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Message From the Chairman

Dear Residents:

Autumn seems to sneak in and out more quickly every year, leaving us to face the harsh face of winter and all its assorted reminders of the “realities” of life. These are usually white, hard slippery realities to be dealt with in the most delicate fashion.

Our Public Works Department will be gearing up to deal with the coming realities, just as it winds down the numerous construction projects completed over the last year, including the replacement of old, worn out drainage pipes on Ruth and Yoder roads. By the time you read this, we are assured that PennDOT will have completed its work on the Lederach traffic signal, including the installation of the television monitoring system to help the flow of traffic through the intersection. That equipment is awaiting the arrival of the new posts that are due to be delivered any day now.

With Autumn comes elections, and we will all miss Phil Heilman after he completes his term on the Board of Supervisors at the end of 2019. Phil has served the Township on the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for over 25 years. We thank him for all his years of dedicated service. He will be hard to replace and yet the Township will need to adapt to at least one new face after the election in November.

Be sure to participate and let your voice be heard at the polls. One could argue that this year’s local election could have a far greater impact on your life than the Presidential election in 2020. I’ll let you decide.

Douglas Gifford

Chairman, Lower Salford Board of Supervisors

Get Out and Vote!

The General Election is Tuesday, November 5. Polling locations are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. If you are not sure where your polling location is, please visit the Voting District page on the Township Website at: www.lowersalfordtownship.org/your_community/voting_districts, the state website: www.pavoterservices.pa.gov or call the Township Office with your address: 215-256-8087.

PLEASE NOTE: In May 2019, Montgomery County implemented a new voting system that uses a paper ballot. To educate yourself more on this new format, please visit the Montgomery County Voter Services webpage at: <https://www.montcopa.org/3112/New-Voting-System>.

If you do not have internet access, please call Montgomery County Voter Services at 610-278-3280.

The Township encourages everyone registered to vote to come out and cast your ballot in the General Election.



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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.

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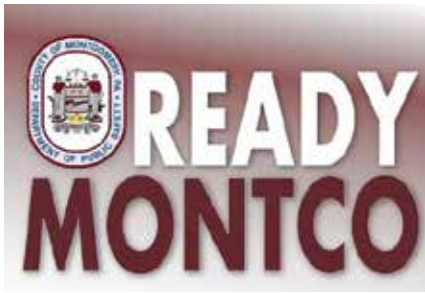
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From the Lower Salford Police Department



Emergencies and disasters strike quickly and often without warning. They can disrupt our lives, force us to leave our homes, or even confine us for days without essential services like electricity, phones, or water.

How ready are you and your family?

Vice Chairman Doug Johnson reminds residents that one of the first things you can do is sign up for our ReadyMontco notification system. This program delivers alerts about severe weather and other important events in Montgomery County to the devices of your choice. Whether you prefer emails, text messages, or even a good ol' fashioned phone call - you decide the option that works for you!

There is no direct cost to sign up for ReadyMontco. However, there may be charges for certain features (like receiving text messages) so it's best to double check with your service providers.

ReadyMontco replaced the ReadyNotifyPA system in June 2015 as the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, along with its emergency management partners in the Southeastern Pennsylvania region, switched providers of our notification system.

To create an account, go to montcopa.org and click on the "stay informed" tab on the top right of the page. Choose "Sign-up for Ready Montco" on the left of the dropdown box.



"Like" the Lower Salford Township Police Department's Facebook page to see updates, news and stories of local interest.



Bruce Stocking of the W.S. Hancock Society is busy turning the inside of the Heckler Plains Farmstead into a Public Meeting House of the 1800s at this year's Heckler Fest.



