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Message from the Chairman

Dearest Residents, Family and Friends:

As I write this note in early March, the advent of the spring and summer seasons renews my spirit which is reinforced by longer days and warmer temperatures. Despite the past winter season, activities in the township have remained productive. The township, through the efforts of our state elected officials, received a grant of over \$440,000 for sidewalk improvements at the intersection of Oak Drive and Moyer Road. While not the entire amount we were hoping for, with some creative management, we will accomplish all that can be done with the money afforded to the township. Additionally, construction work, at the direction of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), also continues on the cleanup of the Salford Quarry superfund site, which is expected to be completed sometime next year. Also, in October 2024, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) approved a \$3,555,000 grant for the replacement of the Stover Road Bridge through the 2024 Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program. With the assistance of these various grant funds, the township is able to complete much needed projects in an effort to keep our transportation network smoothly operating.

The Public Works Department worked tirelessly through another winter season! While snowfall totals for the season were not overly significant, an abundance of nuisance snow and ice storms kept the department exceedingly busy. The good news is that the 2024 winter season is behind us.

The Police Department also saw changes with the promotion of three officers and the addition of another, David Sangree. We want to welcome Officer Sangree to the Lower Salford Township family and wish him well on his continued career. Also, in November 2024, the police department was awarded a grant for \$25,000 through the Department of Community and Economic Development to purchase new Body Worn Cameras.

Finally, I wanted to take a moment and highlight one of the amenities of Lower Salford Township which may, at times, be taken for granted, and that is our abundance of Open Space. The 1200 acres of open space owned by the Township has allowed the establishment of an extensive system of beautiful and functional multi-use trails throughout the community as well as passive and active recreation. The township's ability to acquire open space took forethought and careful consideration of both the township and the prior landowners. As you might expect, the supervisors are welcoming to property owners that are considering the sale of their property for development and turning to the municipality for the purchase as open space for all of us, and future generations, to enjoy.

Keith Bergman
Keith Bergman, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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Supervisors Meetings

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

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

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Use the Residential Request Portal to:

- Report a concern
- Share an improvement idea
- Submit a general suggestion

Call the office 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Friday at 215-256-8087

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HARLEYSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Residents of Lower Salford Township,

Our 2024 annual fund drive mailer was yet again a huge success thanks to our community. This is a major portion of our annual funding for the fire company and allows us to save towards our capital campaign projects. The scheduled replacement and maintenance of our apparatus is one of the most important things we do to maintain a safe and effective operation and the costs of this continue to rise dramatically each year.

The beginning of this year, a truck committee was put together for the replacement of our 2006 Pierce Ladder. The committee will be taking the year to research and build the best apparatus for the township. Once ordered, the truck will be delivered in a few years.

Earlier in the year, we received a new Zodiac rescue boat and trailer from a grant we received last year from State Rep Donna Scheuren. This boat and equipment will help support the jointwater rescue group of Upper Salford, Lower Frederick, and Harleysville Fire Companies.

With the dry weather in the fall and early spring, it is important to be cautious of burn pits and camp fires. A friendly 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 the township Fire Marshall and ask before having any type of controlled fire. Another reminder to make sure your house number is clearly marked and visible from the street. In the time of an emergency, we want to be able to find you easily and quickly.

While our numbers remain strong, volunteers are desperately needed in many capacities. Times have certainly changed in the growth of the community and our call volume has increased. Now more than ever, we are in need of your help to keep us as a 100% volunteer-based company.

Please consider donating your time in such a rewarding way. There are many ways you are able to be a member of the company to help us serve the community. **Please stop by on a Tuesday night after 6PM and speak with a member to learn more or contact the station.**

To keep up to date and to learn more about what the fire company is doing follow us on our social media pages and check out our website.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and safe summer season!

Ryan Nase - Fire Chief



NEWS FROM LEDERACH GOLF CLUB

The Lederach golf course completed a banner year at the end of 2024. Good weather prevailed for almost the entire year, and as usual, the staff had the course ready to accommodate the additional players.

