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Welcome to Indian Valley Today

The Indian Valley is open for business! This was most evident at the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards. This year the Chamber celebrated several businesses and an individual who made significant improvements in the quality of life here in the region.

Frank Gallagher, Superintendent of the Souderton Area School District received the Charles H Allebach Jr. Community service award, named for longtime mayor of Souderton and community volunteer. Dr. Gallagher led the effort to reopen the district's schools for in person learning for students. We know the best place for students to learn is in the classroom. With the support of the Souderton Area School Board and with help from his cabinet, Dr. Gallagher led the effort to safely bring students back into the classroom. Not only is the classroom the right place for students to learn, but it also promoted the economic health of the region. School support staff were on the job as usual, providing necessary employment. Parents were able to continue their work and employment. The continuity of a regular school year brought relief to students, families, businesses, and the community.



The Broad Theater and Broad Street Italian Cuisine and Pizzeria were jointly presented the Cornerstone award. This is the first year we had co-winners. The Cornerstone award was given to recognize the collaboration and cooperation both businesses exhibited in the economic redevelopment of the West Broad Street section of Souderton. The theater and restaurant were both developed with care and thoughtfulness to blend in with the character of Souderton but also to bring a new vibrancy and energy to the area.

The Pillar Award was presented to the Almac Group. The Almac Group is based in Northern Ireland, and its North American headquarters are in Lower Salford. The Almac Group is an established contract development and manufacturing organization providing an extensive range of integrated services across the drug development lifecycle to the pharmaceutical and biotech sectors globally. Their services range from R&D, biomarker discovery, development and commercialization, API manufacture, formulation development, clinical trial supply, IRT (IVRS/IWRS) through to commercial-scale manufacture. As a partner in the Federal Government's Operations Warp Speed (OWS), Almac was part of a history-making process by



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31 W. Summit Street
Souderton PA 18964
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soudertonborough.org

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671 Allentown Road
Telford, PA 18969
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Lower Salford Township .. 33-34
379 Main Street
Harleysville, PA 19438
215-256-8087
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Hatfield Borough 35-38
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Hatfield, PA 19440
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which a viable vaccine for Covid19 was developed and brought to market in a mere 7 months. This had never been done. Almac was an indispensable partner in the creation of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID19 vaccine. They are an important component of why the Indian Valley is open for business. The entire world is getting back to normal due to the herculean efforts of Almac and their dedicated employees. Almac is part of a huge collaboration that is saving lives around the world.

The Chamber of Commerce is proud of the award winners. They are our friends and neighbors. All our regional businesses and non-profit organizations have gone to great lengths this year to keep people safe, employed and bring services to the public. You all have made extraordinary efforts to make the Indian Valley a better place.

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Baum, Smith & Clemens, LLP	Accountants	http://www.bsccpas.com
Canon Capital	Accountants	http://www.canoncapital.com
Detweiler Hershey	Accountants	http://detweilerhershey.com
DunlapSLK, PC	Accountants	https://www.dunlapslk.com
Hayden Nelson & Yoder, P.C.	Accountants	http://www.hnycpas.com
Pritchard, Bieler, Gruver & Willison, P.C.	Accountants	http://PBGW.com
Adams Outdoor Advertising	Advertising & Marketing	http://www.adamsoutdoor.com
Allebach Communications	Advertising & Marketing	http://www.allebach.com
Bergey Creative Group	Advertising & Marketing	http://www.bergeycreativegroup.com
Community Business Network	Advertising & Marketing	http://www.MunicipalNewsletters.com
Community Connection	Advertising & Marketing	http://www.ccmonthly.com
Delos Inc.	Advertising & Marketing	https://www.delosinc.com
eXplorations Marketing LLC	Advertising & Marketing	https://e-xplorations.com/
Harmony Promotional Solutions	Advertising & Marketing	http://www.harmonypromo.com
Penny Power	Advertising & Marketing	http://www.pennypowerads.com
VoiceMatters LLC	Advertising & Marketing	http://www.voicemattersllc.com
Broad Theater	Amusements & Entertainment	http://www.broadtheater.com
Earl Bowl Lanes	Amusements & Entertainment	http://www.earlbowlanes.com/
Montgomery Theater	Amusements & Entertainment	http://www.montgomerytheater.org
KCBA Architects, Inc.	Architects - Engineers	http://www.kcba-architects.com
Nase Architects, LLC	Architects - Engineers	http://www.NaseArchitects.com
Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C.	Attorneys	http://www.flblaw.com
Fox Rothschild LLP	Attorneys	http://www.foxrothschild.com
Landis, Hunsberger, Gingrich & Weik LLP	Attorneys	http://www.lhgwlaw.com
Timoney Knox, LLP	Attorneys	http://www.timoneyknox.com
Weber Kracht and Chellew	Attorneys	http://www.wkclaw.net
Musselman's Auto Body & Truck Repair, Inc.	Automobile/Truck Body Repair	
A & T Chevrolet-Subaru	Automobile/Truck Dealer	http://www.atautos.com
Freed J.L. Honda	Automobile/Truck Dealer	http://www.jlfreed.com
Bergey's Inc.	Automobile/Truck Repair	http://www.bergeys.com
Franconia Auto Repair	Automobile/Truck Repair	http://www.franconiaautorepair.com
Interstate Fleets, Inc.	Automobile/Truck Repair	http://www.interstate-fleets.com
Landes Diversified Services, LLC	Automobile/Truck Repair	http://www.landesds.com/
Meenan Transmission	Automobile/Truck Repair	http://www.meenantransmission.com
Souderton Truck Center	Automobile/Truck Repair	http://www.soudertontruckcenter.com
Spanial's Service Center	Automobile/Truck Repair	http://www.spanialsservicecenter.net
Total Equestrian Enterprises/Elite Sportswear	Awards & Trophies	https://www.total-equestrian.com
Chrysalis Hair Design	Beauty Salons & Spas	http://www.chrysalishairdesign.com
Reflections Hairstyling Inc.	Beauty Salons & Spas	https://reflections hairstyling.com
Styles Unlimited Salon & Spa LLC	Beauty Salons & Spas	http://www.stylesunlimitedsalon.com
Waite Station Nails LLC	Beauty Salons & Spas	
Miller-Keystone Blood Center	Blood bank	http://giveapint.org
McNally's Bookkeeping LLC	Bookkeeping	http://www.mcnallysbookkeeping.com
Our Towne Catering	Catering	http://www.ourtownecatering.com
Gehman Chiropractic Office	Chiropractors	http://www.drdongehmanchiro.com
Emmanuel Lutheran Church	Church	http://www.emmanuelchurch.net
LCBC	Church	http://www.LCBCchurch.com
Carfagno Cleaning	Cleaning Services	http://www.carfagno-cleaning.com
Cloud 10 Car wash	Cleaning Services	http://Cloud10carwash.com
Excel Communications Worldwide, Inc.	Communications	http://www.excelcom.net
Fujita & Miura Public Relations	Communications	http://www.fmpr.net
Galco Business Communications, Inc.	Communications	http://www.galcobc.com
Towne Answering Service	Communications	http://towneanswering.com
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Tom's Help Desk	Computer Services/Consulting	http://www.tomshelpdesk.com
Bauer Joe & Sons, Inc.	Construction	
Detweiler Construction Solutions, Inc.	Construction	http://www.detweilerconstruction.com
ESCA Soda Blast, LLC	Construction	http://ESCASodaBlast.com
Hendricks, Leverage Builders, Inc.	Construction	http://hendricksbuilders.com
Nemath Building Services	Construction	http://www.nemath.com/construction.html
Peter-Build Renovations & Home Improvements,LLC	Construction	https://peterbuild.net
Radomski, Frank & Sons, Inc.	Construction	http://radomski-builders.com
Top-A-Court Tennis Co.	Construction	http://topacourt.com
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	Construction Supplies	http://www.shellyslumber.com
Attentive Health	Consulting	http://attentivehealth.com
Castle Benefits Consulting Group, LLC	Consulting	http://castlebenefitsconsultinggroup.com
Delaware Valley Family Bus. Ctr.	Consulting	http://www.dvfb.com
Hackman, Scott Ventures LLC	Consulting	http://www.scotthackman.com
Marketplace Momentum, LLC	Consulting	http://www.Marketplace-Momentum.com
Midatlantic Employers Association	Consulting	http://www.meainfo.org
North Group Consultants	Consulting	https://northgroupconsultants.com/
SKM Associates Family Business Consultants	Consulting	https://netfamilybusiness.com
U.S. SBA - Resource Partner	Consulting	http://www.sba.gov/pa/phil
Score Montgomery County	Counseling	https://montgomerycountypa.score.org
Merck Sharp & Dohme Federal Credit Union	Credit Union	http://www.msdfcu.org
North Penn Federal Credit Union	Credit Union	http://www.northpennfcu.org
Eastern Diversified Services, Inc.	Damage Restoration	http://www.easterndiversified.com
Moyer's Services Group, Inc.	Damage Restoration	http://#http://moyersservices.com/#
Servpro of Upper Bucks	Damage Restoration	http://www.servproupperbucks.com
Stepping Stones Nursery/Day Care Ctr.	Daycare	https://gracelutheranhatfield.org
North Penn Pediatric Dental Associates, LLC	Dentists	http://www.nppda.com
Snyder Larry H., DDS	Dentists	
Weaver, Reckner & Reinhart Dental Associates	Dentists	http://www.gotta-smile.com
Deacon Industrial Supply Co., Inc.	Distributor (PVF)	http://www.deaconind.com
K. J. Door Services Inc.	Doors	http://www.kjdoors.com
Lakeside Educational Network	Educational Services	http://www.lakesidelink.com
MontcoWorks NOW	Educational Services	http://www.mciu.org/offices/office-of-student-services/now/
Montgomery County Community College	Educational Services	http://www.mc3.edu
Bergey's Electric Inc.	Electrical Contractors	http://www.bergeyselectric.com
Moffa MJ Electric, LLC	Electrical Contractors	http://www.moffaelectric.net
Response Electric	Electrical Contractors	http://www.responseservices.com
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TRC Staffing	Employment Service	http://www.trcstaffing.com
Bergman Engineering, LLC	Engineers/Consultants	http://www.bergmanengineering.net
Renew Design Group, Inc.	Engineers/Consultants	http://www.renewdesign.com
Schlosser & Clauss Consulting Engineers	Engineers/Consultants	http://schlosserandclauss.com
AZT Financial	Financial Planning	http://www.aztfinancial.com
Flaherty Financial Services, LLC	Financial Planning	http://www.lpl.com
Kemp Harvest Financial Group	Financial Planning	http://kemp.harvest.com
Musselman Financial Solutions	Financial Planning	http://www.voyafa.com
1847 Financial	Financial Services	http://www.1847financial.com
Harleysville Bank	Financial Services	http://harleysvillebank.com
Penn Community Bank	Financial Services	https://www.penncommunitybank.com
QNB Bank	Financial Services	http://www.qnbbank.com
Thrivent Financial	Financial Services	https://connect.thrivent.com/maxwell-dalavai/
Univest Financial	Financial Services	http://www.univest.net
Bergey, Abram W. & Sons Inc.	Floor Coverings	http://www.bergeyflooring.com
Frederick's Flowers & Gifts	Florist	http://fredericksflowers.com
Dunkin' Donuts & Baskin-Robbins	Food - Edibles	http://www.dunkindonuts.com
Clemens Food Group	Food Processors/Distributors	http://clemensfoodgroup.com
JBS USA	Food Processors/Distributors	http://www.jbssa.com
Living Hope Farm	Food Processors/Distributors	http://www.livinghopefarm.org
Moyer Specialty Foods, LLC	Food Processors/Distributors	http://www.moyerspecialtyfoods.com
Silver Springs Farm, Inc.	Food Processors/Distributors	https://silverspringsfarminc.com
Vanilla Corporation of America, LLC	Food Processors/Distributors	
Landes IT Co.	Fuel Oil	http://www.itlandes.com
Suburban Propane	Fuel Oil	http://www.suburbanpropane.com
Anders - Detweiler Funeral Home & Crematory	Funeral Home	http://www.andersfh.com
Sadler-Suess Funeral Home	Funeral Home	https://www.suessfuneralhome.net
Williams-Bergey-Koffel Funeral Home, Inc.	Funeral Home	http://www.williamsbergeykoffel.com
Sojourner Suites	Furnished Apartments	http://www.sojournersuites.com
Trinity Generators & Electrical, Inc.	Generators/Electricity	http://www.trinityelectricinc.com
Ten Thousand Villages	Gifts/Specialties	https://www.tenthousandvillages.com
Alderfer Glass Company	Glass & glazing	http://www.alderferglass.com
Illustrated Designs, Inc.	Graphic Designer	http://www.illustrateddesigns.net
Acupuncture for Life	Health Services	http://www.acupuncturepa.com
Good Shepard Physical Therapy-Souderton	Health Services	http://goodshepherdrehab.org
Penn Foundation, Inc.	Health Services	http://pennfoundation.org
Smith Medical PPE	Health Services	http://www.smithmedppe.com
Home Helpers	Home Care	http://www.buxmonthomehelpers.com
Gehman Design Remodeling	Home Improvements & Remodeling	http://www.gehmanremodeling.com
Abington - Jefferson Health	Hospital	http://www.jefferson.edu/abington
Grand View Health	Hospital	http://www.gvh.org
St. Luke's Hospital - Upper Bucks	Hospital	http://www.sluhn.org
Springhill Suites By Marriott	Hotel	http://MARRIOTT.COM/UKTSH
Generations of Indian Valley	Human Service Organization	http://www.generationsofiv.org
Greater Harleysville & North Penn Senior Services	Human Service Organization	http://www.ghnpps.org
Indian Creek Foundation	Human Service Organization	http://indcreek.org
Indian Valley Family YMCA	Human Service Organization	https://www.northpennymca.org/our-locations/indian-valley-family-ymca/
Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center	Human Service Organization	http://ivyhillequestrian.org
Keystone Opportunity Center	Human Service Organization	http://www.keystoneopportunity.org
Salvation Army Children's Services	Human Service Organization	http://care4kids.net
United Way of Greater Phila. & Southern NJ	Human Service Organization	http://www.unitedforimpact.org
Jamison, Ellen	Individual	
AAA East Central	Insurance	http://www.aaa.com
Allstate Agency, Dawn Hilty	Insurance	https://agents.allstate.com/usa/pa?utm_medium=Website&utm_source=GMB
Covenant Insurance	Insurance	http://www.covenantcares.com
Franconia Insurance & Financial Services	Insurance	http://fifsinc.com
Health Insurance Solutions, Inc.	Insurance	http://www.gethisi.com
Independence Blue Cross	Insurance	http://www.ibx.com
Johnson, Kendall & Johnson, Inc.	Insurance	http://www.jkj.com
Lacher	Insurance	http://lacherinsurance.com
McGriff Insurance Services	Insurance	http://www.mcgriff.com
Millennium Healthcare Group	Insurance	http://www.millennium-tpa.com
Nester Insurance Inc.	Insurance	http://www.nesterinsurance.com
SMYRL INSURANCE	Insurance	http://smyrl-insurance.com
State Farm Agency - Rich D'Antonio	Insurance	http://www.montcoinsurance.com
Tri-Valley Insurance	Insurance	http://www.prudential.com/us/s.conahan
United Risk Management Inc.	Insurance	http://www.unitedriskmanagement.com
Weimer Group, The	Insurance	http://www.theweimergroup.com
AblePay Health	Insurance (Health)	http://www.ablepayhealth.com
Brouse Landscapes LLC	Landscaping/Lawn Maintenance	http://www.brouselandscapes.com



