

# LEHIGHTON BOROUGH

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# LEHIGHTON AREA POOL PALS GETTING READY FOR SUMMER 2021

Besides spending the majority of February shoveling snow, the Lehighton Area Pool Pals have been busy making plans to construct a new 30 foot by 30-foot pavilion at the Lehighton community pool. The idea of the pavilion came about after receiving feedback from patrons of the pool asking for a place to duck out of the direct rays of the sun on summer's warmest days. The pavilion will also provide another location to host parties and celebrations as the repercussions from this Covid virus begin to wane.

The Pool Pals want everyone to know the construction of the pavilion would not be possible without the outpouring of support they have and continue to receive from individuals, businesses, churches and corporations. This support is a true reflection of what Lehighton's "Community"

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1080 Blakeslee Blvd. Lehighton, PA 18235 610-377-1942 pool really is and the many benefits it offers to our town and surrounding areas.

Similar to the existing 21 foot by 30-foot pavilion, the new larger pavilion will be a joint effort between the Pool Pals and the borough. The borough will handle the installation of the concrete pad and supplying electric to the pavilion. The Pool Pals will cover the cost of the remaining structure. Any individual or company donating a minimum of \$250.00 towards the cost of the pavilion will receive their name engraved on a plaque that will be permanently and proudly displayed in the new pavilion.

Along with planning for the pavilion, the Pool Pals have also updated their summer event schedule to include a summer fun event tribute/celebration honoring lifetime Pool Pals member Linda Schoenberger who recently passed to life eternal. Knowing how much Linda meant to not only the Pool Pals but to anyone who's life she touched, the Pool Pals wanted to do something special to make sure the countless hours she volunteered for the benefit of others could be carried on. The money raised at this event will be held in a separate account used to defray the cost of season tickets for those requiring assistance. It will be just a small way that Linda can keep on giving. This event will take place July 24th from 7 pm to 10 pm and more information will be shared as the day gets closer and final details have been completed.

The Pool Pals are considering making the "Linda Schoenberger" night an annual event. This would be their way of honoring Linda for the foreseeable future. Each year her legacy would live on by helping to defray the cost of season tickets for those who, otherwise, would not have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful pool. The Pool Pals are hoping for a strong community turnout in memory of Linda setting the stage for an ongoing annual win-win event.

#### LEHIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

As we approach the summer season, the Lehighton 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.

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



#### LEHIGHTON RECREATION CENTER

#### Located 243 South 8th Street

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 12th 2021 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, 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, Weight Watchers, Lehighton Area Booster Clubs basketball and soccer use the facility.





#### **MEMORIAL PARK**

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, and for our younger youth to participate in. Contact Tom Evans 570-294-4532







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#### HYDRANT FLUSHING



Beginning on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 fire hydrants will be flushed in the service area of the Lehighton Water Authority—in Lehighton, 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 of our customers.

#### LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT

#### The Superintendent announced the following 2021 Projects

- Route 443 reconstruction has begun, numerous poles will be relocated, new conductors will be installed. There will be power outages associated with this project and advanced notifications will be provided for planned outages. Traffic signals will be upgraded as part of the project, disruptions should be expected.
- Tree trimming will resume in Spring.
- New Hometown Hero banners will be installed and the existing ones will be removed.
- Vacuum breaker testing and maintenance is scheduled for February 8, 2021 and will be completed before the newsletter prints.
- Routine pole replacements and old pole removals will continue throughout the Borough.

- GIS upgrades are continuous and a work in progress.
- The fountain will be up and running in Spring.
- Replace poles and upgrade lights to LED at the Grove tennis courts.
- Actively working on the replacement transformers for the 69KV substation.

The Light & Power Department bucket trucks, digger truck, and rubber protective equipment will be ANSI inspected and dielectrically tested.



