



# Lower Makefield Township Parks and Recreation

2024  
Annual Report



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# About us



In 2024, the Lower Makefield Township Department of Parks and Recreation achieved significant milestones, enhancing the community's recreational opportunities and green spaces. Key highlights included increased participation in diverse programs for all age groups, playground upgrades, and improved basketball courts. The department launched new initiatives focusing on engaging teens, tweens, and seniors. Signature events like the Veterans Day Parade and Camp LMT saw strong attendance, while ongoing projects such as the Dog Park and expanded pickleball offerings continued to thrive. These accomplishments underscore the department's commitment to fostering community wellness, inclusivity, and environmental stewardship.



## Mission and Vision

The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing top-notch parks and recreation facilities and services for all residents through three key themes:

### Health

Improve physical health, mental health and overall quality of life by offering safe and accessible facilities and open space.

### Environment

Act as environmental stewards through responsible use of the natural environment and protect and maintain Parks and Recreation assets.

### Community

Create opportunities for the community to connect through a wide variety of partnerships, programs, events, and classes.

*Play for All*

# Core Values



## Parks & Recreation

**Innovation and Creativity**

**Economic Vitality**

**Health and Wellness**

**Sense of Community**

**Conservation and Stewardship**

**Community Engagement**

**Inclusivity and Equity**

**Accessibility and Connectivity**

**Diversity**

# Goals

Goal 1: Protect green space and provide a plan for stewardship.

Goal 2: "Play for All"—Continue to improve parks, recreation, and nature-based facilities that serve residents of all ages, interests, and abilities.

Goal 3. Connect the Township with safe places to bicycle and walk.

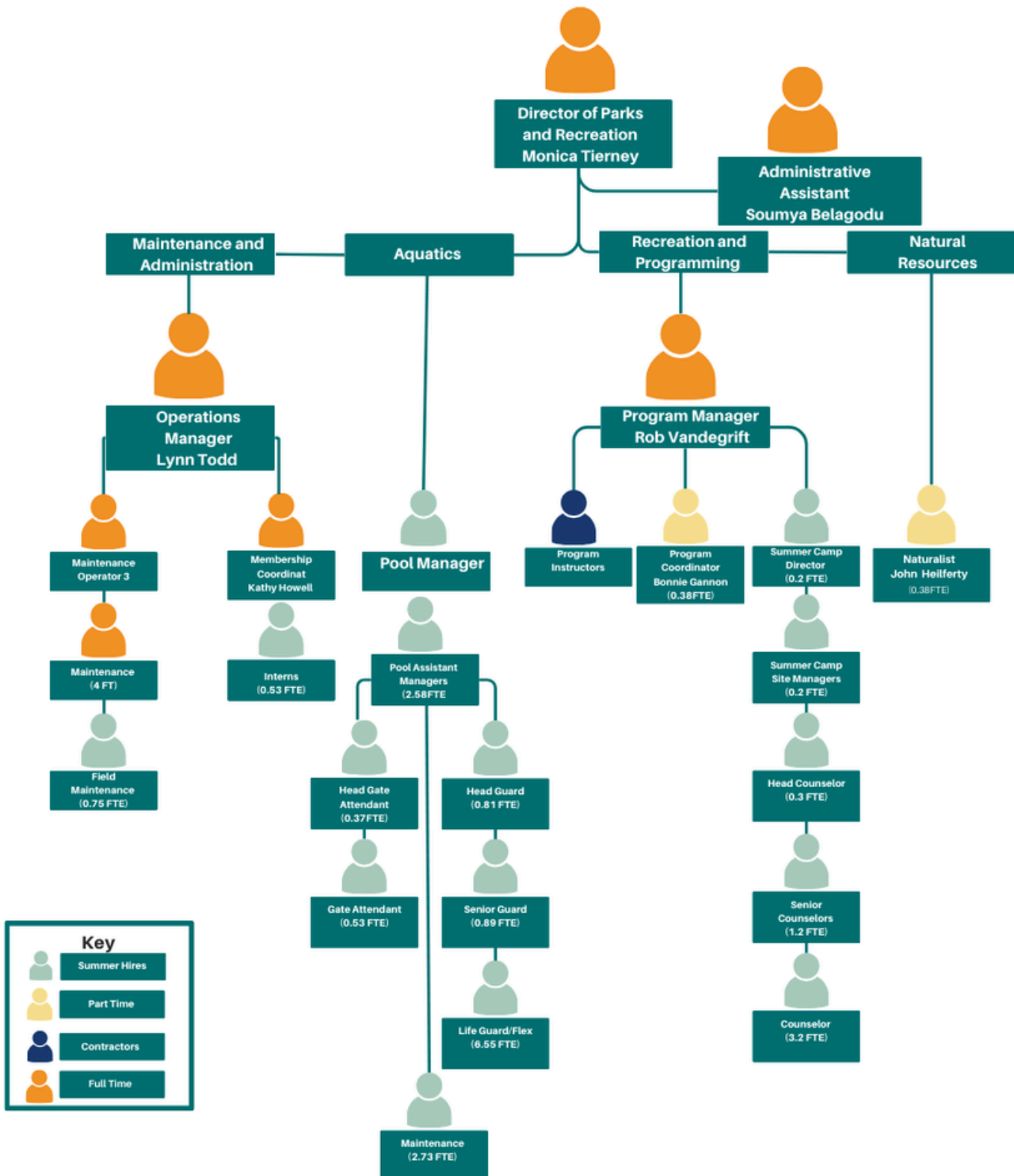
Goal 4. Engage residents in active living through recreation opportunities for all ages, abilities and interests that focus on fun, health, nature, self-improvement, and building a sense of community.