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Clarke's Landscaping & Lawn Care, Inc.	Landscaping/Lawn Maintenance	http://www.clarkeslandscaping.com
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Todd's Total Lawn Care	Landscaping/Lawn Maintenance	http://www.toddstotallandscape.com
Indian Valley Public Library	Library	http://www.ivpl.org
Higher Ground Consulting Group, LLC	Management Training/Consulting	http://highergroundcg.com
VGC Solutions, LLC	Management Training/Consulting	http://www.vgcsolutions.org
Asher's Chocolates	Manufacturer	http://www.ashers.com
Brooks Instrument LLC	Manufacturer	http://www.brooksinstrument.com
Cornerstone Automation	Manufacturer	http://www.cornerstoneautomation.com
Crystal Metalworks	Manufacturer	http://crystalsteel.com
Draeger Medical Systems Inc.	Manufacturer	http://www.draeger.com
EST GROUP INC.	Manufacturer	http://www.cw-estgroup.com
Hefner Machine & Tool, Inc.	Manufacturer	http://www.hefnermachine.com
Landis, Merrill Y. Ltd. Custom Window Treatments	Manufacturer	http://www.myltd.com
Medcomp, Inc.	Manufacturer	http://www.medcompnet.com
Nelson Wire Rope Corporation	Manufacturer	http://www.nelsonwirerope.com
One Village Coffee	Manufacturer	http://www.onevillagecoffee.com
Parker-Hannifin, Inc.-Porter Instrument Div.	Manufacturer	http://porterinstrument.com
Philadelphia Toboggan Coasters, Inc.	Manufacturer	http://www.philadelphiatoboggancoastersinc.com
Reube's Plastics Co. Inc.	Manufacturer	http://www.reubes-plastics.com
Schlosser Steel Inc.	Manufacturer	http://schlossersteel.com
Synatek Solutions	Manufacturer	http://synateksolutions.com
Vulcan Spring & Mfg. Co.	Manufacturer	http://www.vulcanspring.com
Electronic Fluorocarbons, LLC	Manufacturing (Industrial Gases)	http://www.electronicfluorocarbons.com
Souder, Richard B. Masonry, Inc.	Masonry	http://www.soudermasonry.com
Muscle Therapy Center, LLC	Massage Therapy	http://www.themuscletherapycenter.com
Goshow, A. M. & Son, Inc.	Millwork	https://amgoshow.com
Ann Reno Park	Mobile Home Park	https://annrenopark.wixsite.com
Oak Grove Park & Sales, Inc.	Mobile Home Park	http://www.ogpark.com
309 Mobile Storage Inc.	Moving & Storage	http://www.309mobilestorage.com
Mennonite Heritage Center	Museum	https://mhpc.org
Bucks-Mont Collaborative for HHS	Non-Profit Organization	http://www.bucksmontcollab.org
Franconia Township Police Benevolent Assoc.	Non-Profit Organization	http://www.ftpba.com
God's Treasure House Ministries, Inc.	Non-Profit Organization	http://www.godstreasurehouse.org
Indian Valley Education Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	http://www.indianvalleyef.org
Peaceful Living	Non-Profit Organization	http://www.peacefulliving.org
Pearl S. Buck International	Non-Profit Organization	http://www.pearlsbuck.org
Souderton-Telford Business & Professional Women	Non-Profit Organization	http://www.stbpw.org
Souderton-Telford Main Streets	Non-Profit Organization	http://www.stmainst.org
Sweatshirt of Hope	Non-Profit Organization	http://sweatshirtofhope.org/
Venne Richard/Johnette Foundation	Non-Profit Organization	
Staples	Office Supplies - Retail	http://www.staples.com
Almac	Pharmaceutical Companies	http://www.almacgroup.com
Twinkle Photo Booth	Photo Booth Services	https://twinklephotobooth.com
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TriValley Primary Care, Franconia Office	Physicians & Surgeons	http://www.trivalleypc.com
L & R Associates, Inc.	Plumbing & HVAC	http://www.landrassocinc.com
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Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc.	Printers/Publishers	http://www.perkprinting.com
Tiger Printing Group	Printers/Publishers	http://www.tigerpg.com
United Offset, Inc	Printers/Publishers	http://www.united-offset.com
Indian Valley Country Club	Private Clubs	http://indianvalleycc.com
Get It Got It LLC	Promotional Products	http://www.getgotprinting.com
Penn Valley Gas Inc.	Propane Sales & Service	http://www.pennvalleygas.com
WordFm	Radio Station	http://www.wordfm.org
Alderfer Real Estate	Real Estate	http://www.alderferrealestate.com#
Bergstresser Real Estate	Real Estate	http://bergstresserrealestate.com
Hershey Farm Agency, Inc.	Real Estate	http://www.hersheyfarmagency.com
Hoff Properties, LLC	Real Estate	
Keller Williams Realty Group	Real Estate	https://nextkeymove.kw.com/
Moving Bucks Mont	Real Estate	http://www.movingbucksmont.com
Re/Max Reliance	Real Estate	http://www.geraldpc.com
REALTY WORX	Real Estate	http://www.realtyworxpa.com
Rittenhouse Property Management	Real Estate	http://www.rittenhouseproperty.com
Spring Hill Realty Inc.	Real Estate	http://www.springhillrealtyinc.com
Indian Valley Appraisal Co.	Real Estate Appraisers	http://www.ivappraisal.com
MOPAC	Recycling	http://www.mopac.com



