



# LEHIGHTON BOROUGH

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## LEHIGHTON AREA HERITAGE ALLIANCE

We are a non-profit organization committed to the preservation of the historical legacy of Lehigh and its surrounding area.

We meet the **third Tuesday of every month**, starting at 6:30p.m., at the Lehigh Recreation Center, 243 S 8th St and are constantly looking for people who are willing to join and help us keep our amazing history alive for generations to come.

### Our upcoming events for this year are as follows:

- Our annual Cemetery Walk at 4th and Alum Streets on Saturday, April 25th from 2:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, April 26. Each tour will last approximately 1 hour and this year we will be focusing on Doctors of Lehigh. Come enjoy the afternoon as we bring our stories to life. There is no charge for this event, but donations are appreciated.
- Lehigh Songs and Stories in the Mausoleum. Featuring stories by Kathy Long and Music by Dave Matsinko. This event will be held on Saturday, September 26, Rain or Shine. There are two shows to be held, one at 3:00p.m. and the other at 5:00p.m. We have not yet decided on the subject prior to this publication so please continue to watch for updates. Since space is limited, advanced tickets are recommended. Tickets will be available for a \$10 donation.

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## LATEST NEWS IN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Partnering with area organizations, members of the Lehighon Main Street Steering Committee have been actively hitting the streets, following the recommendations provided by the Smart Growth Grants report (viewable on the Lehighon Borough Webpage). New to the MSSC team is Beth Ann Alboucq, a Graduate Analyst from the Public Administration Department at Kutztown University, who has been brought on to conduct several projects, one of which is the Business Owner Survey. You may have even seen Beth, a former Lehighon resident and past small business owner, going storefront to storefront, meeting with downtown business owners, and gathering their thoughts on doing business in Lehighon. Her work will help Lehighon Borough identify areas of concern to business owners and how to best prioritize future development projects.

In other news, The MSSC kicked off this past holiday season with the rousing success of the 1st Annual Storefront Holiday Decorating Contest. Several Lehighon downtown businesses chose to participate in this event by decorating their shops and storefront windows, creating beautiful seasonally themed displays, and lighting up the streets for the enjoyment of all. Beginning the night of the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and over the following 2 weeks, Lehighon residents were encouraged to “cast their vote” for their favorite displays. The top 6 businesses with the most votes received \$100 off their January electric bills, the prizes donated by the Borough of Lehighon. The winners of this 1st Annual contest were: Ateria’s on First, Blended Bakery, Griff’s Ale Haus & Grille, Jenny’s Sweets and More, Perfect Balance Boutique, and Salon Indigo. These 6 winners, as well as each and every participating business, that took up the challenge, and contributed to lighting up our downtown for the holiday season, has our true and heartfelt appreciation and thanks.

The MSSC has exciting things in store for 2020. The Promotions Committee is spearheading an Easter Decorating Contest. With the support of the business community, a beautiful basket will be awarded to one winner who takes the time to visit the businesses and vote for their favorite storefront. All participating businesses had contributed to the basket. The MSSC sponsored a hand painted plaque painted by local artist Beth Franks. The plaque will be engraved with the winning business name and year of the contest. As an added bonus, the winning business will get to pick a different 2021 holiday when a 2021 Lehighon Main Street decorating contest will take place and the hand painted plaque will then be passed on to next year’s winner.

The Economic Vitality Committee and Beth Alboucq are spearheading the Customer Intercept Survey. Your opinions can help us market the downtown. The survey will be available online and volunteers will be canvassing the downtown to ask you about your visit. We are also in the process of creating a Building and Business Inventory for the downtown district. We continue to work hard to follow the recommendations of our Main Street Specialist.

These are only a sample of the many projects and plans that are coming together behind the scenes. Interested in getting in on the MSSC action? Then hop on in and join us at the Lehighon Borough Hall every 4th Monday at 6:30pm, where you can meet our volunteer members, learn more about the Main Street® committees, and find out how YOU can help build a better and brighter future for our community.