Winter returned with a vengeance in January and February providing a muted turnout of golfers, especially compared to 2023 and 2024. Time off the course allowed the staff to address numerous projects planned for completion. Be sure to stop by and see the lighted translucent bar top just installed at Leddy's. The pro shop received a freshening with a new ceiling, carpeting and window treatments. The weather also provided a needed breather for our cart fleet. Our mechanic was able to inspect all the carts and ready them for heavy usage contemplated with the start of a new golf year in April. The course and Leddy's pub will be expanding hours as the season kicks into high gear. The popular Advantage Card program will continue, providing discounted play to all holders. Don't forget, the Advantage Card is free to township residents, a \$30.00 value. Call the pro shop at 215-513-3034 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you.



And yes, we still hope for good weather.

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General Election: November 4, 2025

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

To educate yourself more on this year's candidates, to register, to obtain an absentee ballot, and/or to update your address if you are already registered, visit the Montgomery County Voter Services website linked here: <https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/753/Voter-Services>. You can also give them a call at: 610-278-3280. To learn where your polling location is in the Township, visit the Township Voting Webpage at: <https://www.lowersalfordtownship.org/community/voting/>. Give us a call if you have any questions: 215-256-8087. *The Township encourages everyone to register and to cast their ballot in both the Primary and the General Elections. The # below represents the number of years in each term.*



LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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New Officer

On March 5, 2025, Officer David Sangree was welcomed as the newest Lower Salford Township Police Officer. Officer Sangree began his law enforcement career at the Jenkintown Borough Police Department. During his 11-year career at the Jenkintown Borough Police Department his responsibilities included patrol, investigations, firearms instructor and Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC) Accreditation Manager.

Promotions

In March 2025 the following officers were promoted:

Sergeant Cory Moyer was promoted to Deputy Chief. Deputy Chief Moyer has been with the department for 28 years.
Corporal Christopher Missimer was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Missimer has been with the department for 21 years.
Officer Matthew Cotellese was promoted to Corporal. Corporal Cotellese has been with the department for 7 years.



Left to Right: Matthew Cotellese, David Sangree, Cory Moyer, Chris Missimer, Chief Tom Medwid



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The Lower Salford Township Police Department would like to supply several tips as the summer months approach, as well as encourage residents to take a few precautionary steps to ensure a safe summer. As families plan for vacations, they should know the police department provides security checks of the exterior of the home while residents are away for extended periods of time. Residents can complete a vacation check request through the township website or they can stop by the police station and complete the information in person. While away, please remember to always contact the post office to have mail delivery put on hold. Residents should also suspend newspaper deliveries and have a trusted neighbor or family member take trash cans away from the curb so that it does not appear that you are away from home.

Additionally, as the weather starts to get nicer, residents can expect to start seeing SOLICITORS at their door. Soliciting is permitted under the law so long as the individual(s) come to the police department and completes the Soliciting Permit Vetting Process. Valid/approved solicitors must wear/display their issued Lower Salford permits so it can be clearly read. Do not be afraid to ask to see the individuals' permit. When in doubt, please contact the Lower Salford Township Police Department so we can verify the solicitors are approved. Soliciting is not permitted after sundown, so you should not expect late visitors to your home. Additionally, the Township has a newly enacted Ordinance regarding Solicitation/Solicitors that you should review for your information. Should you choose to display "NO SOLICITATION" please be sure it is visible at the door of your residence. Further information is found on the Township Website under the Police Section where you can simply print the NO SOLICITATION sign.

Please, always remember there are Police Officers on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Police Clerk/Office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3: p.m. The Lower Salford Township Police Department wishes you a safe and happy summer and feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

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.
- 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 TVs and other household valuables with some identifiable number or label.
- Rent a safe-deposit box for small valuables.

If you are interested in vacation security checks, please complete the Vacation Notice Form on the Township Website (under the Police Heading) and e-mail it to the police department at police@lowsalfordtownship.org or contact the Police Department at 610-635-4300.

