

# LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



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## Message From the Chairman

Dear Residents:

It will be hard to top 2020 for disaster-type news. That didn't stop the folks in Punxsutawney from releasing the rodent from its hole to predict six more weeks of winter. I can't decide if I get more upset when he's right or wrong.

Anyway, we proceeded to see February become our snowiest month in years. Thanks to all the hard work from our Public Works Department, we all managed to get out and participate in life. That is, those of us who weren't virtual prisoners to our computers, learning and/or working in the confines of our homes.

Spring is bursting out as I write this, bringing a fresh perspective to the world, helped along by the administration of the vaccines seen as our tickets to freedom to associate with real humans again. Progress is being made.

From the prosaic to the mundane, life manages to go on. We will see two new bridges built in the township in the coming months. Camp Wawa Road and Alderfer Road will see new structures replacing the old, worn-out bridges. While the detours last, just think of it as a temporary inconvenience for permanent progress. In the case of Camp Wawa Road, some temporary inconveniences last longer than others. We appreciate the County finally replacing the structure, and rumor has it that the Bergey Mill Road bridge will one day be replaced. Further environmental and historical studies have delayed that work.

One constant throughout the quarantine was the increased use of our multipurpose trails. Many residents came to appreciate this township treasure. I hope this level of use continues and even grows. Take a short walk or a long hike on the paths and you'll appreciate the experience.

Here's to a better 2021.

Douglas Gifford

*Chairman, Lower Salford Board of Supervisors*

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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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## Volunteer Spotlight: Karl Janetka

Karl Janetka hadn't given any thought to serving as a volunteer in Lower Salford Township until his professional duties as a civil engineer found him working with the Planning Commission as the residential portion of the Lederach Golf Course began to take shape in the early 2000s.

"Working with the various boards really opened my eyes to the inner workings of local government," says Janetka, who was working for his current employer of 21 years, Van Cleef Engineering Associates, at the time. "I liked what I saw and wanted to be a part of it from that side."

He's done that and then some, serving on four different boards, including three currently. In 2005, Janetka expressed interest and was appointed to an open seat on the Planning Commission. Two years later, he joined the UCC Board of Appeals. When land development activity in the township slowed because of the economy in 2012, he left the planning board and joined the Recreation Authority. And then in 2015, Janetka added membership on the Township Authority to his resume.

Just for good measure, Janetka serves on the board of Harleysville Baseball.

"It's very rewarding," he says of his commitment to volunteering. "It doesn't take a lot of time and I can make a positive difference for people in my community."

As a member of the Township Authority, Janetka helps oversee the public sewer system, which is debt-free and looking at upgrades after paying off a significant loan at the end of last year. "A lot of the good things that are happening now were put in place before I joined the board," he says.

Since joining the Recreation Authority, which is responsible for the golf course and Leddy's Pub, Janetka has helped with the transition from Billy Casper Golf to Brown Golf. "The course is more profitable than ever," he says. "We're focused on recruiting more players and putting more money back into the course."



### Meet Karl Janetka

**Age:** 55

**Born and Raised:** Plymouth Meeting, PA

**Education:** Plymouth Whitmarsh HS (Class of '83), Univ. of Delaware (Class of '87); B.S. in Civil Engineering

**Family:** Wife, Meaghan; daughter Alexandra, 23; son, Brian, 21

**Hobbies:** 14-handicap golfer. "I've been playing since I was 10," he says. "I have no excuse for not being better."

## Employee Spotlight: Mike Beuke, Director of Building and Zoning



Mike Beuke has a simple philosophy when it comes to handling building and zoning requests from residents.

"I don't like saying that something is not permitted, and just let it go at that," says Beuke, who joined the township as Director of Building and Zoning last November. "I like to inform residents of their options. It can be challenging, but I feel that if residents know the process and the requirements, they will be able to tailor their projects for a successful and permitted outcome."

