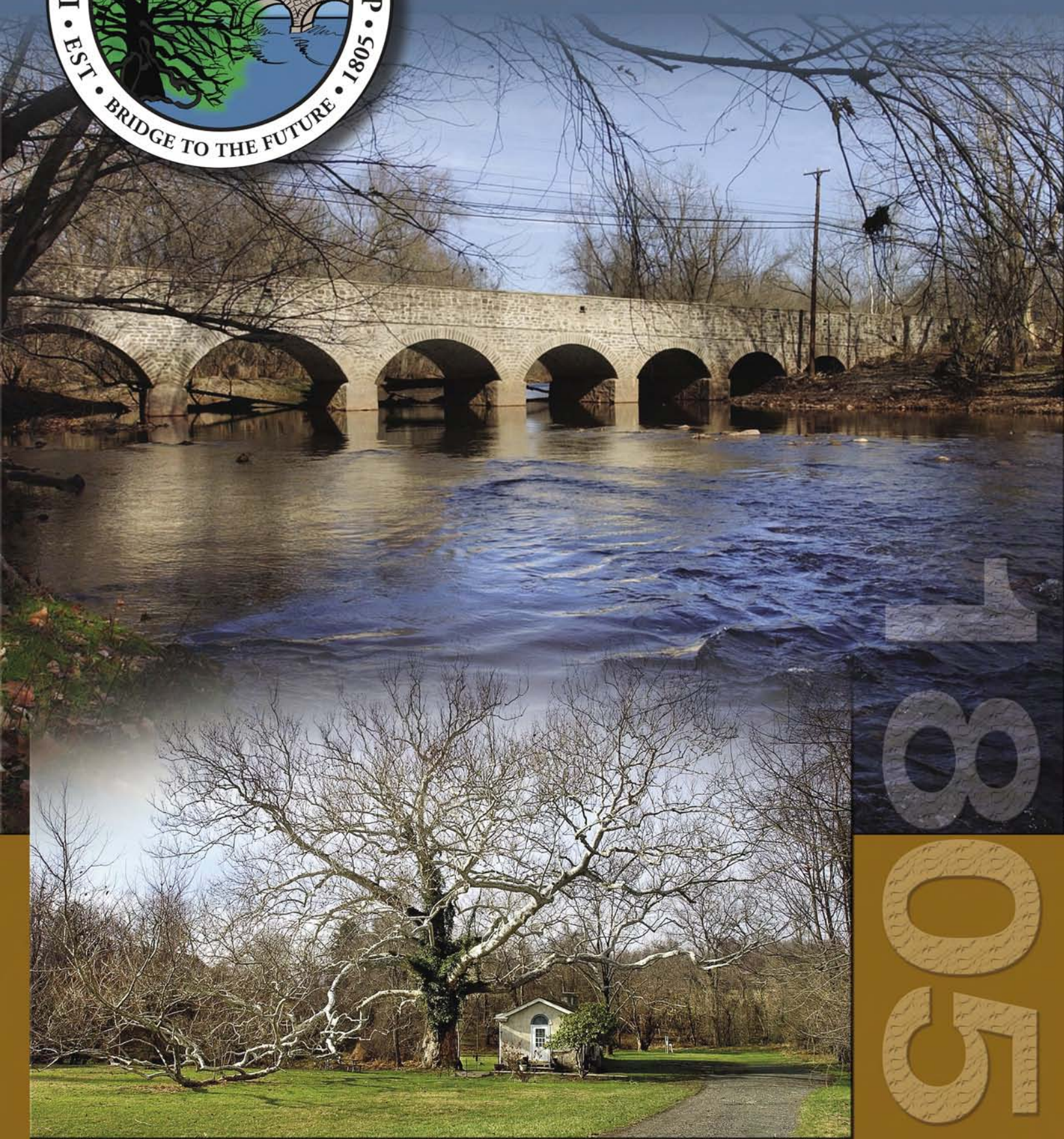




Lower Providence Township

2005 ANNUAL REPORT



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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Chairman, term expires 2005



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W. DOUGLAS HAGER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

As you probably are aware, 2005 marked the Bicentennial of Lower Providence Township. In celebrating our 200th anniversary, we had the opportunity to reflect not only on the history of the township, but also on our accomplishments and plans for the future. We faced many challenges and opportunities in 2005, but the hard work and dedication of the township staff has continued to improve the quality of life for the residents of Lower Providence. As I have mentioned many times, I travel all over Pennsylvania and no other municipality equals the quality of service provided by Lower Providence. The Board of Supervisors and the township employees have committed themselves to expanding, improving and responding to the residents' needs. This high degree of service is typified by our Public Works Department and the exceptional job its members continue to do with snow removal and road maintenance. In addition, the Public Works Department teamed with our outstanding Finance Department in 2005 to obtain a \$4 million Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank loan that will allow the township to expand the scope of repairs to our roads. The loan was obtained at no cost to the taxpayers, as it is a borrowing on future liquid fuels allocations for the next 10 years.

The Parks and Recreation Department, which offers numerous programs for all of our residents, and our Police Department, which is the finest in Pennsylvania, are other examples of the superior level of service the township offers. Our Parks and Recreation Board and the Parks and Recreation Department have worked tirelessly to provide recreation programs and facilities of the highest quality for the residents. In 2005, two 12 x 60 bocce courts were added to Eagleville Park. The site features a shaded picnic area with grills and tables for participants and spectators. In addition, the Department re-structured its Camp Perkiomy program to better meet the needs of the campers and reached two lease agreements with local sports organizations, providing maintenance and improvements/expansion of Redtail Soccer Field and Wooded Glen Field.

The Police Department implemented several advances in technology during the year. These included the Live Scan and Criminal Photograph Imaging Network that enable police officers to identify criminal suspects minutes after submitting digital fingerprints and photographs to a central database. The installation of mobile data computers in patrol vehicles streamlined the department's record management, allowing officers to prepare incident reports and other documentation while remaining on patrol. Additionally, our Police Department took the lead in creating a coordinated approach to handling emergency situations along the Route 422 corridor and was honored for its Incident Management Plan.

Many technological advancements implemented by the Special Projects & Technology Department have continued to improve the township's ability to convey vital information to residents. A large-screen projection system is utilized at public meetings and for staff training sessions. The Community Access Channel provides community news, township information and school announcements. The township website was expanded to feature an increasing amount of data such as meeting agendas and minutes, various forms and documents, and helpful links.

The Board of Supervisors made a commitment that Lower Providence would be prepared to meet any emergency and dedicated \$500,000 for this purpose. As a result, our Emergency Management System is well prepared to handle any crisis. An Emergency Management Team was formed, comprised of township employees and volunteers. For its performance during a simulated incident at the Limerick Generating Station, this team earned a "superb" rating from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in 2005.

Lower Providence Township also made a commitment to preserving open space and was the first municipality in Montgomery County to present its Open Space plan. The township took possession of 31 acres of open space from the St. Gabriel's Rectory and in October held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new pool, pro-shop, community room and restaurant at

General Washington Country Club. The Municipal Authority has worked diligently toward creating a comprehensive recreational and social facility at General Washington for all of the residents of the township. The pool is due to open in June 2006 and the pro-shop, restaurant, and community room will follow in October.

Among the critical issues facing Lower Providence are its economic future and traffic congestion within the township. In order to provide outstanding services to our residents, we need to attract business to our commercial areas and improve the traffic flow throughout the township. Not only will this help to bring in new business, but it will improve the quality of life for the residents as well. To achieve this, Lower Providence, along with West Norriton and Upper Merion townships, took a regional approach to the traffic problems along Route 422 and the impact they have on our municipalities. Lower Providence Township Manager Joe Dunbar, Chief of Police Francis Carroll, Public Works Director Dave Schaffer and myself, along with representatives of the other communities, traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with Rep. Jim Gerlach, Rep. Curt Weldon, and Sen. Rick Santorum. We presented to these officials our need for funding of the Route 422 project that includes needed improvements to the corridor. We advised them of the critical nature of this project to the safety, welfare and economic well being of our area. We were pleased to receive \$800,000 from Rep. Gerlach and Rep. Weldon, with a promise of an additional \$4.2 million that I plan to continue to pursue.

Also, we were extremely pleased to receive a check in the amount of \$20 million from Sen. Santorum. This was more than we expected and showed how much Sen. Santorum understands the critical nature of this project being completed and the impact it will have on all of the communities along the 422 corridor.

Another area that we have focused our attention on to attract business to the township is the Ridge Pike gateway. Working with the township's Department of Community Development, we established a Ridge Pike Committee to improve the appearance of this corridor and to attract business to the area. The committee completed its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and presented its plan to the residents and existing businesses along Ridge Pike for their input. It will take several years to complete the beautification of Ridge Pike, but the plan is in place and we can begin the process of making the improvements recommended by the committee.



Chairman Hager and Rep. Curt Weldon place a wreath at the township's Veterans' Memorial during Bicentennial ceremonies.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Bicentennial Committee, especially its Chairperson Maureen Nelson, for the wonderful job that was done to celebrate this significant period of our history. Among the many special events and items that marked the occasion were: Lower Providence's first art exhibit and show; a recipe contest which resulted in a Bicentennial cookbook; a Living History Day; an antique/classic car show; a parade, and a Bicentennial Fun Day. In addition, banners bearing the new township logo, designed for the Bicentennial, were hung throughout the township.

One of the things that truly demonstrated the dedication, caring and generosity of the residents, business community, Police Department, Board of Supervisors and the township staff was Lower Providence's immediate response to the needs of the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Within the first week of this tragic event, our staff committed themselves to providing needed aid to the people of Mississippi and Louisiana, ultimately providing five truckloads of food, water, and supplies. Two members of our Police Department, Lt. Stanley Turtle and Officer Robert Heim, volunteered their time to go down to the affected area, working for two weeks with local law enforcement officials. These actions say it all about Lower Providence.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to thank the residents for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve them. When I ran for supervisor six years ago, I made a promise that I would always put the residents first and that any decision or action that I made would be based on the fact that I truly believed it was in the best interest of the township and the residents. This is what I did. This is a wonderful community and again, I thank you for letting me serve you.

