Fall/Winter 2019



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4TH ANNUAL LEHIGHTON CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE PARK

The Holiday Season is right around the corner and the Borough of Lehighton is already in the planning stages to make this the most festive year yet.

The Parks & Recreation Board and the Lehighton Downtown Initiative will work together to bring an entire weekend of Christmas and Holiday splendor to the residents of Lehighton. Stay tuned for more details about all of the Holiday events in and around Lehighton!

Since 2016 when the Christmas Trees in the Park Event began, it has quickly become a yearly favorite. As usual, we will fill the Upper and Lower Parks located around the Municipal Building and Park Fountain with over 100 Christmas Trees which will be decorated by local businesses, organizations and families in their own holiday themes and flair.

With the newly renovated Upper Park soon to match the lovely Lower Park, with paved walkways, upgraded lighting and new Amphitheater seating, the P & R Board and LDI, along with the hard workers of the Public Works Department and the Light & Power Department, will do their best to bring you a display to be proud of.

At the center will be a spectacular 15 foot tree standing tall in front of the Amphitheater, where the Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, 2019. While we encourage everyone who decorated a tree to attend the Tree Lighting Ceremony, we truly hope that everyone else around town will also come out and partake in the lights and join in the spirit that our small town has to offer. The feeling you will walk away with will last you the entire Christmas Season.

For those who look forward to adopting their tree each year; the invitations will be in the mail the first week of October. The remaining trees will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis beginning the third week in October. Applications will be available at Jenny's Sweets & More, the Old Tyme Country Store and the Municipal Building.

The trees will remain in the Parks through January 10, 2020, so each and every one of you will have ample time to come out and stroll through Lehighton's beautiful parks and take in the beauty of the Holiday Season.





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LATEST NEWS IN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT



MSSC Members and Tamaqua Officials on a visit to the Tamaqua Arts Center in Downtown Tamaqua.

There is a lot happening behind the scenes in downtown development. Lehighton Borough Council has approved utilizing the Main Street Four Point Approach® for downtown revitalization. The Main Street Steering Committee (MSSC) has been very busy following the recommendations of the three reports generated from the Smart Growth Grants. The mission of the Main Street Steering Committee is to build pride and preservation in the Lehighton Downtown Business District. Guided by the Main Street 4-Point Approach, our driven volunteers provide support and encouragement to the Business District, the surrounding community and the residents and visitors of our hometown.

The MSSC meets at 6:30pm on the 4th Monday of each month at Borough Hall. Currently, there are 19 members of the Steering Committee and we are actively recruiting volunteers. The group is working on short-term projects, educating themselves on the Four Point Approach and networking with other communities.

The MSSC had visited Tamaqua to learn about their successes and challenges during their 25 years of dedication in building a better community and thriving downtown. We will be meeting with other communities in the future and will continue to learn how to succeed.

If you are wondering why the Main Street Program, some of the benefits include:

For Local Residents/Consumers

- Enhanced Marketplace (Better shopping and the Benefits of Shopping Locally)
- Sense of Pride in Downtown
- Social/Cultural Activities
- Opportunities to Keep Kids in Town
- Sense of Hometown Community
- Historical Awareness (Preservation of Architecture and Human History)
- Tax Dollars Stay in the Community
- Opportunity to Participate/Volunteer
- Better Communication (Newsletter)
- Political Advocate
- Home Values Increase

For Retail Business Owners

- Increased Sales
- Improved Image
- Increased Value of Business
- Coordinated Efforts Between Locally-Owned Business and Nationally-Owned Businesses
- Quality of Business Life
- Educational Opportunities (Seminars & Workshops)
- Increased Traffic
- District Marketing Strategies (Promotion & Advertising)
- Better Business Mix
- New Market Groups Downtown
- Community Pride
- Have Needs and Issues Addressed

HELP WANTED

Seeking dedicated members of the business community and residents to assist with downtown development. The Main Street Steering Committee is recruiting volunteers to assist with Design, Promotion, Economic Vitality and Organization. Must be energetic, passionate and believe in a bright future of the downtown. For more information, please attend our monthly meetings or contact Nicole Beckett at (610)377-4002 ext. 214 or by email at nbeckett@lehightonborough.com

The MSSC Design Committee and Lehighton Leo's Club partnered together to clean up and landscape the Colonel Jacob Weiss Monument in the Lower Park.