Before coming to Lower Salford, Beuke worked for several multi-disciplinary firms as a municipal planner and landscape architect throughout Bucks, Montgomery, and Northampton counties. His current duties include overseeing building permitting and inspection and serving as the township's Building Code Official and Zoning Officer.

Beuke says he will go the extra mile to ensure all proposals that cross his desk will receive a fair evaluation.

"In general, if it's reasonable then it can be done," he says. "You just need to know the correct process, such as: is it possible by right? Or do you need to also get permission from the Zoning Hearing Board or the Board of Supervisors? I like to do my best to alleviate concerns by suggesting creative ideas to solve problems."

### About Mike Beuke

**Age:** 43

**Born and Raised:** Cincinnati, Ohio

**Education:** The Ohio State University (Bachelor's Degree in Landscape Architecture from the College of Engineering)

**Family:** Wife, Lindsay; Son, Oliver (11)

**Hobbies:** Camping with son in Troop 51 (Hatfield)

## Eye on Development

### Plans Approved for or Currently in, Construction:

- Jacob's Crossing - 42 attached residential units on Oak Drive (past the Post Office) and 1 single-family home on Meadow Lane.
- Rittenhouse Estates/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 - Approx. 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 - Plan for a 150,000-square-foot warehouse at 59 Fretz Road.
- Metropolitan Development Group - Land Development Plan for 48 single-family houses on Maple Avenue between Oak Drive and Route 113
- Metropolitan Development Group - Land Development 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 2-lot subdivision at 235 Morwood Road.

## Township Recognized for Land Preservation

10,000 acres...that is how many acres have been permanently preserved in Montgomery County since the Farmland Preservation Program began over 30 years ago. This recognition is an important milestone in Montgomery County, and residents in Lower Salford Township have contributed to those 10,000 acres.

The Township forefathers had a vision and in 1968 they began the process of encouraging residents to preserve their land. Since that time, and with the enormous success of the County Farmland Preservation Program, the Township has racked up some impressive numbers:

- 345+ acres of private farmland permanently preserved;
- 603+ acres of private land in the Agricultural Security District;
- 1,165+ acres of Township-owned Open Space, which includes 12 public parks; and
- Of that 1,165 acres of open space, more than 300 acres are farmed by local farmers free of charge.

The Township is proud of its agricultural heritage and encourages property owners to consider the Farmland Preservation Program and/or the Agricultural Security Program. For more information, please contact the Montgomery County Farmland Preservation Board at:

<https://www.montcopa.org/690/Farmland-Preservation-Program> or call 610-278-5960



An advertisement for Dreams Unlimited Builders. The top part features the company logo, which includes a hammer and the text "Dreams unlimited BUILDERS". To the right of the logo is the phone number "215-256-4497", the website "DreamsUnlimitedBuilders.com", the email "1golfer@comcast.net", and the address "PO Box 416 • Harleysville, PA 19438". Below the logo and text is a photograph of a modern bathroom with a white bathtub, a toilet, and a sink. At the bottom of the advertisement, the tagline "Building New Traditions, One Dream at a Time." is written in a cursive font.

An advertisement for Rittenhouse Property Management. The top part features the company logo, which includes a house icon and the text "Rittenhouse PROPERTY MANAGEMENT". To the right of the logo is a box containing the text "Specializing in Managing and Maintaining Rental Properties". Below the logo and text is the address "840 Harleysville Pike, Suite 3, Harleysville, PA 19438", the phone number "Phone: 215-723-8700", the name "Rod Moyer, Broker", and the website "www.rittenhouseproperty.com".

## Local Eagle Scouts Improve Parks for All to Enjoy

The Township family wishes to thank these newly-inducted Eagle Scouts for their efforts in helping to maintain the beauty of Lower Salford Township for all to enjoy!

If you can, take a drive around the Township and visit our parks. There is something for everyone.



