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Message from the Chairman

Dearest Residents, Family and Friends:

The seasons of Fall and Winter are upon us, which means shorter days, longer nights and the autumn harvest. This is also the season of Thanksgiving, and we have much to be thankful for in Lower Salford Township.

As most may recognize, development in The Township remains active with several projects nearing, or at, completion, including the new sidewalk installation along Main Street, the completion of the Bergey Mill Road bridge, the reclamation of the Salford Quarry superfund site, and so on.

Other projects being pursued by The Township include the application for funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Park Rehabilitation and Development Program to enhance the existing playground at the Alvin C. Alderfer Recreation Area (420 Oak Drive) with an additional 6,000 square feet of ADA-accessible play equipment. The new features will encourage shared experiences between able-bodied and neurotypical children as well as disabled and neurodivergent children, promoting togetherness, accessibility, and fun for all.

For regular readers of the newsletter, you may recall the open space highlight in the Spring/Summer newsletter. Over 25% of the land within The Township is preserved, protected from development or in an agricultural security area. As a testament to The Township's continued commitment to the preservation of open space in the community, the supervisors have successfully negotiated an Agreement of Sale to purchase the Allebach Tract located generally between Main Street, Quarry Road and Stover Road consisting of nearly 60 acres. While this purchase will come at a cost, it will ensure that the farmland is preserved, and no residential/commercial development will occur on arguably one of the prettiest viewsheds in The Township. The acquisition of the ground ensures that the ground will be preserved as open space for future generations to enjoy.

I would be remiss in failing to acknowledge the Allebach family in their collective consideration in giving up the development rights to the ground and allowing the purchase by the township. We are truly grateful to all the families who have contributed to the over 1,200 acres of open space owned by the Township and in making Lower Salford Township a great place to Live, Work and Play!

Since the publication of our last newsletter, we have lost our township solicitor, James Garrity. We truly appreciated his trusted council and will miss him not only as our solicitor but also as our friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim's family at this time.

As a final note, I would also like to encourage everyone to get out and vote on November 4th, and 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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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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- Report a concern
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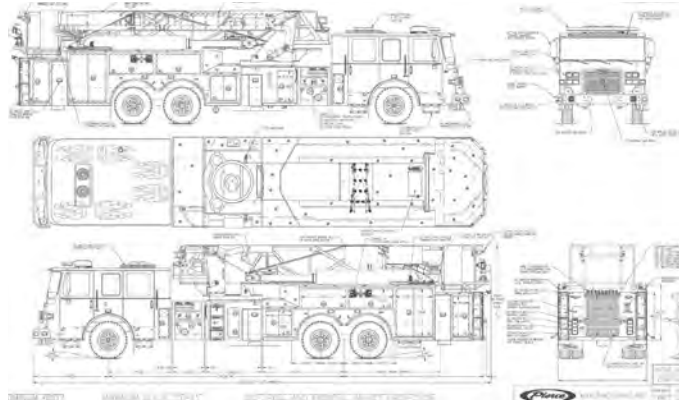
Residents of Lower Salford Township,

The members of Harleysville Fire Company continue to stay busy and working hard to support our community. The company has had a busy year so far of responding to calls and training. Our annual Fire Prevention Open House this year was joined with the Harleysville Market right here at the firehouse. It was a successful day and we appreciate all those who came out to support the community.

Earlier in the year we took ownership of a new Zodiac rescue boat and trailer funded through a grant with State Rep. Donna Scheuren. This boat and equipment was placed in service this spring after in house training was performed. The Fire company recently just signed off on the order of a new Pierce Enforcer Ascendant 100' Mid Mount Tower. This truck will replace our current 2006 ladder. Tower 89 is expected to arrive in Mid 2029.



New Zodiac Rescue Boat



Pierce Enforcer

Our fund drive mailer will be sent out at the end of the year to all area residents. This fund drive serves as a major portion of our annual funding for the fire company. The fire company graciously thanks all of our residents for their dedicated support in the past.

