

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



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Chairman's Message

Dear Neighbors:

Autumn is upon us which brings the return to school, the harvest, and Thanksgiving. This year, the Township enjoyed a terrific Country Fair Days through the hard work of the Jaycees, in part by the fact that the weather was nothing short of spectacular!

Over the past several months, the township has enjoyed several highlights, including the Jacob Reiff Park Stream Restoration Project being selected as the 2023 winner of the Environmental Stewardship Award through the Montgomery Awards program, along with the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence.

The township also was awarded a grant for \$7,500 for enhancements at Briarwyck Park and \$358,499.20 to update signal equipment along the Main Street/Sumneytown Pike (Route 63) corridor, and perhaps a few others that I am forgetting to mention.

We have much to be thankful for in Lower Salford Township, in large part (if not wholly) due to the generosity and devotion of the residents to making the community such a great place to live, work, and play. This would also include the parks and trail system, which continues to be a draw to folks relocating to the township.

With winter coming, other challenges can become present such as snowstorms and then snow removal. Our Public Works crew will be handling the harsh realities of winter, whatever it may bring, and we are thankful for all their efforts throughout the year, but especially during the inclement weather season.

Finally, I would also like to thank all those who voted on November 7th and participated in the Democratic process. Your support means so very much.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season and a very prosperous new year!

Keith Bergman
Keith Bergman, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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Supervisors Meetings

The Board of Supervisors meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Informal work sessions are held at 7:30 a.m. on the day before the regular meeting and the third Wednesday of each month. At the work sessions, staff updates the Board on Township activities. No formal action takes place at these meetings.

For more information on Township Contacts, use the QR Code to access the website



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Lederach Golf Club Update

The Lederach Golf Course continues to enjoy steady growth that first started in 2020 during the pandemic. With the extra revenue, a number of delayed maintenance projects have been completed, including a new roof on the clubhouse, restroom renovations, a new ceiling and fans in the pavilion, and new screens to block the wind from the pavilion when needed.



The growth in the number of golfers has triggered a “split tee” approach to tee times, allowing golfers to tee off from the first hole and the tenth hole at the same time, thereby accommodating more golfers during high-demand times.

A number of maintenance issues have been addressed on the course as well, including a three-year project to add drainage in numerous areas. A new fleet of golf carts arrived in mid-October to replace our well-worn current fleet. Leddy’s Pub continues to serve golfers and the public. The menu is updated periodically to meet the changing tastes of the guests.

The Recreation Authority is pleased with the progress made by the golf course and, as always, hopes for good weather throughout fall and winter.

Communication Committee Updates:

Township Uses ReadyMontco to Share Information

In 2022, the Township’s Communications Committee provided a survey asking, “How Do You Get Information About the Township?” The survey was very popular, and the majority of the respondents noted that the Township website (www.lowersalfordtownship.org) was their main avenue for information. Second was our bi-monthly Township E-News, and third was the Township newsletter. A close fourth was text messages as a way to keep residents informed.



This survey response led the Township to begin using the ReadyMontco Notification System as another method to notify residents of information pertaining to our community. Non-emergency notifications, such as board meetings, special events, downed trees, etc., are sent out to registered users through this portal.

Information about ReadyMontco, including signing up, can be found at www.readymontco.gov. Be Alert, Be Informed! ReadyMontco! <https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/3311/ReadyMontco>

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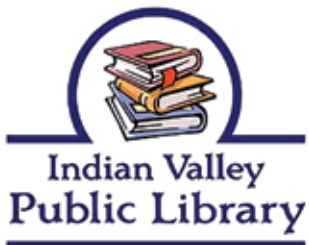
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From the Indian Valley Public Library

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Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Email: refdesk@ivpl.org



SAVE THE DATE! Mini Golf at the Library

Saturday, February 10, 2024

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bring your family and friends for a fun round of mini golf INSIDE the Library. It's **FREE** - no registration is required.