Help prevent theft of and thefts from motor vehicles

Locking vehicles is a simple but effective way to prevent thefts. In addition to locking vehicles, it's also helpful to:

1. **Remove valuables** from sight or take them out of the vehicle altogether.
2. **Park in well-lit, populated areas** when possible.
3. **Use steering wheel locks or car alarms** as extra deterrents.
4. **Ensure windows are fully closed** and the car is securely locked before leaving it unattended.
5. **Do not leave your keys** in your vehicle.
6. **Do not leave firearms** in your vehicle.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works to Repurpose Donated Playground Equipment



Township Supervisor Dave Scheuren, and his company, Construction Services International Inc., recently donated a fairly new and gently used playground to the Township from a nearby school construction project they are working on. The play equipment, which includes a multi-faceted play structure, a 3-bay swing set, two 15-foot-wide shade canopies, an accessible spinner, and other activity panels, will be repurposed to create a new playground at Bucher Park, and to supplement existing equipment at Dan Roth Park and the “Duck Pond”.



Public Works Department personnel worked with Supervisor Scheuren’s construction team to carefully dismantle the equipment, originally slated for disposal, and transport and store the equipment until later this summer when it can be installed at its new home. All of these features, valued at well over \$50,000, are going to be wonderful amenities to our Parks System.

We would like to thank Supervisor Scheuren for thinking of the needs of Lower Salford Township and for taking the time to painstakingly remove the equipment for reuse. Kudos also to the Public Works team. Without their skill and attention to detail, this project would not have been possible. Great work everyone in making Lower Salford a better place to live, work, and play!

Camp Wawa Park Dam Project

Transforming a Safety Concern into an Amenity

If you’ve ever been to Camp Wawa Park, you have undoubtedly seen the dam across the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek. It is a unique feature of the park that attracts anglers, bird watchers, and just curious park visitors. Quite some time ago, the Township poured roughly finished concrete on the approach to the dam, and over time the Creek undermined the concrete creating a safety concern.

Rather than just filling this void with large rocks, which would only wash away during the next hurricane, the Public Works Department developed an innovative solution that turned this area into a new feature of the park. Through the brainstorming efforts of Brent Allebach, Phil Landis, and other members of the team, we decided to install precast, wedge-shaped concrete blocks along the perimeter of the undermined area. The implementation team of Justin Taylor, Claudio Sanchez, and Eli Vasey brought this vision to life by first installing three layers of these blocks, stacked in a semi-circular pattern until they were high enough to fill with crushed stone to eliminate the void.

Concrete steps were then formed and poured to the top of the dam approach, and a sidewalk installed extending to the driveway. All of the new concrete is anchored into either the dam or the existing concrete securing it in place. Finally, large rocks, salvaged from the Bergey’s Mill Road Bridge project, were placed on either side of the sidewalk and anchored into the ground, providing stormwater protection. The unique shape of these rocks allowed the team to create several stone “benches” for visitors to use while enjoying the view.



2025 Public Works Projects

The Public Works Department has an ambitious list of projects scheduled for this year. They include roadway repairs & resurfacing, storm sewer rehabilitation, park improvement projects, and various smaller projects, all of which have a positive impact on the community.

Roadway Resurfacing

- Ellen Way development, Mainland Ridge development, Harvest Glenn Dr., Hammersmyth Ct., Bennington Ct., Branch Rd., White Pine Way, and Morris Rd. (113 to Quarry Rd)

Stormwater Projects

- Culvert replacements on Schlosser Road and Sturgis Road
- Yoder Road (Vernal Ln to Kulp Rd) pipe rehabilitation

Park Projects

- Bucher Park - Creating new playground
 - Adding both repurposed and new equipment
 - Resurfacing the parking lot
- Dan Roth Park
 - Replace & relocate existing swing set
 - Reconfigure existing playground area and add new equipment
 - Installing 3 new pickleball courts

Build a Better Mousetrap Innovation Challenge

Congratulations to Doug Jones and the Lower Salford Township Public Works Department for winning PennDOT’s annual Build a Better Mousetrap Innovation Challenge!

Their award-winning project used QR codes on road signs during last year’s Cape Seal road improvements to enhance communication and educate residents. Scanning the codes directed residents to a professionally produced video, complete with narration, that explained the process and highlighted its benefits.

This innovative approach was recognized at the PSATS Excellence Awards ceremony on May 5 in Hershey. The Build a Better Mousetrap award honors practical, homegrown innovations that improve safety, reduce costs, and increase efficiency—and Doug and his team delivered on all fronts.

We’re proud to see local ingenuity shine on a statewide stage!