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

We have been very fortunate to welcome new members over the past few months While our numbers remain strong, volunteers are still needed in many capacities. Please consider donating your time in such a rewarding way. Please stop by on a Tuesday night after 6PM 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

ANNUAL SANTA RUN NOTIFICATION

The fire company is pleased to announce that our annual Santa Run is tentatively set to occur on Saturday, December 13, 2025. Santa and his helpers will begin making their rounds at 9:30AM throughout the township. 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 children! Please listen for the sirens. Please follow our website and social media pages for updates as we get closer to the day.



2025 VOTING INFORMATION



This year's General Election is November 4th. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m. Offices on this year's ballot include: Judge of the Superior Court, Judge of the Commonwealth Court, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Jury Commissioner, Souderton School Board, Lower Salford Township Supervisor, Lower Salford Township Tax Collector, Lower Salford Township Auditor, Judge of Election and Inspector of Election.

To educate yourself more on who is running for these offices, please visit the Montgomery County Voter Services webpage at: <https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/753/Voter-Services>.

For more information on where you vote locally, visit the Township Voter webpage: <https://www.lowersalfordtownship.org/community/voting/> If you do not have internet access, please call Montgomery County Voter Services at: 610-278-3280.

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

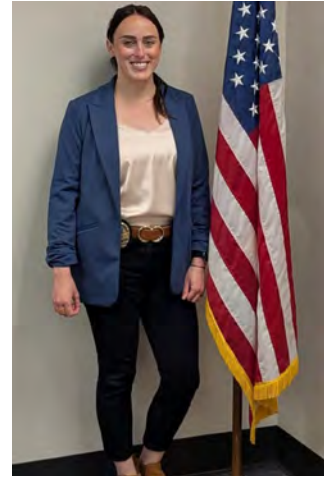


LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Congratulations To Officer Kate Byrne On Her Recent Commendation For Merit

Officer Byrne conducted a follow-up investigation related to an elderly fraud victim in February 2023. This follow-up led to working closely with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. Officer Byrne's persistence and dedication to this case led to an arrest of the suspect. The perpetrator had links to over 20 additional victims in the Montgomery County Area. Thanks to Officer Byrne's keen judgement and professionalism, the perpetrator went to jury trial and was found guilty of his crimes and is currently serving his sentence of 3-6 years. Many thanks to Officer Byrne for her persistence, dedication and professionalism solving this crime of fraud. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of fraud please reach out to the Lower Salford Township Police Department for help. All officers are here to protect and to serve the residents.



NEWS FROM LEDERACH GOLF CLUB

The clubhouse at Lederach Golf Course was refreshed this past summer with a much-needed paint job. Now, a new color adorns the clubhouse. The LGC clubhouse contains the course pro shop along with Leddy's Pub restaurant. The building was power washed, repairs of the wood exterior were completed, and two coats of paint were applied to the entire structure. The finished product looks fantastic!

This exterior renewal comes after extensive renovations were completed of the pro shop and the bar area inside the clubhouse. Those renovations included the pro shop flooring and ceiling being replaced earlier this year and a brand-new bar top and shelving were installed at Leddy's Pub over the winter.

All these improvements have contributed to the success of the course over the past several years. The number of rounds played is consistently improving along with the number of private outings that are being scheduled. Why not stop by and see for yourself? You don't need to be a golfer to enjoy Leddy's Pub and the outdoor patio. Please stop by and check out the changes! The Staff is always ready to meet and to welcome a new face!



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PUBLIC WORKS



Bergeys Mill Road Bridge Update

It has been more than a year since work began to reconstruct the Bergeys Mill Road Bridge, and over a decade since the bridge was closed and the road open to through traffic. All of that will be changing soon. Montgomery County's contractor, H&K, has been steadily working towards the timely completion of this project. In August, the bridge abutments and pier were completed, and the deck beams were installed. The decking and parapet walls have been installed, and work has begun on the roadway approaches. While final completion and opening of the bridge is expected sometime in late 2025 or early 2026, Mother Nature will ultimately decide the timeline.



