

Township NEWS

Lower Milford

Special points of interest:

- Visit the Lower Milford Historical Society on Facebook
- 1862 Lehigh County Map a new addition to the Township Building
- Two new picnic benches have been added to the Community Park



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Fall 2017

15th Annual Lower Milford Fall Festival Saturday, September 23 from 10 AM to 5 PM

If you like BBQ, Apple Dumplings, Pies of all varieties, Cider Slushies, Italian Ice and more, your taste buds will tingle at the sight of these tasty treats! Lots of **FREE** activities and entertainment for the children (that means all of us), keep things rockin' with live music by **The Jump Start Band** and **Peter Johann Band**. Do your Holiday shopping at our Vendor booths. Don't forget the Silent Auction featuring specialty items donated by local retailers. The silent auction proceeds will support historic preservation and registry for our many historic sites.

Bring your wildest hats and crazy sunglasses to take advantage of the **FREE** photo booth. Relax and take in the sights on a **FREE** horse and carriage ride.



Music Begins at 10:30

Photo Booth Noon to 4:00

Silent Auction Closes at 4:00

Kiddie Tractor Race at 1:00

See you at the Festival!

7607 Chestnut Hill Church Road
Coopersburg, PA

Public Hearing September 25 at the Lower Macungie Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 PM, hearing begins at 7 PM

After four years of meetings and additional gray hair, the Southwest Lehigh County Steering Committee representing six municipalities, completed a final draft Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan. Lower Milford, together with Upper Milford, Lower Macungie, Emmaus, Alburtis and Macungie will enter into an agreement to update our Zoning Ordinances as needed, to be compatible with the Plan and share "land uses" across the six municipality area. This enables high density housing, commercial, industrial and agriculture to be located in the most logical and appropriate areas. Maps and materials will be available for review and comments will be accepted.



Please Drive Safely



Buy Local



Friends from Celtic Classic ~ 2016



Trick or Treat
Friday, October 27
6 PM to 8 PM



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you're in the
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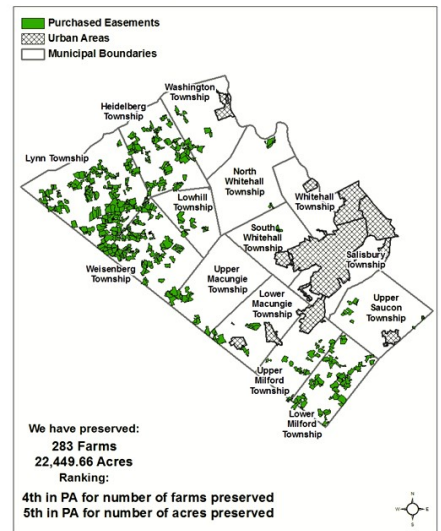
When a turkey
knocks on the
door!

Lower Milford Number Four in County

The map to the right is reproduced from the Lehigh County website's Agricultural Preservation Department. Three municipalities in the northwestern part of the county enjoy a high number of preserved farm acres and in the extreme southwestern corner, is us, Lower Milford with 3,037 preserved acres.

There are many good reasons for preserving farmland. However, the recent weather events, specifically Hurricane Harvey, has revealed a tragic truth to the consequences of not preserving open land. As reported on news coverage of Harvey, two reservoirs outside of Houston were built decades ago and surrounded by open range. In time, the open land disappeared and roof tops, parking lots and driveways, were the landscape. As Harvey delivered several feet of rain to the area, the stormwater could not be absorbed and enormous amounts of runoff filled the reservoirs to overflowing, flooding the streets and neighborhoods that were built.

Lehigh County Agricultural Conservation Easements



There are many good reasons for preserving farmland; maintains low tax rates due to less demand for services, provides for local food needs, provides jobs to the agricultural support industry, promotes agri-business tourism and last but not least, environmental benefits.

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LowerMilford.org

Have you visited our website lately? It contains information about the *Spotted Lanternfly* (with updated information to be posted when received from the PA Dept. of Ag), a list of PennDOT maintained roads within the Township and their contact information, winter maintenance information and forms and ordinances. You may also access the latest information on the widening of the PA Turnpike Northeast Extension-476 through our township. The site contains helpful links to state and county agencies, local fire companies and ambulance corps, state legislators, local media, school districts and much more. The website is a wonderful resource and should be our first stop when looking for helpful information.

Municipal Election: November 7, 2017

At the Municipal Building -
7607 Chestnut Hill Church Road
Coopersburg, PA

Polls Open at 7 AM—Close at 8 PM

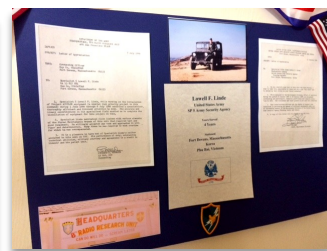




Thank You Lower Milford Veterans

For your participation in our Memorial Day Open House in honor of the 10th Anniversary of the Lower Milford

Veterans Memorial Dedication.



Lower Milford Elementary School was near and dear to all of our hearts. Many of our residents, their children and grandchildren, enjoyed their childhood school years counting trout, watching birds and learning about nature in an unspoiled setting. We were extremely saddened by its closing and were concerned for its future. Earlier this year, the Southern Lehigh School Board expressed their desire to sell the property and at their August 28 Board Meeting, voted unanimously to sell the property to the congregation of Community Baptist Church.

We welcome the congregation to our Township and look forward to having Community Baptist as a new neighbor!
Photo Courtesy of Lowell Linde

Household Hazardous Waste Event for Lehigh County Residents



Event Date: Saturday, October 28
Residents must pre-register online

to participate

**NO COMMERCIAL WASTE
ACCEPTED**

**Don't Miss This
Opportunity**



**For More Information go to www.lehighcounty.org
 and click on the link for the event**

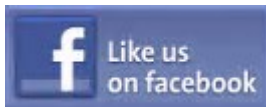
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Township Offices will be Closed on the Following Dates

*Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for
Thanksgiving*

*Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 for
Christmas*

Monday, January 1, 2018 for New Year's

Happy Fall!