BOARDS and COMMISSIONS 2005

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The Parks & Recreation Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Thomas M. Heisner, Chairman
Marty DellAngelo, Vice Chairman
James Dougherty, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Leslie Bass
William D. Brooke, Jr.
Beth Ann Mazza
Steve Wisniewski
Christopher Beck

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

Warren J. Schlack, Chairman
Thomas Endlich, Vice Chairman
Jeanne Bortulin, Secretary
Craig Dinniny, Board of Supervisors Liaison
John Bodek
Janice Kearney
Naomi C. Satterwhite
Frank M. Vibbert
Marie Altieri

LOWER PROVIDENCE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Lower Providence Library Board of Trustees meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

Anthony Cossetti, President
Deb Malone, Vice President
Joseph Sterchak, Treasurer
Deborah Rhoads, Secretary
W. Douglas Hager, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Eveann D'Onofrio
Howard Gribben
Jack Rule

SEWER AUTHORITY

The Sewer Authority meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

Fred Walker, Chairman
Carl A. Buchenauer, Vice Chairman
Robert Tschoepe, Treasurer
Charles Rose, Secretary
William Cleaver, Assistant Treasurer
James Dougherty, Board of Supervisors Liaison
Robert E. Blue, Engineers
Kerns, Pearlstine, Onorato & Fath, LLP, Solicitor

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD

The Municipal Authority meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

Craig M. Dininny, Chairman
John Ruggiero, Vice Chairman
W. Douglas Hager
James E. Dougherty
Piero Sassu
Fox, Differ, Callahan, Sheridan & McDevitt, Solicitor

BOARD OF AUDITORS

Mary Ralston, Chairman
Carole Gaugler, Vice Chairman
Deborah McQuiston, Secretary

VACANCY BOARD

Marie Dotts

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

The Open Space Committee meets periodically as needed.

Janice Kearney, Chairman
John Heyser, Vice Chairman
William Brooke
Tolson DeSa, Montgomery County Planning Commission
Kelly Donohue
E. Van Rieker
Piero A. Sassu
Michael Siegel

ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Zoning Hearing Board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Richard T. Brown, Chairman
Nancy T. McFarland, Vice Chairman
Thomas A. Borai
Robert G. Hardt
Richard C. Sheehan
Mary Galie, Alternate
Ann Tyler, Alternate
Fox, Differ, Callahan, Sheridan & McDevitt, Solicitor

TOWNSHIP MANAGER



Joseph C. Dunbar, C.P.M.
Township Manager

Throughout this past year, Lower Providence Township built on the momentum we had gained in 2004, continuing to improve township services while keeping the needs of the residents as our main focus. Cost-saving reorganization, technology upgrades, capital improvements, and regional projects were among the year's many accomplishments.

When I joined the Lower Providence Township staff in 2004, the assessment of township services was identified as an immediate priority. The ability to efficiently and respectfully address residents' concerns remains our overriding goal. Plans were formulated to reorganize various departments, streamline procedures and provide residents better access to information. During 2005, the implementation of these plans began. The departments of Planning, Zoning and Codes were merged to create the Community Development Department. The merger will improve efficiency and best utilize the training of the department members. The transition of Emergency Management responsibilities to the Police Department, initiated in 2004, moved forward with the appointment of a coordinator and the formation of an Emergency Operations Team.

The numerous technological advancements made in 2005 will have far-reaching affects, benefiting both township employees and the residents. During the year, the scope of the township's Geographic Information System was expanded and plans to upgrade administrative software were set in motion. In addition, the Police Department received mobile computers for its patrol vehicles and new digital criminal identification technology. In March, the township, in conjunction with the Methacton School District, launched its Community Cable Access Channel. The channel offers township news, community events and school announcements 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We also continued to expand our website, adding a Human Resource page for employees and providing residents with easier access to frequently requested forms and documents.

During the year, a number of enhancements were made to township roadways and facilities. Bocce courts were constructed at the Eagleville facility, new signage was placed at all parks, and landscaping improvements were completed.

Lower Providence recognizes the importance of working cooperatively with surrounding communities to address issues affecting our region and in 2005 successfully partnered with area municipalities to that end. Members of our staff traveled to Washington, D.C. with officials from West Norriton and Upper Merion townships to secure funding for improvements to the Route 422 corridor. The cooperative effort resulted in \$20 million in federal funding and a pledge of an additional \$5 million for the Route 422 River Crossing project. In addition, we worked in conjunction with West Norriton Township to obtain funding for a synchronization system for traffic signals along Ridge Pike to ease traffic congestion.

As we reflect on 2005, it is important to acknowledge that the accomplishments of Lower Providence Township were made possible by the hard work and dedication of individuals. Some of these individuals may be familiar to you; they serve on the "front lines" and their duties bring them in regular contact with residents. Others work behind the scenes performing a myriad of tasks that are essential to the operation of the township. Together these individuals make up a talented and dedicated team united by one goal, meeting the needs of Lower Providence Township residents.

In 2005, this team extended their efforts beyond township boundaries in response to Hurricane Katrina. The township recognized the urgent need for action and initiated our relief effort immediately upon hearing of the devastation. Township staff members joined residents, our Board of Supervisors, civic organizations, and local businesses in "Operation Good Neighbor." The amazing display of compassion resulted in five trailers filled with much-needed supplies that were sent to communities in Mississippi; Supervisor Craig Dininny escorted the first shipment to the Gulf region. In addition, two members of our police force traveled to Louisiana to aid with rescue and recovery efforts. We received a letter from Harold Turner, head of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, expressing his gratitude for the outpouring of goodwill and the loan of our officers. He said, "Unhesitatingly and unsolicited, you and your officers came forward and provided needed support services. We are most grateful for your acts of selfless kindness." I am grateful that Lower Providence Township was able to reach out so quickly to those whose lives have been forever changed and extend my sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the hurricane relief effort.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the collective contributions and dedication of the outgoing members of the Board of Supervisors and welcome the board's three new members. Our Bicentennial year provided the township the opportunity to reflect on our past; we now look to the future with optimism and enthusiasm.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE



Julie Dechnik
Director of Finance

As the Director of Finance, it is my privilege to submit the 2005 Annual Report for the Department of Finance. Most think that the department handles only the daily routine accounting operations of Lower Providence Township, but there is much more to the Department of Finance. As outlined below, the department also works in the areas of Human Resources, Risk Management, Procurement, Pension Plan Administration, and Policy Development.

The Department of Finance manages the township's financial structure, which focuses on three key objectives:

- Promotion of the efficient and ethical use of resources by public sector departments consistent with the Government Accounting Standards Board
- Providing the community with confidence that public funds are being properly managed
- Preparation of policies and control documents that provide guidance and assistance to township departments regarding accounting operations and internal controls

Priority during 2005 was given to:

• **HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

The township's staff has a wide and varied knowledge base accumulated through a combination of education and experience. During 2005, the Finance Department integrated the concept of communication in the Human Resource management framework. Employees were provided tools to further their knowledge of the township, all departments, and their co-workers. This initiative brought to fruition such endeavors as:

- Employee Intranet
- Employee Newsletter
- Employee Performance Evaluations
- Paychex Human Resources Online
- Suggestion Box

• **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Finance Department's risk management structure is based on the concept of essential safety. Lower Providence Township is committed to the promotion of effective risk management as a Township and individual responsibility, which is confirmed by its extensive treatment of risk management at both operational

and strategic levels. During the year, the township continued to improve the methods of risk management services by implementing:

- Monthly Safety Committee Meetings
- Quarterly Safety Training
- Safety Incentive Program
- Violence in the Workplace Training Session

• **PROCUREMENT**

In 2005, a main focus of the Finance Department was to secure a Procurement Policy Manual for township-wide purchasing, contracting, and bidding. The effort was concentrated in the areas of improvement, accountability, and simplicity. The Finance Department worked closely with all township departments to retain services and purchase goods at maximum quality and minimum price.

Looking back at 2005, it was truly an extraordinary year in Lower Providence Township's history. Strong resource revenue allowed the township to have a convincing debt/income ratio that allowed the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to provide a \$4 million Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank loan for the reconstruction of township roads in 2006. This loan is at no cost to the taxpayers of Lower Providence Township, as it is a borrowing on future Liquid Fuels allocations for the next 10 years.

The township's fiscal soundness continued to protect public services from the volatility that comes with non-renewable resource revenue. In 2005, general fund revenue was down by approximately 3.8 percent from fiscal year 2004, due mostly to the reduction in the number of permits issued. Fiscal prudence in prior years provided Lower Providence Township with a healthy 2005 ending balance.

The Unrestricted Capital Fund, created in 2001 to fund the cost of emergencies and disasters, proved to be a valuable resource for those in need. The Fund provided approximately \$28,000 for Katrina Relief assistance, with the donation of \$18,600 by various organizations and residents.

Lower Providence Township residents can once again proudly state they pay among the lowest overall taxes in Montgomery County. Of the 62 municipalities in Montgomery County, Lower Providence Township ranks 23 in real estate tax millage. In 2005, the real estate tax millage remained at 1.512 mills, with property assessments soaring 3.513 percent over 2004 to \$1,490,986,806. The combination of no business/mercantile taxes and access to major transportation routes translates into a competitive commerce hub that is attracting businesses and cor-

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porations to Lower Providence Township, creating a strong and vibrant economy.

With pension plans on the minds of many, Lower Providence Township made it a priority to keep its Defined Benefit Pension Plan members abreast of the plan status by holding quarterly Pension Committee meetings with representatives of the Police and AFSCME bargaining units, and the Investment Advisor, Smith Barney. The increased access to financial information provides simplicity and accountability. Employees who were hired after January 1, 2002 can monitor their own pension plan long before they need it, with the implementation of the 401a Defined Contribution Plan. The employees now have more effective ways of monitoring the funding of their pension plans and stronger enforcement powers should a problem arise.