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

- 410,460 Items Borrowed
- 63,780 Digital Items Borrowed
- 13, 868 Internet Users
- 13,469 Program Attendees

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From the Fire Marshal's Office

Burning Regulations Reminder:

A friendly reminder that burning leaves, rubbish, trash, and yard waste is prohibited in Lower Salford Township.

All recreational and ceremonial-type fires must be contained in an approved outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill, burn pit, chiminea, or fire ring. They must be located at least 15 feet from any building or combustible material and an extinguishing agent (fire extinguisher, bucket of water, garden hose) must be easily accessible nearby.



Winter Fire Safety Tips: Each season presents its own unique home fire safety concerns. As the colder months approach, we begin to depend on various heating appliances. Here are some simple fire safety tips regarding these appliances:

- Keep your furnaces clean and well-maintained.
- Make sure you have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- If you use a space heater, keep it away from draperies, furniture, bedding, and other combustible materials.
- Do not use your oven for heating.
- Clean and check fireplaces and wood stoves regularly.
- Keep candles away from flammable materials.



From Your Local Emergency 911 Ambulance Service

In October 2022, Harleysville Area EMS became Freedom Valley Medical Rescue as a result of a merger between Harleysville Area EMS and Trappe Ambulance.

Thanks to the Township's financial contributions, Freedom Valley Medical Rescue no longer sends a Subscription Drive mailer to Lower Salford Township residents. Everyone is now eligible to receive subscription-level services without having to sign up and pay for an individual or family membership plan. This is an average saving of \$65 per individual and \$90 per family.




Freedom Valley Medical Rescue, based out of our Ambulance Station at 309 Main Street in Harleysville continues to provide the highest-quality emergency 911 ambulance service to Lower Salford Township and other local communities.

For more information, please contact us at 215-513-1880 or INFO@FVMedRescue.org



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TAX COLLECTOR NEWS



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A Message from the Lower Salford Real Estate Tax Collector

If you will be away from your primary home for an extended period of time, please inform the Tax Collector. Due to governmental postal regulations, real estate tax bills are not being forwarded, even if there is a forwarding address on file with the USPS.

Please provide the Tax Collector with an email address where your tax bill can be sent. You may email Doug Souder, Tax Collector at: dmsouder@verizon.net or call him at 215-256-9858 with your updated information. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS FOR 2024

MARCH

16 - 10 a.m. - noon
21 - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
23 - 10 a.m. - noon
28 - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

APRIL

1 (Monday)
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

MAY

31 (Friday)
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

AUGUST

15 (Thursday)
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
17 (Saturday)
10 a.m. - noon
22 (Thursday)
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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SEPTEMBER

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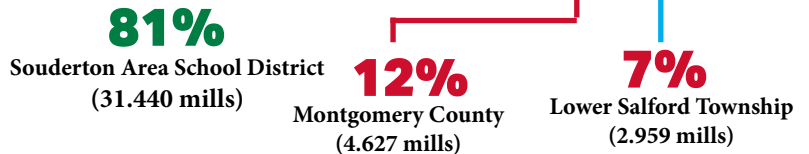
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Christmas in Lower Salford's Early Days

Have you ever wondered how settlers in our area celebrated Christmas?

Let's start with trees. PA Germans believed in wasting NOTHING – and that includes cutting down an evergreen simply for decoration.

However, the red cedar trees that grow wild in our area were a different story. Considered “junk trees” because they really weren't good for building or burning, these trees were often cut down, brought inside, and decorated with pinecones, nuts, bits, or ribbon or cloth and paper ornaments. After the holidays, they were then placed in the east corner of the garden where the hops could climb – sort of as a trellis.

Did you know that the thrifty PA Germans created the first artificial Christmas tree? With feathers from turkeys or geese that were too small to be used as quill pens and too large to be stuffed into pillows, feathers were attached to wooden dowels shaped like a tree, sometimes painted green, and used as a Christmas tree. This tabletop tree proved the perfect size for their homes, which were typically not particularly spacious.

Stockings were not hung in the early households. Instead, children placed their dinner bowls on the table for the gift giver (Kris Kinde) to leave treats. These often included a homemade toy, new mittens, a tow doll for girls or a carved animal for boys, perhaps some clear toy candy and nuts.

