

Limerick Township Newsletter

Continuing With the Success of 2017...



Police promotions strengthen public safety



Construction of Police/Municipal Facility begins



2017 Limerick Community Day
Raises \$10,500



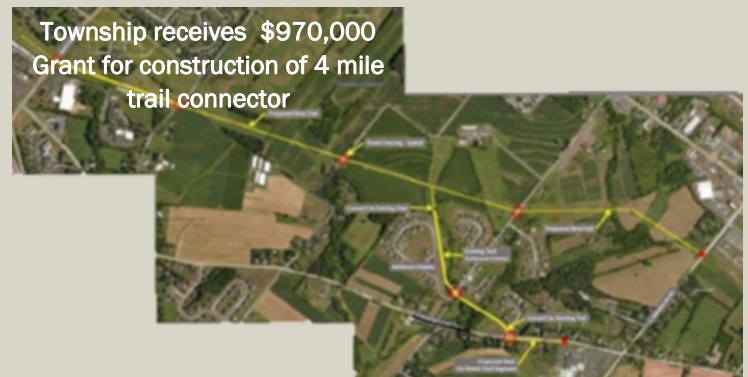
Kurylo Preserve-New Trail Constructed
with \$150,000 grant



Township receives \$25,000 grant for
new Park Master Plan



2017 Wine Beer Food Festival
Raises \$10,000



Township receives \$970,000
Grant for construction of 4 mile
trail connector

Strengthening Limerick for the Future

Message from the Chairman



*Kara Shuler
Chairman*

As we come to the end of 2017, it is an appropriate time to recap the successes Limerick has achieved during this past year and look ahead to 2018. So many positive programs have been realized which will provide long term benefits, such as the completion of Limerick Fire Company's new facility. We congratulate them on a successful Open House, which was held on October 21st. Many residents, local business owners, and elected officials gathered to celebrate the new facility and to thank the volunteers for their dedication and service. We look forward to working with all our fire service volunteers, from both Limerick and Linfield Fire Companies, as they undertake an effort throughout 2018 to consolidate both organizations and enhance fire and emergency protection services for the entire community.

The Board's commitment to public safety extends, as well, to the needs of the Police Department and the increasing calls for service burdening our officers.

Several years ago, the Board set forth on a plan which would increase the staffing of the Department to 30 sworn officers. Recently, the 30th officer was added and we welcome Carly Parker to our police family. This new staffing level allows for a restructuring of the command staff, on-street platoons, and in-house detective unit which can now focus more diligently on fighting increasing crime, drug abuse, and domestic issues which are becoming more commonplace not only in Limerick, but nationwide as well. I congratulate Lieutenant Robert Matalavage, Sergeants Patrick Roche and Brian Tyler, along with Corporals Stephen DeAngelis, Stephen Winneberger, and Shawn Pancoast on their recent promotions. All have served Limerick for many years and we look forward to the success they will achieve in their new positions and contributions they will provide to this community in the future.

With a police force now standing at 30 officers, the Board also recognized that the existing Township Police facility, originally built in 1973 to house a force of under 10 officers, could not sustain a modern department. The construction of a new police and municipal complex also began this year and we anticipate completion in the summer of 2018. This facility, designed to accommodate the force for the next 30 years, is part of a broad-based capital improvement plan focused on the core services provided by the Township which include Police, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Fire and Emergency responders. All Limerick taxpayers should be assured that the Board recognized the burden these programs could place on the tax base, but have enacted a long term funding strategy which will look to maintain real estate tax rates in the lower half of all Montgomery County communities. The Board stands committed not only to providing the highest level of services, but also to maintaining low real estate tax rates, which have been a mainstay of Limerick for well over a decade.

Additionally, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the contributions of Supervisor Joe St. Pedro who will be leaving the Board at the end of this year. The success that Limerick has achieved over the past several years would not have been possible without him. We thank Joe for his service and dedication to Limerick and wish him and his family well in all their future plans.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and a wonderful Holiday Season.