Shown are members of the Harleysville Eagles Youth Association using the Township's newest multi-purpose fields. These new fields are located on Township open space on Park Avenue near Harleysville Pike. (Photo Courtesy of Rick Clair)

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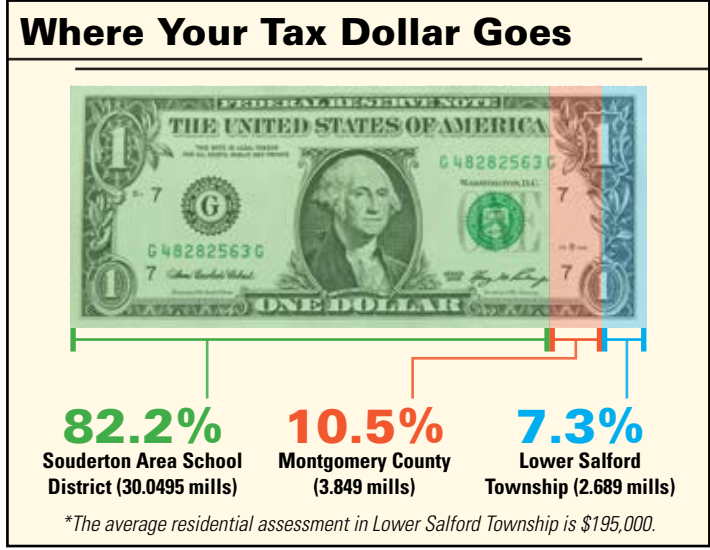
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Christmas Tree Recycling

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.



Reminder: Leaves and Yard Waste Disposal

The Township provides a leaf/yard waste (no grass clippings) drop-off location. 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 (\$0.35 per bag, 3 bags for \$1 or 50 bags for \$16.50).

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>.



Residents of Lower Salford Township,

We welcome the return of the fall season here at the fire company. It is a very busy and exciting time of year for us with many community and fire prevention activities that occur. We will spend hundreds of personnel hours at these events, fire calls and ongoing training and certification. We always look forward to meeting and speaking with you at these events.

We are looking forward to taking delivery of our new 2019 Kenworth/Pierce Tanker truck in December 2019. The truck was designed by a committee of our members to replace our 1999 Mack/Swab tanker truck. The new truck will carry 3,000 gallons of water and all related equipment needed to pump and move water in our rural areas.

Our 2019 fund drive mailer went out in September to all area residents. This fund drive serves as a major portion of our annual funding for the fire company. The fire company graciously thanks all of our residents for their dedicated support in the past. We are able to be here to protect you because of that support. Please consider sending in an annual donation via the fund drive to help your local volunteer fire company.

Volunteers are always needed in many different capacities at our company. Please consider donating your time to serve in such a rewarding way. Feel free to stop by on a Tuesday night and speak with a member to learn more about the opportunities available.

I wish you all a wonderful fall and winter season.

Kevin Wasson - Fire Chief

Fire Safety Tips from the Lower Salford Township Fire Marshal's Office



Burning Regulations Reminder: Burning leaves, rubbish, trash, and yard waste is prohibited in Lower Salford Township. However, you may have a small fire for recreational and ceremonial purposes, which are identified as fires for the purpose of roasting marshmallows, hotdogs, worship, etc.

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

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors: Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time. This year, Daylight Savings falls on Sunday, November 3. It is a good idea to replace any detectors that are over 10 years old.

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Harleysville Area EMS Update

Ambulance Subscription Drive: Our new 2019/2020 annual ambulance subscription has been mailed out to all Township residents. As your local emergency ambulance service, we rely heavily on your subscription and generous donations to help sustain our day-to-day operations as an emergency ambulance service. Harleysville Area EMS is dedicated to providing the highest level of advanced emergency medical care to you and our community.

If you have not received a subscription card in the mail or if you have any questions please give us a call at 215-513-1880

Safety Tip: Autumn is the start of the flu season...to avoid getting or spreading the flu:

- Get your flu shot.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread by touching something that is contaminated with germs and then touching the eyes, nose, or mouth.

First-Aid & CPR Training: We continue to provide residents and local businesses with First Aid and CPR classes as well as other interesting and useful educational opportunities. For more information, or to schedule a training class, contact us at 215-513-1880 or at CPR@HAEMS.org.

