

## Regulations Governing Residential Parking Permits

All Residential Parking Permits are purchased through the Lower Merion Township Parking Services Department located in the lobby of the Public Safety Building, 71 East Lancaster Avenue, Ardmore. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

6 Each permit is valid for the calendar year and can be purchased at a cost of \$ 8 ;. They are renewable every December. There is no grace period for displaying an expired permit.

7 Please bring the vehicle registration card for each vehicle to be included in the Residential Parking Permit Program. Up to two vehicles (currently registered in your name) may be listed on a permit. The permit shall be displayed on only one vehicle at a time. Proof of residency is also required. Accepted forms of identification are license, registration, lease agreement, or deed for new home purchases.

8 The permit must be displayed by hanging it from the rear view mirror so that it is visible through the windshield of the vehicle. Failure to properly display the permit is not a valid defense to a ticket.

9 If you purchase a new vehicle or have a license plate change, you are required to notify the Parking Services Department immediately. A new permit will be issued indicating the change. The old permit will be surrendered. A \$5 fee will apply.

The privileges of a Residential Parking Permit do not include free meter or Permit Lot parking.

Permits are transferable only between vehicles to which they are registered. They can not be displayed on any other vehicles, including guests or visitors.

A maximum of one permit may be issued per street address. Up to two vehicles may be listed on each permit. Only vehicles displaying a permit may be parked on the street in excess of the posted time limit.

Vehicles parked in violation of time zone restrictions will receive parking tickets, which carry a fine of \$25. Failure to respond to a ticket will result in increased fines and costs.

5 Duplicating, counterfeiting or altering permits will result in a fine not to exceed \$600 and revocation of the permit as mandated by Lower Merion Township Code 145-40.1.

5 It is the permit holder's responsibility to renew their permits. No reminder notices will be mailed.  
**Contact Parking Services for further information: (610) 645-6230.**



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Short-term meters (2 hours)  
 can be identified by  
 their charcoal color

Long-term meters are  
 red, and enable parking  
 for up to 12 hours.



# Metered Parking

Vehicle **MUST** Be Moved

## What You Need To Know

- The duration to park at a metered space is limited to the maximum time on the meter. The short-term parking duration is two hours only. These meters heads are identified by their charcoal color.
- Longer term parking is available at the meters identified by the color red. At these meters, the legal parking duration is up to 12 hours.
- Generally, all curb spaces are limited two hours.
- Longer term meters in Ardmore are available at Cricket Avenue (Lot 4), Schaufele Plaza (Lot 6), and Ardmore West (Lot 16).
- In Bryn Mawr, the longer term meters are available at Bryn Mawr Station (Lot 7), Central Bryn Mawr (Lot 10), and Water Street (Lot 22). Longer term meters are also located at both Water Street and Franklin Avenue. In Bryn Mawr, the short-term parking duration is three hours in Central Bryn Mawr (Lot 10) only.
- In Bala Cynwyd, the longer term meters are available at Cynwyd Station (Lot 15). Longer term meters are also located on Bala Avenue near the Bala Theater.
- In Merion-Cynwyd, the longer term meters are available at Old Lancaster Road (Lot 12).
- The current rate to park at a parking meter is fifty cents per hour. All meters will accept dollar coins, quarters, dimes, nickels, and the E-Z Park Smart Card.
- All parking meters have a free time button that will give 10 minutes of free time if no time is displayed on the meter.

## Ticketing Information

Parking tickets are payable within 48 hours by mailing a check or money order. You can MAIL it to:  
 Township of Lower Merion  
 Parking Services Department  
 PO Box 151  
 Ardmore, PA 19003-2323

A parking ticket payment drop box is located at the front of the Public Safety Building. Payment envelopes can be deposited 24/7, and all payments are processed within 24 hours, except weekends. The box is secure, saves time and is convenient for paying parking violations. Envelopes for payments of the new computerized parking tickets are located inside of the drop box door.

**PAY IN PERSON:**  
 Township of Lower Merion  
 Parking Services Department  
 71 East Lancaster Avenue  
 Ardmore, PA 19003-2323

### PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Failure to pay the fine results in a higher fine along with the cost of prosecution. Drivers who wish to contest a ticket should not respond to the violation. They will receive a summons in the mail from the District Justice in order to request a hearing.

- Most fines for parking violations are \$25.
- Lower Merion High School fines are \$30.
- Violations who park in a Handicapped Parking Only space will be fined \$50.



