

FALL

Limerick TOWNSHIP

2023

Investing in emergency services...

Fire
Protection
Services



Emergency
Medical
Services

Find the hidden shamrock! (This is the exact size & color you are looking for...♣).
See the back page for more information. Have fun in your search!

Message from the Chairman



Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr.
Chairman

Ensuring that our Limerick community is provided with the highest level of public safety services remains a primary objective of the Board. This is evident with the financial support structure the Township has in place with the Limerick Fire Department, which is an organization made up entirely of volunteers.

Gone are the days when a local volunteer fire department could sustain themselves financially with fund drives and ham dinner types of events. The cost of equipment, vehicles, and training has escalated to a point that has crippled the volunteer structure, which has been the backbone of local fire departments for decades.

The Township's assistance to Limerick Fire Department has helped strengthen our volunteer base, in contrast to the steady decline many other fire companies are experiencing. The volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to protect this community save our taxpayers approximately \$4 - 5 million ***annually*** by not having to fund paid staffing.

Strong operational procedures have reduced costs and redundant equipment without a reduction in the life-saving services our volunteers provide. *Since 2008, there has not been an increase in the millage rate of the real estate fire tax collected by the Township to support the Limerick Fire Department.*

The Board is confident that the volunteer structure can be maintained and discussions with the Limerick Fire Department on future needs will be ongoing this fall in preparation of the Limerick Township 2024 Budget.

The amount of time our volunteers dedicate to the fire service and this community is beyond measure, and they deserve our continued support.

Current news reports, in Pennsylvania and across the country, are highlighting the increasing struggles of Emergency Medical Service (EMS) organizations and closures of many long-standing providers. Increasing costs, lower insurance reimbursements, and dwindling personnel (not willing to work at below-average wage positions) are all crippling this vital EMS industry.

Similar to what we have done with the Limerick Fire Department, the Township has been working with our local ambulance providers on a sustainable financial support structure so they can continue to provide life-saving services to all within this township. These EMS issues, in conjunction with the fire department issues, will be a major topic of discussion during the 2024 Budget process.

The financial struggles they face cannot be ignored.

We are assured that solutions can be attained so the lifesavings services they provide will not only continue for our community today, but be strengthened for all who will call Limerick home in the future.

We wish everyone a wonderful fall season.

- Ken



Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th

For more information about this year's election, including polling locations, how to update your registration status and more, go to: www.vote.pa.gov or scan this QR code:



Oct. 23 - Last day to register to vote
Oct. 31 - Last day to APPLY for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot

Limerick Township's Tricentennial



Limerick Township
Tricentennial
1726-2026

As the United States celebrates its 250th birthday in 2026, Limerick Township will celebrate its 300th birthday the very same year!

As the country gears up for this momentous event, Limerick Township has begun planning a celebration of our own.

*We cannot wait
to celebrate with you!*

Newest Team Members



Robert Giantonio - Police Officer

I graduated from Arcadia University in 2018 with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. I worked as a security dispatcher at Cedar Crest Village in Pompton Plains, N.J. and attended the Municipal Police Academy.

One of the first things that made me want to work at Limerick Township was the area. The geography reminded me of my home town of Kinnelon, N.J., just significantly bigger. Once I started the interview process, I realized that the people in Limerick Township, both in the police department and the community, are the kind of people that I want to surround myself with. Plus, despite my last name, I'm more Irish than anything else, so the shamrocks are a bonus.

When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my fiancé, Jillian, and other friends and family whenever I can. I also enjoy exercising and turning off my brain with the occasional video game.

FUN FACT: *I would say that an interesting fact about me is that I grew up playing music! My father has been a musician most of his life and passed it on to me; I can play the bass guitar and the tenor saxophone.*



Linda Altier - Administrative Assistant for Planning, GIS and Zoning

I worked for one of the world's largest investment companies for 30+ years. Working there taught me the importance of communication, accountability, flexibility, and always, always, always having a good sense of humor!

I was lucky enough to be able to retire early from my previous job, so I took a little time off to relax and regroup before deciding to re-enter the workforce. I've lived in Limerick Township for 20+ years and I heard about a potential position in the Zoning Department. The job seemed to fit perfectly with what I was looking for. Long story short, here I am!

