



## Letter from the Chairman ~ Thomas C. Troutman

Dear Lower Pottsgrove Resident,

I am very pleased to announce that Lower Pottsgrove Park & Recreation Department had a successful 2006 and that I am looking forward to an even better 2007; however, this year will be one of transition for the Park & Recreation Commission.

We are very sad to lose one of the founding members of the Commission. **Earl "Smokey" Norton** passed away in February. After celebrating 40 years of service to the Township as a member of the Commission, his legacy of selfless dedication and commitment to Lower Pottsgrove's Park and Recreation will not be forgotten.

**Jim Leh** has stepped down after nearly a decade of service on the Commission. We thank him for his many years of



*Earl "Smokey" Norton receives an award for 40 years of service on the Park & Recreation Commission from the Board of Commissioners. From left to right: Patty Bleakley, Elsie Norton, Smokey, and Tom Troutman.*

service to the Township. Although no longer a member of the Commission, we are grateful that Mr. Leh has volunteered his time and expertise to help with a construction project at Sanatoga Park.

We are also celebrating a new face on the Commission. **Patty Abdalla** joined us in February and brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to the Commission. We look forward to working with her!

As in 2006, we plan to have the Easter Egg Hunt, Fishing Derby, Summer Concerts, Fall Festival, and Santa's Hotline this year. However, we are adding two more concerts to the line up and introducing Movies in the Park – three movie nights at Gerald Richards Park.



*New member, Patty Abdalla.*

Of course, all these events could not be made possible without support from our sponsors. I want to thank last year's event sponsors: JP Mascaro, National Penn Bank, Heritage Commercial Group, Walmart, and Haines & Kibblehouse. I would also like to thank this year's sponsors in advance, starting with Traffic Planning & Design, who is sponsoring this year's Easter Egg Hunt on March 31.

Besides promoting quality programming, members of the Commission are working with the Township to improve Lower Pottsgrove's park and recreation system. We are embarking on a planning process to assess the needs of the Township's Park & Recreation Department so it can better plan for future park and recreation needs. We are also supporting the Township in its efforts to purchase additional open space, plan for their development, and develop them. I am really excited about what the future holds for the Township!



*Jim Leh being honored for his service to the Township on the Park & Recreation Commission. From left to right: Patty Bleakley, Jim Leh, Tom Troutman, and Patty Abdalla.*

On the reverse side of this newsletter, please find a listing of our 2007 events, our parks, and local recreation organizations. For more information about the Township and its park and recreation system, please visit our website, [www.lowerpottsgrove.org](http://www.lowerpottsgrove.org).

I look forward to taking advantage of all the wonderful things our parks have to offer. Perhaps I'll see you on a trail or at a concert or ball game!

**Thomas C. Troutman**

# LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

Thomas C. Troutman, Chair  
Dennis Cimino

Patricia M. Bleakley  
Patty Abdalla

## 2007 Park & Recreation Programs



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Gerald Richards Park, Buchert Road  
Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 10 a.m.

### FISHING DERBY

Sanatoga Park Lake, South Sanatoga Road  
Saturday, June 9, 2007 at 7:30 a.m.

### MOVIES IN THE PARK

Gerald Richards Park, Buchert Road  
Fridays at 9 p.m.  
June 29, July 20, and August 17

### SUMMER CONCERTS (Tentative List)

Sanatoga Park Band Shell, South Sanatoga Road  
Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

- June 24: Zydeco-A-Go-Go
- July 1: NO CONCERT
- July 8: The Mad Jazzsters
- July 15: Bill Koss Combo
- July 22: The Mango Men
- July 29: The Barbone Street Jazz Band
- August 5: Burning Bridget Cleary
- August 12: In Full Swing
- August 19: Pottsgrove Community Band

### FALL FESTIVAL

Sanatoga Park Band Shell, South Sanatoga Road  
Saturday, October 28 at 1 p.m.

### SANTA'S HOTLINE

Mid December  
2-4 p.m. Parents talk to Santa's Elves  
5-7 p.m. Santa calls children

Look for more information about these events on our website, [www.lower-pottsgrove.org](http://www.lower-pottsgrove.org), in the *Community Connection*, in flyers, or signs around the Township. Information will be made available as it becomes available.

## Lower Pottsgrove Parks & Amenities

### ALFRED B. MILES PARK

8.9 acres on Sunnybrook Road  
• Nature Trail and Picnic Area

### CRIMSON LANE PARK

0.7 acres on Crimson Lane  
• Open Space

### GERALD G. RICHARDS PARK

30.8 acres on Buchert Road  
• 3 Baseball Fields, 1 Teeball Field, 5 Multipurpose Fields, 2 Basketball Courts, Paved Trail, Concession Stand

### KEIM STREET PARK

0.2 acres on Keim Street  
• Gazebo

### RINGING ROCKS PARK

38.4 acres on North Keim Street  
• Nature Trail

### SANATOGA PARK

54.0 acres on South Sanatoga Road  
• Bandshell, Playground, Picnic Pavilion

### SCHUYLKILL RIVER PARK

12.3 acres on Porter Road  
• Nature Trail

### SNELL & NORTON PARK

32.1 acres on Snell Road/Shire Drive  
• Open Space

### SPROGELS RUN PARK

11.2 acres on Doe Run Lane  
• Open Space

## Community Recreation Organizations

### Serving the Pottsgroves & Pottstown

Pottsgrove Recreation Board – [www.pottsgroverec.com](http://www.pottsgroverec.com)

Pottsgrove Soccer Association – [www.pottsgrovesoccer.com](http://www.pottsgrovesoccer.com)

Pottsgrove Fast-Pitch Girls Softball – <http://eteamz.active.com/pottsgrove-softball/index.cfm?>

Pottsgrove Baseball Organization (13-18 years of age) – <http://www.pottsgrovebaseball.com/pbo/>

Pottsgrove Little League (under 13 years of age) – <http://www.pottsgrovebaseball.com/PGLL/ll-home.htm>

Pottsgrove Wrestling Club – [www.pottsgrovewrestling.org](http://www.pottsgrovewrestling.org)

LPAA Basketball League – (610) 334-6044

Pottstown Penguins Youth Ice Hockey Club – [www.pottstownpenguins.org](http://www.pottstownpenguins.org)

Pottstown Police Athletic League (PAL) – [www.pottstownpal.com](http://www.pottstownpal.com)

Pottstown Lacrosse Association for Youth (PLAY)