.org in October.

**Penn Wynne Elementary: On Board with ‘Safe Routes to School’**

An informal committee of parents, civic association members, home and school association representatives, Lower Merion School District staff, Township planners, public works officials, and police traffic safety officers has been hard at work over the last few years to come up with ways to improve the walking environment around several Township schools.

The committee was created because of a condition placed on the District’s recent land development approvals, related to temporary classrooms. Many of the committee’s ideas have already been put into practice—from narrowing wide streets with a little bit of paint to changing the configuration of car drop-off lanes. So when the opportunity arose to partner with the Montgomery County Office of Public Health and the County Planning Commission for a year of pedestrian and bicycle safety education to K-5 students, along with a formal walkability audit around Penn Wynne Elementary School, the committee was ready to hit the ground running.

The sidewalk installed along Trent Road connecting Wynnewood Valley Park to the elementary school property, was a grassroots idea that gained traction with the work of the committee and came to fruition with broad-based community support this summer. The Board of Commissioners championed the project by working with the neighborhood and the property owners and authorizing funding for the sidewalk and ADA ramps. The following list summarizes pedestrian improvements undertaken since the committee began meeting:

- A new sidewalk was installed Trent Road from Drayton Lane to Suffolk Lane;
- New ADA ramps were installed by the Township at the Trent Road/Suffolk Lane intersection;
- School zone signs were installed on Suffolk Lane and Drayton Lane;
- Flashing lights were installed on Trent Road;
- The drop-off queuing on Suffolk Lane was modified and improved;
- The Penn Wynne Elementary Home and School Association conducted a survey in spring 2016 to gather parent input on walking habits/preferences for pedestrian improvements.

This year’s Safe Routes to School committee hopes to build upon this with a year focused around the “Six E’s:” evaluation, engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement, and equity. Anyone local to Penn Wynne Elementary who is interested in being a part of this ongoing committee (or if you’re just interested in bringing Safe Routes to School ideas to your local school) can contact Anne Leavitt-Gruberger at (610) 278-3727, or aleavitt@montcopa.org; or Joseph Coyle at 610-278-5117 or jcoyle@montcopa.org.

A new walkability study will be conducted by the Safe Routes to School program sometime during the 2018-2019 school year.
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Background

The Zoning Code Update is well underway with the consultant team led by nationally renowned firm, DPZ, drafting new code language that will be provided to the Board of Commissioners in September 2018. A zoning code regulates the use of land, placement of structures and the extent and character of development. Zoning is a local law enacted by the elected governing body of a municipality designed to protect public health, safety, and welfare and to guide growth. The new illustrative zoning code will be easier to use and will guide future growth and provide regulatory controls to ensure that new development maintains and enhances the beauty and character of Lower Merion’s distinctive neighborhoods.

Please check the Township’s website to review working documents and stay informed of public involvement opportunities (www.lowermerion.org/rezoning). Hard copies of the draft zoning code are available at each of the Lower Merion Library System branches.

Recap of May and June 2018 Public Meetings

In May/June DPZ met with the Building & Planning Committee, the Civic Engagement Committee, and hosted a meeting for local civic associations. The public meetings focused primarily on proposed standards for the residential zoning districts. Brief updates were also provided regarding commercial and institutional regulations. The meetings provided an opportunity for the consultant team to present the draft zoning code and receive input from elected officials, residents and stakeholders on the proposed standards.

Key differences between current residential standards and the proposed residential standards are that the new standards will:

1. Limit inappropriate subdivisions by consolidating the 10 residential zoning districts into six new zoning districts based the existing neighborhood pattern. The standards in the six new zoning districts will more consistent with the built environment.

2. Provide architectural controls for Historic Districts and newly created Neighborhood Conservation Districts to ensure that new construction within these defined areas is compatible with the defining characteristics of the surrounding neighborhood (view Neighborhood Conservation Areas Map).

3. Illustrate the “Form Standards” to make the Code easier to use. Form standards set requirements for the way buildings are placed on a lot (required setbacks) and relate to the street (view Porch illustration). Height requirements and impervious surface requirements are also found in the “Form Standards”.

The proposed institutional standards will change the way that institutions, particularly larger campuses, are regulated. A key difference between the existing and proposed standards and processes is that many institutions will be regulated by an Institutional District. This will allow development within the boundaries of the district without the Special Exception process. However, expanding beyond the defined boundaries will require a zoning change.

The commercial district standards will include architectural design standards and controls to promote traditional mixed-use, compact village patterns and guide redevelopment to enhance the vitality of the Township’s commercial areas.
Solid Waste Subscriptions
(Your Number of Trash Cans):
Now Change Online

Solid Waste Subscription changes (your number of trash cans, and rear yard collection option) can now be submitted online. The change form will be available from approximately November 15, 2018 through December 21, 2018 at www.lowermerion.org/2019SWForm.

Downgrades will not be accepted after December 21, 2018. This will be your only opportunity to reduce your current subscription level during the year. The Township will publicize the open period for solid waste subscription changes through the Township website, its social media presence (on Facebook and Twitter) and via the Blackboard Connect call-out, text, and email system.

Important! IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR CURRENT SUBSCRIPTION LEVEL, simply do nothing! Your subscription will automatically renew at the same level as the previous year.

As a reminder, residents may add cans and/or rear yard collection (a prorated fee will be required) at any point during the year by using the Solid Waste Change form link at www.lowermerion.org/refuse.

If you are not sure what your subscription level is, this can be found on your Real Estate Tax bill. The schedule of fees is available at www.lowermerion.org/SWFees. If you have further questions, please see www.lowermerion.org/refuse.

Township’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
29 Straight Years

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) announced earlier this summer that the Township of Lower Merion has once again received its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Township’s 2018 Budget document. Nationally, this award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and marks the 29th straight year that Lower Merion has been honored with it. With 29, Lower Merion has received this award more often than any other municipality or county in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For the year, Lower Merion is one of very few jurisdictions in Pennsylvania to receive the GFOA honor.

