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More Space, New Technology Coming For Police Administration Building

Much has changed in the 40 years since the Salisbury Township Police Department first occupied the police administration building on South Pike Avenue. The types of crimes police deal with regularly have changed. The duties of the officers have changed. The number of officers and administrative staffers in the Department has changed.

The only thing that hasn't changed is the size of the administration offices, but plans are now underway to address numerous issues that have frustrated the Department for years.

Over the next several months, the Public Safety Building will be renovated and expanded to accommodate the needs of a 21st Century Police Department. "The \$1.8 million project includes

major renovations to the first floor and renovation and expansion of the second floor of the building," said Township Manager Randy Soriano.

"It will create a better environment for the existing force," Soriano said. "It will be more modern, more efficient and more technologically up to date."

Chief Allen Stiles welcomes the changes and echoes Soriano's comments about the improve-



Chief Allen Stiles and Det. Brian Klimowicz review improvement plans for police station.

ment of efficiency for his officers and staff.

"It's going to mean a great deal," Stiles said recently. "We've been working in a 1960s-style atmosphere here."

The Department has grown from 10 to 17 officers, including the Chief, during Stiles' 15 years

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Trick or Treat Night

Trick or Treat Night this year will be held on Friday, October 30, 2009 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Leaf Collection Program

The Township Vacuum Leaf Collection program will begin on Monday, October 26, 2009 starting in the Fifth Ward and working eastward. Residents are asked to place their leaves along the edge of the road prior to the start of pickup, which will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please do not place pieces of wood, steel, rocks, concrete, trunks, etc. on the leaves in an attempt to hold them down. To facilitate the vacuum leaf pickup, please keep all vehicles away from the area where leaves are piled.

'Single Stream' Recycling Benefits Township, Residents

Not long after Salisbury Township moved to "single stream" recycling after the approval of the new waste removal contract in 2008, Township phone lines started lighting up.

"Callers thought the truck crews were pulling a fast

one," said Assistant Township Manager/ Finance Director Cathy Bonaskiewich.

"They saw everything going into one truck and thought something was wrong," Bonaskiewich remembered. "The primary concerns were that

things were just being thrown out or not recycled properly."

Not so. One of the benefits of the 2008 contract is the fact that all residential recycling materials can be placed in one bin and put on the curb for

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East Side Projects Almost Done, West Side Projects On Tap

“Salisbury Township’s Public Works Department has a full slate of projects to keep the staff busy through the fall and winter months,” says Director John Andreas. Some of the projects are in the final stages while others are just about ready to kick off.



“All of the projects will be done in conjunction with ongoing tasks, such as routine road maintenance and chores such as leaf collection in the fall,” Andreas said.

“Nearing completion are the drainage projects on Barnsdale Road and Filbert Street,” Andreas said. “Barnsdale should be ready for final restoration within the next month and storm drains should be installed soon on Filbert Street. The drains will reduce or eliminate the icing and groundwater that tends to occur in the winter,” he said.

The \$252,000 Filbert Street project also included water line replacement, which is complete. Andreas said that the whole project will be completed by the end of October.

Meanwhile, on the west side of the Township, the department is gearing up for a water line replacement and repaving project on Lincoln and Flexer Avenues on the

east side of Cedar Crest Boulevard. “The water lines will be replaced from Lindberg to Green Acres and possibly to East Texas Boulevard, depending on the bid returns,” Andreas said.

The project is currently in the final design stage. Costs are estimated at about \$631,000 for the water line replacement and repaving. The water line work will probably be done during the fall and winter months and the repaving will likely occur in early spring.

Additionally, “the Township is awaiting permits to realign sewer lines on Patricia Drive to create a flow into South Whitehall Township’s gravity-fed system,” said Andreas. This estimated \$310,000 project would allow

Salisbury to eliminate the small pumping station that now stands at Patricia Drive and Lincoln Avenue.

Andreas said the Township will soon seek bids to resurface the tennis courts at Lindbergh Park. That work, now estimated at about \$120,000, should be done this fall, he said.



Top left: tennis court slated for repair at Lindbergh Park. Left: area of Flexer Avenue for waterline and repaving work

Police Station Improvements to Give Officers More Space

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on the job, and the duties and specialties of the Department have expanded dramatically in recent years. For instance, the Department now has a School Resource Officer who works with the Salisbury Township School District, a Traffic Safety Officer, a Quick Response Unit to assist on ambulance and emergency medical calls and a Community Policing Officer who will soon be working in the 1st and 2nd wards.

The improvements include an expanded locker room and showers for the officers; an expanded Squad Room where they can do their paperwork; a Training Room on the second floor that will double as an Emergency Operations Center, when needed; an expanded and more secure Evidence Room; expanded rest rooms with handicapped accessibility – even for the expanded and more secure processing and holding areas; and a women’s locker room and showers.

Though there are no women officers on the force pres-

ently, Stiles hopes to add them, eventually.

In addition, security throughout the building will be improved and updated.