One of the most prized gifts would be an orange. This usually involved a trip to Philadelphia, as orange trees only grew in the South and had to be shipped North on merchant ships. They were so rare that many considered them Christmas gold. Children so prized them that they held them and enjoyed the wonderful smell of fresh oranges. Sometimes, to prolong that rare gift, they would hold on to it for too long instead of eating it while fresh, and the taste would be past its prime!

We mentioned Kris Kinde – the gift giver. This was long before the legend of Santa Claus became popular. Kris Kinde is the Christ child, and he would arrive on a donkey at each home. Since the doors were locked, he entered through the keyhole and left his gifts and blessings to all families.

Christmas day began with church service, followed by a holiday feast and then visiting or entertaining family and neighbors.

To all our neighbors, family, and friends, may you enjoy the joy and simplicity of an old-fashioned holiday season.



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Historical Corner

UPCOMING EVENT: Carol Night at Heckler Farm Friday, December 8, 7 p.m.

Join your neighbors for an old-fashioned Christmas tradition of caroling around a bonfire on a frosty December evening, followed by stories of Christmas traditions and customs.



The farmhouse will be decorated as it was when the Heckler family lived here – with candles, fresh greens, and homemade ornaments on the feather tree and red cedar trees. Since we're welcoming our friends and neighbors after caroling, we will have hot chocolate, warm mulled cider, and homemade treats for all to share. We will provide songbooks, so flashlights are a good idea. And remember to dress for the weather. Admission is a homemade treat for the groaning board and, of course, your best singing voice!

All are welcome. For more information, call 215-822-7422.

Fire Safety Inspection Program for Local Businesses

The Township has begun its annual fire safety inspections. This is a program where the Township's Fire Inspector inspects all businesses in the Township for fire-code compliance for the safety of businesses, their employees, and the community as a whole.

Business owners should have received a letter outlining this program, including the required fee. Please wait to pay the fee until you receive an invoice from the Township.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you are a business owner in Lower Salford and have questions regarding this program, please contact the Township Office at 215-256-8087 and ask to speak with the Fire Inspectors.



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Santa Run Set for December 23

Our annual Santa Run is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 23. Santa and his helpers will begin making their rounds throughout the Township at 9:30 a.m. Please listen for the sirens. All the good boys and girls will get a candy cane.

As in past years, we will be collecting non-perishable food and household items (paper towels, toilet paper, toiletries, etc.) for the Shepherd's Shelf Food Pantry. Please bring donations out to the curb for collection by Santa's helpers.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HARLEYSVILLE COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY



Dear Residents of Lower Salford Township,

We continue to stay busy and work hard to support our community. We have welcomed many new members over the past few months.

In early October, we took delivery of our new 2023 Pierce PUC Rescue Pumper. After years of waiting, we are proud to get the truck in service to protect the community. In early 2024, the replacement of our 1995 Traffic Unit will take place.

You might have noticed there are yard signs around the township and all of Montgomery County that promote volunteering for your local fire company. This is all part of a county-wide grant given to Montgomery County for recruitment and retention of volunteer fire company members. Yard signs and reading material have been given out to all companies to share with the communities in hopes of getting more community members to volunteer. Visit montcofirefighters.org for more information if you are interested.



Our 2023 fund-drive mailer was sent out in early October to all area residents. This fund drive serves as a major portion of our annual funding. We graciously thank our residents for their dedicated support in the past as well as in the future.

With the winter upon us, the possibility of snow is very real. If a storm does hit, please remember to shovel out the fire hydrant on your street. And don't forget to clear snow around your street address so first responders don't lose precious seconds in an emergency.

While our numbers remain strong, volunteers are desperately needed in many capacities. Please consider donating your time in such a rewarding way. Stop by on a Tuesday night after 7 p.m. to speak with a member to learn more or contact the station. The Firehouse is located at 247 Kulp Road, Harleysville.

Follow us on social media and visit our website (harleysvillefire.org) for more information on ways to help support the fire company and to see what we are up to.