EPA Salford Quarry Superfund Site

Another long-term construction project happening in the Township is EPA's Salford Quarry remediation, which began in September of 2024 with active construction expected to last until early 2026. To date, the project has involved removing the uncontaminated top layer of the Quarry, stabilizing the vertical rock wall face, and installing the perimeter subsurface barrier wall, which will prevent groundwater contact with contaminated materials. The final phase of construction activities will be to install the impermeable cap to prevent surface water from entering the containment area. Detailed information can be found on the EPA website at <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0301486>.

Dan Roth Park Improvements

Throughout the 2025 construction season, the Public Works Department has been making significant improvements to Dan Roth Park, a.k.a. The Duck Pond. Through good fortune, and our connection with Supervisor Dave Scheuren, we acquired and installed two gently used shade canopies and several parking lot lights that were installed around the pond and along the parking lot at Dan Roth Park. This is in addition to improving the dam wall, installing new concrete pads, safety railings, benches and picnic tables, new underground conduit and wiring for the lights, repaving the pathway around the pond, and paving & restriping the parking lot adding much needed parking. All of these improvements, completed by the Public Works team, have really changed the character of this "little jewel" of a park and we hope that everyone will visit and enjoy not only Roth Park, but all the parks and trails in Lower Salford.



Other Park Improvements Slated for 2025...and beyond!

- New water fountains that include bottle filler and dog bowl stations will be installed along our trail system at Alderfer Park, Park Avenue Fields, Reed Park, and Heckler Plains. A portion of the funding for these fountains was obtained through the Schuylkill Highlands mini-grant program.
- Bucher Park will become the new home for a donated play structure and swing set. This addition will continue the improvements at this park, which began with resurfacing the basketball courts and a complete renovation of the roller hockey rink.
- Improvement plans for Heckler Plains Park include a new multi-bay swing set and expanded playground area. The existing swing set is scheduled for removal with new pickleball courts taking its place.
- The Township is also working with several of the local service organizations (Rotary, Lions, Jaycees) to fund and install Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at high-traffic park and trail locations where commercial power exists.

PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Road Maintenance & Resident Responsibilities – Quick Guide

Which roads are plowed first? We maintain over 100 miles of roads (80+ Township, 20 PennDOT). During a storm, major roads (e.g., Rte. 63, Rte. 113, Wambold Rd., Oak Dr.) are plowed first for emergency access. Secondary roads (e.g., Maple, Kulp, Yoder, etc.) come next, followed by neighborhood streets and cul-de-sacs. These priorities align with the volume of traffic that use the roads in the Township. It typically takes about 9 hours to clear all roads after a 'typical' 3–6" snowfall. The Public Works Department has the capability to deploy over 15 plow vehicles. Please be aware that The Township *does not* plow our park trails or parking lots. *Interested in part-time plow driving? Contact the Township!*

What are my responsibilities as a homeowner?

- Clear sidewalks within 10 hours after snow ends (if snow ends after 6 p.m., have sidewalks clear by 11 a.m.).
- Clear snow from fire hydrants near your property.
- Avoid parking on streets during snow events—this helps plows do their job more efficiently.
- If you live on a Snow Emergency route, move vehicles during declared emergencies. <https://ecode360.com/9509631#9509633>

Why does the plow push snow back onto my 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 our roads, uninterrupted mail delivery, it clears snow from storm drains and drainage swales, and it provides plow drivers a place to put future snowfalls. Thank you for your understanding!

Why is there still snow on my street after plowing? Regardless how good a job the Public Works Department does in plowing your street, snow can remain after plowing; we salt roads afterward to melt residual snow. Please don't shovel or blow snow into the street—it's prohibited by ordinance (§140-28).

How can I stay updated on snow events? Follow updates via ReadyMontco, Constant Contact, Township website, and social media.