## E-Z Park Smart Card

The new **E-Z PARK SMART CARD** is specifically designed for use at all parking meters in Lower Merion Township. With the Smart Card you will enjoy the convenience and security of using the Smart Card to pay meter fees rather than carrying coins. You will also be able to retrieve any unused time on the meter back on your card.

### What Is The E-Z Park Smart Card?

It is a convenient way to pay for metered parking without coins. The Smart Card is the size of a credit card. It is rechargeable, once the card runs out you can recharge it. There is no expiration date or time limit in which to use the Smart Card.

### Where Can I Purchase An E-Z Park Smart Card?

It can be purchased at the Parking Services Department, 71 E Lancaster Avenue, Ardmore, PA 19003. The office is open Monday through Friday, except holidays, from 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM. Call (610) 645-6230.

### Can I Purchase More Than One Smart Card?

Yes. There is no limit to the number of cards you can purchase.

### How Does The Smart Card Work?

1. Insert the Smart Card into any Lower Merion Township parking meter card slot, which is next to the coin slot.
2. The meter will flash the dollar balance remaining on the card four times.
3. The meter will then begin to register the amount of time being added to the meter in half hour increments (\$0.25).
4. Once the correct amount of time has registered, remove the Smart Card.

Note: If you fail to remove the Smart Card once the correct time has registered, it will continue to add time up to the posted time allowed on the meter. The meter will not register more than the posted parking time limit. If you receive an "Err" message, check to see if you are inserting the card properly. (The card must be right side up and the black arrow pointing into the meter). The instructions for using a Smart Card can be found on the card itself.





## **E-Z Park Smart Card** *continued*

### **Can The Smart Card Be Used In Conjunction With Coins?**

Yes. You can always use Dollar Coins, Quarters, Dimes, and Nickels in the parking meters in conjunction with the Smart Card to supplement the Smart Card or instead of the Smart Card.

### **What Happens When The Smart Card Runs Out?**

You may bring the card back to the Parking Services Department and add any additional money to the card. Additional money can be added to the card if the balance is low, you do not need to wait until the card runs out.

### **Is There A Time Limit In Which To Use The Smart Card?**

No. You can use the Smart Card until you have exhausted the money you put on it. No refunds will be issued for unused balances on cards.

### **Can Lost, Stolen, Or Damaged Cards Be Replaced?**

No. The Smart Card is extremely durable and has been tested against a broad range of environmental conditions including heat, cold, and moisture. In addition, Smart Cards are unaffected by magnetic and x-ray exposure such as that experienced during airport security scans. Since normal usage should not affect the card, no refund will be issued if it becomes damaged. Treat your Smart Card like cash!

### **How Do I Retrieve Any Unused Time?**

When you return to your meter and still have time left on the meter, insert your card into the card slot. First, you will see the amount of money on your card flash four times then "REF" will flash indicating your refund is in process, and then finally the amount of money on your card after the refund, and the meter display will return to 00:00. Remove your card from the meter. Keep in mind that one (1) minute must have passed since you charged time on the meter in order to get a refund.

Note: If you used a Smart Card in conjunction with coins to put time on the meter, only the amount of time put on the meter with the Smart Card will be refunded. Time put on the meter with coins will not be refunded back to the card.

### **How Much Does The Card Cost?**

There is a one time fee of \$5.00 for each card. After you purchase the card you may return as many times as needed to add additional money to the card at no additional cost to you. You can purchase any dollar value up to \$100.00.



## Ardmore

Number	Public Lot Names	Types of Parking
Lot 1	Public Safety Building	Short-term Metered Parking
Lot 2	Athensville	Short-term Metered Parking
Lot 3	Ardmore Post Office	Permit Parking
Lot 4	Cricket Avenue	Short & Long-term Metered Parking
Lot 5	Cricket Terrace	Permit Parking
Lot 6	Schauffele Plaza	Short & Long-term Metered Parking
Lot 16	Ardmore West	Short & Long-term Metered Parking AND Permit Parking
Lot 20	Athens Avenue North	Permit Parking
Lot 21	Athens Avenue South	Permit Parking
Lot 23	Cricket Avenue South	Permit Parking

## Bala Village

Number	Public Lot Names	Types of Parking
Lot 15	Cynwyd Station	Short & Long-term Metered Parking AND Permit Parking
	Bala Gym	Permit Parking AND Gym Parking



