



LEHIGHTON BOROUGH

LEHIGHTON AREA HERITAGE ALLIANCE

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The mission of the Lehigh Area Heritage Alliance (LAHA) is to identify, preserve, promote, and educate the public about the historical legacy of Lehigh and the surrounding area. We are a small group of volunteers committed to collecting stories and artifacts to safeguard them for future generations. From the Lenni Lenape and Moravians - to the railroad, canal, and trolley cars - to soapbox derbies, Franz Kline, and Bright's Dept. Store - Lehigh has a story to tell!



LAHA is working toward creating an accessible public space for a heritage center museum to provide educational exhibits and programs. To get involved, email lehighonheritage@gmail.com to join the email list for upcoming meetings.

Recordings of our 2022 Songs & Stories events (Corner Stores and Veterans) are now available to watch anytime on the LAHA YouTube channel at youtube.com/@lehighonheritage. These programs are free to watch, but donations to support our mission can be made via PayPal at lehighonheritage.org.

For more information, visit lehighonheritage.org, email lehighonheritage@gmail.com, or follow LAHA on Facebook @lehighonheritage.



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LEHIGHTON DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

The Lehigh Downtown Partnership (LDP) has so many fun things going on for the 2023 Spring and Summer. Please make sure to keep this list so you do not miss out on all the fun!

April 1st - Easter Scavenger Hunt – Save the Date

May 6th - Wine on the River, Baer Memorial 11:00 am – 6:00 pm (rain date May 7th)

May 13th - Lehigh Downtown Farmers Market Opening Day with a Craft and Plant Fest 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Downtown Borough Park.

- Farmers Market runs Saturdays from May 13th – October 28th 9:00 am – noon
- Live Music every Saturday
- Kids Kraft Korner every Saturday
- Watch for Event Happenings throughout the market season

 Follow us on Facebook at Lehigh Downtown Farmers Market

June 9th - Movies in the Park (Movie to be Announced)

July 4th - Fireworks

July 22nd - Christmas in July 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

August 1st - National Night Out (Time to be Determined)

September 16th - Spell Binding Street Festival (Details to be Determined)

September 22nd - Movies in the Park (Movie to be Announced)

Did you know the Lehigh Downtown Partnership is not just about events? We have events for community involvement but also so we can raise funds to help with the revitalization of Downtown Lehigh. We have a very long wish list of things we would like to accomplish in 2023. One of our main focuses this year is the Lehigh Valley Caboose located down at the D&L Trailhead. The caboose is in need of refurbishment and will initially be used as a visitors center. A great attraction for all!

We have also started in a small section of First Street hanging lights in the trees. As the other trees get larger, and more businesses and property owners jump on board we can continue with more trees.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you can donate a bit of your time, would like to have a say in some of the decision making, please join us at one of our meetings. If you do not want to attend a meeting, but would like to help us with an event, please contact us. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Carbon Chamber & Economic Development building located at 137 South Street.

Follow us on Facebook at Lehigh Downtown Partnership – LDP for more information to see what's happening in Downtown Lehigh. For more information, please feel free to contact Bambi Elsasser at (610) 509-6465 or at BambiE@carboncountychamber.org.

POLLUTANT COLLECTION

Stormwater runoff from snowmelt or rain can pick up pollutants such as motor oil, lawn chemicals, and pet waste before entering streams untreated. The large amount of untreated water entering the storm sewer system, and eventually our streams, has lasting health, safety, environmental and economic impacts on our community. Fortunately, there are many things that property owners can do to put stormwater to good use while reducing the amount of runoff that ends up in local waterways. Here are some tips on how you can help:

- Install rain barrels in gardens.
- Never discard trash, grass clippings, leaves or any other yard waste down storm drains or in the street.
- Pickup and dispose of pet waste properly.
- Wash your car at a professional car wash which filters the wastewater or wash your car in a grassy area so that runoff benefits the lawn. Do not wash cars on driveways or in the street.
- When applying fertilizers, follow manufacturer's instructions and never apply before rain or watering the lawn.
- Do not change your vehicle oil on the street or driveway. Instead use a professional mechanic which will eliminate any risk of street contamination.
- Report any road killed animals to the Borough for disposal.
- Use native plants because they increase water filtration, decrease maintenance and perform better in drought conditions.