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George's Tool Rental, Inc.	Rental - Party/Equipment Supplies	http://www.gtr-rents.com
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Bella Fiona Ristorante	Restaurant	http://bellafionaristorante.com
Broad Street Grind	Restaurant	http://www.broadstreetgrind.com
Broad Street Italian Cuisine & Pizzeria	Restaurant	http://www.broaditaliancuisine.com
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Franconia Square Cafe & Market	Restaurant	http://www.franconia-cafe.com
McDonald's (Souderton)	Restaurant	https://www.mcdonalds.com
Noodle 88	Restaurant	http://www.noodle88restaurant.com
Rising Sun Inn LLC	Restaurant	http://www.risingsuninn.net
Smoke Factory BBQ	Restaurant	http://www.thesmokefactorybbq.com
Trolley Stop Deli	Restaurant	https://thetrolleystopdeli.com/
Washington House Restaurant & Sellersville Theater	Restaurant	http://washingtonhouse.net
Brewscuits	Retail	http://www.brewscuit.com
Care & Share Shoppes, Inc.	Retail	http://www.careandshareshoppes.org
Costco Wholesale	Retail	http://www.costco.com
Hague's Christmas Trees	Retail	http://www.hagueschristmastrees.com
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Tocara Jewelry	Retail	http://www.tocaraplus.com/chris
Arbour Square of Harleysville	Retirement Community	http://www.arboursquare.com
Grace Inspired Ministries	Retirement Community	http://www.gracelm.org
Living Branches	Retirement Community	http://livingbranches.org
Peter Becker Community	Retirement Community	http://peterbeckercommunity.com
The Village at LifeQuest	Retirement Community	http://www.thevillageatlifequest.com
Horrocks Fire & Rescue Apparatus	Sales	http://www.horrocksfire.com
Dock Mennonite Academy	Schools	http://www.dock.org#
North Montco Technical Career Ctr.	Schools	http://www.nmtcc.org
Souderton Area School District	Schools	http://www.soudertonsd.org
Indian Valley Scuba & Travel	Scuba Diving/Adventure Travel	http://www.indianvalleyscuba.com
Advent Security Corporation	Security	http://www.adventsecurity.com
Integrated Security Systems	Security Consulting	http://www.integratedsecurity.net
Harleysville Rotary Club	Service Club	http://www.harleysvillerotary.org
Hatfield American Legion Post 933	Service Club	http://www.hatfieldpost933.org
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A MESSAGE FROM MARK D. FOURNIER, TELFORD BOROUGH/AUTHORITY MANAGER




Summer is a busy season for the Telford Borough Public Works/Parks Department.

The Public Works Department is actively working on a number of projects during the summer and fall of 2021. In addition, the Telford Borough Parks Department maintains 5 public parks and playgrounds and mows many acres of baseball, softball and multi-purpose fields each week. We host several baseball and softball tournaments throughout the summer and fall months.


The Telford Borough Public Works Department takes great pride in our street maintenance program. We use various types of surface treatment to prevent roadway deterioration and to keep water from penetrating the street driving surface. Crack sealing and chip seal coating are the most cost-effective types of street preservation on the market. We utilize a fog seal in conjunction with our chip seal product in our Borough. This prevents our chip seal product from unraveling and adds life expectancy to the seal coat. We will be sealcoating 6 streets this year in Telford Borough. We've begun using a new seal coat process on higher volume streets called NovaChip. This ultra-thin pavement overlay seals the street surface with liquid asphalt and then applies a paver-laid single stone hot mix on top of the asphalt as the driving surface. We will be utilizing this NovaChip process on Emlen Way in our industrial park as well as within Ryan Court.

The West Broad Street Waterline Replacement Project will also be wrapping up later this summer, including a small addition of a new stormwater collection system near the intersection of Fourth Street and West Broad Street. Paving of this street will occur later this fall. We also will be paving North Third Street in conjunction with the waterline replacement project that the Telford Borough Public Works Department will be finishing later this summer as well.

We ask that residents continue to have patience with these projects as there are many construction crews' schedules to coordinate that will ensure a successful project and smooth finished product.



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TELFORD BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT



Policing in the 21st Century

By Randall S. Floyd, Chief of Police

In 2014, by executive order of United States President Barack Obama, a task force was created in response to the police shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. This group of police executives, educators, sociologists, and other stakeholder group representatives became known as the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. They were charged with identifying best practices and with offering recommendations on how policing methods and procedures could effectively reduce crime, while at the same time build public trust and legitimacy.

After months of research, the task force published its findings in the form of six significant topic areas (pillars), with recommendations for successful achievement under each. Despite most of the emphasis being placed on the larger city police agencies, smaller borough and township departments, similar to those represented in the Indian Valley region, could glean from the findings and work to ensure that the goals of both reducing crime, while also maintaining a positive relationship with the community were achieved and maintained.

The Six Pillars identified in the report were:

1. Building Trust and Legitimacy
2. Policy and Oversight
3. Technology and Social Media
4. Community Policing and Crime Reduction
5. Training and Education
6. Officer Wellness and Safety

Though there was room for growth and improvement, the Telford Borough Police Department was already doing, or at least was in the process of implementing, most of the relevant recommendations from the Six Pillars. This, of course, is not only a credit to the men and women of the department, but more so to the Telford Borough community that expects its police officers possess and maintain the same high values and work ethic that have served to form the foundation of this region.

Building Trust and Legitimacy is a daily effort by the officers, who assume the role of "guardian" verses the "warrior" in the community. Yes, it is sometimes necessary to "get tough", however; the majority of calls for service require a mindset that is service oriented and helpful. Protecting and serving is, not only cliché, but is an everyday practice in the department.

Procedural justice, another aspect to trust and legitimacy is emphasized through several departmental policies, procedures, programs, and practices. "Equal Justice for All" is not only underscored, but is also an expectation of all officers and staff.

Policy and Oversight is probably best demonstrated by the fact that the Telford Borough Police Department is accredited through the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC). Of the Commonwealth's 1175 law enforcement agencies, only about ten percent have achieved certification through PLEAC or any other form of accrediting body. By demonstrating proof of continual compliance of 133 standards of best practice in areas such as; limits on authority, prisoner holding, use of force, evidence and property, training, and many other law enforcement subjects, the department is able to ensure that it is in full compliance with state and federal law, while also being transparent and effective to the community.

Technology and Social Media have impacted law enforcement tremendously in the last two decades. While many of the large departments have their own communication centers, intelligence hubs, and other large technology dependent operations, in smaller departments county, state and vendor agencies are relied upon for those needs. However, the use of in-car cameras, surveillance systems and computer technology has greatly impacted and improved the efficiency of the department. Body cameras have been ordered and will be implemented in the near future to ensure accurate accounting of use of force and other incidents.

While the department maintains a website and a Facebook account, other social media platforms are planned and will be utilized soon. Having younger officers and staff on board to undertake these processes has been a big benefit in implementing technology-based programs.

Community Policing and Crime Reduction is perhaps the hallmark of the police department. Due to the smaller size of both the borough and the police department, officers get to know the residents and business owners, relationships are established, and, as a result, there is improved trust and communication. Crime and disorder concerns are discussed, and officers can respond to issues, oftentimes rectifying them, more quickly and effectively. In a larger setting, the same officer(s) may not patrol the same neighborhood regularly, but in a small community such as a borough, officers see the residents, interact with the business owners, and get to know them. That is community policing, an effective way to reduce crime and disorder.

