

# LOWER SALFORD

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### Chairman's Message

*Dear Residents:*

As time moves on, the seasons of Fall and Winter seem to catch me off guard in their respective arrivals. These seasons bring shorter and cooler days with the blessings of the harvest. As I have likely said before, we have much to be thankful for in Lower Salford Township, including the dedicated folks who work for and serve the community. Since our last newsletter, a few new employees have joined the township public works department as well as a couple of new township staff members have been added.

This past May, The Township Country Fair Days had a record attendance, and for those that went to the fair that news will come as no surprise. With the record attendance came record funding and that is a testament to all of those in the community that attended Country Fair Days. This allows the Harleysville Jaycees organization further ability to expand its philanthropy and support of community organizations that we all enjoy.

The Township also experienced several road construction/renovation projects and will experience the long-term road closure of Quarry Road to facilitate the clean-up of the abandoned quarry near the intersection of Morris Road.

The Township also had continued success in obtaining grant funding to assist in the planning, design and construction of various projects like the \$600,000 grant from the Green-Light-Go fund which will allow for the modernization of the existing traffic signal Main Street (Route 0063) & Hunsberger Lane as wells as the modernization of the existing traffic signal at Main Street (Route 0063) & Maple Avenue. Lower Salford Township's application for the Yoder Road Sidewalk Connections Project was also approved for a \$113,650 implementation grant by the Montgomery County Commissioners.

As I said previously, but is worth repeating, Lower Salford Township has much to be thankful for and the list will only continue to grow in 2025. As a final note, I would also like to thank all those who made it to the polls on Election Day. With that, I wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season and a very prosperous new year!

*Keith Bergman*  
Keith Bergman, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

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The Board of Supervisors meets the first  
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# NEW RESIDENT WELCOME LETTER

Dear New Resident and Neighbor,

On behalf of the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisors, let me offer a heartfelt “Welcome to Lower Salford Township”, and our community (Gemeinschaft!). As I extend this greeting, we would encourage you to check out all that Lower Salford Township has to offer. Below are a few points of contact that you may find helpful as you transition into the community. These are communication channels from which you can receive, or access, additional information about the community.



- **Township Website:**

Your complete self-serve resource for township related information. [www.lowersalfordtownship.org](http://www.lowersalfordtownship.org)

- **Text Message Alerts:**

Receive township updates and/or emergency alerts to devices of your choice. (i.e. road closures, township meetings and other events).

[www.ReadyMontco.org](http://www.ReadyMontco.org)

- **Constant Contact:**

Receive township updates twice a month via email, with special updates as needed.

- **Resident Request Portal:**

Allows you to make requests for services or to report concerns.

Again, welcome to the community! We are delighted that you have chosen to live in Lower Salford Township, and should you need the resources of the township, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Keith A Bergman, Chairman

Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisors

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## HARLEYSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Residents of Lower Salford Township,

The members of Harleysville Fire Company continue to stay busy and work hard to support our community. We have welcomed new members over the past few months. The company had a busy summer of responding to calls and hard-at-work training.

Very exciting news of the arrival of our new Engine 89! The new engine is a Pierce Enforcer Pumper. This truck will be equipped with a 1,500 GPM water pump, Husky foam system, and 1,000 gallons of water. Engine 89 is a 6-man cab and will carry many different hose packs and tools. Engine 89 will respond first to any "Fire" related calls in the township. The truck went into service in early October.

Our 2024 fund drive mailer has been sent out in early November 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 our residents for their dedicated support in the past. The next large projects at the firehouse are to replace one of the chief vehicles and some building maintenance and upkeep.

With the Winter season back, that means the possibility of snow in the forecast. In the event of a snowstorm please remember to shovel out your local fire hydrant. Also, remember to clear off built-up snow around your street address.

While our numbers remain strong, volunteers are desperately needed in many capacities. Please consider donating your time in such a rewarding way. Please stop by on a Tuesday night after 6 PM and speak with a member to learn more or contact the station. Follow us on social media and visit our website (Harleysville Fire Company) for more information on ways to help support the fire company and to see what we are up to.

We wish you all a wonderful fall and winter season!

Ryan Nase, Fire Chief



## Important Announcement For Business Owners

In an effort to help provide for the safety of businesses, employees and the community as a whole, the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisors has approved the initiation of a safety program whereby each business in the Township will be inspected annually by the Township Fire Inspector. This inspection will be conducted under the auspices of the Township's Fire Code, which was adopted by the Township as **Ordinance 2023-02**, granting the Township the ability to conduct annual fire inspections, and to establish fees for such inspections. The inspections will be conducted in a manner

to minimize any disruption to normal business activities. Fees are collected each year and are structured based on when payment is hand delivered or post marked. You should have received a letter earlier this November outlining payment details. The earlier in the year payment is made, the cheaper it will be! We appreciate your cooperation in making this initiative a success. Together, we can foster a safer environment for everyone in Lower Salford! Thank you for your support!

