



LEHIGHTON BOROUGH

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LEHIGHTON DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

The Lehigh Downtown Partnership is excited as we move into 2022! We are currently in our reorganizing phase as we have developed two committees. Our two committees consist of Organization & Promotions and Design & Economic Vitality.

Organization & Promotions will be working on all the events you have grown to love; Wine on the River, Downtown Farmers Market, RockToberfest just to name a few. We have also recently added 2nd Saturdays asking the businesses to stay open until 8:00 pm giving everyone the opportunity to visit each business and participate with the fun things we do. Please investigate all the things happening on the 2nd Saturday of each month!

Keep an eye out as we add more activities for the community! Meghan Sander is heading this committee, so do not be surprised if she is asking for volunteers to help with our events!

Our Design & Economic Vitality have been busy producing some great quick ideas to help improve our downtown area. Tina Smith along with the rest of the committee have some great ideas! Tina is the chairperson for Design & Economic Vitality. These things will take some time to implement but keep checking out the downtown area and see if you notice the changes this year!

And of course, you will see me around town checking in with businesses, at events and to see how I can help around town! Don't forget to like our Facebook page Lehigh Downtown Partnership – LDP to keep up to date with all of our activities!

We would like to ask for your help! If you or someone you know would like to get involved in our community, please feel free to contact me, at (610) 509-6465 or email me at BambiE@carboncountychamber.org. We are also looking for different organizations to become involved with the revitalization of our downtown area.

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Upcoming Spring and Summer Events!

2ND SATURDAYS

May 14th – June 11th – July 9th – August 13th
until 8:00 PM
Downtown Lehighton

3RD ANNUAL WINE ON THE RIVER

May 7, 2022 from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Lehighton Outdoor Center, 123 Lehigh Drive, Lehighton

FARMERS MARKET OPENING DAY CRAFT AND PLANT FEST

Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Downtown Borough Park

LEHIGHTON DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, May 21st thru October from 9:00 AM - noon
Downtown Borough Park

MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE PARK

Saturdays, June 11th – July 9th – August 13th at Dusk
Downtown Borough Park Ampitheater

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

July 23rd from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Farmers Market, Downtown Borough Park



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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL EVENTS!

ZONING & SALDO

Over the past 2 years Lehighton Borough, Franklin and Mahoning Townships have been working on updating their respective Zoning and SALDO Ordinances. This joint project was made possible by grant funding through DCED's Municipal Assistance Grant Program and the William Penn Foundation. The new ordinances will be in place sometime late May or June 2022.

LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT

The Light and Power Department will be replacing a 1978 Westinghouse 7.5 MVA substation class transformer in late February. The project will involve the removal of one of two existing substation transformers that supply electric to the Borough of Lehighton. It will be a four to five week long project that is scheduled to begin on February 21, 2022. This project involves the removal of the transformer oil and the disassembly of the 7.5 MVA transformer after which a new Virginia Transformer 12/16/20 MVA transformer will be set in place and commissioned. The second 1978 Westinghouse 7.5 MVA substation class transformer is scheduled to be replaced in 2023. These units are being replaced due to the increased electrical consumption in the Borough of Lehighton, and the age of the equipment.

The Light and Power Department will also be removing old poles once all of the existing utilities have transferred their facilities to the new poles.

