

Winter 2019

# Limerick Township Newsletter



Thank you,  
Elaine,  
For 17  
Years of  
Dedicated  
Service



Elaine DeWan, Supervisor, Retires from Board

## Message from the Chairman



As we close out 2019, it is time to say goodbye to Supervisor Elaine DeWan, who is stepping down from the Board after serving for the past 14 years. In addition to her time on the Board, she also served 3 years on the Township Planning Commission. It is never easy to say goodbye, but we are comforted knowing that Elaine will continue to reside here and remain part of this great Limerick Community.

During her tenure, Elaine's passion to make Limerick a better place for all current and future residents was the guiding principle remaining at the forefront of her efforts. Elaine firmly believed in the benefit of long-range planning and was instrumental in the passage of several planning studies, which have provided many successes and set forth a new and positive path for the future of this Township. These studies have enabled Limerick to receive approximately \$14 million in grant funding to preserve open space, improve parks and recreation, establish a township-wide trail system, and address traffic congestion and safety issues. Without Elaine's vision on the importance of long-term planning, this grant funding, and the many benefits it will provide to this community, would not have been realized.

Elaine also supported the police, fire, and emergency medical first responders and the public safety services they provide. She made sure they always had the necessary equipment and resources to keep them safe while serving to the needs of our residents. Elaine also advocated for the youth of our community and stood along with fellow Board members when additional detective positions were created that would focus more closely on abuse, drug, and domestic issues impacting children. She also stood proudly and recognized Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold Award recipients who completed merit badge projects in cooperation with the Township.

Elaine's impact was far reaching. On behalf of the entire Limerick organization, I extend our thanks for your service and contributions to this community that will endure for many years to come.

I also wish you all a Merry Christmas and wonderful Holiday Season, and my best wishes for the New Year.

### 3 Easy Ways to Stay Informed on What's Happening in the Township

#### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Sign up to get Email or Text Message Alerts on new information posted on the Township website



Help save a tree and sign up to receive the Township Newsletter electronically.

Contact Ryan at: [ryany@LimerickPA.org](mailto:ryany@LimerickPA.org)



### Township Building Holiday Office Hours

The Township Building & Administrative Offices will be CLOSED on the following dates:

**12/24, 12/25, 01/01**



**Note:** The Board of Supervisors will meet for their reorganizational meeting on **Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00PM**.

# Elaine in Action!

Elaine DeWan served on the Board of Supervisors for 14 years, beginning in 2006. Prior to being a Supervisor, she served on the Planning Commission from 2003-2006. During her tenure, Elaine was the driving force for the completion of 8 long-term planning studies that were actively used to secure \$14- million in grant funding, enhancing Township amenities while maintaining low real estate taxes.



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Supporter of Eagle Scouts and  
Girls Scout Gold Award  
Recipients in the Township



Public Works  
Building  
Groundbreaking

Police and  
Administration  
Building  
Dedication  
Ceremony



## POLICE NEWS

### POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TENTH FBI LEEDA TRILOGY AWARD RECIPIENT RECOGNIZED

FBI LEEDA was formed to advance the science and art of law enforcement leadership and promote the exchange of information to improve law enforcement management practices through training, education, and networking among police professionals across the United States. Only a select group of law enforcement leaders in the country receive the award.

Limerick Township's Police Department is honored to have **10** LEEDA Trilogy Award recipients on the force (the Lieutenant, all 5 Sergeants, and all 4 Corporals) and this is a testament to Chief Skelton for his leadership and determination in improving the standards of the entire department.

We congratulate Corporal Winneberger for joining this elite group of colleagues.

Corporal Stephen Winneberger was recognized by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, for achieving the FBI LEEDA Trilogy Award.



*Pictured above from left to right: Police Lieutenant, Robert Matalavage; Corporal Stephen Winneberger with his wife and children; Township Chief of Police, R. Brian Skelton.*

## TOWNSHIP NEWS

### LIMERICK COMPLETES BUS SHELTER ON SEPTA BUS ROUTE 93

The Limerick Board of Supervisors is pleased to have worked with an anonymous local business donor in supporting residents who utilize regional bus transit services. A busy, unimproved SEPTA bus stop on West Ridge Pike near Township Line Road was recently upgraded with a bus shelter, which will provide safety and protection from inclement weather.

The Limerick Township Board of Supervisors approved matching funds to supplement the donation. The entire project was completed by the Township Public Works Department, which has a long-standing history of completing in-house projects and saving the township significant tax dollars over the past decade.