On behalf of the company, I wish you all a wonderful fall and winter season!

Ryan Nase, Fire Chief

A promotional graphic for Harleysville Community Fire Company. It features a yellow and black background with a fire scene in the background. The text reads: 'STATION 89', 'HARLEYSVILLE COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY'. Below this, there are three bullet points: '100% Volunteer', '55 Firefighters & Fire Police Officers and counting', and 'Since 1922'. To the right, there are two more bullet points: 'Covering & Protecting Lower Salford and Franconia Townships-(15 square miles of coverage)'. At the bottom, there is a contact bar with 'Contact Us', a phone icon, the number '215-256-9657', a globe icon, and the website 'www.harleysvillefire.org'.



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RECENT GRANT APPLICATION PURSUITS BY LOWER SALFORD

Each year, the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisors and Administration along with our consultant staff, review capital project priorities, budgets, grant program requirements, and more to determine what applications should be prepared and submitted for potential grant funding from various agencies.

Many programs happen annually while others may be more spread out over several years or influenced by state and federal legislation. These programs and projects often require coordination with local, county, and regional planning agencies such as the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission (IVRPC), Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC), Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), as well as PennDOT, and our elected state and federal legislators.

The Township views these opportunities as a mechanism to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the community by leveraging additional funds for much-needed infrastructure improvements. Program requirements dictate the types of projects that are ultimately chosen to be submitted for funding and having an ongoing up-to-date library is paramount in being able to have successful applications.

Here are just a few of the 2023 applications awaiting award decisions as well as upcoming application periods are listed below.

- **Department of Community and Economic Development/ Commonwealth Financing Authority (DCED/CFA) Greenways Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP)** – Yoder Road Sidewalk Connections
Anticipated Award Announcements in November 2023 or later
- **Department of Community and Economic Development/ Commonwealth Financing Authority (DCED/CFA) Multimodal Transportation** – Harleysville Pike (SR 0113) Alternate Route Project
Anticipated Award Announcements in November 2023 or later
- **MontCo County Transportation Program (MontCo CTP)** – Harleysville Pike (SR 0113)/Maple Ave./Paterno Drive Traffic Signal Project
Anticipated Award Announcements in late 2023
- **PennDOT Automated Red-Light Enforcement Grant (ARLE)** – LST Multi-Road Safety Striping & Signing Upgrades
Anticipated Award Announcements in late 2023
- **Department of Community and Economic Development/ Commonwealth Financing Authority (DCED/CFA) Local Share Account Statewide Program (LSA)** – TBD: Applications Due November 30, 2023
- **PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)** – TBD: Applications Due November 18, 2023

GRANT PROJECT UPDATES

Here's a look at the status of several projects that have received grant funding:

Red, Yellow, and Green Light-Go – Main Street and Harleysville Pike

We continue to move forward with the design, permitting, and bidding process for upgrades to the traffic signal at Main Street (SR 0063) and Harleysville Pike (SR 0113). PennDOT granted technical approval to the design in July 2023. The Board of Supervisors authorized advertising the project bid package this fall and is on schedule for a late October Bid Opening date and November award.

Following the contract award, the project will enter the construction phase. Procuring signal equipment is often the most time-consuming aspect of a signal upgrade. As a result, construction is expected to be completed by September 2024, if not sooner.

This upgrade will bring one of the oldest signalized intersections in the township into compliance with state and township traffic signal specifications.

Main Street (SR 63, Sec. MRS) Sidewalk and Shared Use Path Project - Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Project Update

PennDOT awarded us \$985,000 through the regional project selections of the project. The Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document is well underway, with an anticipated approval by the end of 2023. The department also is reviewing the Safety Review submission package; once that is approved, the Final Design phase can continue. This will lead to a Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) Package in 2024, with construction to follow.

Walkable Lederach Study through the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI)

The project team has made significant progress toward completion of the study and looks forward to the second Public Meeting in November 2023 before final compilation of the study for Township

approval. Community members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Details will be posted on the Lower Township Website.

