

Lower Milford Township Newsletter



"An Evening at Wind Hill Farms"
Photo taken by: Alicia Redfield

What's happening at the Township?

Live Streaming Meetings

The Board of Supervisors recently adopted Resolution 2026-11 to begin offering access to meetings via internet streaming. This service will allow residents the ability to view meetings from a remote location; however, no participation or interaction will be permitted by viewers. Residents who are interested in making a Public Comment on any agenda item or to address the Board of Supervisors will still be required to attend the meeting in-person. The meeting recordings will remain available online and become a permanent record of the Township, or for as long as they hold administrative value. Links for streaming will be available on our website and Facebook page.

Third-Party Zoning Appointment

In February, the Board of Supervisors appointed the firm of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. as the Township's interim Zoning Officer (ZO). They will be providing their services in-person at the Township building on Tuesdays from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and on Thursdays from Noon to 4 PM, as well as virtually throughout the week. Any questions related to zoning can be submitted to

zoning@lowermilford.org. Gilmore & Associates, Inc. will continue to act as the Township's interim ZO until the position can be filled internally.

Resident Complaint Forms

By Resolution 2026-09, adopted February 19, 2026, all resident complaints must be submitted in writing, via the proper form. By requiring complaints in writing, it will help to ensure a more complete understanding of the nature of the complaint; help facilitate an investigation and provide internal tracking; show any patterns that may require a more in-depth look or greater action to resolve; and offer a way to contact residents, should additional information or follow-up be necessary. This form should be used to report all resident complaints and concerns, including requests for maintenance or possible violations of any Township rules, regulations and Ordinances. The form is available online and at the Township office.

Yard Waste Update

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) have decided to open up our Leaf Drop-off Area located behind the Township building to begin accepting additional

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Upcoming Events in the Community:

- **Spring Clean Up Day** - Saturday, April 18th from 8 AM to Noon. See page 3 for more details.
- **Spring Craft Show Fundraiser** - Saturday, April 25th from 10 AM to 2:30 PM. Vendors, raffle, bake sale and more! Benefits Lower Milford Township Fire Co. Located at the fire hall.
- **Sportsman Bingo Fundraiser** - Sunday, May 3rd at the Lower Milford Township Fire Company. Doors open at 11:30 AM, games start at 1 PM.
- **Car Show & Food Drive** - Saturday, May 30th from 2 to 5 PM. Hosted by Chestnut Hill Church, benefitting Betty Lou's Pantry.
- **Story Time at Lower Milford Township, presented by Southern Lehigh Public Library** - June 22nd and July 13th at 10 AM. Be sure to watch the library's website for more details to come and how to register to attend!
- **2026 Lower Milford Township Fall Festival** - Saturday, September 26 from 10 AM to 5 PM. This year's theme will support the statewide commemoration of America's 250th Anniversary. 

What's happening continued...

yard waste materials for a trial period. Additional materials being accepted will include grass clippings and branches/brush material with a diameter less than 3" in diameter and 6' in length. The BOS will reevaluate the Township's need for yard waste recycling at the end of the year to determine how to proceed in the future. Please note that this service is for Township residents ONLY and is not to be used for commercial purposes.

While plans were originally advertised for a yard waste recycling facility off of County Line Road, concerns have been raised regarding the buildability of the lot, liabilities and potential illegal dumping. The County Line property and another Township-owned property on East Mill Hill Road are now being considered for the use of our Public Works crew.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments

The Planning Commission is currently discussing amendments to the Township's Zoning Ordinance to update regulations on Timber Harvesting and to add sections on short-term rentals, solar farms and data centers. These changes are anticipated to take effect later this year.

Fire Services Advisory Committee

The Board of Supervisors recently reinstated a committee, previously known as the Emergency Services Advisory

Committee, to help promote and facilitate communications between Lower Milford Fire Co. No. 1 and the Township. The Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) recently completed a Fire Services Assessment Study on the Fire Company, and concerns were raised including the location of the station, recruitment and rising costs. The Fire Services Advisory Committee will work to try and address these needs.

The Fire Services Advisory Committee will consist of representatives from the Fire Company and the Township, as well as one to two Township residents. If you would be interested in serving on this committee, please submit a letter of interest to the Township office or via email to assistant@lowermilford.org. Copies of the study are available at the Township.

Dillingersville Road Truck Restriction

The Board of Supervisors voted to approve a truck restriction on the Township end of Dillingersville Road in November, prohibiting tractor trailers over 45' in length.