Kyle Creachen of Scout Troop 91, replaced the floor in the Summer Kitchen of the Bergey Mill home on Bergey's Mill Road. With help from family members and fellow scouts, Kyle created a structurally sound floor under the direction of Dana Ziegler. *The end result was fantastic!*



Brendan Edwards' Eagle Scout Project consisted of replacing the worn and falling down fence in front of the Bergey Mill home. Brendan had help from both family members and fellow scouts. *Outstanding job!*



Troop 137's Matt Cutrona created a more pleasing entrance to the Harleysville Community Center Scout Cabin. Matt cleaned up and expanded the flower bed, added a tree, a bench, fresh mulch, and perennials, and replaced the sign! *Wow! Good job!*

## Park Updates

### Sidewalks, Paths, and Trails...Oh My!

It takes big ideas now to plan for the future. Sometimes, what may seem challenging in the moment can indeed come to fruition -- it just may take some time.

This is true with many things, including sidewalk and trail planning in Lower Salford Township. Planning is an important step in the ultimate implementation and construction of such facilities.

Lower Salford Township has a strong historical background in planning for sidewalk and trail connections as the Township has grown and developed over the past several decades. Given the circumstances of the past year, these facilities continue to be a tremendous benefit to the community.

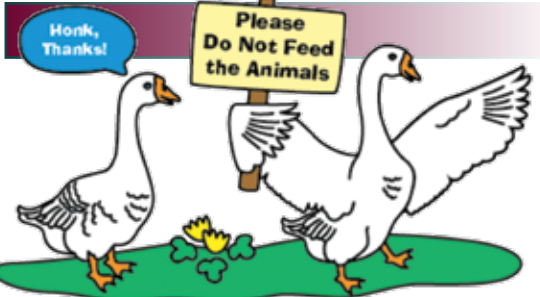
There is every reason to keep this effort moving in a forward direction and why the Township is formalizing a Sidewalk and Trail Master Plan effort. As part of this effort, Township representatives, including the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Board, staff, and engineering consultants, will use their experience and knowledge coupled with a future vision to develop an up-to-date Sidewalk and Trail Master Plan.

The Master Plan will enable the Township to prioritize projects and plan for implementation in the immediate, mid-range, and long-range future. Certain project considerations and challenges, including the need to acquire right-of-way and/or easements, funding options, project costs, environmental permitting, etc., will help us place the projects in the various categories.

As with most projects, actual implementation takes money. There are many opportunities in our region to help municipalities expand sidewalk and trail facilities. Many of these programs are competitive, so determining how to best position Lower Salford's projects for success is one of the primary goals of this planning effort.

The Master Plan will be used to further develop and refine future grant funding applications and demonstrate the Township's desire to advance these types of community-enhancing projects.

Lower Salford Township encourages our residents to provide input and engage in the community planning process. Please feel free to reach out with potential sidewalk and path/trail ideas, whether they are small, BIG, or something in between. Email your ideas to: [township@lowersalfordtownship.org](mailto:township@lowersalfordtownship.org) Ultimately, once the Sidewalk and Trail Master Plan is formalized, it will be presented and available on the Township website for reference.



# Park Updates

## Please Resist Feeding Wild Animals

We know it is hard to resist, but feeding the wildlife food, specifically the waterfowl, causes them to become dependent on humans. When wild animals become dependent on humans for their food, several things could happen:

- They will become sick due to poor nutrition from eating unnatural foods their bodies can't process
- They stop foraging for food causing imbalances in the ecosystem in and around the pond
- They become aggressive to humans and other wildlife as they fight for food. While fighting for the food they may bite, peck, scratch, or charge at park visitors or other waterfowl, which may cause injuries

More wildlife will gather hoping to be fed causing overcrowding, which causes more fighting as well as imbalances in the health of the pond and the areas around the pond.

For these concerns and more, we ask that residents and visitors to our parks and natural areas do not feed the wildlife, even if it is a feed designed for them, as these feeds are for animals in captivity, not in the wild.