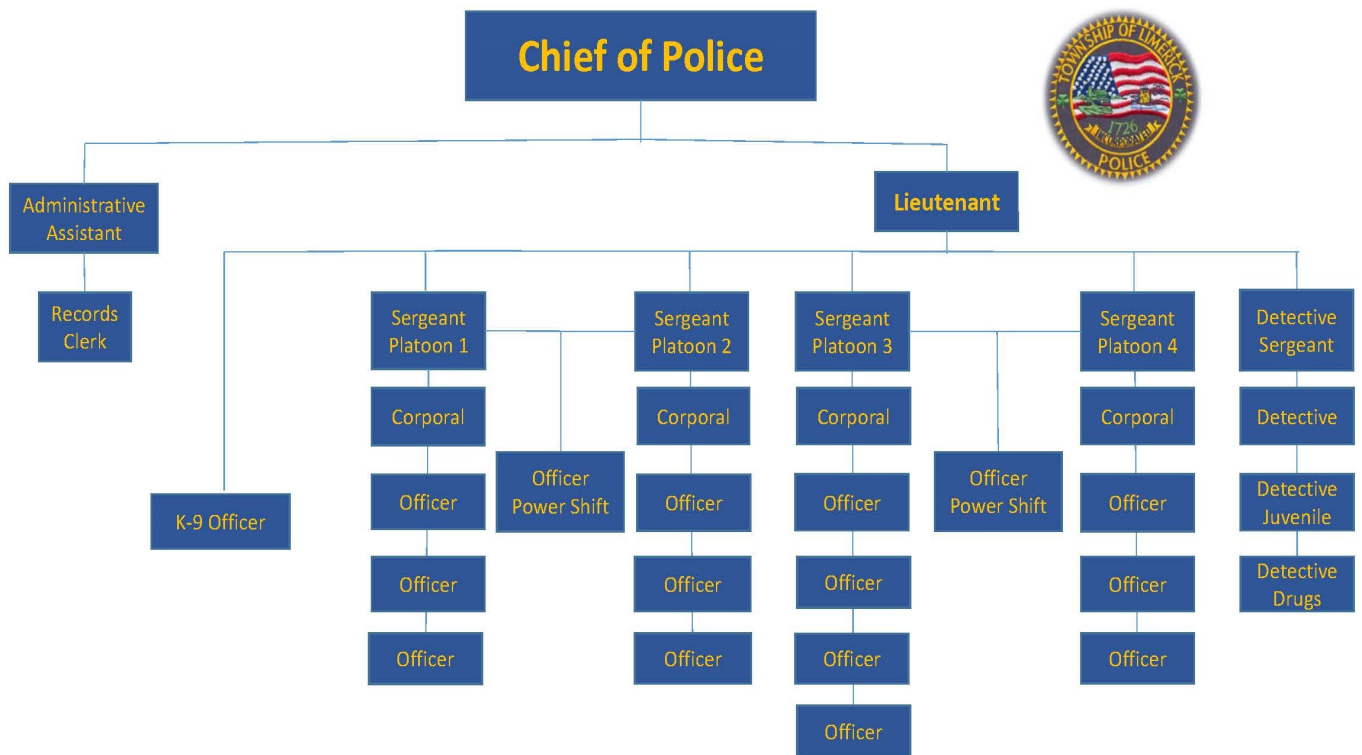
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New Police Command and Platoon Structure

Over the past several years, and in response to growing calls for police services, the Board set forth on a systematic approach to increase the Department to 30 sworn officers. Limerick is not immune to the rising crime, drug abuse, and domestic issues impacting the state and nation. To ensure that Limerick has the highest level of police protective services, long term planning was implemented to understand not only the optimal size of the department, but also the cost of a facility to accommodate a modern police force.

In 2017, the hiring process was completed providing the department with 30 sworn officers and the following organizational structure was implemented increasing patrols and detective services, and strengthening the command staff.



Limerick Township Welcomes New Police Officer



Carley Parker is a 2017 graduate of the Montgomery County Police Academy where she was recognized as a class sergeant and graduated near the top of her class. Carley is a West Chester University Alumni; during her time at West Chester, Carley completed a 6-month internship with the U.S. Marshal Service in their Philadelphia Office.

Friends, references, and employers all described her as being extremely honest, hardworking, and loyal. She was repeatedly characterized as someone wanting to help others who puts others before herself. We are happy to have Carley join our police force.

Recent Promotions within the Police Department — Congratulations and Well Deserved —



Left to right: Corporal Stephen Winneberger, Corporal Shawn Pancoast, Sergeant Patrick Roche, Sergeant Brian Tyler, and Corporal Stephen DeAngelis



Detective Morris Honored for 20 Years of Service

On October 3, 2017, Detective Ernie Morris was honored by the Board of Supervisors for his 20 years of service with the Limerick Township Police Department. During Detective Morris's years of service, he has volunteered his time with the Montgomery County Camp Cadet programs, has been a longstanding member of the Montgomery County Drug Task Force, and in 2014 was sworn in as a task force officer with the Department of Homeland Security. He is the recipient of numerous commendations and we are fortunate to have him as part of our force.

