



Fall Festival Edition 2015

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What is the Future of the Valley?

According to a recent August 26 Morning Call article, the average Lehigh Valley motorist will spend approximately 30 hours yearly waiting in traffic. This means additional fuel is burned and time is lost. The article also indicates that approximately 18 percent of the congestion is truck traffic.

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission has released projections for regional freight needs. Their report states that in 2011, 40 million tons of freight moved through the Lehigh Valley by truck and that number will double to 80 million tons by 2040. Those are alarming numbers. Does that mean that crashes and deaths in the Lehigh Valley from truck traffic will also double? According to an article by Jon Schmitz of the Pittsburg Post-Gazette, which the Morning Call ran on July 26, Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey's staff utilized Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration data to determine that large truck crashes in Pennsylvania increased by 69 percent in 2014 over 2013 statistics. The data also shows a 2014 increase over 2013 of 45 percent in crashes for the Lehigh Valley.

Schmitz' article also discussed the proposed legislation to increase the length of twin trailers to 33 foot for each trailer. Senator Casey opposes the proposed length increase along with many law enforcement organizations citing the higher safety risks. The U. S. Department of Transportation projected an additional one billion dollars of road damage and another one billion dollars of damage to bridges if the proposed longer trucks would be permitted on our roads.

In 2010, the Pennsylvania State Transportation Advisory Committee identified in their report, a three billion dollar annual funding need for Pennsylvania Highways and Bridges that cannot be met. Matt Assad's August 30 Morning Call article cites a figure of over two billion dollars that will be available to the Lehigh Valley over the next twenty years for highway and bridge maintenance. The funding will also be used to widen Route 22 to six lanes between Airport Road and I-78 to accommodate the Lehigh Valley's 2040 projected 100 percent increase in truck traffic and vehicles from 95,000 additional households (Lehigh Valley Planning Commission's Housing Plan).

The Lehigh Valley has traditionally offered families a high quality of life with opportunities to access a multitude of fresh food, a wide variety of retail stores, quality health care, transportation, parks and recreation areas and schools for our children. Many families came to the Lehigh Valley for the quality of life, leaving highly congested areas for a healthier and safer community. If the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission projections are predictive of the Valley's near future, someone should be applying the brakes on this train.

Lower Milford is working with our regional planning partners to update the Comprehensive Plan for the six, southwestern Lehigh municipalities. Traffic, including truck traffic, is one of the major concerns among the group and will be specifically addressed in the Plan.

By the way, did you know that the 2015 Niche rated Lower Milford Township number 58 of the top 100 communities in Pennsylvania to raise a family? Considering that there are 2,505 excluding cities, Lower Milford certainly has bragging rights. Excellent communities don't happen by chance, it is what good people and good planning produces.



Friday, October 30

6 PM to 8 PM

For Information on Household
Hazardous Waste
disposal, such as paint and
cleaners,



please contact the Lehigh
County Solid Waste
Management Dept.
610-782-3073

**What you do today
can improve all your
tomorrows.**

Ralph Marston



Recycle your old unwanted, broken and outdated electronics and appliances.

Annual Yard/Bake Sale and Recycling Program Electronics and Batteries

Chestnut Hill Church

6870 Chestnut Hill Church Rd

Saturday October 3, 2015 8 am-2 pm

Items that can be recycled **FREE** of charge are listed below:

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| ♻️ Telephones/Cell Phones | ♻️ Desktop/Laptop Computers |
| ♻️ LCD Monitors / LCD (flat) TVs | ♻️ Gaming Systems |
| ♻️ Stereos & Speakers/Cables & Cords | ♻️ Printers/Fax Machines/Floor Copiers |
| ♻️ Smart Boards/Keyboards & Mice | ♻️ Copiers/Scanners/Print Cartridges |
| ♻️ UPS Battery Backups/Laptop Batteries | ♻️ Metal Items |
| ♻️ Audio Visual Equipment/Plotters | ♻️ Calculators/Adding Machines |
| ♻️ Microwaves / Small Appliances | ♻️ Exercise Equipment |
| ♻️ Stoves / Dishwasher | ♻️ Dvd Players/VCR's / Filing Cabinets |

Item that are **NOT** Accepted:

- ♻️ NO Appliances with Freon
- ♻️ NO Refrigerators
- ♻️ NO Freezers
- ♻️ NO Dehumidifiers
- ♻️ NO Air Conditioners

♻️ **GO to our website for detailed list of
Items accepted and not accepted.**

- ♻️ NO CRT Computer Monitors
- ♻️ NO CRT Televisions

Batteries Plus Alkaline and Light bulbs

Batteries – Containing Lead/Acid

Batteries Alkaline .99 lb.	Car Lead/Acid Battery \$1.00
Lithium, Ni-CD & SLA Batteries - Free	Tractor Lead/Acid Battery \$1.00
Florescent Tube - .12 per ft / Circle \$1.00 ea	Motorcycles / Golf Cart \$1.00
LED light bulbs - .64 ea / CFL bulbs .35 ea	NO Power Tool Batteries
Incandescent/halogens .64 ea	
Projector lamps \$2.99 ea	

Chestnut Hill Church in Coopersburg Phone: 610-967-1196 OR call Debbie 610-967-1975

Go to our website: www.chestnuthillchurch.org and click on FIND US (left side)

We will be accepting clothing, household items, nic naks, furniture, books, Toys, baby furniture, etc.

Monday Sept 28 – Friday Oct 2 from 7 pm to 9 pm nightly.

All items not sold at the yard sale are donated to a local shelter and the Salvation Army.

All money raised at the yard sale goes directly to the church to help offset our fuel bill.