If you would like to learn more about this topic, please visit the US Department of Agriculture Website/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov> The Township remains committed to the health and safety of our residents and visitors.

## PICKLEBALL



Pickleball is quickly becoming a popular sport among all ages. The Township has two pickleball courts at Charles Reed Park and we offer equipment rental at the Township Office. Give us a call today to learn more! 215-256-8087.

## Coming Soon to Briarwyck Park!

Keep a lookout for new playground equipment at Briarwyck Park this summer. The Township will be removing the existing equipment and replacing it with several new pieces to engage children from ages 2 on up to 12.



The final design has not been completed yet, but once things are ready to go, we will update the website Parks and Recreation page. We look forward to our residents and guests utilizing the new equipment!

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A major portion of our annual funding for the fire company is the fund-drive mailer. This fundraiser allows us to save towards capital projects. The 2020 fund drive was a huge success.

The scheduled replacement and maintenance of our apparatus is one of the most important things we do to ensure a safe and effective operation. The cost of this maintenance continues to rise dramatically. We are currently awaiting the arrival of a new 2021 Chevy Tahoe to serve as the Chief's command vehicle.



A committee was formed this year for the planned replacement of our 2006 Pierce Squad. This apparatus serves the community for any kind of accident or rescue purposes. This truck, featuring a six-person cab, will hold many specialty tools, a small pump, and water for fire suppression. Please keep an eye out for our 2021 mailer coming in September to help support us with these improvements.

Now that the warm weather has arrived you might notice some work being done out front of our station. We are excited to share that a memorial is being built to remember all of our past members of the fire company. Please stop in to take a look once it is complete.

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 contact us.

As a reminder when we clean our yards of leaves, branches, and twigs, open burning of yard waste is strictly prohibited by township ordinance. Please see the township website for more information. If you are not sure, please contact us or the Fire Marshal and ask before lighting any type of controlled fire.

All the members of Station 89 wish you a happy and safe summer season!

Ryan Nase – Fire Chief



### Save the Date

We are still planning on having our Annual Fire Company Open House this year from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2021.



**Our Annual Subscription Drive:** The new 2020/2021 annual ambulance subscription has been mailed 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.

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## Jacob Reiff Park Stream Restoration

Work is beginning this spring on a stream restoration project at Jacob Reiff Park along Quarry Road near the farmhouse. Lower Salford Township and the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) have a joint project that will restore a portion of the West Branch of Skippack Creek and reconnect the floodplain to address erosion in the area and improve the creek's water quality.

Lower Salford Township is required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to reduce sediment and nutrients in several streams in the Township. To comply with these requirements, the Township partnered with PWC for this project. The PWC has received a \$100,000 grant from the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund for the stream restoration.

The proposed restoration includes addressing eroding banks along the stream, reconnecting the floodplain area, re-establishing a small tributary, and removing invasive plants. The Township and PWC will be performing the work starting with the major portion of the earth moving associated with the restoration occurring in the summer months. By late summer/early fall, PWC and volunteers will be planting the area with native plants and trees. Volunteer efforts will be coordinated through PWC so if you are interested in volunteering, watch the PWC website to see when volunteers can sign up to help. [www.perkiomenwatershed.org](http://www.perkiomenwatershed.org)

This project will be the first of several such efforts in the Township to address the water quality in our streams and to comply with the Township's permit from the PADEP. Keep watching the Township's news to see when future projects will be constructed.

To help the Township address the water quality in 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.



*Continual erosion has caused the need to restore the streambank along the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek that winds through Jacob Reiff Park.*



## What is the Partnership TMA?

The Partnership TMA of Montgomery County collaborates with more than 150 public and private sector partners to:

- Expand and enhance transportation options;
- Ease traffic congestion; and,
- Educate and engage our communities on issues of land use, the environment, and healthy lifestyles.