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## Bryn Mawr

Number	Public Lot Names	Types of Parking
Lot 7	Bryn Mawr Station	Short & Long-term Metered Parking AND Permit Parking
Lot 8	Warner Avenue North	Short-term Metered Parking
Lot 9	Thomas Avenue	Short-term Metered Parking
Lot 10	Central Bryn Mawr	Short & Long-term Metered Parking
Lot 11	Morton Road	Short-term Metered Parking AND Permit Parking
Lot 14	Pennsylvania Avenue	Short & Long-term Metered Parking
Lot 19	Warner Avenue South	Short-term Metered Parking AND Permit Parking
Lot 22	Water Street	Long-term Metered AND Permit Parking

## Merion-Cynwyd

Number	Public Lot Names	Types of Parking
Lot 12	Old Lancaster Road	Long-term Metered AND Permit Parking
Lot 17	Ford Road	Short-term Metered Parking
Lot 18	Central Merion-Cynwyd	Short-term Metered Parking

## Penn Wynne

Number	Public Lot Names	Types of Parking
	Manoa Road	Short & Long-term Parking



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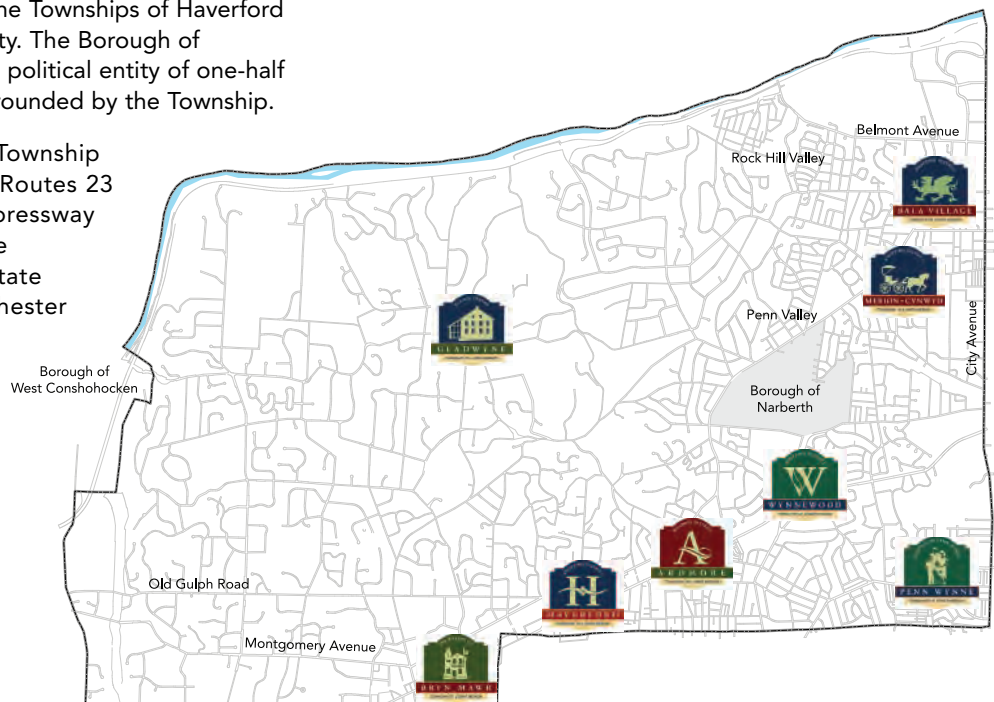
# District Descriptions and Maps

The Township of Lower Merion, first settled in 1682 and well known as an attractive and affluent residential community, is located along Philadelphia's famed Main Line. Fine homes and estates, excellent highways, exclusive shops and department stores, luxurious apartment houses, stately church edifices, some buildings dating back to the 17th century, and superior public, private and parochial schools and colleges characterize the Township.

Covering an area of 23.64 square miles, the Township is bounded by the City of Philadelphia, the Boroughs of Conshohocken and West Conshohocken, and the Townships of Upper Merion and Whitemarsh in Montgomery County and by the Townships of Haverford and Radnor in Delaware County. The Borough of Narberth, although a separate political entity of one-half square mile, is completely surrounded by the Township.

Other highways serving the Township are U.S. Route 30 and State Routes 23 and 320. The Blue Route Expressway (Interstate 476), connects the Delaware Expressway (Interstate Route 95) near the City of Chester on the south with the Pennsylvania Turnpike near the Northeast Extension on the north, traveling through the western part of the Township. In addition, the Blue Route Expressway provides an interchange with the Schuylkill Expressway and Matsons Ford Road at the Township's western border.

