

# Limerick Township

## Newsletter



## "Come Visit Your New Fire House"

**Residents of Limerick Township, please join Limerick Fire Company on October 21 for the Housing and Dedication Ceremony and tours of the community's new fire house.**

Open House: October 21, 10:00AM-3:00PM

*Dedication Ceremony: 11:00AM*

## Message from the Chairman



We congratulate Limerick Fire Company on the completion of their new facility highlighted in this newsletter. More importantly, we thank all of our fire service volunteers for their dedication to our community. At any hour of the day and no matter the weather conditions, our dedicated volunteers answer the call for service. The volume of calls has risen steadily over the past decade to approximately 700 calls per year. Over the past five years, in cooperation with the fire service, the Township has discussed and implemented solutions to the increasing demands on the volunteers. These increased demands have placed a strain on current and future membership. With a volunteer structure which saves this community over \$4 million annually, the Board recognized that added support was essential.

*Kara Shuler  
Chairman*

Key long range planning objectives identified the need for modern equipment and facilities so our volunteers can focus on their core responsibility of providing emergency response services. The new Limerick Fire Company facility, similar to the former 1984 station that it replaces, is designed to serve this community for the next 30+ years. The new station also provides adequate space to house Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the needs of the Township's Emergency Operations Center. The decision to construct a new facility was made after estimates demonstrated a savings of \$1 million dollars in comparison to the cost of renovating the old outdated facility. This cost savings is important as it helped to limit the burden on the taxpayers of this community and maintain real estate tax rates in the lower half when compared to the 62 municipalities within Montgomery County.

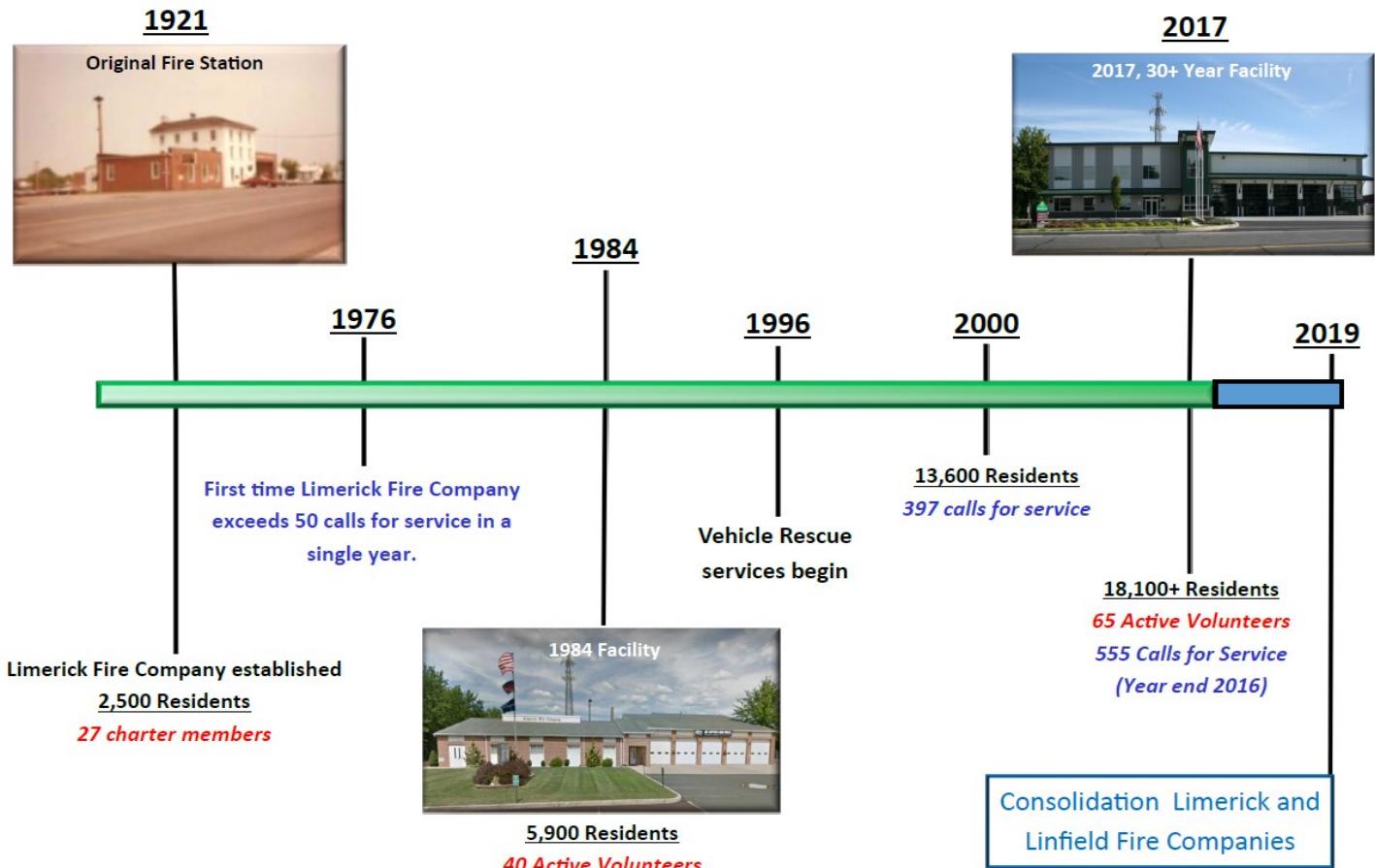
The Township is also excited to announce another positive endeavor under way which will reshape the structure of our two volunteer fire companies. Recently, the full membership of both Linfield and Limerick Fire Companies voted to move forward on a consolidation of their operations. Scheduled to be completed by January 2019, the consolidation will provide greater economies of scale and help stabilize the tax burden of providing emergency fire and rescue services. The Board is confident the volunteer fire service structure, which has served the Township for over 100 years, will become stronger and continue to protect this wonderful Limerick community for many years by working together as one team.

