

NEWS

Of the Approximate 1,350 Municipalities in Pennsylvania with Populations Greater than 2,500, Lower Milford Ranks 17th Safest!

The, *"30 Safest Places To Live In Pennsylvania—2016,"* was published on November 17, 2016 on the website of, alarmsystemreviews.com. According to the article, the list is compiled from the FBI's yearly Uniform Crime Report and other national data resources. This is a list of the 30 safest communities across the entire state of Pennsylvania with populations greater than 2,500. The State itself ranked 14 out of the nation's 50 when comparing the safest states although it came in 9th for population density. In determining the ranking, the rate of violent crimes and the rate of property crimes were tabulated for each 1,000 residents. Lower Milford rated 0.0 per 1,000 for violent crime and 2.3 per 1,000 for property crimes. The article describes our Township as, *"... acres of preserved farms and undeveloped woodlands, the area is a showcase of Pennsylvania's fertile soil and fields and idyllic natural scenery."* Wow! We couldn't have said it better. We can thank our Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, past and present, for their good planning and hard work.

Residents of Six Southwest Lehigh Communities want Preservation of Farmland and Open Space

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission as consultant for the six municipality regional planning group, conducted a survey last year and received a resounding message from residents to prioritize the preservation of farmland and open space. Lower Milford currently has 42 farms preserved totaling over 3,000 acres. The Lehigh County Agricultural Land Preservation Department is partnering with some of the municipalities, matching their contributions with County and State funds to preserve as much farmland as possible. Our Board of Supervisors voted to contribute \$25,000 in 2017 toward preserving more farmland. To learn more about the program, visit the Lehigh County website: lehighcounty.org and click on departments and then Agricultural Land Preservation. To quote from their website, *"According to the American Farmland Trust, the United States is losing forty acres of farm and ranch land every hour to new development. Since 1982, America has converted 24 million acres of agricultural land to developed uses. This is roughly the size of Indiana and Rhode Island combined."*



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Don't Forget
Mother's Day,
Sunday, May 14
and
Father's Day
Sunday, June 18





Check the Southern Lehigh Library website for upcoming events

Earth Day, April 22—9 AM to Noon, Electronic Recycling

The Life of Ulysses S. Grant
May 1 at 6:30 PM

Tea Time @ SLPL
Saturday, May 20 from
12:30 - 2:30 pm



hosted by
FRIENDS OF SLPL

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon sweet and savory treats and stimulating conversation! If you'd like, bring something you love to talk about!

For adults and ages 12+! We will also be raffling a high quality basket.

COST: \$15 / person

Great American Cleanup of PA 2017

Join your neighbors and friends in making the Great Lower Milford Cleanup Day a huge success!

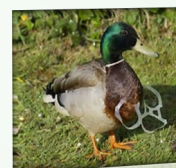
Saturday, April 29 from 8 AM to 12 Noon. Then return to the Township Building for lunch and bragging rights to the person or group that found the most unusual item.

Gloves, garbage bags, safety vests and water are provided.

Contact Drake Brintzenhoff, Public Works Director, at 610-967-4949 extension 112 to sign up!

Roadside litter is washed into our streams and can be deadly to our wildlife.

Let's Keep Lower Milford Beautiful!



Fire Company News

Preparation is underway for the **2017 Annual Fire Company Carnival**. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 14 through Saturday, June 17. Grounds open at 6 PM, rides and entertainment begin at 7 PM.

The Annual Fund Drive has arrived in everyone's mail box. Please send in your donation. Remember, our Fire Company is entirely volunteer.

For more information on Lower Milford Fire Company events, please check their website at: www.lowermilfordfire.org

Attention Limeport Residents

If you are connected to the wastewater treatment facility and your grinder pump alarm has activated requiring service, please call **Site Specific Design, Inc.** for repair at **215-887-3730**

Memorial Day 2017, marks the 10th Anniversary of the dedication of Lower Milford Township's Veterans Memorial. Through the efforts of Township Manager Ellen Koplin, with grant funding through then PA State Rep. Karen Beyer, the Memorial became a reality. Help us this Memorial Day to honor Lower Milford's



Veterans. If you or a family member have served in the United States Military, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the Township Building to be included in the 10th Anniversary display located in the foyer of the Township Building. If you wish to include photos or military honors, we will proudly display them in a secure manner. The form will also be available for download on the Township's website: www.lowermilford.org. The display will be available to view from Memorial Day through Independence Day.



“Help us this Memorial Day to honor Lower Milford’s Veterans”

Get Ready, Get Set, Take the Pic!

**A new theme for this year's Festival Photo Contest,
Historic Lower Milford.**

There will be two categories to enter!

Category 1 - Lower Milford Then and Now

**Find an old photo taken in Lower Milford and take a
“now” picture of the same scene.**

Category 2 - Historic Structures of Lower Milford

**Barns, Houses, Bridges, Mills, Churches and
any other historic structure may be entered.**

**Spring is blooming and summer is on the way! Get
out of the house and get creative! You have five
months to prepare your entries for the**

Annual Lower Milford Fall Festival



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Historic Entries from, "*A History of Lehigh County Pennsylvania*" published by James J. Hauser, 1902

- The Lehigh River was once called, the west branch of the Delaware
- In 1715, the first settlement was made near our Great Swamp Church in Lower Milford
- In 1725, the first school in Lehigh County was established which was connected with the Great Swamp Church in Lower Milford
- The real estate valuation of Lower Milford in 1901 was \$701,590. In 2017, it is \$466,583,900.

Upcoming Dates

**May 16 – Primary Election
Held at Township Building –
Offices Open**

**May 29 – Memorial Day –
Township Closed**

**July 4 – Independence Day –
Township Closed**

**September 4 – Labor Day –
Township Closed**