Numerous large shopping centers containing the finest shops and stores are strategically located within the Township including Ardmore, Bala-Cynwyd, City Avenue, Haverford, Suburban Square (Ardmore), and Wynnewood, plus unaffiliated commercial areas located in the Ardmore, Bryn Mawr, Gladwyne, and Penn Valley areas of the Township.





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**A large supply of public parking can be found in the following commercial areas:**

The traditional **Ardmore** business district is one of the larger business districts in Lower Merion Township, and contains a pleasing mix of restaurants, entertainment venues, and small specialty shops, including antique and gift stores. Historic Ardmore is adjacent to Suburban Square, one of America’s oldest shopping centers, and containing national and independent specialty stores that offer unique customer services in a well-maintained pedestrian environment.  
 (See page 10 for map)



**Bala Village** is a pedestrian-oriented area with the ambiance and economics to allow the district to be positioned to offer unusual and creative retail/personal service businesses and food establishments.  
 (See page 11 for map)



The **Bryn Mawr** business district is a traditional commercial area within the Township and contains the largest breadth in its range and variety of businesses and services, from national chains offering convenience and specialty goods to its ‘village’ core as the historic and pedestrian-oriented heart of the commercial district. Medical offices associated with the Bryn Mawr Hospital are also integrated into the mix.  
 (See page 12 for map)



**Merion-Cynwyd** is primarily a pedestrian-oriented area of upscale specialty businesses and food establishments, as well as offices primarily serving the personal needs of residents living in proximity.  
 (See page 13 for map)



**Penn Wynne** is a small residential enclave of businesses that provide professional services and food service to the neighboring residential areas.  
 (See page 14 for map)



**Other major commercial areas in Lower Merion Township:**

**City Avenue Special Services District** is located in Philadelphia and Lower Merion. The City Avenue area contains over 2.6 million square feet of office space and hotel rooms and a wide range of retail stores and apartments and houses.



**Gladwyne’s** village character is a tiny, quaint, historic and pedestrian-oriented hamlet that offers virtually all the convenience goods and services needed by its immediate residential community. The small town attributes of personalized customer service, deliveries, and neighborliness are a hallmark of this district.



**Haverford** is a district very similar to Ardmore and Suburban Square in its offering of high quality, high-service businesses in an attractive environment, while providing more independent specialty stores than national chains. Although there are several curb meters available along Lancaster Avenue, most parking is supplied by the retail property owners.

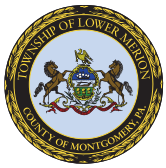


**Penn Valley** is a neighborhood business district offering convenience retail businesses and offices to Lower Merion Township as well as Narberth Borough. Most parking is supplied by the retail property owners, although there are some curb meters available along Montgomery Avenue.

**Rock Hill Valley/Belmont Hills** is currently an eclectic mix of warehousing, distribution, convenience retail, and general office buildings. As new transportation improvements are made in the Rock Hill Road corridor, the area will be transformed with new residential and office development.

**Wynnewood** is a commercial district of traditional and convenient retail businesses and services that serve the Lower Merion residents. In addition, it is the site of a number of medical offices affiliated with Lankenau Hospital.





