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Message From the Chairman

Dear Residents:

So you couldn't wait for 2020 to be over? That'll teach you. Be careful what you wish for. 2021 has brought us more of the plague, the locusts, the floods, and the fun just keeps on coming.

The Camp Wawa Road Bridge project was affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ida, as was the Alderfer Road Bridge project. Camp Wawa Road is back on schedule but the Alderfer Road project has been more affected by supply shortages causing a months-long delay in relocating utilities. The contractor has worked with the Township to increase its workforce and schedule, with the result being a projected opening of the new bridge by the end of the year. The project won't be complete but the bridge will be open.

Of course, if Mother Nature throws another hissy fit, all bets are off. And yes, this will increase the cost of the project. Are we still having fun?

The end of the year will mark the end of an era in the Township. December will be the last Township meeting for Supervisor Doug Johnson. Doug has chosen not to run for re-election and his term will expire on December 31. Doug has served the Township in numerous roles, dating back to when he was the Township representative to the Indian Valley Library Board of Trustees. Doug joined the Board of Supervisors in 2003 and added to his responsibilities by serving on the North Penn Water Authority as the Township's representative for ten years while also serving on the Fire Company's Board. We thank Doug for all his efforts. He has been a pleasure to work with over the years, and we wish him well in his coming retirement.

Let's all be optimistic and look forward to a better 2022. Who knows? It might work this time.

Douglas Gifford

Chairman, Lower Salford 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.

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The Flawed Law: Challenges to Pennsylvania's E-Waste Recycling Programs

Finding a location to recycle your electronic devices can feel like an uphill battle. They won't be picked up with your trash by your hauler, many places restrict what types or sizes of electronics they take, and others charge by the pound. What is the current law that shapes these recycling realities in Pennsylvania?

The Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010 (CDRA) was a good intentioned law developed to reclaim the valuable materials in e-waste, and to keep the more toxic components out of landfills. The CDRA applies to all "covered devices" which include TVs, desktop and laptop computers, computer monitors, and peripherals (such as keyboards, printers, and hard drives). The first part of the act is that covered devices cannot be disposed of in a landfill or other solid waste disposal facilities. The second part of the law requires covered device manufacturers to "establish and conduct ongoing recycling programs that offer covered device collection opportunities at no cost to consumers." However, due to high demand for the recycling of items that are costly to recycle (such as CRT TVs), it is often cost-prohibitive

for e-waste recycling vendors to operate in PA.

It is important that the failings of the current law are fixed, but that it still maintains its initial goals. E-waste can contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury and cadmium. One of the reasons CRT TVs (Cathode Ray Tube Televisions) are so difficult to recycle is because of the leaded glass used for the cathode ray tubes. If not recycled or disposed of properly, these materials can contaminate the environment.

What can recyclers and residents do to try and change the current issues with CDRA Act of 2010? One way would be to amend the Act to allow businesses to charge a fee for accepting CRT TVs, as Pennsylvania is just one of two states that does not allow recyclers, such as Best Buy, to charge a nominal fee for accepting old CRT TVs. Please reach out to your state legislators and remind them that the CDRA Act of 2010 is too important not to fix. You can find specific speaking points and other resources at ewaste.org/take-action/.

Save the Date!

Lower Salford Township will be holding an Electronics Recycling event for its residents on Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. This event will take place in the parking area of the Township Building at 379 Main Street.

ALL RESIDENTS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE MUST PRE-REGISTER ONLINE for this event! Please visit the Township Website for more detailed information and to PRE-REGISTER at:

http://www.lowersalfordtownship.org/news/what_s_new/electronic_recycling_event_december_11th



Spotlight on Service: Rob Reilley

Township Bids Farewell to Zoning Officer

In his 27 years as Director of Building and Zoning, Rob Reilley had a front row seat for the biggest construction projects in the township. From the Lederach Golf Course to Almac to Colorcon to any number of housing developments, he made sure everything was done according to proper standards.

But Reilley also dealt with the smaller, less visible projects. Backyard sheds, inground pools, fences, and other projects proposed by residents, some of which needed zoning relief.

Trained as an architect and engineer, Reilley found the building inspection part of the job fairly easy. The zoning part, not so much.

"Zoning was something that I had never really done before I got here," said Reilley, who retired in November 2020. "But I learned pretty quickly. Working with the township managers and other professionals over the years and going through the various processes with them really helped me."

Reilley spent his entire career in the industry after graduating from Spring Garden College in 1977. He worked for his father's engineering firm for a few years, then spent eight years on the staff in Upper Dublin Township. He then went to work for Metz

Engineers, where he was assigned to Lower Salford Township for five years (1989-1994).