Thank you for your support.



The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will hold a meeting at the Township Building on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 PM to present their plans for replacement of the bridge located on Limeport Pike just north of the intersection with Blue Church Road in the Village of Limeport.

PPL Electric Utilities are planning a meeting at the Lower Milford Township Building concerning the rebuilding of the Wescosville-Hosensack 230kV Transmission Line. The project involves Lower Milford, Upper Milford, Lower Macungie and Upper Macungie. When the meeting date and time is finalized, a notice will be placed on the Township Facebook and website.



"DECK THE HALLS" -- Join us for the next Friends of SLPL Bus Trip!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015 – American Music Theater/Shady Maple

\$90 includes round trip bus fare, Shady Maple Smorgasbord lunch, admission to Christmas show @ AMT, and all gratuities. Register in library with cash or check, or credit card @ 610-282-8834.

Checks payable to: FSLPL. Registration deadline October 19, 2015

3rd Annual Book It! 5K Run-Walk

It's that time again! Prizes! Food! Drink! The 3rd Annual Book It! 5K is **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 @ 8:30AM**

Saucon Rail Trail, Upper Saucon Township Community Park Registration fee: \$30 (through 8/31/15) \$35 (beginning 9/1/15) Register online @ solehipl.org, or in person at the library.

Wildlands Conservancy presents **Birds of Prey Family Program: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7-8PM.** Register online @ solehipl.org; click on Children's Programs.

Need a little computer help? Book an appointment with Deanna Nagle, our Reference Librarian, for **ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP**. \$5.00 for a 45-minute session. She can assist with basic computer skills, internet, email, Facebook, Microsoft Word/Publisher, Kindle/Nook/iPad, and Overdrive for e-books, Call 610-282-8834.

SOLEHI ANTIQUES FAIR – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 6-9PM

Faith United Church of Christ, Center Valley. General Admission: \$5.00. Appraisal fee: \$10.00. Join us for a fun evening as licensed auctioneers Charles and Judy Moyer and Associates appraise your treasures and heirlooms! Tickets and appraisal registration forms available at Southern Lehigh Public Library.

It is with sadness and fond memories that we announce the closing of Benson Greenhouses. A Lower Milford business for over 80 years. We wish Ted Benson and his family, all the best.



Emergency Management Update

At the June 18 meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to recommend Adam J. Croll be appointed by the Governor to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator for Lower Milford Township.

We look forward to working with Adam to assure the best emergency planning for the residents of Lower Milford. Adam has already begun the planning process and has developed a questionnaire for each household to identify special needs and considerations in the event of an emergency. The questionnaire will be included with the Winter 2016 Newsletter.

The Township Building will be Closed on the Following Dates in 2015:

November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving

December 24 and 25 for Christmas

January 1, 2016 for New Years

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Township Building
Offices are Open





Lower Milford Township

2015 FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 26

PHOTO CONTEST

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE # _____

ADDRESS: _____

The Photo Contest this year is open to any and all photos taken in Lower Milford Township!

_____ **Number of photos entered in contest**

Send completed form to: ***Festival Committee***

***Lower Milford Township
7607 Chestnut Hill Church Rd.
Coopersburg, PA 18036***



Entry photos should be submitted to the Township Office by September 23, 2015.

Photos should have hangers, preferably framed.

Photos may be picked up after 5 pm the day of the festival or during business hours the following week.

It's Fall Festival Time!

Saturday, September 26 - 10 AM to 5 PM



The Zepp Family Band 11 AM to 2 PM



The Philip Johann Band 2 PM to 5



"Just So" 10 AM to 11 AM

Smokin' Smitty's



Ice Cream



A Cider Slushy from



Pappy's Orchard

Maple Sugar Cotton Candy!



Freshly made Pies and Baked Goods, Apples, Pumpkins, Fall Mums

**Free Carriage Rides ~ Games and Activities for the Kids ~ Book Sale,
Silent Auction ~ Alpaca Products ~ Wrought Iron Accessories and
Blacksmith Demonstration ~ Book Sale ~ Crafters
Enter the Photo Contest — Entry Form on Opposite Page**



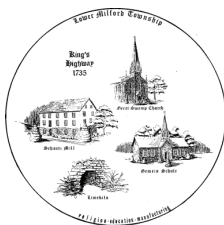
**Free Parking
Fun for Everyone!**



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This edition of the Lower Milford Township News is brought to you by the Board of Supervisors and Township Staff; Ellen L. Koplin, Editor

Calling All Gardeners!

Do you enjoy gardening? Do you have low maintenance perennials [day lilies – hosta – ornamental grasses], or bulbs [tulip – daffodil] you would like to donate to the township park as you do fall home gardening?

The Rec & Open Space Board is going to pilot a program this fall where township residents interested in gardening – or just keeping the township grounds tidy and appealing – volunteer their time. Many residents probably are unaware that for the last several years Denise Holub has been a virtual one-person volunteer tending the front gardens with Jessica Skibicki as a sometimes helper of late. They need more hands!

The first pilot date for maintenance gardening or drop-off is **Tuesday September 15th from 8AM to noon** (rain or shine) with an eye to tidying up the building's front garden and possibly park walking path just in time for the Fall Festival. No response is required – just show up in your gardening clothes with your own tools. The second date is scheduled for **Wednesday October 14th** - again from 8AM to noon.

The Rec & Open Space Board members will coordinate this effort. And depending on township interest, it could be reinstituted in the spring of 2016 as a regular monthly community event.



In Remembrance



*Edward Matulevicius
founder of the
Lower Milford Historical
Society, passed away in
June. We will remember his
wit, intelligence and
terrific smile.*