History was made in 2005 when five-year contracts were signed simultaneously with two bargaining units. The Police Officers Association and AFSCME bargaining units both signed five-year contracts, expiring on December 31, 2009. This marked the first step toward streamlining and simplifying policies, procedures, and benefits among the various Township departments. By doing so, the goal of creating a

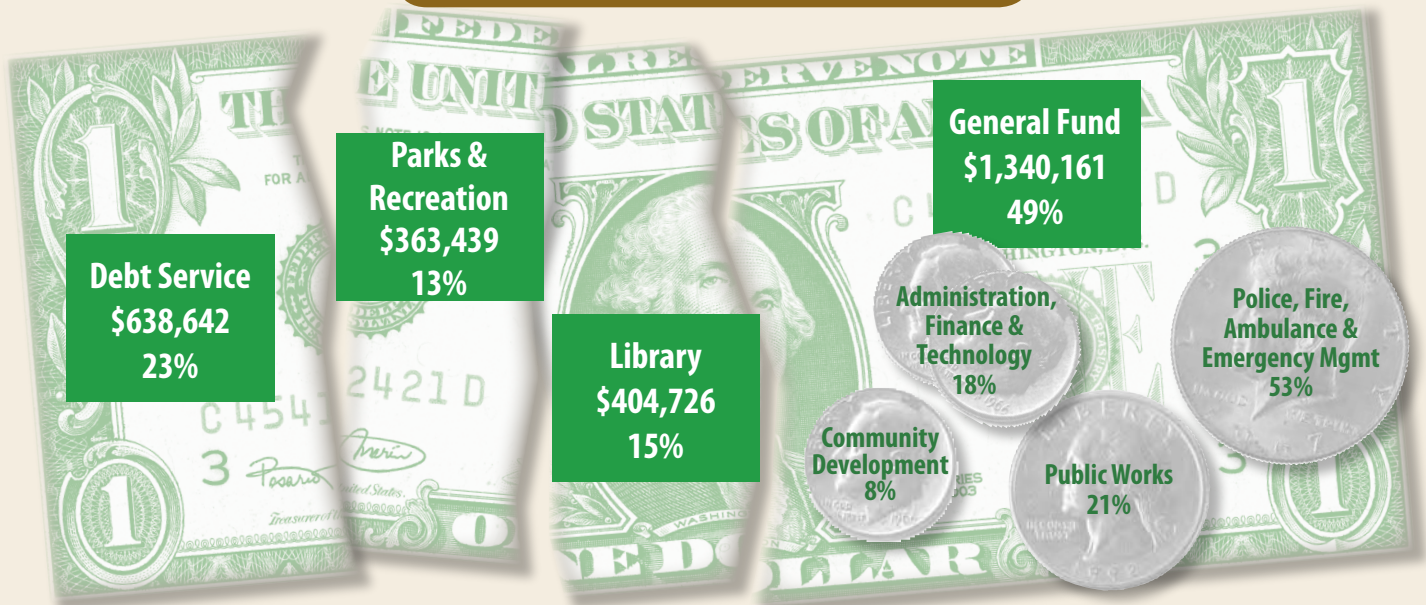
consolidated unit of township employees, while providing a high standard of public service to the residents, was achieved.

The hard working and dedicated staff within the Department of Finance saw many changes this year. Not only did the department acquire a Procurement Analyst to streamline the purchasing process, but also the decision was made to bring the township's Clerk/Typist/Receptionist into the Finance Department. This decision to reorganize allows department heads to devote more time to managing their department, spending less time on clerical duties. The accomplishments and achievements of this past year would not be possible without the collective efforts of the Department of Finance team. As the Director of Finance, I directly see the efficiency, diligence, and professionalism our staff demonstrates everyday. I thank them for their continued perseverance, and I look ahead to maintaining that same sense of accomplishment in 2006.

We had so much to be thankful for as we celebrated our township's Bicentennial. As we look back at the successes that have been achieved and challenges we overcame to make Lower Providence Township what it is today, we are solidly on course to enter our third century.

WHERE YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLAR GOES

Total Real Estate Tax Revenue: \$2,746,968



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



Kelly Donohue
Supervisor of
Parks and Recreation

MISSION STATEMENT

The Lower Providence Township Parks and Recreation Department is a professionally operated, multi-faceted leisure services organization. Our mission is based on a passion for enriching the lives of our residents through recreation, creating natural beauty and maintaining a safe, clean environment. We foster the responsibility for developing, supporting and administering recreational activities and facilities that enhance the quality of life for our citizens who

comprise the township, which is named Lower Providence.

In 2005, the Department of Parks and Recreation expanded the scope of the outstanding programming and services it provides to the public. The department offered over 100 programs, trips, activities, and events for participants of all ages. During the year, youngsters enjoyed a variety of programs including People In Your Neighborhood, Messy Hands, and Holiday Crafts. During the summer months, the department offered sport camps, nature camps, and Camp Perkiomay.

We hit the slopes, rides and movies in 2005 as the Department of Parks and Recreation continued to offer discount tickets for amusement parks, ski resorts and movie theaters. In addition, township-sponsored trips gave community members the opportunity to travel to New York, Atlantic City, Lake George, Las Vegas and Mackinac Island.

The department oversaw the construction of two bocce courts at the Eagleville facility, the placement of new signage at all parks, and improvements to landscaping. The department also directed several outreach programs, including the Caring for the Brave Drive, the Caring and Sharing Program, and the Veterans' Walk of Honor.

TOWNSHIP TRADITIONS

The department was pleased to again be part of a number of exciting Lower Providence Township traditions including the Easter Egg Hunt, Independence Day Celebration, Family Fun Day, Turkey Foul Shooting Contest, and holiday celebrations.

1. During the 26th annual **Easter Egg Hunt** at Eagleville Park, children ages 2 to 8 happily searched for and found all 8,000 Easter eggs that were hidden. They enjoyed their toys and candy, and eagerly posed with the Easter Bunny for souvenir

snapshots.

2. The ever-popular **Independence Day Celebration** once again drew thousands of visitors to Eagleville Park. The 10th annual event featured the music of the Red Hill Band and a tremendous fireworks display, one of the largest in Central Montgomery County!
3. The township, in conjunction with the Lower Providence Optimist Club, the Methacton Girls Basketball Team and the Methacton Girls Track Team, hosted its second annual **Haunted House** in October. Held at the Shoemaker House and barn, the fright-filled event drew over 1200 visitors.
4. Residents were invited to use their basketball skills to win a Thanksgiving turkey during the department's annual **Turkey Foul Shooting Contest**. Contestants each took 10 foul shots and the top shooters in various age categories were awarded frozen turkeys.
5. Children in the township had the opportunity to receive a



A young visitor admires a sculpture at the township's first-ever Art Show and Exhibit.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

special treat in December when Santa spent two nights calling youngsters on **Santa's Hotline**. Santa personally called some 85 youngsters to find out if they had been naughty or nice.

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

In 2005, the annual Family Fun Day had a Bicentennial theme to recognize the township's 200th anniversary. Visitors to the event, which was held at Eagleville Park, enjoyed live bands, karaoke, amusement rides, crafts and vendors. A huge display of fireworks capped this fun-filled day.

The department also helped to organize numerous other special events to commemorate the Bicentennial. In April, the township hosted a Bicentennial Art Show and Exhibit, bringing together many talented local artists and showcasing many styles of artwork. A Bicentennial Antique and Classic Car Show, held in August, featured

over 65 different types of vehicles. Cars and trucks were entered into one of 20 categories, with first and second place trophies awarded in each category. In September, local businesses, Lower Providence residents, and township employees participated in our Bicentennial Parade. The varied entries entertained the spectators who lined the two-mile parade route.

We look forward to an even better 2006 program year and welcome your input. If you have any comments/suggestions for new recreational programs or special events, please feel free to contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

Our tri-annual brochure lists our programs and special events.

To request a brochure,
call the Township Administration Office at 610-539-8020,
or visit the township website at
www.lowerprovidence.org/parks_recreation.



A bird's-eye-view of the Bicentennial parade route from aboard one of the entries.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Michael Siegel

Director of

Community Development

better serve our residents and customers. The department consists of a Director, two Administrative Assistants and three Building and Code Enforcement Inspectors.

The Community Development Department is responsible for administering, directing and implementing township planning, zoning and building code ordinances. The department also is responsible for overall planning in the township, including broad long-range planning as well as the detailed review of individual applications for proposed land developments and subdivisions. The department maintains and indexes land development/subdivision record plans and individual parcel management records for the Township Geographic Information System.

Additionally, the department receives and processes all building and zoning permits and issues certificates of occupancy for permits under the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code. The department investigates complaints of building and zoning violations; issues "stop work" orders, vacate orders or non-traffic summary or civil citations as warranted, and initiates legal action against persistent violators as needed. Further, the department prepares necessary legal complaints, related notifications, and represents the township in hearings before the District Justice.

The department received thirty-six (36) zoning appeal applications in 2005. This represents a 25% decline from the forty-eight (48) zoning appeals processed in 2004. With the consolidation of the building, zoning and planning departments, in conjunction with the installation

of the Geographic Information System, it is expected that the number of zoning appeals will continue to diminish because of additional information or alternative placement for their structures or buildings to the citizens of our municipality.

During 2005, the department processed and reviewed twenty-one (21) subdivision and land development plan submissions, eight (8) Deminimus land developments, and three conditional uses. These plans ranged from several minor subdivisions to several commercial developments. The department created or amended sixteen (16) different ordinances to the Lower Providence Township Code during the year.

As has been the case in previous years, most of the land development and subdivision plans submitted in 2005 were small, in-fill types of development. It is anticipated that residential growth pressure will continue to abate in 2006 because of the lack of available large parcels that can be easily developed. In-fill development, however, should continue in the form of smaller proposals on harder to develop parcels. It is critical that the township protect our environmentally sensitive areas by encouraging more open space within these small in-fill developments. The township currently is reviewing its ordinances for smaller lots in order to better control in-fill development.

