

# Norristown appoints deputy fire chief

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Newly-appointed Norristown Fire Department Deputy Chief Richard Lockhart, center in dress blues, is congratulated by Chief Thomas O'Donnell, to his left, and other department firefighters.

Photo courtesy of Norristown Fire Department



NORRISTOWN — Assistant Norristown Fire Chief Richard Lockhart was promoted to the newly-created position of deputy fire chief at the Municipal Council meeting held Tuesday night.

Lockhart, a 32-year veteran of the force, will also assume fire marshal duties. Dozens of area firefighters and well-wishers poured into council chambers to witness Lockhart's swearing-in by Council President Sonya Sanders.

"It's nice because I get to have a direct hand in, not just fire suppression, but fire prevention, and help code enforcement with making buildings safer in Norristown," Lockhart said of the promotion.

Municipal Administrator Crandall Jones praised Lockhart for doing a "great job" as member of Norristown's "stellar fire department" and welcomed him to the administrative team.

In other business, Council passed a resolution to consider authorization of the purchase of 14,441 square feet of municipal right-of-way adjacent to the PennDOT facility on

Johnson Highway for road improvements. A purchase document will be presented to Council at a later date.

Council also passed a resolution amending the the municipality's 2019 fee schedule, following the finance department's discovery of several errors in a resolution passed in December dealing with feds for collection of solid waste disposal.

## **Announcements**

The H&K Group will be hosting a regional job fair, Feb. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon at 2082 Lucon Road in Skippack. Heavy diesel mechanics, tri-axle drivers, CDL drivers, asphalt paving crew members, water and wastewater tradespeople and many other positions are sought.

The Norristown Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a networking event at Centre Theater, 208 DeKalb St., Feb. 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event is free for members and \$5 per person for nonmembers.

Black History Live, presented by the Greater Norristown NAACP Youth Council will be held at Municipal Hall Feb. 24 at 4:30 p.m. This event features exhibits, spoken word and vendors. For more information email [norristownnaacpyc@gmail.com](mailto:norristownnaacpyc@gmail.com)

The Montgomery County Health and Human Service will host its annual Black History Month Celebration at the Health and Human Services Center, 1420 DeKalb St. Feb. 27 from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. and is open to the public.

The Norristown Small Business Center will be hosting a workshop for those interested in becoming food truck owners on Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Visit [Norristown.org](http://Norristown.org) for details.

Montgomery County Community College is recruiting applicants for its manufacturing technician training program. Candidates will learn how to read blueprints, learn business and industrial math, receive OSHA training and other skills necessary for entry into the

growing field of manufacturing. For more information, contact Gary Hines at [ghines@mc3.edu](mailto:ghines@mc3.edu) or 610-718-1974.

The Norristown Area High School Parent Faculty Club is holding a prom fair, March 30, to collect prom materials for students. Interested donors may contact Norristown Area School District at 610-630-5000.