Goal 5. Continue to provide excellence in operations, management, and financing to yield the greatest public benefit.



# Our Staff

Lower Makefield Township Parks and Recreation thrives on the dedication of its staff and volunteers, whose efforts ensure high-quality programming, facility maintenance, and community wellness.



# Park and Recreation Fund



→ Unaudited 2024 report from the CFO

	Budget	Actuals	Actuals Vs. Budget
Revenue	\$ 4,004,064	\$ 3,012,173	75%
Expenses	\$ 4,535,081	\$ 2,727,310	60%
Total	\$ (531,017)	\$ 284,863	15%

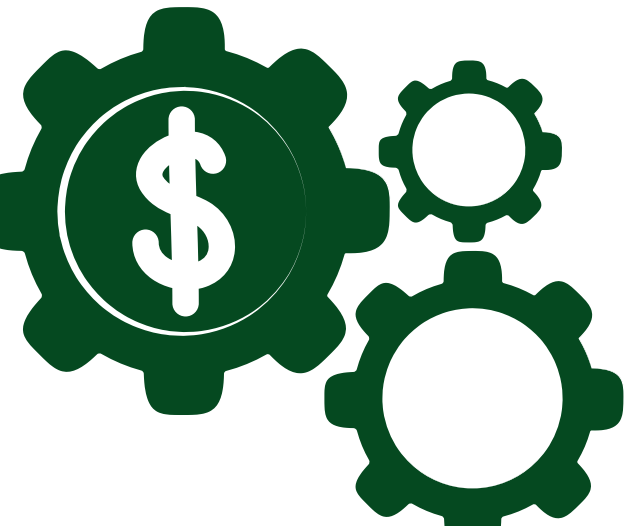
## Park and Recreation Department Performance

