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Last year at this time I wrote about how bad the economy was. I wasn't expecting to repeat myself a year later, but look where we are: Unemployment still at high levels, people still losing their homes, and our seniors on fixed income seeing very little increase in Social Security for the first time in several years. This along with other factors such as the reduction of state funds for recycling, reduced liquid fuel funds (which we use mostly for paving), and over the last three years, cuts in library funding, plus other unfunded mandates; has all made the budget process even more difficult.

The good news is no tax increase for the fourth year in a row. In fact a reduction in trash fees and holding the line on sewer rates as well; but this was not done without some pain. Starting last October all non-union employees have to pay towards their health care and this year there was no room for pay raises, except for the Police Department which is under contract. As this article is written contract negotiations are

underway with all clerical and public works employees. We also had to cut some capital spending projects and equipment. This was done on a "what's needed" basis versus "what's wanted" basis. We also must use some of our reserves (10% or less) and that exact figure could change when the final numbers from 2011's budget is complete. There were common sense decisions, and difficult decisions made by your Board of Supervisors with the cooperation and support of our tremendous staff and department heads all pitching in to look for savings in each department, under the guidance of the Township Manager. As we move forward we will continue to make prudent and thoughtful decisions in all spending, as these are your tax dollars that we must treat in a fiscally responsible manner.

Let's all hope the New Year brings about some positive signs in the economic picture and everyone has a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2012.

IF YOU WALK AT NIGHT . . . TAKE A LIGHT!!!

For your safety and your pet's please carry a light, wear reflective clothing, have something reflective on the leash or if your pet's a short hair, on their collar. You can buy items ready for a walk at night or buy reflective tape and craft your own. And thinking of safety, don't allow your pet to drink from a puddle. It may not be water that created it.

We hope you and your pet have a healthy, safe walk.
The Animal Control Advisory Board



TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS

The Board of Supervisors authorized the 2011 \$20 Sanitation Rebate between February 6th and May 31st, **PLEASE BRING:**

1. **Proof of age:** One of the following Pennsylvania photo driver's license, copy of claimant's birth certificate, Medicare Card.
 2. You must have a tax bill stamped "**paid**" by the Tax Collector for the 2011 Township Tax bills. Your rebate property is your primary residence. You must presently reside in the property (address matches address on your driver's license).
- Rebate is for residential properties only that pay the sanitation trash fee to the Lower Southampton Township Tax Collector with your property taxes.

TASKFORCE FOR YOUTH AT RISK CHANGES ITS NAME, NOT ITS MISSION

At the request of the committee, the Board of Supervisors recently approved a request to formally change the name of this group to the Youth Assistance Council. The Council works to address issues and create resources to assist Parents and the Youth of the township in dealing with drug/alcohol related matters, depression and other influences that could negatively impact their welfare.

Beginning in mid-January, the Council will be making resources available at the Township Library. There will be two binders available at the front desk on a confidential basis. There will be a Parent and Youth version containing reference materials, DVDs and other contact information to assist you in dealing with issues that may be impacting your life. We will continue to work to expand these items.

We are planning many other projects and would greatly appreciate input from parents, and more importantly the youth, of the township. The council meets the second Monday of the each month, in the Township Building at 7:00 pm.

The Youth Assistance Council



Tim Bouch, of Audubon, NJ (left) and Ed Boss, of Audubon, PA (right) share a happy moment as part of the winning foursome in the 21st Feasterville Business Association Golf Outing held recently at Talamore Country Club in Ambler, PA. Bouch and Boss combined with Jason Greer and Frank Cavalo, both of Northeast Philadelphia, (not pictured) for a 58 stroke score, lowest of all tournament foursomes. Sharing in the moment (very far right) is Mike Wielehowski, of Holland, PA golf outing chairperson and master of ceremonies for the awards dinner. Some 98 area golfers teed it up for fun and prizes in the annual benefit which raises money for the FBA's college scholarship fund and variety of other communal endeavors.

Now marking its 62nd anniversary year, the FBA fosters and encourages growth and progress for the betterment of the community.



SUMMER DAY CAMP

Camp Dates 2012: June 18 – August 17
Extended week: August 20 – August 24,
 available for an additional \$65.00 per child.



