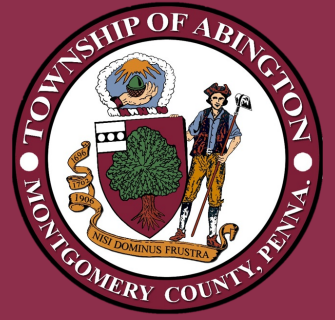


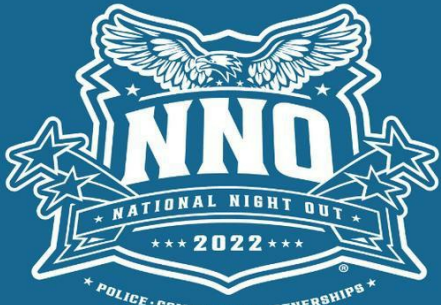
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August 2022 Edition

## PRE-NIGHT OUT IS TONIGHT, 8/1!



### ABINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT PRE-NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTY 2022

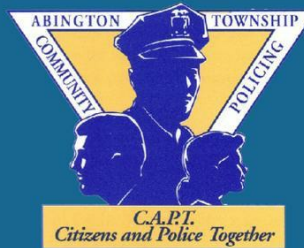
**AUGUST 1, 2022 5-9PM**

RAIN DATE AUGUST 2, 2022

**ABINGTON TOWN CENTER, LONDON & OLD YORK ROADS  
(TARGET PARKING LOT)  
ABINGTON, PA**



**Benefits**  
**D.A.R.E.**  
TO RESIST DRUGS  
AND VIOLENCE.



#### See Presentations By...

- Abington Tactical Unit
- Abington K-9 Unit
- Abington Traffic Safety Unit
- Neighboring Police Departments
- Pennsylvania State Police
- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- Fire Equipment & Smokehouse
- County Detective's Forensic Unit

**"An Evening of Fun for the Whole Family"**

For more information contact:

CSO Ken Hoffman 267-536-1081, [khoffman@abingtonpa.gov](mailto:khoffman@abingtonpa.gov)  
Ofc. Alison Delaney 267-536-1080, [adelaney@abingtonpa.gov](mailto:adelaney@abingtonpa.gov)

**TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES  
SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK**

Abington Police Department's Pre-Night Out Block Party is tonight, August 1st from 5 to 9 PM, at the Abington Town Center at London and Old York Roads (Target Parking Lot). It will be an evening of fun for the whole family!

## AUGUST MEETINGS

8/2 Stormwater Management Study Public Information Session, 6:30 PM

8/3 Human Relations Commission, CANCELLED

8/4 Special Meeting: Planning Commission, 7 PM

8/9 Shade Tree Commission, 7:30 PM

8/10 Environmental Advisory Council, 7 PM

8/11 Board of Commissioners, 7 PM

8/11 Board of Commissioners Working Session, CANCELLED

8/11 Conditional Use Hearing, 7:30 PM

8/15 Fire Board, 7:30 PM

8/16 Comprehensive Plan Development Team, 6 PM

8/16 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 PM

8/18 Pension Plan Committee, 6 PM

8/18 Finance Committee, 7 PM

8/23 Planning Commission, 7:30 PM

8/25 Vacant Property Review Board, 6:30 PM

8/31 Comprehensive Plan Consistency Committee, 7 PM

## NEWS & UPDATES

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION ON 8/2



## Background Information

With growing challenges in stormwater management, the Township identified a need to review current stormwater system management practices, challenges, regulatory pressures, drainage system performance, and flood impacts from hurricanes as well as more routine storm events. In 2019, the Township engaged a consultant, Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. (Wood), to conduct a stormwater management study. The study's outcome is a comprehensive look at the current and future stormwater management operations and challenges.

## Public Information Session - Huntingdon Valley Shopping Center Focus Area

Wood will be conducting a public information session that will cover in detail the Huntingdon Valley Shopping Center Focus Area, providing information on the alternatives considered as well as the preferred options. Information on potential capital project options for mitigation will be available with more specific details on various green infrastructure best practices considered. A general brief overview of stormwater management will also be covered. All are welcome to attend and provide feedback!