Sincerely,

*Kara Shuler  
Chairman*



# Limerick Fire Company - Growth Through Time



## 30 year facility

New construction  
option saved  
**\$1 million dollars.**

Renovation vs.  
New Construction

Renovation  
**\$5.5 Million**

Needed amenities  
would be cut to stay  
under budget

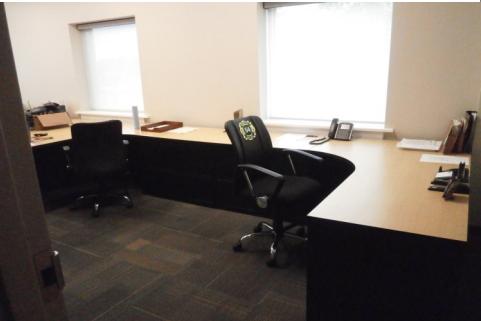
Revisiting facility  
upgrades in the future  
to meet population  
growth

New Construction  
**\$4.5 Million**

Construction savings of  
**\$1 Million**

Provide full coverage  
for the 30 year  
projected population  
growth

# Limerick Fire Company's New Facility Ready to Serve the Community



65  
Active  
Firefighters

Expanded Meeting/  
Training Space

Modern  
Equipment &  
Apparatus



Emergency  
Operation  
Center

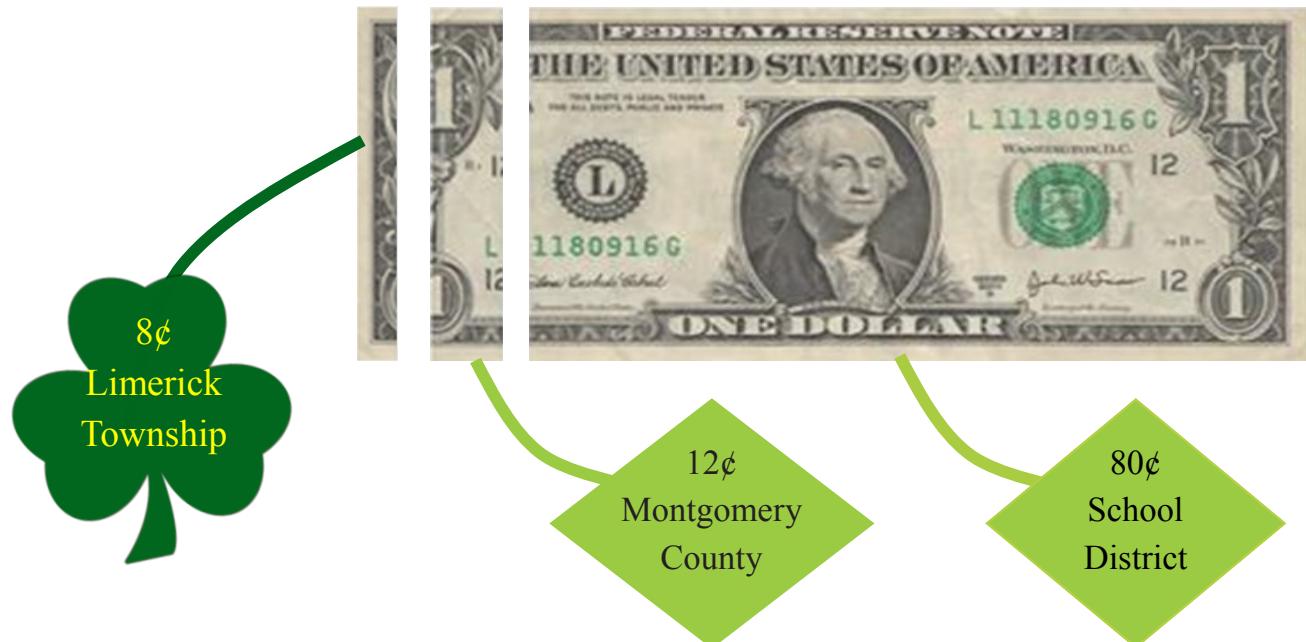


Sleeping & Living  
quarters for 24/7 EMS &  
Fire Crews



# Limerick Tax Dollar at Work

For every tax dollar you pay, 8 cents remains within the township and is used to fund services which are vital to the community. These services include police, public works, fire and emergency services, parks and recreational programs.



Limerick's real estate tax rate again remains in the lower half of all municipalities located in Montgomery County. The Board of Supervisors is committed to policies, planning, and improved efficiencies of all Township operations to ensure lower than average tax rates not only for today, but for tomorrow as well.

**2.593**

Municipal Millage  
for  
Limerick Township

**4.0647**

average Municipal  
Millage in  
Montgomery  
County



Limerick Township ranks in  
the lower half of the Municipal  
Tax in Montgomery County.

## Lieutenant Promotion

On June 20, 2017, the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors promoted Sergeant Robert J. Matalavage to Lieutenant in the Limerick Township Police Department. Lieutenant Matalavage has been serving the Limerick Township community for the last 30 years.

