

Spring 2019

Limerick Township

Newsletter

One Township



One Team

*Volunteer Fire Companies Join Forces
for a Stronger Community*

Message from the Chairman



*Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr.
Chairman*

I'm pleased to serve as the Board of Supervisors' Chairman for this coming year and wish to thank Elaine DeWan for her leadership in the position during 2018. Under Elaine's guidance, several important capital projects were completed which strengthen the Board's commitment to public safety, emergency response services, public works, parks, trails, and open space. These core services are essential in maintaining a vibrant, safe, and thriving community. The Board is also aware of the burden on the tax base in providing these important services and has worked for many years on maintaining below average township real estate taxes, when compared to all other 62 municipalities within Montgomery County. Maintaining low real estate taxes has been a mainstay of the Board for well over a decade, and a focal reason in deciding to sell the township sewer system to Aqua last summer. The success of the sewer sale is ultimately dependent on how the funds are utilized and protected for future generations of Limerick residents. Toward this endeavor, the Board stands committed to proper use and investment of the sale proceeds in which interest returns are maximized and used to offset ongoing costs of

services and, thereby, reducing the burden on township real estate tax rates. With the increasing real estate tax burden imposed by the School District and County, the Limerick Board of Supervisors is confident that this investment strategy will provide stability of township real estate taxes.

A major reason why the township has been able to maintain below average taxes for so long is due to the administration's efforts to improve efficiencies and reduce operational costs of all township departments. This objective was adopted by our two volunteer fire companies several years ago when they recognized the benefits of increased cooperative efforts in regard to training and operations. With the success of these efforts firmly entrenched, a recognition came forth that a single volunteer organization would provide even greater benefits in answering the increasing calls for service from the growing community. As depicted on the cover of this newsletter, a mutual effort to consolidate both organizations during 2018 has resulted in a single volunteer Limerick Fire Department. Please take a moment to read the article found inside this publication concerning the long-term benefits that will be realized from this new single fire company. We congratulate all our fire volunteers on this significant achievement and thank them for their dedicated service to Limerick.

2019 will also see a focus by the entire Limerick organization on establishing a new long-term vision for the Township. It is important that the strategies, which have brought the success of today, are relevant to address the challenges of tomorrow. Resident feedback and volunteers are always welcome. We invite those who wish to serve to come forth and offer any ideas and support on how to enhance this community for all who call Limerick Township their home.

*Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr.
Chairman*





“One Township, One Team”



**Linfield Fire Company No.1,
Montgomery County Station 51
established in 1913**



**Limerick Fire Company,
Montgomery County Station 54
established in 1921**

**Limerick Fire Department No.51, Montgomery County Station 51
Established January 1, 2019**



**Combined Fire Department now over
110 ACTIVE VOLUNTEER
Emergency Responders**



Benefits of the Consolidated Limerick Fire Department

- ♦ Boost volunteerism and enhance recruitment and retention programs
- ♦ Single command structure will strengthen on-scene emergency procedures
- ♦ Joint training will improve the skill and safety of all volunteer emergency responders
- ♦ Reduce annual operational costs and duplication of equipment, tools, and vehicles
- ♦ Newly created Grant Committee to pursue future grant opportunities



Limerick Fire Department Contact Information

Limerick Station
390 W. Ridge Pike
Limerick, PA 19468

Linfield Station
1077 Main Street
Limerick, PA 19468

Emergency: Dial 911

Non-Emergency: 610-489-2222

E-Mail: info@lfd51.org

Website: www.lfd51.org

Facebook/Instagram/Twitter: LimerickFirePA

Limerick Fire Department Community News

Please support our 100% volunteer fire department. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming fundraising events



April 13: 11th Annual Comedy Show at Limerick Station

May 14-May 17: Limerick Fire Department's Annual Carnival at Limerick Station

May 20: Mother's Day Breakfast at Linfield Station

June 5: 20th Annual Golf Outing at Turtle Creek Golf Course

October 25-October 27: Hayride of Horror at Linfield Station

Chinese Auction: T.B.D.

For more information about these events and upcoming events visit the Community Page at www.lfd51.org.