The Partnership TMA was established as a nonprofit agency in 1993 and manages programs that focus on travel options and Transportation Demand Management (TDM). Services include Travel Training and the free Montco Transportation Helpline for individuals and employers.

For more information, visit [ptma-mc.org](http://ptma-mc.org), call 215.997.9100, or email [info@ptma-mc.org](mailto:info@ptma-mc.org).

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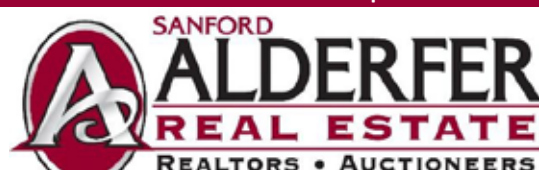
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# From the Lower Salford Police Department



## When You Go on Vacation...Tips for Securing Your Home

Summer is a time when many residents will be leaving home for extended periods of time. A vacant home is an attractive target for thieves. Here are a few steps you can take to secure your home:

### Make doors crime resistant

- Install deadbolt locks, solid doors and sturdy hinges and strike plates. (Be sure all materials meet building and fire codes.)



### Secure sliding doors

- Install locks to prevent sliding or lifting.
- Drill a hole through the inside frame, and insert a nail to prevent sliding.
- Place a strong piece of wood in the track.

### Prevent window entry

- Use window key locks. Keep keys in locks for quick exit in case of emergency or fire.
- For double-hung windows, drill holes downward where inside and outside sashes meet. Insert nails or bolts.

- Have peace of mind when you're away. Inform a trusted neighbor of travel plans. Have him or her collect mail and other deliveries. Don't share your plans with strangers.
- Leave shades in their normal positions.
- Have police conduct security checks on your home while you are on vacation.

If you are interested in vacation security checks, please contact the Police Department at 215-256-9500.

- Consider grates for basement and first floor windows. (Check local fire codes first.)

### Crime-proof outside areas

- Keep yard, porch and entrances well lit. Look into motion detection lighting.
- Store tools, toys, etc., after use.
- Never hide keys outside your home.
- Keep bushes trimmed near doors and windows.



### Safeguard valuables

- Engrave TV's and other household valuables with some identifiable number or label.
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## Welcome to the 2021 Swimming Season

### Pools Open Saturday, June 5

With winter behind us, NOW is the perfect time to make your plans for swimming at the HCC pools. Membership information is ready to go for summer 2021. Opening Day is set for Saturday, June 5.

For a limited time, member registration will be available online. For membership information please visit [www.harleysvillecommunitycenter.com](http://www.harleysvillecommunitycenter.com). On the HCC homepage, look for the “Click Here to Register Now” button.

The McCoy Family will be back as our snack stand vendor. The Cool Eats Snack Bar offers full lunch and dinner menus, as well as snacks of all kinds. They will be accepting credit cards, selling gift certificates, and offering the most delicious, hand-cut, crispy French fries...made to order just the way you like them!

### Our Pandemic Compliance Plan

(As of March 23, 2021; subject to change)

According to the guidelines and requirements set by the CDC, local, state, and federal government as well as health experts, Harleysville Community Center Pool has developed new guidelines and protocols to maintain a safe environment for all members, staff, guests, and vendors during the 2021 summer season. We will be periodically reviewing and adjusting these safety measures throughout the season as needed or as state-mandated restrictions are modified. These measures are in addition to our standard operating pool procedures and regulations. **To view the full HCCC Pandemic Compliance Plan**, along with the HCC POOL Participation/Registration/COVID-19 Waiver

Visit our website at [www.harleysvillecommunitycenter.com](http://www.harleysvillecommunitycenter.com)

We are hopeful that being at the HCC Pool will provide some sense of normalcy while allowing a safe environment for your family. When in doubt, please be mindful and courteous to other members and staff.

Please help our staff by following these guidelines and review them with your family. As always, thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. If you have concerns, please talk to management.