The Community Development Department also oversees the variety of special consultants who review plans and ordinance proposals and who monitor construction projects. All of the consultants make valuable contributions to the township's efforts to manage growth and develop-



Lower Providence Township officials accept the 2005 Governor's Award for Innovative Planning from Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker Knoll.

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ment. Chambers Associates serves as the township's municipal engineer. In addition to reviewing subdivision and land development plans, Chambers representatives are "in the field" everyday ensuring that the ongoing development is progressing according to the approved subdivision or land development plans. Schoor DePalma is the township's transportation consultant.

Throughout 2005, Schoor DePalma, our Traffic Engineer, reviewed four (4) new transportation projects for the township. The following traffic improvement projects have been completed or are in the process of being finalized for implementation in 2006:

1. Traffic signal warrants have been secured for the intersection of Audubon Road & Pawlings Road. Funding for the signalization has been provided by the Township Act 209 Funds for installation. The traffic signal will be activated in January of 2006.
2. CMAQ funding is now in place for the installation in 2006 of a closed loop computer system for the traffic signals along Ridge Pike from the Borough of Norristown and West Norriton Township to Eagleville Road. This closed loop system will significantly ease the traffic congestion along Ridge Pike during peak morning and evening hours. The project will begin in January of 2006.
3. "Stalker Boards" were approved for use on Crawford Road. They will display vehicular speeds within school zones for Audubon Elementary School and will be installed in the spring of 2006.
4. River Crossing Complex for PA Route 422 and Route 363 - \$20 million in federal seed money has been awarded to begin the final design work for this project.



A member of the Code Enforcement staff participates in a hands-on fire extinguisher training session conducted by the township's Safety Committee.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 2005 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. Established open space and traffic impact fee committees for the Township;
2. Streamlined the Geographic Information System and building permit software, making Lower Providence Township a leader rather than a follower in customer service for all municipalities in Southeast Pennsylvania;
3. Adjusted permit applications for website capability allowing applicants to easily produce information directly from the website;
4. Prepared new zoning and permit forms and applications, and continued to reorganize and/or streamline the planning, building codes and zoning office;
5. Completed the identification of all past and new subdivisions and parcel information for inclusion in the Geographic Information System;
6. Created a township lighting, new deck, accessory structure and sidewalk maintenance ordinance;
7. Initiated the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II permit PADEP protocol for Lower Providence Township for the next 3-5 years;
8. Received the 2005 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence for Innovative Planning and Sound Land Use Practices for the creation of the Institutional Overlay Zoning District;
9. Began planning for the Ridge Pike Business District Project to help revitalize the businesses along Ridge Pike;
10. Completed or implemented several of the goals contained within the Township Comprehensive Plan.

The Community Development team devotes a great deal of time to addressing the concerns of residents. In 2005, the department saw a drop in complaints, with a total of 129 issues being logged during the year versus 165 for 2004; the most prevalent issue continues to be stormwater-related concerns because of the heavy rainfall experienced during this past year. The Community Development Department is committed to alleviating all issues by striving to exceed the expectations of our residents, by gaining additional education and personal development, and by providing the community with the most knowledgeable building and code professional staff possible.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



Maureen Nelson
*Bicentennial Committee
Chairperson*

Lower Providence Township hosted numerous special events throughout the year to mark its Bicentennial. These events brought the community together and educated residents on the history of their township. The numerous programs planned by the Bicentennial Committee included an art show, a golf outing, a special community day event, a recipe contest, fireworks displays, a car show, an historical re-enactment, and parade.

In addition, the committee formulated a timeline of significant events in the township's history and published a special calendar featuring photos of notable Lower Providence structures. Artist Terry Lipton was commissioned to create a new township logo in honor of the Bicentennial. The logo depicts the Eight Arch Bridge over Skippack Creek that has been in continuous use since 1792. The bridge is the oldest bridge in nonstop heavy service in America and is among the ten oldest spans in the country. Also shown on the logo is the oldest Sycamore Tree in the township – a magnificent

tree that stretches over the springhouse of the Boulware Mansion in Valley Forge Park. Known as the "Pawling Sycamore," the tree is estimated to be 260 to 285 years old. (The bridge and tree are seen in the photo illustration on the front cover.)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members and volunteers for all their hard work and diligence in planning and implementing the Bicentennial events. I also would like to acknowledge the many businesses that helped to make these events so successful with their sponsorship.

Members of the Bicentennial Committee included:

Barbara Bateman	Neil Jones
Jean Bochnowski	Terry Kennedy
Tom Brach	Terri Lipton
Rick Brown	Susan Preston
Charlie DeFrancesco	Mary Ralston
Kelly Donohue	Bill Roth
Joseph Dunbar	Dave Shaffer
Bob Granoff	Gene Walsh
Col. Robert Holt	

As a follow-up to the Bicentennial celebration, the township will bury a time capsule filled with Lower Providence memorabilia and historic items this spring.



Col. Robert Holt, a member of the Bicentennial Committee, and his wife, Jean, pose with a Colonial re-enactor during Living History Day activities.

Petition to Divide the Township of Providence

T*his petition was presented in February of 1805 to the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Montgomery.*

The Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the Township of Providence in said county respectfully and herewith that from the extent of territory in the said Township of Providence which contains upwards of twenty one thousand acres of land and increase of population, and being nearly divided through the center thereof by the Perkiomen Creek, which creek renders it extremely difficult for the different officers of the said Township to perform their respective duties and more especially on account of its frequently being rendered impassable by high waters and that from the local situation and extent of territory of the said Township it is believed by Your Petitioners that it would add much to the convenience of the inhabitants of the said Township in general to have it divided by a division line beginning in the middle of the said Perkiomen Creek where it crosses the upper line of said Township and continuing the several courses thereof until it enters into the River Schuylkill making the Perkiomen Creek the natural division line between the two Townships.

Your Petitioners therefore request the Court to take the premises into consideration and make such order thereon...

A proclamation dividing the Township of Providence was issued in November of 1805.

Special thanks to the Historical Society of Montgomery County for their assistance.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



David H. Shaffer, Jr.
Director of Public Works

Throughout 2005, the Lower Providence Public Works Department continued its effort to provide outstanding service to community residents and improved roadways for the motoring public. The department consists of a director, administrative assistant and 12 crew members. The varied responsibilities of the Public Works Department include:

- Cost-efficient maintenance of the township's approximately 82 miles of roadway
- Brining, salting, and snow removal operations
- Maintenance of all traffic lights and

- street lights within the township
- Replacement of warning, regulatory and informational signs
- Storm inlet repair
- Preparation of bid documents, recommendations, and bid award letters
- Maintenance of township buildings, vehicles and equipment
- Administration of the township trash contract to ensure efficient solid waste collection
- Processing of road opening permits and Pennsylvania "One Call" reports

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

In preparation for the annual Road Reconstruction bids, the director completed a review of the work required for the projects, which included estimating quantities and preparing the bid package. A total of 2.14 miles of roadway were paved in 2005; the work took place on Mockingbird Road, Whipoorwill Road, Parklane Drive, Township Line Road, East Mount Kirk Avenue, and Grandview Road.



As part of its highway maintenance duties, the Public Works Department repairs and replaces storm water inlets throughout the township.

Work to replace the deteriorating Jode Road culvert over Mine Run moved forward during the year. Work began on the replacement of the culvert in late fall and Jode Road, which had been closed due to safety concerns, is expected to be opened early in 2006. Seeding and placement of a wearing course will be completed in the spring of 2006.

The department made strides in 2005 to improve roadway safety with a guide rail installation project and the placement of a new traffic signal. During the summer, the Public Works director contacted the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to initiate a study to consider the installation of a guide rail along Eagleville Road. After their inspection, PennDOT officials agreed that the guide rail should be installed. The rail was placed on Eagleville Road south of Marilyn Avenue and north of Visitation Road.

In addition, the department coordinated the submission of an application for the installation of a traffic signal for Pawlings and Audubon roads. After receiving initial approval, the design for the condition diagram was completed and

submitted to PennDOT for review and approval. Next, the department completed the bid process for the signal equipment and its installation. The signal, installed by year's end, made the intersection much safer for motorists.

During the winter months, the department's crews did an exceptional job of brining, salting and plowing the township roadways, using some 1,375 tons of salt. The brine solution, first utilized by the township in 2004, continues to be an extremely effective anti-icing tool. It is applied to the roadway well in advance of storms to prevent ice and snow from bonding to the road surface. To aid its snow-removal efforts, the Public Works Department purchased a new dump truck with a snowplow and salt spreader.

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

The year saw improved communications between the Public Works Garage and the township administration offices. A computer was set up at the garage, providing the employees with email capability. This addition greatly enhances communication and enables issues to be addressed more efficiently.

In other capital improvements, the department completed the paving of the entrance and parking lot at Eskie Park, and the placement of construction material storage bins at the Public Works Garage. The department also assisted with the construction of two 12' x 60' bocce courts at Eagleville Park and the installation of an evidence storage system in the Police Department.

TEAM EFFORTS

Throughout the year, the department assisted with township-sponsored annual events and a number of special programs that were held to celebrate the township's Bicentennial. The department also joined township staff, residents and business community members in participating in Operation Good Neighbor, the township's effort to aid those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Throughout the month of September, Public Works staff helped to unload, sort and pack items generously donated by the community for the victims of the hurricane which devastated the Gulf Coast.

The department was instrumental in preparing and submitting an application for a Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank loan which will allow the township to complete extensive road reconstruction work in 2006. The director served as project manager for the committee, made up of representatives from all departments, to review the proposed road reconstruction work within the township.

The Public Works Department remains dedicated to providing the Lower Providence community with exceptional service and maintaining safe roads for the motoring public. Residents are invited to visit the Public Works page at the Lower Providence Township website (www.lowerprovidence.org) for snow removal information, road opening fee structure and permits, and useful links.