TRASH & RECYCLE COLLECTION



Tire recycling event will be held October 12, 2019 from 9-11am at the Public Works garage, 74 East Penn Street. This event is for Borough garbage customers <u>ONLY</u>. Must bring Utility bill showing you pay garage to Lehighton Borough.

The **Yard Waste dumpster** at the Public Works garage will no longer be available for use until next spring. We have been having non-recyclable materials put in the dumpster and the company is not going to allow us to utilize their services any longer because of this.



Telephone poles, split rail fencing, railroad ties and other items of this nature are **NOT** yard waste.



Public Works no longer accepts **used oil** of any kind due to chemicals being mixed in with the oil. This practice stopped over a year ago but oil is still showing up at the garage resulting in an added expense to the borough to have it hauled away.

County Waste has asked that we continue to remind residents to **NOT** put non-recyclables in their recycle cans. **Styrofoam is NOT recyclable.** Cardboard boxes are to be **flattened** so there is more room in the truck.

Recycling: What's Unacceptable:

- ☑ Styrofoam and Styrofoam coffee cups
- \boxtimes Bath tissue or paper towels
- 🛛 Pizza boxes
- ☑ Plastic bags (i.e. Walmart, Mallards) or lids of any kind
- ☑ Take out food containers
- Metal with plastic attached or other non-metal material attached
- ☑ Lightbulbs, window glass, mirrors, ceramics
- Drinking glasses, dishware, oven ware (i.e. Pyrex, VisionWare)
- ⊠ Bubble wrap
- ⊠ Books
- ☑ Plastic toys

Recycling: What's acceptable:

- Paper, shredded paper, newspapers, and magazines
- 🚳 Flattened cardboard
- Plastic tubs and bottles (6 ox or larger yogurt containers, 4 inches or larger rigid plant pots, 5 gallon or smaller buckets)
- 🖧 Metal Cans
- 🛟 Foil

PLEASE rinse all items that contained food.

🚳 Glass

RECYCLE!

Garbage cans were a gift from the garbage hauler and are not required. You can purchase your own can if you so choose. Recycle cans are provided by the borough and can be picked up at the Public Works garage Monday-Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Should you need a new can or have an issue with the company or find your garbage/recycling has been missed please call 1-800-832-1332. If the problem persists then please call the Borough Secretary at 610-377-4002*211.



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Saturday, October 19, 2019 • 4:00 p.m. LEHICHTON'S 49TH HALLOWEEN PARADE

The rain date will be Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Borough of Lehighton's Municipal Building, JTNB Lehighton Branch, Carbon County Music & More, Dance with Kim, Zimmerman's Dairy, Larry Markley Insurance, Old Tyme Country Store and Jokers are Wild Game Cafe. For questions, please contact Julie Harris at (570)657-6927 or jdharris@ptd.net.



Wednesday, October 30, 2019 • 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. TRICK OR TREAT THERE IS NO RAIN DATE.

If residents wish to welcome children, please have your porch light on. Kids should always Trick or Treat with an adult. Be careful when walking the streets. Wear something reflective on your costume so cars can see you. Please be sure that you visit the Lehighton Borough Police Department and the Lehighton Borough Fire Department for treats!



VETERANS DAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2019



November 10, 2019 CARBON COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE 2:00 p.m.