## Annual Santa Run

The fire company is pleased to announce that our annual Santa Run is tentatively set to occur on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Santa and his helpers will begin making their rounds at 9:30 AM throughout the township. 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 to the street and it will be collected by Santa's helpers following his sleigh. There will be a candy cane for all the good children! Please listen for the sirens to know when Santa is not too far away. Please follow our website and social media pages for updates as we get closer to the day.





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## WINTER STORM WATER POLLUTION SOLUTIONS



With colder weather right around the corner, water pollution prevention is very critical. Winter brings with it unique and significant pollution concerns to our lakes and rivers. Because the ground will be frozen over the next few months, it acts like a hard surface similar to asphalt or concrete. It no longer has the ability to act like a natural filter.

Pollutants accumulate in snow banks and ice during the winter. When the snow melts, all the grime, grit, dirt, road salt, and other pollutants are washed into our storm water systems, streams, rivers, and lakes.

Be good to the environment and remember these suggestions for reducing your winter impact on our streams, rivers and lakes:

Be stingy with your salt application and consider alternative salting methods. Road salt can be harmful to plants, aquatic life and drinking water supplies. Salt alternatives like potassium acetate (KA), calcium magnesium acetate (CMA), or sand are less damaging to homes and landscaping and can be used to de-ice and improve traction on a walkway or driveway. If you do apply salt, shovel first and apply as little as possible.

Rethink rinsing your garage floor. While its tempting to take out the hose and wash that ugly, gray sludge and salt off your car and out of your garage on a mild winter day - please stop! Residue left from road salt, oil, gas, and other road pollutants drips from your car and ends up on the garage floor. One alternative is clean your car by taking it to a commercial car wash where the drains flow to waste water treatment facilities. A clean car means a cleaner garage!

Help to keep our watersheds wonderful even in the winter! If you observe pollutants entering the storm sewer or stream, please contact Lower Salford Township at 215-256-8087.

## NEWS FROM LEDERACH GOLF CLUB



*Never a Dull Moment: Exciting Renovations at Lederach Golf Course in 2024!*

The Lederach golf course continued another year of heavy play in 2024. The relatively mild winter weather allowed for a great start to the year and crowds of players continue to use the course. Despite the varied challenges of heat, rain and no rain, the course is in great shape with our course superintendent, Stu Hartman, continuing to meet the various challenges of Mother Nature. Our Food and Beverage Director, Sue Gaudio, has continued to provide varied menus and great event packages for all to enjoy. Dan Washleski, the General Manager, oversees the whole operation and even provides the popular summer camps enjoyed by a growing number of children.

The pavilion renovation project is now complete with new rest rooms, new ceiling and fans, retractable walls and the just-completed non-slip floor. The ongoing long-term maintenance projects for the course continue. The additional drainage was completed and the decking on one of the bridges replaced. Additional bridges will be completed in the next several years. The sand trap overhaul project will soon commence. Numerous dead ash trees will be removed in the coming months. It's never hard to find a new project!



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The Lower Salford Township Police Department would like to remind residents with special needs/disabilities, to prepare for emergencies by going to The Montgomery County website and register in ReadyMontco. Lower Salford Township is using ReadyMontco as one method to notify residents of information pertaining to our community. Road closures, road detours and special events are sent out to registered users through this portal.

Also, as colder weather approaches, do not shovel/deposit snow into the roadway. Please keep trash cans in your driveway for proper trash removal, do not place trash cans in the roadway. Do not "reserve" parking by placing lawn chairs or any other items in the roadway. Remember when a snow emergency is declared, vehicles must be removed from the roadway so that proper plowing may be completed. Lower Salford Township has designated places/parks and parking lots where residents can park so that the roadway is open for plowing.

As the Holiday season approaches, Police Departments across the country see an increase of motor vehicle crashes and driving while impaired. Lower Salford Township Police Department is not immune and sees the same increase. Please be responsible.

### Tips for a Safe Holiday Season

#### At Home

- Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks (window pins, deadbolts, dowels, etc.) and use them!
- Consider Security Cameras
- Don't hide spare keys in mailboxes or planters, or under doormats.
- Ensure that dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or are activated by sensors.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed so they do not conceal doors and windows. Remember, overgrown foliage can provide a hiding place for criminals.
- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- Be sure to mail cards, checks or gift certificates from the Post Office.
- Lock your vehicle and remove all the valuables. Yes, even in your driveway.

#### Strangers at your Door

- Use caution anytime there is a stranger at your door. REMEMBER, you do not have to open YOUR door
- Be suspicious of unexpected sales calls or deliveries. Ask for identification.
- Be aware of scams that criminals commit to take advantage of people's generosity during the holidays.
- Investigate charities before making donations. Ask how the funds will be used.