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#### 2021 LEHIGHTON BOROUGH TRASH/RECYCLING

#### WHAT IS RECYCLABLE:

- White Envelopes
- Computer, Fax & Copy Paper
- Kraft Paper (brown grocery bags)
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Chipboard/Box Board
- Notebook Paper
- White & Colored Ledger Paper
- Newspaper
- Paper Egg Cartons
- Soft Covered Workbooks,
   Telephone & paperback Books
- Juice Boxes
- Junk Mail (including envelopes & coupons
- Milk Cartons
- Glass Bottles (green, clear, brown)
- Tin & Bi-Metallic Containers (including Aerosol Cans)
- Frozen Food Cartons
- Aluminum Foil (pie plates, eg.)
- Construction Paper
- Plastic Containers 1-7

See Reverse Side for additional information.

Keep this flyer for reference throughout the year.

1 BULK ITEM PER WEEK PER HOUSEHOLD All mattresses/boxsprings and upholstered furniture MUST be bagged or sealed in plastic

Ash Buckets MAY be placed next to Toters

# WHAT IS NON-RECYCLABLE: • Trash • Diapers • Clothing • Styrofoam • Bags • Caps • Lids • Food

## >>>> PICK-UP DAY: TUESDAY <

Compost

Yard Waste

#### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:**

Memorial Day - Mon. May 31st Pick-up will be Wed. June 2nd Labor Day- Mon. Sept. 6th Pick-up will be Wed. Sept. 8th

# - CUT HERE AND SAVE

# 2021 TRASH AND RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR BOROUGH OF LEHIGHTON RESIDENTS

#### WHY DO WE HAVE A NEW TRASH RECYCING PROVIDER?

Tamaqua Transfer was recently awarded the

residential solid waste and recycling contract for the Borough of Lehighton for a 3 year term. Contracted services will include weekly trash and recycling collection. Trash and recycling toters are to be placed curbside on the evening prior to your collection day. We are pleased to work with Tamaqua Transfer to meet all of our residents garbage/recycling needs.

# WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY TRASH/RECYCLING PICK-UP IS MISSED? WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY TOTER IS LOST OR DAMAGED?

If your trash or recycling was missed, please

call Tamaqua Transfer directly at 1-570-668-4515 or toll-free 1-866-337-1007. If your GARBAGE toter is lost or damaged, also contact Tamaqua Transfer directly. If your RECYCLING toter is lost or damaged, please contact the Lehighton Borough Secretary.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY YARD WASTE?

Each household is permitted up to 5 bags of yard waste <u>OR</u> 5 bundles of

branches/brush, securely tied per week. Bags and bundles <u>cannot</u> weigh more than <u>35</u> pounds. Please place these next to the Tamaqua Transfer Black and Red Toter for pick-up.

#### WHAT ITEMS ARE NOT COLLECTED BY TAMAQUA TRANSFER?

The following items are not

collected by Tamaqua Transfer, per the Garbage Contract; Building/Construction Materials, Tires, Hazardous Waste, Cooking/Motor Oil and Electronic Items.



SPECIAL DATES FOR ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AS WELL AS LEAF COLLECTION AND THE YARD WASTE DUMPSTER AT THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE. PLEASE FOLLOW OUR BOROUGH WEBSITE AS WELL AS OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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## >>>> PICK-UP DAY: TUESDAY <<<<



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#### **LEHIGHTON AREA MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS**





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lehightonlibrary.com



#### **Your Library is OPEN**

We have adapted our services and programs to meet current health guidelines so you can:

- Request books, audiobooks, CDs, and DVDs over the phone or online and pick them up curbside
- Browse by appointment
- Use a computer by appointment
- · Get curbside help with faxes, copies, wireless printing, and scans
- Individuals can make appointments to use the new Community Room
- Families can make appointments to explore the new Children's Room

#### **Your Library is ONLINE**

#### If you cannot get to the Library we are open 24/7 online!

Apply for a card, participate in programs, and use a variety of materials & resources for **FREE**. Go to our website for a full list of what we offer, including:

- · Virtual programs including Preschool Storytime
- eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines
- · Interactive books and activities for kids
- Tutoring and test prep
- · Job search resources
- Legal forms and documents
- · Language tutorials
- · Genealogy and Local History
- POWER Library: the online portal to all that Pennsylvania libraries offer

#### **Your Library has EXPANDED!**

With generous donations from the community, several grants, and recent bequests we were able to achieve a long term goal of expanding the Library. We have added:

- A Children's Room: An open area with furnishings that adapt to many activities and age groups. Moving the children's books into this area has also freed up room in the existing library, resulting in more space overall.
- A Community Room: An enclosed space for library programs, quiet study, tutoring, and other activities. When it is advisable community groups will be encouraged to use the space for meetings, classes, and other functions.
- Accessibility: A remodeled front entrance and ADA compliant restrooms with facilities that can accommodate families as well as those with mobility and/or health issues and other considerations.