(Parade Route is the same as the Halloween Parade)



LEHIGHTON DOWNTOWN INITIATIVE HOSTS:

Two Fun-filled Days Benefiting Breast Cancer Awareness in the Lehighton Downtown Parks

Saturday, October 19th • noon – 10:00 pm Sunday, October 20th • noon – 6:00 pm



Lehighton Downtown Initiative featured on WNEP's Leckey Live for the Opening of the 2019 Farmers Market

The Lehighton Downtown Initiative has some exciting things happening this fall and winter. As we complete our 3rd year of the Lehighton Downtown Farmers Market, we are excited about next years market. We have added many new vendors this year that follow our homegrown, homemade and handmade concept. We expect to add many more going into our 4th year. The **2019 Market** is on Saturdays through October 12th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. This year we tried something new! Different types of craft workshops, yoga in the park, kids activities and Boot Camp! Please like and follow the Lehighton Downtown Farmers Market Facebook page to keep up to date on all the weekly events and participating vendors. Reminder: Winter Market will start on Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 am - noon at the recreation center parking lot! Winter Market will run on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

We don't stop for the year after the Farmers Market, we jump right into **RockToberfest**! This will be the 4th Annual RockToberfest held on October 19th and 20th. RockToberfest benefits breast cancer awareness. Our huge basket raffle

raised \$3,600 for the PA Breast Cancer Coalition last year. We are hoping to increase this amount drastically this year! RockToberfest this year will have some of everyone's favorites, such as bands at the amphitheater, acoustic music and bands by the fountain, beer and wine garden, car show, crafters and vendors! This year more rides and games will also be added plus a few more surprises and activities we have lined up! Oh and don't forget the food, join some of your favorite food vendors as well as welcoming some new faces! There will be a nice variety to satisfy everyone's taste buds!

Our **Santa Claus event** will be a bit different this year, we will be combining it with the Tree Lighting with Parks and Recreation! More details to follow!

Follow the Lehighton Downtown Initiative's Facebook page for all of our activities and work in the community throughout the year. Did you know that Lehighton Downtown Initiative has worked hard making Lehighton a Trail Town? With grant money, we purchased the new Welcome to Lehighton sign at the north end of town. We also purchased and placed the barrels throughout the downtown area. Movie nights will return next year, in a brand new upper park!

Are you interested in helping with the community? Making new friends and having fun? If you answer yes, please feel free to stop in at one of our meetings. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 in council chambers at the borough building. Hope to see you there!!



NEW ORDINANCES

Lehighton Borough Council has adopted the following ordinances in 2019:

 Amended the Snow Emergency Ordinance to prohibit parking on any Snow Emergency Route during a declared emergency. Snow Emergency Routes include:

Name of Street	Limits
Bankway	First Street to Bridge Street
Bridge Street	Between Ninth Street and Third Street
Bridge Street	Between Route 443 and Bankway
Carbon Street	Between Second Street and First Street
First Street	Division Alley to Bankway
Iron Street	Between Sixth Street and First Street
Mahoning Street	Between the Borough Line at Gypsy Hill Road and Third Street
Ninth Street	Between Route 443 and Mahoning Street
North Street	Between Third Street and First Street
Ochre Street	Between Second Street and First Street
Second Street and Constitution Avenue [Amended 2-11-2019 by Ord. No. 651-2019]	Between Ochre Street and Carbon Street
Sgt. Stanley Hoffman	
Boulevard	Between Bankway and First Street at Ochre Street
Sixth Street	Between Iron Street and Mahoning Street
South Street	Between Third Street and First Street
Third Street	Between Bridge Street and North Street
Twelfth Street	Between Mahoning Street and Cypress Street

- No Left Turns are allowed from Union Street (Eastbound) to 9th Street from 7am to 9am and 2pm to 4pm
- It is illegal to scavenge in the borough. You are not allowed to open, look into, search through or remove any items from solid waste and recycling containers.