Training and Education is necessary in order to stay current in the issues that impact policing today. Telford Borough Police officers, like all other law enforcement in the Commonwealth, are required to undergo certain mandatory courses that are sanctioned by the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission, an

arm of the Pennsylvania State Police, on an annual basis. However; all officers, and even civilian staff, participate in outside training programs, particularly for specialized areas, as well as regular in-service programs that address ethics, special issues, and a variety of other topics. Basically, officers are in a constant state of training so that they remain current and relevant.

Lastly, *Officer Wellness and Safety*, is just as critical of a component to the policing strategy today as the other five pillar areas. More officers die annually from suicide than they do from shootings, stabbings, and other violence. It is critical that officers understand wellness and safety in a comprehensive manner, that is to say, both physically and mentally. The department supports physical fitness through reimbursement for gym and other fitness related programs. Officers and staff are also regularly encouraged to utilize the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), a program subscribed by Telford Borough through Penn Foundation. The EAP offers free counseling for employees plagued by stressors

that can impact their work productivity. Wellness is also a regular topic of in-service training and roll call sessions.

Additionally, the department employs a “Early Warning System” that is designed to detect behavioral or productivity issues and to address them early on before they become problematic. Officers are human and subject to the same issues that effect employees in other fields. Addressing them early, and offering viable solutions to address the problems, is a good safety and wellness practice.

While Telford Borough and the greater Indian Valley region is a wonderful and vibrant community that offers an excellent quality of life, there is still a need, and probably always will be, for police services. Though policing is dynamic and subject to change with the needs of society, the residents and business owners of Telford Borough can rest assured that their police department is up to speed with the standards of policing in the 21st century.

MESSAGE FROM THE BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Smoke detectors are an essential part of protecting your home and your family. They should be placed on every floor and in every bedroom, and should also be tested monthly to ensure that they are working properly. Smoke detector batteries should be replaced twice a year; a good practice to follow would be to change these batteries at the same time you change your clocks, in the spring and fall. Further, smoke detectors should be replaced when they are no more than 10 years old, if not before.

Carbon monoxide detectors are also an important part of safeguarding your home. There should be one located on every floor, particularly near sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide detectors should be tested regularly and should also be replaced when they are no more than 7 years old.

Both smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are requirements for Telford Borough’s Use & Occupancy process. If you decide to sell your home, or even transfer ownership, you will be required to install both of these items in order to pass a Use & Occupancy inspection.

Make safety a priority and protect what’s important to you...if you don’t already have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home, please install them today!



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CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TELFORD BOROUGH

Telford Happenings, Inc. was established in the Spring of 2021 as a new non-profit organization that will promote Telford Borough community events throughout the year. The following Board of Directors was approved for Telford Happenings at the April Telford Borough Council meeting: Daniel Wurst – President, Nicole Spiese – Vice-President and Linda Tufft – Secretary/ Treasurer. Teresa O'Rourke has been hired as Events Coordinator for the group, and a Facebook page has been established to help promote the events to people from surrounding communities, in addition to Borough residents.



One of Telford Borough's biggest events is the Telford Night Market, which is currently in its third year at Telford Marketplace. The format of the market changed from the former Indian Valley Farmers Market, which was previously held on Saturday mornings.

Opening Night this year was held on Wednesday, June 2nd and the Market will take place every Wednesday through September 1st, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. There is a great assortment of food trucks and vendors for people to check out at the Market, including baked goods, homemade soups & salsa, coffee, hand-made wreaths & candles, and dog treats, to name a few.

Other community events planned for this year are the East Penn Modifiers Car Show at Telford Marketplace in early September, Oktoberfest at J.S. Stover Beverage and the annual Telford Tree Lighting in December. There has also been talk of starting a Christmas market, which may begin in 2022.

We encourage everyone to come out to one of our great events and see what's happening in Telford Borough!



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GENERATIONS WELCOMES BACK COMMUNITY WITH NEW RENOVATIONS



Generations of Indian Valley located at 259 North Second Street in Souderton has been very busy in 2021! Some of you may question the word “busy” since its doors were shut to its participants since March of 2020. In spite of the closure, a lot was happening online, at drive-through take-out meal events, during socially distanced outdoor exercise events, and inside the walls of the Community Room and kitchen at Generations.

The highly anticipated and much needed improvements at Generations were a welcome change to the Center as the pandemic restrictions began lifting in June of 2021. The improvements were funded by the ongoing campaign initiative known as “Providing for Future Generations” that supported

the refresh and remodel of the Community Room and adjoining restrooms as well as improvement of the functionality of the entire Center.

At the launch of the campaign in April of 2019, over half of the \$1 million already had been raised toward the project. In honor of their strong support the community room and kitchen were respectively renamed, The Charles H. Allebach, Jr. Community Room and the Univest Meals on Wheels Kitchen.

The idea to renovate began nearly five years ago when Generations engaged with SCF Architecture, LLC, of Emmaus PA, to help create a more functional space and beautify it all while remaining environmentally responsible. Construction started in mid-2020, amidst the pandemic shutdown and had slow periods, but with the absence of its participants it made it easier to access the building and make the final touches in July 2021.

“The Community Room needed to be updated to continue to offer it to our local business owners for employee meetings,” said Doug Eschbach, Generations Executive Director. “Corporate rentals are good partners and those are the relationships we love to make within our community.”

Not only are community partners essential to the growth of Generations, but the five local retirement communities in the Indian Valley are too. “Generations is a place where you can meet where everyone can come,” explains Eschbach. “People move to these communities, but then they miss Generations and they come back,” continued Eschbach. “We love partnering with them.”

In addition to the upgrades to the Community Room that included the new floor, beamed ceiling, lighting, sound system, and an A/V projection screen, the kitchen area was also reconfigured. It now holds a Served, which is otherwise known as a service alcove that sits between the main dining area and the kitchen. “It is a separate area in which kitchen preparation can be done,” said Eschbach. Another functionality improvement was connecting the Center to the natural gas lines that converted the kitchen appliances to more efficient and cost-effective gas units. Other construction included replacing parts of the aging roof as well as the building of a handicapped-accessible ramp adjacent to the parking lot with a separate entrance into the Community Room.

Lastly, in connection with the Community Room, the lower restrooms were extended to increase their capacity and a separate family restroom, janitor’s closet, and porch walkway to exit the Center were also constructed.

As Generations continues to offer events and programming for its Participants and the community at large, it’s worth mentioning a common misconception that people think that you have to be “old and poor” to participate. “We don’t want anyone to feel stigmatized, only feel included. It’s a destination place for all people,” said Eschbach.

Generations of Indian Valley is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1967 as the Senior Adult Activity Center of Indian Valley. Generations of Indian Valley provides valuable services that improve the quality of life of seniors by providing nutritional meals and activities that reduce isolation and enable them to remain in their homes and as independent as possible.



INTRODUCING SOUDERTON CONNECTS

Have you taken a walk through the streets of Souderton and bumped into one of the newspaper dispenser art projects or sat on the art benches? Have you ever attended a 3rd Friday, the Art Jam or the Holiday Parade? If so, you have experienced a part of what Souderton Connects brings to our community.



members' voices, and beautifying the town so that it can be seen in its best light. Bringing the Community together is a main focus and is done through events as this

is what brings people to Souderton and shows what the town has to offer. It would not be possible without the collaboration of the borough, our businesses, and community volunteers. Economic development is largely about business retention and attracting new businesses that are not represented and integral to a fantastic mix.

What is Souderton Connects? It is an organization comprised of business owners, property owners, and citizens who believe that Souderton is a great town with an amazing history that is on the cusp of being even better. The organization produces the majority of public events, as well as promotes the small business environment and works to beautify the town itself. In essence, Souderton Connects is the region's central location for all things Souderton and the reasons people from other communities should be keeping an eye on all that's happening here.

To work on the goals of Souderton Connects they created five committees. The Executive, Governance, Finance, Marketing, and Beautification committees.

The mission of Souderton Connects is to help brand, market, and beautify Souderton and promote the common interests of its businesses. This mission is accomplished through strategic attention to business and retail development, facilitation of cultural institution anchors, streetscape beautification, community special events, and other initiatives that improve the economic vitality of Souderton.

The Executive Committee is made up of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and is elected by the Board. The committee exercises limited powers of the Board in the interim periods between Board meetings. All actions taken by the committee must be ratified by the Board. The focus of this committee is to:

The goals of Souderton Connects are to build on Souderton as a great place to live, work, and have fun. They do that by many means but some of the primary focuses are marketing, networking to ensure we hear our

- Research issues that affect the Board, thoroughly discuss the ramifications of the issues and bring recommendations to the board
- Support special projects
- Oversight of standing and ad-hoc committees
- Provide leadership to standing and ad-hoc committees to ensure objectives are met
- Review status reports and provide updates to the Board of Directors

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The Governance committee reviews the structures and practices of the organization by:

- Facilitating the process of identifying, cultivating, recruiting, nominating, and orienting new Board members and planning for leadership succession
- Coordinating the process of evaluating the performance of current board members, individually and collectively
- Ensuring compliance with Souderton Connects by-laws, update, and review of policies and procedures
- Identifying and scheduling training opportunities for Board members

The Finance Committee provides leadership in the establishment of plans, policies, and fiscal affairs of the organization via financial policies and human resource policies. This committee also leads and monitors decisions about the fiscal affairs of the organization accordingly and accomplishes this by:

- Approving the budget prior to the start of the fiscal year
- Reviewing internal financial statements and financial controls
- Hiring the audit firm, selecting the auditor, and reviewing the audit
- Financial governance related to program activities
- Supervision of the Fundraising task force
- Ensuring all federal, state, and local tax reporting, including payroll tax reporting, is submitted appropriately
- Reviewing weekly timesheets
- Approving overtime
- Maintaining project management accounting
- Reviewing monthly financials
- Ensuring insurances are in order

The Marketing committee strives to direct the Souderton Connects brand and image to ensure consistent messaging with clearly defined objectives to enhance the reputation and expand the reach of Souderton Connects and Souderton. It will work to communicate compelling stories about Souderton, the community, its businesses, and business owners and accomplishes this by:

- Assisting business stakeholders in marketing strategies
- Providing the latest marketing and demographic resources
- Guiding in a plan to work together in promoting each other

Reviewing marketing analytics and data to help direct messaging to position Souderton as a must-visit destination with businesses and events.