Township Construction News

Construction of a new police and municipal facility began in March of this year. Completion is anticipated for the summer of 2018 and will accommodate the Police and all Township Municipal functions for the next 30-plus years. With an original Police building constructed in 1973 to house a force under 10 officers, construction studies revealed that the costs of new construction would offer a savings to the community of over 10% versus the cost of renovating the existing facility.



Thank You for Your Service



Joseph St. Pedro
Supervisor

Joe St. Pedro is retiring from his position on the Limerick Board of Supervisors at the end of this year. Joe has served from January 2010 and during his tenure, has offered his time and talents toward many positive programs which will provide long term benefits to the community. During his tenure of 8 years, the Township has continuously held real estate tax rates below the average of all Montgomery County communities. Limerick was successful in purchasing the 17-acre Linfield Sports Park without the need for a tax increase and also saw the dedication to the Township of 24-acres which adjoin the Limerick Community Park. During his term, approximately \$1.5 million dollars of trail construction grant monies were received along with a \$2.1 million dollar grant for the construction of new ramps at the U.S. Route 422/Sanatoga interchange. Most importantly, Joe utilized his financial acumen to assist the Township in achieving an AAA Bond Rating with Standard and Poor's credit rating agency. Joe also served on the Township's Pension Com-

mittee and led the effort to stabilize and strengthen all pension accounts, which were negatively affected by the economic downturn of 2008.

Words of appreciation from Joe's fellow Supervisors

"It has been a pleasure to work with Joe. He considers the varied sides of issues before an informed decision. In addition, his knowledge and guidance in financial matters have helped the Township achieve and maintain our excellent Standard and Poor's rating. He will be missed."

Supervisor Elaine DeWan

"What started as a professional relationship has evolved into a personal friendship. I consider Joe one of my best friends and I will miss his friendship on the board as well as his good counsel."

Supervisor Tom Neafcy

"It has been a pleasure working alongside Joe. From the very first day, his love for this community was evident and never had a self-serving agenda. Our residents were represented well by an upstanding, respectable man."

Supervisor Kara Shuler

"It has been a pleasure serving with Joe and I value his contribution to our Limerick community. In particular, Joe's guidance with financial issues has provided many benefits and will be missed."

Supervisor Ken Sperring

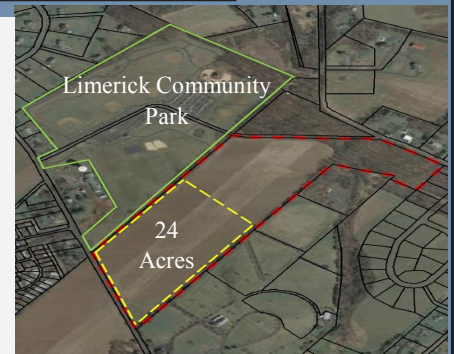
Please Join Us

Limerick Community Park

Master Site Development Plan

Tuesday, January 30 ♦ Thursday, April 19 ♦ Tuesday, June 26

Limerick Township has begun a master plan study for the Limerick Community Park which will include the newly dedicated 24 acres which sits adjacent to the park along Swamp Pike. We invite the public to participate in this study and join us at 7:00 PM in the Public Room at the temporary Township Building on the above meeting dates.



Take the Survey! Please visit:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Limerick_Community_Park_Survey

Parks & Recreation

Community Programs Donate over \$20,000 for Parks and Children Programs



Members of the Spring-Ford Chamber of Commerce were in attendance at the October 3rd Board of Supervisors Meeting to present a check for \$10,500 to Limerick Township for funds raised through our combined efforts on the Limerick Community Day held on August 19, 2017. Save the Date for 2018's Community Day on August 18th. We hope to see you at the park!



On September 23, 2017, the Inaugural Wine, Beer, and Food Festival was held at Limerick Community Park. Members of the Spring-Ford Rotary Club were in attendance at the October 17th Board of Supervisors Meeting to present a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Limerick Township P&R. Join the Rotary for next year's WBF Fest on September 22, 2018.



Parks & Recreation



Look for information
about our
**Summer
Shamrock Camps**
beginning January 2, 2018!

Camp Shamrock: ages 5-9
Shamrock Adventures: ages 10-13
*Registration will begin on
Thursday, February 1st*

Parents Night Out

Plan a special evening out...*without the kids!*

We have a special night planned for them! The night will include a variety of themed activities, hot dog dinner, and fun games!

