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The Backbone of our Community

Message from the Chairman



Elaine DeWan
Chair

The start of a new spring season is upon us and the excitement and anticipation of Spring and Summer are always a welcomed and exciting time. As with the change of seasons, we also recognize changes with our Limerick officials and employees. We wish to welcome Patrick Morroney, who in January, took the Oath of Office, as the newest Township Supervisor. We welcome Patrick and look forward to his contributions, as the Board continues our work to address the current and future needs of the community.

The New Year has also brought staff changes for the Administration Department, as we have said goodbye to longtime Police Administrative Assistant, Marilyn Conbeer, and we welcomed Valerie Pattison to our Limerick Team. 2018 is sure to be an exciting time for the Police Department and the entire Township Administration as we prepare for a move into the new Municipal Complex over the summer months. Under construction since the beginning of 2017, this new facility is the result of several years of planning to understand the long-term needs of the Police and Administration. Significant growth has occurred since the former

Municipal Building was constructed in the early 1970's and the new facility is designed to accommodate the Police Department and Administration for the coming thirty plus years.

While this Township has experienced many changes over the past decade, a constant during this entire period has been the dedication of all our volunteers, who serve many roles and contribute greatly to the success of our community. While we recognize and speak to their contributions in this newsletter, their support is more valuable than what can be stated within this publication. Whether it is volunteers who serve on the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation, Master Plan Study Committee, and our additional committees along with our volunteer first responders with the fire companies, all are a vital link and contribute greatly to the success of this community. To highlight the efforts of our volunteers, this newsletter will be the first to provide a Volunteer Spotlight section. I invite you to read our Volunteer Spotlight on Margie Schweitzer, who has been a longtime volunteer on our Parks & Recreation Committee. We hope more residents will be inspired to step forward and volunteer their service, time, and talents to future township endeavors, as we all work together to ensure that this community is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family, not just for today, but for the future.

We hope you enjoy the approaching nice weather and our wonderful parks, trails, and open space throughout the Township. On May 5th, the Board will be dedicating our newest trail link now open on the Kurylo Preserve. Please be sure to check out this new trail amenity on the Township website, and I wish you all a healthy and happy Spring and Summer season!

Elaine DeWan
Chair



Welcoming the Newest Member of the Board of Supervisors

On January 2, 2018 Patrick was sworn in by District Justice Richard Welch and began a six-year term as a Limerick Township Supervisor. Patrick and his wife Ester are longtime residents of Linfield and he also serves as a Auxiliary Police Officer with the Linfield Volunteer Fire Department. Patrick's goals will be to complete a Master Plan study of Linfield Village and seek to improve the infrastructure of the community. With extensive frontage along the Schuylkill River, Patrick believes enhanced trail and park opportunities can be achieved within Linfield that will be a benefit to the entire Township.

Patrick is committed to expanded public outreach so he can hear firsthand from the residents and he can be reached at pmorroney@limerickpa.org



Police Department News Saying Goodbye to Marilyn

Marilyn Conbeer began her career as a part time office clerk for the Police Department in September 1984. On January 1, 1985 she was promoted to full time and in January of 1998, assumed her current position of Assistant to the Chief of Police. Marilyn has been considered the heart of the Police Department and has been instrumental in the Department's evolution into the professional department it is today. This past January, Marilyn had served the Police Department and the Township for 33 years and had the distinction of being the longest tenured Township employee. During her career, she has worked for 4 Police Chiefs and has watched the Department grow from 3 to 30 full time officers.

Marilyn has been married to Edward for 45 years. They have two sons, Edward and Seth and three beloved grandchildren. We wish Marilyn a wonderful and much deserved retirement!

and Welcoming Valerie

Valerie Pattison spent the last 15 years working as an Administrative Assistant for the Manager of Dublin Borough and before that, spent 12 years as an Administrative Assistant with the Pennridge Regional Police Department. Valerie joined the Limerick Township Police Department in November of 2017 and worked closely with Marilyn for the past few months to make the transition easy within the Department. Valerie enjoys gardening, cooking, and spending time with her family. We welcome Valerie to the Limerick family!