Public Works personnel help to move items donated to the hurricane relief effort.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL PROJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY



William C. Roth

Director of

Special Projects & Technology

- Repair and maintenance of telephone system
- Publication of township newsletters, annual report, press releases, community announcements
- Investigation of government/private grants and completion of grant implementation process requirements
- Participation on Emergency Management Team and Safety Committee
- Review of trash recycling reports
- Management of bus shelter agreement

TECHNOLOGY

The department continued to expand the scope of the township's utilization of technology in 2005. A secure-access Human Resource page for employees was added to the website, as was a "Township News" page. Additional forms and documents were made available on the website and residents were given the opportunity to sign up for email notices. The website features information on each department, Board of Supervisors agendas and meeting minutes, a "crawl" area for emergency notices, and pertinent web links.

The township's Community Access Channel, a joint venture of the Special Projects and Technology Department and the Methacton School District, made its debut on March 1. The channel marks another step forward in the township's commitment to providing residents the best technology has to offer. Airing on Comcast Cable Channel 3, the channel is up and running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, providing a continuous listing of community events, school announcements and township information. Equipment is maintained at the Methacton High School, under the Technology Services Group, and department is working closely with school district officials to ensure the success of the channel. The Community



Donations for victims of Hurricane Katrina were collected through "Operation Good Neighbor," one of the many special projects in 2005.

The Board of Supervisors authorized the creation of the Special Projects and Technology Department to further improvements in efficiency and cost containment through the use of technology and third-party grants. The department's focus falls on maintenance of the technology environments; media interface; identification and acquisition of funding sources; and special projects. Responsibilities of the department include:

- Maintenance of client desktop and server computers, network firewall and internet access equipment
- Maintenance of township website and Community Access Cable Channel

Access Channel is available to township cable subscribers and subscribers who live in the Methacton School District. The department formulated a Message Posting Policy and Posting Form for the channel. At its October 6, 2005 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the policy and form. All messages must be submitted for review using the Posting Form, which is available on the township website and at the township building.

In addition, the department oversaw the implementation of an upgrade to the Codes Enforcement application and the township's financial software. It initiated planning for additional software upgrades that will take place in 2006.

MEDIA

The department, as part of its commitment to providing improved community relations within the township, prepares the annual report and quarterly township newsletters. The mailing of the newsletters was coordinated with the distribution of the Parks and Recreation Department's brochure to significantly reduce costs. The department also is responsible for supplying information to the local media, including the Times Herald, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Collegeville Way, and the Pottstown Mercury.

GRANTS

During 2005, the department was instrumental in obtaining a variety of grants for the township. A Community Development Block Grant, in the amount of \$179,000, is being used for the installation of handicap sidewalk ramps throughout the township. A Department of Community and Economic Development award of \$7000 was used for two bocce courts added to Eagleville Park. In addition, the township shared in a \$30,000 Montgomery County HR Consortium Grant for implementation of a consortium website concept and received a \$68,192 Trash Recycling Performance Grant.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

BUSINESS SURVEY

The department, in conjunction with the Emergency Management Department, completed a township-wide business survey in 2005. In addition to updating data already on file, the survey was designed to provide additional contact information for use by emergency responders. This information also will allow the township to educate businesses on ordinances pertaining to key lock boxes, alarms, recycling, and display of street numbers. Business census survey representatives conducted door-to-door visits of some 450 township businesses. The department also completed an inventory of signage and storm sewer inlets; the data will be incorporated into the township's Geographic Information System to be utilized by the Public Works Department.

TOWNSHIP PROGRAMS

Many of the programs and events sponsored by the township reflect a team effort, with several departments working together for the benefit of the residents. Throughout 2005, the Special Projects and Technology Department assisted with such projects, including the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, the 2nd annual Haunted House, and the many events held to mark the township's Bicentennial.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CONSORTIUM

During a summer mentor program, the director worked with the department's intern to create a website for the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities. The intern also was instrumental in the implementation of a prototype website for the posting of available building/commercial space within the township.

POLICE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Francis L. Carroll
Chief of Police

- Criminal Photograph Imaging Network
- Mobile Data Computers
- Evidence/property tracking system

Significant advances in the area of technology that enable members of the Lower Providence Township Police Department to provide effective and efficient police services to the community highlighted the department's accomplishments during the past year. These advances included:

- Central Criminal Processing Center
- Live Scan digital fingerprinting

The implementation of the Central Criminal Processing Center serving the Police Departments of Lower Providence Township, West Norriton Township, Upper Providence Township and the Borough of Collegeville was completed in July of 2005. The Lower Providence Township police facility houses the processing center. This cooperative effort between the four communities centers on the Live Scan and Criminal Photograph Imaging Network (CPIN) technology that enables police officers to identify criminal suspects through fingerprints and photographs that are instantaneously transmitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Central Repository and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Central Repository. On the submission of the fingerprints, a record is created for the new arrest and a response is returned to the submitting officer that positively identifies the individual and provides any prior criminal arrest information. Additionally, the submitted fingerprints are compared against a database of prints that have been submitted to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) from crime scenes. Thus, it can be determined if the individual whose fingerprints are being submitted through the present arrest had been involved in any unsolved crimes. The digital photographs that are submitted through the CPIN system are entered into a database and are accessible to law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth for identification purposes. In addition, law enforcement officers from the four local communities may access the database in order to develop photographic "lineups," which will withstand challenges in court, to present to witnesses and victims of crimes. The final component of the project, which is anticipated to be completed in the first half of 2006, is the ability to provide criminal defendants with a preliminary arraignment through a video connection

to the office of the duty District Magisterial Judge, thereby precluding the transportation of the individual to the District Court and placing an emphasis on safety and efficiency.

The ability of patrol officers of our Police Department to prepare incident reports, accident reports and other required documentation while remaining on patrol was accomplished through the installation of mobile data computers in the patrol vehicles. The department's records management software has been installed in each of the equipped cars, enabling officers to enter the required information directly into the software. It can then be transferred to the main database in the server located in the police facility. With the anticipated upgrades of the Montgomery County Communications Center data transmission capabilities, the mobile data computers will provide officers with access to state and national databases. The projected inclusion of the information contained in the township's Geographic Information System onto the mobile data computers will provide critical information on properties, utilities and geographic characteristics throughout Lower Providence.

The final area of technological advancement addressed during the year was evidence/property control. The department implemented a bar code evidence tracking system that maintains the integrity of the chain of custody requirements for evidence and property taken into custody by members of the department. The system assigns a bar code to each piece of property that is entered into the Evidence Room of the police facility. This ensures that the property is accurately accounted for and provides a mechanism for the disposal or destruction of property that is no longer required to be retained. In conjunction with a new temporary evidence locker storage system, which includes a secure refrigerator component for the transmittal of perishable evidence such as bodily fluids, the evidence and property handling capabilities of the department has been greatly enhanced.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The transition of the Emergency Management responsibilities for the township to the Police Department, which was initiated in the fall of 2004, took a substantial step forward in February of 2005 with the appointment of Det. Charles A. DeFrancesco to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator. Many milestones were achieved throughout the succeeding months including the appointment of the Emergency Operations Team comprised of volunteer township residents and members of the township staff. The culmination of the transition occurred on November 15, 2005 when an evaluator for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) termed the performance of the team as "superb" during a drill for an emergency at the Limerick Nuclear Generating Station.

POLICE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TRAFFIC PLAN

The Tri-County Chamber of Commerce honored Lower Providence Township for Regional Planning Excellence at its annual awards luncheon in November 2005 as a result of the Route 422 Traffic Incident Management Plan that was developed by the Greater Valley Forge Traffic Management Association, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Lower Providence Township Police Department. The plan's guidelines for emergency response personnel ensure a uniform response, emphasize the safety of the responders and motorists, and focus on minimizing road and lane closures through the expedient clearance of incident scenes.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The ongoing commitment of the department to provide excellent police services to those with whom it has contact extended well beyond the borders of the township in early September 2005. With the devastation that was caused along the Gulf Coast region of the United States by Hurricane Katrina, bringing unimaginable suffering to so many, the Township Board of Supervisors wholeheartedly endorsed the commitment of two members of the department to assist in the humanitarian relief efforts in Louisiana. Lt. Stanley M. Turtle and Off. Robert M. Heim de-

parted the police station late in the evening of September 4, 2005 and traveled to the police command center north of the city of New Orleans. Over the next nine days, they assisted in law enforcement and recovery efforts in Plaquemines Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Orleans Parish, Jefferson Parish and Lafourche Parish while being assigned to a tactical unit from the Lafarouche Parish Sheriff's Office. The selfless sacrifices and contributions that were made by Lt. Turtle and Off. Heim in the midst of the devastation that they encountered reflected positively on them as individuals, on the township staff, and our community of Lower Providence Township as a whole.

The community-based and educational programs presented by the Lower Providence Township Police Department Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit continue to provide information essential to the safety of our community. Residents are invited to visit our website, lowerprovidence.org, to find information on the numerous programs that are available. Any additional inquiries may be directed to Cpl. David L. Detwiler of the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Division, 610-539-5900, ext. 176.



Lower Providence Township Police Officer Mark Stead demonstrates the computer-based fingerprinting system for State Sen. John Rafferty, center, and Lt. Dale Mabry, of the West Norriton Township Police Dept.

LOWER PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Joseph L. Sherwood
Library Director

The Lower Providence Community Library has the delegated authority from the Lower Providence Board of Supervisors to provide the highest quality of library service to its patrons. This service includes materials, programs, and information services for education, recreation, and enrichment for all age groups.

At the Lower Providence Community Library, the year 2005 could be characterized by the energy of striving to meet the needs of

our community during our busiest year ever, while completing building renovations. In addition to sustaining our current programs and an ambitious collection development goal, changes at the library included: access to the Learning Express testing resource; increased programming; expanded space for the public, and new carpet. In addition, we continued to offer free Internet training at the library for senior citizens funded by the Montgomery County Foundation.

A dynamic seven-person volunteer Board of Trustees provides guidance and fiscal support. The library director heads a staff of over 20 part-time employees and 10 volunteers who serve during the library's 60 hours of operation per week (or 3,000 hours per year). The dedicated Friends of the Lower Providence Community Library provide program and financial support.