In addition to new ordinances, we would like to remind the public of existing ordinances:

- * No signs, banners, posters, etc. are allowed to be posted on utility poles, light posts, signs or sign posts
- All residential sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice to a minimum width of 36 inches within 48 hours of the snowfall
- All businesses must fully clear their sidewalks within 4 hours of the snowfall.
- ✤ It is illegal to place any snow in the streets from the sidewalks or private property

All borough ordinances are available online and easy to search at: https://ecode360.com/LE0548



LEHIGHTON LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT



Public Power Week will be celebrated October 6, 2019, thru October 12, 2019. We will once again be hosting an open house event on October 9, 2019 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Light and Power Department building located at 675 Bridge Street. Please stop by for some promotional items and food to help us celebrate the event.

The Light and Power Department is in the process of securing contractors and materials to upgrade our electric system from North Ninth Street and Coal Street to the Gardens of Gypsy Hill. The upgrade will provide us with a new 12KV primary wire system, new transformers, and a new tie point to feed the system in the event of emergencies.

We are actively working on upgrading the electric underground wires, light poles, and installing LED lighting in the Upper Park.

Tree trimming will take place in the last quarter of 2019, helping us reduce outages caused by tree contact to our system.

Hope to see our Borough Residents on October 9, 2019.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

You will notice two charges on the monthly utility bill for electric. The first charge is the calculation of your monthly electric consumption. The second charge is "PPAC" which will be followed by a positive or negative number in parentheses. That number is the purchased power adjustment clause to reflect the changes in the actual purchased power cost for the Borough. PPAC is a separate item which reflects the increases/ decreases in the cost of power purchased by Lehighton Light and Power. This formula is calculated and varies monthly.

When the Borough saves, our customers save through the PPAC formula. In 2017, the Borough had updated our power purchase contracts and since then a negative PPAC has shown on your bills. In August 2019, Council had agreed to extend the purchase agreement through the AMP-NextEra contract for an additional savings. Our goal is to continue to pass on savings to our customers through this monthly adjustment.



For more information on your utility bill, please contact (610)377-4004.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - FALL/WINTER 2019

Leaf collection begins November 1 thru November 30

Please don't place leaves on storm catch basins. Please keep leaf piles at least 30 feet from intersections.

Snow removal:

- 🔆 During any snow emergency all vehicles must be removed from the roadway on all snow emergency routes.
- ₩ Watch for orange no parking signs for snow removal.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ No piles of snow will be permitted to be placed in the street.
- 👫 Do not shovel, blow or plow from any sidewalk or driveway into roadway; it is illegal and you can be cited.
- If you have a storm inlet in front of your property please assist borough in keeping it clear of snow & ice. This will prevent ice from accumulating and reduce drainage issues when the snow begins to melt
- If you have a fire hydrant in front of your property, please help your fire department by clearing snow & ice three (3) feet in all directions
- No person shall "save a parking space" by placing objects in the street. Do not allow children to build snow forts, especially in streets. The results could be tragic

Please be courteous to plow truck drivers they are just trying to keep roadways clear & safe for travel.

LEHIGHTON RECREATION CENTER

LOCATED AT 243 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET



With fall arriving shortly, the Recreation Center will be starting its annual winter youth program for our children to enjoy. The program will begin on December 3, 2019, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Grades 4th thru 8th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm and Grades 9th thru 12th from 8pm to 9pm. It is free for all Lehighton residents.

The center also has a variety of other activities, such as party rentals on the weekend, Crossfit, Weight Watchers every Monday night at 5:30pm. The Building is also home to our Senior Center which is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30am to 2:00pm. The phone number for the senior program is 610-377-1530.



Another fantastic addition to our recreation program is the newly constructed basketball courts at the Baer Memorial complex. We will be having both mens and ladies basketball leagues and also different basketball programs for boys and girls. Organizations or residents please feel free to call the Recreation Director, Tom Evans at 570-294-4532.