The Beautification Committee works to enhance the appearance of Souderton Business District and surrounding areas through initiatives such as establishment of public planting areas, season decoration, and public art. It will engage with community volunteers to encourage and promote participation in activities focused on enhancing the beauty of Souderton. It will also seek to build working partnerships with local organizations to promote, encourage, and support participation in beautification projects and clean-up activities to benefit our community. High-quality design, attention to detail, and adherence to streetscape standards to improve the visual appeal of Souderton are encouraged and accomplishes this by:

- Utilizing funding for the installation planters and plant material and public art
- Beautifying key intersections and street corners in Souderton Borough that enhance the overall appearance of the town
- Identifying unsightly areas within the town
- Projects that must meet the mission and vision and be approved by the Board based on the budget and dollar limits defined in financial controls

2021 Events:

- **3rd Fridays:** Virtual in July but returning in-person for 8/20, 9/17, and 10/15
- **Souderton Art Jam:** Event returns for its 9th year on 9/25
- **Souderton Tree Lighting and Holiday Parade** in December

*To find more about Souderton Connects and meet the Board visit
<https://www.soudertonconnects.com/what-we-do>*



PERSEVERANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY IMPROVES ACCESSIBILITY

What has been in the planning stages for quite a while, has finally become a reality at the Perseverance Volunteer Fire Company (Station 74), located at 266 N 2nd Street in Souderton. In early 2021, after many discussions and planning meetings, the fire company membership approved the construction of a new landing and ramp on the south side of the fire house. "It's for the good of the company and the community," said Mike Coll, Souderton Borough Manager and Treasurer and Life Member of the Perseverance Fire Co.

To help with this new construction project, in May of 2021, the Souderton-Telford Rotary Club along with a Rotary District Grant and Moyer Indoor Outdoor, presented a \$7000 check to the Perseverance Volunteer Fire Company. The fire company membership hired Trout Brothers Concrete of Telford who began construction in June of 2021. The project involved constructing the landing so that it would match the floor of the fire company. Overall, the project created handicapped accessibility, a much-needed improvement to the building.

Pre-construction, the south side of the fire house had two doors—one accessible to the meeting room and the other to the engine bay. When opened, one had to step down to a small flight of stairs, which may not have been the natural inclination to do if one had entered from the engine bay. Because the fire house floor not being level with the stairs, they were removed and replaced with a new landing that now meets the floor of the fire house. In addition to the new landing, an ADA handicapped-

accessible ramp was constructed that leads into the parking lot for all to access.

Our community has benefitted from the safety and protection afforded by the Perseverance Volunteer Fire Company since its founding in 1901. Additionally, it also enjoys the many community and fundraising events that are held at the facility. In 2019, the Auxiliary raised around \$30,000 through fundraisers. Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, all in-person fire company events were cancelled. As the pandemic restrictions started to lift in June, one fundraiser has taken place that involved a shoe drive during which new or gently used shoes were donated by the community. Collection boxes were placed around Souderton and at the fire company through September 30.

As our community continues to rebound and look forward, those greatly missed fire company events are starting to begin again. One such event is the ever-popular Annual Penny Auction. According to Coll, the event will be held again in November by the Souderton Fire Co. Auxiliary and Perseverance Volunteer Fire Company. This fundraiser is always a crowd pleaser. It is open to families, adults, and kids of all ages. Come and join the fun and enjoy a night filled with food and refreshments (for purchase) courtesy of the Auxiliary, and bidding for prizes donated by local businesses and community members. All proceeds to benefit the fire company.

With the improved accessibility to the fire house and as our community continues to come together in-person, we can all look forward to events that bring us closer.

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STAYING SAFE IN SEVERE WEATHER

As the seasons begin to change and we head into fall, it is always still important to stay safe in severe weather. Our Souderton Borough Police Chief, Brian A. Newhall, M.S., CFEI, has offered us some key steps to follow that will keep you and your family safe.

Being safe in any kind of storm is easy to do if you are properly prepared. Follow these tips to be as safe as you can be:

1. If a roadway seems flooded, assume that it is. Turn around and don't drown!
 2. Bring in outdoor furniture and everything else that isn't tied down to prevent damage and injuries.
 3. Build an emergency kit for your family, and don't forget about your pets! Your kit should include these essential items:
 - Water for about 3 days (about a gallon a day for each person)
 - Nonperishable food for 3 days
 - Batteries (lots of them)
 - A hand-crank or battery-operated radio
 - Flashlights or battery-operated lanterns
 - A first aid kit
 - A can opener
 4. You may have to evacuate quickly. Know more than one way to get out of your area and how to get to where you will stay. If you're asked to evacuate, please evacuate!
 5. Generators are a great idea to get through a power outage, but don't ever use generators in garages, basements, or other indoor areas. Dangerous carbon monoxide gas can form, which is colorless, odorless, and deadly.
 6. If you hear the national/local weather service issue a "Watch," then conditions are right for severe weather and it could happen. If a "Warning" is issued, then severe weather is going to occur and you should find a safe place to stay.
 7. If you need help, call 9-1-1, not the police station.
- Wet towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation. You can also fill your bathtub and use that water to flush your toilet if your water service might be interrupted
 - Cell phone and a charger
 - Pet food and items for them
 - Games and entertainment—the Internet might be out for a while!



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The Souderton Area School District truly embraces its tag line, "...a community where character counts." Over the last year, our dedicated and talented staff strengthened their efforts to provide high-quality, rigorous education for all students, despite the pandemic. Our students demonstrated resilience in the face of many challenges, and truly exemplified the character of our school district.

This June, 532 seniors graduated from Souderton Area High School, with 78% attending college and/or post-secondary education. Students will attend universities like Virginia Tech, the University of South Carolina, The Citadel, Pepperdine, Purdue, and Michigan State, as well as a host of local public and private universities. Souderton graduates have earned numerous impressive accolades and awards, and have been recognized nationally for their achievements in academics and music. More than 300 of our seniors completed 20-hour unpaid mentorship, and more than 10,000 hours of work-focused experiences. We believe our students are well prepared for bright futures.

Over the past year, 25 of the Souderton Area High School's 29 varsity sports made postseason play, with 9 varsity teams participating in the PIAA State Tournament and the football team winning the District One Championships. Our Unified Track Team, comprised of students of different ability levels, won the County Championship.

Throughout the past school year, Souderton safely provided in-person education for all families who chose it, while also offering the Souderton Area Online Academy, a robust online option for families who felt more comfortable with virtual learning. Our students thrived in both environments. Our highly trained and caring teachers and staff joined with our involved and supportive parents to create environments that helped them to succeed. Whether in-person or virtually, our community came together around the goal of supporting student learning and well-being.

As we look beyond the struggles of the past year, we are excited to continue many new programs that got underway during the pandemic. This includes the expansion of our positive behavior support programs at our elementary and middle schools, where students are rewarded for exemplary behavior. We are honored to celebrate another year of bringing our Unified Sports program, a sub-program of Special Olympics, to our middle schools with the introduction of bocce, giving students of all abilities a chance to play together. We are looking forward to offering more students a chance to learn Mandarin, as we enter year two of the program at Souderton Area High School. We are eager to continue to expand our high school Cultural Awareness Club, where students have a chance to learn about different cultures and give voice to issues they see in our world and in their own communities and school.

We are also looking forward to continuing to offer real-world, hands on experiences for our students through numerous programs generously funded by our Indian Valley Education Foundation. And, we are ready to continue to provide supports and resources for members of our community in need - both in and out of school.

These are just some of the ways our school district enhances classroom instruction and continues to grow and thrive, despite the challenges of the past year. We'd love an opportunity to provide a school tour and demonstrate all that Souderton Area School District has to offer. Any parent or community member is welcome.

Thank you to our community for its support and commitment to high-quality public education. We believe the strength of our community is felt in support for our schools, and in the commitment to all students. Both present and future leaders are learning and growing in the Souderton Area School District, where we truly are a community where character counts.



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Message From **JON HAMMER, Township Manager**



Jon Hammer, Township Manager
Franconia Township

2021, Full Steam Ahead

With fingers crossed, and anticipation high, Franconia Township is back to planning a full slate of township events for 2021. Camps, concerts and Fall Fest are all planned to bring a sense of normalcy back to the township. The township building is fully open, and once again, we anticipate our parks will be full on weekends with youth soccer players and future major leaguers.

Aside from our annual paving and park maintenance, 2021 will also feature a major renovation to the township municipal building. Originally constructed in 1976, this will be the first major renovation to the township public spaces of the building, including a renovated lobby area to include new flooring, lighting and expanded space with new seating areas. The main meeting room will receive a complete makeover, as well as the permitting and tax areas. The public restrooms will be completely

overhauled. The hope is to maintain the original character and charm of the building while providing modern day amenities.