Edaptive Traffic Signal System – Two Grants Awarded to Lower Salford Township

PennDOT awarded us two grants for traffic signal system upgrades. The first phase included an award of \$234,720 through the 2022 Traffic Signal Technologies (TST) program to upgrade the Township's current Centrac's Adaptive signal control system to Centrac's Edaptive along the Main Street / Sumneytown Pike (SR 0063) signal system. Phase 1 of this project will address the adaptive system software upgrade needs, including the installation of new timer units at nine (9) intersections, software upgrades to existing controller timer units at two (2) intersections, and implementation and setup of the Centrac's Edaptive System at each of the eleven (11) intersections within the system.

A second phase of the project was recently awarded funds through the 2023 PennDOT Green Light-Go (GLG) funding program. This \$358,499 award includes critical system hardware upgrades that provide for optimal performance of the new system. Phase 2 will focus on the remaining equipment upgrades needed to provide for the most effective use of the adaptive software and for the most efficient flow of traffic along this corridor.

Efficient traffic flow is increasingly important as population expansion experienced by Lower Salford Township and neighboring communities to our west impacts traffic conditions on Main Street. By improving the daily commute, this project will improve the quality of life for all who utilize the Main Street corridor.

Together with McMahan, a Bowman company (Township Traffic Engineer), we are working toward permitting and project engineering approvals before the actual construction phase. These grants are funded through PennDOT and, therefore, close coordination with the Traffic Signal Unit is required throughout engineering and construction.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: PETER HARUBIN

POSITION: Vice Chairman of the Park Board, appointed January 2006

What the Board Does: this seven-member advisory board seeks to provide public access and enjoyment to open space while preserving the natural features of these pristine areas. Members serve for a five-year term. In addition to Harubin, members include Kent Krauss, Chairman, Jan Johnson, Ryan Beltz, Amy Burch, Andy Lazzaro, and Mark Kelley.

Why He Serves: A longtime member of the Harleysville Lions Club, Peter believes in the importance of community service. He was urged to join the board by Joe Sykes, his father-in-law and a member of the board. "It seemed like a natural tie-in with my involvement with the Lions," he says.

Board Priorities: Harubin says there was a good plan in place when he joined the board almost 18 years ago. "We're just tweaking what needs to be done in individual parks," he says. "We're making a good thing better, trying to determine the best use for areas we have."

What's Working: Harubin says the Township's Public Works Crew has done a fine job maintaining the park system and trails. "When issues are identified by members of the Park Board, they've always been addressed in a timely manner," he says.

Bio: Harubin, 73, worked for 36 years in the Montgomery County Adult Probation and Parole Department. He and his wife Christine have lived in Lower Salford since 1980. He grew up in King of Prussia, she in Conshohocken.



The Future: "I'll stick with it until my body tells me to pass it on to a younger person," he says.

The Township wishes to thank Pete for his continuing service to the community.



The Township Public Works Department recently made the temporary Pickleball Courts at Charles Reed Memorial Park into permanent courts complete

with nets and fencing. The existing basketball courts were also re-surfaced.

The Courts are first come, first serve (*no pun intended!*). If you notice others waiting to play, please wrap up your match and allow others the opportunity to play this increasingly popular sport!





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CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATIONS:

196 Main Street (Mainland V, LLC). The proposal is for townhouse apartment rentals, an AutoZone retail operation, and a bank.

45 Mainland Road - Proposal is for a museum in an existing industrial building (the former Isabelle's Kitchen facility)

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLANS UNDER REVIEW:

Shihadeh Residential Land Development - six dwelling units (three sets of twins) within Lederach Village - Lederach Cross Road/Harleysville Pike.

Clemens' Mill - Land development at 531 Main Street for an office building and 13 residential units.

785 Cressman Road - Proposal to subdivide a 9.52-acre parcel in the R1-A Zoning District into three lots.

PLANS APPROVED OR CURRENTLY IN CONSTRUCTION:

Jacob's Crossing - 42 attached residential units on Oak Drive (past the Post Office) and one single-family home on Meadow Lane.