#### Leaving for the Holidays

- Ask a trusted friend, neighbor or family member to watch your home. Complete a Vacation Notice with the Police Department (Forms are on the Township Website)
- Use timers for lights and radios while you're away.
- Remember to make arrangements for mail and newspapers.

#### After the Holidays

- Don't advertise expensive toys, electronics, or other gifts received by the boxes left for garbage collections. Compress large boxes and place them in black garbage bags for pick-up.
- Add new items to your home inventory. Take photos or video of all items of value in your home and list each item's make, model, serial number and other information.
- Engrave new items to help identify them in the event they are stolen.



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### New Public Works Employees

#### *Justin Taylor, Chalfont (Age: 30):*

Justin, who joined the Township in June 2024, is a family man and a firm believer in doing things the right way. He specifically appreciates that Public Works allows him to focus on doing work for the greater good rather than profit-driven projects. His favorite public works project so far has been the historic masonry restoration at the Bergey Mill house, where he got to show his skills fixing the structural integrity of the building. Justin also has a deep love for Upper Mainland Road, where his in-laws live, and enjoys spending time at Heckler Park. On a deserted island, Justin would bring his record player (no mention of records), a solar-powered dune buggy, and plenty of books.

#### *Brad Knechel (Age: 36):*

Brad, who grew up on Yoder Road and also joined The Public Works in June, takes great pride in his work, appreciating that every day brings something new to learn. Brad served in the United States Military from May 2008 to February 2013 and is happy to be at a job that is equally exciting to him. Brad experiences a lot of variety in his day-to-day, which makes him a wonderful asset to the department, as he is extremely well-rounded! In his spare time, Brad enjoys fixing up his home, which he recently bought as a restoration project. If Brad ever ends up on a deserted island, he hopes he will have music, a good knife, and Neapolitan ice cream there (because you get three flavors in one!).



## Middle School Superstars Volunteer At Alderfer

Early this October, a spirited crew of 11 students from Indian Crest Middle School rolled up their sleeves for “C3” Volunteer Day at Alderfer Park! Together, they tackled the task of re-mulching the playground, transforming it into a safe and stunning spot for everyone to play and enjoy.

The enthusiastic volunteers also joined forces with the Public Works department to fill in topsoil around the pavilion, banishing pesky trip hazards! All this while getting to escape the classroom for a few hours.

And here's the cherry on top: their hard work made the park look absolutely fabulous just in time for Indian Valley Public Library Treat Trail on October 23rd, where over 200 kids showed up for a spooktacular good time parading their costumes and collecting goodies!

So why not take a stroll over to Alderfer Park and check out the amazing work these students accomplished? A huge shoutout to Indian Crest Middle School for making this day not only productive, but also tons of fun!



## Snowstorm FAQ/ Prepare Your Home For Winter

### *Which roads are plowed first?*

Of the more than 100 miles of roads that we maintain during the winter months (80+ miles of Township roads & 20 miles of PennDOT roads) during a storm, the major roads in the Township (Rte. 63, Rte. 113, Wambold Rd., Oak Dr., etc.) are given the highest priority to make travel safer for emergency vehicles, school buses, and the motoring public. Next, are the secondary and collector roads (Maple, Kulp, Yoder, Morris, Cressman, Kinsey, and others) are prioritized, followed by the neighborhood streets and cul-de-sacs. These priorities align with the volume of traffic that use the roads in the Township. From the time it stops snowing, it takes approximately 9 hours for all the roads to be plowed during a normal 3” to 6” snowstorm. During any given storm, we have the capability to deploy more than 15 plow vehicles and equipment. As an aside, we are always looking for qualified part-time plow drivers. If interested, please contact the Township for more information.

### *What responsibilities do I have as a homeowner to clear snow?*

Remove snow and ice from your sidewalks within 10 hours after a snowfall. If the snow occurs after 6 p.m., you have until 11 a.m.

the next morning to salt and shovel. Please keep in mind that the Township Trail System closed during inclement weather and no snow & ice control operations are performed. Help out the Fire Department by digging out the snow by the fire hydrant near your home. A few extra minutes then, can save valuable time in the case of a fire.

We also ask that you help us. We do our best to provide our residents and the motoring public with the most efficient and effective service possible, and you can help by not parking your vehicles on the street during snow events. Please understand that those who live on “Snow Emergency” routes, are required to remove their vehicles from the street during a declared snow emergency. The list of those streets can be found using this link. <https://ecode360.com/9509631#9509633>

### *Why do plows push snow back onto my sidewalk/driveway?*

The Public Works Department's practice is to plow every street from curb to curb, or from edge of pavement to edge of pavement. There are several reasons for this. First, it allows for the full use of



## PUBLIC WORKS

our roads. It provides for uninterrupted mail delivery. It clears snow from storm drains and drainage swales. And it provides plow drivers a place to put future snowfalls. We understand the frustration of shoveling your driveway only to have it plowed in again. However, if your street is not plowed for its full width, there is a very good chance that the plow trucks will be back to make sure it is.

