



PENN VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Building Community Since 1930

PVCA Meeting Calendar

All PVCA meetings will be held online through Zoom for 2020-2021. We hope you can join us! Zoom links will be sent by email 1 week prior to each meeting.

October 4, 3-5pm **Fall give-away!** Meet at the Little Free Library across from 825 Hagys Ford Road. More info below.

November 19, 7pm

January 14, 7pm

February 25, 7pm

March 18, 7pm

April 24 - Earth Day Celebration

May 20, 7pm

Lower Merion and Narberth Pollinator Pathway - Kick-off event!

October 1, 7pm on Zoom. Free. [Register here.](#) Learn about the pathway. Naturalist Pat Sutton will then speak on wildlife gardening.



PENN VALLEY CIVIC WINS A GO FOR THE GREEN AWARD

The Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) of Lower Merion Township recently awarded the Penn Valley Civic Association a 2020 Go for the Green Award for neighborhood landscape improvements, environmental stewardship, and community engagement programs in recent years.

PVCA's permanent mural installation at 919-921 Montgomery Avenue—the 2018 project implemented by local environmental artist Eurhi Jones—highlights our commitment to raising awareness about local ecology through community engagement. We share accolades for the project with the many local business owners and residents of Penn Valley who financially supported the project including over 100 residents from around the





What can you do to help make the most of the mural as a continuing resource?

Visit the [mural webpage](#) which educates about the [species depicted in the mural](#) and discuss it with your friends and family. See if you can explain the relationships between the animals and plants in the design. Do you notice the milkweed caterpillar on its host plant (milkweed) or the spicebush swallowtail butterfly on its host plant (the sassafras tree)?

Take a walk by the mural and see how many species you (or your children) can name

If you are a teacher, consider introducing your class to the mural through [our website](#) or in person. It can be used as a teaching tool about watersheds and stormwater, specialized relationships between plants and animals, conservation, local history, bird migration, botany, pollinators, landscape stewardship, and ecology.

Township who participated in a community paint day that helped to brighten our business district while educating about the natural environment.

The beautiful mural scene of local plants and animals was overlaid on the topographic map of the Mill Creek Valley as a reminder of our shared watershed and interest in protecting local streams while conserving native species, otherwise experiencing losses to reduced habitat on private and public landscapes.

PVCA also recognized for public traffic island stewardship

PVCA was also recognized for ongoing landscape stewardship of our public traffic islands which we have transformed with native plantings, supporting wildlife while also welcoming residents and visitors alike.

Maintenance of the island includes continual removal of invasive species, regular pruning to improve visibility for cars, editing of self-seeded plants to ensure the desired mix of plantings over time, pathway maintenance, trash removal, and re-seeding/re-planting of desired species. The back corner of our the island on Old Gulph is receiving special attention to swap out shorter plantings for some of the taller asters originally specked for the





Penn Valley's largest traffic island at Bryn Mawr and Old Gulph Road before renovation.



The island after new native plantings. Spring blooming Golden ragwort (*Packera aurea*) brightens the space and provides services to pollinators.

space. If you would like to have some of the native blue wood asters (*Symphotrichum cordifolium*) that we are removing, please email us at pennvalleycivic@gmail.com.

These islands set a public example of the beauty of native plants throughout the growing season while providing ecosystem services including habitat for pollinators, food for birds, and stormwater management through deep roots. Visit our [traffic island webpage](#) for more information.

2020-2021 DUES - Pay what you can

We know that this is a tough year for many. Please consider renewing your dues in any amount.

[Donate online here](#) or send a check to:

Penn Valley Civic, P.O. Box 753
Penn Valley PA 19072

We will continue to send communications to our past membership list.

Consider also donating to our local fire and ambulance services who depend on resident contributions for their invaluable services.

Thank you for your support!

(Keep reading below...)





FALL GIVE-AWAY - *You're Invited!*

Sunday, October 4th. 3-5pm

Stop by PVCA's Little Free Library (across the street from 825 Hagys Ford Road) to say hello and pick up your free native plant, Penn Valley flasher, and/or Penn Valley t-shirt while supplies last.

We look forward to seeing you in the fresh air! Everyone is welcome!



We have a few Penn Valley t-shirts to give away. These were designed to support the mural project, and we'd love for you to have one. Show your Penn Valley pride! Sizes limited.

Meet here at the Little Free Library. We encourage you to walk or bike, but there is also ample room street-side if you need to park. We'll set up a table to greet you. We'll be sure to stay socially distanced. Please wear your mask.

Meet your PVCA officers!

Michelle Detwiler, president

Steve Filippone, vice president

Jen Kelly, treasurer



Register your landscape with the Lower Merion and Narberth Pollinator Pathway. Steps to join:

Plant native plants for habitat and stormwater management

Remove non-native invasive species over time (and replace with native plants)

Avoid using pesticides and synthetic fertilizers

Leave winter habitat for pollinators (leaves, stems)

To join the pathway, residents can add anywhere from one native, pollinator-friendly tree to a small pollinator garden, rain/depression garden, full meadow/shrub-scape or woodland restoration.