What could be better than spending the summer playing with friends & keeping cool splashing around in the pool? For over 28 years, Lower Southampton has been providing summer camps for area residents that offer your child the opportunity to enjoy their summer by engaging with their peers in a secure environment. Lower Southampton Township Summer Day Camps provide programs to keep children of all ages active all summer long! We offer cost effective camps that do not skimp on the fun & entertainment for children aged 3 through 18.

Pioneer 3 Camp

For children ages 3-5, we offer such activities as water play (no swimming), crafts, instructional sports, and special visitors. Our secure facility is climate controlled and includes a playground.

- 8:00am – 5:15pm
- Camper to counselor ratio (5:1)
- Children must be potty-trained
- No field trips

Located at Scottsville United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 2400 Brownsville Road, Trevoise, PA 19053

Teen Camp

For teens ages 13-18, this camp offers your teen leadership opportunities and an engaging, loosely-structured environment to hang out with their friends, participating in safe, supervised activities, including swimming and awesome field trips.

- 8:00am – 5:15pm
- Camper to counselor ratio (10:1)
- Daily swimming
- Transportation not provided for all trips

Located at Dolphin Swim Club, 260 W Bristol Road, Feasterville, PA 19053

Discovery Camp (Two Locations)

For children ages 5-12, our 2 locations for Discovery camp have theme weeks, daily swimming, sports, crafts, and instructional activities. This camp is about having fun and making choices about their own camp schedule in a safe, inclusive environment.

- 8:00am – 5:15pm
- Camper to counselor ratio (10:1)
- **Discovery Camp Field Trips**
 1. Friday, July 13 – Brunswick Zone
 2. Friday, July 20 – AMC Neshaminy
 3. Friday, July 27 – BounceU of Langhorne

Ferderbar Location (Ages 5-12)

1. Children must have attended a prior full day program
2. Ferderbar Elementary School, 300 Heights Lane, Feasterville, PA 19053

Dolphin Location (Ages 7-12)

1. Children must have completed first grade
2. Dolphin Swim Club, 260 W Bristol Road, Feasterville, PA 19053

C.I.T. Program (13+)

For leadership-minded 8th and 9th graders who want to become camp counselors, this will be a team-building, fun, structured summer. Children who successfully complete this program will be honored by the Board of Supervisors at the end of the summer and will be eligible for hire.

- 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Only 55 CITs accepted
- Daily swimming
- **2 locations:**
 - Dolphin or Ferderbar (assigned)
- Camp fees apply to C.I.T. program

Camp Basics

- 2012 Camp Dates, included in fee: June 18 – August 17
- Extended Week: August 20 – 24, \$65 per child
- Resident Rate: \$629 per child
- Nonresident Rate: \$1129 per child
- Camp fees not prorated
- No hidden fees
- Register early – spaces limited
- No camp on Wednesday, July 4
- Daily transportation is NOT available
- Transportation will be provided to field trips
- All employees screened in accordance with Township policies
- Before/after care services are not available
- This is not a day care program
- Parent/guardian pick up passes required daily
- Camp will be cancelled due to extreme weather advisories issued by the National Weather Service
- All children will be tested for swimming ability
- Our staff is not trained to administer medications of any kind
- If a child leaves for an illness or injury, doctor's clearance must be submitted upon return to camp
- In the process of becoming American Camp Association certified
- All program policies are subject to change at the Parks & Recreation Director's discretion
- Sportsplex facility will not be used

Theme Weeks

July 9 - 13: Scavenger Survival

July 16 - 20: Wildlife Around Us

July 23 - 27: Circle of Life

July 30 - Aug. 3: Let's Go Green / Inventions

August 6 - 10: Music of the Earth

August 13 - 17: Carnival Campout

Lunch Options: Have lunch prepared for your child every day at camp for only \$119.00 for the whole camp season. Full payment must be received by May 28th to reserve this special rate.

Registration & Payment Information:

Resident registration starts Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Nonresident registration starts Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

**Resident Rate applies ONLY to residents of Lower Southampton Township- this includes all of Feasterville and parts of Oakford, Trevoise, and Langhorne – and of Upper Southampton Township. Please note that all residences will be verified. Anyone found to be using a false address will be excluded from our camps for the 2012 season.*

How To Register:

- 1) Register online at <http://www.lss-web.com/>. Create a user account and pay using a credit card (sorry, American Express not accepted).
- 2) Print a registration packet from our website (<http://lssweb.org>) and bring it to the municipal building, in person.