### ***Why does the street still have snow on it after being plowed?***

Regardless how good a job the Public Works Department does in plowing your street, there will almost always be some residual snow left behind. For most snow events, all streets are salted after being plowed for the last time to melt any remaining snow. There are snow from snow blowers or shovellers clearing driveway and sidewalks. Please understand that Section 140-28 of our ordinance states, "It shall be unlawful to throw, shovel or plow snow into or upon any roads and streets within the Township from adjoining property".

### ***How can I stay informed about winter weather updates?***

Any winter weather updates will be posted across various sites such as ReadyMontco, Constant Contact, social media, and our website!

### ***What materials are used for de-icing roads?***

The Township uses salt brine (diluted rock salt) in our anti-icing/preventative efforts before select storms. There are a number of factors that go into the decision to apply salt brine, such as storm timing, forecast certainty, type of precipitation, and resources. Each storm is different, so we tailor our approach accordingly. During the storm, rock salt (sodium chloride) is used to melt the fallen snow and/or ice. When temperatures drop into the teens and single digits, we supplement our rock salt with calcium chloride, which has a lower effective temperature to combat the colder weather.

### ***What is the Township Mailbox Policy?***

Mailbox installations are permitted within the right-of-way of Lower Salford Township's public roads but must adhere to specific standards to avoid safety hazards and ensure mail delivery, with all

installations at the owner's risk. Homeowners are responsible for securely fastening mailboxes, which should be 41 to 45 inches off the ground and set back 6 to 8 inches from the rear face of curb, or edge of pavement, as damage from snow discharged by plows is not eligible for reimbursement, except in cases of direct contact by Township vehicles. If a mailbox is struck by a Township plow, it must be reported within 48 hours, and reimbursement up to \$50 may be provided if the installation complies with U.S. Postal Service guidelines.

### ***Where can I drop off Leaves and Yard Waste?***

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### ***What about my Christmas Tree?***

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



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## EYE ON DEVELOPMENT



### PRELIMINARY PLANS UNDER REVIEW:

488 Harleysville Pike - Preliminary Plan for 26 Townhomes - J.P. Orleans - Harleysville.

Mainland V, LLC: 196 Main Street - Four (4) Apartment Buildings @ 9 units per building, a proposed bank, and a 7,400 s.f. retail space.

Shihadeh Residential Land Development - 6 dwelling units (3 sets

of twins) within Lederach Village - Lederach Cross Road/Harleysville Pike.

Covenant Presbyterian Church: 310 Covenant Lane - Proposed 17,760 square foot addition including parking expansion and stormwater management.

### PLANS APPROVED FOR, OR CURRENTLY IN CONSTRUCTION:

- The Fields at Jacob's Way (formerly Jacob's Crossing) - 42 attached residential units on Oak Drive (past the Post Office) and 1 single family home on Meadow Lane - Kay Builders.
- Chinmaya Mission Harleysville - Approx. 18,000 s.f. religious use building at 991 Lucon Road.
- Mainland Pointe - SHR Harleysville, LP - Mixed Use Land development plan on Main Street. Includes single family dwellings, apartment buildings and commercial pads for lease. This development is complete aside from commercial pads still being available.
- Park Crossing at Salford: 48 Single Family Homes on Maple Avenue between Oak Drive and Route 113. Fox Lane Homes - All parcels sold.
- Highpointe at Salford: 19, 2-family dwellings (38 units) and 8, 3-family dwellings (24 units) for a total of 62 units on Oak Drive at the corner of Harleysville Pike. Fox Lane Homes.
- DEH Holdings - 285 Wambold Road - Preliminary Plan for 2 industrial buildings: one 25,436 s.f. and future building at 24,200 s.f. for light industrial use and wholesale sales.
- 931 Harleysville Pike-Briarwood - Plan for 4 single family detached homes accessed by a shared driveway.
- Creekside at Mainland - Plan for land development at 7, 15, 17 and 29 Mainland Road, preserving the existing Mainland Inn and building 41 residential dwellings.
- Lederach Village Homes: Morris Road - Northeast side of Morris Road near Harleysville Pike - Two, 6-unit, 3-story apartment buildings (12 units) and Two, 4-unit, 3-story apartment buildings (8 units) for a total of 20 units.
- Lederach Village Homes: 712 Harleysville Pike - Two, 4-unit apartment buildings and retaining the existing dwelling and converting it to an apartment - 9 total units.
- Christopher Lane Realty- Land Development for a 22,000 s.f. light industrial building at 130 Christopher Lane - Hagey Road, LLC
- 841 Main Street - Proposed 4800 square foot office building and six apartments on 1.39 acres in the Village Commercial (VC) District - SCK2 Group, LLC.
- ALMAC - 25 Fretz Road - Plan for 78,000 square foot expansion of the existing facility, including parking facilities and storm water management at the corner of Fretz & Wambold Roads.
- 355 Maple Avenue - Building Renovation and additional trail connection - Administrative Office (AO) district - VV355, LLC.
- 785 Cressman Road -Subdivision of a 9.52 Acre Parcel in the R1-A Zoning District into 3 separate lots.
- 392 Oak Drive - Minor Subdivision - additional lot within Penn Oak Court.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Employee Spotlight:** Grace Kelley Special Projects Coordinator