I spend most of my free time with my husband and two crazy dogs. We keep busy with projects around the house, from organizing the piles of "stuff" we've accumulated over the years, to landscaping and other home improvement projects.

FUN FACT: *I'm a pretty positive person, so even when faced with a challenging or serious situation, I try to put a positive spin on it. Every experience is a learning opportunity. I tend to live by the motto, "Life is short, enjoy the little things" ...and laugh a lot!*

Yard Waste Recycling Center



HETRICK GARDENS

YARD WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY

2620 Swamp Pike
Pottstown, PA 19464
(610) 327-9066

www.hetrickgardens.com



Yard waste accepted:

Leaves, Brush, Tree Limbs,
Stumps (12" diameter max), Lawn Clippings,
Christmas Trees, Fire Wood.

(at no charge for Limerick Township residents)

Visit their website for full details.

Limerick Community Park Update

Coming in 2024!

Through matching grants from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Limerick Community Park upgrade project has begun! This is the first of several phases planned for the Park's enhancements. The work is being performed by Limerick Township Public Works employees. Phase 1 is expected to be completed in 2024.



Amenities being added:

**Bocce courts - Pickleball courts - New pedestrian entrance along Swamp Pike
Ballfield - Tennis courts - Multipurpose Field
ADA compliant walkways & trails**



Limerick Fire Department Volunteers



**LFD averages
750 calls a year,
63 calls a month,
2 calls a day!**

Protecting our Community

Of the 89 fire companies within Montgomery County, Limerick was the 7th busiest in 2022 with approximately 800 emergency responses. Limerick is the only one in the top ten fire companies that remains all volunteer. This all volunteer structure provides an annual savings to the Limerick taxpayer of \$4 - 5 million, because paid personnel are not required.

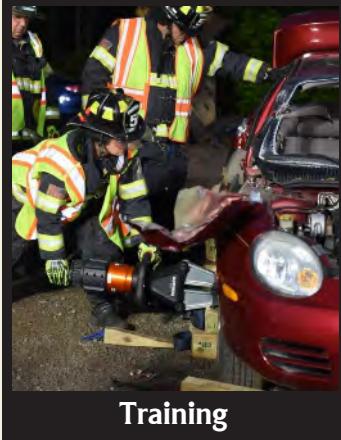
On average, a Limerick Fire Department (LFD) volunteer offers 60 hours of their time monthly, not only in responding to emergency calls, but in training, apparatus, equipment, and facility maintenance, as well as participating in fundraising and community events. The volunteers also manage the business operations of the Fire Department and the budget challenges of maintaining their life-saving services with the ever-increasing inflationary costs that are impacting us all.

What do you do with your extra time?

Our Limerick Volunteers do this with theirs...



Fundraising



Training



Emergency Response



Fire Fighting

Images courtesy of Limerick Fire Department (LFD)

WE MUST SUPPORT OUR VOLUNTEERS

As the cost of operations and training requirements increase, the Board will continue to discuss ways to support and strengthen our volunteers and the entire Limerick Fire Department for 2024, and for future years as well!

State mandates that the township shall be responsible for ensuring that by the means and to the extent determined by the township, including the

(2nd Class Township Code - Section 10-101)

EMS - Working towards a sustainable solution

Across the Commonwealth, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies are struggling to keep their doors open and ambulances responding to calls. Funding challenges brought forth by dwindling insurance reimbursements and increasing operational costs threaten the long-term viability of our emergency service providers. Without dedicated funding from Harrisburg, or changes to insurance reimbursements, the burden is falling on local municipalities to sustain this vital life-saving service. We can longer take for granted that an ambulance will respond when that 911 call is made.



- WE CANNOT ALLOW EMS TO FAIL -

Limerick Township is acting!

- Partnering with a multi-municipal program on options to fund EMS agencies that serve our communities jointly to reduce the cost burden of each community individually.
- Working with state elected officials on changes to insurance reimbursement laws, and on ways the State can support the financial needs of the EMS industry.
- Established a funding program for our current Limerick EMS providers to assist them with operation and capital expenses.



fire and emergency medical services are provided within the township
the appropriate financial and administrative assistance for these services.
(Section 1553 Emergency Services)

We can't help you, if we can't find you



Your address number must be clearly displayed. It's not only for your safety... it's the law.

