

# Limerick Township

## Newsletter

### Limerick Congratulates New Chief of Police

The Board of Supervisors and Limerick Township is pleased to congratulate R. Brian Skelton on his promotion from Lieutenant to Chief of Police.

Brian began his career in 1989 as a part time police officer for Royersford Borough. In 1990, Brian was hired as a full time police officer with the Limerick Township Police Department and has risen through the ranks from Community Policing Officer to Patrol Sergeant and on to Patrol Lieutenant. Brian established Limerick's first Bike Patrol Unit and assisted in the formation of the Montgomery County Youth Aid Program.

Brian is a graduate of Spring-Ford High School and the Montgomery County Police Academy. In addition to his extensive training, Brian holds both an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

Brian was sworn in as Chief on February 16th by Judge Walter Gadzicki and is pictured below with the entire Police Department.



## Message from the Chairman



*Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr.  
Chairman*

I am pleased to be writing as your new Chairman and I thank my fellow colleagues on the Board for their confidence in offering me this position. My service to this community spans 30 years, which includes positions on Parks and Recreation and Grant Writing Committees and 14 years serving as an elected Supervisor. Limerick has experienced many changes over this time period, with the most significant being the ongoing growth of the community, which currently consists of close to 19,000 residents. The Township also remains a favorite location choice for businesses and they invest in our community and provide the jobs, goods and services desired by the residents. Planning projections show that Limerick will remain a desired designation for both business and residents for many more years.

This ongoing growth and the demand it places on Township services was at the forefront of the Board's public meetings held last Fall as we worked on the Township's 2016 Budget. While other local municipalities struggle to maintain basic levels of service, the Board is pleased to report that Limerick's financial foundation remains strong, based on the success of the Township's long-standing business plan. This plan contributed to Limerick's 2015 real estate tax rate remaining in the lower third of all 62 Montgomery County communities, while providing high levels of services across all operational departments. For 2016, additional funding was not required to maintain all current service levels and a balanced General Fund Budget was achieved.

The Supervisors' obligations to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the community, however, cannot be limited to a single budgetary year and must take into account future needs of the Township. Limerick enjoys many strong attributes that are here today because of the dedication and foresight of those who have served in the past. Previous articles within this newsletter forum have spoken to the growing demand on our public safety departments, and in particular, the Limerick and Linfield Volunteer Fire Companies and the Township's Police Department. The approved budget puts in place goals and objectives for a program of support for the fire companies to assist them with a long term capital program. While no additional tax funding was needed for this endeavor, additional funding was required above the base line budget in order to begin to answer the growing demands on the Police Department. Specifically, the Budget calls for additional taxes toward the cost of three additional police officers to strengthen police protection for this community. While it is always difficult to ask our fellow residents for additional funding, the risk of doing nothing holds far greater consequences, not only for those who call Limerick home today, but for future generations as well.

I hope you will take the time to read the inside article recapping the 2016 Budget and the positive public safety programs it will support. I wish you all a wonderful spring season.

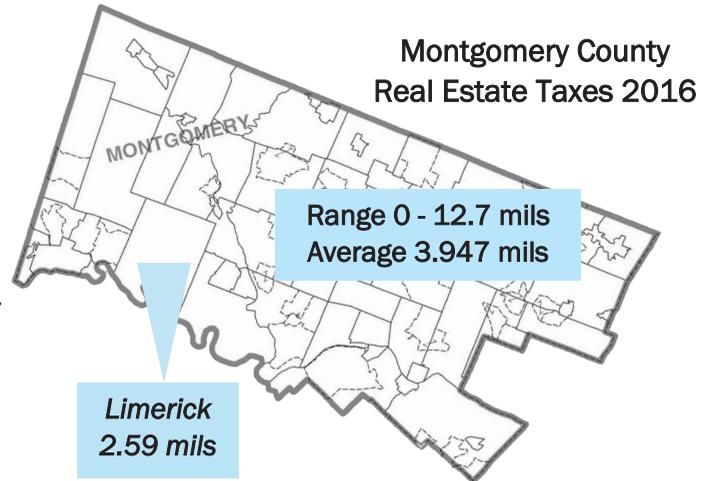
Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr.  
*Chairman*