#### Your Library has more PLANNED

- Tails & Tales: 2021 Summer Learning Challenge for Children and Adults
- Individual Computer Instruction (Summer 2021)
- Crafternoons (Fall 2021)
- The Very Ready Reading Program (Fall 2021)
- STEAM Saturdays (Fall 2021)
- And so much more as restrictions ease and we can open our doors even wider!

#### Your Library is always here to help:

Please check our website lehightonlibrary.com for more details and the latest updates.

Follow us on Facebook for announcements.

Email liblehtn@ptd.net or call 610-377-2750 for assistance.



#### **MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)**

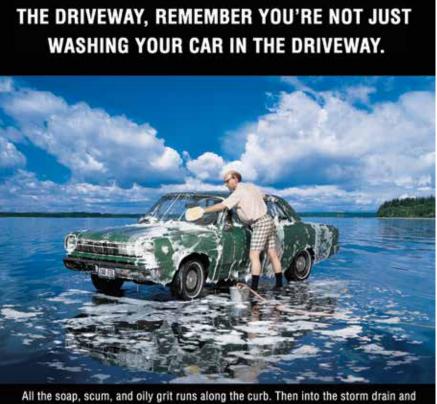
Lehighton Borough is the owner of a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) that discharges to surface waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Therefore, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA-DEP) requires that the Borough obtain and comply with the requirements of a NPDES General Permit (PAP-13).

A separate storm sewer system is a collection of structures, including retention basins, ditches, roadside inlets and underground pipes designed to gather stormwater from the built up areas and discharge it, without treatment, into local streams and rivers. It's called a separate system because it's not connected to the sanitary sewer system which drains waste water from inside a home to a sewage treatment facility or a private septic system.

Annually, Lehighton Borough submits an MS4 Annual Report Form which outlined the Borough's efforts to comply with the NPDES GP-13requirements. The Borough follows the PA-DEP's 6 Minimum Control Measures (MCM's) protocols which include:

- Public Education and Outreach of Storm Water Impacts
- Public Involvement/Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Storm Water
- Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

WHEN YOU'RE WASHING YOUR CAR IN



All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb. Then into the storm drain and directly into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters including the Chesapeake Bay. And that causes pollution which is unhealthy for fish. So how do you avoid this whole mess? Easy. Wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the street. Or better yet, take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

If you have questions regarding storm water, please contact your municipality or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Regional Office. For general questions, you may also contact DEP's Bureau of Water Management at (717) 772-5661 or visit www.dep.state.pa.us. Thanks to the Washington State Water Consortium for permission to adapt and use this poster Because stormwater originates from all corners of a community, including the neighborhood where people live and work, increasing public stormwater awareness is considered very important. To achieve this goal, the Borough of Lehighton has developed community-wide education plans, including our website, social media and Newsletters, designed to inform residents about what stormwater is, why it requires management and the things they can do to make a difference.

The Borough has adopted and enforces a Stormwater Management Ordinance. All stormwater management plans are required to have engineering review and approval before approval of all new developments.

Lehighton Borough and the Carbon County Conservation District work together in reviewing and in the enforcement of erosions and sediment control measures. If you think you have observed any erosion or sediment problem from any construction site, please call the Carbon County Conservation District. The District will investigate these issues for the Borough and enforce the regulations as applicable.

If you have any other type of stormwater problem or concern, please call the Borough Office at 610-377-4002 to have it investigated. You will be required to give your name, address, telephone number where you can be contacted, along with the specific location and description of the problem.