From the Public Works Department

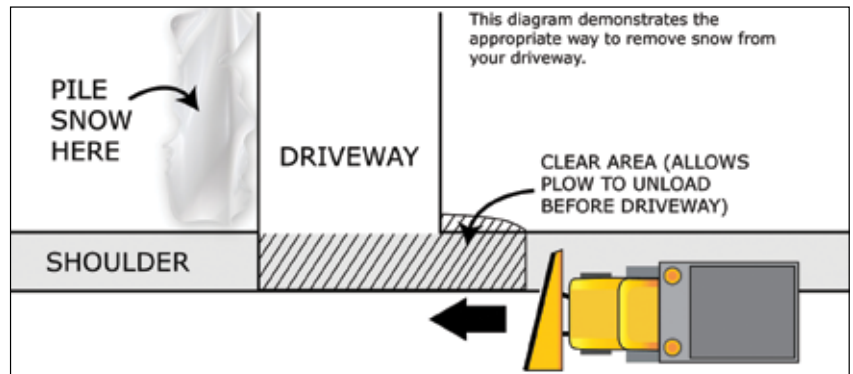
The Lower Salford Township Public Works Department has begun preparing for winter operations. Our main objective is to keep you safe as you travel through our township.

In an effort to do so, we need your help; when you hear of a pending winter event, please follow these few tips to aid us and everyone in our snow removal efforts:

- All vehicles must be parked off streets to allow for a safer, more efficient snow removal operation.
- Please remove your trash, recycling containers, and sports equipment from the street.
- Please ensure that your walks are cleared and treated within 10 hours of the end of a snowfall. If snow falls after 6 p.m. you will have until 11 a.m. the next day to complete clearing and treating your walks.
- Be certain that your sump pump discharges on your property or into a storm drain directly, not onto sidewalks or streets where it can freeze and cause a dangerous situation.
- PLEASE help our Fire Department by clearing any fire hydrants on your property during and after a storm and after the plows pass through. This is critical should the need to reach a hydrant occurs.

Lastly, our crews will be out working hard for the benefit of you and others. They will be spending long hours on duty situations and will, at times, need to rest and replenish nutrients. Please know that these periods are imperative to everyone's safety and are of great benefit to the overall operation.

We make every attempt to be efficient and professional. In the event that damage is caused, please wait until after the storm has ended to contact the Township and someone will get back to you.



Clearing the roads is our main goal. We will push snow toward the edge of the road and yes it will be at the end of your driveway (see the diagram that may help alleviate some of that).

Once again, we will use our Liquid Brine System to aid in the fight against Old Man Winter. Brine is our first line of defense in preventing snow/ice from bonding to the roadway.

We will be out applying Liquid Brine to our roads 24-48 hours ahead of a predicted snow/ice event. Please understand that not every storm is conducive to the use of brine. We will continue to evaluate each event individually and continue to watch temperatures and conditions closely. Our ultimate goal is to use this tool in an efficient manner to ensure all who reside here, travel through here, or visit our beautiful township, are kept safe.

Once again, our overall goal is making the roads safe for everyone. Township Supervisor Phil Heilman agrees that the wider and cleaner the roads, the safer they are for everyone.

For Township emergency or meeting announcements, tune to KYW 1060 or WNPV 1440 for updates.

Thank you for your help, patience and understanding.

Clemens Road Path and Sidewalk Connection Completed

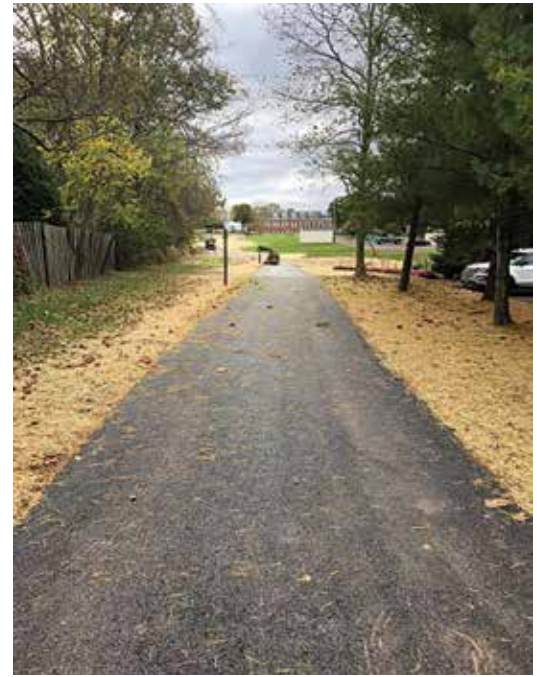
The Lower Salford Board of Supervisors continues to prioritize the expansion of the Township's pedestrian sidewalk and path system with the construction of a shared-use path behind the car wash property and sidewalk extension along Clemens Road.