What materials are used to treat roads?

- Before storms: Salt brine (diluted rock salt) as a preventative measure. Storm timing, forecast certainty, type of precipitation, and resources are all factors that determine when we salt the roads.
- During storms: Rock salt (sodium chloride); calcium chloride is added in very cold temperatures for extra effectiveness.

Mailbox Policy Mailboxes in the Township right-of-way must follow USPS standards (41–45" high, 6–8" from curb). The Township is not responsible for damage from plowed snow. If a mailbox is struck by a plow, report it within 48 hours—up to \$50 may be reimbursed if the installation complies with U.S. Postal Service guidelines.

Winter Home Prep Tips Check/replace weather-stripping on windows and doors. Shut off and drain outdoor faucets and sprinkler systems to prevent pipe bursts.

Leaf & Yard Waste Drop-off Drop off leaves and yard waste (no grass) in biodegradable bags year-round at The Township Building, 379 Main Street (back lot). Bags are available at the Township Building (2 for \$1, 50 for \$22).

Christmas Tree Disposal Drop off undecorated trees at Jacob Reiff Park (Upper Mainland Rd. lot) through February 28. Trees will be chipped for park mulch.



Public Works Seasonal Employee Highlight!

Congratulations to Tyler Craig of the Lower Salford Township Public Works Department, who was recently recognized for his dedication to professional growth in the field of public works.

At the Montgomery County Public Works Association's Annual Picnic this past August, Tyler (pictured second from the right) was awarded the David H. Shaffer, Jr. Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. This annual scholarship is presented to individuals pursuing further education in a field related to public works at a trade or technical school, or an institution of higher learning.



EYE ON DEVELOPMENT



Building and Zoning Department Update

A. Under Review

1) Planning Commission

1. 731 Old Summeytown Pk Subdivision for 2 additional homes.
2. 531 Main St. Clemens Mill. 12 twin homes.
3. 488 Harleysville Pk. 26 townhouse dwelling units.
4. 862 Harleysville Pk. Subdivision for 1 additional single-family home.
5. 0 Hoffman Rd (between 437 and 495 Hoffman Rd). Subdivision for 3 single-family homes.

2) Board of Supervisors

1. 0 Morwood Rd (at 279 Fallowfield Ln). 2 lot subdivision.
2. 440-450 Hoffman Rd. Subdivision for 2 additional single-family homes

B. Approved

1. 10 Schoolhouse Rd. 30,000 square-foot office building
2. 480 Groffs Mill Rd. Salford Mennonite Church. 4,940 square-foot pavilion
3. 703 Harleysville Pk. Shihadeh. 6 twin homes.
4. 392 Oak Dr. Subdivision for 1 additional single-family home.
5. 785 Cressman Rd. Subdivision for 2 additional single-family homes.
6. 17 Mainland Rd. Creekside at Mainland. 13 additional apartments.
7. 310 Covenant Ln. Covenant Presbyterian Church. Building addition.
8. 645 Store Rd. Subdivision for 3 additional single-family homes.
9. 841 Main St. SCK2 Group LLC. 10 twin homes.
10. 209 Maple Ave 3-lot residential subdivision

C. Under Construction

1. 130 Christopher Ln. 27,500 square-foot industrial building.
2. 17 Mainland Rd. Creekside at Mainland. 45 apartments.
3. 221-231 Main St. Mainland Pointe. 2 pad sites approved for fast food restaurants.
4. 712 Harleysville Pk. Lederach Village Homes. 9 condos.
5. 0 Morris Rd (next to Lederach Post Office). Lederach Village Homes. 20 condos.
6. 355 Maple Ave. Changes to loading docks, parking, and driveway.
7. 0 Oak Dr (next to Harleysville Post Office). The Fields at Jacob's Way. 43 homes consisting of townhouses and a single.
8. 0 Oak Dr (next to Harleysville Post Office). High Pointe at Salford. 62 homes consisting of twins and townhouses.
9. 448 Maple Ave. Park Crossing at Salford. 48 single-family homes.
10. 991 Lucon Rd. Chinmaya Mission. New religious building.
11. 931 Harleysville Pk. Briarwood. Subdivision for 4 single-family homes.
12. 25 Fretz Rd. Almac. 113,410 square-foot building addition.
13. 196 Main St. 36 apartments, Chase Bank, and a 6,870 square-foot retail building.
14. 656 Harleysville Pk, office and parking, The Village at Lederach.
15. 501 Old Skippack Rd, commercial building and parking, Lederach General Store.