Whether mail is delivered to your home or you use a post office box, your address needs to be clearly posted on your property.

When first responders are dispatched to a given location, they may be delayed in arriving if the address is not clearly seen from the street. Although it's fairly easy to spot a column of smoke from a house fire, it's difficult to see someone's heart attack from the street. In a medical emergency, they may waste critical time having to knock on several doors to

try and find a correct address. Make sure your address is clearly visible from the street. The numbers should be three or four inches in height and be reflective.

The numbers must be visible from the road. Put numbers on your house under a light. **Numbers on your mailbox should be reflective and should be visible from both sides of the mailbox, because emergency vehicles may come from either direction.**

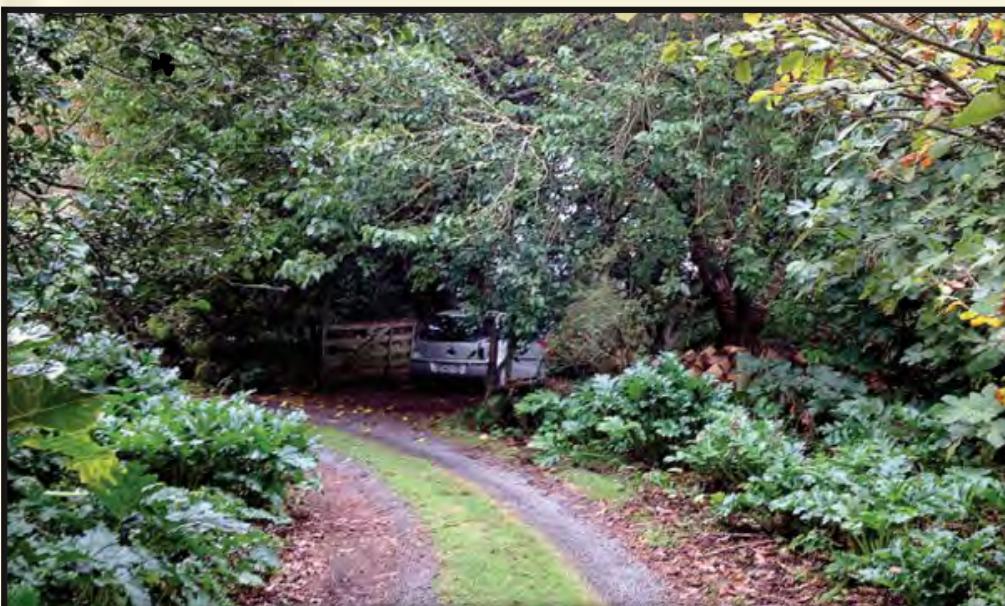
If two or more houses share a long driveway, all numbers should be posted at the end of the driveway and each house should have its own number posted on the house. All units in mobile home parks must also be addressed. If there are any bushes, vines, flowers or trees planted near the area where the numbers are posted, make sure they are trimmed so the numbers can be seen clearly at all times.



Reflective mailbox markers are available for purchase from the Limerick Fire Department.

www.lfd51.org

A clear driveway is also extremely important for larger emergency vehicles, such as firetrucks, that need to get as close to your home as possible. Remember, time is critical. A fire doubles in size every 30 seconds. If the fire department cannot get close to your structure, they have to stretch hose by hand which consumes valuable seconds.



Clear trees, branches or brush from your driveway so it is at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of at least 13.5 feet to allow fire trucks access to your property.

Ensure your driveway's surface is firmly packed and can support the weight of emergency vehicles, even in the spring when the ground is soft.

Remove gates, fence posts or other obstructions that could restrict access.



Robert Langerfeld promoted to Corporal

Officer Robert “Bobby” Langerfeld was hired in June of 2019. Officer Langerfeld earned dual degrees from Temple University in Criminal Justice and French. Officer Langerfeld was previously employed and trained as an EMT with Whitemarsh Ambulance and as a dispatcher with the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety.