Other plans include improvements to one of our township's hidden gems, Enos Godshall Park. Located at the intersection of Godshall and Lower Roads, this park remains in a natural wooded state and is perfectly suited for walking, picnicking or simply enjoying the natural surroundings. The park has a walking trail situated on 11 acres with a small pond and stream. The township has been working closely with the State Department of Environmental Protection as part of its MS4 plan to improve this area by removing the overgrowth surrounding the pond, removing the sedimentation build up within the pond, and converting the area to a bio-retention area where natural habitat can flourish, eliminating the algae and making the entire area even more desirable, including the expansion of the picnic grove.

We look forward to working with the township businesses and residents this year, and hope things continue to improve. As always, the township staff is here to help and serve so feel free to give a call or stop into the township building.

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THE POLICE DEPARTMENT GETS A NEW LOOK

By Chief Michael L. Martin, Franconia Township Police Department



Chief Michael L. Martin

The change is subtle but meaningful. A little more than a year ago, the police department began the process of redefining the symbolism of our patch. We wanted something that better represented our values and identity. The former patch was simple in design and very pragmatic. The word "Police" is prominently displayed above a circular American Flag backdrop on which a Bald Eagle is depicted in flight. The circle is completed with "Franconia Township" beneath the eagle. Lastly, "Est. 1731" fills the bottom of the patch, signifying the year in which the township was founded.

We all liked the look of our patch, so we did not want to go through a complete re-branding of the department. However, after reaffirming the core values of our organization, we wanted our patch to better represent our community. Therefore, "Franconia Township" was placed in larger font at the very top of the patch. "Montgomery County, Pennsylvania" was added to further identify our greater community, while "police" still maintains a prominent presence. The year 1962 completes the patch in recognition of and homage to the police department's formation.

The redesign was a department-wide project wherein all members contributed and voted on several options. The final product was reached by unanimous decision. We felt that it was very important for all members to have a voice in how they are represented, as well as the message we are conveying to the people we serve. We take our oath seriously and place our community in high esteem. We truly believe that our new patch reflects our values, maintains our brand integrity, and will stand the test of time.



Original Police Patch



New Police Patch

Police Promotions and Hiring

During the month of February, the Franconia Township Police Department held swearing in ceremonies for several promotions and one new hire. Each oath of office was administered by District Justice Albert J. Augustine.

On February 3, 2021 three officers were sworn-in to advanced positions within the police department. Steven Cronin was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant of police. Sgt. Cronin will be assigned as the Administrative Sergeant, responsible for procedural functions, assistance with Accreditation and direct oversight of the department corporals and administrative assistant.

David Klepfer was promoted to Corporal of police. Cpl. Klepfer gained significant experience in police-community relations during his past assignment as the department's School Resource Officer. Cpl. Klepfer is assigned as a patrol supervisor.

Glenn Kranich was appointed to the position of Detective. He has previously served as a detective with our department and as a patrol officer has been assisting Det. Sgt. Moyer with investigations. Detective Kranich is responsible for investigating both juvenile and adult crimes.

On February 8, 2021 Ryan Geist was sworn-in as a full time police officer, replacing the retiring Det. Sgt. George Moyer. Officer Geist is assigned to field training in the patrol division. He comes to Franconia PD with prior experience as a part time officer in both Alburtis and Rockledge Boroughs.

Chief Paul R. Hunsberger Franconia Township Police Department 1965 – 1997

Retired Police Chief Paul R. Hunsberger died on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at the age of 94.

In 1965, Paul R. Hunsberger was appointed Chief of Police in Franconia Township. Chief Hunsberger served with the Upper Gwynedd Township Police Department for six years prior to his arrival in Franconia. The Chief's family was dedicated to police service. During a time in Chief Hunsberger's career, his father was the Chief of Police in Souderton Borough, and his half-brother, John Kayser, served as Chief of Police in Upper Dublin Township.

For 32 years Chief Hunsberger oversaw the growth of the Franconia Township Police Department. He was instrumental in developing many partnerships with the community, especially the schools. In 1976, Chief Hunsberger supervised the Police Department's move to the current Township Building on Allentown Road. Chief Hunsberger faithfully served the Franconia residents until his retirement in 1997.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, a private burial took place, which was attended by Chief Martin and Det. Sgt. Moyer.



Chief Hunsberger



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HAPPY retirement

Detective Sergeant George H. Moyer, III

The police department and the Franconia Township Family bid a fond farewell in March to Det. Sgt. George H. Moyer, III after 32 years of faithful service. "Sarge", as he is affectionately known, always came to work with a smile on his face and a desire to serve the residents of Franconia with more than 100% effort every day.

Hired by then Chief Paul Hunsberger in 1989, George served as a Patrol Officer where he spent several years gaining the knowledge and experience needed to become a Field Training Officer and later a Juvenile Aid Officer. George became a member of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Officer's Association (PJOA), serving as 3rd Vice President before advancing to President from 2012-2014. He received numerous awards and commendations throughout his career and continued to better himself through trainings such as the Community Leadership Institute, FBI-LEEDS (Law Enforcement Development Seminar) and FBI-LEEDA (Law Enforcement Education Development Association). He was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2013, proving himself to be a sound leader and stabilizing force within the department. "Sarge" was a member of the North Penn Area DUI Task Force, Montgomery County Drug Task Force, and a pillar in many community groups.



We are saying happy trails to a cop's cop, community servant, true friend and one heck of an infectious laugh! We are all very happy to wish Sarge and his wife, Sandra well as they enjoy their next chapter in sunny Florida.

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PRESERVING OPEN SPACE MAKES GOOD CENTS

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Montgomery County recently celebrated the preservation of over 10,000 acres of preserved farmland, representing 177 farms throughout the county. The Montgomery County Farmland Preservation Program partners with the state and local municipalities to purchase easements to ensure the land is farmed in perpetuity. Statewide, there are 5,813 preserved farms in 59 participating counties, representing 591,819 total acres.

Those who follow farmland preservation in the county are aware that Franconia is a regional leader in farmland preservation with preserved farms located throughout the township. The “preserved farm” signs are everywhere and hopefully there will be many more preserved farms in the years to come.

Farmland preservation, open space and a robust trail network creates a high quality of life that attracts tax-paying businesses and residents to communities like Franconia – and even increases property values and helps keep taxes low. Study after study has shown the economic and quality of life benefits of preserving open space ... as we can all attest to. Of like-sized communities, Franconia is regularly recognized as one of the safest communities in Pennsylvania and maintains a real estate tax rate significantly lower than many other communities in our region. Although we cannot contribute everything to open space preservation, there is no doubt if our residents and the township did not aggressively work to preserve open space, there would be significantly more traffic, quality of life issues, and more demand for services.

For over two hundred years, the Franconia farming community has been the backbone of the Indian Valley, driving the economy, creating jobs, and providing fresh food to our dinner tables and restaurants. Now more than ever, it is so important that we continue to support our local farming community and recognize not only their commitment to farming, but also in keeping our community such a desirable place to live.

LAND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Approved or Under Construction

- *The Pizza Box* – Morwood Road and Allentown Road
- *Medical Office Building* – County Line Road and Township Line Road
- *Hillstone* – WB Homes, 51 Mixed Residential Homes, Cowpath Road
- *Peter Becker Community* – 30 Cottages at Pondview
- *Amplifier Research* – Building addition, 160 Schoolhouse Road

Preliminary Approval

- *Bayard Estates* – WB Homes, 22 Single Family Homes, Indian Creek Road
- *Belton Manor Estates* – 9 Single Family Homes, Godshall Road
- *DLAP LLC* – Lot Line Adjustment, Township Line Road and Leidy Road
- *Allebach Tract* – 10 Single Family Homes Cowpath Road and Forrest Road

Residential Projects

Just a reminder that Franconia requires a permit for all sheds, fences, decks, patios, pools, plumbing, electrical work, solar panels, and demolition work as well as any new construction or additions. A permit is not required for siding, replacement windows or roof shingles. Franconia Township does not require a Use and Occupancy permit for residential resale.

Permit applications are available on the Township website www.franconiatownship.org on the Building and Zoning page, as well as the Township Office building.

RECYCLING NEWS: NOT ALL TYPES OF RECYCLING WERE CREATED EQUAL (BUT THEY ARE ALL IMPORTANT)

Many people wonder what happens to the materials that they place in their recycling bin. There are three main types of recycling that post-consumer materials can undergo. Each has specific advantages and end products.

Primary recycling, often referred to as “closed loop recycling”, is when recyclable materials are mechanically processed to create a product that serves a similar function. For example, a post-consumer plastic bottle can be mechanically processed to create a new plastic bottle. This bottle has similar strength and performance characteristics as the original bottle. Some materials, such as aluminum and glass, can be recycled in this closed loop system an infinite amount of times. No matter how many times these materials are recycled; their material quality will not decrease. A glass bottle made with glass that has been recycled 20 times will perform just as well as a bottle made of new glass.

The quality of other materials, such as paper and plastic, decreases each time they are recycled. The strength of paper comes from the tangling of pulp fibers. Each time a paper product is recycled, these fibers become shorter, until they become so short they are unable to be used to create new paper. The EPA estimates that paper can be recycled a maximum of five to seven times. Plastic recycling fares worse. The polymers that make up plastics also are shortened each time the material is recycled, and it is estimated that plastic can only be recycled one to two times before the quality of the material is diminished.

This is where **secondary recycling** comes in. Secondary recycling is still a mechanical recycling process, but it uses recycled materials to make a new product. This new product typically does not have the same physical demands as the original product and is often less recyclable. Despite the decrease in recyclability, this is an important process to minimize the use of virgin resources and to help divert less recyclable materials such as plastic from landfills. An example of secondary recycling is plastic bottles being turned into polyester.