Lederach Village Homes: Morris Road - Northeast side of Morris Road near Harleysville Pike - Two six-unit, three-story apartment buildings (12 units) and two four-unit, three-story apartment buildings (eight units) for a total of 20 units.

Silver Springs Farm - 7,700-square-foot warehouse addition at 640 Meetinghouse Road.

Lederach Village Homes: 712 Harleysville Pike - Two four-unit apartment buildings and retaining the existing dwelling and converting it to an apartment - nine total units.

Chinmaya Mission Harleysville - Approximately 18,000-square-foot religious use building at 991 Lucon Road.

Christopher Lane Realty-Land Development for a 22,000-square-foot light industrial building at 130 Christopher Lane - Hagey Road, LLC.

Mainland Pointe - SHR Harleysville, LP - Mixed-use Land Development on Main Street. Includes single-family dwellings, apartment buildings, and commercial pads for lease.

841 Main Street - 4,800-square-foot office building and six apartments on 1.39 acres in the Village Commercial (VC) District - SCK2 Group, LLC.

PDC Machine - 150,000-square-foot manufacturing facility and warehouse at 30 Fretz Road.

Arby's Restaurant - a sit-down/drive-through restaurant within the Mainland Pointe development on Main Street.

Park Crossing at Salford: 48 single-family houses on Maple Avenue between Oak Drive and Route 113. Fox Lane Homes (all parcels have been sold).

Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen Restaurant - a sit-down/drive-through restaurant within the Mainland Pointe development on Main Street.

Highpointe at Salford: 19 two-family dwellings (38 units) and eight three-family dwellings (24 units) for a total of 62 units on Oak Drive at the corner of Harleysville Pike (Fox Lane Homes).

ALMAC (25 Fretz Road) - 78,000-square-foot expansion of the existing facility, including parking facilities and stormwater management at the corner of Fretz and Wambold roads.

DEH Holdings (285 Wambold Road) - Plan is for two industrial buildings: one 25,436 square feet and a future building at 24,200 square feet for light industrial use and wholesale sales.

355 Maple Avenue - building renovation and additional trail connections - Administrative Office (AO) district - VV355, LLC

931 Harleysville Pike - Land Development of four single-family detached houses accessed by a shared driveway.

Creekside at Mainland - Land Development at 7, 15, 17, and 29 Mainland Road, preserving the existing Mainland Inn as a restaurant and building 41 residential dwellings.

Update: Stormwater Projects

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) require Lower Salford Township to reduce sediment and nutrients in several streams in the Township. We are currently working on the following stormwater projects to improve the water quality in the streams:



Alderfer Road Open Space and Park Avenue Stormwater Basin

This year, work was performed on two basins along either side of the West Branch Skippack Creek between Alderfer Road and Park Avenue. The Township is modifying the existing basin on the Park Avenue side and creating two basins along Alderfer Road to remove pollutants from the stormwater runoff before water enters the stream.

The existing basin on the Park Avenue side had a concrete low-flow channel and a sloping basin bottom that allowed the runoff for smaller rain events to pass through the basin quickly. To slow the water, the low-flow channel was removed, and the bottom of the basin planted with meadow grasses. The meadow grasses have longer root systems that uptake some of the runoff and improve infiltration into the soil. By slowing down the water, sediment in the water can settle in the basin before entering the stream. The grasses and infiltration will help reduce nutrients in the water before it is discharged into the stream.

Similarly, the area along Alderfer Road has been graded to provide two small basins that collect and store the runoff from Alderfer Road and the Hunter Crest development before it is discharged to the stream. Similar to the Park Avenue basin, the area has been planted with meadow grasses to remove pollutants from the runoff prior to discharge.

Rain Garden at Community Park



In addition to these stormwater improvements, the Township has partnered with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) and the North Penn Water Authority to construct a rain garden in the Harleysville Community Center Park next to a parking area along Gruber Road. The Public Works Department prepared the area, PWC provided plants, and volunteers along with PWC completed the initial planting.