One attribute more valuable than Officer Langerfeld’s prior experience has been his sense of humor, which has aided his interactions with the public and other officers alike. Earlier this year, after a competitive process, Officer Langerfeld was invited to the County SWAT-West Team. Now after a very rigorous testing, interviewing and selection process, Officer Langerfeld has been promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Chief Matalavage, Cpl. Langerfeld & Lt. Roche

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Dennis Hiller

Dennis Hiller Retires

Dennis joined Limerick as a Building Code Official in May of 2015. This was at a time when the land development industry was beginning to ramp up after the 2008-2009 downturn. Dennis brought with him the knowledge obtained from years of experience in the construction industry and did an amazing job as a Code Official. He later advanced to the position, Director of Code Services. Dennis served our community faithfully for eight years and was always a pleasure to work with.

Dennis is an avid sportsman and a Phillies and Eagles fan. He is looking forward to spending his time with family, especially his grandchildren.

We wish him all the best. Enjoy your retirement, Dennis. We will miss you!



Tess Giordano

Tess Giordano receives Emergency Management Certification

Recently, several emergency management professionals across Montgomery County were presented with Certificates from the PA Emergency Management Agency. This certification is achieved through a combination of online courses, classroom training, and in-person emergency management meetings.

This is the first of two certification levels available through the Commonwealth for emergency management personnel. This training helps emergency management personnel become proficient in the systems and processes that are integral to managing emergencies and planned, large-scale events.

Congratulations, Tess!

Helpful Tax Information



Ryan Wall
Township Tax Collector

Q & A with Ryan Wall

What tax bills do I pay to the Limerick Township Tax Collector? I collect the County/Township Real Estate Tax bill in the spring and the Spring-Ford School District tax bill that comes out in the summer.

How do I go about paying my taxes? Tax payments are collected in many forms to accommodate everyone: Checks- Are accepted up until December 15th each year and should be made payable to: Ryan Wall, Tax Collector. They can be dropped off 24/7 in the drop-box located in the Township Building's front vestibule, or by mail. Credit Cards or eChecks- Can be paid through Municipay, however, there are fees associated

with these forms of payment. Go to the Tax Collector Department page of the Township's website and click on the "Ways to Pay" box for more information. www.LimerickPA.org

I have a mortgage with an escrow account for payment of taxes, do I need to forward my Real Estate Tax Bills to my mortgage company? All real estate bills (County/Township and School District) are sent directly to the property owner(s); most mortgage companies request these bills as well, and you usually do not need you to forward them, however, it is always a good practice to check with your mortgage company to find out for sure which method they prefer. *It's also prudent that you check your monthly mortgage statement to make sure a disbursement was made from your escrow account.*

Note: If you receive a bill marked INTERIM tax: You need to send these to your mortgage company as mortgage companies do not automatically ask for or receive these bills.

Who do I contact with questions about Earned Income Tax? BERKHEIMER- Visit the Berkheimer Taxpayer Resource Center at: <https://www.hab-inc.com/contact-us>. Also check the FAQ section on my Department page on the Township's website.

Does Limerick Township have a per capita tax? No. Some municipalities do, Limerick does not.

I recently changed my name and/or need to update my mailing address. Who do I need to contact to make sure the bills get sent to me? The County needs to update this information in their system. Contact the Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals at 610-278-3761.



Pennsylvania Legislature passes expansion on Property Tax/Rent Rebate starting in 2024.

Thanks to the passage and signing of HB 1100, the income limit will rise from \$35,000 to \$45,000 for homeowners and renters, and the maximum rebate will increase to \$1,000. There's also a cost-of-living adjustment that will keep pace with inflation. Raising the income limit is expected to help nearly 175,000 additional Pennsylvanians qualify for the rebate, and the almost 400,000 Pennsylvanians who already qualify for the program will see their rebates nearly double. More information will be provided when the changes go into effect next year.

For any other questions or to set up an appointment, contact Ryan at:

484-938-8001 or LimerickTaxCollector@yahoo.com

For up to date information on all Limerick Township Parks & Recreation events, programs, camps and more, please visit the Township website or our Facebook page. Please be advised that dates and times for events and programs are subject to change.