- **Date:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022
- **Time:** 6:30 PM
- **Location:** In-person or online
  - In Person Information: Abington Township Board Room, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001
  - Online Zoom Information:
    - Join by computer, tablet or application: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87863497004>
    - Join by telephone: 1-929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID number 878-6349-7004 when prompted.
    - Meeting ID: 878-6349-7004

[Learn more about the stormwater management study by clicking here.](#)

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## SPECIAL MEETING: PLANNING COMMISSION, 8/4

The Township of Abington's Planning Commission will hold a special meeting by webinar on August 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM to review the application of Toll Mid-Atlantic, L.P. Company, Inc. (Toll Brothers) for a Zoning Text Amendment to create the AR - Age-Restricted Carriage Home Overlay District and a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone certain parcels on the northeast side of Fox Chase Road ("St. Basil's") as AR - Age-Restricted Carriage Home Overlay and to consider any and all business that would normally come before the Commission, and as further outlined on the agenda, which is available on the Township's website at <http://www.abingtonpa.gov/agendas>.

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## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDITIONAL USE HEARING, 8/11

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township, on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the Abington Township Building, will hold a public hearing and take action on the following matter:

**Applicant:** Sisters of the Redeemer

**Property:** For the property located at 521 Moredon Road, Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and is identified as Montgomery County Tax Parcel No. 30-00-44765-00-7

This is an application requesting Conditional Use approval pursuant to Section 1503(B)(2)(c) of the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance to permit public utility transmission lines running along the corridor within the Riparian Corridor Conservation District.

[Please click here to view the full notice and meeting information.](#)

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## LIBRARY NEWS

It's not too late to join in on the fun with Summer Reading! Open to everyone ages 0 - 100+, sign up now at [www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/summer-reading](http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/summer-reading) to win prizes for reading books.

### Program Highlights

- **English for Children:**
  - Date: Mondays in August
  - Time: 3 - 4 PM
  - Ages: 6 - 14
  - Location: Abington Free Library
- **Splashes and Bubbles:**
  - Date: Tuesdays
  - Time: 10 - 10:30 AM
  - Ages: 18 months to 3 years
  - Location: Roslyn Branch Library

See [www.abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org) for more details.

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## PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

### Improvement Projects Update

Tennis and basketball court repairs and color coating projects will begin in August at Crestmont, Ardsley, Roslyn and Alverthorpe Parks. During the work, courts will be closed for approximately 5 - 10 days depending on weather. Information and updates will be posted as available on the Township's website at [www.abingtonpa.gov/projects](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/projects). Once the above parks are completed, Penbryn, Roychester and Rubicam Parks will be scheduled for repairs and color coating.

Additionally, pickleball lines will be added to the four tennis courts at Alverthorpe Park, two tennis courts at Crestmont Park, and two tennis courts at Penbryn Park. Each of those courts will have two center straps for ease of changing the net height for Tennis (36") and Pickle (34").

### Upcoming Programs:

- **Penbryn Pooch Plunge:** Penbryn Pool has gone to the dogs! Help us wrap up the pool season with your furry friend. Dogs and their owners are invited to splish, splash, paddle, and play!
  - Date: September 11
  - Time: 11 AM - 1 PM
  - Cost: \$10 per dog
- **Camping Workshop:** Join us at Alverthorpe Park Campground for a day (and night) of hands-on learning!
  - Date: September 17 - 18
  - Time: 12 PM on Saturday through 12 PM on Sunday
  - Cost: \$65 per family of 4, \$10 each additional person

To register online, visit [www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration)

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**Briar  
Bush**  
NATURE CENTER

# Upcoming Programs

**Join us at Briar Bush for a variety of nature based experiences for all ages beginning this September!**

- **Magic Mornings** – Children ages 2-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult to Briar Bush for walks, crafts, games, animal encounters and more!
- **Nature Pioneers** – 4-6 year-olds are invited to join us on their own for age-appropriate activities, stories, walks, animal encounters and more!
- **Woodland Explorers** – Students in grades K-6 will connect with fellow nature lovers in our Woodland Explorers After-School Club.
- **School's Out, Get Outside!** - When school is not in session, students in grades K-6 can spend a day at Briar Bush exploring the outdoors.
- **Nature Playdates** – Families are invited for unstructured nature play at our Nature Playscape. *Sponsored by BLBB Charitable*
- **Family Nature Night** – Children with sensory processing disorders and families enjoy a night in nature. *Sponsored by Child Development Foundation*
- **SAGE Sessions** – Adults are invited to join the Briar Bush staff for an afternoon discussion of interesting and relatable environmental topics.
- **Adventures in the Field** – Time spent in nature can be both relaxing and stimulating. Adults can join us for enriching nature experiences.