Speed Display Signs

The Township renewed their permit with PennDOT to allow posting of temporary speed display signs (SDS) along state

routes. You may have noticed these electronic signs moving around the municipality last year, on both state and local roadways, in an effort to reduce speeding.

Stray Cat TNR

A contract with No Nonsense Neutering for TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) was renewed for 2026. This program works to help control the free-roaming cat population by offering neutering/spaying services and vaccines to feral cats. TNR Vouchers are available on a first come, first served basis and appointments must be scheduled before a voucher will be issued.

Accepting Letters of Interest for EMC

Lower Milford Township is currently accepting letters of interest for our Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). The EMC is recommended by the Board of Supervisors and appointed by the Governor to plan, administer and operate a disaster emergency plan within our Township for the prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by disaster, in addition to providing effective response and recovery in the event that such a disaster does occur. Letters of interest can be submitted to the Township office via mail or in-person, or via email to assistant@lowermilford.org.

What is America250?

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

America250 is striving for "350 by 250" — a goal to engage all 350 million Americans by our nation's 250th anniversary. Check out Lehigh County's webpage or with your local elected officials to find America250 and Ameirca250PA events near you!



License Your Dog in PA

In Pennsylvania, all dogs must be licensed at point of purchase or adoption (earliest is 8 weeks of age) or by 3 months if no transfer of ownership has occurred. All dogs that do not have a lifetime license must be licensed by Jan. 1 of each year.

For 2026, an annual license is \$10.80, and a lifetime license is \$52.80. Discounts are available to older adults and people with disabilities.

The small license fee helps protect the millions of dogs across the state, the families who adopt or purchase them, and the communities they live in by funding the important work of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement.

Dog licenses are available from your local county treasurer and other licensing agents.



www.senatorcoleman.com/events

Visit our offices for help with:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications.
- PACE/PACENET prescription medication programs for senior citizens.
- Programs and services tailored to meet the unique needs of veterans.
- PennDOT driver and vehicle services.
- Any other state government-related needs.

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Lower Milford Township's Annual

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Save the Date: Saturday, April 18th from 8:00 AM to Noon

We are gearing up for our annual Spring Clean Up Day, a registered event of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's PICK UP PA initiative! PICK UP PA is the state's largest community improvement program – last year, over 81,000 volunteers participated across Pennsylvania!

Come meet neighbors, make new friends and help keep our Township safe and clean when you sign up for Spring Clean Up Day, where volunteers come together and help pick up trash off of our Township roadways. All volunteers are provided with safety vests, gloves, trash bags, maps, and bottled water. Volunteers are not responsible for transporting filled trash bags or other found garbage—just notify staff of their location and we will take care of the rest!

All volunteers will be entered to win raffle prizes, including free treats from Rita's of Quakertown and a swag bag from Chick-fil-A Quakertown. All volunteers are invited to stay for a picnic-style lunch.

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

Last year,
38 volunteers
helped collect
42 bags worth of trash,
6 tires and other litter
from our roadways!
The most unusual item
found was a diving
board removed off of
Schultz Bridge
Road.



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Spring Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Information

What Is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that "runs off" across the land instead of seeping into the ground.

Why Is It a Problem?

Stormwater picks up many pollutants as it runs across our lawns, driveways, and streets. These pollutants go directly into our streams and lakes, affecting our water quality and adding to floods. Flash flooding from stormwater runoff continues to cause property damage.

What Pollutants Are Carried in Stormwater?

Pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides, deicing salts, litter, antifreeze, grass clippings, pet waste, eroded soil, and motor oil are carried into stormwater.

How Can a Rain Garden Help?

Rain gardens reduce runoff by capturing rainwater and allowing it to infiltrate back into the ground. They help reduce flooding and remove pollutants, provide pollinator and wildlife habitat, and beautify the neighborhood.

What is a Rain Garden?

A rain garden is a planted depression that soaks up rainwater runoff from roofs, driveways, walkways, and compacted lawn areas—water that would otherwise carry pollutants directly to our streams. Rain gardens soak up 30 percent more water than an equivalent patch of lawn.

Information provided by Penn State Extension, <https://extension.psu.edu/>



Meet your Board of Supervisors

Timothy Cogle, Chair

Tim is in the third year of his first term here at Lower Milford. He is a husband and father who values family, community, and the simple things in life, including traveling with family. He and his wife, Angela, moved to Lower Milford in 2019 to embrace a more rural and peaceful way of life. Professionally, he serves as an operations and logistics manager for a pipeline and civil excavation construction company, where he is responsible for ensuring projects are executed efficiently and effectively.