*Lehighon Proud Brainstorming Session of the Main Street Steering Committee for our recent HGTV Hometown Takeover Submission.*

*To view the video, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-0wirSvRqk>*

## KEEP LEHIGHTON BEAUTIFUL CAMPAIGN – MAY 2020



The Borough of Lehigh County Parks & Recreation Board is partnering with local organizations to enact the Great American Clean Up© right here in Lehigh County.



Girl Scouts.



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Under the guidelines of Penn DOT's Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful©, we have adopted the "Keep Lehigh County Beautiful" Campaign.



May 2020 Lehigh County will see five weekends of outreach in cleaning up and beautifying our community. Local volunteers, organizations, businesses, Scouts and residents will band together for this wonderful cause. Each weekend will have a different theme: Trash Pick-Up, Recycling, Park Beautification and Landscaping/Gardening.

While volunteers will be out and about throughout the Borough, it is the hope that each and every home owner, renter and business owner take a look at their own properties and see what they can do to put a positive face to Lehigh County. Spend some time giving your home/business a facelift, plant some flowers, mow your yard, spruce up your porch or look to pull some weeds along your curb. The possibilities are endless and every little bit makes a difference.

And if that isn't enough...we are planning on ending the month with a Thank You Concert in the newly renovated Upper Park Amphitheatre! If you would like to take a look at the program that we plan to follow you can visit the website here: <https://gacofpa.org/organize-an-event/>

Statistics from the 2019 Great American Cleanup of PA, show that Carbon County was extremely lacking in events, volunteers and thus; progress. Help Lehigh County change that for 2020!!!!

You can review the 2019 program here: <https://gacofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/2019-EVENTS-BY-COUNTY.pdf>

Stay tuned this Spring for more details!!! If you would like to be placed on a list of interested volunteers, please e-mail us at; [Events@LehighCountyBorough.com](mailto:Events@LehighCountyBorough.com) or call 610-377-4002 ext. 211.

## KEEP LEHIGHTON BEAUTIFUL

With the arrival of Spring and the season for lawn maintenance, our lawns and gardens will soon be in need of our attention. Just a reminder Lehigh County Borough has a weed ordinance that states that all weeds and grass on lawns are to be no taller than a height of six inches. Fines can be imposed if a homeowner/landlord is found to be in violation of the Ordinance. If you are a homeowner, renter, or landlord, keep an eye on your property and maintain it when needed. Please be considerate of what your neighbors have to look at.







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## LEHIGHTON WATER AUTHORITY HYDRANT FLUSHING

Beginning on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 fire hydrants will be flushed in the service area of the Lehigh Water Authority—in Lehigh, Weissport and portions of Mahoning and Franklin Townships. Flushing will be done beginning at 8:00 A.M. and continue until around 3:00 P.M. each day until all hydrants are flushed. Hydrants will not be flushed on Monday's.

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 by our customers.



## COMING SOON AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS FOR UTILITY BILLS



The Lehigh Borough Utility Office will begin accepting ACH Payments for Utility Bills in the Spring of 2020. We will be offering the automatic payments based on your billing cycle and anticipate implementation for all accounts to take six months. Forms will be distributed with your monthly bill as your billing cycle is implemented. Forms must be completed in full and filled out legibly in order for data entry. Payments will be withdrawn on the 1st and the 15th of each month dependent on your billing due date. There are no fees associated with the ACH Payments.

We also accept cash, personal checks, money orders, credit card payments and e-checks. Credit Card payments have a fee of 2.95% of the total transaction and E-Checks have a fee of \$1.05.

Please be patient with the staff as we offer this new payment service.

## LEHIGHTON U.V.O.



## May 25, 2020 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Upper Park Amphitheatre 10:30 a.m.

Speaker for the Service will be Col. Timothy Brooks, PA Army National Guard

After the Service, Procession to the Lehigh Cemetery with  
Military Honors to be held.