## Ardmore





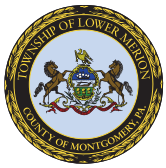
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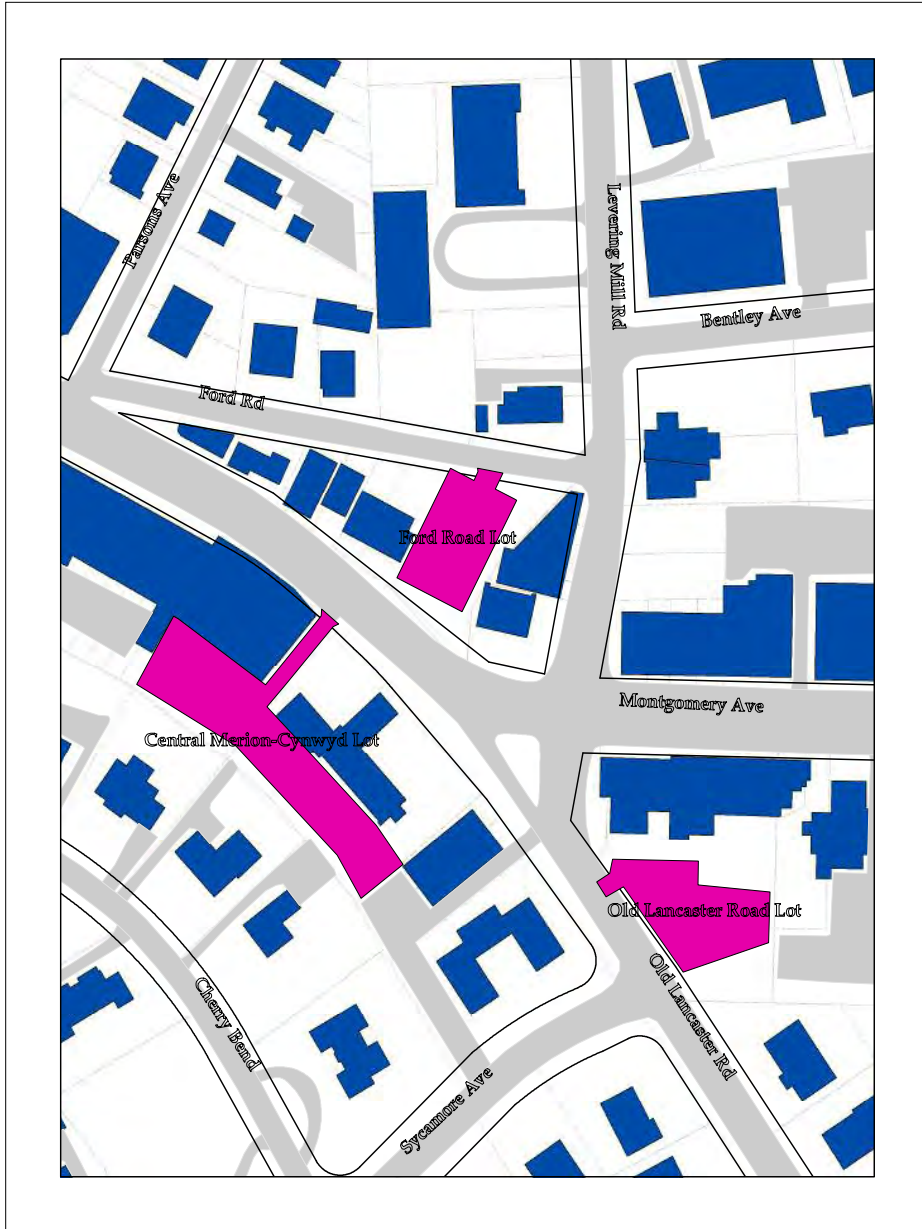