The third type of recycling is **tertiary recycling**. In tertiary recycling, recycled materials are used as a feedstock in a process to create chemicals and fuels. These chemicals can then be used to create new materials. This type of recycling typically uses the most energy, costs more, and can have the same negative environmental impacts of producing brand new materials. The benefits are reducing waste that is landfilled and minimizing new resources that are used to create chemicals. An example of tertiary recycling is the glycolysis of PET plastic into diols and dimethyl terephthalate to make virgin PET plastic.

Municipal and state regulations require that residents, commercial establishments and non-residential establishments recycle all recyclable materials. Commonly recycled materials include paper, plastic, glass and metal. You should check with your hauler for a complete list of acceptable recyclable materials.



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PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Franconia Township Public Works is looking forward to the upcoming spring & summer of 2021. We always enjoy the burst of spring and new life and are anxious to continue keeping Franconia Township a well-maintained place to live and work.

Being a community having approximately 900 acres of preserved open space and having acres of designated park areas, our park maintenance crew spends a lot of time keeping those areas manicured for public use. We need to mow over 100 acres every week throughout our park system and having to work around suitable weather conditions can be a challenge at times.

Preventative maintenance of our massive infrastructure has become a high priority for our maintenance crew. Proper drainage is a key factor in producing safer roadways; therefore, a lot of effort is put into controlling and directing storm water into our grassy swales and storm drainage structures. The importance of doing this is to keep the water away from our sub-base which affects the integrity of our highway system and also reduces icing and potholes throughout the winter season.

Pavement preservation is another priority in Franconia so we use various types of surface treatments to control oxidation and keep water from penetrating the surface which leads to rapid deterioration of our driving surfaces. Crack sealing

along with chip sealing are the most cost-effective types of preservation on the market, but we have found alternatives that can help us lengthen the life of our pavements. We are currently using a fog seal on top of our chip seal in more densely populated areas along with a cape seal in others.

We have been using another newer seal coat process on high volume roadways. This method is an ultra-thin overlay that seal coats the road surface with liquid asphalt and then applies a pave-layed single stone hot mix on top of the asphalt as a driving surface. All of the products mentioned above will be used on various roads throughout the Township this summer.

PennDOT will be milling and paving Cowpath Road from Route 113 all the way to County Line Road, and our highway crew will be milling and paving Ridge View Drive and Springshire Drive along with a section of Township Line Road this year.

We ask that you respect all notices of work that are planned in your area and avoid road closures so we can leave you with a better finished product.

You will also see some activity with the Pear Tree Village area of our Township where we will begin the process of removing and replacing the handicap access onto our sidewalk system by bringing the ramps up to the new ADA standards.



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COVID-19 SCAM ALERT

It's hard to believe COVID-19 has been a part of our lives for over a year now. It has been at the forefront of every aspect of our day to day lives. This has created fear and chaos for many people. Unfortunately, there are some out there who see this as an opportunity for nefarious activity and are taking advantage of these virus-related fears. Scammers are using phone, email, postal mail, text and social media to contact people in an attempt to obtain personal information, money or both. The USA Government recently listed common COVID-19 scams on their website that we should be aware of.

- 1) **Vaccination photos posted on social media-** Identity theft can occur when scammers see and steal personal information such as your name and birthdate.
- 2) **COVID-19 testing, vaccine and treatment plans-** Do not trust offers to get early access into the approved vaccine. Scammers are especially targeting Medicare recipients. They are offering COVID-19 testing in exchange for personal information. Be aware that legitimate contact tracers will not ask for a Medicare number, financial information, or set up a test and collect payment.
- 3) **Charity Scams-** Scammers are creating fake charities as well as impersonating legitimate organizations. You can investigate by visiting the Federal Trade Commission's page on charity scams at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0074-giving-charity>.
- 4) **Checks from the Government-** Scammers will say they are from the IRS or other government agency such as Social Security. Imposters will seek payment or personal information regarding stimulus checks, overdue payments, filing extensions and other tax related topics. Social Security warns that any call, text or letter offering to "maintain regular benefit payments" if you make a payment is fake.
- 5) **FDIC and banking-** Scammers will say that your bank account or ability to get cash is in danger and will ask for your personal information.
- 6) **Grandparent and military service member-** These people will request money for a relative or service member in a desperate situation and in urgent need of medical or travel expenses.

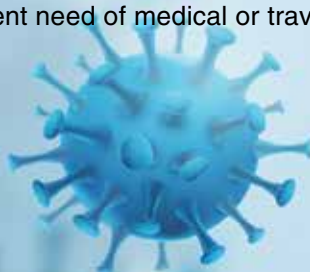
You can familiarize yourself with recordings of sample phone messages from scammers at <http://www.usa.gov/COVID-scams>.

If you believe you are a victim of fraud or a scam, report the crime to your local police department. Also visit <https://www.usa.gov/stop-scams-frauds> for a listing of where to report different types of fraud or scams.

The Federal Communications Commission listed on their website helpful tips to avoid these scam artists.

- Do not respond to calls or texts from unknown numbers or any others that appear suspicious.
- Never share your personal or financial information via email, text message, or over the phone.
- Be cautious if you're being pressured to share any information or make a payment immediately.
- Scammers often "spoof" phone numbers to trick you into answering or responding. This will make the call appear to be from a local number, or from a company or government agency you already know and trust.
- Remember that government agencies will never call you to ask for personal information or money.
- Do not click any links in a text message or email. If you receive a message from a friend with a suspicious link that seems out of character, call them to be sure they were not hacked.

Familiarize yourself with the threats that are out there and stay vigilant. If you are unsure about a call, email, letter, text or website don't be afraid to ask a family member or someone you trust to be sure it is legitimate. If something sounds suspect or too good to be true, it very well may be.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – WHAT THE TOWNSHIP IS REQUIRED TO DO

If you've been following along with the stormwater articles in Franc Talk, you should have a basic understanding of what stormwater is and the regulators' concerns, in general. In this article we'll look at some of the specific issues regarding stormwater. The Federal Government (Environmental Protection Agency or EPA) began regulating stormwater a few years ago. They started with large urban areas and now have regulatory requirements on virtually all municipalities. Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) carries out and enforces the EPA's regulations. These agencies refer to stormwater conveyance as Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System or MS4.

Franconia Township, along with other municipalities, is required to address stormwater issues, including rapid runoff (which causes flooding), sediment reduction, and nutrient removal (nitrogen and phosphorus). PADEP has approved Franconia's initial five-year plan (as required by EPA) to begin work on addressing MS4 issues. Included in this plan is stream bank stabilization and development of "rain gardens" to slow the flow of rainwater.



MORWOOD PHASE 2 PUBLIC SEWERS

Morwood Phase 2 sewer construction will begin this summer. Following the success of Morwood Phase 1, completed in 2020, Franconia Sewer Authority has decided to move forward with completion of the Morwood project. Working with Representative Malagari and Senator Collett, Franconia Sewer Authority was able to secure some grant money to help reduce the cost of the overall Morwood Project (both Phases 1 and 2). The terms of the grant require completion of the project in a timely manner.

The construction method will be similar to Phase 1. Instead of trenching in the middle of the road, sewer lines will be directionally drilled along the road right-of-way, thereby reducing traffic interruptions and yard restorations. Phase 2 includes the following roads: Eisenhower and Gerhart Lanes, Keller Creamery Road from the Indian Creek to Hunsicker Road, and Hunsicker Road around the intersection of Keller Creamery Road. Residents affected by the proposed sewer installation will be receiving more detailed information in the mail.



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PARK IMPROVEMENTS COMING.....

Enos B. Godshall Park is one of our township's hidden gems. Located at the intersection of Godshall and Lower Roads, this park remains in a natural wooded state and is perfectly suited for walking, picnicking, or simply enjoying the natural surroundings. The park has a walking trail situated on 11 acres with a small pond and stream and is available for use from sunrise to sunset.

The pond was originally constructed as a man-made water source to fight fires at nearby farms, should it ever be needed. Fire ponds were fairly common in the area prior to modern fire equipment, public water sources and fire hydrants. Because of its construction, each year, there is a large buildup of algae on the pond and the area becomes rife with mosquitoes. Recognizing the natural beauty, the Township has been working closely with the State Department of Environmental Protection as part of its MS4 plan to improve this area by removing the overgrowth surrounding the pond, removing the sedimentation build up within the pond, and converting the area to a bio-retention area where natural habitat can flourish, eliminating the algae and making the entire area even more desirable, including the expansion of the picnic grove.



ON-LOT SEWER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Township has suspended its inspection of on-lot disposal systems (OLDS) for the time being. OLDS inspections are one part of the Township's Sewer Management Program (SMP). Even though the inspections have been suspended, proper care and maintenance of your OLDS should continue. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends pumping out your OLDS every three years to keep it healthy. Of course, some on-lot systems may require less frequent pumping; many require more frequent pumping due to heavy use or failing health. Since we are not doing inspections, you do not have to coordinate your OLDS pump-out with us.

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Jacob Reiff Park Stream Restoration

Work started Spring 2021 on a stream restoration project at Jacob Reiff Park along Quarry Road near the farmhouse. Lower Salford Township and the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) have a joint project that will restore a portion of the West Branch of Skippack Creek and reconnect the floodplain to address the erosion in the area and improve water quality in the creek.

Lower Salford Township is required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to reduce sediment and nutrients in several streams in the Township. In order to comply with these requirements, the Township partnered with PWC for this project. The PWC has received a \$100,000 grant from the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund for the stream restoration.