Fall

Community Events

Pumpkin Decorating Contest **10/20-10/22**

Trunk or Treat **10/28**

ACTIVE ADULTS

Coffee Talk **10/25**

Halloween Party **10/26**

Turkey Craft **11/9**

Winter Craft **12/4**



Scan this code to register for an upcoming event or visit www.limerickpa.org/155-Recreation

Christmas — Donation Drive

HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

NOVEMBER 1ST - NOVEMBER 30TH



- 11/30 - Tree Lighting
- 12/9 - Rudolph Run
- 12/9 - Grinch Pictures
- 12/9 - Pizza with Santa

TOYS FOR TOTS DROP OFF LOCATION



NOVEMBER 1ST-
DECEMBER 1ST

Princess Party
The Snow Princess
November 11th

Limerick Township
646 West Ridge Pike
Limerick, PA 19468

*If you find the hidden shamrock,
send us an email by **10/31/23**.*

*You will be entered into a
drawing for a gift card!*

**Please send us your name
and location of the shamrock to:**
contest@limerickpa.org

*Winner will be announced
in the next newsletter
and on our Facebook page.*

**Congratulations goes to
Reece Calafati for finding the
shamrock in our Summer Newsletter!**

*(Its location was on: Page 9,
bottom right, in the greenery of the
tub of plants.)*

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Limerick Township Board of Supervisors

(From left to right):

Patrick M. Morrone,
Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr. (Chair),
Kara Shuler,
Michael J. McCloskey, III (Vice-Chair),
and Linda Irwin

Monthly Public Meetings are held at:

The Limerick Township
Municipal Building
646 West Ridge Pike
Limerick, PA 19468
(610) 495-6432
www.Limerickpa.org

Board of Supervisors

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
7:00pm

Planning Commission

2nd Thursday of each month
7:00pm

Zoning Hearing Board

4th Wednesday of each month
6:30pm

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2023 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

Register at www.MontcoPARecycles.org

DATES:

Saturday, April 29

Boyertown Middle School East
2020 Big Road, Gilbertsville

Saturday, May 6

Oak Ridge Elementary School
465 Moyer Rd, Harleysville

Saturday, May 20

Temple University–Ambler Campus
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

Saturday, June 17

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

Saturday, June 24

Abington Middle School
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

Saturday, September 23

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

SUNDAY, October 22

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

Free residential collection events are held outdoors. There are no permanent drop off locations, only these collection events. Montco residents may also attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, or Philadelphia Counties.

Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

Contact us at:

Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov
610.278.3618



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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BINGO

SEPTEMBER 21ST
NOVEMBER 1ST

10:00AM

BRING A \$5
DOLLAR GIFT
CARD TO
PLAY!

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EXTRA CARDS
FOR SALE!

**GAMES - GIVEAWAYS - FUN
LIMERICK TOWNSHIP BUILDING**

646 W. RIDGE PIKE LIMERICK, PA 19468

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
CALL ASHLEY @ 610-495-6432

L I M E R I C K T O W N S H I P
P A R K S & R E C R E A T I O N



Coffee Talk

FREE information sessions, breakfast, and coffee

Time: 9:00AM-10:00AM

March 22, 2023 - David Siegler from Dignity Memorial

April 26, 2023 - Beth Hiriak - Options of Care -
Planning for Your Future Healthcare Needs

May 24, 2023 - Limerick Police - Get to Know Your K9s

June 28, 2023 - Dan Kerr - Limerick Township Manager

July 26, 2023 - Dr. Jordan from Centre for Healing Arts

August 23, 2023 - Limerick Township Fire Marshals

September 27, 2023 - Limerick Police - Cyber Security

October 25, 2023 - Marcy Engleman from John James
Audubon Center

All topics are subject to change. Please call the Township
to register. 610-495-6432

RECIPE CLUB

INGREDIENTS:

Wednesday, October 11th
10:00AM
Limerick Township Building

yummy!



PROCEDURE:

- Bring your favorite soup or fall dish to share.
- Bring 1 copy of your recipe.
- We will be tasting and sharing our favorite fall dishes!