## GRILLING SAFETY

As we approach the summer season, the Lehigh Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to offer some Grilling safety tips provided by the National Fire Protection Association.

### General grilling tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

### Before you use your grill:

- Check the major connection points between the gas (propane) tank hose and the regulator and cylinder, and where the hose connects to the burners. Tighten if loose.
- Check the gas (propane) tank hose for the potential (gas) leaks. To do that:
  - Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush or spray bottle.
  - Turn the propane tank on. If there is a gas leak, the propane will release bubbles around the hose (big enough to see).
  - If there are no bubbles, your grill is safe to use.
- If there are bubbles, turn off the tank and check connections, then have your grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the leak doesn't stop, call the fire department immediately.

### When the grill is on:

- As you are cooking, if you smell gas, turn off the gas tank and burners.
- If the leak stops immediately, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the smell continues, move away from the grill and call the fire department immediately. Do not move the grill.



### Charcoal grills:

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
  - Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
  - There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
  - When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



*Follow these tips will help ensure your summer cook outs are safe and enjoyable.*



### How about some BBQ Chicken?

If you are looking to enjoy a BBQ Chicken dinner without the hassle, the Lehigh Fire Department will once again be holding a **Take-out only Kauffman's BBQ Chicken Dinner** at the cost of \$10.00 each on **Friday August 14th from 3pm-7pm**. Please contact the station at 610-377-2449 if you would like tickets.

*Thank you for your continued support.*





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### **The Library is BUSY!**

Located in the heart of downtown, the Library serves Lehigh and the surrounding areas. We lend books, audiobooks & DVDs and provide access to eBooks and online databases. Throughout the year we present technology classes, story times, STEM programs, summer reading events, crafting programs, author visits and more. We help with job applications, ancestry searches, retrieving online documents, and many other services.

### **The Library is BUILDING!**

**WHY:** We are expanding to meet the community's needs. Library visits have grown from 20,278 in 2017 to 27,886 in 2018 to 31,595 in 2019. We now serve an average of 100 people a day. Items borrowed in 2019 totaled 22,209, which is 4,598 more items than the year before. The number of programs presented and the number of computer users we've accommodated has also increased.

**WHAT & WHERE:** The Library opened on August 14, 1948 as a memorial to the soldiers who died for our country. The current building was constructed in 1966 and measures 2300 square feet. We are building a 1433 sq. ft. addition to the rear of the existing library.

- **Accessibility:** A remodeled front entrance and ADA compliant restrooms with facilities that will accommodate families as well as those with mobility and/or health issues and other considerations.

- **Kid Space:** An open room with furnishings that adapt to different activities and age groups. Large programs and small groups will be accommodated using traditional materials as well as the latest technology. Moving the children's books into this area will free up space in the existing library, resulting in more comfortable areas for all!

- **Gathering Place:** An enclosed space for programs, quiet study, tutoring, and other activities. It will have a kitchenette, storage, and a tile floor to facilitate creative (sometimes messy) pursuits. Community groups will be encouraged to use the space for meetings, classes, and other functions.

**WHEN:** We broke ground in January and hope to cut the ribbon this summer!

**HOW:** The Library's Board of Trustees and staff have been working toward this goal for many years and we now have the means to get the project off the ground!

- Local funds for the project have been acquired through bequests and other generous gifts over the past several years.

- The Library Director and Board of Trustees continually apply for grants. In 2018 the library was awarded a large matching grant from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund through the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

- We are also conducting a Capital Campaign to help us furnish and equip the new addition and to replace the matching funds in our operating reserve to ensure the library's continued success. If you are interested in making a permanent contribution to the community, all donors will be recognized in the new addition:

- There are significant naming opportunities available including the Community Room, local history section and children's STEM lab.

- Donor recognition may include individual plaques on equipment or furnishings.

- For donations of \$100 to \$499 a leaf, engraved as you wish, will be placed on the Giving Tree in the new addition. Gifts of \$500 or more will be represented by an apple on the tree

- Contributions of all sizes will be listed in a program booklet which will be distributed at the ribbon cutting ceremony and a book listing all donors will be available at the Library thereafter.