This segment has long been planned for and will now come to fruition. The construction contract was awarded to Marino Construction in the amount of \$254,996 and was engineered by McMahon Associates, Inc., the Township Traffic Engineer consultant. The project includes partial funding from the Montgomery County "MontCo 2040" Implementation Grant Program. Construction is expected to be complete by the fall of 2019.

The completion of this segment will create paths between the residential areas north of Main Street to commercial/residential areas south of Main Street. Geographically, it is located centrally between the Harleysville Community Center, Charles L. Reed Memorial Park, Heckler Plains Park, and Alvin C. Alderfer Recreation Area.

These project improvements will provide the following benefits:

- An extension connection of the existing dead-end segment of bituminous path to the existing pedestrian facilities at Main Street.
- A connection to the only designated pedestrian crossing on Main Street on the eastern side of Lower Salford Township. This intersection has existing pedestrian signals.
- A direct connection between neighboring residential communities and the Henning's Supermarket Shopping Center.
- Connections to existing Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps.
- A new crosswalk at the intersection of Main Street and Clemens Road on Clemens Road at the intersection of Clemens Road with Shirley Drive, including ADA compliant curb ramps.
- A crossing over the unnamed tributary to West Branch of Skippack Creek.



Completed path facing Clemens Road



Before construction where the path ended facing Clemens Road



Overview of completed path with Clemens Road to the left



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County Bridges Update

The Montgomery County Department of Roads and Bridges recently provided a status report for both the Camp Wawa bridge and the Bergey's Mill bridge. Both bridges, which are owned by the county, were closed for safety reasons several years ago.

The County has awarded a contract to Gannett Fleming to design, engineer, and replace the Camp Wawa Road bridge. The final design is almost complete, with construction planned to begin in 2020.

The engineering and design contract for the Bergey's Mill Road bridge has also been awarded to Gannett Fleming; however, the structure has been deemed historic, requiring additional steps before any type of replacement or rehabilitation can take place. With all historic structures in the state, the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission (PHMC) must weigh in with a "rehabilitation feasibility analysis," which determines whether the bridge should be completely replaced by a new structure or the existing structure reconstructed to historic specifications. The PHMC must provide this analysis before engineering and design can begin. The request for this analysis was submitted by the County to the PHMC in May 2019.



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Home Daily/Weekends: The industries we work for operate primarily Monday thru Friday which also allows our drivers to enjoy Weekends for that quality home time to spend with friends and family.



Toys for Tots

The 72nd Marine Corps Toys For Tots Campaign kicked off on October 1, 2019. For the 18th year, the Lower Salford Township Police Department will be collecting toys for this Campaign.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of so many last year, as a Region 1 collection area, we were able to distribute toys to almost 2,000 less fortunate children. We hope to surpass that number in 2019!

As always, the age groups where gifts are in short supply are 0-2 yrs. and 11+ yrs.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and can be made by check (payable to Toys For Tots) and dropped off at, or mailed to, the Lower Salford Township Police Department, 379 Main Street, Harleysville, PA 19438.

On-line donations can be made by going to <http://harleysville-pa.toysfortots.org> and clicking the "Donate Now" button. By using this link, any on-line donations will go directly to the Region 1 – Harleysville campaign. Companies can also make "matching donations" for any employee donations.

Below are the drop off locations for the Lower Salford Township-Harleysville Region:

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- Dairy Queen
- Daniels Lawn & Garden Center
- Deacon Industrial Supply Co., Inc.
- Encore Experiences (Senior Center)
- Financial Voyages LLC
- Giant
- Green Tweed
- H P Cadwallader
- Harleysville Ace Hardware
- Harleysville Bank
- Harleysville Eye Associates
- Harleysville Post Office
- Henning's Market
- Indian Valley Country Club
- Indian Valley Scuba
- Indian Valley YMCA
- Just Crusin'
- Key Bank (Meadowbrook Plaza)
- Kiddie Academy
- Landis Supermarket
- Lower Salford Twp. Police Dept.
- Maple Avenue Foods
- Maplewood Estates (Peter Becker)
- Montgomery Woods
- North Penn Water Authority
- Park View at Oak Crest
- Phoenix Rehab & Health
- Robert Merchand Allstate Agency
- Sports Unlimited
- The Birches
- The Hillside
- The UPS Store
- Village Square
- Walmart



Holiday Calendar

CAROL NIGHT AT THE HECKLER FARMSTEAD

Friday, December 13 at 7 p.m.