“While it’s nice to keep our streak going, it is worth noting that this year the Township’s submission scored even better than in previous years, including several ‘outstanding’ ratings,” noted Eric Traub, the Township’s Chief Financial Officer. The honor comes after the GFOA awarded the Township earlier in the year with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Township’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ending December 31, 2017. This was the Township’s 25th consecutive CAFR award.

RECYCLING Week “A”
MONTH WEEK BEGINNING
September 10th, 24th
October 8th, 22nd
November 5th, 19th
December 3rd, 17th, 31st
January 14th, 28th
February 11th, 25th
March 11th, 25th
April 8th, 22nd

RECYCLING Week “B”
MONTH WEEK BEGINNING
September 3rd, 17th
October 1st, 15th, 29th
November 12th, 26th
December 10th, 24th
January 7th, 21st
February 4th, 18th
March 4th, 18th
April 1st, 15th, 29th

2018-19 Holidays
NO REFUSE OR RECYCLING COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON:

- Monday, September 3, 2018
- Thursday, November 22, 2018
- Tuesday, December 25, 2018
- Tuesday, January 1, 2019
- Monday, January 21, 2019

Sustainable Energy Workshop
SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, September 25, 2018

WHEN: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Lower Merion Township, 2nd Floor Board Room

The Board of Commissioners invites all residents of Lower Merion Township to this workshop to learn more about climate change, its practical implications for the Township and possible paths to a sustainable future.

Join members of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) on September 25, 2018 for:

- Panel discussions with experts from academia, industry and government
- Q&A session with elected Commissioners, panelists and EAC members
- Light refreshments
‘Parkmobile’ App is a Hit: Thousands of Transactions To Date

As mentioned in the last Township Newsletter, Parkmobile, LLC—a national provider of mobile parking solutions—and Lower Merion Township have partnered to allow customers to use their mobile devices to pay for parking. To use the service, customers register for free through the app for iPhone, Android or online at parkmobile.com. After setting up an account, customers can immediately begin using the system with their registered mobile device.

Many area residents have already done so. There were almost 6,000 transactions documented through the app within the first month of its availability. In the second month, more than 7,000 transactions occurred. (In addition to regular meter charges, Parkmobile charges a convenience fee of 40 cents per transaction, and another 40 cents each time a parking session is extended.)

Download it today and take the worry out of an extended shopping trip or dining date! Parkmobile is also widely available in surrounding areas including Philadelphia, Conshohocken, Doylestown, Lancaster, New Hope, Harrisburg and more. Additionally, Parkmobile is available in all New York City boroughs under the ParkNYC app. Users can also reserve parking in nearby regions including Philadelphia, Baltimore, Wilmington, Washington D.C., among others. More than eight million people nationwide use this mobile parking solution to date.

Why We Regulate Urban Stormwater Runoff

Environmental Advisory Council

Stormwater runoff is a significant contributor to pollution of our local streams and ponds. Urban streets and properties contribute fertilizer, pesticide, winter salt, animal excrement, oils, chlorine, and other pollutants, which disappear into storm drains during a heavy rain. The storm drains discharge to the nearest stream, which is part of an interconnected watershed ultimately draining to either the Schuylkill or Delaware Rivers. Along the way there are creeks such as Mill Creek, Indian Creek and Arrowmink Creek and their tributaries (Sawnmill Run, Gulley Run, etc.) as well as various “unnamed” waterways. These all flow through important Township parks including Mill Creek Valley, West Mill Creek, Rolling Hill, and Ashbridge, and Merion Botanical Garden. Residents visit these parks for recreation and with an expectation of seeing an aquatic ecosystem thriving in reasonably clean water.

Unfortunately, our streams are not in good environmental condition; and our largest (Mill Creek) is often referred to as a “dead stream” because of urban stormwater pollution. This pollution is a direct consequence of two aspects of urban life, which can be improved with increasing public awareness and action: 1) Excessive paving of ground surfaces, which prevents natural filtration of runoff before discharge to surface streams; and 2) The collective unfiltered impact of stormwater flow from individual properties—introducing lawn care, home care and other chemical products into the closest storm drain.

Urban stormwater can also project significant force as it flows across paved areas into unpaved areas where surface soil is easily swept away in the absence of stable vegetation. The result is erosion of soils which are carried to streams and ponds. This becomes a combination of sediment deposition in the stream channel and excessive water turbidity from suspended solids—both of which interfere with fish and other aquatic organisms, and ultimately the ecological health of the stream or pond. This “erosion and sedimentation” effect is problematic at construction sites but also other open spaces which are not planted with stable vegetation, or where vegetation is not well maintained.

Current stormwater regulations help maintain the environmental status quo without hindering new development and economic growth. However, the stormwater issue is much larger than that, because of the cumulative impact of municipal streets and residential properties that were constructed prior to the requirement to manage stormwater runoff. To meet future projected regulatory requirements as well as to continue the Township’s leadership in maintaining and improving the environment, a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan is currently under development. More information about Lower Merion Township’s stormwater management program can be found at: www.lowermerion.org/services/environmental-advisory-council/stormwater-management.
Just Add Wine:
Book Club in a Bag,
from Lower Merion Libraries

If your book club has been searching for great titles to read but then not finding copies of the book, the Lower Merion Library System has the solution—Book Club in a Bag. Each bag contains everything your book club needs: 10 copies of a title (one in large print), a copy of the audiobook version, and a discussion guide. Just distribute the books to your club members and schedule a date to discuss.

“We knew we had popular titles to offer, and all of the selections received good reviews,” said Robyn Langston, Head Librarian for Ludington Library. “We wanted to start our Book Clubs in a Bag with a real variety of topics. No matter which direction our patrons wish to take their book clubs, we wanted to be able to offer a title that would fit in with what they had in mind right away.”

