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**LONDON BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
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NEWSLETTER**



*Helping to preserve the beauty & lessons of the past,
so that together we can brighten and educate our future.*

With the arrival of Spring, take advantage of the great weather to explore the numerous historically relevant areas in London Britain Township. Opportunities abound for discovery and learning as you explore the numerous trails, paths, and roads that wind through our Township, as well as the White Clay Creek Preserve.

How would you like to:

- Learn about, and explore, our Township's Welsh Baptist Historical District to get a sense of pre-colonial, and early colonial life, as you walk the land where indigenous people lived for thousands of years?
- Be part of the stabilization efforts of the remnants of the historic John Evans Home? Built in the early 18th century, it is one of the oldest homesteads in the area.
- View and learn about the final resting place of those who helped shape our Township and country - including graves of those who fought for our independence in the Revolutionary War?
- Learn how the Mason Dixon Survey formed the boundaries of the areas we now call states?
- Experience how some of the early colonists and residents of our Township worked the land and creek to help sustain the farming and milling ventures that were a critical part of the 18th and 19th century London Britain Township, while informing the vibrant farming community that still exists today?
- Be part of a group of individuals, and your neighbors, who like yourself enjoy learning about the Township we call home and ensuring the history, and historically significant areas, are preserved?

If your answer is yes, or you are not sure, please come and join us. The London Britain Township Historical Commission meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, at the Township Building. If you have any questions, drop us a note at LondonTractHistoric@groups.io.

We look forward to meeting you and ensuring that historically significant aspects of our Township can continue to provide current and future generations with an understanding of our collective history.

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

West Grove Fire Company - Station 321517
New London Road Landenberg, PA
You will be voting for Precinct #330
Chester County Voter Services 610-344-6410



London Britain Township Secured More Than \$860,000 in State and County Grant Funding

London Britain Township has been awarded a series of significant state and county grants totaling more than \$862,000 to support infrastructure planning, public safety enhancements, parks and recreation improvements, and long-range community planning. These awards reflect the Township's ongoing commitment to responsible stewardship, public safety, and high-quality community amenities. A recap of the awarded grants follows:

- **LSA Grant – Windsor Wastewater Treatment Plant Planning**
London Britain Township received \$95,235 through Pennsylvania's Local Share Account (LSA) program to support planning, design, and permitting for resizing the Windsor Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).
This funding will allow the Township to evaluate system capacity, system efficiencies, and ensure long-term environmental compliance.
- **LSA & ARLE Grants – Horse-Drawn Vehicle Flashing Warning Devices**
To improve roadway safety for residents and the region's equestrian and agricultural communities, the Township secured \$54,000 in combined LSA and Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) grants for the installation of horse-drawn vehicle flashing warning devices. These devices will enhance visibility and reduce collision risks on SR896 frequently used by horse-drawn vehicles.
- **Parks & Recreation Improvements – DCNR & Chester County Preservation Grants**
London Britain Township was awarded a combined \$629,987 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and Chester County Preservation grants to support major parks and recreation improvements.
These funds will help expand outdoor amenities with the addition of Pickleball Courts, improvements to the existing Basketball Court, and update playground equipment and surface treatments — strengthening the Township's long-standing commitment to conservation and high-quality recreational opportunities.
- **Chester County Vision Partnership Program (VPP) – Planning Documents**
The Township also received \$83,000 through the Chester County VPP program to develop updated planning documents, supporting long-range open space improvements, environmental protection, and community development goals. This funding ensures that the Township's planning efforts remain aligned with countywide initiatives and best practices.

A Strong Year for Community Investment

With these awards, London Britain Township continues to advance critical infrastructure, safety, and quality-of-life projects without placing additional burden on local taxpayers. Township officials expressed appreciation for the support from state and county partners and emphasized that these grants will accelerate projects that directly benefit residents.

"These grants allow us to move forward on essential projects that strengthen our infrastructure, enhance safety, and preserve the character of our community," Township representatives noted. The Township will begin project planning, engineering, and procurement phases in accordance with state and county guidelines. Residents will receive updates as timelines and construction schedules are finalized.