But with construction booming at the time, the Township found it more cost effective to hire a full-time employee to handle building and zoning issues, he said.

Reilley started thinking about retirement a couple of years ago, but he turned 66 last year during the pandemic and figured it was an opportune time to call it quits.

As he drives through the Township, Reilley can't not notice his fingerprints on many developments.

"I guess I have a few notches on my belt," he says.

Now that he is retired, Reilley and his wife of 39 years, Joanne, plan to resume their passion for traveling, which had been curtailed by the pandemic.

"It was an interesting ride," said Reilley. Now it's off for something different."



Volunteer Spotlight



Doug Johnson Leaving Board of Supervisors in December after 19 Years

He spent almost two decades on the Board of Supervisors. A decade on the Indian Valley Library Board. A decade on the Water Authority Board. Five years with the Harleysville Fire Company.

With his legal career winding down, Doug Johnson chose to not seek reelection as a supervisor in November, deciding it was the right time to bring down the curtain on his commitment to public service.

“Between wanting to head in a different direction in retirement and the years I put in, I just figured it was someone else’s turn,” he said.

Johnson said he is particularly proud of his role helping to improve and expand the Township’s amazing park system and

open spaces while managing responsible growth during his tenure on the board.

“If you do the job right, you’re basically trying to make sure it happens the right way and that ultimately when it is all said and done, it’s a credit to the Township and not a detriment,” he said.

While Johnson is retiring from public service, he isn’t giving up his desire to serve the community entirely. He will continue to serve on the work crew, participate with the finance committee, and sing in the choir at Little Zion Lutheran Church. He’s also exploring some other volunteer opportunities, he said.

“I’m still trying to figure out what it means to be retired,” he said, “Other than not having to go into the office.”

Johnson and Jan, his wife of 38 years, plan to travel more to see their children and grandchildren in California and Pittsburgh.

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 (\$.35 per bag, 3 bags for \$1 or 50 bags for \$16.50).

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.



From the Lower Salford Police Department

Lower Salford Bids Farewell to Veteran Police Officers



Officers Kim Kratz and Brian Kriebel with State Representative Tracy Pennycuick.

Since June, the Township has bid a fond farewell to three of Lower Salford Township's veteran officers with a combined service record of just under a century.

Officer Brian Kriebel was just the sixth officer hired in the history of Lower Salford Township when he joined the Police Department in 1976, leading him to an amazing 45 years of service! Over these many years of service, Brian has served as a patrol officer and most recently as a Traffic Safety Officer.

Officer Kim Kratz began her 33-year law enforcement career as a Lansdale officer and joined Lower Salford in 1992 for 29 years of service. She has served as a patrol officer, DARE Officer, School Resource Officer, and investigator.

Officer Patrick O'Brien signed off for the final time in July as he bid farewell. Officer O'Brien gave 25 years of service to the Lower Salford Community.



Officer Patrick O'Brien with State Senator Bob Mensch.

All three officers received recognition from State Representative Tracy Pennycuick and Senator Bob Mensch, as well as many thanks from Supervisor and Chairman of the Board, Doug Gifford. We all wish them happiness in their new chapters and thank them immensely for the work they have done during their years of service to the residents of Lower Salford Township.

Police Department Implements Body-Worn Cameras

The Lower Salford Police Department is proud to announce the implementation of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) for its officers.

After researching several manufacturers, the Police Department deployed WatchGuard V300 HD Body Worn Cameras. We believe that the use of these cameras will significantly benefit both the community and our officers.

Body Worn Cameras are certainly a powerful tool that can assist police and at the same time give the community a better understanding of what happened during an incident.

The Lower Salford Police Department prides itself on transparency and openness to the public. To increase transparency and officer accountability, supervisors will be

reviewing the videos captured by the BWCs and assess how officers interact with citizens. BWC's will also allow the Police Department to document an incident more accurately by reviewing the recording of the incident rather than relying solely on memory recall.

Also, since events will be captured on both video and audio, officers will be able to present their cases more accurately in court. The video review will allow supervisors to tailor training programs to improve how those officers work in the field.

We believe the community and officers of this department will benefit from the use of BWC's and wholeheartedly feel that it is a win-win for all involved.

Can We Find Your House in an Emergency?

Seconds count in an emergency. Make sure first responders can find your address quickly by following these tips:

- Clear all obstructions (hanging plants, bushes, flags, etc.).
- Post large house numbers that are visible from the road.
- Have house numbers near the road or curb.
- Allow house numbers to be seen from all directions.
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Residents of Lower Salford Township,

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Our 2021 annual fund drive mailer went out in late August 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. This money goes toward our capital campaign, which pays for such items as new fire fighting apparatus, structural fire gear, or building upkeep.