**WHO:** You! We'd love to welcome you to the Library so you can discover everything we have to offer! With extra space and updated accommodations we'll add new activities for children and adults, including concerts, speakers, arts programs and more! With an enclosed, tech ready area we'll host larger computer classes, job skills workshops, makerspaces, and many other programs that benefit our community! All of this is free with your library card, which is also free!



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Street sweeping begins in March and continues to the end of November, weather permitting. First Street is swept every Wednesday from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. There is NO PARKING allowed during this time. Please look for orange NO PARKING signs on all other streets for street sweeping. Please do not move cars back until signs are removed.

Please do not place yard waste in gutters. There is a black dumpster behind the Public Works garage for your convenience to place yard waste. Please do not deposit stumps or branches larger than four (4) inches in diameter into dumpster. Please do not place yard waste in other dumpsters located on Borough property.

Please do not dump anything into gutters as it will flow to our drains, which lead to our waterways.

**TOGETHER** we can keep our waterways clean for the future generations!

The 2020 Street Paving Program has been presented to Borough Council. The following streets have been proposed for paving with the use of local forces:

- o Cypress Street
- o North 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- o Millway
- o 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Shoulder from Alum to Iron

Completion of the paving will be dependent on fund availability, weather and project coordination. The 2020 Alley Paving Program will be evaluated by Council in the late Spring.

### Did you know?

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At the grove this summer we will be installing some new pieces of playground equipment, along with benches and picnic tables.

The center has a variety of activities, including a senior center in the morning, party rentals on the weekends, open gyms, Crossfit, Weight Watchers Meetings, Leighton Area Booster Clubs basketball and soccer use the facility.

At our Baer Memorial Park facility, which consist of our two newly constructed basketball courts, we will be organizing basketball leagues for adults, high school students, and for our younger children to participate in.



*For more information, please contact Tom Evans at 570-294-4532.*

## LEHIGHTON BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION

### JULY: NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH!

Did you know that July is National Parks & Recreation month? Come out and enjoy the beautiful summer weather in one of the many parks within the Leighton Borough. Local parks promote a healthy lifestyle for community members. Being active outdoors can have many benefits including maintaining a healthy weight, lowering cholesterol, receiving Vitamin D from natural sunlight, reducing stress and improving concentration at school or work.

Parks also ensure that our neighborhood helps protect our environment and preserve our local ecosystems. By participating in National Parks & Recreation month, YOU are guaranteeing that our town remains beautiful and active for years to come.

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**W**elcome Spring! The Lehigh Valley Downtown Initiative is in full swing! May will be a very busy month. We will be starting off the spring and summer season with our 2nd Annual Wine on the River! Wine on the River will be held on Saturday, May 2nd from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. This will be a fun filled day at the Lehigh Valley Outdoor Center with wineries, food vendors, crafters, music and more! Advanced tickets will be available for purchase at a discount price. All advanced ticket holders will be eligible for a wine basket drawing! Follow the Lehigh Valley Downtown Initiative's Facebook page for more information.

Check out the barrels downtown as they come to life this spring with beautiful color! Watch and see what else the LDI has in store for our community this year!!

The kickoff for the Lehigh Valley Downtown Farmers Market will be Saturday, May 16th. A craft show will also be held on opening day. Stop by the Farmers Market in the lower park and welcome all of your favorite and new vendors to a new successful market season! Hours for opening day will be 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Watch for new events, and activities throughout the market season including Christmas in July on July 25th! NEW normal weekly hours for the market will be from 9:00 am - noon!

Movie nights are back in the Amphitheater!! 4th Friday of the month from May through September at dusk! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! Stay tuned for movie listings!!

This year celebrate the 4th of July at home, right here in Lehigh Valley!! Fireworks on the 4th!! (Plus we have some surprises in store!)

The Lehigh Valley Downtown Initiative will also be partnering with the Lehigh Valley Police Department for National Night Out! 2019 National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 4th. This is a fun night out for everyone!!