Implementing these measures will help keep Lehigh Borough's waterways clean. Remember your actions can positively benefit the welfare of our community.

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LEHIGHTON ALERT

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In an upcoming initiative, our police department will be implementing a new security camera database in order to help solve crimes in the Borough of Lehigh. The initiative, called "Lehigh Alert", will give investigators a list of neighbors with video surveillance from which they could access for assistance.

Local residents and business owners will be able to register personal security cameras with the police department. This private list will be available to the officers if a crime occurs in which there are no known or identified suspects. The officers will then ask the residents or business owners if they would be able to check their systems to see if there is anything to ascertain identity on any suspects of a crime.



This initiative will also decrease investigation time since officers and investigators will be able to identify immediately which houses or businesses to check for cameras. In time sensitive investigations, such as a kidnapping, each minute that passes puts the victim at even greater risk. Being able to locate and access video surveillance would greatly help the outcome.

The Lehigh Borough Police Department will be making a future announcement to launch the Lehigh Alert program. Residents and business owners will be able to provide the camera registration information via email or through a form provided at the Lehigh Borough Police Department.

"Video Surveillance from neighbor's Ring Doorbells or other video systems have greatly increased arrests and convictions in our past investigations" said Detective Matt Arner. The detective added "Being able to quickly gather video evidence has helped us with several major cases in the Borough".

Follow the department's Facebook and Twitter pages for announcements regarding this program.

LEHIGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING

The members of the Lehigh Police Department are dedicated to working collaboratively with citizens, community groups, and other agencies to preserve and improve our special quality of life. We strive to be a continuously improving organization devoted to service excellence while working in partnership with the community to make our town a safe and healthy place to live, learn, work and play.

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Please send completed applications to:

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FREE PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:30 for 3 yrs. and older

Toddler Time: Fridays at 10:30 for babies to 3 yr. olds

Summer Learning Adventure: For children, teens, and adults, registration begins June 1st.

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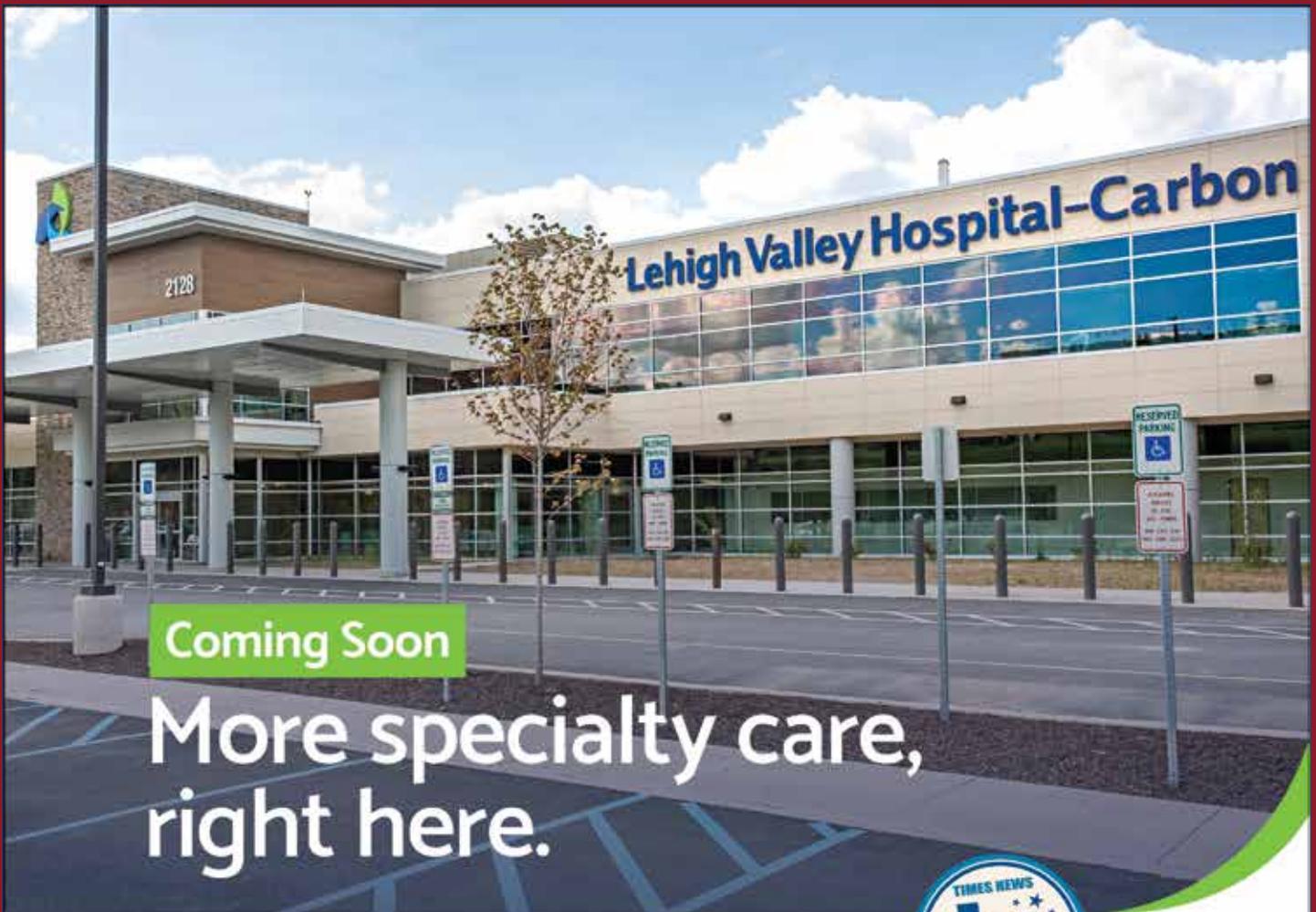
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LEHIGHTON AREA POOL PALS