As 2022 is fast approaching, the fire company is still in the process of making plans for our 100th year anniversary in fall 2022.

In early October, the fire company put in service a 2021 Chevy Tahoe that will serve Chief 89 as a command vehicle. The fire company is still in the planning stages of purchasing a new apparatus to replace our 2006 Pierce Squad.

The fire company memorial out front of the station is near completion. Only a few finishing touches remain. Stop by to take a look at the beautiful addition to the property.

As a reminder, when we clean our yards of leaves, branches, and twigs this fall, the open burning of yard waste is strictly prohibited by township ordinance.

During winter storms in the upcoming months, please shovel out your local fire hydrant. The valuable time wasted shoveling out fire hydrants makes a large difference on a call. Also, remove built-up snow from your street address. We can't help you if we can't find you.

While our numbers remain strong, volunteers are desperately needed in many capacities. Please consider donating your time in a rewarding way right here in our community. There are many ways you can help us and the community you live in. Please stop by on a Tuesday after 7 p.m. and speak with a member to learn more, or contact the station.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (Harleysville Community Fire Co.) to see what we are up to and ways you can be involved.

We wish you all a wonderful fall and winter season.

Ryan Nase – Fire Chief



Annual Santa Run

The fire company is pleased to announce that our 2021 annual Santa Run is tentatively set to occur on Saturday, December 18. Santa and his helpers will begin making their rounds starting at about around 9 a.m. He is usually done by about 3 p.m.

Because we cover every street in the township, it is not possible for us to provide any kind of schedule due to changing routes, fire calls, and other delays. If we miss you at home, it will not be hard to hop in the car and find us on many streets in town between these hours.

As in past years, the fire company 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 the street; they will be collected by Santa's helpers following his sleigh.

Please follow our website and social media pages for updates as we get closer due to the pandemic and possible changes to this plan.

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Eye on Development

Sketch Plans (*Sketch plans are concepts submitted to the Township that appear before the Planning Commission but are not reviewed by the Township Engineer's Office.*)

Creekside at Mainland: land development at 17 Mainland Road, preserving the existing Mainland Inn and building 41 residential dwellings.

Lederach Village Homes: two sites in the Village of Lederach. One is on Harleysville Pike consisting of five residential dwellings and keeping an existing dwelling and the other on Morris Road proposing 10 residential dwelling units.

Shihadeh Sketch Plan: Project proposed on Lederach Cross Road and Harleysville Pike to construct three twin buildings for a total of six residential units.

Florence Moore Property: 431 Indian Creek Road – project calls for 12 single-family houses on 80,000-plus square foot lots on 68 acres.

285 Wambold Road: Proposal for two industrial Buildings: one 25,436-square-foot and a future building at 24,200-square-foot for Light Industrial use and wholesale sales.

Plans Approved for (or currently under) Construction

Jacob's Crossing: 42 attached residential units on Oak Drive (past the Post Office) and 1 single-family house on Meadow Lane.

Rittenhouse Property/Spring Hill Realty: Residential development for 30 single-family houses at 167 Harleysville Pike.

Silver Springs Farm: 7,700-square-foot warehouse addition at 640 Meetinghouse 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, includes single-family dwellings, apartment buildings, and commercial pads for lease.

Taco Bell / Mainland Pointe: Dine-In and Drive-Through franchise within the Mainland Pointe Development.

JERC Partners – A 150,000-square-foot warehouse at 59 Fretz Road.

Park Crossing at Salford -Metropolitan Development Group: Land Development Plan for 48 single-family houses on Maple Avenue between Oak Drive and Route 113.

Highpointe at Salford - Metropolitan Development Group: Plan for 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.

MKS Property Management, LLC: -3,520-square-foot addition to a light industrial building at 18 Cassell Road.

Vernfield Premier Realty: Minor two-lot subdivision at 235 Morwood Road.

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When You Visit the Indian Valley Public Library...



For your safety and the safety of the staff, we continue to follow the guidance of the CDC and Montgomery County Health Department regarding masking and other Covid protocols. Currently, we are requesting everyone over the age of two, regardless of vaccination status, to wear their masks while in the library.