The squad room will also be renovated.

According to the plans, the first floor will gain another 1,120 square feet and the second floor will add 1,320 square feet. Soriano said the project will not require a tax increase.

The Police and District Justice’s Offices will remain in the Public Safety Building during construction, and plans will be made to help them work around the project.

Expanded Recycling Brings Environmental, Financial Gains

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collection. Sorting occurs at the recycling center, but the change allows the contractor to collect more in a bigger truck – which means fewer trips, less cost and potentially higher income for the township when the economy improves.

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“That additional recycling revenue – which includes payment for all materials, not just paper – will hopefully help offset the cost of waste collection,” Bonaskiewich said.

“Additional recycling bins are available at the Township building and residents are permitted to use larger recycling bins that they purchase on their own. ‘Recycling’ labels are available free of charge through the Finance Office,” she said.

Recycle This:

- Newspaper & inserts
- Magazines & catalogs
- Junk mail, envelopes, file folders, shredded paper
- Office white, colored and computer paper (staples & paper clips ok)
- Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Cereal & gift boxes, etc. that tear - brown or grey (remove liners)
- Paper bags & phone books
- Aluminum cans (beer & soda)
- Aluminum foil & foil plates, etc.
- Glass bottles & jars (food & drink only)
- Plastic bottles, jars, tubs and rigid containers labeled #1-7 (soda, water, milk, juice, liquor, shampoo, detergent, condiments, yogurt, margarine, pet food, etc.)
- Metal food cans (tin/steel); metal lids
- Metal pots and pans, small metal appliances.

Not This:

- Food waste, garbage
- Flammable, hazardous or toxic materials, paint
- Medical waste, syringes, propane tanks, aerosol cans
- Ceramics, dishes, coffee cups, drinking glasses
- Glass cookware/bake ware (Pyrex, Vision Ware, etc.)
- Window glass, mirrors, light bulbs
- Plastic bags, cups, and plastic items without recycling logo, Styrofoam, packing peanuts
- Tissue, paper towels, books
- Wax coated boxes or cartons (juice, milk, etc.)
- Hangers, electrical cords, garden hoses
- Construction materials.

For more information on Salisbury Township recycling, go to: http://www.salisburytownshippa.org/refuse_recycling.shtml.

EAC Highlights, Township Looks to Fill Vacancy

The Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council (STEAC) has been actively meeting to formulate recommendations to the Board on environmental matters in the Township. Their current focus includes educational opportunities and community events for environmental awareness. Other recommendations include the development of a Natural Resource Inventory to help define natural elements: water resources, soils, slopes, vegetation, wetlands, wildlife and their unique habitats. The STEAC consists of five residents (one from each ward), one Planning Commission liaison, and one member of the Board of Commissioners. There is presently a vacancy due to the recent resignation of Mr. Frederick Brock. Residents may submit a resume along with the application which can be obtained online at <http://www.salisburytownshippa.org/CommitteeBoardApplication.pdf> or by calling 610-797-4000.



Front Row (Left to Right): Jane Benning, Bruce Burchard (Chair). Standing (Left to Right) Richard Niesenbaum, Louis Cinquino. Not Pictured: Fritz Brock (Vice-Chair, *Resigned)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The newly formed **Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Committee** meets the **Third Wednesday** of each month at **7:00 p.m.** The STEAC researches environmental issues and funding sources and advises the Township Manager and Commissioners, sponsors environmental education, coordinates environmental projects and partners with Township residents, outside agencies and organizations with similar interests.

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Improved Dialogue Top Goal For Township Manager

For Salisbury Township Manager, Randy Soriano, the key to good government is an open and accessible government.

Soriano, who was appointed on Sept. 26, 2008, said one of his primary goals is improving and expanding communications between Salisbury residents and the Township staff.

“This is their Township. They come here to find someone to help them navigate through things,” he said. “I want the residents to be able to connect to the staff.”

Connecting and navigating unfamiliar territory is a theme in Soriano’s life. Born in Italy near Naples, he moved to Allentown with his family in 1972 when he was 14 years old, several years after an earthquake devastated his home in the village of San Marco dei Cavoti.

Speaking no English, he learned the language of his adopted land when he attended St. Catherine of Siena Parochial School in Allentown. “They just threw me in with the nuns and I had no choice but to learn,” he laughed.

He graduated from William Allen High School in 1976, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Villanova University and his Master’s in Public Administration



Salisbury Township Manager Randy Soriano wants to build stronger relationships between residents and Township staffers

from Lehigh University. Soriano worked as a Legislative Aide/Clerk for the Lehigh County Commissioners before accepting the position of Borough Manager in Fountain Hill in 1986. Soriano, who moved to Salisbury several years ago after his marriage, said he sought the position in this larger Township because he was ready for new challenges. While overseeing a number of capital improvements and staff changes during the past year, he reiterates that improved communication is his top priority. “There was a bit of a disconnect here,” he said. “I want to really connect the people with their Township.”