## Bryn Mawr



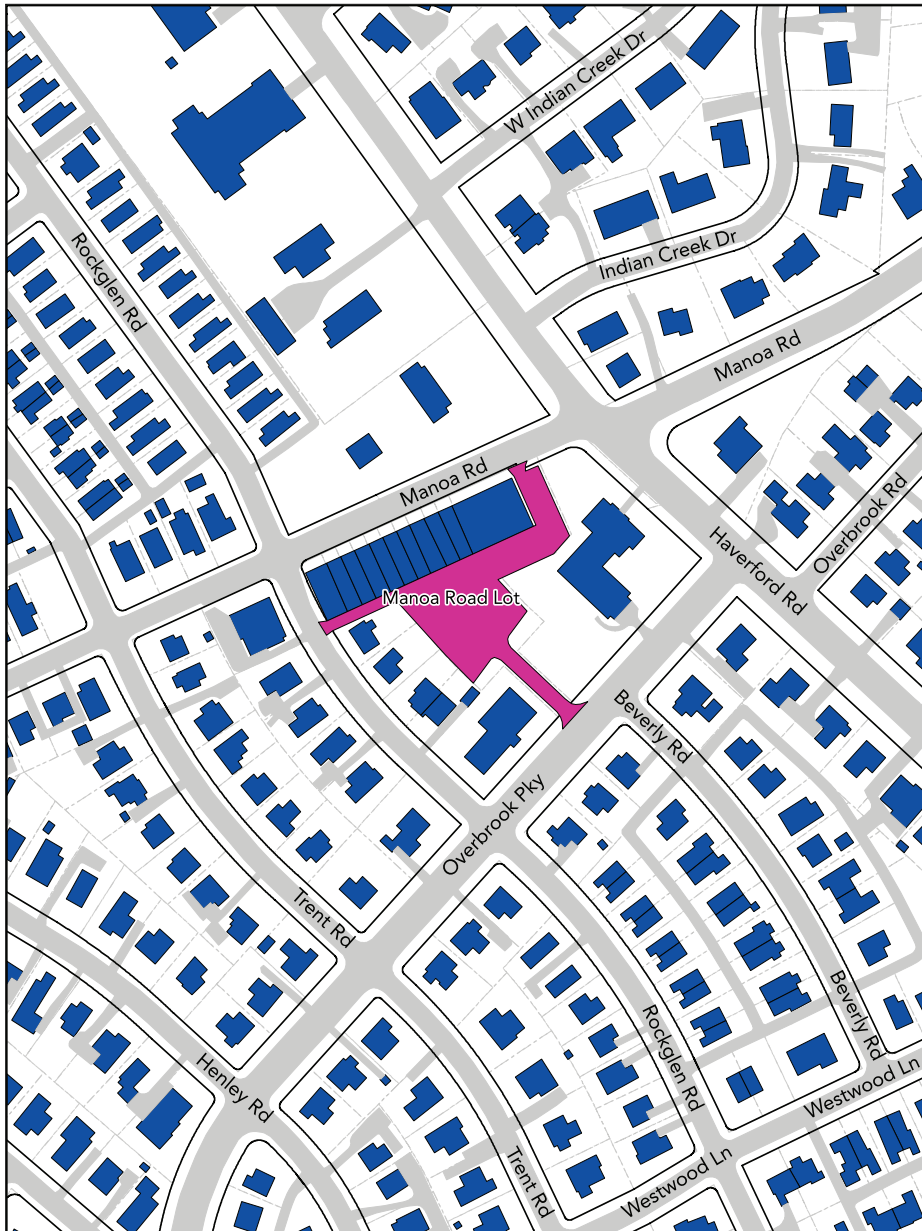


## Merion-Cynwyd





## Penn Wynne





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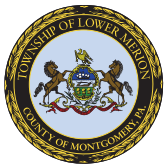
# Business District Signage

The Township of Lower Merion has recently installed a comprehensive Business District Signage Program. This overall signage system has been designed to be readily visible and comprehensive to create a better sense of identity for the Township and its individual business districts. It is also meant to help reduce/mitigate traffic congestion, vehicular and pedestrian conflicts and accidents. The signage is also designed to better assist travelers in identifying various Township municipal lots and buildings, which are also similar in color and design.

Initial funding for this plan came through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development (DCED) funding. The 2002 installation of parking lot regulatory signage, street banners, and commercial gateway signs was funded by DCED and matching funds from each participating commercial area. In late 2002, the Township was awarded Federal Transportation Enhancement funding to fabricate and install the wayfinding and parking directional signage portion of this program. The engineered plans were approved by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and PennDOT in late 2005. PennDOT awarded the contract, and the signage was installed in 2007.

This multi-layered signage system is comprised of over two hundred signs that enhances the Township's streetscapes and allows motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists to better identify the Township's commercial areas districts and public buildings, including public parking.





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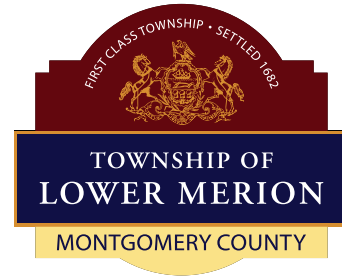
## There are four primary components of the signage program:

1. Township Gateway signs to be placed at the major entrances of Lower Merion Township. The Township's gateway signs will alert the public as they enter Lower Merion Township;
2. Business district gateway signs (and street banners) for ten of the Township's commercial areas (City Avenue was not included). Similar in design to the Township gateway signs, the primary purpose is to promote a sense of individual identity for each commercial area while still providing a consistent look for the entire Township. Individual commercial area gateway signs and street banners have been individually designed so that they compliment the architectural style and color scheme of each district and the designated roadways;
3. Wayfinding signs throughout and among the Township's commercial business districts. This signage directs the public to focal points in each district such as libraries, local government offices, fire houses, train stations, and post offices.

The parking directional signage was installed concurrently with the wayfinding signage and makes it easier to find municipal parking lots;

4. Identification signs for Township-owned buildings and public parking lots. This signage compliments the business district signage and will direct users to Township properties and the public entrances at these properties.

Township Gateway Sign



Business District Gateway Signs



Wayfinding Signs



Identification Signs