# 2016 Budget Update: Strengthening Police Protection

On December 15, 2015 the Board of Supervisors approved the Annual Budget for 2016. The process by which a municipal budget is formulated takes several months and begins in September with departmental meetings to determine goals and objectives. Two advertised public meetings specific to the budget were held in addition to budget discussions that took place during normal public Board of Supervisors meetings in November and December.

During these discussions, administration reported to the Board on all operational departments and their funding needs to provide the same level of service for 2016. Limerick is proud to provide the vital services needed of the community in a cost effective manner which is reflected in the lower than average real estate tax rate. These low tax rates are a result of the Limerick Township Business Model which has been in place since 2006 and pictured below. Another goal of the business model has also been achieved and is shown in the graph below which notes that 45% of budget revenues are derived from non-tax sources.



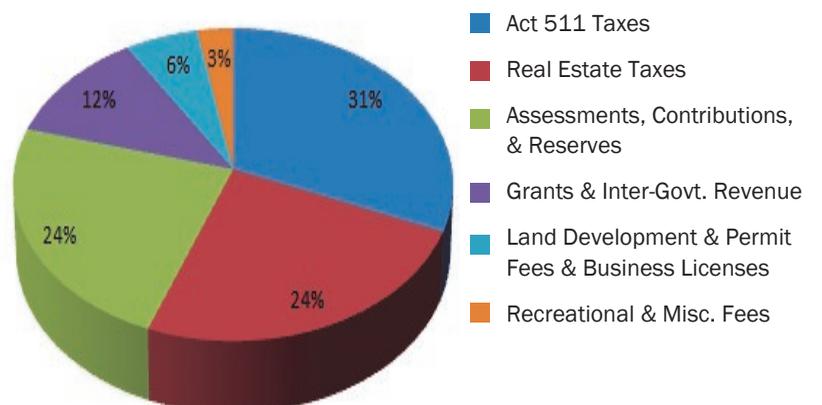
In analyzing the needs of 2016, the Board was pleased that the same level of services provided in 2015 could be offered to the community without the need for additional tax funds. However, growing calls for service within the police department could not be ignored. Long term studies identified that a force of 30 sworn officers would meet the current demands of the Township. A commitment to strengthen police safety was approved by the Board with the hiring of three additional police officers to supplement the current force of 25. To cover the cost of the new positions, the 2016 Budget calls for additional tax support from the community. While the impact of this increase is recognized, police protection is vital to all within the Township and must be supported and strengthened in order to ensure the safety and welfare of the Limerick community.

As the Township continues to answer the service needs of the community, the Board stands committed to the principles of the Township business model and the proper stewardship of the public funds of which they are entrusted.

### Limerick Township Business Model

- Improve **efficiencies** and reduce costs without a reduction in the level of services
- Seek **alternative non-tax revenues** to lessen the tax burden of existing residents
- Institute **long range planning** to properly position Limerick for the next phase of growth

**Budget Revenues— 45% derived from non-tax sources**





Limerick Township recently unveiled exciting changes to its current website, [www.limerickpa.org](http://www.limerickpa.org). The new design makes accessing information easier than ever for residents and business owners.

## New Features

- **Agendas & Minutes** are easily accessible from the home page. Current agendas and minutes, along with those from the previous two years, are stored on the website and available for download.
- **Notify Me** is a new feature that allows residents to sign up to receive notifications about emergency alerts, calendar events, meeting dates, or when minutes and agendas are posted.
- **Search** is a quick and easy tool that picks up key words throughout the website. Try searching for a plan, map, or form.
- **Forms & Permits** for each department can be found in the document center. If you're looking for a permit, application, or registration form, you can find it here.