Join the Pathway!

PENN VALLEY CIVIC PARTNERS WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BRING THE POLLINATOR PATHWAY TO OUR AREA

The Penn Valley Civic is partnering with the Lower Merion Conservancy, the Narberth Area Garden Club, and the Friends of West Mill Creek Park to encourage the establishment of a corridor of pollinator and stream-friendly public and private properties within our local watersheds.

Homeowners, business owners, park stewards, and public institutions are encouraged to incorporate native plants into their landscapes to provide valuable food for insects and birds. Pathway properties will also avoid using chemicals in the landscape—mosquito sprays, synthetic fertilizers, and pesticides—to provide safe habitat for visiting pollinators and will leave some plant stems and leaves on the ground for winter habitat. Stewardship also includes removing invasive species that crowd out native plants and provide little year-round value to wildlife. See our website for more ideas.



The wildlife garden at Penn Valley's West Mill Creek Dog Park will join the Pollinator Pathway

RESOURCES FOR SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

We hope that many Penn Valley residents will join the Pathway so that we can connect our community together across property lines!



REGISTER FOR THE ONLINE KICK-OFF EVENT ON OCTOBER 1 (THURSDAY) AT 7- 8:30PM!

Learn about the principles of the pathway. Naturalist Pat Sutton will then speak on *How to Create a Pollinator Garden for Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Moths, Bees, and More!*

Penn Valley Elementary wins Go For the Green Award



Penn Valley is awash in awards this fall as our own elementary school has also won a Go for the Green award from the Township’s Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) in the education category. The school—principal Scott Mitchell and Challenge teacher Joe Mudd—were recognized for their campus greening efforts and environmental stewardship program involving students and their parents. Seen here expanding the grove of redbud trees on the 1st grade playground with the help of LMSD Grounds staff.



Over the past 7 years, parent volunteers have converted the Children’s Garden at the entrance to the school with native plants (above blooming with aromatic aster). This garden is the site of the yearly celebration of spring where children are invited to help plant, and it memorializes two children in the PVE community who passed away in recent years.



Children, including the 4th and 5th grade Environmental Club also helped to install a Xerces certified native pollinator garden (above), and parent volunteers have introduced native plants to the popular yearly plant sale to offer ecologically valuable plants while educating about their importance to habitat.



Teacher Andy Davis joins parent volunteers Irena Reynolds and Michelle Detwiler with his 4th grade class to learn about new native plantings (and their insect specialists) near the vegetable gardens.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 19: Last day to register to vote

October 27: Official last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot.

Don't wait this long.
Do it right away!

November 3: Polls open from 7am-8pm

RESOURCES:

[Montgomery County voter services website](#)

[Check your registration status and register to vote online](#)

[Check the status of your mail-in or absentee ballot online](#)

[Know Your Voting Rights](#)

Need help? Call the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE

The **2020 General Election** is less than 2 months away.

Make sure **YOUR VOTE** counts!

In addition to the President of the United States, we are also casting votes for:

US House of Representatives

PA Auditor General

PA Attorney General

PA Treasurer

PA State Senator

PA House of Representatives

Mail-in and absentee ballots are expected to be mailed late September. **Mail these back right away.** If you do not want to return your mail-in ballot by USPS, you may drop it off at the county office. Bring your completed ballot, inside of the envelopes it was sent with to:

Montgomery County Voter Services

One Montgomery Plaza

425 Swede St

Suite 602

Norristown PA 19401

* The county **may also** set up additional drop-off locations.

NEW RECYCLING SCHEDULE

The Township has a new recycling program/schedule. Every household in the Township recycles weekly and alternates with one week co-mingled materials such as metal cans, glass, plastic, and aluminum and the next week, paper and cardboard. Consider signing up with recyclobuddy.com for regular text or email reminders about trash and recycling for your area.

Lower Merion Township

Recycling Schedule & Township Holidays

Through end of December 2020

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For Text and Email updates on recycling and trash collection
sign up for Recyclobuddy @ <https://recyclobuddy.com>

<h4 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Cleanup Weekends</h4> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Saturday, July 11 & Sunday, July 12 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Saturday, July 25 & Sunday July 26 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; margin-top: 5px;"><i>Please do not bring Household Hazardous Waste</i></p>	<h4 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Holidays</h4> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">NO REFUSE OR RECYCLING COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Labor Day Monday, September 7, 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 26, 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 5px 0;">Christmas Day Friday, December 25, 2020</p>
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A **Montgomery County HHW collection** will be held at the
Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 N. Woodbine Ave. in Penn Valley
October 25, 2020, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
NO ELECTRONICS will be accepted
Check www.LowerMerion.org or www.facebook.com/LowerMerionTownship for updates and
additional special collections

- ◆ Visit [this link](#) for the current list of "What to Recycle" in Lower Merion.
- ◆ Visit [this link](#) for an A-Z recycling guide from Montgomery County.