The Township has also applied for a grant for a larger water quality basin at the Harleysville Community Center Park. Keep watching for more information on this project.

To help the Township address the water quality of our streams, please report any pollution that enters our streams and storm sewers to Lower Salford Township by calling the Township office at 215-256-8087.

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The Township Public Works Department also resurfaced the basketball courts at Bucher Park and will be resurfacing the Inline Skating Court at the park in 2024.



FAQ:

The Frequently Asked Questions page on the township website (lowersalfordtownship.org) may help answer a question and save you a phone call! Use the code linked here.



The Montgomery-Harleysville Region of Toys For Tots is pleased to announce that the U.S. Marine Corps 2023 Toys for Tots Campaign is officially underway.

Effective immediately, ***new, unwrapped toys*** may be dropped off at any of the many drop-off locations in the campaign area, through December 10, 2023. For a complete list of drop-off locations please go to my website at <http://harleysville-pa.toysfortots.org>.

Toys are always desperately needed for ages 8-17. **We are also in need of toys for special needs children, such as sensory toys, musical toys and talk tablets, etc.**

Monetary donations to this campaign are also urgently needed to purchase toys for older children, as we never receive enough toys to fill orders for them. Donations should be made on-line at the above website by clicking on **Ways to Donate Local**. By donating through this website, **all monetary donations stay with the Montgomery-Harleysville campaign**. Monetary Donations may also be made by check, payable to Toys For Tots, and mailed to **481 Stover Road, Harleysville, PA 19438**.

*Barbara J. Jansons, Toys For Tots Coordinator
Montgomery-Harleysville Region
E-mail: harleysville.pa@toysfortots.org*



Summer camp

HARLEYSVILLE SUMMER DAY CAMP 2024

It's not too soon to start thinking about summer plans for the kids! The Harleysville Summer Day Camp is excited to announce that we will enter our third summer at the Harleysville Community Center in 2024! The HCC is at 477 Park Ave. between Kulp Road and Maple Avenue.

Camp dates for the 2024 regular session will be June 17-August 9. Their Mini-Camp week will run August 12-16. The camp day runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours in the morning from 7 to 9 and in the afternoon from 4 to 6.

Families can register for between two and eight weeks for the regular session. Mini Camp is a separate registration and is offered to all families whether you are registered for the regular 8-week session or not. Check www.harleysvilledaycamp.com for details.

The Harleysville Summer Day Camp is a Traditional Summer Day Camp with Educational Leadership. It is designed to provide a healthy and safe atmosphere where each camper can enjoy a wide variety of activities. The goal is to instill in campers the values of respect for others, honesty, and good sportsmanship. Instructors/Teachers direct the activities to promote fun and learning in a non-competitive atmosphere.

The Day Camp's Staff will include local professional/certified educators, coaches (collegiate, high school, and youth), nurses, swim instructors and lifeguards, senior/junior counselors, specialty staff, and office personnel. A mature and experienced staff will not only give your child the optimum summer day camp experience but will also ensure your child is under constant supervision and in a safe environment. Undergraduate Education majors and professionals are highly sought as staff members for those reasons.

The daily program is structured and scheduled but not highly competitive. Activities and field trips are geared appropriately to age and grade levels. Children are grouped according to age (grade level completed this school year) and gender; the 4-year-old age group is co-ed. There is also a half-day program offered for the 4-year-old group as well (morning option only). The main objective is to provide each and every child with a safe and enjoyable experience while at the Harleysville Summer Day Camp.

Activities include daily swim lessons, recreational swimming, archery, basketball, arts and crafts, music and dance, bones ball (a form of baseball), field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, street hockey, Gaga, playground, sustainable gardening, nature hikes, on-campus performances, themed weeks, Gator Day Fridays, field trips, and much more.

Field trips include Earl Bowl Lanes, Freddy Hill Farms, LEGOLAND, Lehigh Valley IronPigs, and Dorney Park to name a few. Special events held at the day camp include Zoo on Wheels, Science Explorers, The Magic of Sam Sandler, a Phillies Home Run Derby, and the Philadelphia Union Mobile Tour!