2022 BUDGET

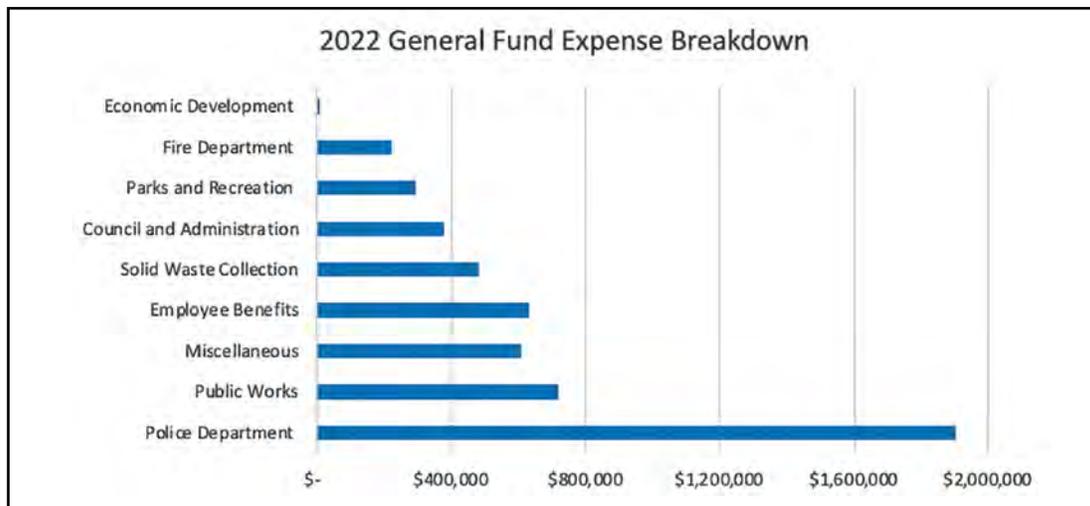
The final 2022 Budget, as adopted on December 20, 2021 sets the real estate taxes at a total of 10 mills with 2 mills allocated to the Fire Station Construction Fund, 1 mill for Fire Equipment and ½ mill for capital reserve for funding capital needs and large projects. The Borough also levies 6 mills for Occupation Taxes.

The 2022 Budget totals \$20,495,939.

SPECIFICALLY:

General Fund	\$ 5,249,623
Capital Project Fund	\$ 600,803
Fire Department Capital Fund	\$ 918,232
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 211,038
Light & Power Fund	\$ 9,983,503
Sewer Fund	\$ 3,532,740

The following chart shows the breakdown of the General Fund by Departments in 2022.



GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Changes were made to the *Borough's Garbage/Recycling Ordinance* prior to the start of the new Garbage/Recycling contract. January 2021 the new contract with Tamaqua Transfer began and the changes to the Ordinance went into effect.



The major change is that **only one** garbage toter per household will be emptied per week. This was caused by residents dumping the contents of a property at the curb for garbage pickup instead of renting a dumpster to remove items left behind by the previous occupant. This practice is not fair to the elderly/single residents who put out a small trash bag per week and pay the same garbage rates as those dumping houses at the curb.

One bulk item is still able to be put out per week without a phone call being made to the hauler or the borough. The only **NEW** requirement is that if it is a mattress/box spring or another piece of furniture made with material and padding (couch/chair) it **MUST** be sealed in plastic for the item to be picked up. A "Bulk Item" is an item that will not fit into the trash toter like furniture or an appliance. **It does not mean an extra bag of trash.**



Recycling is still unlimited and residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible as it will help to lessen the amount of trash going into the toters each week. Please refer to the Tamaqua Transfer Flyer on our website for the list of items that can be put out for recycling.

Please contact Tamaqua Transfer directly at 570-668-4515 if your trash or recycling were missed. Please contact the Borough Secretary, Brenda Kreitz at 610-377-4002*211 if you are still having issues after you have contacted Tamaqua Transfer directly.



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Street Sweeping on First Street will begin the first Wednesday of March and continue every Wednesday until November 1, 2022. There will be no parking on First Street from 4:00 am – 6:am during this time weather permitting

For street sweeping on all other streets please look for temporary orange “NO PARKING” signs please do not move vehicles back until orange signs have been removed, please do not put piles of debris in gutters for sweeper to pick up.

Please do not blow grass clippings & yard waste into street as this will cause blockage of our storm sewers and could cause ponding on street

NO yard waste should be put in streets

A large black dumpster will be placed behind borough garage for yard waste from April 25 thru May 6 please do not put grass clippings , branches larger than 4” in diameter, or bundles larger than 4’ long in dumpster as the recycling center will not accept them, DO NOT PUT YARD WASTE IN RED DUMSTERS

Please do not dump any chemicals or oils in gutter as this will end up in our waterways. *Lets all try to keep our waterways clean for future generations to enjoy!!!*

Utility Billing Office

UPCOMING CHANGES FOR LATE PAYMENTS AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

- ✓ As of January 2022 billing, the penalty fee will increase from 5% to 10% if not paid by the due date.
- ✓ Effective for April 2022, termination notices will now be issued at 60 days past due, instead of 90 days.
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Water may be discolored for a short time. This discoloration is not harmful. It is suggested that at this time, you set aside water at night for drinking the next day.