**Age:** 22

**Raised:** Harleysville, PA

**Education:** Washington College (Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science)

**Hobbies:** Played collegiate soccer and volunteers at Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy

In August, The Township welcomed a new member to the Administrative Team. Grace has called Lower Salford Township "home" since moving here with her family in 2006. She enjoys exploring The Township's trail system and the Perkiomen Trail, and she's particularly thrilled about the new Harleysville Market that opened this year. After attending Oak Ridge Elementary, Indian Valley Middle School, and Souderton High School, Grace went on to Washington College in Maryland, where she studied Environmental Science and minored in Sociology, as well as Museum, Field, and Community Education. With a strong background in GIS and communications for various companies and non-profits, Grace has joined our team to serve as our Special Projects Coordinator. What does that entail, you may ask? Well, Grace will be working to enhance our social media presence, developing the website, writing and submitting for grants, as well as creating the newsletter! She is also contributing to GIS projects being carried out by the Public Works Department as well as getting involved in other upcoming projects. Everyone at the Township is pleased to have Grace as part of the Team. If you are out and about, you may see her taking pictures of Township Activities for inclusion on social media or in the newsletter. Feel free to stop and say hello! She is a very active member of our community!



## PARK HAPPENINGS



### BERGEY MILL BRIDGE: CONTRACTOR SELECTED

Montgomery County is moving forward with the Bergey's Mill Road Bridge Replacement project. The project was awarded to Haines and Kibblehouse (H&K). Initial clearing and utility relocations have begun, and demolition of the existing bridge is scheduled to begin this fall with completion expected in the Spring of 2026. During construction, access to all properties on both sides of the bridge, including the park, will be maintained. Any lane restrictions and/or temporary closures are required to be communicated in advance to the Township for coordination. This project also includes the installation of, a small trail section leading up the hill to a scenic overlook/sitting area facing the creek. The Township

looks forward the completion of this long-awaited infrastructure project.

### Little Library

In April of this year, resident Stacey Bryan contacted the Park Board and asked for their thoughts on an idea her and her family had to build and install a "Little Library" in the Township. The Bryans live near Heckler Plains Farmstead, and the location they chose was a spot near the path that leads to the park. Stacey attended a Park Board meeting with her idea, and the Park Board members were all excited to hear her plan. The entire Bryan Family got to work creating the Little Library and installed it in August.

Ryan Beltz, Executive Director of the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy and Beth Myers, also with the Conservancy, were able to supply the Bryans with some native plants for the space as well. The Bryans also added the bench and a decorative flag to make the space! The Little Library works on the honor system and if you have a book you wish to share with others, feel free to place it in the box. Or, if a book calls out to you to take home and read, feel free to do so! The Little Library is a nationwide effort to reach as many people as possible with the gift of books. We hope all residents and visitors to the Township are able to take advantage of, and/or contribute to, the "The Little Library"!



Many, many thanks to the Bryan Family for their vision and hard work to make their idea come to life! If you, or someone you know has an idea for the Township parks or open spaces, feel free to reach out and/or come to a Park Board meeting. This Board meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Check the website for exact locations: [https://www.loweralfordtownship.org/agendas\\_\\_\\_minutes](https://www.loweralfordtownship.org/agendas___minutes)

### "School Of The Soilder" Reenactment At Heckler Plains

Back in April of this year, the Heckler Plains Farmstead became the temporary "home" of the 71st and 69th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. The Infantries were there in Civil War Period dress for the "School of the Soldier"; an actual event that took place during the Civil War to teach soldiers how to load, aim, and fire their service weapons. This event also included "civilians" in period dress that were reenacting the United States Sanitary Commission, which gave support to the Army during the Civil War. If you would like more information on either the 71st or the 69th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Reenactors, please contact Bonny Forbes, Activities Coordinator at: [bonnyjoe@verizon.net](mailto:bonnyjoe@verizon.net).



#### DECEMBER 13 – CAROL NIGHT – 7PM – HECKLER PLAINS

Join us for an old-fashioned Christmastime event of caroling around a bonfire, after which all are invited to sample some hot chocolate and warm mulled cider with touring the candle-lit farmhouse where you will hear stories of Belsnickel and how the animals can speak on Christmas Eve. Admission to this event is a home-made treat for the groaning board! For more information, email [hecklerplains@hotmail.com](mailto:hecklerplains@hotmail.com) and check them out on Facebook (HecklerPlains)!