The Board of Trustees developed a strategic plan and a series of objectives to be met in 2005 and, with the staff, worked diligently to achieve the objectives. With a fiduciary responsibility for the financial security of the library, the Board directed significant attention to fundraising, including the successful golf outing and wine-tasting events. In the Board's role of caretaker of the physical property, the process to perform renovations to the facility has begun. This year saw the installation of new carpet and the re-allocation of space from office use to public use. Next year will see the transformation of existing storage space to office space.

Thanks to a solid book budget and skilled cataloging, more than 4,000 items were added

to the library's collection in 2005, bringing the total to over 52,000. Patrons borrowed almost 200,000 items, topping the 2004 total by 23,000. Attendance was over 155,000 individuals, 17,000 more than in 2004. Library service was provided at a cost of \$29.05 per capita, with \$18.08 per capita provided by local tax money. The Board of Trustees and Friends of the Library raised over 15 percent of the budget from non-governmental sources. The facility itself, built in 1996, is in high demand: Library and community programs are scheduled daily.

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

This was a busy year in the children's department of the Lower Providence Community Library. Along with the recreational reading club, the library provided 15 special event programs and craft nights attended by over 1200 individuals. Throughout the year, we enjoyed book authors, storybook characters, seasonal craft nights, preschool visits, and participated in Lower Providence Fun Day. Programs and special events included:

- *STORY TIMES*

Beginning the second week of January, 8 weekly sessions for children, infants through kindergarten were held. Over 2,000 children and parents attended these story times. The children's librarian also provided story times for local preschools and elementary schools.

- *JUNIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP*

We continued our two monthly Junior Book discussion groups for ages 11-13 and ages 8-10.

- *SUMMER READING PROGRAM*

Over 500 elementary and 140 preschool age children par-



The Friends of the Library hosted a concert featuring the talented Methacton Chorale.

LOWER PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ticipated in the 7-week summer reading program, *Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds* -- our most successful ever! The Friends of the Lower Providence Community Library sponsored the summer reading club activities.

- **SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER**

Glaxo-Smith Kline held its annual week-long program at the library for second through sixth graders. Sixty participants studied *Simple Machines*.

INTERNET ACCESS

The Lower Providence Community Library holds membership in the Montgomery County Library and Information Network Consortium (MCLINC). This allows us to share materials with most other libraries in the county. In 2005, the consortium spent considerable time and energy upgrading the network to provide faster access. Public Internet access currently is available at seven workstations within our library. Computers have been upgraded to include:

- Microsoft Office Professional
- NewsBank/Philadelphia Inquirer
- Reference USA database (for business, residential and health care information)
- Learning Express -- an online testing and course resource for all ages from the SAT to the ASVAB and much more
- Power Library databases including EBSCO for magazine articles; Searchasaurus, BigChalk and SIRS Discoverer for elementary and middle school research; AccunetAP for photo archives; and PoemFinder

Library cardholders also can access the library from home (www.lowerprovidencelibrary.org) by using their card's barcode number.

FRIENDS OF THE LOWER PROVIDENCE LIBRARY, INC.

The Friends of the Lower Providence Community Library, Inc. continued to provide financial and program support this past year. To further their goal of providing books and programs to the community, the Friends held their annual Cabin Fever Used Book Sale in February, a Beach Book Blast Book Sale in June, and their annual book sale at the Lower Providence Fun Day in September. They also held monthly book discussion groups, maintained an ongoing used-book and library tote bag sale in the library, provided volunteer assistance with various library programs, and held several fundraisers. Support in 2005 generously included:

- Continued assistance with children's programs
- Donations toward books for children and young adults
- Contributions targeted to create an audio-book language education collection and improve the art and technology sections for adults
- Methacton School District summer reading books
- Readers' aid materials such as "Book Page" and "Read-a-Likes"

The Friends formed a junior division this year, "Students of the Library". The students have selected officers and are meeting regularly. They are looking at ways to raise funds and help at the library.

Visit the library at our website: <http://www.lowerprovidencelibrary.org> and/or feel free to direct any comments to JSherwood@mclinc.org.

The Library staff, Friends and Trustees look forward to continuing to provide a high level of library service to the Lower Providence community in 2006. We welcome and encourage your involvement with your local library!



Members of the library staff gather for a photograph at the annual holiday get-together.

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR



Robert E. Love
Tax Collector

Effective January 1, 1998, Montgomery County completed a reassessment of property values. Real estate tax millage rates for Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County and Methacton School District were adjusted accordingly to correspond with this reassessment.

The effective real estate tax for Lower Providence Township has remained constant for the past eight years, with no increase.

or individuals employed in the Township. It is collected through a mandatory payroll deduction by employers, and must be remitted thirty (30) days after the end of each quarter. For individuals who are self-employed, remittance is also due on a quarterly basis. Of the one percent (1%) collected, .5% is remitted to Methacton School District.

- Occupational Privilege Tax - Methacton School District is responsible for the collection of the \$10.00 tax, of which \$5.00 is remitted to Lower Providence Township. It is collected through a mandatory payroll deduction by all Lower Providence Township employers, and is due on or before August 31st. Anyone earning less than \$750.00 per calendar year is exempt.
- Real Estate Transfer Tax - This tax of .5% of the total cost of the real estate transferred is collected at the time of settlement.
- Amusement Tax - The Department of Finance is responsible for the collection of the ten percent (10%) of admission sales tax. The tax is due on or before the tenth (10th) day of each month. An annual permit fee of \$2.00 is required or a temporary permit fee of \$1.00 for those events lasting less than ten (10) days.
- Mechanical Device and Vending Machine Tax - The Department of Finance is responsible for the collection of the annual permit fee of \$100.00 for each mechanical device and \$25.00 for each vending machine.

After serving as Lower Providence Township Tax Collector for over four decades, Robert Love chose not seek re-election. Kirsten Deal was elected to the post in the Nov. 8, 2005 general election.

REAL ESTATE TAX RATES

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Township	1.091	1.091	1.091	1.091	1.512	1.512
County	2.450	2.450	2.840	2.840	2.840	2.840
School District	16.580	16.990	18.110	19.720	20.660	20.660

Real Estate Tax Rates for Lower Providence Township of 1.512 mills is a total of four funds:

General905
Library265
Debt Service131
Parks & Recreation211

TAX INFORMATION

- Real Estate Tax - The elected tax collector bills on March 1st of each year. A two percent (2%) discount is allowed on payments received by April 30th. A ten percent (10%) penalty is attached to payments made on or after July 1st. The elected tax collector is responsible for the collection of Real Estate Taxes for the township, Methacton School District and Montgomery County.
- Per Capita Tax - The elected tax collector bills residents \$15.00 on July 1st of each year. Similar to Real Estate Taxes, a two percent (2%) discount is allowed on payments received by August 30th. A ten percent (10%) penalty is attached to payments made on or after November 1st. Of the \$15.00 collected, \$10.00 is remitted to Methacton School District. The elected tax collector is responsible for the collection of Per Capital Tax for the school district and the township.
- Earned Income Tax - H.A. Berkheimer Associates is a third party collection agent responsible for the billing and collection of the one percent (1%) tax that is levied on the gross earnings of Lower Providence Township residents

Dear Residents,

From 3,400 properties and 4,300 adults to 8,000 properties and 15,000 adults is how Lower Providence Township has grown over the 48 years that I was privileged to be your tax collector.

My wife, Janet, and I did the work then and we still do, now with some help from computerization and a part-time helper.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the residents who allowed me to be your tax collector all those years.

Thank You! Thank You!
Bob Love

THE FACES OF SERVICE



The 2005 Lower Providence Township staff included:

James Alexander
Off. W. Timothy Arthur
Steven Bancroft
Allan Booz
Off. Michelle Brown
Off. Robert Cable
Cpl. Dennis Cardin
Chief Francis Carroll
Joseph Chillano
Sgt. James Crawford
Off. Cherelle Cutting
Alvin Day
Julie Dechnik
Det. Charles DeFrancesco
Cpl. David Detwiler
Cpl. Mark Deussing
Kelly Donohue
Off. Kenneth Duelley

Joseph Dunbar
Mark Eardley
John Evans
Robert Foose
Helen Fornal
John Gracie
Geraldine Golas
Sgt. Keith Gordon
Rodney Hagenbuch
Off. Robert Heim
Off. William Hopkins
Joseph Horne
Ronny Hoy
Cheryl Imes
Off. Michael Jackson
Kathleen Karr
Det. Terrance Kennedy
Off. Matthew Kuhnert

John Larcinese
Disp. Philip Lieder
William Mason
Sgt. David Matthews
Det. Sgt. Daniel McCabe
Disp. Jordan McCourry
Off. Daniel McGuffin
Cpl. Thomas Momme
Off. Reginald Nealy
Maureen Nelson
Jeff Nyce
Disp. Andrew Parkins
Sue Preston
Disp. Andrew Rebuck
Comm. Supervisor Bradley Reinert
William Roth
Det. Stephen Rowe
Tibor Sabo

Sinclair Salisbury
David Shaffer
Michael Siegel
Sgt. Stanley Siuchta
Off. Michael Slattery
Nancy Solarz
Off. Mark Stead
Carol Strock
Robert Stroup
Cpl. Walter Trimbur
Lt. Stanley Turtle
James Vodopija
Denise Walsh
Off. Mark Wells
Lucy Woods

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

These are the Ordinances the Board of Supervisors adopted or amended in 2005.