Hydrant flushing is part of our normal operations, in order to keep the system clean for use of our customers.

**Hydrants will be flushed again beginning Tuesday, September 13, 2022.*



Please be sure to keep your phone number(s) up to date with the Borough's Utility Billing Office. Swift 911 is the Emergency Call System the Lehigh Water Authority utilizes for notifying residents/owners/tenants of any water emergency that pertains to your household/business.

If you haven't done so already, please check out the Authority's new website at www.lehighwater.com



HOW CAN I CONTROL STORMWATER ON MY PROPERTY

Have you ever wondered what you can do to help control stormwater on your property? There are many different small projects you may be able to tackle on your own. The following are some ideas:



- **Rain Barrels** – Connect to downspouts to collect and hold water for future use in watering lawns and gardens.
- **Planting Trees** – Planting a tree is a great way to reduce stormwater runoff. Studies have shown that evergreen trees typically absorb more water than deciduous trees, but any tree will help!
- **Planters, Gardens or Landscaped Beds** – If planting a tree isn't an option, adding other types of plants is a great alternative.
- **Pervious Pavers** – If you are thinking about upgrading or replacing your driveway, walkways or patio, consider using pervious pavers that absorb, manage, and reduce stormwater runoff.



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 - Online Journal and Magazine Articles
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- **Accessibility:** A remodeled front entrance and ADA compliant



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- Website with Library News and an Online Catalog: lehighonlibrary.com
- Application for a library card
- Virtual programs
- eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines
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- Job search resources
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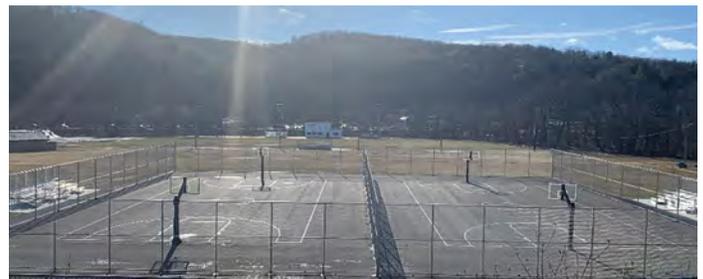
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INFLOW AND INFILTRATION SMOKE TESTING PROGRAM

Lehighon Borough Council and Lehighon Sewer Authority have been working together to establish an Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Reduction Program. In 2021, Lehighon Borough Council had approved the development of a smoke testing program to identify problematic areas in the town. The objective of the program is to remove storm water sources from the sanitary sewer system, keep wastewater treatment costs low and to protect the environment.

Smoke Testing is a standard method of detecting sewer defects and storm water cross connections to the sanitary sewer system. Smoke testing involves placing a high-capacity blower on top of a sanitary sewer manhole and forcing “smoke” down into the sewer system. The smoke, under pressure from the blower, travels through the sewer system and escapes through any connection, cracks, leaks, etc. along the way. This method quickly reveals sources of I&I within the study area.

The Public Works Department is in the process of identifying problematic zones in which I&I is a potential issue. Property owners will be notified in advance of the smoke testing study areas and provided with the details of the process.

FAQS

WHAT IS INFLOW? WHAT ARE TYPICAL SOURCES OF INFLOW? Inflow is rainwater or groundwater that enters the sewer system through a direct, piped connection or leaking manhole covers. It is clean water that does not need to be treated as wastewater. Typical sources of inflow include roof downspouts, sump pumps and driveway drains connected to the sewer system.

WHAT IS INFILTRATION? Infiltration is groundwater that enters the sewer system through broken or leaking pipes or leaking sewer manholes. It is clean water that does not need to be treated as wastewater.

HOW IS INFLOW & INFILTRATION IDENTIFIED? Both infiltration and inflow can be estimated by installing flow meters in sewer manholes. Flow meter data is correlated to rainfall and groundwater levels. Inflow is typically identified by conducting smoke testing, dye testing, or building inspections. Infiltration is identified through the inspection of sewer manholes and utilizing a camera to record the condition of the pipes.