** Please note, registrations will not be processed before full registration packet is completed **

Send registration form on last page with payment to: Lower Southampton Township, Attn: Summer Camp Registration, 1500 Desire Avenue, Feasterville, PA 19053. Balance can be paid in full at the time of registration. If you elect to use the payment plan, you agree to pay the specified amounts on the required dates or forfeit your child's spot in camp. By submitting a registration, you accept the terms of our refund policy.

Payment Plan

Township Residents (R): Total \$629

Non Resident (NR): Total \$1129

Initial Payment: \$150 R \$250 NR

2nd Payment, due 2/27: \$160 R \$293 NR

3rd Payment, due 3/26: \$160 R \$293 NR

Final Payment, due 4/30: \$159 R \$293 NR

These dates are non-negotiable, and no exceptions will be made. Lower South will issue no reminders; your payments are your responsibility. Exact payments for the specified amounts (no more, no less) are due on these dates. Failure to submit payment on a required date automatically forfeits camp registration. If a registration is begun after these dates, then the amount due by that date must be tendered upon registration. No previously accepted registrations may submit payment after April 30. Credit Card information is not stored for future payments. We cannot take payment information over the phone.



A MedReturn Drug Collection Unit has been placed in the lobby of the Police Station. This unit is for anyone who has old or unused prescription drugs in their possession and who wishes to dispose of them. There are no questions asked. The lobby is opened weekdays, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The collection unit was purchased by the police department with funds provided by the The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania (alcohol and drug dependence agency) and the Feasterville Rotary Club.

FIRE SAFETY NEWS

October was fire prevention month and we hope that everyone practiced fire safety such as testing smoke alarms, home fire escape plan and drills, and home fire prevention. Your Fire Marshal's Office is here to provide you with all the information that you may need to accomplish fire safety practices in your home. We have literature on fire prevention, smoke alarms and batteries available in our office for township residences.



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This is a non-political newsletter and its purpose is to keep **YOU** the community residents informed as to **What's Goin' On Around Town**.



The moon and the stars are finally aligned! Things have all come together as we wrapped up another year and presented a fiscally sound budget for 2012 with no tax increase to our residents. The Board of Supervisors has heard the concerns of its residents and held the line on any increase. To help alleviate the impact upon residents during this economic downturn, they have reneged on the previously planned sewer rate increases that were laid upon us from the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority and left the rate unchanged for 2012. Even better news is that our sanitation fee has been reduced \$44.00 for each residential unit. Additionally, the Supervisors have also approved a \$20 sanitation rebate to senior citizens that must be obtained at the township office between Feb 6th and March 31st.

There's one good side of the down economy in that it produced a very competitive and profitable solid waste hauling contract that we just awarded. Our current hauler, J P Mascaro & Sons will continue servicing our solid waste hauling needs at a greatly reduced rate over the next four years. While passing along a large portion of the savings to residents, we are also being careful to plan ahead for additional fees and services that are part of the overall sanitation fee. This includes the yard waste collection contract that expires in April and must be publicly bid. Also included are the tipping fees or landfill costs for taking our solid waste and trash. This is over at the end of 2012 and must also

be rebid. Without having the proverbial "crystal ball" we cannot forecast what the results will be, so the fund must be stabilized now and ready to absorb these possible increased costs. The hope is that in the coming months, the sanitation fee can be reevaluated and adjusted to the resident's benefit if and when the economy provides the township relief from high costs for doing business. Let's be both optimistic and prudent.

Let me expound further upon what goes along with the new solid waste hauling contract. We have realized an annual savings of over \$400,000 each year of the contract. That will yield a savings of over \$1.5 million dollars through year 2015. The only drawback or concession is that the township will now go to once a week trash pickup. We have determined that current twice a week trash pickup is not an absolute necessity. Many residents report that they currently only put trash out once a week and do not use the twice a week option. We cannot afford to continue paying for this luxury which is considered by many a waste of taxpayer's money. Many neighboring communities in Bucks County and the surrounding metropolitan area are serviced with single weekly pickup of trash without complaint and we have decided to follow suit.

As an added bonus to the new contract, all residential properties will be issued one large 64 gallon green wheeled recycling cart delivered to their property. A sample is on hand at the township building for you to see. The idea behind a larger

recycling receptacle will be higher participation with recycling efforts. The more you recycle, the less goes to the landfill, which translates into less tipping fees, less cost to the township, and reduced sanitation fees for you. We all need to do our part, the ecologically "green" and smart thing to do, and recycle as much of the waste stream as possible. The transition to once a week pickup will be eased with education, understanding, and patience by all. We must "embrace change" for the better.