The bags are checked out for six weeks (sorry, no renewals). Currently, 14 titles are available—see the list below. Visit the library catalog at www.lmls.org to place a reserve on the bags or ask any LMLS librarian for assistance. The selected books are:

- One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd by Jim Fergus
- The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict
- The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown
- The Husband’s Secret by Liane Moriarty
- Tell the Wolves I’m Home by Carol Rifka Brunt
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
- Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly
- The Orphan’s Tale by Pam Jenoff
- Faithful by Alice Hoffman
- The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman
- Being Mortal by Atul Gawande
- Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
- North River by Pete Hamill
- Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier

Rain Barrels, Compost Bins For Sale from Township

Rain Barrels - $69 each
- Recycled Food Grade Barrel
- Bulk Head Style Fittings
- 2-Piece Screened Lid
- 2 Screened Overflows
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Join us for our annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony
Tuesday, September 11th, 2018
6:30 p.m. at Bryn Mawr Fire Company

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The Slow Down Campaign

The Lower Merion Ad Hoc Traffic Safety Awareness Committee is happy to announce that it is now offering residents the opportunity to participate in the new "Slow Down Campaign." This Campaign is designed to promote awareness about speeding that is taking place on the Township’s residential roadways.

The Slow Down Campaign will have several components:

- Before and after speed and volume data
- Increased police presence / enforcement
- Use of radar speed signs
- “Slow Down” yard signs; Each participant gets a sign to be posted in front of their residence
- Media coverage, social media coverage, and web page postings to help raise awareness of the program

The Campaign will run two times a year. First, when school lets out for the summer, and second, when school starts again in the fall. It is only run on streets with a 25 MPH speed limit. A minimum of five neighbors must agree to participate and to adhere to the campaign guidelines.

Contact the Police Department Traffic Safety Unit at (610) 645-6260 for further information.

‘LM Report-It’ App

Do you have the Township’s free “LM Report-It” app yet? No? Get it! This free app for smartphones is in your app store, and enables you to report non-emergency problems directly from the spot: troublesome potholes, a non-working streetlight, graffiti, an abandoned car, etc. You can take a picture of the problem and send it straightway to us, and your GPS location will be automatically logged.

Since mid-2016, an average of four or so reports each day have been submitted and right away sorted to the appropriate department. The Township staff responds immediately, and the average time to fully address and fix the issue or problem is getting shorter each month, from a few hours to a few days, normally.

Blackboard Connect

Are you receiving alerts and outreach notifications via the Township’s call-out system, Blackboard Connect? If not, go to https://LowerMerionAlert.bbcportal.com to sign up multiple land lines and cell phones, along with family email addresses. You can also elect to receive text messages.

Free Credit Counseling and Home Buying Classes

For the sixth year, Lower Merion Affordable Housing (LMAH) will offer a series of three free financial management classes:

- Understanding Credit and Improving Credit Scores, October 30
- Money Management, November 6
- Home Buying Basics, November 13

The classes are available through the generous support of Bryn Mawr Trust. All of the classes will be held at Ludington Library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. You may attend one class, two classes or all three, but you must pre-register through LMAH’s web site, www.lmah.org, or by calling (610) 525-3121.
Heart disease is the single most common cause of death in women. But you knew that—or did you? The expert team behind the Women’s Heart Initiative views knowledge as power. Which is why our goal is to keep you informed of risk factors and connect you to specialists, while advancing research to improve treatments and outcomes. Now that’s powerful. // There may come a day when our advanced cardiac care will save your life. We spend every other day making sure it doesn’t have to.
GOING TO THE OB/GYN IS HARD ENOUGH.
FINDING ONE YOU LIKE SHOULDN’T BE.

When it comes to choosing an OB/GYN, you want someone who’s going to listen and guide you through every stage of your health and well-being, from your first routine gynecological exam to planning for pregnancy to entering the menopausal years. A doctor you can trust for all stages of your life, for the rest of your life. Start with the OB/GYNs at Main Line HealthCare—providing trusted care that’s easy to get and easy to get to.

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Belmont Hills Construction Update

The expansion and renovation to the Belmont Hills Library was well on its way to completion at press time. The refurbished library will include a new meeting room, ADA compliant rest rooms, and new entrances. A reading patio at the rear of the building will overlook the pool and park. It will feature Wi-Fi access and electrical outlets to charge your phones. Stop by and rehydrate at the new water cooler and bottle filling station. The entire library will feature new carpet, paint and furniture, in addition to an upgraded HVAC system. Come by to read, relax and engage at the library. A Fall grand opening is planned—stay tuned for details.

Movies @ the Library

A popular new event at libraries is public screenings of feature films—a great to watch a movie as a community. A movie licensing program allows Lower Merion Libraries to have movie nights, or movie afternoons, with screenings of classic films and movies recently released on DVD. This past summer, libraries offered Musical Movie Wednesdays and afternoon films for kids. A special event was held at the Penn Wynne Library where children created their own cardboard car to take to the drive-in movie.

A New Way to Find Books

Have you ever searched Amazon or Goodreads and wondered if your local library had the book? Now you can automatically search the Lower Merion Library System collection as you peruse other book sites. To access the service you’ll need to use the Google Chrome browser and install Library Extension available at https://www.libraryextension.com/ and identify your library. Then, when you find a book on many sites, Library Extension will automatically display the book’s availability in your library. There is a direct link to borrow the book, or place a reserve. The service also lists e-book and downloadable audiobook availability. The plug-in is compatible with Amazon, Barnes & Noble, GoodReads, and LibraryThing. It makes finding a book easy and economical.

State Tax Credit for Businesses Donating to LM Libraries

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program provides businesses with a direct state tax credit—not simply a deduction—for supporting Educational Improvement Organizations (EIO). It is possible to direct your Pennsylvania state income taxes to the Lower Merion Library System (LMLS), instead of paying them to Harrisburg.