WHAT WORK HAS THE BOROUGH COMPLETED TO IDENTIFY I&I? The Borough had conducted a flow meter study in 2018/2019 to identify areas of high flows, identify priority basins for follow up, conduct manhole inspections and developed an electronic map system of drainage areas. Manhole rain dishes were purchased and installed by Public Works. A contractor had been hired to seal the larger manholes in the system and this work will continue. Identifying and mitigating I&I requires long term planning and ongoing studies.

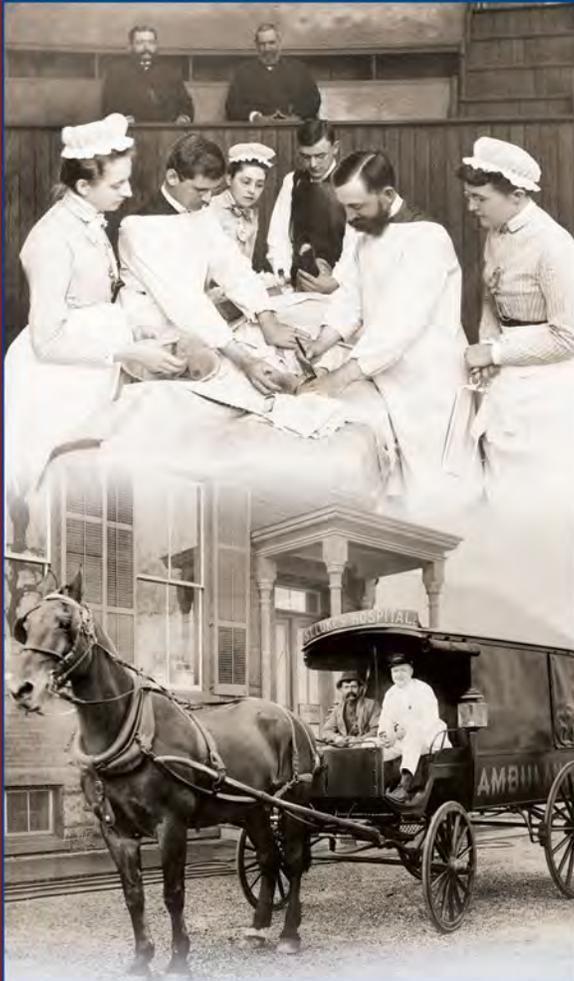
HOW IS I&I REMOVED? Infiltration caused by broken or cracked pipes or manholes can be removed by either rehabilitating the infrastructure. Inflow caused by leaking manhole covers can be removed by replacing the covers. Inflow caused by improper drain or sump pump connections can be removed by re-piping the discharge of the source.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO REMOVE I&I SOURCES? The Borough is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to identify sources of rainwater runoff and groundwater that enters the sewer system. The Borough pays Central Carbon Municipal Authority for every gallon of water that enters the sewer system regardless of its source. Removal of inflow will reduce sewer capacity, potential overflow issues, protect surface water quality and decrease the overall sewer costs.

HOW DOES SMOKE TESTING WORK? Smoke testing forces smoke-filled air through a sanitary sewer line. The smoke under pressure will fill the main line plus any connections and then follow the path of any leak to the ground surface, quickly revealing the source of the problem. Only enough force to overcome atmospheric pressure is required. As long as openings exist for the smoke to follow, smoke tests are effective, regardless of the surface type, soil type and depth of lines.

WHY SHOULD WE SMOKE TEST? Smoke testing is the most efficient and cost-effective way to locate and identify where clear water is entering the sewer system. Smoke testing is becoming a requirement nationwide for locating clear water problems that are threatening the ability to properly treat wastewater and costing millions of dollars at wastewater treatment plants. Smoke testing will also help identify plumbing leaks in buildings.

WHEN WILL SMOKE TESTING OCCUR? The Public Works Department will notify property owners in advance of the smoke testing dates. Borough Officials will update the website, www.lehighonborough.com and Facebook as scheduling occurs.



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Holidays: Friday, April 15, 2022. Monday, May 30, 2022. Monday, July 4, 2022. Monday, September 5, 2022.

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 Leighton Borough's Codes Enforcer?

Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. is the Building Code Official, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer for Leighton 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 Leighton Borough a beautiful place in which to live and do business.

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

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