Volunteer Opportunities with Limerick Fire Department

Limerick Fire Department is always looking for new members to join their organization. Help serve the community by assisting the department as a volunteer firefighter or on the administrative side of the firehouse. Training will be provided free of charge to members. Stop by Monday and Wednesday evenings to meet the members and to see us train and learn what we do.

For more information about volunteer opportunities please visit the Recruitment Page at www.lfd51.org.

Codes Department News

Looking to do Home Improvement?

With warmer weather comes the desire to implement all those home improvement projects that you were thinking about during the cold winter months. Be advised that construction permits are required for decks (30 inches or more above grade), garden sheds (120 square feet or larger), and swimming pools (water 24 inches or more in depth). Permit applications are available on the Township's website.

Please contact the Code Services Department at 610-495-6432 to answer any questions that you may have regarding permits and code requirements.



Spring Yard Clean Up

Burning of leaves and yard waste material is prohibited. Township residents can drop off yard waste next to the concession stand at the Limerick Community Park on the first Monday of each month (January-October) between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM, or at:

- ♦ Hetrick Gardens: 2620 Swamp Pike, Pottstown, PA 19464, 610-327-9066
- ♦ March 1 to December 15:
Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM,
Saturday: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.



Daylight savings began on March 10th; did you remember to change your smoke detector batteries?

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Update

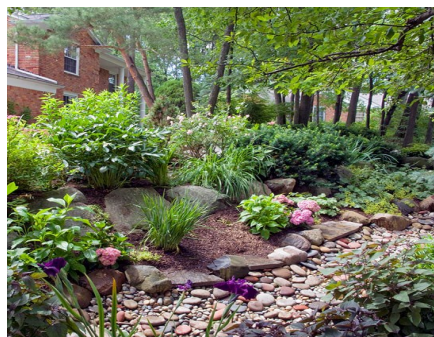
Since 2003, Limerick Township has been complying with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) requirements of their MS4 program that regulates stormwater discharges from the municipal storm sewer system. This program is the result of storm water regulations enacted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act. PA DEP has developed a municipal permit program with the goal of reducing pollutants associated with stormwater runoff. Limerick Township is one of nearly 900 municipalities in the state required to obtain a permit, and perform annual testing of all stormwater flows to ensure compliance with pollutant standards. In 2018, the Township's MS4 permit was extended for another five (5) years. Stormwater management information is available on PA DEP's website at <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us>; search keyword: stormwater and follow #stormwatersmartPA for updates.

How you can help manager stormwater



Downspout Disconnect/Redirect

Look for opportunities to redirect rain water to lawn and garden areas. Be sure that all downspouts are directed away from foundations to avoid basement flooding.



Rain Gardens

One of the best options for managing stormwater on your property is to install a rain garden, a bowl shaped rain garden can capture and hold water until it is able to be absorbed into the soil.



Pervious Pavers

Pervious pavers are installed with a thick stone base that provides space for water to be stored until it soaks into the ground. They are great for converting hard surfaces which produces significant stormwater runoff, into a surface that absorbs, manages, and reduces stormwater runoff.

StormwaterPA



Rain Barrels

Rain barrels capture and hold water until it can be used or slowly released into planted areas. For rain barrels to be effective at controlling stormwater, it is important to have a plan for using the water before installing a barrel. Check your local hardware store for rain barrel kits.

Township Volunteer Spotlight

Erin Cohen



Erin joined the Parks and Recreation Committee in July 2018. Erin joined the committee because she believes that it is very important to offer programs and events for all ages and interest, promoting the social and physical development of residents in the community.

One of Erin's favorite events is the annual Limerick Community Day. Erin has participated in this event as both a planner and vendor. Erin enjoys seeing residents and their families of our community returning year after year and hearing how much fun they had at Community Day.

Being involved with Parks and Recreation events and working with various committee members has been motivation for Erin to continue her involvement in the community. "It is great to meet and interact with the residents of Limerick Township," said Erin. Erin's advice to anyone interested in joining a committee is to set aside time so you can fully commit. Volunteering in our community has provided Erin with a sense of pride and accomplishment seeing the community coming together and hearing how the residents love living in Limerick Township.