NEW PLAYGROUND COMING SOON TO NICHOL PARK



Help Shape the Future of Parks, Trails, Open Space and Natural Resources in London Britain Township!

This past February, London Britain Township officially kicked off the update of its Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Resources (OSRER) Plan, and we want *your* voice to be part of the process.

The current OSRER Plan was adopted in 1992, and a lot has been accomplished in the Township since then. This update is an opportunity to take a fresh look at our parks, open spaces, trails, and natural resources and create a shared vision for how they can be protected and enjoyed now and into the future.

What is an OSRER Plan?

The Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Resources Plan serves as a roadmap for the Township. It helps identify and prioritize opportunities for preserving open space, improving recreational amenities, and protecting important environmental resources. Township officials, boards, and commissions will use this plan to guide decisions and investments in a thoughtful, strategic, and cost-effective way—ensuring that current and future residents can continue to enjoy everything that makes London Britain Township special.

How Can You Get Involved?

Community input is essential to the success of this plan. The best plans reflect the people who live, work, and play in the Township—and that means we need your ideas, experiences, and priorities. There will be many opportunities to get involved throughout the planning process:

- **Share your ideas and feedback at public meetings**
 - **First Public Meeting (Open House style): June 4th 5:30 – 7:00 @ Township Building**
- **Make your voice heard by completing the survey (online or paper)**
- **Follow project updates and explore materials on the project webpage**

Your participation will help ensure that the final OSRER Plan truly reflects the community's values and can be realistically implemented with available resources.

Please continue to check the Township's website for updates and announcements as the planning process moves forward. We look forward to hearing from you and working together to shape the future of London Britain Township.

Please scan to visit the project webpage where a link to the survey can be found.



Get to know your neighbors and community through your London Britain Township Land Trust.

We're looking for volunteers to help protect, maintain, and preserve the open spaces that keep London Britain Township healthy and beautiful. Please volunteer to help remove invasive plants, install plants, water, and cultivate native plantings, remove trash and more. You can check out our website www.lbtlandtrust.org. For more information email LBTlandtrustvolunteers@gmail.com to get on our mailing list and get information on upcoming volunteer opportunities!



South Bank School Bell (above) and South Bank School pictures (right)

Susan and Bob Herr, both residents of the Township, provided the pictures and history of the South Bank school.

According to Futhey and Cope's History of Chester County, London Britain adopted the Free School in 1840. However, a news article says that the first schoolhouse was built in 1814. The school was destroyed by fire in 1953.

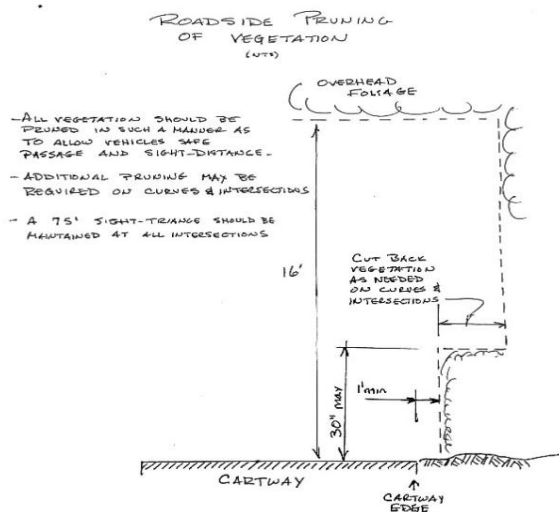


Bamboo Ordinance #19-2 ADOPTED 11/11/19

London Britain Township has determined that the planting, cultivating and growing of certain running noxious plants and grasses, particularly those plants and/or grasses commonly referred to as bamboo, within the Township of London Britain has a negative impact on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township and the public at large, as the uncontrolled planting, cultivating and growth of bamboo plants and grasses, by its very existence, results in road safety hazards, with the potential of falling or leaning onto roads within the Township, and the destruction of private and public property, and constitutes a nuisance within the Township. The Township has therefore determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Township and the public at large to control the planting, cultivating and/or growing of bamboo plants and grasses within the Township, primarily by prohibiting the future planting, cultivating and/or growing of bamboo plants and grasses and by requiring the use of barriers to prevent the invasive spread of existing bamboo plants and grasses within the Township.