### REMEMBER...

When using the parks and community paths, you must clean up after your pets for the health and safety of everyone.

### Keep Our Trails Clean

We want your trail experience to be safe and enjoyable so please be courteous to the other users. No littering - please practice "Carry In and Carry Out"! Township parks are open from dawn to dusk.

## INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROJECT UPDATES & NEW GRANT AWARDS

Lower Salford Township continually looks for ways to improve our infrastructure through grant funding opportunities each year that allows us to make the best use of our local dollars. These grants vary in their program guidance and include both new projects such as trail and sidewalk connections, as well as maintenance and upgrades to systems such as traffic signals that are the Township's responsibility.

### **Traffic Signals:**

Main St. Adaptive Traffic Signal Control System Upgrade (Phase 1 and Phase 2) – This project is funded through both the 2022 PennDOT Traffic Signal Technology (TST) Grant and 2022-2023 PennDOT Green Light-Go (GLG) Grant.

SR 63/SR 113 Traffic Signal Upgrade – This project is funded through the 2021-2022 PennDOT Green Light-Go (GLG) Grant.

SR 63 (Main St) and Maple Ave and SR 63 (Main St) and Hunsberger Road Traffic Signal Upgrades – As part of the Township's ongoing effort to update and improve their aging traffic signal equipment, the Township submitted for additional funding through the 2024 PennDOT Green Light-Go (GLG) Grant program. The Township was awarded funding for both project intersections in the amounts of \$442,464 and \$268,220, respectively.

### **Striping and Signing Safety Upgrades:**

Lower Salford Township Multi-Road Safety Striping and Signing Upgrades – This project was awarded funding through the PennDOT Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant.

### **Trail and Sidewalk Projects:**

Main St (SR 63, Sec. MRS) Sidewalk and Shared Use Path Connections – This project is funded by the 2021 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA)

Yoder Road Sidewalk Connection Project – 2023 Department of Community and Economic Development/Commonwealth Financing Authority (DCED/CFA) Greenways Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) and the Montgomery County 2024 Montco2040 Implementation Grant program.

PA 113 Alternate Route Shared-Use Path Project (Phase 1) – The Township received funding through the Department of Community and Economic Development/Commonwealth Financing Authority (DCED/CFA) Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Program

### **Recent Grant Application Submissions by Lower Salford Township:**

Each year, Lower Salford Township, with its consultant staff, reviews capital project priorities, budgets, grant program requirements, and more to determine what applications should be prepared and submitted for potential grant funding from various agencies. Below is a current list of those grants being pursued:

Department of Community and Economic Development/Commonwealth Financing Authority (DCED/CFA) Greenways Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) – PA 113 Alternate Route Shared-Use Path Project (Phase 2)

Department of Community and Economic Development/Commonwealth Financing Authority (DCED/CFA) Multimodal Transportation – Oak Drive Right-Turn Lane and Sidewalk Project

Department of Community and Economic Development/Commonwealth Financing Authority (DCED/CFA) Local Share Account Statewide Program (LSA) – ADA Ramp Upgrades

Department of Community and Economic Development/Pennsylvania Broadband Authority COVID-19 ARPA Capital Projects Fund Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program – Lower Salford Community Services Campus

PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) – TBD: Applications Due November 16, 2024

DVRPC Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program (MBRP) – Stover Road Bridge Replacement \*Awarded



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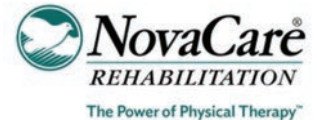


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## NOTES FROM INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY



Hi I'm Tracey. I love being your new Indian Valley Public Library Director. It's such a dynamic, wonderful place to be and I'm continually humbled and proud of what we do for you!

A little about me: I have been in Public Libraries for over 30 years, working in Libraries in King County (WA) and Clearwater Florida. I love what I do. I love interacting with library users and the communities we serve. I often say that IVPL is YOUR library, I'm lucky enough to be a part of it.

### What do you like to read?

I read across many genres, from speculative fiction, to memoirs, to bubblegum romances, to non-fiction. As long as it grabs my attention in the first 50 pages\*, I'm game for almost any book.

### What's the best book you've read recently?

Hmmmm. There are a few that I've read in the last year or so that I keep thinking about. Piranesi by Susanna Clarke, Hench by Natalie Zina Walschots, The Vaster Wilds by Lauren Groff, and Blight: Fungi and the Coming Pandemic by Emily Monosson have stayed with me and I keep chewing over them.