Mark your calendars for our 5th Annual Rocktoberfest to be held on October 17th and 18th! Watch for exciting new information regarding Rocktoberfest this year!

***If anyone is interested in joining the Lehigh Valley Downtown Initiative our meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Location is at borough hall, upstairs in council chambers! All are welcome to join!***



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## MS4 PUBLIC HEARING

### June 1st, 2020, 7:00p.m. @ Municipal Building Test your knowledge of best Stormwater Management Practices

In order to improve the quality of the water that enters the Chesapeake Bay, Lehighton Borough is part of the federally and state mandated MS4 Program. The ultimate goal of the program is to collect stormwater runoff and to reduce the discharge of pollutants into water sources within the Borough. As a Borough resident you can help to improve water quality. Which of the following practices should you incorporate to achieve the MS4 goal? Check your understanding of stormwater management by taking the following quiz.

1. Sharpen mower blades once a year to avoid damaging grass blades.....T F
2. Replace grass with new landscape beds.....T F
3. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.....T F
4. Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly, or not at all.....T F
5. Sweep driveways and sidewalks of grass clippings and other debris.....T F
6. Use a commercial car wash that recycles water or wash your car on the Lawn.....T F
7. Compost yard waste.....T F
8. Use porous materials for sidewalks, driveways and patios.....T F
9. Clean up after your pet.....T F
10. Consider using a rain barrel to capture water runoff from your home.....T F
11. Leave lawn clippings on your lawn after mowing.....T F
12. Use 2-4 inches of organic mulch around plants and shrubs.....T F
13. Plant native trees and shrubs on your property.....T F
14. Mow grass to a height of not less than three inches and mow only when Grass is dry.....T F
15. Contact Lehighton Borough if you see anyone pouring something into a Storm drain.....T F

All of the above statements are true! Now that you are aware of some of the best practices for improving water quality, we hope that you will consider implementing some that you currently may not be doing. Remember that better water quality is everyone's responsibility.



***For many of us, water activities equal fun. But it's important to be aware of electrical hazards while enjoying the water. Know how to be safe around swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.***

#### **KNOW THE RISKS!**

Electrocution is death by an electrical shock. Be aware when skin is wet or when surrounding surfaces, such as the grass or pool deck, are wet. Wet skin or wet surfaces can greatly increase the chance of electrocution when electricity is present.

There are several signs of electrical shock. Swimmers may feel a tingling sensation. They may experience muscle cramps. They may not be able to move. They may feel as if something is holding them in place.

If you think someone in the water is being shocked, turn off all power, but do not attempt to go in the water. Use a fiberglass or other kind of rescue hook that doesn't conduct electricity to help the swimmer. Have someone call 9-1-1.

If you think you are being shocked while in the water move away from the source of the shock. Get out of the water.



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- If you are putting in a new pool, hot tub, or spa be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations.
- Outdoor receptacles must have covers that keep them dry even when appliances are plugged into them.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are special devices designed to protect against electric shock and electrocution. They are required for most pool, spa or hot tub equipment. They may be in the form of an outlet or a circuit breaker. Test the GFCIs monthly according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. When possible, use battery operated appliances and equipment, such as televisions, radios, and stereos.
- Avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet.
- Make sure that any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board. If unsure, contact a qualified electrician or your local utility company to make sure power lines are a safe distance away.
- Do not swim during a thunderstorm.
- Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and—where necessary—replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa, or hot tub electrically safe.
- Have a qualified electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.

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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: Friday, April 10, 2020, Monday, May 25, 2020, Friday, July 3, 2020, and Monday, September 7, 2020.

The Borough Council Meetings are held the first Monday of the month, with the exception of Monday, September 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All meetings are open to the public.

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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 Lehigh Borough's Codes Enforcer?

Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. is the appointed Building Code Official, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer for Lehigh 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 (QOL)

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 Borough a beautiful place in which to live and do business.**

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