We will end the night with a movie, so feel free to bring a blanket or pillow!

Dates: 1/19, 2/9, 3/16

Time: 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Ages: 3-12, must be potty trained

Fee: \$20 per child, \$10 each additional sibling

Red Cross Babysitters Clinic

This workshop is designed to teach you how to supervise young children and includes instruction on topics including: basic first aid and CPR, feeding babies/young children, and much more!

Date: Sunday, February 11

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Ages: 11 to 15

Fee: \$65

Please bring a pen and lunch

School's Out Camp

On days when kids are out of school, have them join Limerick Township Parks and Recreation for a fun filled day! Daily games, crafts, and themed activities are planned!

Fee: \$30 per day

Time: 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Ages: 5-12

Location: Limerick Township Building

Upcoming Dates: January 15th, February 16th and 19th, March 28th and 29th, April 2nd, and May 15th

Discount Tickets

Ski Tickets

Bear Creek Elk Mountain

Blue Mountain Camelback

Big Boulder / Jack Frost

**Movie Tavern & Regal
Cinemas Tickets**

\$9 each



Stop by the Township Building today to get your discounted tickets.

Pancake Breakfast with the Bunny



Saturday, March 24

Limerick Township Building

Two Seating Times:

8:30 AM — 9:30 AM

10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

Adults: \$10; **Kids & Seniors:** \$7; **3 & Under:** Free

Tickets go on sale February 1st!

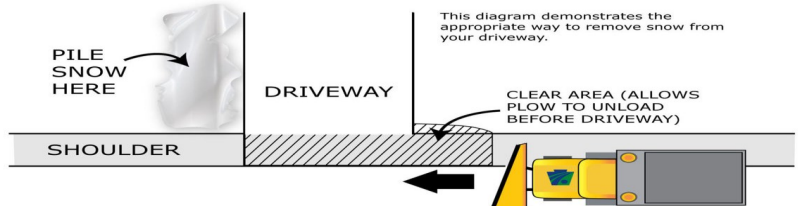
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Winter Reminders

- ♦ 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 more danger.
- ♦ Keep winter driving aids (blanket, shovel, boots, etc.) in the trunk of your car.
- ♦ Remove snow, ice, and slush from sidewalks, including handicap ramps, within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.
- ♦ Plowing operations begin after more than 2" accumulation and freezing temperatures, which indicate no natural melting will occur.
- ♦ Clear vehicle completely of snow and ice before driving.
- ♦ Pile snow from sidewalks and driveways on lawns, not in the street.
- ♦ Residents are responsible for clearing snow around mailboxes.
- ♦ Basketball hoops are *not permitted* to be located within the right-of-way and *must be removed* from the roadway.
- ♦ Private plowing crews should haul snow from properties if it cannot be piled safely.
- ♦ Do *not* push snow onto the street or onto neighboring properties.
- ♦ Clear fire hydrants of snow as soon as possible.
- ♦ As the storm begins to come to an end. Plow units are pushing open all roads curb to curb which is to allow for another storm, please refrain from completely clearing your driveway until that truck makes its last pass due to the fact that it will be plowed over.

To prevent your driveway from being plowed in, please follow the diagram



Christmas Tree Recycling Drop Off

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

December 26th through January 31st

Please remove all Tinsel, Lights, and Ornaments.



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Santa Claus Is Coming to Town!

Santa will be visiting Limerick Township on the fire truck 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!



Limerick Fire- Saturday, Dec. 16, 9:00AM / Linfield Fire - Saturday, Dec. 16, 9:00AM

For event updates please visit the Fire Companies on Facebook:

facebook.com/LinfieldFireCompany / facebook.com/Limerick-Fire-Rescue

Township Building Holiday Office Hours

Please note that the Township Building and Administrative Offices will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, December 25th

Tuesday, December 26th

Monday, January 1st

Note: The Board of Supervisors will meet for their reorganizational meeting on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00PM.**

Give the gift of *life* - donate blood

Monday, December 18

2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Limerick Township Building

Register online at www.redcrossblood.org or with Ryan (610) 495-6432 ext 151



Winter Car Care Checklist

- ☒ Check Battery
- ☒ Check Wipers
- ☒ Check Brakes
- ☒ Check Fuel & Air Filters
- ☒ Check Tire Tread Depth
- ☒ Get an Oil Change
- ☒ Keep Gas Tank at Least Half Full
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Schedule of Municipal Meetings at Temporary Building

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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