*Enjoy the pools!*

### Did You Know?

HCC is home to the Harleysville Swim & Dive Team. Pool memberships are required for all Harleysville Swim & Dive Team members. For more information visit: <https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recbssdlhsdt>



## Thank You!

Since its inception, in 1957, HCC has relied on community donations, pool memberships, and facility use fees to finance its projects and required maintenance of facilities. We appreciate all the community support and continued membership to help keep the Harleysville Community Center an important place for family and friends to gather and share memories.

A special Thank You goes out to our Community partners – Lower Salford Township, Excel Communications, Harleysville Bank, Harleysville Jaycees, Harleysville Lions, and Harleysville Rotary for their ongoing support of HCC.

To learn more about the Center’s interesting history, visit [www.harleysvillecommunitycenter.com](http://www.harleysvillecommunitycenter.com) and look for the “About HCC” button.

# Why Naturalize Stormwater Basins?

## *First, what is a Stormwater Basin?*

Stormwater basins are areas that are constructed with earthen berms to hold stormwater after a rain event and release the water more slowly into the stream. When stormwater basins were built with older developments, basins were primarily to control flooding by holding back the runoff from a storm. More recently, regulations require stormwater basins also be designed to address water quality.

## *What is a Naturalized Stormwater Basin?*

Typically, a Naturalized Stormwater Basin allows for the vegetation in the bottom of the basin to grow into a meadow. These basins can be mowed once or twice a year to keep the growth from getting too high.

## *Why Naturalize a Basin?*

Many municipalities have been required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to find ways to improve the water quality of the streams and lakes within and downstream of the municipality.

One method to improve water quality is to modify an older stormwater basin by removing or interrupting the flow in concrete channels in the basin, allowing a meadow to grow in the bottom of the basin and planting trees and shrubs.

The benefits of naturalizing a stormwater basin include:

- Allowing water to infiltrate into the ground to recharge the aquifer and be used by the plants.
- Reducing sediments and pollutants that wash downstream.
- Reducing the volume and rate of water that reaches the stream, which will help reduce flooding and streambank erosion.
- Reducing the need for mowing.
- Providing shade, which helps reduce the temperature of the water released into the stream.

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



## Proper Use of Township-Owned Open Space Benefits Everyone

The acquisition of open space is for the enhancement of life for all of our residents. "Studies have substantiated the positive financial benefit of increasing the property values of all residents by these acquisitions," said Supervisor Chris Canavan.

The increased frequency of the intrusion into Township-owned open space by individuals has been brought to our attention and is a source of great concern. Open space is for the benefit of the entire community, not just abutting neighbors. It is vital that everyone refrains from any actions that may alter the open space in any manner.

It should be common sense that open space not be used for the disposal of yard waste or other waste of any kind. Illegal dumping is a danger to public health and safety; it decreases property values, lowers the quality of life, and costs our Township taxpayers money to clean-up and restore the area. Please contact the Township Office or Police Department if you see any abuse of Township open space.

Residents are not permitted to plant trees, or place trailers, sheds, boats, or fences on Township open space. Free gardening permits may be obtained from the Township to plant annuals or mow the grass; however, no mowing permits will be issued in the Township "riparian buffer zones." These "no-mow zones" protect the water quality of our streams and prevent erosion.

Township parks are open from dawn to dusk.

When using the parks and community paths, you must clean up after your pets for the health and safety of everyone. Please help keep our Township parks and open spaces clean!



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## Visit the Indian Valley Public Library

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### Our New Hours:

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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We are excited to unveil our new website ([www.ivpl.org](http://www.ivpl.org))! Check out the easy-to-navigate site with quick links to the card catalog, calendar of events, and so much more.



### Summer Quest

SummerQuest challenges children, teens, and adults to learn, grow, and have fun over the summer by reading and completing a variety of activities. You can complete activities online using Beanstack or track your progress with a paper version of our digital challenges. Visit [ivpl.org](http://ivpl.org) for more information about our current and future programs.