### What are you reading now?

I am currently reading Beautyland by Marie-Helene Bertino, Long Island Compromise by Taffy Brodesser-Akner, and The Last Resort by Sarah Stodola.

### What do you do outside of LibraryLand?

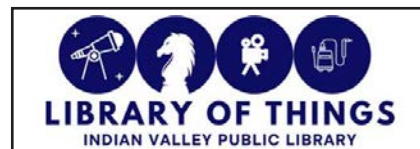
I love to cycle, both outside and on my Peloton. My dogs love to go "trailldogging" aka hiking, so I do a lot of that. I love music and spend a lot of time listening to music and going to live shows. The last shows I went to were Sarah McLachlan Fumbling Toward Ecstasy's 30th Anniversary Tour, and Melissa Etheridge and the Indigo Girls at the Mann. I missed the WXPN Fest this year, but hope to go next September.

*\*Nancy Pearl's Rule of 50: "If you're fifty years old or younger, give every book about fifty pages before you decide to commit yourself to reading it, or give up." Over fifty? Subtract your age from 100 and use that as your guide.*

While I am over 50, I still give most books 50 pages. It only seems fair.

### Did you know?

**That IVPL has a Library of Things** that you can check out? Everything from a metal detector to hotspots to cake pans to a portable projector and screen to have movie night in the backyard, these items are available to you to borrow with your library card. Check our website for a complete list of what you can borrow.



**That you can access Consumer Reports** from anywhere with your library card? You can stand in the aisle of a store and compare brands of, well, many things (I've done this for humidifiers). For free. With your IVPL card.

**That you can find out all the programs you can attend @ the Library through our website?** We had over 200 programs for all ages this summer that brought over 4,000 people to the library? [ivpl.org](http://ivpl.org) has all the details.

I look forward to seeing you @ IVPL. Stop in and say hi!

-Tracey Reed, Indian Valley Public Library Director



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## A Message from the Lower Salford Real Estate Tax Collector

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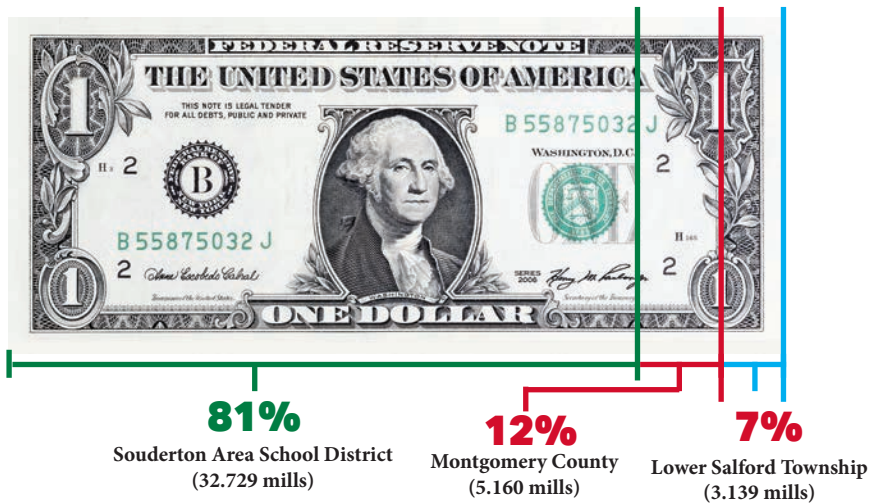
\*Township employees are NOT able to accept payment.

### TAX COLLECTOR HOURS FOR 2024

Date	Day	Time
3/15/25	Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
3/20/25	Thursday	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
3/22/25	Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
3/27/25	Thursday	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
3/29/25	Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
3/31/25	Monday	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
5/31/24	Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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## FROM THE HARLEYSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

### Welcome to the HARLEYSVILLE MARKET

The Harleysville Community Center proudly introduced the Harleysville Market to our community on Sunday, September 1st and its success exceeded all expectations. Despite the holiday weekend and rainy weather, Harleysville came out in full force to connect with friends, family, and neighbors.



The event featured live music, delicious food, and over 60 diverse vendors to shop and explore. The Harleysville Market served as a vibrant gathering place that highlighted the best our community has to offer.

Their mission is to create a platform where small businesses, community organizations, and local artisans can thrive. The Harleysville Market fosters a sense of togetherness, highlighting the people that serve as the backbone of our town. It is a perfect opportunity to support local commerce while enjoying a lively community atmosphere.

Looking ahead, the HCC are excited to make they have Harleysville Market a regular fixture in our community. The positive feedback we've received has been overwhelmingly encouraging and they committed to grow and enhance the market experience with each event. The future events promise to be bigger, better, and filled with new surprises. Keep an eye out for future events and follow along with us as they continue to grow!