*Pictured above from left to right: Joseph Platt, PE, Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.; Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr., Chairman, Board of Supervisors; William Bradford, Public Works Superintendent; and Supervisors D. Elaine DeWan and Kara Shuler*

Joseph Platt, Traffic Planning and Design, Inc., the Township's Traffic Engineer, provided the design and obtained the approvals from PennDOT in order to place the structure in the Right-of-Way of the state road.

As Limerick continues to experience growth in both the residential and commercial sectors, the Board is committed to enhancing public transit alternatives, which reduce traffic congestion and provides commuting options for our residents. To enhance the convenience of bus ridership and encourage more residents to use public transit as a commuting option, this bus shelter project will be used as a prototype for future improvements along SEPTA bus routes within the township.

For information on the benefits of public transportation in our area, visit:

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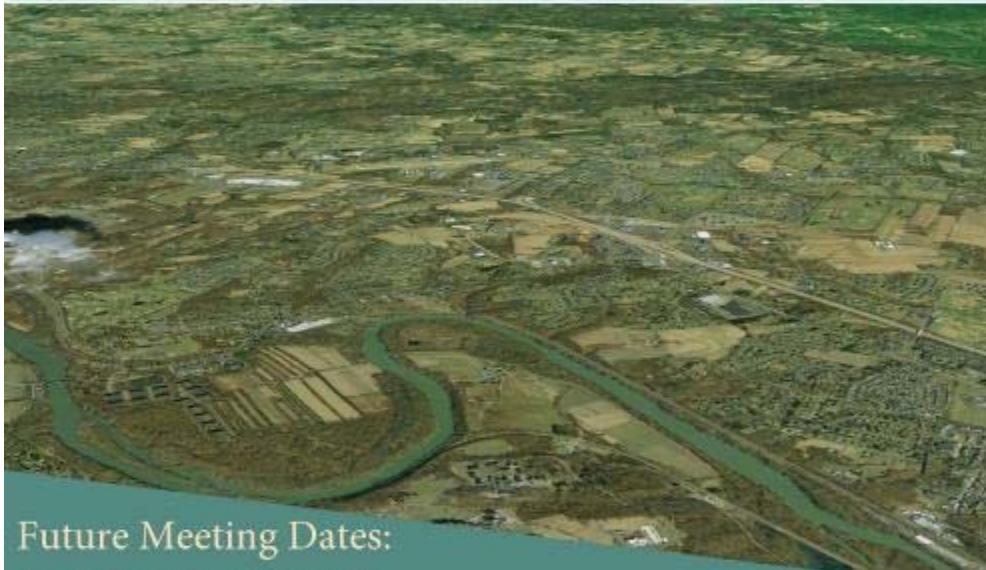
# Limerick Township

## Comprehensive Open Space Plan

### Please join your neighbors and friends

Join us at any of the public meetings to be held to develop the  
Limerick Township Comprehensive Open Space Plan.

We want to hear your thoughts and vision for the future of parks, recreation,  
and open space within the township.



#### Future Meeting Dates:

**Public Meeting 2:**  
**February 6, 2020**

**Public Meeting 3:**

**May 7, 2020**

**Public Meeting 4:**

**June 16, 2020**

**WHEN:**

7:00 PM

**WHERE:**

Limerick Twp Bldg  
646 W Ridge Pike  
Limerick, PA 19468



**Census  
Day!**

**April 1, 2020**

The day that households begin to participate in the Census 2020 by responding online, by mail, or by phone.

The Constitution requires a count (census) of the United States' population each decade. Census results determine seats for each state in the U.S. House of Representatives and the distribution of more than \$675 billion dollars in federal funds each year. These funds are used to maintain and improve the infrastructure for the public schools and community.

Your responses will ensure Limerick Township receives the greatest amount possible of this federal funding. *It's important to remember your census responses and personal information are protected by law and remain confidential.*

# Township Volunteer Spotlight

## Liam Kaufman



LIAM

**With just a few hours every month, I know I am making a difference in my community".**

- Student Representative on the Township's Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Can be seen volunteering his time at community events and offering his opinions as the voice of the younger generations in the community on important Township projects like the Linfield Sports Park Master Plan and the newly formed Open Space Plan Update Citizen Advisory Committee.