STORMWATER

Jacob Reiff Restoration Part II: Breathing New Life into the Skippack Creek

Big things are happening at Jacob Reiff Park! The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy and Lower Salford Township have teamed up to bring the Jacob Reiff Restoration Part II project to life—a dynamic, hands-on effort to restore one of the most impaired stretches of the Skippack Creek.

This bold initiative combats stormwater runoff, erosion, sediment build-up, and vanishing riparian buffers. The plan? Reconnect the creek to its natural floodplain, regrade steep banks, and build a stunning two-acre rain garden filled with 10,000 native plants. This living sponge will slow stormwater, recharge groundwater, and give wildlife a serious boost.



But that's just the beginning.

Over 500 feet of badly eroded streambank will be restored using nature-based solutions like root wads and coir mats seeded with native plants. These tools not only stabilize the banks, they also create critical habitat for fish, frogs, and other creek critters.

Meanwhile, a heavily damaged stormwater channel—carving its way from nearby fields—will be transformed. Picture a winding green corridor lined with native grasses, regenerative pools to slow the flow, and a final stop at a new rain garden before rejoining the creek.

Add to that 300 native trees and shrubs, two acres of newly-planted streamside buffer, and you've got a solution for long-term stream health.

And the best part? This project is powered by people. With over 5,000 hours of volunteer time on deck, students, civic groups, and corporate teams will help grow, plant, and protect this vital waterway.

The Reiff Restoration project isn't just about fixing a creek—it's about reconnecting a community to its watershed and proving that with the right mix of science, teamwork, and grit, we can bring our waterways back to life.



NOTES FROM INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY



Tracey Reed

What a spooktacular sunny October morning at Alderfer Park! The Indian Valley Public Library's 3rd annual "Treat Trail" was a total blast! We had the best time handing out goodie bags stuffed with coloring books, stickers, and candy galore! Everyone was looking boo-tiful in their costumes!

Treat Trail is one of the many activities that the IVPL hosts, serving the Lower Salford community with everyday events, youth and adult services, book clubs, arts & crafts, homeschool resources, and SO. MUCH. MORE. Try not to be surprised by the ways you could take advantage of all the information they have to offer - they are a Library after all...

Interested in applying for a Library card? You can now apply for a library card online. You must have a valid email address and live in one of the following municipalities to apply online--Franconia Township, Lower Salford Township, Salford Township, Souderton Borough, or Telford Borough.



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HOLIDAY GIVING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Looking to give back this holiday season? Montgomery County has many opportunities for you to pay it forward. Their seasonal drives include Spring Clean, Summer Food, Back to School, and their Winter Drives include Coats, Thanksgiving, and Holiday. They always need, and will gratefully accept throughout the year, gift cards to any store or other basic needs items through their Amazon Wishlist (visit amazon.com and search Montgomery County Health & Human Services). Keep an eye on the Lower

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COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Within the past year The Communications committee has welcome two new members to assist in the important communication-based decisions the Township has to make. In the past few months, the Communication committee has extended its reach to the Harleysville Market, and soon hopefully will be accepting applications for additional chair members.



MEET HARRY SOLIMEO



MEET ROB CARLSON

When did you move to Lower Salford?

Harry : I moved to Lower Salford in the Fall of 2016.

Rob: My family and I moved from Baltimore County, Maryland to Lower Salford Township in July of 2024.