The Heckler Plains Folklife Society invites you to enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas celebration by caroling around the bonfire. When the caroling ends, guests are invited into the candle-lit farmhouse for hot cider, hot chocolate and homemade treats. Admission to the event is a handmade treat for the groaning board or a handmade ornament for the Christmas tree.

In true Heckler Plains tradition, we will relate stories of Christmas long ago with tales of the Belsnickel, the visit of Kris Kinde and how the animals can talk on Christmas Eve.

The Farm is located at Morris and Landis Roads (off Route 113 and Route 63) in Harleysville.

For more information, call 215-822-7422 (evenings). You can also like us on Facebook.

SANTA RUN

The fire company is pleased to announce that our 2019 Santa Run will be held on Saturday, December 21 this year. Santa and his helpers will begin making their rounds at 10 a.m. They are usually done by about 3 p.m.



As in past years, the fire company will be collecting non-perishable food for the Shepherd's Shelf Food Pantry. Please bring your donations out to the street and it will be collected by Santa's helpers following the sleigh.

There will be candy canes for all the good little boys and girls!

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide a schedule for when he will be on your street. We do our best to cover every street in the township, and weather and fire calls can delay his arrival. Please listen for the sirens, which means he is getting close!

Happy holidays to all!

GIFT CARD DRIVE

The Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth is conducting its annual Holiday Gift Card Drive. You can support an abused, abandoned or neglected child in need this holiday season by providing gift cards from stores of your choosing. Gift cards can be used to match the individual needs, and are not subject to toy recalls or safety issues. Their use is also monitored by professional casework staff. Gift cards in \$10 to \$25 increments are recommended.

Donations can be sent to: Department of Health and Human Services / Office of Integrative Services, 1430 DeKalb Street, PO Box 311, Norristown, PA 19404-0311. For more information, call 610-278-5800, extension 5885 by December 9th.

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When was the last time you were at the library? If you haven't visited us in a while, we recommend you stop by soon because we have had some big things happening this and last year.

We offer many different unique services here at the library that caters to many different interests. One of our more unknown programs is the **museum pass program**, in which a patron can check out a day pass, free of charge, to one of the 20 different museum or educational institutions in our area. These passes are a great way to do something new as the hot weather begins to die down, whether it be with friends or your family for an unbeatable price. If you are looking for a different niche please feel free to visit our website, at ivpl.org. Additionally, we are gearing up for our annual Wine Tasting, which is a classic event you do not want to miss out on. Join us on Saturday, November 9 from 7 – 10PM for a fabulous night of being wined and dined by Indian Valley Public Library.



Additionally, we create weekly and monthly newsletters for those who would like to stay up to date with what we have to offer here at the library. Be sure to sign up for our e-newsletters, simply by emailing

Jocelyn, our Development Officer at jrose@ivpl.org.

We thank and are beyond grateful for all of our loyal community members that have visited and donated to us this year. The staff here, at Indian Valley Public Library, is proud to serve such a wonderful community and we hope to see you here soon.



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Volunteer Spotlight: For Tony Riccardi, a Lifetime of Fire Service

Tony Riccardi remembers how he first got involved in the fire service.

"I was a 16-year snot-nosed kid," he says with a laugh. "There was a major fire in Norristown and they put up a line to keep everyone back. In my little pea brain, I figured if I wanted to get on the other side I would have to join. I'm not sure why, but it seemed exciting. And it has proven to be."



That single moment more than seven decades ago sparked a remarkable career in fire service that is still going strong today. Sitting on a sofa in the living room of his immaculate Yoder Road home, Tony rattles off the dozens of positions he has held in eight different fire companies, from secretary to president to chief and everything in between. He is a life member of the Harleysville Community Fire Company.

"I don't think there is a rank I haven't held," he says of his remarkable career. His first bunker gear, he recalls, was a "raincoat and a pair of hip boots."

Tony became the Township's Fire Marshal in 1996 but recently transitioned to Assistant Fire Marshal. He's leaning toward giving up the job at the end of the year due to issues with his legs.