**Call Briar Bush for more information.  
Registration coming soon!**

[www.briarbush.org](http://www.briarbush.org) • 215-887-6603









## VISION2035, ABINGTON'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The comprehensive plan is a document that guides future initiatives, policies, projects and growth within the Township including land use, transportation of people and goods, housing, township facilities and utilities, and natural and historical resources and is enabled under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act of 1968. Your participation is critical in helping develop the plan and ensuring it is reflective of our community's needs and wants; not only for the Township as a whole but the individual communities that comprise it. Explore the Vision2035 webpage, an update to the Township's Comprehensive Plan, at [www.abingtonpa.gov/vision2035](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/vision2035).

There are several ways to participate and stay engaged in the development of the plan:

- Attend the monthly Comprehensive Plan Development Team meeting
  - Next meeting: [August 16 at 6 PM](#)
- Submit a question or comment by clicking [here](#) or emailing [vision2035@abingtonpa.gov](mailto:vision2035@abingtonpa.gov)
- Review and provide feedback on draft plan chapters

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Faint or dizzy		Throbbing headache, confusion
Excessive sweating		No sweating
 Cool, pale, clammy skin		Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin
Nausea or vomiting		Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, weak pulse		Rapid, strong pulse
Muscle cramps		May lose consciousness 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get to a cooler, air conditioned place</li><li>• Drink water if fully conscious</li><li>• Take a cool shower or use cold compresses</li></ul>	<h3>CALL 9-1-1</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move person to cooler place</li><li>• Cool using cool cloths or bath</li><li>• Do not give anything to drink</li></ul> <p><small>mjflynn</small></p>	



# How to Report Abandoned Vehicles

**Abandoned vehicles are a nuisance as well as an eyesore. Don't let abandoned vehicles ruin the look of your neighborhood.**

**Under Pennsylvania's motor vehicle laws, a vehicle is considered abandoned if:**

- **left on a highway or public property in, inoperable condition for 48 hours or longer**
- **left illegally on a highway or public property**
- **left on a highway or public property for 48 hours or longer and does not have a valid license plate, inspection sticker, or VIN number**
- **left on private property without owner's consent for 24 hours or longer**

**If you have a complaint regarding an abandoned vehicle, call 911 and a police officer will respond and evaluate the situation. If the vehicle can be verified as abandoned, it will be posted with an orange notification sticker. If the owner has not removed the vehicle after seven days it will be towed away.**

**1166 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001 | 267-536-1100 | [www.abingtonpd.org](http://www.abingtonpd.org)**

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## REMINDERS FROM OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Please keep your grass mowed under ten inches.
- Remember that pools under 12 inches should be emptied each day.
  - [Click here to learn more about residential pool requirements.](#)
- Pools or ponds deeper than 12 inches require permits.
- Please contact our Code Enforcement team for more information and to submit your permit application. Check out [www.abingtonpa.gov/permits](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/permits) as we continue adding more permit applications for online processing!

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## SUMMER YOUTH MEAL PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY

The Summer Youth Meal Program runs through August 12. Any child 18 years of age or younger can receive a FREE LUNCH, Monday through Friday, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, at Crestmont Clubhouse. Both grab-and-go and eat-on-site meal options are available. No registration or ID is needed to participate. For more information, visit [www.abingtonpa.gov/summermealprogram](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/summermealprogram).

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP  
**SUMMER YOUTH  
MEAL PROGRAM**

JUNE 27 - AUGUST 12, 2022



Free nutritious lunches for all children ages 18 & under.

No enrollment or ID necessary to participate.

Free family programming and Township resources available for all.

