

# Langhorne Manor Borough Newsletter



## LMB Hosts its First Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Langhorne Manor Borough held its First Tree Lighting. It was estimated that 150 residents waited in the fog and mist as a quintet of flutists serenaded us with beautiful music.

With sirens blaring, children (and adults, too) cheered as Santa arrived – transported by Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company. After a few words, praising the Tree Lighting Committee, Council President William R. McTigue, Jr. moved the spotlight back onto Santa who counted down to the tree lighting. The front of Borough Hall was illuminated with lights!

Residents proceeded inside to eat cookies, drink hot chocolate and sing carols. Many brought an unwrapped toy to donate to the Bucks County Housing Group! A Covered Bridge Coffee blend was donated by Langhorne Coffee House. A special thanks to Lynn Barry for leading us in song accompanied by her tambourine. The inside was decorated with candles and fresh greens. We need to give special thanks to the Four Lanes End Garden Club for helping to make Borough Hall beautiful with their expertise. We couldn't have done it without them! Another person who deserves many thanks is Harvey Spencer of Spencer Landscaping, Inc. A bucket truck makes stringing lights a breeze! We even had some local distinguished guests—Representative Frank Farry and Judge Daniel Baranoski—thanks for joining us.

Children followed Santa around, occasionally slipping a hand into his. Mayor Bob Byrne made a perfect Santa! Everyone was smiling with good cheer while eating the cookies that everyone brought to share. And all agreed that this was the first of many tree lighting events.

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### Special points of interest

- Santa Comes to Town!!!
- Storm Water Management Is Important in Winter Too
- Our Chief Highlighted
- Pictures of LMB's Tree Lighting



*How many LMB residents does it take to decorate a tree?*

*ONE!!!  
Thanks to Harvey Spencer from Spencer's Landscaping for lending a helping hand.*



## Important Dates

- 1/2 Council Meeting (schedule change)
- 1/15 Second Council Meeting (if necessary)
- 2/5 Council Meeting
- 2/19 Second Council Meeting (if necessary)
- 3/5 Council Meeting
- 3/19 Second Council Meeting (if necessary)

Borough Council Meetings are usually held on the 1st Tuesday of the month. If a second meeting is needed, it's typically held the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

## Langhorne Manor Borough Website

Just a reminder that Langhorne Manor Borough has a new website address:

[langhornemanor.org](http://langhornemanor.org).

Please access the website for borough information—ordinances, important dates, council meeting minutes, etc.

The website continues to be updated in order to bring you the most current and up-to-date information.

*We hope you'll all join us next year for LMB's Tree Lighting!*

## LMB Receives Two RDA Grants

LMB's Council is pleased to report that the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority has approved two grants, which we applied for in September.

The first grant for Road Improvements was approved for \$200,000. We anticipate the repaving project to begin Spring 2019.

The second grant was for Breathing Apparatus Replacement for Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company in the amount of \$35,000.

Many thanks to the RDA. Grants such as these keep our taxes from increasing every year.

## Winter Storm Water Management

### Winter Deicing Tips

Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm aquatic life in our streams and impact drinking water supplies. This winter, you can help by following these **environmentally friendly** snow removal practices:

Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt

Shovel snow onto permeable surfaces including gently sloping and level landscape and grassy areas so as the snow melts it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream.

### Why should I limit my use of salt and other chemical deicing products?

Deicing products contain chemical constituents that can be harmful to the environment including water resources and drinking water supplies. For example, sodium can break down soil structure and decrease soil permeability, which adversely impacts vegetation and soil microbes; chloride mobilizes heavy metals and impacts fresh water supplies including ground and surface waters; and heavy metal components can adversely impact water quality, plant and aquatic life.



## Meet Our Chief Russell Bumm

### How did you get involved in law enforcement?

I started my career in law enforcement in 1985 with Bucks County Emergency Services Department of Communications. In 1987, I graduated from Temple University Police Academy and worked part-time for the Penn del Borough Police Department from 1987 to 1988.

I started working for LMB Police Department in 1994 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2000 then to Chief in 2001. I worked full time with the Upper Southampton Township Police Department from March 1988 and retired in February 2018. I currently work as Lieutenant with the Bucks County Sheriff's Office.

### Tell us a little about LMB's police force and how it operates.

We are a part time department covered by the PA State Police when not on duty. Shifts vary based on a number of factors. This mix of hours is critically important for a part time department as criminals are clever and with these hours they do not know if an officer is on duty or not.

### What would you recommend residents do to keep safe?

The crime rate in LMB is very low. The most frequent crime last year was theft from unlocked motor vehicles. This occurs in every jurisdiction. Please lock your vehicles at night, so you don't become another statistic. Most of those crimes are perpetrated by addicts who walk neighborhoods at night looking for an easy target to obtain property, credit cards and cash. They pull on handles and enter unlocked ones. If it's locked they continue on their way.

If you need the assistance of an officer, please call 911 and you will be assisted. If no LMB officer is on duty, they will forward your complaint to the Pennsylvania State Police and a Trooper will handle your call. You can leave a message at police headquarters, but the officers work the streets and will not get your call until they return to HQ. By calling 911 an officer will get your call immediately. You can also leave messages for a specific officer or request crash reports.



*Thank you Mayor Byrne—you were a great Santa!!!  
The children were in awe!*



*Residents were greeted by a flutists. You girls were amazing!!!*

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