"I'll probably finish up with 23 years," he says. "I was hoping for 25 but it is what it is. I enjoyed my time."

Even as he winds down his career as the Township's Assistant Fire Marshal, Tony is still active as a fire instructor through Bucks County Community College. Since 1956, he has trained thousands of firefighters around the country. Certified in 53 different instructional areas, Tony recently spent two consecutive weekends in Berks and Blair counties imparting his years of wisdom to volunteer and professional firefighters.

"The job is a lot more than just putting water on a fire," he says.

Born in Chestnut Hill, Tony spent much of his youth living in the Norristown area. He eventually became a police officer, married his wife Helen (an EMT) and moved to Lower Salford in 1981, then retired as Hatfield Township police chief in 1985.

Over the years, Tony has seen the fire industry through a major change in terms of equipment and technology, all of which have been positive, he says.

"It's a constantly changing environment," he says.

One trend that is not good for firefighters is the use of lightweight construction materials used to build houses, he says. A roof that could survive for 20 minutes because of dimensional lumber used for framing now often collapses within five minutes, he says.

"They just burn up so quickly, he says.

Since Helen ("A man couldn't ask for a better wife," he says.) passed away in 2017, Tony has occupied his days with firefighting activities and his 13 grandchildren.

"I love 'em to death," he says. "I don't have time for anything else. They keep me out of trouble."

The Township Supervisors wish to thank Tony for his many years of service to Lower Salford.



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At Lederach Golf Course, an Emphasis on the Environment

The Lederach Golf Course is more than just a series of strategically placed tees, fairways, and greens.

Now in its 14th year, the course is a seamless part of a living, breathing 240-acre ecosystem deliberately planned and maintained to support a wide range of wildlife, critters and native plants that flourish in their natural state. By this time next year, it could also be home to thousands of colorful butterflies, especially the endangered Monarch, thanks to a project managed by superintendent Stu Hartman.

“We can do something unique here,” he says while taking a tour of the course on a sunny, warm September afternoon.

Providing a home to butterflies is Hartman’s latest effort to maintain the course’s certification through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, which it has held since opening and has been renewed every two years since then. The aim of the program, says Hartman, is to ensure proper measures are in place to make the golf course co-exists peacefully with the natural environment from which it was carved.

For Lederach, that means not disturbing the extensive wooded corridors that provide safe passage for deer, muskrats, and other wildlife, he says, maintaining buffer areas to ensure nitrates from fertilizers, pesticides, and fungicides -- all necessary components of a comprehensive course system -- do not make their way into the ponds and waterways that cross the course, he said.

One of Hartman’s best practices for the Audubon program has been the identification of several “low mow” areas along the course that remained untouched most of the year since they do not interfere with play. Cutting those areas only twice a year allows staff to save money while paying more attention to other areas and provides a home to mice and moles that attract Red-tailed hawks, he said.

It was in one of those “low mow” areas that Hartman saw a Monarch butterfly last fall feeding on a milkweed plant that he got the idea to establish a sanctuary for butterflies. Along with

Assistant Superintendent Greg Moyer, Hartman harvested about 500 milkweed seed pods that they will spread over four “low mow” areas this fall. They will also plant about 100 butterfly bushes to attract other varieties, he says.

Seeing thousands of butterflies “ will get people talking about what we do here,” he says.

What Hartman and his staff do, with support from the Township Board of Supervisors, is aimed at dispelling the stereotype of superintendents who indiscriminately dump chemicals on their courses to keep it looking pretty. Every piece of equipment is precisely calibrated to ensure proper applications, he says.

“This fits in with who I am as a person,” says Hartman, 55, whose entire career has been in golf course management. “It’s the right thing to do. It also says a lot about a township that offers me the resources to do this. Without the township’s backing, this would never happen. Everybody from the Board to the staff are wonderful people to work with. I can’t say enough about them.”



Superintendent Stu Hartman scatters a few of the many milkweed seeds in the low mow areas at Lederach Golf Course.