Hometown Ecology

Have you improved the ecology of your landscape recently? See some examples below. If so, would you like to be recognized on our Heroes of Hometown Ecology web page? Send us an email with a short description of your efforts and a photo (optional). Feel free to nominate a neighbor! We look forward to hearing from you. pennvalleycivic@gmail.com

- Planting a rain/depression garden
- Installing a pollinator garden
- Planting native trees or shrubs
- Planting milkweed for monarchs
- Replacing portions of lawn with native plantings
- Putting up shelters for birds
- Creating a wildlife pond or wetland area
- Removing invasive species
- Foregoing pesticides and herbicides on your property



Contractors for Lower Merion Township’s street tree program plant two new black gum trees on a Penn Valley property last fall. These are our heroes of hometown ecology!

The program is full for this year, but you can **request to have a street tree planted** within the right-of-way of your property next year by contacting TS arborist, Joe Marco at jmarco@lowermerion.org

Federal Eviction Moratorium

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an order stopping evictions for non-payment of rent from September 4, 2020 through December 31, 2020. For more information, [see this link](#).



Solar Panels? Your input.

Do you have a solar system installed on your house? Would you be willing to educate other Lower Merion residents about your experience? Please click here to learn more information about creating a short video that can be shared with local neighbors.

Federal Eviction Moratorium
Updated September 3, 2020

What is the Federal Eviction Moratorium?
 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an order stopping evictions for non-payment of rent from September 4, 2020 through December 31, 2020.


Does the Federal Eviction Moratorium apply to me?
 The order applies if you:

- Attempted to get rental assistance.
- Expects to earn less than \$99,000 in 2020
- Lost income due to COVID-19
- Are trying to make partial payments, given your expenses
- Would likely become homeless, if you are evicted

Am I automatically protected?
 No, you must declare that you qualify for the Federal Eviction Moratorium by signing the Declaration in English and submitting it to your landlord or the court, before submitting your Declaration, be sure to make a copy for your records.

I have a court hearing scheduled. Should I go?
 Yes! If you have a court hearing scheduled, you should attend the hearing unless you receive notice from the court. For questions and to apply for legal representation, you can call the Philly/Tenant Helpline at 267-443-2500.

Do I still have to pay rent?
 Yes. Even though you cannot be evicted for non-payment of rent, you are still responsible for paying your rent. You must make an attempt to pay as much of the rent as possible each month, unless you cannot afford it or have another legal reason for withholding rent payments.

 Philly Tenant Helpline 267-443-2500 www.phillytenant.org
The Philadelphia Eviction Moratorium Project is a joint effort of Philly Tenant Helpline, Legal Services Center, and Tenant Union Representation Network.

Screening Update WVMS



LMSD approved a section of landscaping for the new bus parking area at Welsh Valley Middle School. PVCA and near neighbors also requested **additional** screening for the length of Hagys Ford Road from the front of the former church near Tower Lane to the left-side entrance of the bus lot.

PVCA believes that additional screening is necessary to shield the angled view of the lot from Conshohocken State Road, particularly in winter months when existing trees lose their leaves.

Additional screening includes a request for native evergreen and deciduous trees to block the view and provide seasonal interest for this prominent corner in our neighborhood.

PV residents and PVCA officers attended the very lengthy virtual school board meeting on Monday to make public comment in support of additional plantings and to express concern about the need for equity of screening at Welsh Valley compared to that at LMSD high school bus parking areas. Neighbors are generally displeased with the location of bus parking but support the additional landscaping given that the buses are in place.

The LMSD Board approved the additional screening in a 7-1 vote. We are grateful to the school board directors who approved the plan

and to near neighbors who supported the request by attending the meeting to make public comment or commenting in advance.

We continue to be concerned about the functionality of the new lot and the traffic around this intersection as children return to school.

National Night Out

National Night Out this year will likely be a food drive for Eldernet.

Check [this website for updates](#).

10/06/2020 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Wynnewood Shopping Center
E. Wynnewood & Lancaster avenues

ElderNet works year-round to feed those in our community who are in need. Food donations can be delivered to ElderNet M-F from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 9 South Bryn Mawr Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 or to ElderNet's Ada Mutch Food Pantry (behind ElderNet) on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10-11:45am or 2pm-3:45pm. [Click here for a list of needed pantry items.](#)

Food donations for our pantry can also be dropped off at the following locations:

- Bryn Mawr Hospital Cafeteria: 130 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA
- Lower Merion Township Building Main Lobby: 75 Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA
- Ludington Library's Reading Porch, 5 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr PA.

[Remember the Narberth Community Food Bank as well!](#)

**Please everyone take care!!
Our best from the PVCA team!**

[DONATE ONLINE HERE](#)