Your favorite thing about the Township?

Harry: There is so much to love about Lower Salford Township - the park system, the connecting bike path, the preserved farmland and people. It's all of it working together that makes this place so attractive to raise a family.

Rob: I love having so many parks and so much open space just a few minutes from our home. I sometimes work remotely, and I've set a goal to do that outside for a few hours in every park in the township by the end of 2025 and document each one.

Why you wanted to join the Communications Committee and what you hope to contribute.

Harry: Joining the Communications Committee was simply a way to help and contribute. I thought my previous professional experience could be of use. It was a way to invest in the place I call home.

Rob: From our first month here, I was impressed by how well the Township already communicates with residents. I volunteered to join the committee so I can bring my experience in technology and designing for government to help neighbors get clear, plain information on the things they care about, delivered in the formats that work best for them.

Your preferred method(s) of communication (social media, newsletters, face-to-face, carrier pigeon—anything goes!)

Harry: I have one foot in the old world and one in the new- I love seeing the newsletters but love social media as well.

Rob: E mail is best. Short, to the point, with a clear action I can take. I do keep an eye on social media during the day to keep up on what's happening, but a concise email with next steps is what I'm most likely to act on.

TOWNSHIP INTRODUCES JUNIOR SUPERVISOR PROGRAM

Are you a high school student with an interest in government, leadership, or making a difference in your community? This past August, Lower Salford Township launched a brand-new initiative - the Junior Supervisor Program - designed to involve the next generation in local government.

Open to high school juniors and seniors who live in the Township, the program gives students a chance to see how local government works from the inside.

Through an application and interview process, one to two students are selected to serve as Junior Supervisors during the school year - attending board and committee meetings and offering a fresh perspective on the issues that matter.

By the time you're reading this, our first-ever Junior Supervisors for the 2025–26 school year will already be seated. See our social pages for the big reveal (@lowersalfordtownship)! We can't wait to see the impact they'll have, and we're excited to continue this program for years to come.



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 parks, trail and sidewalk connections, as well as maintenance and upgrades to systems such as traffic signals that are the Township's responsibility. 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 on 215-256-8087.

KEY:

CFA = Commonwealth Financing Authority

DCED = Department of Community and Economic Development

GTRP= Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program

DCNR = Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

MTF = Multimodal Transportation Funding

LSA= Local Share Account

ARLE = Automated Red-Light Enforcement

TASA = Transportation Alternative Set-Aside

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**
- GLG SR 63 (Main St) and Maple Ave and SR 63 (Main St) and Hunsberger Road Traffic Signal Upgrades – **AWARDED** \$710,684
- SR 63 (Main St) and Kulp Rd and SR 63 (Main St) and Walmart Shopping Center Traffic Signal Upgrades – **SUBMITTED**
- ARLE - School Flashing Warning Device Modernization for Indian Valley Middle School - **SUBMITTED**
- MTF – SR 113 & Paterno/Maple Intersection Signal & Access Improvements- **SUBMITTED**

Road Striping and Signage: Safety Upgrade Grants:

- ARLE Lower Salford Township Multi-Road Safety Striping and Signage Upgrades to Improve Safety – **AWARDED** \$86,200

Trail and Sidewalk Project Grants:

- Main St (SR 63, Sec. MRS) Sidewalk and Shared Use Path Connections – **SUBMITTED**
- Yoder Road Sidewalk Connection Project – **AWARDED** \$200,000 (GTRP) & \$113,650 (Montco 2040)
- DCED PA 113 Alternate Route Shared-Use Path Project (Phase 1) – **AWARDED** \$600,000
- MTF Oak Drive Right-Turn Lane Project – **AWARDED** \$449,250
- Stover Road Bridge Replacement & Trail Installation – **AWARDED** \$3,555,000
- ARLE - Oak Drive Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements – **SUBMITTED**

Other Grant Applications:

- DCED/CFA Greenways Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) – Oak Drive Sidewalk Project - **SUBMITTED**
- DCED/CFA Local Share Account Statewide Program (LSA) – Police Impound Garage – **SUBMITTED**
- MONTCO 2040 – Briarwyck Park Stream Restoration 2 - **AWARDED** \$250,000
- DCNR Park Rehabilitation and Development – Alderfer Park Accessible Playground **SUBMITTED**
- Schuylkill Highlands Mini-Grant - Water Access Stations for Trail & Park Connectivity **AWARDED** \$12,720
- Main Street Matters – Ornamental Street Lighting for Main Street – **SUBMITTED**
- TASA – SR0113 (Harleysville Pike Alternate Route) Shared-Use Path : Phase I Project – **SUBMITTED**



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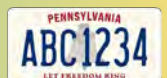


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OPEN SPACE: PRESERVING LAND

Preserving land has been a topic on the minds of the Lower Salford Township Supervisors since the late 1960s when a group of residents banded together with Township Supervisors and Staff to discuss preserving their land through the newly created Open Space Program. Through the efforts of our predecessors, the Township has preserved over 1200 acres of land accounting for over 13% of the entire Township. And with the addition of private landowners putting their land in the Agricultural Security program the percentage increases to over 23%! Whether through conservation, legal protections, or sustainable management, preserving land offers a range of important environmental, economic, and social benefits. Here are some key advantages:

Environmental Benefits:

Protects Biodiversity

Preserved land provides a safe habitat for plants, animals, and insects, many of which may be endangered or threatened.

Improves Air and Water Quality

Forests and wetlands filter pollutants, protect watersheds, and help maintain clean drinking water sources.

Reduces Climate Change Impact

Natural lands act as carbon sinks, absorbing CO₂ from the atmosphere, and helping to regulate the global climate.

Prevents Soil Erosion and Flooding

Vegetation stabilizes soil and helps to manage stormwater, reducing the risk of floods.

Economic Benefits:

Boosts Local Economies

Preserved natural areas supports tourism, outdoor recreation, and eco-friendly businesses.

Increases Property Values:

Proximity to green spaces often raises real estate values.

Reduces Infrastructure Costs

Natural systems like wetlands provide free flood control and water filtration, reducing the need for expensive engineered solutions.

Social Benefits:

Provides Recreational Opportunities

Parks, trails, and wilderness areas promote physical and mental health through outdoor activities.

Educational and Research Value

Preserved lands offer opportunities for scientific research and environmental education.

In Summary, preserving land isn't just about keeping nature untouched, it's a smart investment in long-term environmental sustainability, economic resilience, and quality of life for future generations.



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.

HECKLERFEST

Hecklerfest – August 23rd

The Folklife Historical Society put on their annual Hecklerfest at Heckler Farmstead on August 23rd, it was a day full of homemade pie, butter-making, spinning and weaving, old fashioned baseball, and a whole lot of people! The Heckler Plains Folklife Society thanks everyone who came out and enjoyed the beautiful day. Join next year when we plan to incorporate the 250th Anniversary celebration of the Declaration of Independence.

Heckler Plains Folklife Society Presents CAROL NIGHT

Come gather 'round the bonfire for a heartwarming, old-fashioned Christmas caroling night at 7PM on **December 12th at Heckler Plains Farmstead on Landis Road**. Sing your favorite carols under the stars, then cozy up with hot cocoa and spiced mulled cider to tour the beautifully candle-lit Heckler farmhouse, where you'll be whisked back in time with tales of Belsnickel and the legend of how animals gain the gift of speech on Christmas Eve. **Admission:** Bring a homemade treat to share at our legendary groaning board. For more information, head to their Facebook page (Heckler Plains Folklife Society).



“THIS YOU?” – A BLAST FROM THE HFC PAST

While sorting through our archives (okay... the basement), we uncovered a few large team photos of the **Harleysville Football Club (HFC)** from the 1990s. They're full of familiar faces — maybe even yours!

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