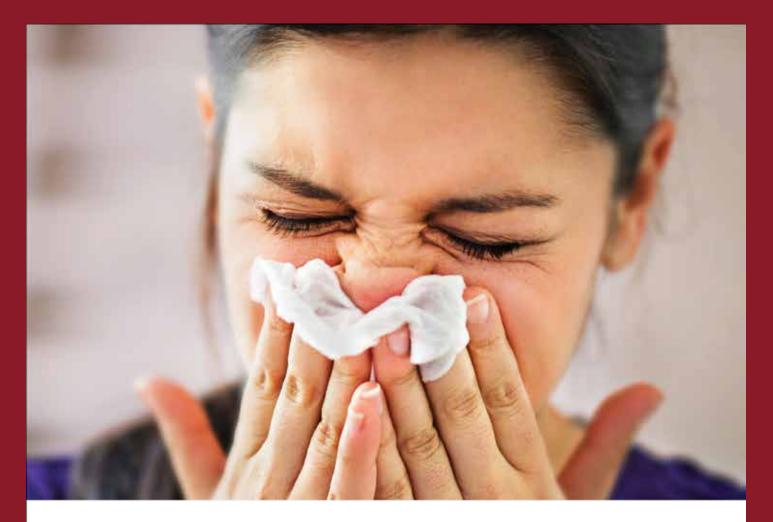




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For more information, visit cccfoundpa.org or contact the Foundation's president and CEO, Amber Breiner, at 1-855-545-1311 or email her at director@cccfoundpa.org. You may also stop by the Foundation's office at 160 S. 2nd Street in Lehighton (appointments encouraged).



MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)



Lehighton Borough is preventing stormwater pollution through a stormwater management program. The Borough administers and implements the MS4 (Municipal Separate Sewer System) program and best management practices in accord with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requirements.

You can do your part in keeping our streams and rivers clean by preventing grass pollution.

Grass clippings are actually too valuable to waste.

- Leave it on the Lawn A mulching lawnmower shreds the clippings and leaves them on the grass to decompose, preventing stormwater pollution and adding moisture and fertilizer to the lawn.
- Backyard Composting If you typically bag your grass clippings, use them to start a compost pile. Adding grass provides moisture and nitrogen allowing for a more rapid decomposition.
- Less Frequent Lawn Mowing Mowing your lawn less can actually be beneficial and prevent weeds from growing. Cutting only the top 1/3 of the grass blades will shade out some weeds and encourage a deep root system.



The Lehighton Fair Judges' Stand was opened for the LASD Heritage Walk. The 4th Grade students toured the town and learned about the history and heritage in Lehighton.



ELECTION DAY

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2019. For more information and to find your Polling Place, go to: www.pavoterservices.pa.gov.



Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

🚣 HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- \odot Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than Blow out lit candles when you \odot three strands of mini light sets and maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove top.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



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Before Heading Out or to Bed

leave or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

- Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles.
- Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to an heat source.

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BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS AND HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Borough Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m., to 4:30 p.m. When the office is closed, utility payments can be deposited in the payment box outside of the door on the North side of the building. The Borough offices will be closed on the following Holidays: Thursday, November 28, 2019 and Friday, November 29, 2019, Tuesday, December 24, 2019, Wednesday, December 25, 2019, Thursday, December 26, 2019, Tuesday, December 31, 2019, Wednesday, January 1, 2020, and Monday, February 17, 2020. The Borough Council Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All meetings are open to the public. Please check out our website at www.lehightonborough.com to confirm meeting dates and times, ordinances, events, etc.





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Who Needs Building Codes?

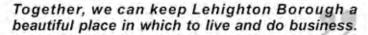
We all do – whether in our homes, offices, schools, stores, factories or places of entertainment. We rely on the safety of structures that surround us in our everyday life. The public need for protection from disaster due to fire, structural collapse and general deterioration underscores the need for modern codes and their administration. Most aspects of building construction (electrical wiring, heating, sanitary facilities) can represent a potential hazard to building occupants and users. Building codes provide safeguards. Although no code can eliminate all risks, reducing risks to an acceptable level helps.

Who is Lehighton Borough's Codes Enforcer?

Barry lsett and Associates, Inc. is the appointed Building Code Official, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer for Lehighton 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 (QQL)

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.



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UNDERSTANDING LEHIGHTON BOROUGH'S CODE ENFORCEMENT