**Revenue:** Reached 75% of budget, with delays in grant-funded projects impacting totals.

**Key Revenue Drivers:** Program fees and light cost recovery exceeded projections.

**Expenses:** Maintained 60% of the budget due to project delays and efficient cost management.

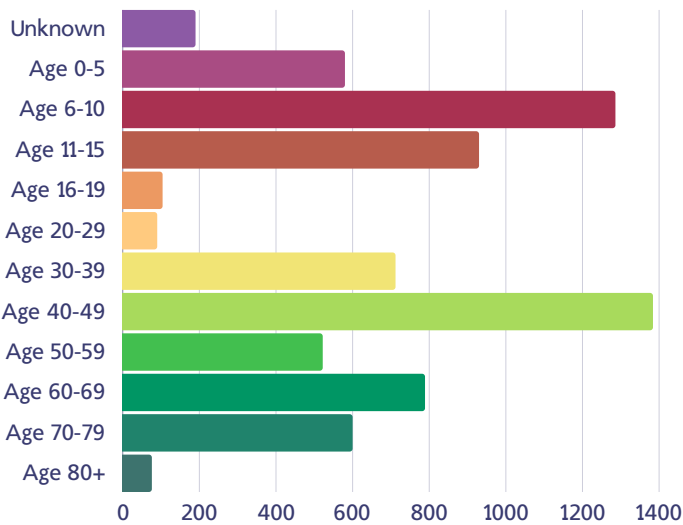
**Year-over-Year Growth:** 6% increase in revenue, even when excluding light cost recovery.



# Operations Service Report

## TOWNSHIP OFFERED PARKS AND RECREATION SUPPORT

### PARTICIPATION BY AGE



### RESIDENT INTERACTIONS

Individuals served	7,264
Programs/Items Purchased	20,947
Transactions	10,374
Active Households	3,331

Please note this is only active registration through the Parks and Recreation office. The Township also coordinates with five non-profit user groups who offer programs throughout the Township.

3,200

Hours of mowing  
grass

1827

Hours of  
Community Center  
Reservations

136

Work Orders  
Complete

25,100

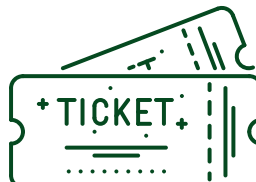
Human Resources and  
Registration Documents  
Processed

128 Permits

### DOG PARK



Gate Swipes	19,835
Dogs	277
People	312



### DISCOUNT TICKETS

PRPS	52
Flower Show	59

# Play For All Progress

## ADA Transition Plan

Lower Makefield Township remains committed to making all parks accessible to all residents. In the past year, several projects were completed to enhance accessibility:



### **Secret Garden Accessable Playground**

Upgraded with new surfacing , fencing, paint and replacing broken equipment.



### **Five Mile Woods**

Installed an ADA Accessible Path, installed Accessible Parking, installed a new pathway from the Parking to the entryway to the trail.



### **Heacock Tot Lot**

Installed a walking path from the sidewalk to the play equipment.

In 2025 we intend to review the ADA Transition Plan and incorporate programming and marketing into the document and do a fresh inventory of the parks.

# Play For All Progress

## Asset Management

Asset management in Lower Makefield Township's Parks and Recreation Department ensures the sustainability, safety, and efficiency of recreational facilities, parks, and amenities. By systematically tracking assets like playgrounds, athletic fields, trails, and infrastructure, the department enhances residents' recreational experiences while maximizing asset lifespan and value.

### 2025 Projects

- ✓ **Memorial Park Basketball Court** – Rehabilitation completed.
- ✓ **Memorial Park Secret Garden** – Rehabilitation completed.
- ✓ **Lap Pool** – Filter replaced, sandblasted, and repainted.
- ✓ **Kids Kingdom Wooden Playground** – Repainted.
- ✓ **Heacock Tot Lot** – Complete replacement of the playground.

### Macclesfield Park Master Plan

Lower Makefield Township continued developing the Macclesfield Park Master Plan to address safety, congestion, and overuse. JMT collected public feedback which including focus groups, an open house, a survey, and a public meeting to identify solutions for community and league needs, including ball fields and support facilities.







# Play For All Progress

## Stewardship and Sustainability

Lower Makefield Township thanks the Environmental Advisory Council and the Friends of Five Mile Woods for their leadership in sustainability efforts. With the help of dedicated volunteers, the Township planted trees across multiple parks, improved accessibility with a new boardwalk, enhanced biodiversity through native plantings, and maintained trails to support habitat restoration.