CONTINUALLY PURSUING GRANTS FOR A BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE

Lower Salford Township continually looks for ways to improve its infrastructure through grant funding opportunities each year that allow it to make the best use of 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 Signal Grant Updates:

Along with the funding partnership with PennDOT, the Township has been awarded over **\$1.68 million** in recent years to improve and upgrade the signal system to replacing aging physical equipment and upgrading to the latest signal technology. Most recent grants:

- Main St. Adaptive Traffic Signal Control System Upgrade (Phase 1 and Phase 2) - **COMPLETED**
- SR 63/SR 113 Traffic Signal Upgrade - **COMPLETED**
- SR 63 (Main St) and Maple Ave and SR 63 (Main St) and Hunsberger Road Traffic Signal Upgrades - **AWARDED**
- SR 63 (Main St) and Kulp Rd and SR 63 (Main St) and Walmart Shopping Center Traffic Signal Upgrades - **SUBMITTED**

Road Striping and Signage: Safety Upgrade Grants:

- Lower Salford Township Multi-Road Safety Striping and Signage Upgrades to Improve Safety - **AWARDED**

Trail and Sidewalk Project Grants:

- Main St (SR 63, Sec. MRS) Sidewalk and Shared Use Path Connections - **SUBMITTED**
- Yoder Road Sidewalk Connection Project - **AWARDED**
- PA 113 Alternate Route Shared-Use Path Project (Phase 1) - **AWARDED**
- Oak Drive Right-Turn Lane Project - **AWARDED**
- Stover Road Bridge Replacement & Trail Installation - **AWARDED**

Other Grant Applications in Process:

- Department of Community and Economic Development/Commonwealth Financing Authority (DCED/CFA) Greenways Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) - Oak Drive Sidewalk Project - **SUBMITTED**
- Department of Community and Economic Development/Commonwealth Financing Authority (DCED/CFA) Multimodal Transportation - **SUBMITTED**
- Department of Community and Economic Development/Commonwealth Financing Authority (DCED/CFA) Local Share Account Statewide Program (LSA) - Police Impound Garage - **SUBMITTED**
- Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) - **APPLICATION IN PROGRESS**
- PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) - **APPLICATION IN PROGRESS**
- MontCo2040 - Briarwyck Park Stream Restoration 2 - **AWARDED**
- America250PA - Community Lifesavers Initiative - **SUBMITTED**
- DCNR Park Rehabilitation and Development - Alderfer Park Accessible Playground **SUBMITTED**
- Schuylkill Highlands Mini-Grant - Water Access Stations for Trail & Park Connectivity **SUBMITTED**

As you can see, the Township does all it can to try to obtain grant funding to keep our infrastructure sound. If you would like to learn more about the grants that are listed, such as timing, dollar amounts, etc., please feel free to reach out to one of our staff. We are always happy to answer questions. township@lowersalfordtownship.org or 215-256-8087 Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30. Or visit our website at: www.lowersalfordtownship.org



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Building and Zoning Department Update

A. Under Review

1) Planning Commission

- 17 Mainland Rd. Creekside at Mainland. 13 additional apartments.
- 426-430 Main St. Building addition to existing doctor's office.
- 531-537-545 Main St. Clemens Mill. 12 twin homes.
- 488 Harleysville Pk. 26 townhouse dwelling units.
- 862 Harleysville Pk. Subdivision for 1 additional single-family home.
- 440-450 Hoffman Rd. Subdivision for 2 additional single-family homes.
- 0 Hoffman Rd (between 437 and 495 Hoffman Rd). Subdivision for 3 single-family homes.
- 130 Christopher Ln. 27,500 square-foot industrial building.
- 10 Schoolhouse Rd. 30,000 square-foot office building.
- 478 Groff's Mill Rd. Salford Mennonite Church. 4,940 square-foot pavilion.

2) Board of Supervisors

- 310 Covenant Ln. Covenant Presbyterian Church. Building addition.
- 0 Morwood Rd (at 279 Fallowfield Ln). 2 lot subdivision.
- 841 Main St. SCK2 Group LLC. 10 twin homes.
- 645 Store Rd. Subdivision for 3 additional single-family homes.