## Sign up for Notify Me

1. Create an account with [limerickpa.org](http://limerickpa.org) using your email address.
2. If you want to receive text messages, enter your phone number and select save.
3. View the categories available and choose which ones you wish to subscribe to.
4. To subscribe with email alerts, click the  icon next to that category. For text messages, click the  icon.

*Choose to subscribe to categories like the Alert Center, Calendar, Board of Supervisor Agendas and Minutes, or News Flash*

## A Look Inside the Document Center

1. Choose the department
2. Choose the form you're looking for *or*
3. View all of the available forms for that department

- Administration
- Boards & Commissions
- Code Services
- Community Development
- Emergency Services
- Employment
- Finance
- Forms and Permits
- Newsletters
- Parks & Recreation
- Planning & Zoning
- Police
- Press Releases
- Public Works
- Sewer

### Display Name

-  [Exoneration of Per Capita Taxes Application \(PDF\)](#)
-  [Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Application \(PDF\)](#)
-  [Local Service Tax Exemption Certificate \(PDF\)](#)
-  [Local Service Tax Refund \(PDF\)](#)
-  [Property Tax Rent Rebate \(PDF\)](#)
-  [Tenant Registration \(PDF\)](#)

## Parks & Recreation

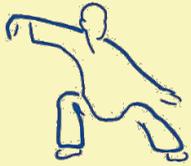
### Adult Tennis Lessons

Looking to learn a new sport or to sharpen your tennis skills? In this six week program you will learn proper footwork, grips, and strokes that will develop you into the total player.

**Date:** Saturdays-4/16 to 5/21  
**Time:** 11:00AM-2:00PM  
**Location:** Limerick Township Building  
**Fee:** \$60



### Basic Tai Chi Session II: 4 classes



**Date:** Thursdays, 5/5-5/26  
**Ages:** 16 & up  
**Time:** 9:00AM-9:45AM  
**Location:** Limerick Community Park  
**Fee:** \$25

### Pre-School Lacrosse and Total Sports

**Date:** Saturdays 4/23-5/21  
**Ages:** 3 to 5  
**Location:** Veteran's Park  
**Fee:** \$95

Register at [www.USSportsInstitute.com](http://www.USSportsInstitute.com)

*Visit us online for more  
adult & youth programs!*

### **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**

*Saturday, March 19, 8:00AM-11:00AM  
Linfield Fire Company*

- All you can eat pancake breakfast
- Free photos with the Easter Bunny



**Thank you to Railroad Street Bar & Grill  
for sponsoring this event!**



### **Trivia Night**

*Friday, April 8 at 6:00PM  
Location TBD*

*Check our website for more information*

### **Earth Day Celebration**

*Saturday, April 23, 10:00AM-1:00PM  
Limerick Community Park*

- Farmers Market
- Local organizations & crafts



### **Community Yard Sale**

*Saturday, April 30, 7:00AM-12:00PM  
Limerick Community Park  
\$10.00 /space, must pre-register*

### **Bus Trip: On Your Own In**



The Big Apple has tons of exciting places to visit, making it a great place to spend the day! Explore NYC with friends or family and plan your own schedule based on your interests!

**Dates:** Saturday, May 14  
**Time:** Depart Limerick at 8:00AM, return around 9:00PM  
**Fee:** \$40 per person

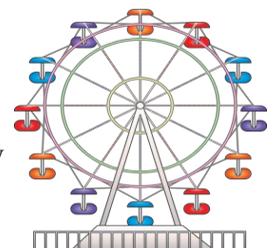
*Deluxe transportation provided by Klein Transportation.  
Drop off and pick up will be at 51st Street and 7th Avenue  
near Times Square, across from the Gershwin Theatre by  
the Times Square Church and Ellen's Stardust diner.*

### **Discount Amusement Park Tickets**

Dorney Park  
Knoebel's  
Dutch Wonderland  
Philadelphia Zoo  
Hershey Park  
Diggerland USA

Hershey Park  
Adventure Aquarium  
Renaissance Faire  
Six Flags Great Adventure  
Elmwood Park Zoo  
Morey's Pier

Available at the Township  
Building for a discounted price.  
Please call to confirm availability  
and pricing. Cash only, no  
refunds.