**165**

Trees Planted

**100**

Native Shrubs  
Planted at Five  
Mile Woods

**163**

Volunteers

**.25**

Acres of  
Meadow  
Created

**840**

Hours of  
Volunteer Time

**15**

Engagement  
Opportunities

# Recreational Program Highlights

6,302

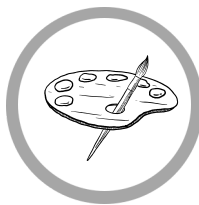
Participants

144

Programs  
and Events

## What is recreational programming?

A recreation program is an organized activity or series of activities designed to engage individuals in meaningful leisure experiences. These programs provide opportunities for enjoyment, personal enrichment, community connection, and overall well-being. Recreation programming in Lower Makefield Township includes diverse offerings that promote physical activity, creativity, social interaction, and lifelong learning, all while fostering an inclusive and vibrant community.





# Programs Classes



**411**

People  
Participated in  
Water Color  
Classes



**279**

People  
Participated in  
Yoga



**531**

People  
Participated in  
Fitness  
Programming



**97**

People  
Participated in  
Youth  
Programs



**204**

People participated  
in Five Mile Woods  
Programming



**39**

People participated  
in alternative Camps  
and Travel  
Programming

# Programs



**10,251 Court Successful Signups**



**426** Court Reserve Accounts



**315** Club Members



**23** Instructional classes offered



**28** Court Reservations



**24** Sessions offered weekly



**11** Clinics and Events



In 2024, Lower Makefield Township transitioned from MeetUp to CourtReserve, a more user-friendly app that allows staff to provide better backend support.



Additionally, a new Pickleball Club was launched, offering member perks such as discounted clinic and event rates, quarterly socials, and an exclusive members-only newsletter.

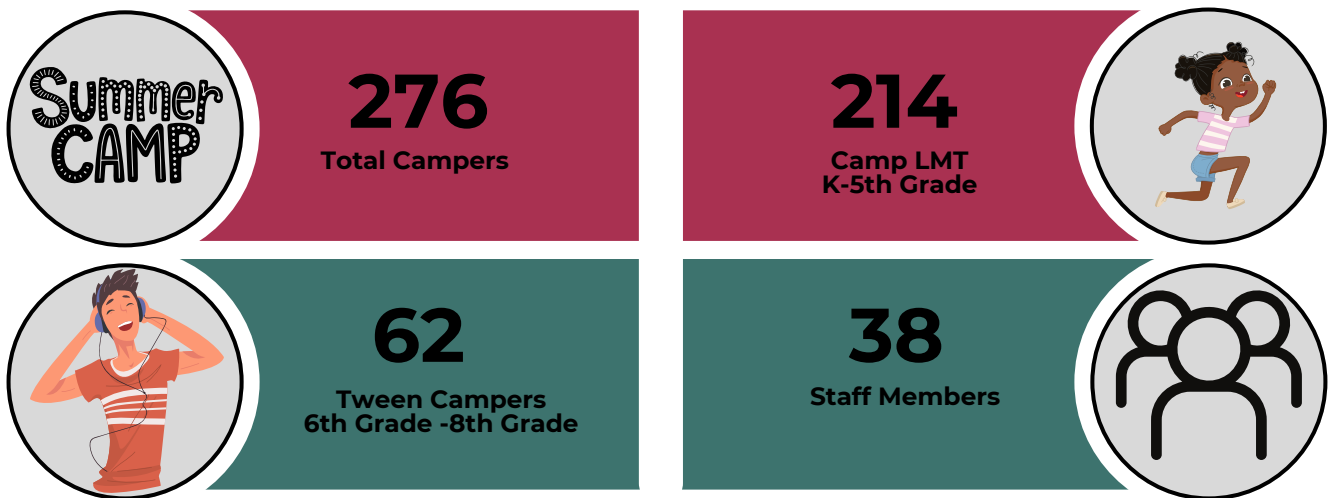


A court reservation system was also introduced to improve accessibility and organization.