The Lower Merion Library System is comprised of six local libraries and is proud to serve many of the same customers as your business. By directing your state tax dollars to the public libraries in Lower Merion, your business will provide essential support to programs such as summer reading and coordinated computer coding programs in libraries.

Businesses which sponsor these library programs will be noted in program promotional materials provided to the community. The donations may also qualify for Federal tax deductions. For more information about this tax credit program and the simple online application go to Pennsylvania’s DCED website https://dced.pa.gov/ and enter EITC in the search bar. Please contact David Belanger at the Lower Merion Library System for details on making this important donation, 610-645-6110.

Get Alerts on the Newest Books in the Library

Want to know the latest books ordered by Lower Merion Libraries? Sign up for the Wowbrary Newsletter. Each week, the newsletter includes a sample of new books, DVDs, music CDs and other items recently purchased or placed on order by Lower Merion Libraries. From the newsletter you can explore other new items, through various categories, everything from Art to Fiction to Travel. The titles will link directly to the LMLS catalog where you can request the item. To sign up for the newsletter visit www.wowbrary.org (and select “Sign up”), or check the Lower Merion Library System web page, www.lmls.org, and keep an eye on the Facebook pages for the Township and your favorite library.
 Township of Lower Merion Parks & Recreation
RECREATION INFORMATION
FALL 2018 and WINTER 2019

Lower Merion Township offers a variety of programs, for both children and adults, year-round. Basketball and Tennis Clinics, Viva Community Fitness Pilates, UK Elite Soccer Clinics and Classes, Soccer Shots and HappyFeet Programs, Shining Knights Chess Club, Young Rembrandts Art Classes, Engineering for Kids Classes, Mad Science Workshops, Soccer Shots Classes, Bricks 4 Kidz Classes, Kitchen Wizards Cooking Classes and much, much more.

Please visit our website www.lowermerionrec.com for a current schedule of programs and classes.

If you do not have on-line access, no need to worry. You can still mail or walk-in to register for programs and pool memberships.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
You will be considered registered for a program only after the proper forms and fees are received. Payment is due at the time of registration. Checks should be made payable to “Treasurer, Lower Merion Township”. Registrations without accompanying fees will NOT be processed. Non-residents (including Narberth Borough) will have a higher registration fee.

Nothing stops a program in its tracks faster than everyone waiting until the last minute to register. Many of our programs need a minimum number of participants to run so a program may be cancelled if there are not enough registrants. Minimum number must be reached at least one week prior to the start of the program.

Please note, Summer registration is open, Fall registration will begin August 1 for Lower Merion Residents (August 15 for Non-Residents).

ON-LINE REGISTRATION
The Parks and Recreation Department uses a software system for our Membership and Program Registration. This program enables participants to view programs offered and register on-line (convenience fees may apply). If you have on-line access, please visit www.lowermerionrec.com to create or log in to your account.

MAIL-IN/WALK-IN REGISTRATION
Registration forms can be mailed in or dropped off to our office, located in the Township Administration Building. Envelopes should be addressed as follows:
Lower Merion Township – Parks and Recreation
75 E Lancaster Ave
Ardmore PA 19003
Please note registrations will be processed as received.

CANCELLATION, REGISTRATION AND REFUND POLICY
Please review the policies on-line prior to registering for a program.

PHOTO POLICY
On occasion, we may take photos or video of individuals enrolled in programs or using Township facilities. Please be aware that these images are for Township use and may be used in future promotional materials.

New program idea? Let us know! We are always looking for new programs to offer our residents. Email recreation@lowermerion.org or give us a call 610.645.6220.
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SOCCER SHOTS
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Mini - Ages 2 - 3 Years
Soccer Shots Mini is a high-energy program introducing children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using your feet, dribbling and the basic rules of the game. Through fun games, songs and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active. (Parents accompany children on field)

Fall Session 1: Saturdays 9:00 – 9:30am Sept 8 – Oct 13 (6) South Ardmore Park
Fall Session 2: Thursdays 5:25 – 5:55pm Sept 13 – Oct 18 (6) Ashbridge Park
Fall Session 3: Sundays 9:00 – 9:30am Sept 9 – Oct 14 (6) General Wayne Park
Fall Indoor Session 1: Mondays 11:00 – 11:30am Nov 5 – Dec 10 (6) Bala Gym
Fall Indoor Session 2: Thursdays 9:15 – 9:45am Nov 8 – Dec 20 (6) Bala Gym

Fees Per Session: Resident/$99 Non-Resident/$119

Classic/Premier - Ages 3 – 6 Years
Soccer Shots Classic utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting. We also highlight a positive character trait each session such as respect, teamwork and appreciation.

Soccer Shots Premier focuses on individual skill, fitness and sportsmanship, providing an opportunity for children to be challenged through fun games and team interaction. Children will also be introduced to competition in a developmentally appropriate manner.

Fall Session 1: Saturdays 9:40 – 10:20am Sept 8 – Oct 13 (6) South Ardmore Park
Fall Session 2: Saturdays 10:30 – 11:10am Sept 8 – Oct 13 (6) South Ardmore Park
Fall Session 3: Thursdays 6:05 – 6:45pm Sept 13 – Oct 18 (6) Ashbridge Park
Fall Indoor Session 1: Mondays 11:40am – 12:20pm Nov 5 – Dec 10 (6) Bala Gym
Fall Indoor Session 2: Thursdays 9:55 – 10:35am Nov 8 – Dec 20 (6) Bala Gym

Fees Per Session: Resident/$99 Non-Resident/$119

League - Ages 5 – 7 Years
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Fall Indoor Session 1: Sundays 6:30pm – 7:15pm Nov 11 – Dec 16 (6) Bala Gym
Fall Indoor Session 2: Sundays 7:20pm – 8:05pm Nov 11 – Dec 16 (6) Bala Gym

Fees Per Session: Resident/$99 Non-Resident/$119

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HappyFeet Little Toes (Ages 2 – 3.5)
This is strictly an introduction to the game of soccer. Our goal in this age category is to develop the gross motor movements that will enhance balance and coordination while also beginning to develop the muscle movements for kicking a soccer ball. This class is 30 minutes long and is parent friendly (mom/dad & me). We strive to help your child begin their independence away from you (the parent) when they join our coaches as they sing, laugh, and take Bob on different adventures.