Looking Forward to 15 Year Anniversary of Restored Pool

It is hard to believe that our local community swimming pool will be celebrating the grand re-opening anniversary that took place 15 years ago.

It seems like only yesterday when our group of community minded individuals decided to band together to figure out a way to raise money to help with the restoration of the pool that was shut down for over 5 years. The pool needed major renovation work in order to once again flourish to provide the community a place to enjoy and to become the huge asset to the community that it is.

Once the pool opened, the Pool Pals decided to stay together as a group and do what they could to support the ongoing operations of the pool adding various enhancements along the way. Some but not all of these enhancements include passive solar heating panels to warm the water in the pool, solid dividers replacing plastic curtains in the women's changing room, a fish slide to enhance the enjoyment of toddlers, painting the weathered wood under the two existing pavilions and working with the borough to build a third pavilion which is the largest of the three pavilions. The Pool Pals provided the roadmap for these enhancements to take place however none of them would have become a reality without the generous support of the many residents, businesses, churches and others within our community that have supported the many visions of the Pool Pals over the years.

As much joy and camaraderie the Pool Pals enjoy as a group, they have also experienced much sadness over the years with the passing of some of their members. Past members have been memorialized with the dedication of benches, picnic tables, water slides, and refreshment stands. One of the most sustainable

memorials materialized last year with the passing of long time Pool Pal member Linda Schoenberger. The Pool Pals wanted to come up with an idea that would keep the memories of Linda as well as all past Pool Pal members live on in the joy of those using the pool.

In 2022, the Pool Pals, through the Linda Schoenberger memorial swim fund, provided seven families within our community a family season pass allowing these families the ability to enjoy the many benefits the community pool offers. In 2023, the Pool Pals have established a goal to double the number of family season tickets offered to those in our community that may be struggling more than others.

Some of the fund raising events that support this beneficial fund are the annual Cabin Fever Dance held in February and Family Fun Night held under the lights every July at the pool. The Pool Pals are also looking to bring back their ever popular Pre-Teen dance that was temporarily put on hold the past few years due to Covid restrictions.

The Pool Pals would once again like to thank the community for their ongoing support to allow us to continue to fulfill our mission statement of "Creating Lifetime Memories"!

The Lehighton Area Pool Pals meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Recreation Center. New members, guests and donations are always welcome.

Our newly revamped website address is lehightonareapoolpals.org and we can also be found on Facebook at Lehighton Area Pool Pals.

Happy 15th Anniversary!

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The warm weather will be here shortly, along with our amazing public pool, in the summer we offer a youth program at the grove for grades 1st thru 8th, tentative starting date is July 10th 2023 at the grove 9am-11:45am, every Thursday morning we have the program at our amazing public pool.

At the grove we have a playground with some new equipment being installed in the spring, 2 basketball courts and a tennis court for everyone to enjoy.