B. Approved

- 196 Main St. 36 apartments, a bank, and a 6,870 square-foot retail building.
- 703 Harleysville Pk. Shihadeh. 6 twin homes.
- 392 Oak Dr. Subdivision for 1 additional single-family home.
- 785 Cressman Rd. Subdivision for 2 additional single-family homes.

C. Under Construction

- 17 Mainland Rd. Creekside at Mainland. 45 apartments.

- 221-231 Main St. Mainland Pointe. 2 pad sites approved for fast food restaurants.
- 712 Harleysville Pk. Lederach Village Homes. 9 condos.
- 0 Morris Rd (next to Lederach Post Office). Lederach Village Homes. 20 condos.
- 355 Maple Ave. Changes to loading docks, parking, and driveway.
- 0 Oak Dr (next to Harleysville Post Office). The Fields at Jacob's Way. 43 homes consisting of townhouses and a single.
- 0 Oak Dr (next to Harleysville Post Office). High Pointe at Salford. 62 homes consisting of twins and townhouses.
- 448 Maple Ave. Park Crossing at Salford. 48 single-family homes.
- 991 Lucon Rd. Chinmaya Mission. New religious building.
- 931 Harleysville Pk. Briarwood. Subdivision for 4 single-family homes.
- 25 Fretz Rd. Almac. 113,410 square-foot building addition.

Moving a Business into the Township

Use and Occupancy Permit required (U&O Application and Emergency Contact form needed)

Fire Inspections

Annual Commercial Fire Inspections are conducted by the Township annually and involve unannounced visits from the Township's Fire Inspector. Payment for this inspection is required to be paid in January for the best rate.

Bamboo

The planting or growing of bamboo is prohibited within the Township. If bamboo is growing on your property, it is required to be removed.

TAX COLLECTOR

Douglas K. Souder, Tax Collector | P.O. BOX 129 | HARLEYSVILLE, PA 19438 | PHONE: 215-256-9858

A Message from the Lower Salford Real Estate Tax Collector

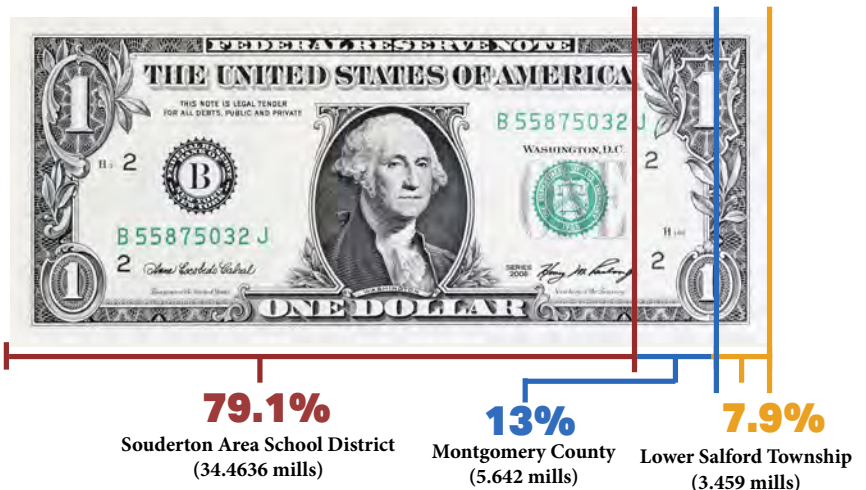
These hours are for the County/Township Bill. Please contact Doug dmsouder@verizon.net or call him at 215-256-9858 with questions about School Bills.

*Township employees are **NOT** able to accept payment.

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS FOR 2025

Date	Day	Time
5/31/25	Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
8/14/25	Thursday	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
8/16/25	Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
8/21/25	Thursday	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
8/23/25	Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
8/28/25	Thursday	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
8/30/25	Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
10/31/25	Friday	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLAR GOES 2025



*The average residential assessment in Lower Salford Township is \$179,430.00

SALFORD QUARRY PROJECT UPDATE

The Contractor, Conti, has prepared the site by clearing the trees, installing a workpad, abandoning certain monitoring wells, pulling back the rock headwall and recycling the rock material, performing soil excavation and will be disposing of the soil. The “down hole hammer” used to install the subsurface perimeter wall is on order and work is anticipated to begin in April.