The proposed stream restoration includes addressing eroding banks along the stream, reconnecting the floodplain area, re-establishing a small tributary and removing invasive

plants. The Township and PWC will be performing the work starting in the spring with the major portion of the earth moving associated with the restoration occurring in the summer months. In the late summer/early fall, PWC and volunteers will be planting the area with native plants and trees. Volunteer efforts will be coordinated through PWC so if you are interested in volunteering, watch the PWC website to see when volunteers can sign up to help.

This project will be the first of several projects in the Township to address the water quality in our streams and to comply with the Township's permit from the PADEP. Keep watching the Township's news to see when future projects will be constructed.

To help the Township address the water quality in our streams, please report any pollution that enters our streams and storm sewers to Lower Salford Township by calling the Township office at 215-256-8087.



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That is how many acres have been permanently preserved in Montgomery County since the Farmland Preservation Program began over 30 years ago. This recognition is an important milestone in Montgomery County, and residents in Lower Salford Township have contributed to those 10,000 acres. The Township forefathers had a vision and in 1968 they began the process of encouraging residents to preserve their land. Since that time, and with the enormous success of the County Farmland Preservation Program, the Township has racked up some impressive numbers:

- 345+ Acres of Private Farmland permanently preserved
- 603+ Acres of Private Land in the Agricultural Security District
- 1165+ Acres of Township-Owned Open Space, which includes 12 public parks; and of that 1165 Acres of land, over 300 acres are farmed by local farmers free of charge.

The Township is proud of its agricultural heritage and encourages property owners to consider the Farmland Preservation Program and/or the Agricultural Security Program. For more information, please contact the Montgomery County Farmland Preservation Board at:

<https://www.montcopa.org/690/Farmland-Preservation-Program>



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Kim Kratz and Officer Brian Kriebel are presented with Citations for their service by State Representative Tracy Pennycuik

**Congratulations,
Officers Kratz and Kriebel!**

happy retirement

Recently, we bid a fond farewell to two of Lower Salford Township's veteran officers. Officer Brian Kriebel was just the sixth officer hired in the history of Lower Salford Township when he joined the department in 1976. He has served Lower Salford as a patrol officer and most recently as a Traffic Safety Officer. Officer Kim Kratz began her 33-year law enforcement career as a Lansdale officer and joined Lower Salford in 1992. She has served as a patrol officer, DARE Officer, School Resource Officer and investigator. Many, many thanks to both of them for all their years of service in keeping the residents of Lower Salford Township safe. The Township wishes both of these officers the best life has to offer as they enter into retirement.

THE BOROUGH of HATFIELD 2020 – 2021 UPDATE

Michael J. DeFinis, Borough Manager / Secretary



It is hard to believe we are more than six months into 2021. Where did the time go? The COVID-19 Virus continues to limit a full return to standard operations and activities for many residents and businesses. Borough Council at the onset of the pandemic took immediate action to carefully adapt to Federal, State and County health emergency guidelines. In an effort to serve the health, safety, and welfare of the community Borough Council supported all necessary changes of work schedules and procedures. Borough employees were challenged with a newly created work plan that included staggered office time operations and working remotely. I am pleased to report none of the Borough Employees contracted the COVID-19 Virus. This is due to thorough adherence to work and life practices set forth by the CDC, Pennsylvanian Department of Health, and the Montgomery County Department of Health. Borough Council appreciates the steadfast devotion and professional performance of all staff and consultants during this difficult time.

Borough Council is very much aware of the financial burden placed on Borough residents and businesses. Borough Council encourages all residents to patronize local businesses whenever possible. Borough Council encourages any resident having financial difficulty due to the pandemic to reach out to office staff for guidance on how to locate the proper agency for assistance.

The Global Pandemic also challenged the municipalities finances. With a downturn in several streams of revenue Borough Council was challenged with major business decisions. Deciding what projects and programs to suspend or postpone were driven by the functioning capability of staff and vendors. Moving the ADA Ramp & Roadway Resurfacing projects from 2020 to 2021 was the first major decision. Canceling Borough community events was the second casualty

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Hatfield Museum and History Society

The Hatfield Museum & History Society is ready to welcome visitors to the new Hatfield History Museum located at 1702 Cowpath Road. The museum features display cases packed with artifacts that help tell the history of Hatfield Township and Hatfield Borough. Four large TVs also continuously show vintage photographs which compliment the various displays. Current displays include: artifacts showing what life was like in Hatfield 200 years ago; memorabilia from Hatfield businesses & churches, Hatfield Vol. Fire Co., Montgomery County Fair, Hatfield Speedway, the Geo. S. Snyder business, and the Hatfield High School. In addition to the displays, guests may utilize the museum's Research Room where they can browse through a collection of history books and school yearbooks, or use the room's computer to look through the museum's collection of digital photos and documents. The museum is currently open by appointment only: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday – 9 am to 8 pm; Saturday – 9 am to noon. In addition to operating the museum, the Society also presents Community Programs throughout the year on various topics of Hatfield's history, and maintains a Facebook page with hundreds of old Hatfield photos as well as videos of past Community Programs. Visit www.hatfieldhistory.org for addition information on both the Society and the museum, or call 215-362-0428.



THE BOROUGH of HATFIELD 2020 – 2021 UPDATE

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of the 2020 Health Emergency. Borough Council has agreed to a Movie in the Park series with social distancing in place for 2021. Borough Council recognized many scheduled grant obligations still needed to move forward. Borough Council, took advantage of all time low interest rates and funded the Borough's portion of the grant projects with long-term financing. This enabled Borough Council to diminish the need for a significant tax hike in 2021.

Looking forward, Borough Council and Staff hope to begin planning for a full calendar of community events in 2022 at the annual September Strategic Planning Meeting. Borough Council has committed to completing all the projects postponed by the global health emergency.

Please check out the new Borough Website www.hatfieldborough.com

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Park Spotlight

Centennial Park - Cherry Street

Centennial Park is a three-acre park located along Cherry Street. It has been the focal point of many special occasions. Centennial Park is a cooperative project between Hatfield Borough and the Montgomery County Open Space Program to permanently preserve the ground as public open space and dedicated on June 27, 1998 on the 100th Anniversary of the Incorporation of Hatfield Borough. As you cross over the wooden bridge welcoming you into the focal point of park you will be greeted by a lighted gazebo surrounded by a landscaped garden, tree lined stone walking path and old-fashioned lighted lamp posts. You can enjoy a quiet picnic under the oak tree and walk to the monument that marks where a time capsule was buried on April 17, 1999 to be opened June 2048.

Features Include:

- Lighted gazebo
- Lighted walking path
- Landscaped gardens
- Ornamental flowering, shade trees and shrubbery
- Pulverized stone walking path
- Resting benches
- Picnic tables
- Tot lot
- Neighborhood watch
- Paved on-site parking



Heritage Park - Towamencin Avenue

The Park at Heather Meadows located along Towamencin Avenue is filled with rich history and natural beauty. Currently under development, the land on which the Park and the Heather Meadows community stand was part of a tract purchased from William Penn in 1705. The original log building was disassembled and relocated in 1999. A hand-laid stone well remains as a landmark. The ten acres park area has been permanently set aside for open space and public enjoyment. A paved walking path winds past the spring fed pond, overlooking natural wooded areas, meadows and a tot lot.

Features Include:

- Paved walking path
- Paved on-site parking lot
- Tot lot
- Basketball Court



HATFIELD BOROUGH DEVELOPMENT

Preliminary and Final Plans Under Review:

ABP Investment, Inc.: Residential - 2 Twin Units located on the corner of Roosevelt Avenue and Girard Terrace

Bennett's Court: Residential - 18 Townhomes located off of Maple Avenue

Approved Plans, Currently Under Construction:

Edinburgh Square: Residential - 4 Single family homes on the corner of West Vine Street and Koffel Road

HATFIELD BOROUGH GRANT PROJECTS

Grants Awarded, Bid Package Being Prepared:

PA Small Water and Sewer Grant, Department of Community and Economic Development: North Main Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement

H2O PA Grant, Department of Community and Economic Development: East and West Broad Streets and North Main Street Storm and Sanitary Sewer Replacement

Grants Awarded, Currently Under Construction:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Montgomery County: Orchard Lane and Forrest Way Sanitary Sewer Replacement

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program, Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority: State Route 0463 Traffic Signal Synchronization

PA Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program Grant, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission: East Lincoln Avenue Bridge

EAST LINCOLN AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT



Hatfield Borough continues to work and prioritize infrastructure needs throughout the Borough. As part of this effort, the East Lincoln Avenue Bridge has been identified as in need of priority 1 repairs by the County Bridge Inspection Program. At the direction of Borough Council, the Borough applied and was awarded the PA Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program Grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission which will allow the Borough to submit up to 80% reimbursement of the total project cost following construction. The Borough has contracted McMahon Associates, Inc., the Borough Traffic Engineer, on the project design and has awarded the project to A J Jurich, Inc., issuing a Notice to Proceed in the Spring of 2021. The East Lincoln Avenue Bridge Replacement Project will include a complete demolition and full bridge replacement on East Lincoln Avenue, moving from a double arch stone bridge to a single arch pre-cast bridge. Additionally, as part of the project, the Borough will be replacing sanitary sewer infrastructure on East Lincoln Avenue as well as working with North Penn Water Authority to replace their water main on East Lincoln Avenue. Due to the bridge construction, East Lincoln Avenue continues to be closed but all businesses will be open and are accessible during all phases of construction. This project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2021.

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