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**CONTRACTORS WANTED FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

# WANTED GENERAL CONTRACTORS

## ABINGTON TOWNSHIP OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

# EARN MONEY

THROUGH GOVERNMENT-FUNDED HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- ✓ Program-guaranteed payment for compliant work
- ✓ Fully-funded projects are ready to bid
- ✓ Bids are sent directly to you at no cost
- ✓ Detailed list of work items provided to you
- ✓ Expand your client base

 Apply Online [hip.cgph.net](http://hip.cgph.net)



*CGP&H, LLC manages home improvement programs throughout Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Our company awards over two-million dollars in home improvement projects each year. Each construction project generally ranges in value between \$10,000 and \$60,000+.*

Many projects throughout up to 57 municipalities in Montgomery County, including Abington Township.

Minority, women-owned, and HUD Section 3 businesses strongly encouraged to participate.



**For additional information:**

**e-mail [contractorswanted@cgph.net](mailto:contractorswanted@cgph.net) or call 609.580.0285 or 609.664-2783**

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~~\$9.95~~ = \$0 After benefit applied, tax extra  
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- Fast, reliable connection – up to 50 Mbps!
- Best for up to 4 devices.
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- Light streaming.

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Per Month + Tax

- Faster download speeds – up to 100 Mbps!
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## OWNER OCCUPIED HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM


The Township's Owner Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program is active and accepting residents to join the waiting list. More details are available at [www.abingtonpa.gov/cd](https://www.abingtonpa.gov/cd) or by calling Community Development Director, Kimberly Hamm at (267) 536-1019.

# DOES YOUR HOME NEED REPAIRS?

## THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY

**ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS INCLUDE**



*Roofs & Electrical  
Heating & Plumbing  
Weatherization,  
Lead Hazard  
Reduction & more!*

If you live in the Township of Abington, own and occupy your single family home, and your total gross annual household income falls below the income limit for your household size, you may qualify to participate in the program.

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Income	\$59,050	\$67,450	\$75,900	\$84,300	\$91,050	\$97,800	\$104,550	\$111,300



*(income limits updated annually)*

- There is **no cost to apply** and it does not affect your credit score.
- Funds are provided as a **\$25,000 grant, with a no interest (0%) forgivable loan** for the remaining balance of funds needed for repairs.
- A **professional inspector** oversees the process.
- There is **no monthly payment**.



**This program is sponsored by the Township of Abington**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION/  
TO PLACE YOUR NAME  
ON THE WAITING LIST**

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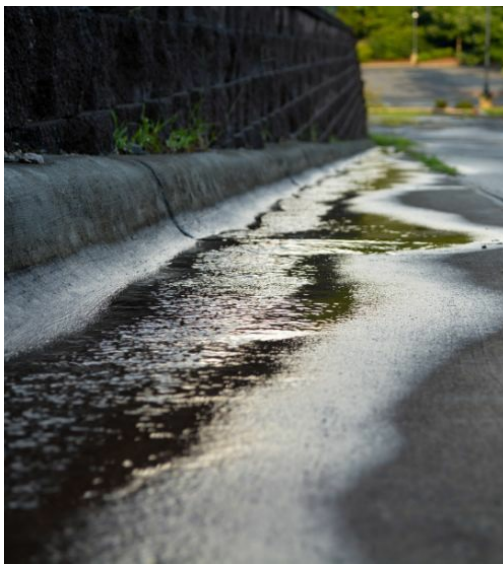
**OR**  
**SCAN THE QR CODE:**

**Program Contact: Brittany Sanchez of CGP&H**  
Email: [bsanchez@cgph.net](mailto:bsanchez@cgph.net)  
Call: 609.642.4992



For more news, please visit our website at [www.abingtonpa.gov](http://www.abingtonpa.gov).

### PROGRAMS & EVENTS



## **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2  
6:30 PM**

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[More Info](#)



## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT WITH MAGICIAN ANTHONY SALAZAR**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9  
6:30 - 7:15 PM  
Abington Free Library**

Enjoy dazzling feats of magic performed by Anthony Salazar! Please bring your own blankets, chairs, and a library card to this outdoor Family Fun Night. Check out children's magic trick books and fantasy books in the north parking lot lawn before and after the show. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be rescheduled later this year.

