

Lower Milford Township NEWSLETTER



This April, join Lower Milford Township as we host our 18th Annual Spring Clean Up Day* the weekend after Earth Day. Volunteers come together to help keep our Township safe and clean by collecting litter off of our Township roadways. All volunteers are provided with safety vests, gloves, trash bags, maps, and bottled water. Volunteers are not responsible for transporting filled trash bags or other found garbage—just mark their location on the map and return it to the office building so we can take care of the rest!

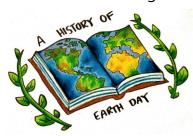
As a thank you for your time and efforts, the Township will host a picnic lunch for our volunteers at noon and you will also be entered into a raffle to win free treats at Rita's Italian Ice, courtesy of Rita's of Quakertown!

Call the office at extension 111 or email assistant@lowermilford.org to sign up!

*This event is held in partnership with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's Pick Up PA Program.







The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, when a United States senator from Wisconsin , Gaylord Nelson, organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues. Rallies took place across the country and, by the end of the year, the U.S. government had created the Environmental Protection Agency. By 1990, Earth Day was an event celebrated by more than 140 countries around the globe.

Coming Soon!

Yard Waste Recycling Center

Progress is underway to construct a driveway through an easement to the Township's 17-acre property off of County Line Road. The property was donated to the Township; however, it was landlocked with no access to a public road. Having acquired an easement, the property will be a major benefit to Lower Milford residents and our Public Works Department. We will have a place to accept vard waste, branches, Christmas Trees and a place to store off-season road equipment. We look forward to providing this service to our residents and will keep vou informed of when the collection center will begin accepting yard waste.

Ellen Koplin, Supervisor

Notice: Speed Limit Change

PennDOT has approved and implemented the extension of the 35 MPH speed limit from the Village of Limeport through to the intersection at Beverly Hills Road. This change



took effect on Friday, February 28th.

Please be mindful of this change and drive safely!

Enhancing Our Village



Residents of Limeport may remember that several years ago, the Planning Commission held meetings with the Limeport residents to prepare a Vision Plan

for the Village. With the addition of the 24 Limeport Commons homes off of Hoffman Lane, sidewalks are being constructed on Hoffman Lane and Limeport Pike along the development property. The Board of Supervisors intend to implement portions of the Limeport Vision Plan by extending the sidewalk where feasible, including a walking path around the Village. It is the goal of the Supervisors to create a more welcoming environment and accessibility to homes and businesses.

Along with walkability, the Supervisors will be looking at a location for a pocket park, preferably along the walking path. Residents will be notified when the draft proposal is complete, and input from our residents through a Workshop Meeting will assist in a final design . We will keep you updated on progress and look forward to enhancing our Village.

Ellen Koplin, Supervisor

Two vacancies have opened up on the Lower Milford Township Planning Commission.
One term is set to expire December 2025 and the other December 2027.

If you would be interested in filling either of these seats, please submit a letter of interest to the Township office as soon as possible for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your interest in serving Lower Milford Township!

A Lifetime of Service



A remarkable woman once told me, "a volunteer is a paygrade, not a job description."

That is a motto she lived by and willingly gave of her time and her energy to two vital causes: her community and animals in need. That woman is Dr. Lois Gadek.

At a young age, she made a pledge to herself that she would do everything she could, that no animal would be homeless. Her determination and hard work provided the state-of-theart facility for the *Animals In Distress* organization.

Besides Dr. Gadek's forty-year career as a professor with DeSales University, she also served as a member and chair of the Lower Milford Township Planning Commission. Our Township Planning Commission members are dedicated and hardworking individuals who give willingly of themselves to maintain the highest possible quality of life for our residents.

After 50 years of dedicated service to Lower Milford Township, Dr. Gadek has retired as a member of the Planning Commission, but her knowledge and expertise will be evident for generations to come.

Our Gratitude and Sincere Appreciation to Dr. Lois Gadek for a Job Well Done

Lower Milford is Reaching a Milestone!



Having the distinction of the first preserved farm in Lehigh County being located in Lower Milford, we are now reaching the extraordinary achievement of just under 4,000 acres of permanently preserved farmland. That is roughly one-third of the Township's area. We owe a debt of gratitude to the farm owners for their commitment to preserving agriculture for future generations.