Ordinance 521 An Ordinance Providing for a Deferred Retirement Option Plan for the members of the Police Pension Fund for the Township of Lower Providence DROP). 02/03/05

Ordinance 522 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower Providence, Chapter 123 for Establish Specific Lighting Requirements for Plan Submissions. 04/07/05

Ordinance 523 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Lower Providence to Establish Chapter 105 to be known as the Lower Providence Township Outdoor Lighting Regulations. 04/07/05

Ordinance 524 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance by Changing Certain Definitions Thereto. 04/07/05

Ordinance 525 An Ordinance Allowing an Increase in Size of Accessory structures for Accessory Set-backs, Temporary Structures and the Duration of Placement of these Temporary Storage Structures as an Accessory Use. 05/05/05

Ordinance 526 An Ordinance Removing Provisions from the Code of Ordinances Providing for Specific Fees. 06/16/05

Ordinance 527 An Ordinance Amending Section 143-23 of the Code of Lower Providence Township to Allow the Construction of Decks in Side Yards and to allow Construction of Decks in Common Open Space. 06/16/05

Ordinance 528 An Ordinance on the Rezoning of 1114 Pawlings Road from R2 to VC. 09/15/05

Ordinance 529 An Ordinance on the Rezoning of 1110 Pawlings Road from R2 to VC. 09/15/05

Ordinance 530 An Ordinance on the Rezoning of 1106 Pawlings Road from R2 to VC. 09/15/05

Ordinance 531 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map by changing the Classification of a Tract of Land from R2 Residential to VC Village Commercial for 23 Lark Lane. 09/27/05

Ordinance 532 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map from RC to VC for 1104 Pawlings Road. 09/27/05

Ordinance 533 An Ordinance Amending Article IX, 143-53, R4 Residential District (Plymouth Tank). 10/20/05

Ordinance 534 An Ordinance on Streets and Sidewalks. 11/03/05

Ordinance 535 An Ordinance on Fences & Walls to Raise the Height in Front Yards and Regulating the Type of Fences Permitted within Front Yards. 11/03/05

Ordinance 536 An Ordinance on Indebtedness of Lower Providence in the Amount of \$4 million for the Purpose of Culvert Replacement on Jode Road and for Reconstruction of Roads. 11/03/05

Ordinance 537 An Ordinance on Business License Fees. 11/17/05

Ordinance 538 An Ordinance on Sewer Grinder Pumps. 12/01/05

Ordinance 539 An Ordinance on Employee Pension Plan. 12/01/05

Ordinance 540 An Ordinance Changing the Zoning Classification of two tracts of Land from R2 Residential to R4 Residential. 12/01/05

Ordinance 541 An Ordinance on Emergency and Municipal Services Tax. 12/19/05

These are the Resolutions acted upon by the Board of Supervisors in 2005.

Resolution 05-01 A Resolution Authorizing the Appropriate Township Officials to Affix Signatures on Checks. 01/03/05

Resolution 05-02 A Resolution to Establish the Treasurers and Assistant Treasurers Bond for \$600,000; Assistant Secretary & Township Manager – Secretary for \$100,000. 01/03/05

Resolution 05-03 A Resolution Designating Depositories for Lower Providence Township Funds. 01/03/05

Resolution 05-04 A Resolution Setting the Compensation on Lower Providence Township Zoning Hearing Board members. 01/03/05

Resolution 05-05 A Resolution Appointing the following Board members as Liaisons to Boards: Jim Dougherty, Sewer & Parks & Recreation; Craig Dininny, Planning Commission; Piero Sassu, Pension & Methacton School District; Joe Dunbar, Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce and Doug Hager, Library Board. 01/03/05

Resolution 05-06 A Resolution Appointing a Certified Public Accounting Firm, Maillie, Falconiero to Audit the Accounts of Lower Providence Township for Fiscal Year 2004. 01/03/05

Resolution 05-07 A Resolution Terminating the Existing 401A Plan. 01/06/05

Resolution 05-08 A Resolution Creating a New 401 A Plan. 01/06/05

Resolution 05-09 A Resolution Authorizing the Renewal with Dan Hoy for the Apartment Complex located at 3323 Ridge Pike. 01/06/05

Resolution 05-10 A Resolution Authorizing the Compensation for the Canine Unit. 01/06/05

Resolution 05-11 A Resolution Approving the Rate of Compensation for the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor Michael Sheridan. 01/20/05

Resolution 05-12 A Resolution Authorizing the Township Solicitor to Assist the Township Appointee to the Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority. 01/20/05

Resolution 05-12A A Resolution for Preliminary/Final Plan Approval for the General Washington Country Club. 01/20/05

Resolution 05-13 A Resolution on Collective Bargaining Agreement between Township and Lower Providence Police Officers Association. 02/03/05

Resolution 05-14 A Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between Lower Providence Township and Police Officers Association. 02/03/05

Resolution 05-15 A Resolution Waiving the Fees for a Variance and Other Fees associated with the Construction of a Garage for the Sewer Authority. 02/03/05

Resolution 05-16 A Resolution Authorizing the Solicitor to Appear in Opposition for the Zoning Appeal Case for 67 Smith Road. 02/03/05

Resolution 05-17 A Resolution that we hereby Authorize Lower Providence Township to Set the Compensation for the Office of the Elected Tax Collector. 02/03/05

Resolution 05-18 A Resolution Authorizing its local Tax Collector, Berkheimer to impose and retain costs of Collection on Delinquent Taxes. 02/03/05

Resolution 05-19 A Resolution on Promissory Notes for the General Washington in the amount of \$453,525. 02/03/06

Resolution 05-20 A Resolution on Promissory Notes for the General Washington in the amount of \$444,368. 02/03/05

Resolution 05-21 A Resolution on Lawler Minor Subdivision Lot Line Adjustment Plan for Preliminary/Final Plan Approval. 02/03/05

Resolution 05-22 A Resolution Approving the Signing of an Agreement between St. Gabriel's Hall and Lower Providence Township for the use of 31.72 Acres. 02/03/05

Resolution 05-23 A Resolution Authorizing the Beautification and Enhancement of Traffic Management along Ridge Pike. 02/03/05

Resolution 05-24 A Resolution on Open Space on the General Washington from 8 acres to 3.78 acres. 02/17/05

Resolution 05-25 A Resolution on the Change in Parking Lot on the General Washington near Rittenhouse and Egypt Roads. 02/17/05

Resolution 05-26 A Resolution to Accept Deed of Dedication of Lands or Permanent Rights-of-Ways for 4059 Eagleville Road (Moscarello). 02/17/05

Resolution 05-27 A Resolution Adopting the Uniform Construction Code, Rules of Procedures. 02/17/05

Resolution 05-28 A Resolution Authorizing that the Funds allocated for the Ridge Pike & Trooper Road Traffic Signal Improvements under the Montgomery County Phase III Traffic Signal Upgrade Program be transferred to the Intersections of Trooper Road and Norrington Drive/Clark Hill Drive and Ridge Pike and Level Road/Evansburg Road. 03/03/05

Resolution 05-29 A Resolution on Road Reconstruction. 03/17/05

Resolution 05-30 A Resolution Sponsoring the Program "Caring for the Brave" Drive for Soldiers Overseas. 03/17/05

Resolution 05-31 A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Product from Tri State Turf for the new Bocce Court Surface. 03/17/05

Resolution 05-32 A Resolution Authorizing Chambers Associates to Determine the Soil Erosion cause at a cost of \$4,200 for the Walker Lane, Killington Court Drainage Problem. 03/17/05.

Resolution 05-33 A Resolution Approving to Waive all Subdivision and Land Development Fees and Subdivision and Land Development Plan Review for the Schuylkill River Trail Oaks Bridge Cantilever Facility. 03/17/05

Resolution 05-34 A Resolution Appointing Suburban Lighting Consultants as Township Lighting; Chambers Associates and School DePalma as Traffic Consultants and Landscaping Consultants. 03/17/05

Resolution 05-35 A Resolution Authorizing the Reimbursement of \$16,781.40 from the Comcast Cable Grant of \$20,000 to the Methacton School District for the Cable Broadcasting Equipment Purchased in November 2004. 03/17/05

Resolution 05-36 A Resolution Approving the Waiver of Land Development and the Use of Township Lands for the Montgomery County Audubon Loop Trail. 04/07/05

Resolution 05-37 A Resolution to Extend Final Land Approval for the Pinetown Office Complex Building. 04/07/05

Resolution 05-38 A Resolution for Submittal of a DCED Grant for \$29,095 for the Bocce Ball Recreation Facilities. 04/07/05

Resolution 05-39 A Resolution for Submittal of Growing Greener II Safe Routes for School Grant for \$223,776 for Sidewalks along Woodland from Miami to Lauman Avenue. 04/07/05

Resolution 05-40 A Resolution for Submittal of a DCED Grant for \$179,200 for Handicap Ramps at various Intersections. 04/07/05

Resolution 05-41 A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Major League Baseball (MLB) Tomorrow Fund Grant in the amount of \$39,186.25 for Construction of Two new Ballfields at Level Road Park. 04/07/05

Resolution 05-42 A Resolution on Disposition of Records for Police Department. 04/07/05

Resolution 05-43 A Resolution on Disposition of Records for Public Works. 04/07/05

Resolution 05-44 A Resolution Authorizing Valley Crest Landscaping Maintenance, Inc. for a 3-year bid for Landscape Services. 04/07/05

Resolution 05-45 A Resolution to Accept Deed of Dedication of Lands or right-of-ways for Campellone Minor Subdivision. 04/07/05

Resolution 04-46 A Resolution for Submittal of a Grant for \$265,086 to Reduce Alcohol Abuse in Schools. 04/07/05

Resolution 04-47 A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Stipulation to Settle the Litigation between York v. LPT and also Authorizing the Proper Officers of the Township to Authorize same. 04/07/05

Resolution 04-48 A Resolution Authorizing Contributing \$50,000 for Finalization of Design or a Design Construction Contract if the Project is Supported by PennDOT US 422 Westbound Improvement Plan. 04/07/05

Resolution 05-49 A Resolution for Preliminary/Final Approval for Audubon Road Minor Subdivision. 04/21/05

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 05-50 A Resolution Proclaiming May 1-7, 2005 as Arson Awareness Week. 05/05/05

Resolution 05-51 A Resolution Proclaiming May 15-21 2005 as Police Week. 05/05/05

Resolution 05-52 A Resolution Proclaiming May 15-21 as Public Works Week. 05/05/05

Resolution 05-53 A Resolution Authorizing a Donation to the American Business Club for the Annual Senior Citizens Dinner. 05/05/05

Resolution 05-54 A Resolution Designating June 11, 2005 as Community Shredding Day in Lower Providence Township. 05/05/05