*When asked what project, event, or program he is particularly proud to be involved in, Liam stated, "I am proud to have been a part of the **Linfield Sports Park Master Plan**. Being that this park is much closer to me than the Limerick Community Park, it felt good to be able to help get things in this park that I know kids growing up in Linfield would benefit from. **Gift Card Bingo** events are some of my favorite events to help out at, because everyone is always having a good time, and are fun events to go to".*

*As the Student Representative on the various committees in which you serve, do you feel like your opinions are taken into consideration on projects? "One of my favorite things about volunteering is all the people that I am able to work with; my fellow parks and recreation committee members have been nothing short of awesome as they are always taking the time to consider my opinions. One of the best parts of being a student representative is knowing that everything that I suggest is something that I know will benefit people in my age group today, and in years to come".*

## Community Programs Donate over \$24,000 for Parks and Recreation Programs



Members of the Spring-Ford Chamber of Commerce were in attendance at the October 1<sup>st</sup> Board of Supervisors Meeting to present a check to Limerick

Township in the amount of \$11,000 for funds raised through our combined efforts on Limerick's 2019 Community Day held on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Community Day is an important event for all the residents of Limerick Township to come together and celebrate what makes Limerick Township a great place to call home.

As always, we hope to see you at the park!



On September 21, 2019, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine, Beer, and Food Festival was held at Limerick Community Park. The festival raised \$26,000, of which half the proceeds will be donated by the Rotary Club to local non-profits and charities.

Members of the Spring-Ford Rotary Club were in attendance at the October 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Meeting to present a check in the amount of \$13,000. This donation to Limerick Township, as host of the event, will be used by the Parks & Recreation Department to support camps for children, senior programs, and maintenance of the Community Park.

## Parks & Recreation

For Detailed Information on all Limerick Township Parks & Recreation Events, Programs, Discount Tickets, and Bus Trips – please stop by the Township Office or visit the Township website at: [www.LimerickPA.org/155/Parks-Recreation](http://www.LimerickPA.org/155/Parks-Recreation)

PIZZA

WITH SANTA

FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH

6:00 PM—8:00 PM

ENJOY PIZZA, CRAFTS & FUN

TAKE A PICTURE WITH SANTA

LIMERICK TOWNSHIP BUILDING



## SENIOR PROGRAMS

COFFEE TALK: 2/26 & 3/25



## A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERN'S ABOUT FALLS

8 Week Program: Beginning 3/30

Princess Tea  
Party  
March 21<sup>st</sup>

Sports Equipment Swap  
March 28<sup>th</sup>

## Parents Night Out

Plan a special evening out...*without the kids!* We have a special night planned for them!

Dates: 12/13, 1/17, 2/21, 3/20

Time: 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

## Super Hero Pajama Party

February 29<sup>th</sup>

**Discount Tickets**  
make great gifts while  
helping to support the  
Township parks



Information on  
**2020 Summer**  
**Shamrock**  
**Camps**

available January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Camp Shamrock: entering grades 1<sup>st</sup>—4<sup>th</sup>  
Shamrock Adventures: entering grades 5<sup>th</sup>—7<sup>th</sup>

**Camp Registration Begins**  
Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 A.M.

# WINTER REMINDERS

## Snow Emergency

**DO NOT  
DRIVE UNLESS IT  
IS ABSOLUTELY  
NECESSARY.**

If a State of Emergency is called, please stay off the roads so the plows can do their job without any increased danger.



Remove snow, ice, and slush from sidewalks, including handicap ramps, within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.