Project items completed to date:

- Detour traffic around closed portion of Quarry Road
- Site prep, e.g., control measures for sediment erosion, tree clearing, establish temporary construction facilities, and staging/work pad areas;
- Excavate limited areas of contaminated surface soils and transport off-site for disposal; This remedy will minimize the migration of contamination to groundwater. It will also protect public health by preventing exposure to site-related contaminants.

Residents can continue to reach out with any specific questions to any of the contacts listed below. There is also an information flyer on the Township website as well as at the site itself.

EPA Site Contacts

Community Involvement Coordinator: Katie Page, Page.Katherine@epa.gov (215) 814-2409

Remedial Project Manager: Sharon Fang, Fang.Sharon@epa.gov (215) 814-3018

Remedial Project Manager: Ian Stewart, Stewart.Ian@epa.gov (215) 814-3016

Additional Site Information: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/salfordquarry>



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

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NOTES FROM INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY



Tracey Reed

As the days grow longer and nature bursts into full bloom, the library, too, awakens with fresh energy and excitement. Spring and summer are seasons of renewal and adventure, and what better place to embrace these themes than at the Library, where stories blossom like flowers in the warm sun?

This season, we invite our patrons to explore the themes of growth, transformation, and exploration through all we have to offer. Whether it's the budding romance of a classic novel, the exhilarating adventure of a fresh bestseller, or the inspiring journey of self-discovery in a memoir, there's something on our shelves to match the vibrancy of spring and summer.

For our youngest patrons, storytime sessions will feature tales for the seasons. Wee Build programs offer free play opportunities. Get a taste for travel and exploration with our new World Explorers club lets you and your children explore the world without leaving Indian Valley.

Beyond books, IVPL is embracing the spirit of these seasons with a range of events. Gardening enthusiasts can dig in on May 26 for the Educational Gardens Spring Clean up, where knowledge and greenery grow side by side. And for those looking to refresh their minds and bodies, our Thursday evening yoga series offers a peaceful space to reset and rejuvenate. As summer rolls in, we're offering all sorts of reading challenges and programs for all ages.

As we shake off the winter chill and step into the warmth of these bright seasons, let's welcome the possibilities with open books and open minds. Step into the library this spring and summer and let the stories of renewal, adventure, and inspiration take root.

For a complete list of programs, please visit our website (ivpl.org) or follow us on Facebook!

Did you know?



That IVPL uses Beanstack so that you can track your reading and participate in reading challenges? Earn badges and take part in group reads.

That 2025 is the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth? Check out all the celebrations at IVPL.org

That IVPL has Ready To Read Romances through Libby? Explore over 1,000 romance novels. This collection includes sweet small-town love stories, swoon-worthy historical romances, and steamy contemporary flings and has something for all romance readers.

I can't wait to see you at IVPL!

-Tracey Reed, Indian Valley Public Library Director





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FROM THE HARLEYSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Mark Your Calendars – First Sundays, All Season Long

The Harleysville Community Center is thrilled to announce the 2025 Harleysville Market season — their first full year of markets, following a fantastic debut in September 2024! Thanks to overwhelming community support and the dedication of both returning and new vendors, this year is shaping up to be something truly special.

Each market will feature over 100 vendors showcasing handcrafted goods, local produce, artwork, homemade treats, and much more. You'll also enjoy live music, food trucks, and fun for the whole family.

New for 2025: The Market is excited to announce that throughout the season, each market will be dedicated to supporting a local charity. They will be collecting items such as food, clothing, and toys to support local organizations and neighbors in need. Details will be shared on their social media channels as each market approaches (@harleysvillemarket).

Come for the community, stay for the music, food, and one-of-a-kind finds — and help make a difference while you're at it. See you at the Market!

HARLEYSVILLE MARKET	
2025 EVENT DATES	
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01 JUNE Sunday	HARLEYSVILLE MARKET 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
06 JULY Sunday	HARLEYSVILLE MARKET 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
03 AUG Sunday	HARLEYSVILLE MARKET 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
07 SEP Sunday	HARLEYSVILLE MARKET 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
05 OCT Sunday	FALL MARKET 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
07 DEC Sunday	HOLIDAY MARKET 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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Welcome to the 2025 Swimming Season



NOW is the perfect time to make your plans for swimming at the HCC pools. Membership information is ready to go for summer 2025. Opening Day is set for Saturday, May 31st.