Resolution 05-55 A Resolution for Permit to Install and Operate Traffic Signals on Pawlings Road and Audubon Road. 05/05/05

Resolution 05-56 A Resolution Waiving Rental Fees that the Sewer Authority pays to the Township for the Use of the Facility that the Authority currently uses for its Administration Office. 05/05/05

Resolution 05-57 A Resolution Authorizing the Reduction of Taxes for Valley Forge Equities from 2001 in the amount of \$993.11 to Cureton Caplan, P.C. in trust for Valley Forge Equities within sixty (60) days of the date of the signed order. 05/19/05

Resolution 05-58 A Resolution on AFSCME Agreement changing the Term of the Agreement to five-years from May 19, 2005 through December 31, 2009. 05/19/05

Resolution 05-59 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Submittal of a Growing Greener II Routes to School funding Application for the Purchase and Installation of Speed Sentry Devices within School Zones for Audubon, Woodland, Arrowhead & Arcola Schools. 05/19/05

Resolution 05-60 A Resolution Awarding the 2005 Equipment Rental Bid to James Kenney. 06/16/05

Resolution 05-61 A Resolution Awarding the 2005 Construction Materials to Highway Materials, Glasgow, Inc. Rahn's Construction and U.S. Municipal Supply. 06/16/05

Resolution 05-62 A Resolution Appointing Individuals to Serve on the Ridge Pike Overlay Committee. 06/16/05

Resolution 05-63 A Resolution on a Fence Waiver Height for the McCann Property at 2001 Janet Drive. 06/16/05

Resolution 05-64 A Resolution Authorizing a Fence Height Waiver on the DiSanto Property at 697 Barrington Road. 06/16/05

Resolution 05-65 A Resolution Authorizing Mike Siegel & Tolson DeSa, Montgomery County Planning Commission to Review the Egypt Road Corridor Study from a Land Use & Planning Perspective. 06/16/05

Resolution 05-66 A Resolution Authorizing Mike Siegel to engage Tolson DeSa of Montgomery County Planning Commission in the Revitalization of the Valley Forge Business Park. 06/16/05

Resolution 05-67 A Resolution Authorizing and Adopting the 2005 Fee Schedule. 07/07/05

Resolution 05-68 A Resolution Authorizing and approving any and all permit fees required by the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center. 07/07/05

Resolution 05-69 A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of a Bid to Proceed with new Traffic Light at the corner of Audubon & Pawlings Road. 07/07/05

Resolution 05-70 A Resolution Authorizing a 60-day Extension for the Commerce Bank Land Development Approval. 07/07/05

Resolution 05-71 A Resolution Authorizing the Solicitor to Appear on their behalf for the Kane-Core Zoning Hearing Appeal. 07/07/05

Resolution 05-72 A Resolution Authorizing Joseph Dunbar to Accept Position of Vice-Chairman for the GVFTMA 422 Coalition. 07/07/05

Resolution 05-73 A Resolution on Preliminary/Final Plan Approval for Fondots Minor Subdivision. 07/07/05

Resolution 05-74 A Resolution for Revised Final Plan Approval for Parkside Meadows Subdivision. 07/21/05

Resolution 05-75 A Resolution adding Sovereign Bank as a Depository for Lower Providence Township Funds. 07/21/05

Resolution 05-76 A Resolution on Disposition of Records for Lawsuits and Board of Assessment. 7/21/05

Resolution 05-77 A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of June & July Pension Payments to Mrs. Ruth Geary. 07/21/05

Resolution 05-78 A Resolution on the Revision of the Audubon Loop Trail whereas not to make any Connection from Casselberry Drive to the Trail. 07/21/05

Resolution 05-79 A Resolution Authorizing the Township Building as the Drop Off Center for Cell Phones for Soldiers Project. 07/21/05

Resolution 05-80 A Resolution for Preliminary Plan Approval for Brant Park Crossing. 05/05/05

Resolution 05-81 A Resolution to Preserve the Indian Head Dam. 08/18/05

Resolution 05-82 A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of a Conditional Use Option for the Plymouth Tank Co. 08/18/05

Resolution 05-83 A Resolution on a Gravity Sewer System into an Existing Manhole at Arcola Road. 08/18/05

Resolution 05-84 A Resolution on a Sanitary Sewer Extension Plan for Smith Road. 08/18/05

Resolution 05-85 A Resolution Approving an Amended and Update Permit Fee Schedule to Include \$20.00 Fingerprint Fee and \$150.00 Livescan Fee for the Police Department. 09/01/05

Resolution 05-86 A Resolution on Police & Non-Uniformed Pension Funds. 09/01/05

Resolution 05-87 A Resolution Approving the Amended Employment Agreement for Joseph Dunbar, Township Manager. 09/01/05

Resolution 05-88 A Resolution Approving the Amended Employment Agreement for Francis Carroll, Chief of Police. 09/01/05

Resolution 05-89 A Resolution Appointing Members to the Indian Head Dam Steering Committee. 09/01/05

Resolution 05-90 A Resolution Appointing Members to the Emergency Operating Center Staff. 09/01/05

Resolution 05-91 A Resolution on DeLawrence Minor Subdivision for Preliminary and Final Plan Approval. 09/15/05

Resolution 05-92 A Resolution to Authorize the Replenishing of Inventory for our Emergency Management Supplies to replace what was sent to Mississippi in the amount of \$7,857.00. 09/15/05

Resolution 05-93 A Resolution to Waive the Building Permit Fee for the Lower Providence Fire Company new Training Room. 09/15/05

Resolution 05-94 A Resolution Approving Phase I of the General Washington (swimming pool, pool house, pro shop and clubhouse). 09/15/05

Resolution 05-95 A Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of a Public Budget Workshop Meeting for October 24 and 25, 2005. 09/27/05

Resolution 05-96 A Resolution Authorizing the Chairman to Execute the Termination of the Deed Restriction on a 3.78 portion of the General Washington Country Club. 09/27/05

Resolution 05-97 A Resolution Authorizing the Solicitor and Staff to execute any and all required documents pertaining to the PA Infrastructure Loan Program. 10/06/05

Resolution 05-98 A Resolution Awarding the Traffic Signal Installation at Pawlings Road and Audubon Road to Armor & Sons at \$49,996. 10/06/05

Resolution 05-99 A Resolution Appointing James Dougherty to the Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority Board. 10/06/05

Resolution 05-100 A Resolution on Master Agreement for Adjustment of Incorporated Utility Facilities for 2005-2008. 10/06/05

Resolution 05-101 A Resolution on Fire Prevention Week. 10/06/05

Resolution 05-102 A Resolution for 3822 Monitor Drive and 3819 Landis Mill Road for Preliminary/Final Plan Approval. 10/06/05

Resolution 05-103 A Resolution on Montgomery County Emergency Operation Center for Land Development Preliminary/Final Approval. 10/06/05

Resolution 05-104 A Resolution for 1350 Pawlings Road for Preliminary/Final Approval. 10/06/05

Resolution 05-105 A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a DCED Grant in the amount of \$22,095 for the Balance of the Construction Costs of the Bocce Ball Courts. 10/20/05

Resolution 05-106 A Resolution Authorizing the Chairman to sign the Attached Loan Agreements on its behalf. 10/20/05

Resolution 05-107 A Resolution Adopting the Route 422 traffic Incident Management Plan. 10/20/05

Resolution 05-108 A Resolution Establishing a Separate Fund entitled Sinking Fund (21) for the Deposit of Proceeds from the PA Infrastructure Loan. 10/20/05

Resolution 05-109 A Resolution Authorizing the Board to hold a meeting with Business Owners along Ridge Pike for Business Ordinance. 10/20/05

Resolution 05-110 A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of a Business License Fee. 10/20/05

Resolution 05-111 A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of an EMS Fee. 10/20/05

Resolution 05-112 A Resolution Authorizing a 90-day Extension on Audubon Square 4, (Wachovia Bank). 10/20/05

Resolution 05-113 A Resolution Authorizing to Amend Closed Loop Agreement of Additional Funding by \$6,000. 10/06/05

Resolution 05-114 A Resolution on 3030 Eagleville Road Minor Subdivision for Preliminary/Final Approval. 11/03/05

Resolution 05-115 A Resolution Amending the Permit Fee to Include Leaf Bags, \$20.00 or .40/bag. 11/03/05

Resolution 05-116 A Resolution for CVS Egypt Road and Park Avenue for Preliminary/Final Approval. 11/17/05

Resolution 05-117 A Resolution for Commerce Bank, 2796 & 2798 Egypt Road for Preliminary/Final Approval. 11/17/05

Resolution 05-118 A Resolution for Audubon Elementary School for Flashing Warning Devices on Crawford Road between Egypt Road and Lawrence Road. 12/01/05

Resolution 05-119 A Resolution Authorizing Text Amendment for Article IX, Section 143-53 that would reduce the minimum acreage required for R4 Zoning from 10 Acres to 5 Acres subject to the Provisions Outlined in Ordinance 533. 10/20/05

Resolution 05-120 A Resolution Authorizing the Township Manager to sign an Application for Permit to Install and Operate Flashing Warning Devices on Crawford Road between Egypt Road & Lawrence Road. 12/01/05

Resolution 05-121 A Resolution Authorizing the Signing of a Settlement Agreement between David Erb/Mascio and Lower Providence Township on Providence Pond. 12/01/05

Resolution 05-122 A Resolution Authorizing the Acting Chairman James Dougherty to sign the 2005 Community Development Block Grant Project for Curb Ramp Improvements. 12/01/05

Resolution 05-123 A Resolution Setting the Amount of the Emergency & Municipal Services Tax. 12/19/05

Resolution 05-124 A Resolution Authorizing and empowering its Local Tax Collector Berkheimer to impose and Retain Costs of Collection of EMS Taxes. 12/19/05

Resolution 05-125 A Resolution of the Township of Lower Providence Fixing the Tax Rates for the Year 2006. 12/19/05

Resolution 05-126 A Resolution Appropriating Specific Sums Estimated to be required for the Specific Purposes of the Municipal Government. 12/19/05



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