Many Lehigh County farms participate in the local farm markets throughout the area. We are fortunate to have three family farm growers right here in Lower Milford. The Hausman Fruit Farm located on Limeport Pike has been providing fresh fruit and vegetables to our tables for many generations along with fresh baked goods, jams, jellies, seasonal flowers and of course, pumpkins. On East Mill Hill Road you will be delighted with the

sweet corn, apple varieties, pick your own peaches, berries or purchase at the farm stand of Bob White Acres and Wata Farm Christmas Trees. The Urffer family farm on Cassel Road, known as Pappy's Orchard and Bakery, will tempt you with baked goods, cider, fall apples and a beautiful field of sunflowers. The products listed for these family farms are just a sample of what is available.



Make memories with your children and grandchildren by enjoying an afternoon choosing pumpkins or selecting the family Christmas Tree.

Please support our family farms and buy local.

Ellen Koplin, Supervisor

save the Date



This year's Festival will feature our first ever Antique Car & Tractor show!

Be sure to follow the Facebook event page and watch out for updates in the months ahead.



Vendor applications are available now and can be found at lowermilford.org.

Reserve your space today!

Interested in learning about volunteer opportunities at the Festival? Contact info@lowermilford.org to find out ways you can help!

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In Other News,

Our Public Works Department has had upgrades to its equipment over the past five years to better serve our needs. With the addition of a small paving machine and larger roller, our ability to make road repairs has resulted in better patching of potholes and larger areas due to winter freeze and thaw. We replaced our 1968 Austin-Western road grader with a much newer, although preowned, grader to maintain drainage swales along the roads.

One of the most effective tools for battling winter weather is the ability to utilize liquid brine before the frozen precipitation begins. Our Public Works Foreman performed the research and eventual construction of a brine making system at the

Township, eliminating the need to purchase liquid brine at a high cost. He also provides much of our truck and equipment service and repairs in-house, which has eliminated the costly use of dealerships or equipment repair shops.

Upgrades and improvements to serve our residents are a priority as well as cost savings.

NOTICE

Lower Milford Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, announces the following meeting schedule for 2025:

The Board of Supervisors will hold two meetings per month. Workshop meetings will be held as needed on the first Thursday of the month, with the exception of February, at 6:30PM. Regular meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM, with the exception of February where the regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 6:30PM. Action may be taken at both meetings.

The Planning Commission will hold two meetings per month. Regular meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month at 6:30PM, with the exception of September where the regular meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month at 6:30PM. Workshop meetings will be held as needed on the third Monday of the month at 6:30PM.

The Historical Commission will hold regular meetings on the first Monday of every month at 6:30PM, with the exception of September where regular meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month at 6:30PM.

The Zoning Hearing Board will hold meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM as needed, or as additionally advertised.

All meetings are held at the Lower Milford Township Municipal Building at 7607 Chestnut Hill Church Road, Coopersburg, PA 18036, unless otherwise advertised.

The Municipal Building is ADA compliant. Any person with a disability requiring a special accommodation to attend a meeting should notify the Municipal Office at 610-967-4949 as early as possible, but no later than three working days prior to the meeting. Lower Milford Township will make every effort to provide a reasonable accommodation.

Lower Milford Township offices will be <u>closed</u> for the following upcoming holidays:



April 18th May 26th July 4th September 1st



5:30 - 7:30 PM on Mondays in the months of April, May, July, August, October & December

2025 Tax Collector Hours:

Additional hours include: May 20, 22, 27, 29 & August 19, 21, 26, 28

CLOSED: May 26 & December 15, 22, 29 Primary Election: Tuesday, May 20th

Municipal Election: Tuesday, November 4th

Polls are open 7 AM—8 PM

Friendly reminder that the Township polls are located at the LMT Fire Co. at 1601 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg, PA

Contact Information:

Township Office

7607 Chestnut Hill Church Road 610-967-4949 (Office) 610-967-1013 (Fax) Monday-Friday 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Board of Supervisors

Ellen L. Koplin, Chair Lowell F. Linde, Vice-Chair Timothy E. Cougle, Supervisor

Check the Calendar on the Township Website for Meeting updates:

www.lowermilford.org

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