The center has a variety of activities, the center is a senior center in the morning, party rentals on the weekends, open gyms, Crossfit, pickleball, Lehigh Area Booster Clubs basketball and soccer use the facility.



Wine on the River

May 6, 2023 . 11am-6pm

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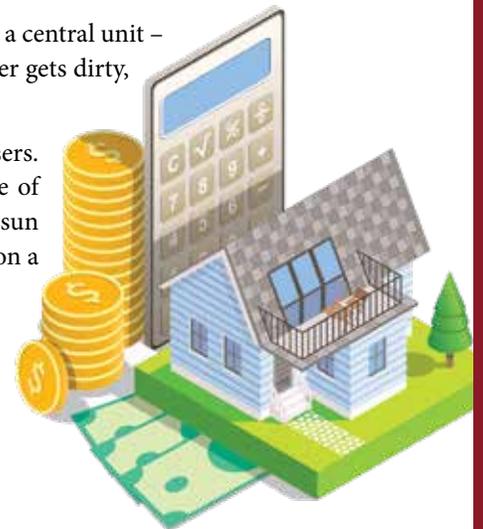
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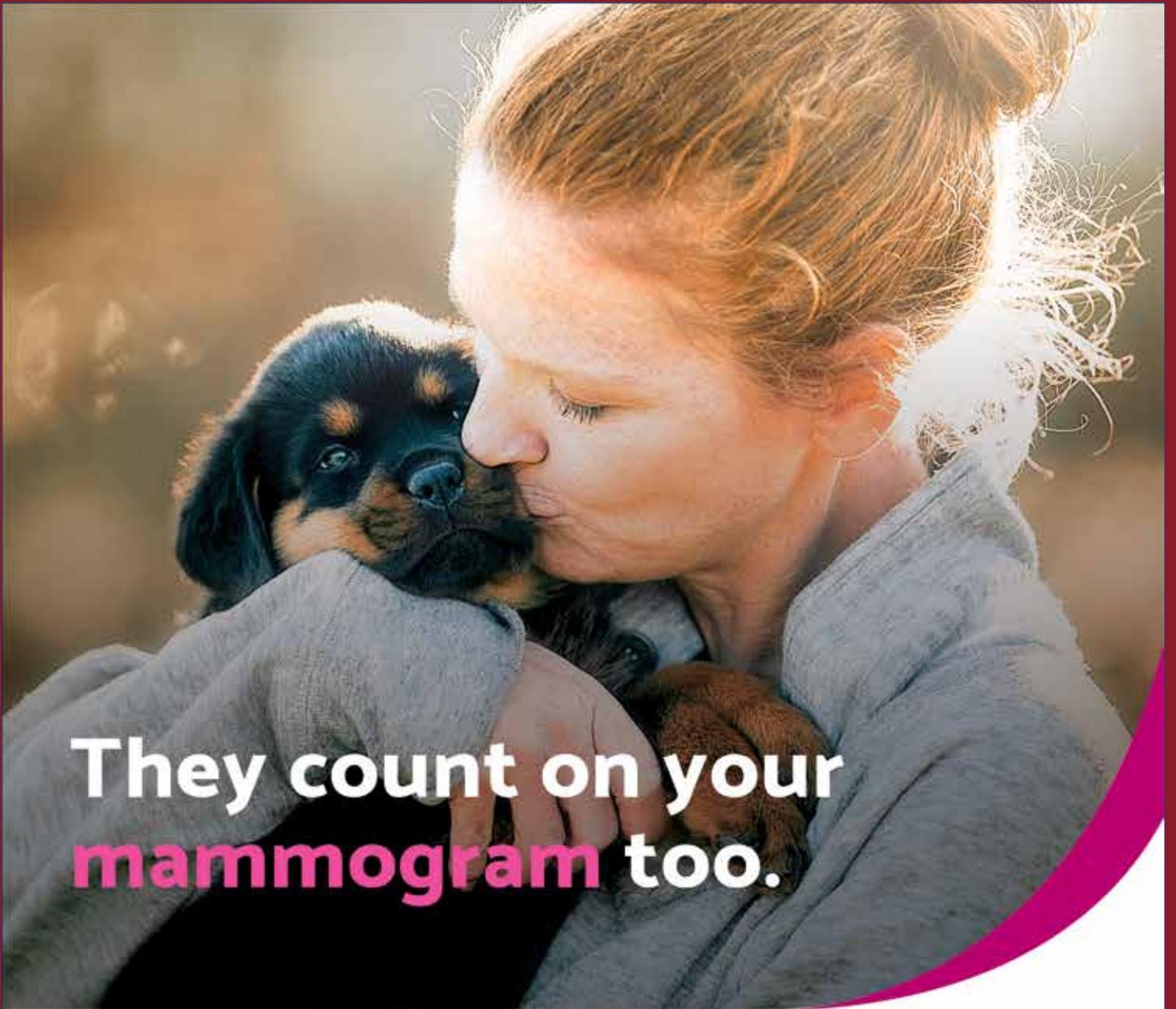