Speaking of change, we'll have two new Department Heads coming onboard beginning the New Year. We anticipate filling both our vacant Public Works Director and Finance Director positions by this time. Many challenges lie ahead for these new key staff members and we are vying for experienced professionals to best serve the needs of our Supervisors and our residents.

Should anyone have questions or concerns, please feel free to drop by the Township Office and stop in to see us. We invite feedback and encourage constructive criticism and/or compliments at anytime. We can be reached at (215) 357-7300, or via email administration@lowersouthamptontownship.org. Be sure to visit our new Facebook page too!



BLUE LIGHT HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Members of the Feasterville Business Association and law enforcement officials gather to pose after a blue light holiday tree lighting ceremony paying tribute to the memory of fallen police officers during the holiday period. Sharing the moment at the Lower Southampton Township Library in Feasterville, PA, are, (from left) Ray Greenberg, vice president of the FBA, William Wiegman, Jr., Lower Southampton Township chief of police, Bucks County Sheriff Edward "Duke" Donnelly, Michael J. Hughes, FBA blue light event co-chairperson, Dennis I Markowitz, president of the FBA and John J. Brinkmann, FBA blue light event co-chairperson. Project Blue Light was started in 1989 by Dolly Craig to honor the memory of her late son-in-law, Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Gleason, killed in the line of duty in 1986. Several years ago Craig sent her holiday blue light message to Concerns Of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS) saying she was placing two blue lights in her window during the holiday period, one in memory of Gleason and one remembering his wife, Pam, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1988. Craig is now deceased but her idea is her legacy. Project Blue Light has grown into a national program and burns bright in the hearts of 10,000 surviving families who comprise COPS, a national non-profit organization that assists surviving families of officers killed in the line of duty as they rebuild their lives. Now in its 62nd year, the Feasterville Business Association encourages growth and progress for the betterment of the community. Visit the FBA on the web at



VETERANS MUSTER

Keep your calendars open! The Lower Southampton Township Veterans Advisory Council is working on the plans to hold its first "Veterans Muster", to be held in March 2012. This Muster will be held in the format of a meet and greet so come out and show what you know. Every Veteran has gone through some form of experience with the Veterans' Administration or other processes and that knowledge may be able to assist other Veterans through the same issues. This will be a great venue to learn more about the different programs that are available to Veterans of all ages.

Are you or someone you know a Veteran? If so, you may be able to help us help them (or you) by passing this information along. If you would like to be added to our email list, simply email us at lstwp.vac@gmail.com and once the details are final, we will send them to you.

In our last article we made the request for people to assist the Veterans Advisory Council and we have had some great response. If you would like to add to the Council we welcome everyone to our meetings. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Township building at 7 PM.

Additionally we are trying to build a mailing list that will allow the Council to disseminate valuable information to those that may be able to use it. If you know a Veteran that may like to be added to our list, please send his or her email address to us at lstwp.vac@gmail.com. We value your privacy and will not share your contact information with any other organization and will only use it to send information about upcoming Veterans Advisory Council events and new information that is found.

The Veterans Advisory Council may have the assistance that you or someone you know may need. To reach a member of the Lower Southampton Township Veterans Advisory Council please call (267) 982-2199 or by e-mail at lstwp.vac@gmail.com

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY HOSTING A READ ABOUT IT! BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP THIS SPRING

Read About It! Pennsylvania Writers Book Discussion Group celebrating our Great Commonwealth

The Township Library has been chosen to host a Book Discussion Program called Read About It!. This group will meet at the Township Library for four sessions starting in February 2012. Led by Mr. Mark Banchi, who has over 36 years teaching experience with an extensive background in Literature and the Humanities, the group will explore the diverse people, communities and landscapes that make up the Keystone state through fiction. We will discuss famous Pennsylvania writers including John O'Hara, Alice Sebold, Kathleen Cambor and Ellen Litman. This program is free and open to all, and requires no

special knowledge about literature. However, if interested sign up ASAP as class size is very limited. Participants will receive their own copies of the books to be discussed. The books to be discussed and dates for the four sessions are listed as follows:

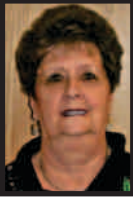
- "Appointment in Samarra" by John O'Hara Thursday, February 16 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - "In Sunlight, in a Beautiful Garden" by Kathleen Cambor, Thursday, March 15 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold, Thursday, April 19 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - "The Last Chicken in America" by Ellen Litman Thursday, May 17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Quality programs such as Pennsylvania Writers

make Pennsylvania libraries the place where learning starts. Pennsylvania Writers is part of Read About It!, a book discussion series of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. This program is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

If you have any questions or would like to register for this program, please call the library at (215) 355-1183 X104.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



CLERICAL / ADMINISTRATION CONNIE PERRY

Connie Perry has been employed with the Township for 22 years. She grew up in Feasterville and attended St. Christopher's School and graduated from Villa Joseph Marie High School. Connie is married to her husband Tom for 38 years and has one daughter and four grandchildren. In her spare time Connie likes to bake and is involved with The Catholic Daughter of the Americas. She is our Receptionist and Insurance Administrator for the Township and is also the Secretary for the 4th of July Parade Committee for many years.



POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE GERALD SCOTT

Detective Gerald Scott is a 17 year veteran of the department. He is a graduate of Archbishop Wood High School, Muhlenberg College and Temple University's Police Academy. Prior to being promoted in February 2010 to detective, Detective Scott was our Community Relation and D.A.R.E. Officer. He is currently a member of our Special Response Team and is trained as a sniper. As a sworn member of County Detectives he is part of the Bucks County Drug Task Force. He is also a Firearms Instructor for the department. Detective Scott lives in Warminster with his wife Pam and their three children.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MARK RICCARDI

Mark Riccardi has worked in Public Works for 9 years and is a resident of our Township. He is married to his lovely wife Patricia for 15 years. Mark is a diversified and dedicated employee always ready to help out our township, such as; repairing roads and storm drains, checking sewer lines and pump stations and snow removal. Mark enjoys working for our township and always presents a professional and positive outlook.

COMMUNITY GRANTS:

The Feasterville Business Association recently presented 12 community organizations with grants from the proceeds of its 2011 golf outing. Participating in the presentation prior to the Lower Southampton Board of Supervisors meeting at the township building in Feasterville, PA are, (back row, from left) Jennifer Yori, program director for Sean Me (\$500), Susan Bizon, of the Network of Victims Assistance (\$500), Tony Crooks, president of the Lower Southampton Athletic Association (\$5,000), Donna Byrne, of A Women's Place (\$500), William Wiegman, Jr., chief of the Lower Southampton Police, (\$500), also representing DARE (\$250), FBA Golf Committee Chairperson Mike Wielehowski, FBA Directors Michael J. Hughes and Diane Fetscher and Joe Gallagher, vice president of LSAA (middle row, from left) Elmira Zimmer, of the Neshaminy Activities Center (\$1,000), Susan Roberts, secretary of the LSAA, Pamela Judge, of Libertae (\$500), Hank Carroll, president of the Friends of Lower Southampton Library (\$1,500) Kate Sample, president of the Sunshine Foundation (\$500), Jane Ward, of the American Red Cross (\$1,500), and Linda Pukiewicz, assistant director at the Lower Southampton Library, (front row, from left) Sharon Finley, executive director of SeanMe, with sons Sean, Terry and Liam. Also receiving a grant, but not pictured was Chandler Hall (\$500). Now in its 62nd anniversary year, the Feasterville Business Association, encourages growth and progress for the betterment of the community.

ADULT PROGRAMS AT THE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY THIS SPRING

The Township Library is pleased to welcome back two of our favorite speakers this spring. They are as follows:

Life of a Civil War Union Soldier – Thursday March 29 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fighting in heavy woolen uniforms during the summer months, putting up with maggoty food and leaky tents, and lacking proper medical care, the Union soldiers endured many hardships during the Civil War. Although they suffered many adversities, these soldiers were also high-spirited, sentimental and for the most part moral young men. Come to the library as we continue our commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War (1862-2012) and listen to re-enactor Mike Jesberger talk about camp life, on the march and in battle with Union soldiers. Registration starts on Monday February 27.