Location: South Ardmore Park
Fall: September 7 – October 19 (7)
Day/Time: Fridays 11:00am – 11:30am
Fee: Resident/$89 Non-Resident/$99

HappyFeet (Ages 3.5 – 5)
During this stage your child will flourish within our imagination based curriculum. Not only will they begin to develop excellent gross motor skills they will also begin to develop a healthy recognition of their own self-concept! Here our class time jumps to 1 hour as we allow time to introduce fun, non-competitive games along with our imagination based learning approach. During your child's time with us at this stage they will begin to learn basic and advanced soccer moves with the ball. These moves are then incorporated into the stories and games that we play with your children to increase repetition without it ever feeling like practice.

Location: South Ardmore Park
Fall: September 7 – October 19 (7)
Day/Time: Fridays 10:00am – 11:00am
Fee: Resident/$129 Non-Resident/$144

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UK Petite – “Parent & Me” – Fall Ages 2 & 3 yrs
This class offers young children an introduction to playing fun games that revolve around a soccer ball with one of their parents. The Parent and Child classes will have a fun curriculum that utilizes soccer to increase early physical and emotional development. The fun, healthy and exciting world of soccer can now be part of their active lifestyle.

Location: South Ardmore Park
Fall Session: September 11 – October 30
Days: Tuesdays 10:00 – 10:45am
Fee: Per Session Resident/$130 Non-Resident/$140

UK Petite Soccer – Fall Ages 3 – 5 yrs
This program is designed to allow every child the chance for maximum development and enjoyment. Each child will enjoy learning the fundamentals of soccer.

Location: South Ardmore Park
Fall Session: September 10 – October 31
Days: Mondays 1:00 – 2:00pm Mondays 2:00 – 3:00pm
Tuesdays 10:00 – 11:00am
Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm Wednesdays 2:00 – 3:00pm
Fee: Per Session Resident/$130 Non-Resident/$140

UK Elite – Schools Out Camp – Fall Ages 5 – 14 yrs

Location: South Ardmore Park
Dates/Fees:
Session 1: September 10 & 11 (Monday & Tuesday) 9:00am – Noon
Fee: Resident/$60 Non-Resident/$65
Session 2: September 10 & 11 (Monday & Tuesday) 9:00am – 3:00pm
Fee: Resident/$100 Non-Resident/$105
Session 3: September 19 (Wednesday) 9:00am – Noon
Fee: Resident/$60 Non-Resident/$65
Session 4: September 19 (Wednesday) 9:00am – 3:00pm
Fee: Resident/$60 Non-Resident/$65
Session 5: November 6 (Tuesday) 9:00am – Noon
Fee: Resident/$40 Non-Resident/$45

UK Petite Soccer – Fall (Indoors) Ages 3 – 5 yrs
This program is designed to allow every child the chance for maximum development and enjoyment. Each child will enjoy learning the fundamentals of soccer.

Location: South Ardmore Park
Fall II Session: November 12 – December 18
Days: Mondays 1:00 – 2:00pm
Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm
Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm
Tuesdays 2:00 – 3:00pm
Fee: Per Session Resident/$130 Non-Resident/$140

UK Technical Program – Fall (Indoors) Ages 5 – 11 yrs
Technical Training Programs are intense training blocks designed to make you a better individual player.

Location: Baldy Gym, Baldy & Union Avenues
Time: 1 Hour Time Slot (See available times)
Fall II Session: November 7 – December 19 (No class Nov 21)
5:00 – 6:00pm 6:00 – 7:00pm 7:00 – 8:00pm 8:00 – 9:00pm
Fee: Per Session Resident/$155 Non-Resident/$165
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YOUNG SPORTS

Founded locally in 2007, these award-winning programs emphasize and inspire fun and at the same time, develop a child’s gross motor activity through highly engaging activities. Our #1 goal is to give children a happy and healthy start in athletics! Participants will have the opportunity to experience Football, Baseball, Lacrosse, Soccer and “Goofy Games”. For Boys and Girls, Ages 3 – 6. For more information, please visit www.young-sports.com

Location: Gladwyne Park
Fall Session 1: Sundays 9:30 – 10:15am September 9 – October 14 (6) Ages 3 & 4
Fall Session 2: Sundays 10:30 – 11:15am September 9 – October 14 (6) Ages 4 – 6
Session Fee: Resident/$105 Non-Resident/$125
Group Limit: 20 participants

DYNAMIC VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY

Dynamic Volleyball Academy is designed specifically for the beginning male or female volleyball player. This program includes age-appropriate instruction, focusing on motor skills, ball skills, game skills and most importantly, fun!
Location: Baldwin School, 701 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr
Fall Session: September 9 – 30 (4)
Fall 2 Session: October 14 – November 4 (4)
Days/Times/Fees: Sundays 2:00 – 3:30pm
Ages: 8 – 14 years
Fee: Resident/$90 Non-Resident/$100

DAVID BROIDA – FALL INDOOR TENNIS

Learn the fundamentals of the sport, including forehand, backhand, serve & volley, as well as basic offensive & defensive strategy. Instruction will be provided for Beg. & Int. players, as well as training for middle & high school tennis team members. For more information, contact David Broida – dbroida@gmail.com or (610) 864-4303.
Location: Radnor Racquet Club, 175 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087
Ages: 4 – 18 yrs & Adults
Dates: Sundays, September 23 – December 2 (10) No Class Nov 25
Session 1: 3:00 – 4:00pm Beginner and Advanced Beginner
Session 2: 4:00 – 5:00pm Beginner and Advanced Beginner
Session 3: 5:00 – 6:00pm Advanced Beginner & Intermediate
Session 4: 6:00 – 7:00pm Advanced Beginner & Intermediate
Session 5: 7:00 – 8:00pm Adult & Teen – All Levels
Fee: Per Session Resident/$195 Non-Resident/$225