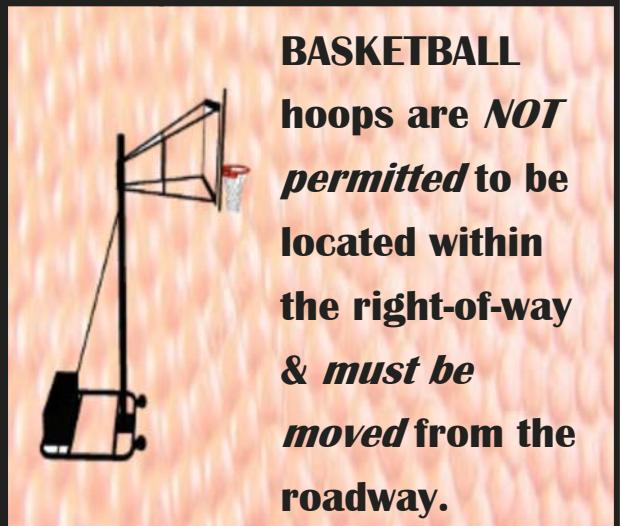


**Pile snow from sidewalks and driveways on lawns, not in the street or on neighboring properties.**

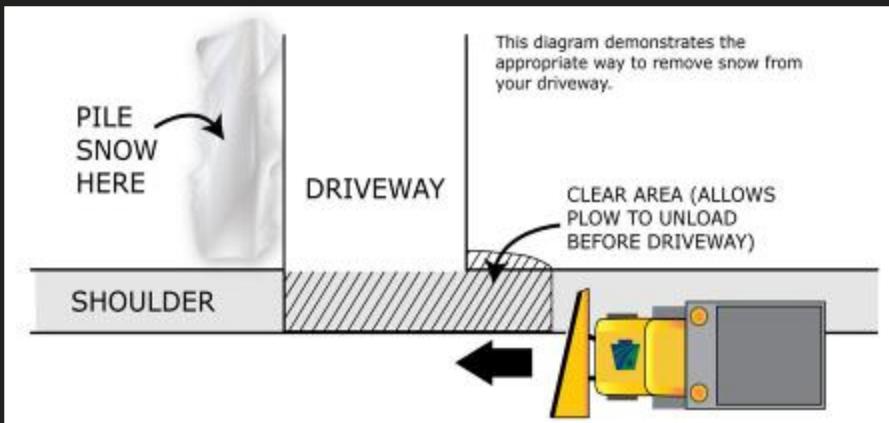
T ownship plowing operations begin after MORE than two inches (2") of snow accumulation and freezing temperatures, which indicate no natural melting will occur.



Residents are responsible for clearing snow around mailboxes & fire hydrants.



To prevent your driveway from being plowed in, please follow the diagram below provided by PennDOT



## Santa Claus Is Coming to Town! Saturday, December 14, 9:00 A.M.



Santa will be visiting Limerick Township on the Limerick Fire Department trucks and Santa's Elves will be handing out Candy Canes to all the good boys and girls in town! Listen for Christmas music playing and keep an eye out for Santa!

For event updates please visit: <https://www.lfd51.org/>



### Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees may be dropped off for recycling at the designated area at the Limerick Community Park

12/26 thru 01/31

***Please remove all Tinsel, Lights, & Ornaments***

Give the gift of *life* - donate blood

Monday  
December 16

2:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Limerick Township  
Building



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#### Board of Supervisors

Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr. - Chairman  
Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr. - Vice Chairman  
Elaine DeWan  
Patrick Morroney  
Kara Shuler



**Board of Supervisors**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month,  
7:00 P.M. at the Township Building

**Parks & Recreation**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month,  
7:00 P.M. at the Township Building

**Planning Commission**  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month,  
7:00 P.M. at the Township Building

**Zoning Hearing Board**  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month,  
6:30 P.M. at the Township Building

## A New Way to Commute

In southeastern Pennsylvania, 76% of commuters drive alone to work, and only 9% carpool (U.S. Census Bureau, 2016). Carpooling is an alternative transportation mode that helps to reduce the number of people who drive alone. Something the U.S. 422 Corridor could benefit from since it continues to be one of the most congested roadways in Montgomery County with over 100,000 vehicles traveling it per day!

If more people choose carpooling over driving alone, we could alleviate congestion, improve the environment and quality of life for our region.

We need to start looking at our commuting options and make better choices for our quality of life. The [422 My Way](#) campaign can help improve your journey today. [422 My Way](#) promotes transportation alternatives that avoid driving alone such as carpooling, vanpooling, public transit, biking, walking or working from home.

Carpooling is one of the easiest alternative transportation modes to participate in. Through the [422 My Way](#) campaign you can find information on the Share-A-Ride program. Share-A-Ride is a free, online service that matches commuters with potential carpool. Visit [422myway.com](#) and sign up through the pledge page today. Once signed up, commuters create a profile with their personal preferences and are matched with potential carpools or vanpools in their area. Take back your time sitting in traffic and save money on your commute by signing up for the program today!

*If you live and/or work along the 422 Corridor we encourage you to visit [www.422myway.com](#) to find relevant resources, as well as “take a pledge” to try an alternative option to driving alone. Take the pledge and participate in contests throughout the campaign to be entered to win raffle prizes. The campaign goes until May 2020.*

*Also, follow the campaign on social media by liking us on Facebook at [@422coalition](#) and following us on Twitter at [@US422coalition](#).*



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