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WAYS TO KEEP COOLING COSTS LOW THIS SUMMER

- **Install a programmable thermostat.** Consider adjusting your thermostat upward during nighttime hours and when you’re not home. This will help keep your energy bill low during the hot summer months.
- **Only use ceiling fans when you’re under them.** Ceiling fans are more efficient than air conditioners, but leaving them on all the time won’t do you much good. A ceiling fan merely circulates air, it will not actually lower the temperature.
- **Install air conditioners in the warmest rooms.** To keep it cool, you may be tempted to turn your thermostat down into the arctic range. The rest of the house will be freezing, but that room will finally be comfortable. This wastes money by making your central air-conditioning system work overtime.
- **Keep it clean.** Cleaning the air-conditioner filters, whether you have window units or a central unit – is just as important as replacing your furnace filter regularly in the winter. When the filter gets dirty, the unit has to work extra hard to pull air into the system, which costs more energy.
- **Hang out the laundry.** Your dryer is probably one of your homes biggest energy users. It takes a lot of electricity (or gas) to generate heat that dries your clothes. Plus, some of that heat escapes the dryer and winds up heating your home unnecessarily. Let the hot sun work for you instead of against you this summer by hanging your clothes to dry outside on a clothesline. The sun is great for bleaching stains out of white clothes and towels, too!
- **Close curtains, blinds and shades.** Thick draperies, window shades and solar screens all help keep heat out of your house during the day, meaning your AC unit won’t have to work at max capacity to cool your home. Whatever your treatments, you’ll see significant savings if you work to prevent solar heat gain by keeping them drawn all day.





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BE CAREFUL!

- » Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.
- » Do not use consumer fireworks.
- » Keep a close eye on children at events where fireworks are used.

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

NFPA is opposed to consumer use of fireworks. This includes sparklers and firecrackers. Even sparklers burn hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



FACTS

- ! Fireworks cause an average of almost 18,500 reported fires per year.
- ! Sparklers account for more than one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.



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Friday, April 7, 2023, Monday, May 29, 2023, Tuesday, July 4, 2023, and Monday, September 4, 2023.

The Borough Council Meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month at 7:00p.m. in the Municipal Building. All Meetings are open to the public.

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Who is Lehigh County Borough's Codes Enforcer?

Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. is the Building Code Official, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer for Lehigh County Borough, appointed in 2013. As certified Inspectors, our responsibility is the **protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public** by creating safe buildings and communities. This is accomplished through the enforcement of federal, state and local ordinances adopted by the Borough.

We take pride in providing a professional level of assistance to the community. Enforcement often begins with a written letter (Notice of Violation) to identify items that are out of compliance, the code requirement, a timeframe for completion and a fine if no action is taken to abate the issues. These items are required to be listed in the notice and may seem overwhelming and are often interpreted as demanding and offering no help. In fact, that is not the case. The Borough wants compliance with codes to ensure health and safety for the community. Isett will work with you throughout the process and provide guidance. Cooperation on your part is needed in order to achieve a successful completion of the project.

Property Maintenance and Quality of Life

One of the Borough's highest priorities is to work with property owners and tenants to preserve and maintain the neighborhoods and commercial areas. The presence of property nuisances detracts from the enjoyment and quality of life in the community. Isett handles complaints related to private property nuisances, both residential and commercial. You can assist Code Enforcement by reporting any condition you believe to be a nuisance.

Together, we can keep Lehigh County Borough a beautiful place in which to live and do business.

*For more information, see the Zoning & Building section of Lehigh County Borough's website.