THERE WILL BE AN MS4 PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 7, 2021 AT 7:00P.M. IN THE MUNICPAL BUILDING.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Street Sweeping on First Street will begin the first Wednesday of March and continue every Wednesday until November 1, 2021. There will be no parking on First Street from 4:00am 6:00am during this time, weather permitting
- For Street Sweeping on all other roads, please look for the temporary orange "No Parking" signs. Do not move vehicles back until the road has been swept and all signs have been taken down
- Please do not place any yard debris in the Street gutters. When it rains, this debris will block catch basins and cause ponding of water on roads
- When cutting grass, please do not blow or sweep grass into the streets
- A large, black dumpster will be placed behind the Public Works garage for yard waste beginning April 15 thru May 15, 2021. No branches larger than four (4) inches in diameter or bundles longer than four (4) feet in length may be placed in dumpster



#### **NEWS IN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT**

The Borough of Lehighton and Main Street Steering Committee (MSSC) continue to partner and work on downtown improvements. The 2021 Goals and Projects are:

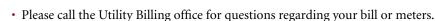
- · Downtown Signage and Rack Cards funded by the Carbon County Hotel Tax Disbursement Program
- · Continued Business Owner Engagement
- · Business Spotlight Videos for Social Media
- Partnership with the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corp for Main Street Guidance and potential staffing
- · Completion of the Customer Intercept Survey
- · Building and Business Inventory Completion
- Host Public Forum regarding the future of Main Street

Follow the Main Street Steering Committee on Facebook @LehightonMainStreet



#### **UTILITY BILLING OFFICE**

#### 610-377-4004



- Please keep meters free of debris, vegetation and snow.
- Please have your Account Number ready when calling the Office regarding your Account.
- Please include your Account Number on all checks when paying Utility Bill.
- The Drop Box located near the North Street side of the Municipal Building may be used at ANY time for all Utility Bill payments. Please do not deposit cash into drop box.
- ACH and E-bills are now available options to pay your Utility Bill. If you are interested in either or both, please contact the Utility Billing Office.
- The PIN located on your bill is needed to view your online bill ONLY.
- Current contact information is required for the Rapid Response System so that you will receive calls or texts regarding Borough information. Please contact the Utility Billing Office with your information.



#### **2021 BUDGET**

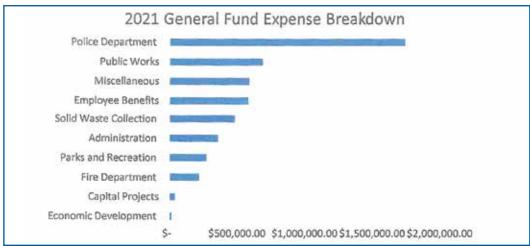
The final 2021 Budget, as adopted on December 21, 2020 sets the real estate taxes at a total of 9.5 mills with 2 mills allocated to the Fire Station Construction Fund, 1 mill for Fire Equipment and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mill for capital reserve for funding capital needs and large projects. The Borough also levies 6 mills for Occupation Taxes.

The 2021 Budget totals \$18,567,434.

Specifically:

General Fund	\$ 4,982,902.09
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 244,751.79
Fire Station Construction Fund	\$ 160,475.95
Fire Department Equipment Fund	\$ 746,139.09
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 388,553.04
Light & Power Fund	\$ 8,309,437.20
Sewer Fund	\$ 3,735,174.99

The following chart shows the breakdown of the General Fund by Departments in 2021.





#### **Outdoor Safety**

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- Do not go under trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.
- Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.
- ))) Stay away from windows and doors. Stay off porches.
- There is no safe place outside. Places with only a roof on sports fields, golf courses, and picnic areas are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds should not be used.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1. Get medical help right away.

#### Indoor Safety

Turn off computers. Stay off corded phones, computers, and other things that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. You can use a cell or cordless phone.

**Do not** wash your hands, bathe, shower, do laundry, or wash dishes.



#### TRANSIT TRANSITS

Lightning may strike as far as 10 miles from any rain.



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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: Friday, April 2, 2021, Monday, May 31, 2021, Monday, July 5, 2021 and Monday, September 6, 2021.

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.

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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 Isett 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.

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

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

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