Limerick Township Welcomes New Employee

Christopher Volpe, Planning and GIS: Chris joined Limerick Township in early December, 2018 as a member of the Planning and Zoning Department. He graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in May, 2018 with a degree in Regional Planning, with a concentration in Land Use Planning and GIS. Chris lives in Collegeville with his parents and dog, and enjoys movies, gaming, and travel in his free time.



Spotted Lanternfly News

Spotted Lanternfly Egg Mass Removal

Spring is here and it is time to find Spotted Lanternfly egg masses on your property!

Follow the steps listed on the right for proper removal of the egg masses.

For updates and information for residential and commercial property owners please visit the following websites:

Pennsylvania Agriculture Department

<https://www.agriculture.pa.gov>

Search Keyword: *Spotted Lanternfly*

Penn State Extension

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>



WHAT TO DO:

The Spotted Lanternfly is spread when egg masses are moved.

NEW EGG MASS OLD MASS



1. Search on tree trunks, stone surfaces, vehicles, lawn furniture, and any smooth surface for egg masses. Masses will have a gray putty-like covering on top of them. Tree of heaven is the preferred egg laying site.

2. Scrape masses from the surface. Be sure to remove all seed-like black/brown eggs from under the wax coating.

3. Double bag and trash, burn, or submerge the eggs in alcohol or hand sanitizer.

These simple steps can reduce the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly!

Spotted Lanternfly Public Meeting

Limerick Township and Hetrick Gardens will be hosting Master Gardener presentation through Penn State Extension on April 30 at 7:00PM at Limerick Township Building.

This is a free community program.

Township News

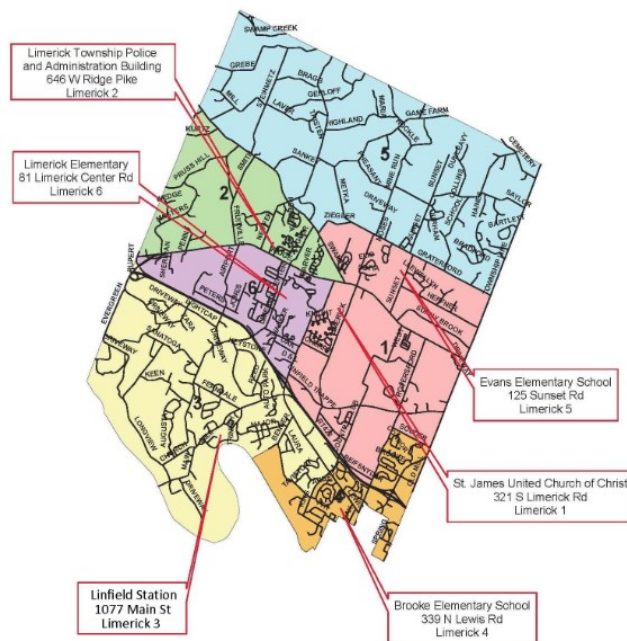
Primary Election News

April 22: Last day to register before primary

May 14: Last day apply for civilian absentee ballot

May 21: Primary Election Day

For information about your polling location or how to register to vote, please visit www.votespa.com



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Township News



*Ryan Wall
Tax Collector*

Schedule Your Appointment Today: Property Tax Rent Rebate Assistance

Now that income tax season is upon us, many residents have questions regarding the Property Tax Rent Rebate.

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older, and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650. If you would like to learn more about the rebate, or for assistance completing the 2018 application, please call Ryan Wall by phone at (484) 938-8001 or email limericktaxcollector@yahoo.com.



Designer Bag Bingo

Purchase your tickets today for this year's Designer Bag Bingo!