# Programs

## Summer Camp

Camp LMT 2024 experienced a successful season with record enrollment and revenue, welcoming more campers than ever. The camp introduced enhanced staffing and programming, fostering greater community engagement through various trips and activities. Despite minor challenges, leadership ensured a memorable experience for all attendees.



**76 more campers  
than previous  
years**

By addressing key areas for improvement—such as refining weather contingency plans, enhancing staff training, streamlining registration, and optimizing program offerings—Camp LMT can continue to build on its success. With record attendance and positive feedback in 2024, these enhancements will ensure an even more enriching experience for campers in 2025. Early preparations, strategic planning, and a focus on quality programming will position Camp LMT for another outstanding season.



# Programs

# Special Events

EVENT	DETAILS	EVENT	DETAILS
Eggstravaganza	Date: March 25th - 27th, 2024 Sponsors: \$0 Revenue: \$0 Expenses: \$1,366.52 Attendance: 300	Monster Mash	Date: October 4, 2024 Revenue: \$658 Expenses: \$1,786.67 Attendance: 125
Electronics Help Class	Date: April 30, 2024 Sponsors: None Revenue & Expenses: \$0 Attendance: 15 seniors	5K Any Way	Date: October 13, 2024 Sponsors: \$500 Revenue: \$6,399 Expenses: \$5,780 Attendance: 170
Pickleball Palooza	Date: May 11, 2024 Revenue: \$1,126 Expenses: \$825 Attendance: 29	Veterans Parade and Ceremony	Date: November 9, 2024 Sponsors: \$9,500 Expenses: \$10,464.36 Attendance: 3,000
Movie Night -Kim Rock Group	Date: August 1, 2024 Sponsors: \$700 Revenue: \$133 Expenses: \$731.68 Attendance: 250	Holiday Family Fun	Date: December 6, 2024 Revenue: \$675 Expenses: \$257.50 Attendance: 150



# User Group Insights

In 2024, Lower Makefield Township’s non-profit user groups remained a cornerstone of community recreation, offering participants of all ages and skill levels opportunities to participate through Township-sanctioned outside organizational groups.

2977

Residents

789

Pennsbury Students who  
are Non-Residents

1500

Non-Residents

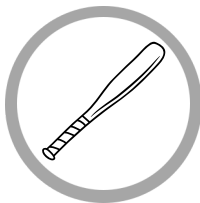
Total Participation 5266

## League Metrics Spring and Fall on LMT Fields



1164

Lower Makefield Football Association  
(52%R, 26%NR, 21% PNR)



1020

Pennsbury Athletic Association  
(67%R, 17%NR, 16% PNR)



2451

Yardley Makefield Soccer\*  
(51%R, 36%NR, 13% PNR)

\*YMS also has 3,415 who practice and play on other fields (combining two seasons)

## Other Groups in LMT

298

YM Tennis  
(72%R, 15%NR, 13% PNR)

147

Ultimate Frisbee  
(69%R, 6%NR, 25% PNR)

281

LMT Seniors  
(59%R, 7%NR, 34% PNR)

1508

VOLUNTEERS

## Demographic Participation

57%

Resident (R)

28%

Non-Resident (NR)

15%

Pennsbury Student  
Non-Resident (PNR)