Pictured Left to Right: Chief R. Brian Skelton, Marilyn Conbeer, Valerie Pattison, and Lt. Robert Matalavage

Township's Volunteer Boards & Committees

Planning Commission is comprised of 7 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors and each serve a 4-year term. They exercise the powers and authority granted by the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code (MPC), which include making recommendations to the Board concerning the adoption or amendments to the Township's Comprehensive Plan, Official Map, Zoning, and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances. The Planning Commission also reviews development and subdivision applications and offers recommendations to the Board based on the approved Township Code and Ordinances. The Planning Commission meets on a monthly basis.



Pictured Left to Right (front row): Kenneth McLaughlin, Michael J. McCloskey, III **(second row):** Ryan P. Wall, R. Gregory Richardson, Marta S. Pecharo, Samuel F. Barilla, Jr., Keith Daywalt, and John Iannozzi, Solicitor

Zoning Hearing Board is a 5 member quasi-judicial board (5 members and 1 alternate) serving 5-year terms, which has exclusive jurisdiction to hear appeals and render final decisions including, but not limited to: requests for variances, special exceptions, transfer of developmental rights, appeal from determinations of the Zoning Officer, challenges to the validity of any land use ordinance, procedural questions or defects, and appeals from determinations of a municipal engineer or Zoning Officer with regard to floodplain issues.



Pictured Left to Right: Charles D. Garner, Solicitor, Thomas J. Lane, Mark J. John, Albert Y. Herr, Samuel J. Augustine, and John W. Lightcap, III. *Missing from photo:* Michael D. Durante

Parks and Recreation Committee is a 7 member committee whose members are appointed to 5-year terms by the Board of Supervisors along with an appointed student representative for a 1-year term. The Committee works in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department in an advisory role regarding different recreational projects, events, and facilities.

Pictured Left to Right: Margaret Schweitzer, Dr. Michael Connelly, and Jack Holz. *Missing from photo:* James Crawford, Allen Dowhie, Jr., Brian S. Maguire, and Ryan P. Wall.



Township Volunteers

Streetscape & Buffering Committee is a volunteer committee created by the Board of Supervisors to assist with the beautification of the Township and meets on an as-needed basis. The Committee participated in the development of the Ridge Pike Main Street Zoning District which brought forth an enhanced streetscape and beautification plan required of new development projects along the corridor. In 2015, the Committee also served as the Citizen Advisory Panel in the development of the Kurylo Preserve and Schuylkill River Park Master Plans. Currently, the Committee is participating in the development of the Limerick Community Park Master Plan, which is anticipated to be completed by the summer of this year.

Current Members: Samuel F. Barilla, Jr., Christopher Haring, Patricia L. Kaufman, Brian S. Maguire, Michael J. McCloskey, III, Marta S. Pecharo, and John (Jack) B. Seber.

Citizen Advisory Panel-Limerick Community Park Master Plan is an advisory panel appointed by the Board of Supervisors and charged with assisting the Township Planner in creating a new Master Plan for the 94-acre Limerick Community Park. The focus of the study is to incorporate 25 additional acres, which sits adjacent to the existing park on Swamp Pike, recently dedicated to Limerick Township. The Advisory Panel is comprised of volunteers from several existing Boards and Committees along with residents who have offered their time and talent toward this specific project. All are welcome to participate with the Committee meetings and are invited to attend the upcoming Public Meetings noted in the following schedule.