Thanks to the generosity of the Foundation of Friends, Indian Valley Public Library is the recipient of a state-of-the-art book vending machine! The vending machine contains books that are used as prizes for

children partaking in one of our many reading challenges. Once they sign up, they will receive certificates for achieving certain milestones. These certificates can be redeemed for tokens to be used for the vending machine. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4j5zjmb8> for a demonstration from Ms. Angela. You may read more about this in the Souderton Independent: <https://tinyurl.com/4fprrrb>.



New month, new reading challenge. Starting September 20, 2021 IVPL is launching an all ages reading challenge for the fall. You can find more details, as well as register here: <https://tinyurl.com/cpchc2dc>. Our full calendar can be seen here: <https://tinyurl.com/3yjanusu>.



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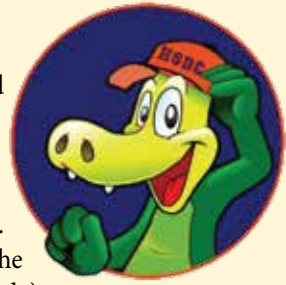
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Harleysville Summer Day Camp Coming in 2022



As the summer months are not too far off, we are happy to announce the **Harleysville Summer Day Camp** will be one of the programs held at the Harleysville Community Center in 2022. The HCC is located at 435 Park Avenue, between Kulp Road and Maple Avenue. The day camp offices will be based out of the Harleysville Community Scout Cabin. **Camp dates for 2022 are Monday, June 20 through Friday, August 12 (8 weeks).**

Activities and field trips are geared appropriately to age and grade levels. Children are grouped according to age (according to 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-yr old old group as well (morning option only).

Families can register anywhere from 2 to 8 weeks. The camp day will run from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday with extended hours in the morning from 7am to 9 am and in the afternoon from 4pm to 6pm.

Our 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 & crafts, music and dance, bones ball (a form of baseball), field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, street hockey, a Gaga pit and a playground (both new to HCC!), Sustainable Gardening, nature hikes, on-campus performances, themed weeks, Gator Day Fridays, field trips and much more complete the experience.

The Harleysville Summer Day Camp is a *traditional Summer Day Camp with educational leadership*. The camp is designed to provide a healthy and safe atmosphere where each camper can enjoy a wide variety of activities. Our goal is to instill the values of respect for others, honesty, and good sportsmanship.



The instructors/teachers will direct the activities to promote fun and learning in a non-competitive atmosphere. HSDC is affiliated and owned by the management staff from the Flourtown Summer Day Camp (www.flourtownswimclub.net), which has been in operation for over 14 years serving families in the Flourtown area and now in Harleysville as well.

The camp also has a CIT Program for current 8th graders who wish to experience counselor responsibilities in hope of working in a camp environment in the future.

Tutoring services will also be available (for an additional fee) onsite during the camp day for K-6 students for enrichment or to prepare for their next grade level in reading, writing, or math. Our PA Elementary Certified teacher will hold 40-minute sessions that both parents and tutors can schedule.

The camp's staff will include local professional/certified educators, coaches (collegiate, high school, and youth), nurses, certified swim instructors and lifeguards, senior/junior counselors, specialty staff, and office personnel. It is our belief that a mature and experienced staff will not only give your child the optimum summer day camp experience but will also provide assurance for you as a parent that your child is under constant supervision in a safe environment. College undergraduate education majors and professionals are highly sought as staff members for those reasons.

Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar for the Harleysville Summer Day Camp:

- **Friday, December 17** - Registration opens online at www.harleysvilledaycamp.com
- **Open House Dates (both held at the Harleysville Community Scout Cabin from 10am to 2pm Saturdays, December 4, 2021, February 5, 2022, and March 5, 2022.** There will be an additional open house in the spring of 2022 at a time and date to be announced.

Bring the whole family and take a tour with one of our staff members with refreshments available for everyone.

For more information check us out at www.harleysvilledaycamp.com or email Day Camp Director, Joe Kilpatrick at jkilpatrick@harleysvilledaycamp.com



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UPDATE: Main Street East Sidewalk Connection Project

The state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) recently awarded Lower Salford Township a \$130,805 grant through the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) to fund the construction of a sidewalk between the intersection of Main Street/Clemens Road and the newly constructed sidewalk along IT Landes and the Mainland Pointe development.

The project has been designed and is proceeding into the construction phase with public advertisement. The Township anticipates bids to be received by the end of October, with a goal of constructing the connection before the harsh winter weather arrives.

This new section of sidewalk will tie into the previously completed section along Clemens Road, which ultimately ties into the Township trail system. This segment will bring this eastern area of the village closer to a completed sidewalk and trail network and provide safer pedestrian access to community businesses, parks, and neighborhoods.

Historical Corner Did You Know?