Lunch will be available for campers to purchase daily through the snack bar at the Harleysville Community Pool.

More information and details will be made available online as the summer approaches. The camp also sponsors a CIT Program for current 8th graders who wish to experience counselor responsibilities in hopes of working in a camp environment. Check the website for details and registration.

Tutoring services will again be available (for an additional fee) onsite during the camp day for K-6 students who want enrichment or to prepare for the next grade level in reading, writing, or math. A Pennsylvania-certified elementary teacher will hold 40-minute sessions that both parent and tutor can schedule.

Registration is currently open and nearing capacity.

OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: Saturday, December 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: the scout cabin at 477 Park Ave.

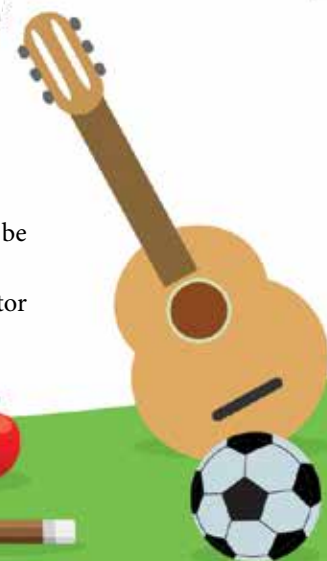
WHY: Bring the whole family, meet staff, and tour the facility.

Additional Open House dates will be added in the spring.

Check the website for updates and information. When you are registered, information will be sent via email.

For more information, check us out at www.harleysvilledaycamp.com, send an email to Director Joe Kilpatrick (jkilpatrick@harleysvilledaycamp.com), or call 267-932-8245.

Harleysville Summer Day Camp is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization



Lower Salford Township Mailbox Policy

For convenience and practicality, mailbox installations have been allowed within the right-of-way of Lower Salford Township's public roads; however, it is important to recognize that such installations have two very important conditions:

- The mailbox must be installed in accordance with applicable standards to ensure that mail can be delivered and that the mailbox does not create an obstacle or safety hazard to those that use or maintain the highway.
- **The mailbox is installed entirely at the owner's risk.** In other words, if the mailbox incurs damage during any sort of highway operations or maintenance, the property owner is not entitled to replacement or compensation. In fact, if the mailbox was not installed in accordance with the applicable standards as stated above, the owner may even be held liable for injuries or damages that may have been incurred as a result.

It is the job of the Public Works Department to remove snow from the road surfaces. There is little that can be done to prevent snow from being discharged from the plow blade. Mailboxes must be securely

fastened to a sturdy post anchored in the ground to resist the impact of thrown snow. The Township will reimburse the homeowner only when the Township snow plow or truck is found to have made direct contact with the mailbox, not when the box is knocked over by snow or slush that is thrown by the plow.

If a mailbox has been physically struck by a Township snow plow it must be reported to the Department of Public Works within 48 hours.

If it is determined that the mailbox has been struck by a Township truck or snowplow and the mailbox was installed in accordance with the United States Postal Service Specifications (41 inches to 45 inches off the ground and back 6 inches to 8 inches from behind the curb), the Township will offer a reimbursement not to exceed \$50 for damage to the mailbox.

It shall be the responsibility of the homeowner to make the necessary repairs and provide a receipt for reimbursement. Please refer to the US Postal Service Guidelines as noted on their website <https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>.



Reminder: Leaves and Yard Waste Disposal

The Township provides a leaf/yard waste (no grass clippings) drop-off location in the back parking lot at the Township Building, 379 Main Street. Leaves and yard waste in biodegradable bags may be deposited in the container at the Township Building Parking Lot at no cost throughout the year.

Biodegradable bags may be purchased at the Township Municipal Building (2 bags for \$1 or 50 bags for \$22).

Christmas Tree Recycling

Trees free of decorations can be dropped off during daylight hours at Reiff Park at the parking lot off Upper Mainland Road through February 28. The trees will be chipped and used for mulch throughout the Township's park system.



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