## Spring Tax Update: Spring-Ford Per Capita Tax Eliminated



Ryan Wall  
Tax Collector

The Per Capita tax was a flat tax (sometimes referred to as a “head tax”) levied on all residents of the Spring-Ford Area School District who were 18 years or older. This flat tax was levied once a year, every July, for the new school tax year under the authority of the school code and the Local Tax Enabling Act.

The Spring-Ford School Board approved a resolution discontinuing the per-capita tax in a unanimous vote during a board meeting this past September. The decision goes into effect July 1, 2016, for the 2016-17 school year. **Residents will no longer be billed for this tax.**

**Online Bill Pay Now Available** County & Township Real Estate bills can be paid online through the Township website, [www.limerickpa.org](http://www.limerickpa.org).

### March & April 2016 Tax Collector Office Hours

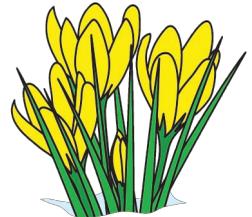
Monday & Wednesday, 6:00PM-8:00PM

Thursday, 7:00AM-9:00AM

Saturday, 9:00AM-11:00AM

\*Saturday, April 23, 9:00AM-1:00PM

\*Saturday, April 30, 9:00AM-3:00PM



If you have any questions please contact Ryan Wall, Tax Collector at (484) 938-8001 or [LimerickTaxCollector@yahoo.com](mailto:LimerickTaxCollector@yahoo.com)

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### Limerick Township Historical Society

is open every Wednesday, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM and the second Sunday of every month from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Membership Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30PM at the Township Building.

#### Upcoming Events:

**March 14– From Out the Fiery Furnace;** Christine Emmert will present a one-woman play honoring the women in the ironworking industry

**April 11– Memories of Lakeview Park;** Bill Brunner, president of Spring-Ford Area Historical Society will give a presentation focusing on the historic amusement park

**May 9– Limerick Generating Station;** learn the history of the plant, how it works, and what happens to the waste

### Limerick Fire Company Events

**April 2** Comedy Show, 6:00PM

Includes dinner, BYOB

**May 10-14** Annual Carnival

**June 20-24** Kids Fire Fighter Camp

9:00AM-Noon, ages 6-13

*Visit us online for more information:*

*facebook.com/LimerickFireCompany*  
*www.limerickfirerescue.org*



### Linfield Fire Company Events

**March 24, 25, 26** Easter Flower Sale

**March 26** Easter Egg Hunt

**May 8** Mother's Day Breakfast

**June 11** Chinese Auction



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*www.linfieldfire.com*

### 5 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

-  **Vegetate bare spots in your yard**
-  **Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters**
-  **Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams**
-  **Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil**
-  **Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff**



**For more information, visit**  
[www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps) or  
[www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater)

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**Limerick Township Blood Drive**  
**646 W. Ridge Pike**

**April 20, 2016**  
**2:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

*Walk ins available ; Appointments preferred*  
**(610) 495-6432**

**Limerick Township Municipal Building**  
646 West Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA 19468  
610-495-6432      [www.limerickpa.org](http://www.limerickpa.org)

**Board of Supervisors**

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**Schedule of Municipal Meetings**

**Board of Supervisors**

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month,  
7:00PM at the Township Building

**Parks & Recreation**

2nd Tuesday of each month,  
7:00PM at the Township Building

**Planning Commission**

4th Thursday of each month,  
7:00PM at the Township Building

**Zoning Hearing Board**

4th Wednesday of each month,  
6:30PM at the Township Building