[More Info](#)



## **MOVIE UNDER THE MOON**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18**  
**Alverthorpe Park**  
**Movie begins around 8 PM**  
**Movie TBD**

Please join us for a movie on the big screen in the park this summer! Bring the entire family! Don't forget the blankets and lawn chairs!

[More Info](#)

For a full list of programs and events, please visit our calendar at [www.abingtonpa.gov/calendar](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/calendar).

## TIP OF THE MONTH



### **The Benefits of Trees by the Abington Township Shade Tree Commission**

Trees are a great resource and provide many benefits to people and the communities they live in! Abington's existing trees provide an estimated \$1.8 million in environmental benefits alone to the Township and its residents each year. Consider planting a tree in your yard to gain the following benefits and contribute to Abington's tree canopy:

#### **Economic**

- Trees increase property values. Houses with trees have a value that is thousands of dollars higher than properties without trees. In general, the larger the tree, the greater the value.
- Air conditioning costs are lower in a tree-shaded home in the summer; and heating costs are reduced when a home has trees acting as a windbreak in the winter.

#### **Environmental**

- Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles; absorbing carbon dioxide and various air pollutants such as ozone, carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide; and release oxygen.
- Trees cool the environment, working as a simple and effective way to reduce urban heat islands (pavement and buildings in commercial areas cause higher temperatures by absorbing the sun's heat).
- Trees reduce flooding by capturing and holding water during storms, which reduces runoff.
- Wildlife, including our favorite bird and butterfly species, need trees to live because they are keystone species in the food web.

#### **Social**

- Trees provide beauty and help people feel serene, peaceful, restful, and tranquil.

- Trees significantly reduce workplace stress and fatigue, increase academic performance of students, and decrease recovery time after medical procedures.

### Communal

- The presence of trees makes neighborhoods more appealing and desirable.
- Urban trees often serve architectural and engineering functions by providing privacy, emphasizing views, or obstructing objectionable views.
- Trees may reduce glare/reflection or direct pedestrian traffic.
- Trees may soften, complement, or enhance architecture.
- Trees bring natural elements and wildlife habitats into urban surroundings, all of which increase the quality of life for residents in the community.

Visit the International Society of Arboriculture: <https://www.treesaregood.org>

## SPOTLIGHT

### Police Department



Abington Township Police Department swore-in our two newest Lieutenants, Joseph Blei and Drew Kent. Lt Blei, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, completed two tours of duty in Iraq and is a purple heart recipient. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Villanova University. In the past twelve years he has held numerous roles within the Department that has helped him achieve his goal of becoming a Commander within the Police Department. Lt Kent, served in the Philadelphia Police Department before joining our department thirteen years ago. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Rowan University, and a Master's degree in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership from University of San Diego. He too has held numerous roles within the Department that have helped him achieve his goal of being a Commander within the Police Department. This was a historic promotion for Lt Kent as he is the first African American officer ever promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the history of the Department. Please join us in

congratulating them both on this achievement, and wishing them the best of luck in their new leadership roles! To view the ceremony, visit <https://youtu.be/kcHK2aWVjYE>

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Refuse Division	<a href="mailto:publicworks@abingtonpa.gov">publicworks@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1034
Wastewater	<a href="mailto:AbingtonWWUD@abingtonpa.gov">AbingtonWWUD@abingtonpa.gov</a>	215.886.0934
Code Enforcement	<a href="mailto:codeenforcement@abingtonpa.gov">codeenforcement@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1000 ext. 4
Tax Office	<a href="mailto:jblumenthal@abingtonpa.gov">jblumenthal@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1024
Traffic Safety	<a href="mailto:trafficsafety@abingtonpa.gov">trafficsafety@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1100
Pot Holes	<a href="mailto:potholes@abingtonpa.gov">potholes@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1034
Fire Services	<a href="mailto:firemarshal@abingtonpa.gov">firemarshal@abingtonpa.gov</a>	267.536.1055
Parks & Recreation	<a href="mailto:parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov">parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov</a>	215.576.5213

## IMPORTANT LINKS

[Township Website](#)

[Applications & Forms](#)

[Police Department](#)

[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Trash Collection & Recycling](#)

[Fire Department](#)

[Parks & Recreation](#)

[Large Item Pick Up](#)

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