BRICKS 4 KIDZ

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Weekend Workshops – Junior Chemical Engineering: Crazy Concoctions (Ages 4 – 7)
The Junior Chemical Engineering classes introduce our youngest engineers to fundamental concepts of solids, liquids, and solutions. Students investigate the properties of several crazy concoctions and make their own samples of bubbles, play dough, fluh, and more.
Day/Time: Saturdays 10:30am – Noon
Fall Session: October 6, 13, 20, and 27 (4)
Session Fee: Resident/$120 Non-Resident/$140
Group Limit: 16 participants

Weekend Workshops – Apprentice Chemical Engineering: Mix It Up (Ages 8 – 12)
During the Chemical Engineering classes, students use the Engineering Design Process to design, create, test, and refine various mixtures and solutions with different chemical properties. They develop solutions to clean up an oil spill, synthesize their own rocket fuel, and investigate the secrets behind color pigmentation.
Day/Time: Saturdays 12:30 – 2:30pm
Fall Session: October 6, 13, 20, and 27 (4)
Session Fee: Resident/$160 Non-Resident/$180
Group Limit: 16 participants

Weekend Workshops – Hardware Engineering: Scratch Programming and Makes Makers (Ages 4 – 7)
In Hardware Engineering - Scratch and Makey Makey, we are going to explore how different sounds are created and we will create our own interpretations of common musical instruments like drums, piano, guitar, and even a recorder, and we will create our very own dancing program, all through the use of Makey Makey and Scratch to bring our music to life! The last day will end with a bang, or at least a really great mini concert from all of our students!
Day/Time: Sundays 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Fall 2 Session: November 4, 11, 18 and December 2 No Class Nov 25 (4)
Session Fee: Resident/$120 Non-Resident/$140
Group Limit: 16 participants

Weekend Workshops – Hardware Engineering: Physical and Digital Interface (Ages 8 – 12)
In our hardware engineering program, students engineer their own customized video game controllers using a Makey Makey device and materials that can be found in just about any kitchen. Through application of circuitry, acoustical engineering and video game design, students discover new ways to interact with technology, all while creating unique designs in a fun collaborative environment.
Day/Time: Sundays 2:45 pm – 4:45 PM
Fall 2 Session: November 4, 11, 18 and December 2 No Class Nov 25 (4)
Fee: Resident/$160 Non-Resident/$180
Group Limit: 16 participants

SHINING KNIGHTS CHESS CLUB – Ages 4 – 14
Learn how to play chess from a Shining Knights chess coach! Our coaches are professional instructors and have taught thousands of children to play chess. Class time is evenly split between lesson and play. Lessons range from learning the rules to advanced tournament strategies. Play time is structured to pair each student against an opponent of similar skill. All chess supplies provided.
More information can be found at www.shiningknightschess.com
Location: Bryn Mawr Community Center, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Day/Time: Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30pm
Fall Session: September 18 – December 11 (12) No Class Nov 6
Session Fee: Resident/$170 Non-Resident/$200

YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Young Rembrandts drawing classes are being offered now through Lower Merion Township Parks and Rec! Each season we offer classes that enhance drawing skills, train students in color theory and boost self-confidence. Enroll your elementary student in a Young Rembrandts drawing class. Our bountiful selection of drawings introduces our students to a fascinating world of color, pattern, and design. Keeping with the season, our students will create fall-themed illustrations like taffy apples and a farmer’s scarecrow. Stylized art styles will be explored through our tarantula line art and Van Gogh-inspired drawing featuring vibrant sunflowers. All this and more await your child in a Young Rembrandts classroom! Sign up today! For Current Classes or to register, please visit www.youngrembrandts.com/chestercounty
Location: Bryn Mawr Community Center, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Day/Time: Saturdays 11:15am – 12:15pm
Winter Session: September 15 – October 20 (6)
Fee: 6 Class Session Resident/$90 Non-Resident/$120
Per Class Resident/$20 Non-Resident/$25

NEXT LEVEL SPORTS

Next Level Sports (NLS8) develops the leadership potential of today’s youth to achieve their personal best in academics and sports through skill-based programs that teaches positive values, wellness, responsibility, conflict resolution, and goal setting. NLS offers basketball, football and track programs, as well as week long summer camps. To register for any NLS Program, please visit www.nlsports.org

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS – Ages 5 years and older
Rhythmic Gymnastics is the premier intro to soccer program in the United States teaching focusing children to fundamental soccer principles, such as
Location: Bala Gym, Bala and Union Avenues. Please contact Valeriya Neikova at (610)580-4714 or e-mail balagyrmastics@gmail.com.
WINTER PROGRAMS

LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP BASKETBALL
Learn and practice the basic skills of basketball and enjoy skill related games each session.
- Location: Bala Gym, Bala & Union Avenues
- Days: Saturdays January 12 — February 2 (4) February 23 — March 16 (4)
- Session 1: 10:00 – 10:45am Ages 4 – 5 Session 2: 11:00 – 11:45am Ages 6 – 8
- Session 3: Noon – 12:45pm Ages 6 – 8 Session 6: Noon – 12:45pm
- Fee: Per Session Resident/$100 Non-Resident/$110
- Group Limit: 16 Participants

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UK Elite – Pritie Soccer Clinic – Winter (Indoors) Ages 3 – 5 yrs
This program is designed to allow every child the chance for maximum development and enjoyment. Each child will enjoy learning the fundamentals of soccer.
- Location: Bala Gym, Bala & Union Avenues
- Winter Session: January 7 – February 12 (6)
- Winter 2 Session: February 25 – April 2 (6)
- Days: Mondays 1:00 – 2:00pm Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:00pm
- Fee: Per Session Resident/$130 Non-Resident/$140