Pre-registration is required. Call Ashley to register.
610-495-6432





Limerick Police Association's 19th Annual Fall Golf Classic

FRIDAY, October 13th, 2023 at 10:00 am

Registration deadline is Monday October 2nd, 2023

Registration/Breakfast begin at 9:00 am

Shotgun start at 10:00 am

Outing includes:

Four Golfer Scramble Format

Round of golf and cart

Breakfast provided during registration

Dinner catered by **Mission BBQ**

All beverages (water, Gatorade, soda and beer)

Basket Raffle

Turtle Creek Golf Club

\$100 per golfer if registered by October 2nd, 2023

\$125 per golfer registered after October 2nd, 2023

Player 1 Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____
Player 2 Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____
Player 3 Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____
Player 4 Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

For more information please email:
LimerickPoliceAssociation@gmail.com

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE LIMERICK POLICE ASSOCIATION
AND LOCAL CHARITIES



SPONSORSHIPS

Shamrock Sponsor - \$2,500

- Includes 1 golf foursome, Dinner Sponsor and 2 Hole Sponsorships

Chief's Sponsor - \$1,500

- Beverage & Snack or Breakfast Sponsor and 2 Hole Sponsorships

Green & White Sponsor - \$1,000

- Dinner Sponsor and 2 Hole Sponsorships

Dinner Sponsor - \$500

- Company sign displayed during dinner and awards

Hole Sponsor - \$100

- Company sign displayed at a designated hole

Sponsor Registration

Company Name: _____ Phone: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Credit Card Payment Options

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express)

Name on Card: _____ Type of Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____ Security Code: _____

Scan the QR Code or make checks payable to: Limerick Police Association



*646 West Ridge Pike
Limerick, PA 19468*

LIMERICK TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

PRESENTS

Pumpkin DERBY



SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH / 3:00PM

LIMERICK COMMUNITY PARK

OPEN FOR ALL AGES
COST \$25.00 PER ENTRY

PRE- REGISTER FOR KITS BY SEPTEMBER 22nd

KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP STARTING OCTOBER 2nd
(COST DOES NOT INCLUDE PUMPKIN OR DECORATIONS)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT LIMERICKPA.ORG OR
CALL PARKS & RECREATION AT 610-495-6432

LIMERICK TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS



A colorful illustration of the Sanderson sisters from the movie Hocus Pocus. The Sandersons are three witches with distinct appearances: the middle one has blonde hair and wears a green dress, the left one has blonde hair and wears a purple dress, and the right one has dark purple hair and wears a pink dress. They are standing in a dark, forested area with glowing orange and purple trees. The middle sister is holding a book and a candle, while the others look on. The title 'Hocus Pocus in the Park' is overlaid on the image.

Hocus Pocus in the Park

Saturday, October 14, 2023

6:00pm

Limerick Community Park
Pre-Registration Preferred

Free, fun family activities

Contest: Best witches outfit!

Hocus Pocus 2 begins at dusk

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Limerick Township Parks and Recreation

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



**OCT
20-22**

Email a picture of your decorated or carved pumpkin by Thursday, October 19th. All entrees will be displayed on Facebook from October 20th-22nd. Winner will be contacted on Monday, October 23rd.

1 "like" is 1 vote

Email pictures to dawnh@limerickpa.org



ACTIVE ADULT SOCIAL

\$5

Tuesday
24TH
OCTOBER
Starts 11 am

GAMES . COSTUME
CONTEST. PRIZES
at:
Limerick Township Building

RSVP to Ashley 610.495.6432

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



Limerick Township
Parks & Recreation

SEPTEMBER 14TH

10AM



THEME - APPLES

OCTOBER 26TH

10AM



THEME - PUMPKIN FUN

NOVEMBER 14TH

10AM



THEME - COMMUNITY HELPERS

\$5 per child

*Parents must stay for program

LIMERICK TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

TRUNK OR TREAT



 **CANDY • COSTUMES** 

FUN & MORE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
12:00PM-3:00PM | FREE EVENT

180 SWAMP PIKE LIMERICK, PA 19468
FOR MORE INFO CALL US AT 610-495-6432