Susan LaBrie, Vice-Chair

Sue started the first year of her first term in January of this year. She has been a resident of Lower Milford for 30+ years. She's been married to her husband for 31 years and together they have 3 children, 3 cats and a dog. Professionally, she works as a secondary educator, with a background in business and technology. Her hobbies include gardening, fishing, baking, hiking and snow and waterskiing. She attends Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in Emmaus and oversees the widow's ministry there.



Jason Flexer

Jason was appointed by the Vacancy Board to serve the remainder of a term of a previous Supervisor who resigned last November. He is an experienced business owner and has been a lifelong resident of the Township. He and his wife live in an old grist mill near Hosensack. Jason enjoys collecting old stuff and learning about local history.



Township Staff

Elizabeth Lembach,
Interim Township Administrator

Wendy Stryker,
Bookkeeper/Treasurer

Daniel Wisser,
Public Works Foreman

Leonard Cerami,
Public Works Equipment Operator

2026 Meeting Schedule

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

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

The **Historical Commission** will hold regular meetings on the first Monday of the month at 6:30PM.

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

All meetings are held at the Lower Milford Township Municipal Building at 7607 Chestnut Hill Church Road, Coopersburg, PA 18036, unless otherwise advertised. Please check our website at lowermilford.org for any cancellations.

Congratulations, Dan Widmer, on your Retirement!



The Township would like to thank Dan for 16 years of service as an Equipment Operator with our Public Works crew! He will continue to help out the Township as an as-needed employee, including plowing and other seasonal tasks.



Lower Milford Township Fire Company

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Spring Craft Show

Saturday, April 25th
10 AM to 2:30 PM

SPORTSMAN BINGO

Sunday, May 3rd

Doors open at 11:30 AM,

Games start at 1 PM

Please make sure to check our website at www.lowermilfordfire.org and our Facebook page for updates.

2026 Annual Fund Drive

Please support the Lower Milford Fire Company Fund Drive –

We are an all volunteer fire company that provides fire, rescue and emergency services to the residents. We use the fund to allow our members to train and prepare for any emergency or disaster. The fire tax does not fully fund the department.

Residents are more than welcome to stop in on a Monday night for a tour.

Residents who are interested in volunteering are encouraged to stop by on a Monday night. We are always in need of help with our fundraising events, building maintenance, yard work, etc.

REMINDERS:

- Brush fire season is starting. Please maintain all controlled burns and notify Lehigh County non-emergency at 610-437-5252; and please abide by the Township Ordinance for controlled burns.
- Check your smoke detectors, CO detectors and change the batteries.



Registration is open for Spring Programming!

Youth & Family Programs include: Storytimes, Miss Melissa's Aardvarks Music Class, Dungeon's and Dragons Club, Game Play, Tail Wagging Readers, Kids Chess Club, Trading Card Club, Kids STEAM Time, and more!

Adult Programs include: SLPL's Free Seed Library, Craft and Trivia Nights, Evenings with Friends, and other scheduled events.

To learn more about what the library has to offer or to register for one of their events, head on over to <https://www.solehipl.org/>.

Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park

is diligently preparing for the upcoming spring and summer seasons. We have several exciting updates and improvements underway:

Facilities & Grounds: Frank's Pavilion has been completely overhauled thanks to Eagle Scout Kyler Mooney. We have also installed a new swing set and a stone chess table in the grove area, where Skip's Sandbox will also be getting cleaned up. Additionally, the lighting on the tennis courts has been fixed, and we are working on improving our parking areas.

Future Developments: The Community Building is currently undergoing updates, and we are researching expansion options for

SOUTHERN LEHIGH LIVING MEMORIAL PARK



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the basketball and tennis courts to include pickleball.

Operations: We recently acquired 501(c)(3) status and are researching government grants to support future projects. Also, the snack stand at the community building is our first major improvement for the season and will be operated by the softball program this year.

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2026 TAX COLLECTOR HOURS:

MONDAYS FROM 5:30 - 7:30 PM
IN THE MONTHS OF
APRIL, MAY, JULY, AUGUST,
OCTOBER & DECEMBER

EXCEPT

MAY 25 AND DECEMBER 21 & 28

ADDITIONAL HOURS INCLUDE:

MAY 19, 21, 26 & 28

AUGUST 18, 20, 25 & 27

Upcoming Holidays:

Lower Milford Township offices
will be closed for the following:

May 25th - Memorial Day

July 3rd - Independence Day

September 7th - Labor Day

*Checkout
our new
layout!*

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