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- Ages: 4 – 18 yrs & Adults
- Days: Sundays, January 13 – March 24 (10) No Class Feb 18
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- Location: Bala Gym, Bala & Union Avenues Winter: January 18 – March 1 (7) Group Limit: 18 participants
- HappyFeet Little Toes (Ages 2 – 3.5)
- HappyFeet (Ages 3.5 – 5)

CHESS CLUB Ages 4 – 14
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- Location: Bryn Mawr Community Center, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
- Day/Time: Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- Winter Session: January 8 – March 12 (10)
- Session Fee: Resident/$140 Non-Resident/$168

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Our innovative, step-by-step curriculum and engaging subject matter will show your child that drawing can be fun and interesting! During our classes, we teach skills that will help them grow, develop and excel while your child creates memories that will last a lifetime. Your child will enjoy ALL NEW LESSONS each week! Register at www.youngrembrandts.com/chestercounty
- Make this a memorable winter by signing up your elementary child in a Young Rembrandts drawing class. Your child will learn about basic design and composition as they draw a boot still life and a detailed armadillo. If your child is fond of sports, he or she will enjoy drawing our illustration featuring a hockey player. More refined and technical drawing techniques will be explored as our students draw Henry Ford’s historical Model T automobile. Besides strengthening your child’s drawing and coloring skills, he or she will also learn about art history as we present lessons featuring master artists Leonardo Da Vinci and Franz Marc. Enroll your child today!
- Location: Bryn Mawr Community Center, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
- Day/Time: Saturdays 11:15am – 12:15pm
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Bricks 4 Kidz, a leader in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) educational activities specializes in introducing children to advanced concepts in physics and engineering through hands-on play with LEGO bricks and technologies in after school enrichment programs, field trips and summer camps. For more information, please call 484-557-3092 or visit www.bricks4kidz.com/eston. For a current class schedule, please visit www.lowermerionrec.com
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Slim your waist, stomach and hips; strengthen and tone your muscles; relieve back, wrist, neck and shoulder pain and melt away stress. You will leave class standing taller, looking younger and be full of energy. Non-jarring exercises are tailored to fit each student’s body. Perfect for men/women, ages 15 and up of all fitness levels. Wear comfortable exercise attire. Bring a large towel, mat, medium or regular strength Pilates band, small ball and Pilates magic circle. Location: Bala Gym, Bala and Union Avenues. For more info or to purchase equipment call 856-751-0095 or go to www.vivacommunityfitness.com

Pilates – Tuesdays  7:30 – 8:30pm
Fall Session:  September 18 – December 11 (12) No Class Nov 6
Resident/$132     Non-Res/$158

Pilates – Thursdays  7:30 – 8:30pm
Fall Session:  September 20 – December 13 (12) No Class Nov 22
Resident/$132     Non-Res/$158

FIT4MOM Main Line
Stroller Strides/Stroller Barre
Stroller Strides is a total fitness program that moms can do with their babies. It includes power walking and intervals of strength and body toning exercises using exercise tubing, the stroller and the environment. Taught by certified and specially trained fitness instructors, it is a great workout for any level of exerciser. Stroller Strides instructors weave songs and activities into the routine designed to entertain and engage baby, while moms are led through a series of exercises specific to her role as mom. To register or for more information, please visit mainline.fit4mom.com

Location/Day/Time: Ashbridge Park   Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays   9:30 – 10:30am
Session: Early April through Mid November
Fees: Fees Vary – Monthly Passes Available - First Class is Free

ADULT SKATING PROGRAM
Looking forward to the Winter Olympics? Wonder how those amazing skaters do what they do? Join us at the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society and be introduced to the wonderful sport of ice skating. Enjoy 30 minutes of group instruction taught by qualified instructors and 30 minutes of free skate time. Skaters of all ability levels are welcome. Not only will you get the enjoyment of gliding on the ice, ice-skating is a wonderful way to improve balance, muscle and bone strength, and burn lots of calories! Program includes skate rental. Skaters should wear long pants, socks and light jacket. For more information on upcoming classes or to register, call 610-642-8700 or email pschs@pschs.org.

Location:  Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society, 220 Holland Avenue, Ardmore
Ages:  18 yrs and Older
UPCOMING TRAININGS

KNOW YOUR MEDICARE OPTIONS – INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP
This seminar is suitable for those individuals that need to make decisions for open initial enrollment period, want information to be prepared when the time comes or for those making decisions for loved ones. This 90-minute workshop will guide you in making the right choice when planning for Medicare and Medicare Advantage decisions. Presented by Steve Perlman, Independent Medicare Planning Specialist with DeVal Senior Advisors. During this free session you will learn:
• How Medicare works and what it covers.
• How Part “D” prescription cards work and how to pick the right one for you.
• The differences between Medicare supplemental and Medicare Advantage plans.
Location: Ludington Library Auditorium, 5 S. Bryn Mawr Ave, Bryn Mawr
Workshops: Tuesday, September 25
Thursday, October 18
Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm
Session Fee: FREE (Registration is NOT required. First come, first serve seating.)

TITI STATE TRAINING
Tri-State Training has been named as the best training and Safety Company every year since its inception (2010) by various publications including several local newspapers. We are proudly accredited with the following organizations: American Heart Association (AHA), American Red Cross (ARC), American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI), COSTARS, Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), Pennsylvania Keystone Stars (PA KEYS), Volunteer Firemen’s Insurance Services (VFIS).

CLASSES ARE SCHEDULED ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS
If interested, please contact Tri State Training 1.866.503.3430 or info@tristatetraining.com
For more information, please visit www.tristatetrainingllc.com

American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI), Child and Babysitting Certification (5 hours)
Babysitting is serious business and a big responsibility; your child is taking care of someone else’s child. Make sure they are prepared and knowledgeable in babysitting best practices as well as how to operate their first attempt at running a small business. The Child & Babysitting Safety (CABS) program is a video based and instructor led course which covers topics such as: Babysitting as a Business, Safety and Injury Prevention, Leadership, Play Time, Basic Caregiving Skills, CPR/First Aid. This course is appropriate for ages 10 and older. CERTIFICATIONS ARE VALID FOR 2 YEARS.