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TVs, or radios (and certainly no social media!), politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to “go sip some ale” and listen to people’s conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times and places and were told “You go sip here,” and “You go sip there.” The two words “go sip” were eventually combined when referring to local opinion, and that’s how we got the word “gossip!”

Melting Snow and Stormwater Runoff

In winter, melting snow can cause flooding and stormwater runoff issues. If the ground is frozen at the surface, melting snow can’t infiltrate into the soil. The runoff from melting snow can pick up all kinds of debris, pollutants, and litter that will find their way into nearby streams. Below are some tips to help the Township improve the water quality in our streams, lakes and rivers:

- **Shovel early.** Less salt will be needed.
- **More salt does not mean more melting.**
- **15 degrees is too cold for salt.** Most salts stop working at this temperature.
- **Sweep up excess salt rather than letting it be washed away.**
- **Understand what’s in it.** Instead of sodium chloride or calcium chloride use products containing an acetate, potassium

chloride, or magnesium chloride which are better for the environment.

- **Pile shoveled snow on grass or gardens areas.** This will allow some of the water to infiltrate into the ground as it melts.
- **Make sure your nearest storm drains are clear.**
- **Take a “Snow Day.”** Give time for the road crews to clear the roads.



To report an illicit discharge to the stormwater collection system or to a stream, creek, or river, call Lower Salford Township at 215-256-8087.

NEW! Resident Request Portal

By the time this newsletter arrives at your home, the Township will have launched a new layer of communication for its residents. With the idea from the Communications Committee and the technical knowledge of McMahon Associates, local citizens can now go online and submit a request and/or a concern to the Township.

This new feature has been linked to the Township Website (www.lowersalfordtownship.org) and is called “The Lower Salford Resident Request Portal.” Residents will have the option of several topic areas to report concerns and/or make requests.

To view this new feature, visit the Township website home page and look for the Resident Request link under “News.” If you prefer to speak with us directly instead, we are always here to help; give us a call at 215-256-8087.





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2021 Marine Corps Toys for Tots Campaign

The Marine Corps Toys For Tots Campaign kicked off on October 1, 2021. This is the 20th year that the Lower Salford Township Police Department has been collecting toys for this Campaign.

New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the Lower Salford Township Police Department or at any of the other participating drop-off locations throughout the campaign area. To find a drop-off location near you, go to <http://harleysville-pa.toysfortots.org>. Age groups where gifts are greatly needed are 0-2 years and 8 years and up.

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. Online donations can be made year-round, by going to <http://harleysville-pa.toysfortots.org> and clicking the “Ways to Donate Local” button. By using this link, any online donations will go directly to the Montgomery-Harleysville campaign. Companies can also make “matching donations” for any employee donations!

Regional Toys for Tots Coordinator Barbara Jansons recently retired from Lower Salford Township where she was the Police Clerk for over 21 years. Although she is no longer at the Police Department, Barbara is still the Regional Coordinator and will now be devoting more time to Toys for Tots. Barbara can be reached directly at: 484-685-9250 or via e-mail at: harleysville.pa@toysfortots.org.

Bridge Project Updates

Alderfer Road Bridge: Motorists traveling in the area of the Alderfer Road Bridge may be wondering, “Why is this not progressing faster?” or “I thought the project would be further along by now. I wonder why the work is not happening?” These are legitimate questions when traveling by, and around, any construction project.

Often, what you don’t see happening is a direct result of situations that are out of the owner’s and contractor’s control. As with many things, the construction industry is continuing to deal with the impacts of the COVID environment. Much of the delays the project has been experiencing over the past several months have been primarily related to securing materials for the utility relocations, in addition to setbacks from Mother Nature given the stream area they are working in.

All signs point to the utility relocations being completed by the end of September so the Prime Contractor, R.E. Pierson, can proceed full-steam ahead on the structure and roadway construction. The contractor is committed to accelerating the work schedule to the maximum extent possible -- with necessary cooperation from Mother Nature, of course, to hopefully be able to open the roadway and bridge by the end of 2021.

The Township understands the impact this project has to its residents, businesses, and commuters through Harleysville, and appreciates your patience and understanding as we work together to improve our township infrastructure.

Camp Wawa Bridge: By the time this newsletter makes its way to your mailbox, the H&K Group should be close to completing the Camp Wawa Bridge. Even with some delays provided by the remnants of Hurricane Ida and a few other significant rain events that occurred this past summer and fall, H&K has communicated to the Township that they are still on schedule to be done by the end of 2021, if not sooner. Thanks to everyone for their patience during this infrastructure improvement by Montgomery County.

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