Committee Members: Michael Connelly, Keith Daywalt, Allen Dowhie, Jr., Christopher Haring, Jennie Jonas, Jennifer Leister, Patricia L. Kaufman, Brian S. Maguire, Kenneth McLaughlin, Marta Pecharo, R. Gregory Richardson, Margaret Schweitzer, John (Jack) B. Seber, and Ryan P. Wall

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Committee Meeting: April 9th Public Meeting #3: April 19th

Committee Meeting: May 30th Public Meeting #4: June 26th

All meetings start at 7:00PM at the temporary Township Building

Limerick Volunteer Fire Companies

Currently, fire and emergency response services are provided by Limerick and Linfield Fire Departments utilizing an all-volunteer force. Both organizations are currently working on a consolidation which will result in a single volunteer fire department beginning in January of 2019. For new volunteers who wish to serve, membership information is available on both company websites at: www.limerickfirerescue.org and

www.linfieldfire.com



Other Limerick Township Volunteer Opportunities

Please visit the Limerick Township Website at www.limerickpa.org for information on these volunteer opportunities.

*Open Space Committee *Industrial Development Authority *Emergency Management *Code Appeals

Look for a review of these committees in a future newsletter publication

Township Volunteer Spotlight

Margie Schweitzer

Margie began her volunteerism in 2004 on the Parks & Recreation Committee. At that time, the Township did not have a Recreation Staff and the volunteer committee handled all the planning for Community Day. Margie expressed, "The Manderach Playground was fairly new at that time, and I was so impressed with the way the community came together after the sad loss of mother and daughter to make something amazing. After the World Trade Towers came down in 2001, Community Day volunteers responded quickly with flags to commemorate each of the fallen emergency responders and even had a rescue dog on site. This was another example of the Limerick Community joining together in the face of disaster; I wanted to be part of that healing".

Margie served as Chair of the P&R Committee for many years and is extremely proud of the Community Day event and how that has become a forefront of the Department and a keystone of the Township.

"If you are considering a position on a township committee", states Margie, "you must remember that you will not always get your way, but you will have a sense of satisfaction for a well-received project". "You will also get to know people and will enjoy seeing families participating in events together". Margie also offered that "with the growth of Limerick Township, there is definitely a need for places like the Kurylo Preserve and the new long-range plan for Limerick Community Park which is on-going at this time".



New Traffic Signal at Ridge Pike and Limerick Roads

Over the past decade, the Board of Supervisors has maintained a steadfast effort to improve traffic safety for all motorists. During this time, the Township has completed a \$2.5 million upgrade to Lewis Road between Cherry Lane and the 422 Interchange, and finalized a \$850,000 roadway and sidewalk improvement plan to the West Cherry Lane and Limerick Center Road intersection. A \$3.1 million ramp improvement project is currently under design for the 422/Sanatoga Interchange and studies are also underway to determine design and costs to upgrade the Linfield Trappe and Royersford Roads intersection.

The new traffic signal at Ridge Road and Limerick Roads is another upgrade which will improve the safety of all who travel these roadways. The overall project cost of approximately \$450,000 included Right-of-Way and easement acquisitions, sidewalk and ADA accommodations, and the costs to install the signals and equipment. No Township tax dollars were used, as all funding came from developer traffic impact fees and PennDOT liquid fuel funds.



Emergency Services News

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Limerick Fire Company Events

April 14 Comedy Show

May 30-June 2 Annual Carnival

June 18-22 Kids Fire Fighter Camp 9:00AM-Noon, ages 6-13



Visit us online for more information:
www.limerickfirerescue.org

Linfield Fire Company Events

March 29,30,31 Easter Flower Sale

March 31 Easter Egg Hunt

April 21 Basket Bingo

May 13 Mother's Day Breakfast

June 9 Chinese Auction



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Community 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 2017 application, please call Ryan Wall by phone at (484) 938-8001 or email limericktaxcollector@yahoo.com.