# Pool Fund

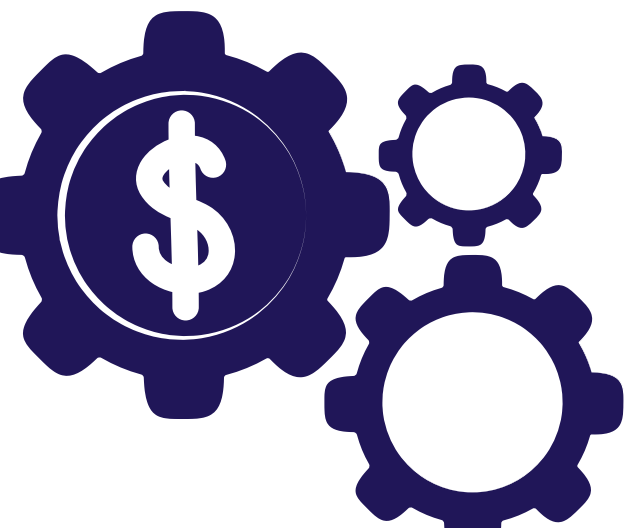


➔ Unaudited 2024 report from the CFO

	Budget	Actuals	Actuals Vs. Budget
Revenue	\$ 1,693,753	\$ 1,335,331	79%
Expenses	\$ 1,452,869	\$ 1,088,422	75%
Total	\$ 240,880	\$ 246,909	15%

## Pool Performance

- **Revenue:** Reached 79% of the budget, with 48% supplemented by an interfund transfer from Parks & Recreation.
- **Challenges:** Membership remained below target, and interest earnings underperformed due to a lower cash balance.
- **Expenses:** Came in at 75% of the budget, with savings from the absence of a pool manager and lower spending.
- **Year-over-Year Performance:** 2% revenue increase (excluding interfund transfer), with cost-cutting measures improving overall financial stability.



# Pool Highlights

The Lower Makefield Township Pool remained a top summer destination in 2024, offering swim programs, special events, and a safe, family-friendly environment. Ongoing improvements and dedicated staff ensured a successful season.

6,289  
Members

221  
Hours of swim lesson  
instruction

6232  
Guest Passes

86,000 Visits to the pool complex

## Swim Lesson Metrics

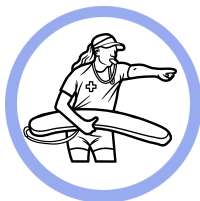


424  
Participants



221  
Hours of Instruction

## Seasonal Staff



125  
Employees



26,155  
Hours worked

### Benefits of swim lessons

Swim lessons at The Pool equip residents with essential water safety skills, reducing the risk of drowning by up to 88% (CDC). By providing accessible instruction for all ages, the program builds confidence in the water, promotes lifelong safety habits, and strengthens community well-being.

### Benefits of seasonal staff

Seasonal employment at The Pool provides valuable job opportunities, especially for first-time workers, fostering responsibility, teamwork, and leadership skills. These positions support pool operations, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for the community while offering local youth and residents meaningful employment close to home.

# Boards

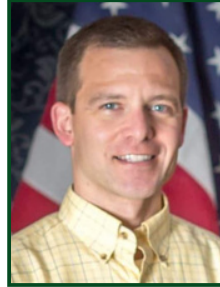


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## Board of Supervisors



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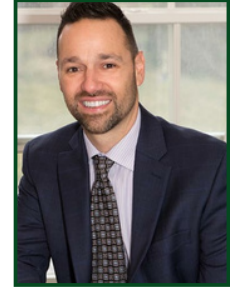
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## Park and Recreation Advisory Board

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Dennis Wysocki, Member  
Robert LaBar, Member  
Michael Blundi, Member  
David Malinowsky (Term Ended March)

## Township Manager

David Kratzer





# Community Partners

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Community partnerships are vital to the success of Lower Makefield Township Parks and Recreation. Collaborations with businesses, schools, and nonprofits enhance services, expand programming, and improve facilities. These partnerships foster community spirit, promoting inclusive, vibrant, and connected public spaces.

- DARS
- Boy Scouts Troop #30
- Girl Scouts Troop #624
- Homeowners Association (CAMCO)
- Kim Rock Group
- LMT Seniors
- Lower Bucks Lacrosse
- Lower Makefield Historical Society
- Lower Makefield Football Association
- Pennsbury Athletic Association
- Pennsbury School District
- Yardley Makefield Soccer
- Makefield Women's Association
- Newtown Quilters Guild
- Swim/Dive Team
- Ultimate Frisbee (New Partner in 2024)
- Yardley Farmers Market (New Partner in 2024)
- Yardley-Makefield Lions
- Yardley Makefield Tennis
- Artists of Yardley







# Thank You!

Together, we can cultivate a brighter future.



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