THE SINKING OF THE TITANIC 100 YEARS LATER

The Sinking of the Titanic – 100 Years Later – Thursday April 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

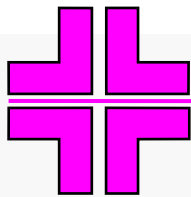
On the night of 14 April 1912 and into the early hours of the next day, the RMS Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg. This event was one of the worst peacetime disasters in history with 1,517 lives lost. We are remembering the one hundredth anniversary of the Titanic sinking at the Township Library this spring with Alisa Dupuy aka Eliza Blackwell Dupree. Ms. Dupree, a fictional survivor of the Titanic, will regale us with stories and debunk myths about the sinking. She will wear period clothing of the era, and tell us interesting but little known facts and ironies surrounding this tragic event. Registration starts on Monday March 12.

You may register at the Information Desk or by calling the library at (215) 355-1183 X104. For a complete listing of the Township Library's Adult programs, please check out the Township Website @ www.lower-southampton-township.org



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CIVILIAN POLICE ACADEMY

If you are interested in attending the next Lower Southampton Police Civilian Police Academy please contact us at 215-357-1235, ask for Sandy. The next session will start after the first of the year. The program runs for eight weeks, Monday Evenings, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

The slogan of the civilian police academy is "Understanding through Education and Training." The objective of the program is to provide residents with information on law enforcement operation of the Lower Southampton Police Department. Some topics previously covered were: police radio, laws of arrest, felony car stops, victim assistance, crimes of the elderly, arrest and search warrants, use of lethal and non lethal force and community policing.

REMINDERS TO DRIVERS: Driving on wet fallen leaves can be as treacherous as ice.

BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

Team: Lou DiFrancesco, JD Palmeiri, Dan Busch, Brian Egolf, Seth Fisher, Connor Moss, Brandon Cimino, Colin Cimino, Gavin Riley, Zach Canimore, John Hughes, and Joe Kaleck.

Coaches: Head coach - Keith Moss, Asst coaches - Carmen DiFrancesco, John Busch, Brian Egolf, and Brett Canimore.

League: Was just called the 50/70 Fall Travel League. Played other 10/11 year old travel teams in the area such as Horsham, Valley, Huntingdn Valley, and Pennsbury. We also played non league games against Newtown and a local 12 year old team.

Our final record including playoffs was 11-3-1

Semi Final playoff game against Horsham we won 10-3

Championship game we won 3-2 against Pennsbury

Comments: The idea of playing in this league in the fall was to get the boys used to the 50/70 division that they will be playing next spring in both the Suburban Travel League and the Cal Ripken Babe Ruth in house league. The 50/70 division is the next progression up from the youth fields of the 4-10 year old divisions. The pitchers mound is moved back from 46' to 50' and the base paths from 60' to 70'. All of the concepts of regulation baseball are now applied. We began teaching our pitchers how to work from the stretch, pick off moves, and how to keep runners honest. We really began teaching our base runners how to properly take leads, read pick off moves and how to get good jumps when trying to steal bases. On defense, which becomes even more important, the concepts of executing pick off plays, holding runners on, and how to be patient making sure all of your mechanics are proper to make the longer throws on the bigger field were taught. The catching position becomes the most important on the field as he now truly becomes the lead man. Joe Kaleck, Zach Canimore did a great job for us behind the plate. This is real baseball and the players and coaches all loved it.

There are other leagues locally that currently do not have this 50/70 division. This is my opinion, but to me it's a shame because at the 60' division kids who are 11-12 become too big for the field and really aren't getting a true taste of the game until they are 13 years old. They jump from the 60' all the way to the 90' (full regulation baseball fields) with no transition. It puts them behind some of the other local players because at that point kids who get to play in the 50/70 division have of 100+ games of experience under their belt. I hope that in the future all leagues offer the 50/70 division for the kids. It will only help our older teams (Jr High, High School, and American Legion team) throughout the district if the younger players coming up get this experience.

As our season progressed our boys really began to grasp and embrace these new concepts. Offensively, we got on base and created a lot of scoring chances with our speed, with guys like JD Palmeiri, John Hughes, Dan Busch, Brian Egolf, and Brandon Cimino. Our pitching behind Lou DiFrancesco, Gavin Riley, Colin Cimino, Seth Fisher, and Connor Moss were solid all year. This was evident as our guys held our opponents to 5 total runs in the playoffs. Our old but true saying before our games was if you throw strikes, and play good defense you will almost always put yourself in a position to win games. This was the case in the championship game where that combination let up only two runs in an exciting 3-2 win over Pennsbury. It was their best game they played in the fall season.