For a limited time, member registration will be available online. For membership information please visit www.harleysvillecommunitycenter.com. On the HCC home page, look for the “Click Here to Register Now” button.

If you are interested in **JOINING OUR TEAM AS AN EMPLOYEE**, please visit our homepage on the HCC website and **CLICK** either the **EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION** button (for pool positions) or the **SNACK STAND APPLICATION** button (for snack stand positions).

From 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, Harleysville Bank, Excel Communications, The Mulch Barn, Harleysville Jaycees, Harleysville Lions and Harleysville Rotary for their ongoing support of HCC.

To learn more of the Center's interesting history visit www.harleysvillecommunitycenter.com and look for the “About HCC” button.

**HARLEYSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER 435 Park Avenue
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FREEDOM VALLEY MEDICAL RESCUE



Dear FVMR Community,



Colleen Haines

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new EMS Chief of Operations for FVMR. It is an incredible honor to step into this role, and I look forward to working alongside such dedicated and talented professionals. Together, we will continue to provide exceptional emergency medical services to our community, ensuring the highest standards of care and safety for everyone we serve.

In addition to my introduction, I'm excited to share some fantastic news with all of you. Thanks to the generous support of State Representative Donna Scheuren, we have successfully secured funding through the DCED Grant to purchase a new Crestline Ambulance! This state-of-the-art vehicle will significantly enhance our fleet and improve our ability to respond swiftly and efficiently to emergencies. The new ambulance is a vital addition to our resources, and it symbolizes our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible care and support to our community.



I am looking forward to what we can accomplish together in the months and years ahead. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Best regards, Colleen Haines - EMS Chief of Operations Freedom Valley Medical Rescue

Total Calls For 2024

Counts

	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Total
January	317											3		320
February	1	276												277
March		1	289											290
April				249										249
May				1	245									246
June					3	243								246
July						2	231							233
August							3	258						261
September									263					263
October										271				271
November										2	242			244
December											2	302		304
Total	318	277	289	250	248	245	234	258	263	273	244	305		3,204

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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



Liam Simpson, of Boy Scout Troop 137 in Harleysville, Eagle Scout project aims to help protect the community's waterways. With the help of fellow scouts, high school cross-country teammates, and National Honor Society members,

Liam spent several weekends cataloguing and marking over 300 stormwater drains in The Township with reminders that only rain belongs in them. Before placing each marker, the volunteers cleaned the drains, making sure they were free of leaves, trash, and debris.

Why Stormwater Drains Matter

Stormwater drains are essential for directing rainwater away from streets and properties, reducing flooding and erosion. However, they can also carry pollutants directly into local waterways. Unlike wastewater from homes, which goes through treatment plants, stormwater runs off flows untreated into rivers, lakes, and streams. Stormwater runoff is one of the leading causes of water pollution. Common contaminants include:

- Litter: Plastic bags, cigarette butts, and food wrappers that clog drains and harm wildlife.
- Oil and Grease: Leaked from vehicles, it coats fish gills and reduces oxygen in water.
- Fertilizers and Pesticides: Excess nitrogen and phosphorus from lawns contribute to harmful algal blooms, which deplete oxygen and harm aquatic life.
- Pet Waste: Contains bacteria such as E. coli, which can make waterways unsafe for swimming and drinking.

Keeping storm drains clean doesn't just protect the environment—it also helps the town avoid costly repairs and flooding.

- Clogged drains can lead to street flooding, which damages roads and driveways, making them more expensive to maintain.
- Trash and debris can wear down pipes and drainage systems, leading to costly repairs.
- Polluted runoff can strain water treatment systems, making it more expensive to clean drinking water.

By keeping pollutants out of storm drains, residents can help reduce maintenance costs and keep infrastructure in good condition.