Eye on Development

Sketch Plans:

- Metropolitan Development Group, Inc. – 48 single-family homes on Maple Avenue between Oak Drive and Harleysville Pike
- Metropolitan Development Group, Inc. – 60 carriage homes at Oak Drive and Harleysville Pike
- JERC Partners – 150,000-square-foot warehouse at 59 Fretz Road

Preliminary and Final Plans under Review:

- Christopher Lane Realty/Derbyshire Marine Products, LLC – land development for a 22,000-square-foot light industrial building on Christopher Lane
- Clemens' Mill – land development at 531 Main Street for office building and 13 residential units

Plans Approved for or Currently in, Construction:

- Jacob's Crossing – 42 attached residential units on Oak Drive (past Post Office) and 1 single-family home on Meadow Lane
- Rittenhouse Property/Telvil Corporation – residential development plan for 30 single-family dwellings at 167 Harleysville Pike
- Silver Springs Farm – 7,700-square-foot warehouse addition at 640 Meetinghouse Road
- Indian Valley Faith Fellowship – 14,132-square-foot building addition at 190 Maple Avenue
- Espenship Subdivision/Sherman Builders – three single-family houses on Old Skippack Road
- Chinmaya Mission Harleysville – Approximately 18,000-square-foot religious use building at 991 Lucon Road
- Wawa Convenience Store and Fueling Facility (Provco Pinegood) – Land Development (Mainland Pointe Mixed-Use Development) – Main Street
- Mainland Pointe – SHR Harleysville, LP – Mixed-Use Land development plan on Main Street

Bench in Alderfer Park Honors Jay R. Moyer

In June 2019, the Township had a bench installed at Alderfer Park in honor of former Supervisor and State Representative, Jay Moyer.



Enjoying the bench are Suzette Moyer, on the right, and her sister Suzanne.

A lifelong resident, Jay spent a good portion of his career serving the people of Lower Salford Township on the Park Board, as a member of the Board of Supervisors and the constituents of the 70th District as their Representative in the State General Assembly. Jay loved Lower Salford Township, which is why his widow, Suzette, had the bench installed right near the soccer field at Alderfer Park.

The park is named after Jay's Great Grandfather, Alvin C. Alderfer, who founded Harleysville Insurance Co., Harleysville National Bank, and the Harleysville Savings Bank.

The next time you are at Alderfer Park, stop and sit for a few minutes on Jay's Bench. It is near the soccer field just off the parking area.

The Township thanks Jay for his service and Suzette for this bench donation that has helped to beautify the Township Park System.

For more information on our Memorial Bench program, please contact Holly Hosterman at the Township Office: 215-256-8087.



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Fall Stormwater Tips

As you are working outside and enjoying the cooler weather this fall, please remember these tips to protect our environment and water.

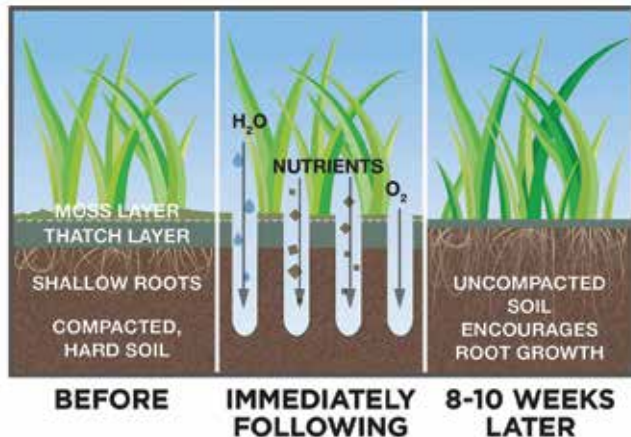
- **Leaf litter and yard waste** can cause harmful nutrient accumulation in nearby waterways. Dispose of them in a compost pile or use for mulch or fertilizer. Do not rake leaves into storm drains, streets or waterways.



- **Fall is a great time to plant a tree** because they absorb stormwater runoff and reduce the amount of water that will make its way into the streets and waterways.



- **Pruning your trees and shrubs in the fall** will give them a good start in the spring growing season. It will also help them to use more water in the spring to reduce the runoff.



- **Aerate your lawn** to allow air, water, and nutrients to penetrate the grassroots for a healthy lawn. Aeration helps the roots grow deeply, reduces soil compaction, and restores your lawn's natural draining ability resulting in less runoff to our streams.

If you observe pollutants entering the storm sewer or stream, please contact Lower Salford Township at 215-256-8087.

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