Limerick 5K Run **Kurylo Preserve Grand Opening** *New Date and Course for 5K*

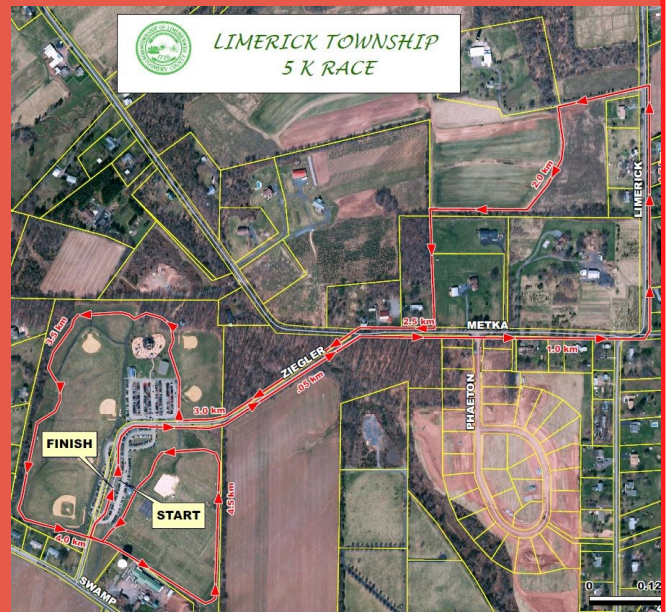
Join Limerick Township Parks and Recreation and the Board of Supervisors for this year's 5K Run! The 5K will begin in Limerick Community Park and includes the first section of trail in the Kurylo Preserve.

Register today for the 5K or 1 mile walk

1 mile walk is untimed and will be one loop within Limerick Community Park

May 5th 8:00AM

Register online at www.active.com or Limerick Township Building



Summer Camps

Limerick Township Parks and Recreation will be offering half and full day specialty camps to keep your children having fun all Summer long!

June Camps

- Computer Camp: Lights, Camera, Action!
- Flag Football Camp
- Bricks 4 Kidz: Quest Camp & Brick Critters Camp
- Kitchen Wizards: Little Chefs

July Camps

- Cheer and Dance Camp
- Kitchen Wizards: Cooking Around the USA
- Invent & Build Computers
- Magic Camp
- Creative Cartooning
- Bricks 4 Kidz: Super Heroes & Make a Movie LEGO Camp
- Harry Potter Camp

August Camps

- Kitchen Wizards: Sweets for Sweeties
- Science Explorers: Potions, Powder, Polymer
- Create a 3-D Video Game
- Chess Camp
- Theatre Camp: Social Media Matrix

Please visit the Parks and Recreation Page at www.limerickpa.org or the Parks and Recreation's Facebook page for more information about these camps listed and any new camps scheduled for the 2018 Summer!



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, April 28, 7:00AM-12:00PM
Limerick Community Park
\$10.00 /space, must pre-register

New York City Bus Trip

On May 19, 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 11

Fee: \$45 per person

Upcoming Events with Limerick Township Parks and Recreation

- ♦ **Breakfast with the Bunny** - March 24
 - ♦ **Concert in the Park** - July 11
 - ♦ **Community Day**- August 18
- ♦ **Rotary Wine, Beer, Food Festival** - September 22

Visit our website or Facebook page for more information

School's Out Camp

The kids are off from school! Register them to come have fun with LTP&R. Daily games, crafts and themed activities are planned to keep the kids busy on their day off.

\$30 per day

Time: 8AM to 5PM

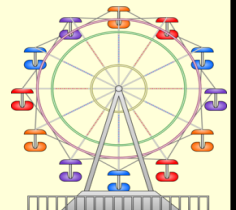
Dates: March 28,29, April 2, and May 15

Discount Amusement Park Tickets

Dorney Park	Hershey Park
Knoebel's	Adventure Aquarium
Dutch Wonderland	Renaissance Faire
Philadelphia Zoo	Six Flags Great Adventure
Hershey Park	Elmwood Park Zoo
Diggerland USA	Morey's Pier
Crayola Experience	Medieval Time
Baltimore Aquarium	Sesame Place

Discount Movie Tickets: Regal and Movie Tavern

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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

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