### SCHEDULED HARLEYSVILLE HOLIDAY MARKET DAY: December 8, 2024 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

## Lower Salford – Once Home to Indigenous Winter Solstice Celebration

The Lenape people, also known as the Delaware, originate from the region that includes parts of present-day New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New York. Their presence in this area dates back thousands of years, with archaeological evidence suggesting they have inhabited the region for over 10,000 years.

The Lenape people, with roots in the Lower Salford Township area, celebrated seasonal events that focused on community and renewal, particularly during the winter solstice. This time marked the return of longer days and was celebrated with gatherings, feasting, and storytelling, emphasizing unity and connection.

The arrival of European settlers in the 17th century introduced new customs, including Christmas, leading to cultural exchanges. Today, many Lenape descendants honor their heritage while also recognizing contemporary holidays like Christmas, often blending traditional practices with festive celebrations. This rich tapestry of history highlights the importance of community and connection

during the holiday season, reminding us of the diverse narratives that shape our celebrations. It is essential to appreciate the multitude of stories that contribute to our collective celebrations.



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## Harleysville Summer Day Camp Prepares for the 2025 Summer!



The 2025 summer will be here before you know it! The **Harleysville Summer Day Camp** is excited to announce that **we will enter our 4<sup>th</sup> summer at the Harleysville Community Center in 2025!** The HCC is located at 477 Park Ave. between Kulp Rd. and Maple Ave.

**Camp dates for 2025 regular session will be June 16th to August 8th. Our Mini Camp week will run from August 11<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> (nine weeks total).** Families can register anywhere from 2 to 8 weeks for our regular session. **Mini Camp is a separate registration and is offered to all families whether you are registered for our regular 8-week session or not.** Check our website ([www.harleysvilledaycamp.com](http://www.harleysvilledaycamp.com)) for details. The camp day will run from 9AM-4PM Monday through Friday with Extended Hours in the AM from 7-9AM and in the PM from 4-6PM.



The **Harleysville Summer Day Camp** is a *Traditional Summer Day Camp with Educational Leadership*. The day camp is designed to provide a healthful 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.

The Day Camp's Staff will include local Professional/Certified Educators, Coaches (Collegiate, High School, and Youth) and 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 it will also provide for you as a parent that your child is under constant supervision and in a safe environment. College Undergraduate Education Majors and professionals are highly sought as staff members for those reasons.

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

Activities include daily swim lessons, recreational swimming, archery, basketball, Arts & Craft, music & dance, bones ball (form of baseball), field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, street hockey, Gaga, playground, Sustainable Gardening, nature hikes, on campus performances, themed weeks, *Gator Day Fridays*, field trips and much more! Some of our field trips include Earl Bowl Lanes, Freddy Hill Farms, LEGOLAND, Lehigh Valley IronPigs, and Dorney Park to name a few. Special Events held at the day camp include Zoo on Wheels, Science Explorers, The Magic of Sam Sandler, Phillies Home Run Derby and the Philadelphia Union Mobile Tour!



Lunch will be available for campers to purchase daily through the snack bar at the Harleysville Community Pool! More information and details will be made available online as the summer approaches. The camp also sponsors a **CIT Program for current 8<sup>th</sup> graders** who wish to experience counselor responsibilities in hope of working in a camp environment in the future. Check the website for details and registration.

Tutoring Services will again be available (additional fee) on site during the camp day for K-6 students that wish to use for enrichment or prepare for that next grade level in reading, writing, or math. Our PA Elementary Certified teacher will hold 40-minute sessions that both parent and tutor can schedule.

**REGISTRATION IS ONGOING AND WE ARE NEAR CAPACITY FOR THE 2025 SUMMER! REGISTER TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT [WWW.HARLEYSVILLEDAYCAMP.COM](http://WWW.HARLEYSVILLEDAYCAMP.COM)**

**Important date to mark on your calendar for the 2025 Harleysville Summer Day Camp....**

- ***An HSDC Open House date will be announced in the winter for parents to see the facility and meet HSDC staff in the spring. Check the website for updates and information. If you are currently registered now or in the future, information will be sent to you via email regarding the date and time of the open house.***

For more information check us out at [www.harleysvilledaycamp.com](http://www.harleysvilledaycamp.com) or email Day Camp Director, Joe Kilpatrick at [jkilpatrick@harleysvilledaycamp.com](mailto:jkilpatrick@harleysvilledaycamp.com) or call 267-932-8245

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

# We are Under Construction.

We're thrilled to share some exciting news! Over the past few months, The Township has engaged in an extensive search for a new website provider. After careful evaluation and discussions with several options, we are pleased to announce that we have selected a local government website builder, Catapult, located right in North Wales.

Catapult brings a wealth of experience and creativity, and we're confident they will deliver a new website layout that not only looks fantastic, but also enhances functionality and improves online processing capabilities.

We expect the new website to be launched by the beginning of December, and we can't wait for you to explore all the new features it will offer. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing our new online presence with you soon!



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