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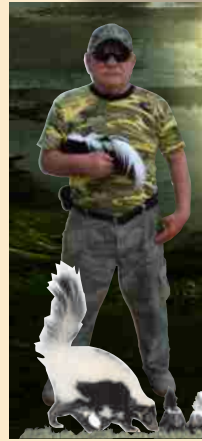


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A MESSAGE FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

The Lower Southampton Township Emergency Operation Plan was completed December 2011. This plan is for the prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by disaster within the municipality. The plan better prepares the municipality to respond to, recover from and mitigate actual or potential disaster emergencies within our municipality. This plan will better protect the health, safety, and welfare of Lower Southampton Township residence.

The township submitted over \$144,000 to FEMA and PEMA from hurricane Irene damages to the township's infrastructure and other costs to the township. We are hoping to get financial relief due to the hurricane being declared a presidential disaster.

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1. NAME OF AWARD

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5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

Feasterville Businessmen's Association

6. WHERE TO APPLY

Scholarship Committee Submissions

28 Addington Drive, Feasterville PA 19053

7. DUE DATE: APRIL 1, 2012

8. SELECTION: In April, by members of the Feasterville Businessmen's Association

9. WHEN AWARDED: At the May LSAA meeting or school's award ceremony as appropriate.



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JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Brandon Cimino is the twin brother of Collin Cimino, now age eleven. Brandon has been in track and field since first grade. In previous years, he typically placed 1st to 3rd in the 100, 200 and 400 meter dash. He also has thrown as far as 25 feet in the shotput. This year, Brandon seemed to excel particularly in the field events. Additionally, this past summer, Brandon signed up with Collin to participate in the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Junior Olympic Team, known as the "Three Amigos," for the very first time. Up until this year in June, Brandon and Collin participated solely in Assumption B.V.M.'s Track and Field, which is coached by Mary Ellen Malloy, a very talented and dedicated coach. Mary Ellen also coached Brandon and Collin for the Three Amigos AAU Team this past summer.

Ironically, Brandon picked up a 7.17 inch lenticular discus, weighing one kilogram and discovered it to be his favorite event. After just one month of learning how to throw discus, Brandon qualified to proceed to compete in the AAU Junior Olympic competition held in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Tad Gormley Stadium this past August. Before the competition, Brandon placed 55th in the nation for the discus throw. In New Orleans, Brandon broke his personal best record by 10 feet four inches, throwing a total distance of 50 feet 4 inches, which brought his national standing to 42nd best in the United States. This is quite an accomplishment for a 10 year old child. Just palming a 7.17 inch discus is difficult in nature at the age of 10, considering that Brandon does not have large hands, but definitely has a powerful arm and technique advantage. He excels at following through all six phases of the discus throw. His coach awarded Brandon with "The Sky is the Limit" award. Brandon not only practices three times a week with his teammates and Coach Malloy, but practices on baseball fields, park fields and basically anywhere he can get in some throws. This is why he took advantage of practicing in Georgia at

Kennesaw State University during a pit stop to see family just before his arrival in New Orleans to compete in the AAU Junior Olympics.

Brandon and Collin ran track together from first to fourth grade. Collin began to pursue Lower Southampton Travel Baseball and was unable to continue spring track on the Assumption B.V.M. Track team. However, Collin ranked 6th best in shotput during the AAU Junior Olympic qualifying events, just missing qualification to compete in New Orleans by one spot. The top 5 competitors move on to Junior Olympics. It's amazing that Brandon qualified in discus after only one month of experience throwing the discus itself. Additionally, it's amazing that Collin just missed qualifying for AAU Junior Olympic competition, since he had not been conditioning with the track team in nearly three years. Both twins recognize their talents and are excited to try again this summer to condition for the AAU Junior Olympic Competition. They recognize that in order to be a great athlete, one must consistently condition their body to strengthen and develop naturally. Brandon and Collin hope their athletic abilities garner them a scholarship for college one day. However, no matter what the outcome; win or lose, Brandon and Collin condition to consistently improve athletically, gain mental focus and for the benefit of experiencing the challenge of competing together, side by side, brother to brother. The twins Mom, Joy Cimino said that it was really great to see the boys competing together again, cheering each other on and being there for each other. It's one of the wonderful, special and unique experiences of having twins; seeing them compete, supporting each other and going through life events together as a team.