In July of 1990, Bob became the first K-9 officer in the history of our Department, starting the unit with K-9 Bandit. After Bandit's retirement he went on to continue K-9 service with K-9 Jago, until Jago's retirement in December 2008. In total Bob served 18 years as a K-9 Officer. During that time he received numerous Commendations for K-9 apprehensions and drug seizures. In October of 1997, Bob was promoted to Corporal and in September of 2007, he was promoted to Sergeant thus serving as a supervisor for a total of 20 years. During his career, he has served the Department as a Field Training Officer and a Firearms Instructor. Along with his numerous K-9 Commendations, Bob has also been the recipient of multiple Commendations for life saving and high profile arrests.

Bob attended the Penn State Posit and Polex classes and most recently he attended the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development course, earning its Prestigious Trilogy Award for completing the Association's top three training courses.

Bob is married to his beautiful wife Cecilia of twenty years and has two step children, Rob and Brittany. Rob is following in Bob's footsteps as a police officer in Hampton, Virginia. Cecilia and Bob also have 2 beautiful granddaughters, Sophia and Elleanna.



Chief Skelton and Lieutenant Matalavage

## **Sergeant Marchese Honored for 20 Years of Service**

On July 18, 2017, Sergeant Paul Marchese was honored by the Board of Supervisors for his 20 years of service with the Limerick Township Police Department. During Sergeant Marchese's 20 years of service, he has served as a member of the Bike Patrol, Detective Unit, and is currently a supervisor in the Patrol Division.



*Left to right:* Chairman Kara Shuler, Sergeant Paul Marchese, and Chief Brian Skelton

## **Limerick Welcomes New Fire Inspector**



Shaun Semmeles, joined Limerick Township as the Fire Inspector in June 2017. Shaun's experience includes 14 years in the fire service, as a volunteer firefighter, a Lieutenant, and a training officer. He has experience working on pre-incident planning and emergency management. Shaun also has 12 years in EMS for several different agencies throughout Montgomery County, with the last 5 years of his EMS experience as a SWAT medic. Lastly, Shaun has been performing fire inspections for two years throughout different townships. Shaun resides in Souderton with his family. In his free time, Shaun enjoys going to the beach and being with friends and family.