### Have You Heard?

The Indian Valley Public Library has been awarded a gold star by the PA Forward initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association. This initiative recognizes libraries that are helping citizens of the Commonwealth achieve five essential literacies necessary to succeed as citizens, parents, students, employers, employees, and consumers. These five literacies are Basic, Information, Civic/Social, Health, and Financial. The gold star is the highest level of recognition within the PA Forward program.

An advertisement for Lederach Golf Club. The background is green. At the top, the Lederach Golf Club logo is displayed. Below it, a large white circle contains the text "OUR BEST RATES ARE BOOKED ONLINE" in bold black letters, with "BOOKED ONLINE" highlighted in a red box. Below this, it says "AS LOW AS \$32 PER GOLFER ON WEEKDAY MORNINGS". At the bottom of the circle, a red banner contains the text "VISIT US AT LEDERACHGOLFCLUB.COM". To the right of the circle, the text "NOW SERVING PIZZA AT LEDDY'S PUB!" is written in white. Below that, it says "Check Out Our Daily Specials and New Menu!". At the bottom right, a dashed white box contains the text "PURCHASE ONE DAILY SPECIAL, RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL FOR HALF OFF". At the very bottom, it says "215.513.3034 | brown golf" with "MANAGED BY" in small text above "brown golf". A small disclaimer at the bottom right reads "Must present ad to receive offer. Not valid with leagues, special events, holidays or any other offer. Expires 12.31.21".



## ***Fishing Fun***

3-year-old Lower Salford resident Brielle was so excited to help Public Works Crew Members Ethan Toomey and Eli Vasey stock fish into the Alderfer Road Pond. Thank you to Brielle and also to her mother who brought her out for this annual happening.

Brielle and her father participated in the Youth Fishing Day on March 27 and she caught two trout!"



## **Communications Committee Update**

This newly-formed committee had its first meeting on April 21, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom conference call. Moving forward, this committee will be meeting on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

For Zoom instructions and an Agenda, please visit the township website Agenda/Minutes page at [www.lowersalfordtownship.org](http://www.lowersalfordtownship.org).

As of this writing this Committee still has an opening! Volunteer your time and serve the residents of the Township along the way! Get involved in your community and join the Communications Committee. Please send an email with your interest to [township@lowersalfordtownship.org](mailto:township@lowersalfordtownship.org).



## **From the Building and Zoning Office**

### *Permit Fees Being Updated*

At the January 4, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Resolution No. 2021-02 was adopted revising the Township Fees regarding permitting. Please contact the Township Office and speak to the Director of Building and Zoning for any questions you may have along the way while we implement these new fees. 215-256-8087 or drop us an email at [buildingandzoning@lowersalfordtownship.org](mailto:buildingandzoning@lowersalfordtownship.org)



## **Another Successful Toys-For-Tots Campaign**

Toys For Tots Coordinator Barbara Jansons, along with the Township, would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2020 Montgomery-Harleysville Toys For Tots Campaign a huge success!

Given the challenges of the past year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Toys For Tots had to change many of its “normal” procedures and was required to limit direct contact at drop-off sites, individual donation drop-offs, and the families they served. They also worked with fewer or no volunteers this year to ensure everyone’s safety.

However, as Marines do, they were committed to “improvise, adapt and overcome” as they got through another great year.

As always, because of the extraordinary generosity of so many companies and individuals in and around our community, more than 7,712 toys and books were distributed to 1,866 fortunate children, ensuring that each one of them experienced the joy of Christmas.

As always, monetary donations are greatly appreciated, can be made year-round, and can be submitted directly to this campaign online at <http://harleysville-pa.toysfortots.org>.