American Heart Association (AHA) HeartSaver CPR/AED (3 hours)
Heartsaver® CPR AED is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches adult and child CPR and AED use, infant CPR, and how to relieve choking in adults, children, and infants. This course teaches skills with the AHA’s research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which allows instructors to observe the students, provide feedback, and guide the students’ learning of skills. This course is for anyone with limited or no medical training who needs a course completion card in CPR and AED use to meet job, regulatory, or other requirements. This course is appropriate for ages 12 and older. CERTIFICATIONS ARE VALID FOR 2 YEARS.

American Heart Association (AHA) HeartSaver CPR/AED/First Aid (3 hours)
American Heart Association Heartsaver® CPR/AED/First Aid course is 5 hours long and is an instructor-led course that follows a DVD presentation. Upon completion of this course each participant will receive a two-year certification which will prove them to be proficient in infant, child, adult CPR and the use of an AED. Additionally, participants will understand how to treat medical emergencies such as breathing problems, identifying heart conditions, cuts/ scrapes, broken bones, seizures and various other emergencies. This course is appropriate for ages 12 and older. CERTIFICATIONS ARE VALID FOR 2 YEARS.

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSE – FULL CERTIFICATION
This basic American Red Cross lifeguard certification program teaches participants advanced rescue techniques, water safety, accident management and preventative lifeguard skills.
Prerequisites: Must be at least 15 years old and able to complete a standard swim test. (Swim Test: Swim 300 yards continuously, tread water for 3 minutes and dive to 9 feet). Participant must pass skills screening which is required at the first session. Red Cross Standard First Aid, CPR and AED certifications are included in this course.
Course Fees Include: American Red Cross Lifeguarding textbook, CPR pocket mask, Lifeguarding, First Aid, AED/CPR Certification cards. Participants must attend ALL classes.

Haverford YMCA
Location: 891 N. Eagle Road, Havertown
Contact: Joanne Gooding, Advanced Aquatic Director at jgooding@philaymca.org or 610-649-0700
Date/Time: Please call for upcoming trainings

Bryn Mawr College
Location: 101 North Merion Ave, Bryn Mawr
Contact: Nikki Whittlock, Aquatics Director at nwhitlock@brynmawr.edu or 610-526-7349
Date/Time: Please call for upcoming trainings

OTHER PROGRAMS

FLAT ROCK PARK BOATING FACILITIES
• Township-owned boating facilities are provided at Flat Rock Park. The general public is permitted use of these facilities provided appropriate permits are obtained.
• There is no fee to obtain a permit.
• All Boat Trailers are required to obtain a permit to park at the Flat Rock Park Boating Facility.
• The boating facilities are available for use by motorized and non-motorized boats, including canoes and kayaks.
• The recreational boating season is year round, but floating docks will only be in the water from approximately April 1 to November 15.
• The hours of Flat Rock Park are from Dawn until Dusk.

Boat Trailer Parking Permit
To apply for a Trailer Parking Permit, individuals must complete a Boat Trailer Parking Permit Application. Permit application forms can be found on the Township web site at www.lowermerion.org. Applications can be submitted via mail, in person, or on-line. Please visit www.lowermerionrec.com for more details.

DISCOUNT SKI LIFT TICKETS FOR LOCAL RESORTS
Please check www.lowermerionrec.com for the complete price list!

What you need to know:
• Tickets are non-refundable.
• We accept Cash, Check or Credit Card (fees apply) as payment.
• Tickets can be used any time during the 2018-2019 season.
• Tickets are sold from December 2018 through March 2019.
• These are tickets, not discount vouchers
• Call ahead for availability 610.645.6220
• Prices are subject to change.

ARDMORE AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER
122 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore
Phone Number: (610) 896-7256
Director: Linda Jackson
Program Coordinator: Larry Scovens
Saturday: 10:00am – 6:00pm
Program Assistant: Crystal Uter

Holiday Bazaar & Winter Carnival
To be held in early December - call for more details. Shop ‘til you drop, play carnival games and enjoy socializing with your friends and neighbors. Vendor space is available call for more details. Open to all.

There Really is a Santa
Unwrapped new toys will be accepted November through early December. Sometimes even Santa needs our help! There are many families in our immediate area that can use help during the holidays. Toys for children ages 3 to 12 may be dropped off at the Community Center after 2pm daily. These toys will be distributed to needy children.

What else is going on? Call for information on these and other programs: Volleyball, Basketball, Hip-Hop, Movies, Special Events, Trips, and more!

SENIOR CENTERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS INFORMATION
The Center for Positive Aging in Lower Merion (PALM) EnderNet
www.palmseniors.org www.eldernetonline.org
117 Ardmore Avenue 9 S Bryn Mawr Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003 Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
(610)642-9370 (610)525 – 0706

RIVERBEND
Riverbend offers programs for the community that help to motivate and educate the next generation to care for our natural world. Parents may be interested in Riverbend’s Summer Exploration Camp and Year-Round Camp offered on school holidays. In addition, they offer weekend family programs throughout the year. The 30-acre preserve is open to the public at no cost from dawn to dusk every day of the year. For more information, please visit www. riverbendec.org or call 610.527.5234.

LOWER MERION CONSERVANCY
The Lower Merion Conservancy invites you to come with us to explore the nature and history of Lower Merion in new and fun ways in a very exciting place: our outdoor classroom full of native Pennsylvania streams, forests and meadows.

PROGRAM PROVIDERS
Lower Merion has a number of groups that offer various recreational opportunities for leagues and other activities. Visit our website to view and or print a table of Programs with their contact information. Each group conducts their own registration during different times of the year. Please contact them directly if you are interested in any additional information.
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