The bamboo owner is the owner or occupant of any property in the Township where Bamboo is cultivated, planted, grows or is maintained, even if the Bamboo has spread from an adjoining property. The owner or occupant of the property where the Bamboo is located will be presumed to be the Bamboo Owner unless the owner or occupant provides a written, sworn statement to the Township as described in the Ordinance.

For more information about the Ordinance on the duty to confine bamboo, regulations, removal, violations and penalties please contact the Township office..



Right of Way Vegetation Cut back Guide

The Road Crew will be cutting back vegetation from the Right of Ways on Township roads and cul-de-sacs. Please use the cutting guide to assist you with helping keep the roads safe. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Roadmaster Hunter Warnick 610-425-2926.

Volunteer

Volunteers are always needed. If you would like to volunteer, please visit the Township website and submit a volunteer form.



Septic Pumping Reminder

Regular pumping keeps your septic system healthy and protects our drinking water. On-lot sewage properties are required to pump every 3 years (some are required to pump more often). Required proof of pumping can be sent via email to onlotibt@comcast.net, dropped off at the Township office large tan drop box located outside the office door or mailed to the Township.

Township Road Right-of-Way (ROW) Trees / Property Owner Duty

Trees within Township road ROWs belong to the property owners, but the Township must ensure ROW safety. If a tree poses a hazard in the ROW, the Township will notify the owner and enforce mitigation or removal. Property owners are required to keep all of their land safe and avoid interfering with traffic.

PA Fish and Boat Commission www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat

Get the details on when and where you can cast a line or launch your boat in Pennsylvania.

Whether you are a Pennsylvania resident or visit Pennsylvania to fish, there are lots of license options to choose from. Buy an annual or multi-year license. Senior citizens enjoy discount licenses and are eligible for a lifetime license. In addition, special licenses are available for disabled veterans.

Mason-Dixon Greenway South Trail map www.londonbritaintownship-pa.gov/parks



Stormwater Management

Please visit the Township website Stormwater Management page which contains useful stormwater management information for residents, commercial businesses, and developers in London Britain Township. General information about stormwater management can be found via the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental protection website www.pa.gov/agencies/dep. For more information about municipal obligations for stormwater management including NPDES permits and stormwater ordinance requirements please contact the Township.

Stormwater Management Ordinance Operations and Maintenance (O & M) Agreement Ordinance #23-1 adopted 5/22/23

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) agreements are included in the Stormwater Management Ordinance adopted on May 22, 2023. Each O&M agreement must be submitted to the Municipality for all current and planned permanent Best Management Practices (BMPs), man-made conveyances, or other stormwater facilities listed in the Stormwater Management (SWM) Site Plan that involve over 1,000 square feet of regulated impervious surfaces and more than 5,000 square feet of earth disturbance. The agreement must be:

- Submitted for review and approval;
- Recorded as a public record once approved, against each parcel included in the SWM Site Plan or containing any BMP or conveyance related to the regulated activity governed by an O&M Agreement; and
- Attached to the property they are binding on the landowner, their heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns.

The municipality will inspect SWM BMPs, facilities, and structures installed under this Ordinance at least as often as specified below to ensure they continue to function properly. Anyone installing stormwater controls or BMPs must pay a designated amount to the Municipal Stormwater Control and BMP Operation and Maintenance Fund to help cover periodic inspection and maintenance costs, as directed by the Municipality. The deposit amount is determined as follows:

- For privately owned and maintained BMPs or conveyances, the deposit must cover inspection costs estimated by the Municipal Engineer for a 25-year period, with inspections at these minimum intervals:
 - ❖ Annually for the first five years, then every three years thereafter;
 - ❖ During or immediately after any storm classified as a 25-year or greater event, as determined by the Municipal Engineer.

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