**Barbara J. Jansons, Toys For Tots Coordinator**  
*Montgomery-Harleysville Region*



## Battle Against Spotted Lanternfly Continues

Despite our best efforts, the invasive spotted lanternfly continues to pose a serious threat to the Pennsylvania agricultural economy as well as a persistent backyard pest to deal with.

In March, the Department of Agriculture announced eight new Pennsylvania counties are under spotted lanternfly quarantine, bringing the total to 34. While the winged insect is familiar to many Lower Salford residents, it will be new for those in Cambria, Cameron, Franklin, Lackawanna, Montour, Pike, Wayne, and Westmoreland counties.

The spotted lanternfly landed in the U.S. in 2012 in Berks County and has spread to other parts of Pennsylvania and the country. It's an easily recognizable threat to the agricultural industry. The bugs aren't picky when it comes to food, and their feeding habits, coupled with their sticky-sweet excretions that lead to mold, have resulted in harm to everything from fruit trees to grapes to hops to forestry.

A Penn State study released in January found the bug is costing the Pennsylvania economy about \$50 million and eliminating nearly 500 jobs each year. If the insect expanded statewide, it could cause \$325 million in damage and wipe out 2,800 jobs, the researchers estimated.

"The Spotted Lanternfly is more than a pest in the literal sense," Agriculture Secretary

Russell Redding said. "It's wreaking havoc for home and business owners, kids who just want to play outside, Pennsylvania agriculture, and the economy of the state we all call home.

"Whether you think it's your job or not, we need every Pennsylvanian to keep their eyes peeled for signs of this bad bug — to scrape every egg mass, squash every bug, and report every sighting. We need to unite in our hatred for this pest for our common love: Pennsylvania."

Last year, the first lanternflies hatched mid-April, but the overall population is more likely to hatch in May, said Heather Leach, a Penn State Extension associate.

During the spring and early summer, experts advise destroying Spotted Lanternfly egg masses, which look like gray or tan, unevenly spread, smears of mortar or clay that appear on any smooth trunked tree, stone, or other flat smooth surfaces, including vehicles, campers, yard furniture, farm equipment or any other items stored outside. Simply scrape them off, double bag them, and throw them in the garbage, or place them in alcohol or hand sanitizer.

Penn State Extension has developed additional instructions for homeowners wanting to attack their own spotted lanternfly problems. They advise the following:

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## Historical Corner

Do you ever wonder how today's expressions were born? In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either drawn, painted, or sculpted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back, while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by artists were not based on how many people were to be painted, but on how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs," therefore, painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it will cost you an arm and a leg," as artists knew that painting legs, arms, and hands were the most difficult features to paint.

### 2021 Historical Events\*\*

**Plant Exchange:** June 12 at the Jacob Reiff Farm 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Ice Cream Social:** July 25 at the Bergey's Mill Farmstead 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**HecklerFest:** August 28 at Heckler Plains Farmstead 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

**Carol Night:** December 10 at Heckler Plains Farmstead 7 p.m.

\*\*Please note that these events will follow all current CDC Guidelines due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As the events draw closer, the Township will update the website with more specific information.



*Heckler Plains Garden in full bloom*

## Battle Against Spotted Lanternfly Continues *continued*

- Wrap tree trunks that the insects are climbing with sticky tape, which is available online and from local garden centers. Banding is most effective against nymphs in the spring, but homeowners have had success in trapping adults as well. But sticky tape has trapped birds and small mammals as well. That can be avoided by caging the sticky tape with wire or fencing material wrapped around the tree.
- Remove tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), a non-native, invasive plant common in landscape plantings and disturbed areas, such as along the sides of roads. It's a preferred host plant of the spotted lanternfly.
- Attack the insects with pesticides. The extension website advises, "Only use insecticides that are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to treat any insect on your property. All EPA-registered insecticides have an EPA registration number and a label for appropriate and legal use. Home remedies should not be used against spotted lanternflies because they may be unsafe to humans, pets, and plants, and could be illegal."



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