Saturday, April 27

Doors Open at 12:00PM and Bingo Starts at 1:30PM

Limerick Fire Department: Limerick Station

Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door

Contact: Officer Carley Parker - cparker@limerickpa.org

Proceeds from this event supports Limerick Township Police Association

Parks and Recreation

Summer Specialty Camps

June Camps

- Hank King Baseball Camp
- Flag Football Camp
- Bricks 4 Kidz: Transformers & Star Wars Themed Camps
- Kitchen Wizards: Spring & Summer Foods
- Boys Lacrosse Camp

July Camps

- Cheer and Dance Camp
- Kitchen Wizards: Fruits & Veggies
- Design & Ride Your Own Roller Coaster Computer Camp
- Chess Camp
- Science Explorers: Slime of my Life
- Wizardry Camp

August Camps

- Kitchen Wizards: Desserts From Around the World
- Science Explorers: Take a Dive
- Robotic Camp
- Basketball Camp
- Cartooning Camp
- Theatre Camp

Camp Shamrock

Spaces still available in this year's Camp Shamrock!
Camp Shamrock is for kids entering 1st to 4th grade.
Do not wait, register today!

Summer Employment

Apply today for summer Camp Counselor positions.
For more information visit Employment Opportunities found on the Parks and Recreation page.
Must be 18 years of age or older to apply

Please visit the Parks and Recreation Page at www.limerickpa.org or the Parks and Recreation's Facebook page for more information about these upcoming programs, events and camps!

Parks and Recreation

Concerts in the Park Series

Join us at the Limerick Community Park for *FREE* concerts in the park!

All concerts begin at 7:00 PM

May 9: Elvis Tribute by Jeff Swider

June 27: Big Daddy & The Fender Benders

July 18: Montgomery County Concert Band

August 29: Dueling Pianos

September 26: Jamison Acoustic

New York City Bus Trip

On May 18, spend the day taking in the sights and sounds of New York City! Bus leaves Limerick Township at 8AM and will return at around 9PM.

Register by May 10

Fee: \$45 per person

Girls Night Out

Ready for some serious indulgence? Enjoy an evening of wine, food, live music, and women's beauty and health vendors.

Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

Date: May 16th, 6:00PM-8:00PM

Location: Limerick Fire Station

Age 21 & Up with valid ID

Breakfast with the Bunny

Purchase tickets today for the all you can eat pancake breakfast! Breakfast includes: pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns and beverages. *Breakfast is sponsored by*

Railroad Street Bar and Grill.

Time: April 6 at 9:30 AM

Fee: Adults-\$10, Kids & Seniors-\$7,
3 & Under-Free

Location: Limerick Fire Station

Remember your camera to get you picture with the bunny!



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, April 27, 7:00AM-12:00PM

Limerick Community Park

\$10.00 /space, must pre-register



Star Party! Free Community Event!

Come to the Limerick Community Park and see the universe as few on earth have ever seen it! Members of the Delaware Valley Amateur Astronomers will have telescopes available for you to view the night's sky.



Friday, April 26, 8:00PM-10:00PM

Senior Chef

March 21: Using an Instant Pot at Limerick Township Building, 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Today's version of the pressure cooker is much safer, and it is great for one-pot cooking like soups and stews. You will learn how to prepare a couple of dishes in it, so please bring a beverage and an appetite!

April 10: Desserts Around the World at Linfield Fire Station, 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Learn how to prepare some delectable delights that are enjoyed by those who live in various parts of the world. Bring a beverage and your sweet tooth!

\$25.00 per person, must pre-register

Cooking programs geared towards adults 55 & older but are open to any adult interested in registering.

Coffee Talk Program

Coffee Talk is a free informational program for seniors. This program is held on the last Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in attending one of these upcoming events please call 610-495-6432 or stop by the Township Building to register. *Sponsored by Chic-fil-A*

-March 27: Coffee with a Cop -April 24: Health Benefits of Volunteering

-May 29: Limerick Historical Society-Veterans Memorial



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Schedule of Municipal Meetings

Board of Supervisors

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month,
7:00PM at the Township Building

Planning Commission

4th Thursday of each month,
7:00PM at the Township Building

Parks & Recreation

2nd Tuesday of each month,
7:00PM at the Township Building

Zoning Hearing Board

4th Wednesday of each month,
6:30PM at the Township Building

Board of Supervisors

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Elaine DeWan
Patrick Morroney
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