## Tips for our Residents to Protect the Environment

- ◆ **Limit your use of lawn fertilizers, herbicides, and insecticides**

Reduce the size of your lawn by creating beds of shrubs and perennials. These landscape beds allow water to penetrate the soil and recharge groundwater. You can also reduce your need for herbicides by mowing your grass at 3 to 4 inches

- ◆ **Take a soil test to determine what nutrients your plants need**

Soil tests determine what nutrients your plants need. Plants and lawns may not require as much fertilizer as you think

- ◆ **Use natural fertilizers and time it right**

Use compost or slow release fertilizer on lawn areas. Leave grass clippings on your lawn to compost naturally. Avoid fertilizing your lawn before a heavy rain to prevent runoff of excess fertilizer

- ◆ **Skip the pavement and use permeable hardscaping like wood, stone or paving blocks**

Permeable hardscaping helps prevent runoff by allowing water to soak into the ground

- ◆ **Plant trees**

Trees help in reducing the amount of runoff entering the storm drains

- ◆ **Water wisely**

Plant your garden when less water is needed



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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## On Your Own in NYC Bus Trip

This fun bus trip includes round trip transportation on a deluxe motor coach. We depart the Township Building at 8:00AM and return around 9:00PM.

**Explore NYC your own way!**

*Drop-off and pick-up at 51st Street & 7th Avenue*

**Date:** Saturday, December 2

**Fee:** \$45 per person

**Register by:** November 22



## Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 21

4:00-6:00PM

at Limerick Community Park

**Join Limerick Township Parks and Recreation and various businesses and local organizations for an early trick or treating event!**

*Rain Date:*

*Sunday, Oct. 22, 4:00-6:00PM*

## Pet First Aid Class

In this class you will learn the basics of restraining your pet, checking vital signs, giving CPR, treating heat and cold related injuries, and treating poisoning emergencies.

**Time:** 9:00AM-2:00PM

**Date:** Saturday, November 4

**Fee:** \$110

**Location:** Limerick Township Building



## School's Out Camp

On days kids are out of school, have them join Limerick Township Parks and Recreation for a fun filled day! Daily games, crafts, and themed activities are planned!

**Fee:** \$30 per day

**Time:** 8:00AM-5:00PM

**Ages:** 5-12

**Location:** Limerick Township Building

**Upcoming Dates:** *October 9th, November 20th, 21st, and 22nd, January 15th, February 16th and 19th, March 28th and 29th, April 2nd, and May 15th*

## Holiday Day Light Competition

Enter a picture or a 15 second video of your holiday light display for your chance to win prizes! Entries must be submitted by 12PM on December 8th. For more information about this competition please visit the Parks and Recreation page at [www.LimerickPA.org](http://www.LimerickPA.org).

## Parents Night Out

Plan an evening out...without the kids! Our staff will provide plenty of fun to keep your child entertained! The night includes: hot dog dinner, games, crafts, and the night will end with a fun movie, so bring a blanket and pillow.

**Fee:** \$20 per person, (\$10 per additional sibling)

**Time:** 5:30PM-9:00PM

**Ages:** 3-12 (must be potty trained)

**Location:** Limerick Township Building

**Upcoming Dates:** *October 20, November 17, & December 15*



## General Election Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017

### Important Dates to Remember

**October 10-** Last day to register to vote

**October 31-** Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot

**November 3-** Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots



Absentee ballots and registration forms are available at the Township Building.

Online voter registration is available at [www.montcopa.org/753/Voter-Services](http://www.montcopa.org/753/Voter-Services)

## YARD AND LEAF WASTE DROP-OFF

Hetrick Gardens hours for Limerick Township residents:

**Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

The facility is located at 2620 Swamp Pike, Pottstown, PA. Residents will need to provide proof of residency and sign in, to drop off their yard waste materials.

Residents can continue to bring their yard waste to the Township's Public Works facility from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on the following dates:

**November 6 and December 4**



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May not be combined with any other offer.

Offer good until 10/31/2017.



## Linfield Fire Company's Hayride of Horrors



**October 27, 28 and 29**

**6:30-10:00PM**

**\$10 Adults - \$5 Children under 12**

100% volunteer based fundraiser  
with proceeds benefitting  
Linfield Fire Company  
**A terrifying trip along the  
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610-495-6432      [www.limerickpa.org](http://www.limerickpa.org)

#### **Schedule of Municipal Meetings at Temporary Building**

##### **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

#### **Board of Supervisors**

Kara Shuler. -Chairman  
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