Simple Ways to Help

Liam's project is a reminder that small actions make a big difference. Here's what residents can do to help:

- Throw away trash properly. Even small pieces of litter can end up in storm drains.
- Use eco-friendly lawn care products. Fertilizers and pesticides wash into drains when it rains.
- Pick up after pets. Pet waste contains bacteria that can contaminate waterways.
- Fix vehicle leaks. Oil and antifreeze from cars can wash into streams.
- Clear leaves and grass clippings from storm drains. This helps prevent clogs and flooding.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2025 – Calendar of Events

April 5th – 71st PA Civil War Regiment Group (Heckler Plains)

May 3 – Herb Festival

June 7 – Plant Exchange (Jacob Reiff)

July 20 – Ice Cream Social (Heckler Plains)

August 23 – Hecklerfest

December 12 – Carol Night (Heckler Plains)

SUMMER ATTRACTION DISCOUNTS

As of this writing (04/15), the Township has verified that the following attractions will be participating in the Pennsylvania Recreation and Society (PRPS) discount admission program:

CONSIGNMENT TICKETS

- Adventure Aquarium
- Dutch Wonderland
- Knoebels Amusement Park
- Morey's Piers
- Museum of the American Revolution
- Six Flags Great Adventure (NJ)
- Splash Zone Water Park (Wildwood, NJ)

PRINT AT HOME TICKETS W/ PROMO CODES

- Crayola Experience Link/Promo Code
- Philadelphia Zoo Link
- Philly Magic Tours Promo Code
- TreeTrails Adventure – Trevoise

Tickets arrive in late May each year and sales end on Labor Day. Ticket sales are non-refundable; therefore, you may want to check the website of the venue you wish to visit to make sure of hours and promotions. Please check the Township website for more detailed information as it becomes available. As always, contact the Township Office for questions or to check remaining availability: 215-256-8087.

REELING IN THE FUN AT ROTH PARK

April 9th was a gorgeous day for this year's 4th annual trout stocking event, giving local children the chance to help "stock the pond" at Roth Park. Each year, the Township stocks rainbow trout in three local ponds ahead of fishing season: Briarwyck Pond, Alderfer Road Pond, and Dan Roth Park Pond (fondly known as the "Duck" Pond).

For decades, the Township has partnered with Limestone Springs Preserve in Richland, Pennsylvania to provide the trout for our local fishers! Helping with this year's stocking were students from Paula Mandracchia's Seasons Class at the Souderton Charter School Collaborative, along with some of the youngest participants from the YMCA Preschool program in Harleysville.

The children had the opportunity to "catch a fish" using nets to transfer the trout to their spacious new home at Dan Roth Park Pond,

with assistance from the Township's Public Works Department.

The Township extends its thanks to Mark from Limestone Springs for his engaging presentation to the students about the trout and the Preserve. Special thanks also go to the North Penn Water Authority, and Wawa for generously donating snacks and goodies for the children, and to Tractor Supply for providing the stock tanks used during the event. Chris D'Ascenzo from the PA Fish and Boat Commission was a wonderful guest speaker to teach the kids all about his day in the life as the "River Police".

And of course, a heartfelt thank you to Public Works Director, Doug Jones, for organizing the event, and to his crew for setting everything up and guiding the children during the trout transfer. Thanks to everyone's efforts, it was a fantastic day filled with fun and learning!



PWC STREAM CLEANUP

Township Teams Up for Annual Stream Clean-Up at Heckler Plains

On Friday, April 11, members of the Township Administration and Public Works Department rolled up their sleeves and joined forces with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy for this year's **Corporate Day Stream Clean-Up**. The group spent the morning at **Heckler Plains Farmstead**, helping to remove litter and debris from the stream and surrounding areas to improve the health and beauty of our local watershed.

Despite the threat of rain, spirits were high as the team donned gloves, grabbed trash bags, and got to work. In total, the Township team collected 14 bags of trash from the banks of the creek and areas along Stover, Morris, and Quarry Rd.—ranging from bottles and wrappers to larger debris.

This year's clean-up marks the **21st annual Stream Clean-**

Up, and the Conservancy saw its biggest turnout yet, with nearly **2,000 volunteers** participating across the watershed. As the largest single-day clean-up event in Pennsylvania, the initiative spanned 233 locations, bringing together schools, friends, community groups, and local governments with one shared goal: restoring and preserving the Perkiomen Creek Watershed. The total collected for the efforts was:

1,815 Bags of Trash
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The Township is proud to support this meaningful effort and thanks the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy for organizing such an impactful day of community action.





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