



LEHIGHTON BOROUGH

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LEHIGHTON HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS

The Lehigh United Veterans Organization started the planning stages earlier this year for the banners. There are 299 Lehigh Hometown Hero Banners hung throughout town. A huge Thank You to the Lehigh Light & Power Department workers for spending countless hours hanging the 30” x 60” banners. These banners were purchased by family and friends to honor our area veterans. Due to the sun and inclement weather, the banners have a three year life span. After three years the purchaser will have the option to purchase a new banner to be hung. It is amazing to walk through town and see all of these brave men and women from our area that served our country. The oldest veteran is from the Civil War, Mr. Milton Koch, his banner is hung at the start of town. Pictured is Gwen Davidson and Kevin Long. Gwen is representing the Zoo Health Club, they purchased the banner for Sgt. William M. Shoemaker, Pizza Como purchased the banner for Walter E. Haydt. Both banners are hung in the parking lot of the Shoemaker Haydt American Legion. The UVO will be accepting more applications for banners beginning in March, 2019. Please check out the Lehigh Borough Facebook page for more details in March.



PHASE II MAIN STREET® ASSESSMENT



Lehigh Borough Officials and the Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors Association worked together on the submission of a Smart Growth Grant application. Together, we have been awarded \$3,000 by the National Association of Realtors for a Main Street® Specialist to provide technical assistance on the Phase II Downtown Assessment. This report will succeed the Phase I Assessment completed in August 2013.

The Borough will be responsible for organizing a “Main Street” Steering Committee, composed of a diverse group of community volunteers who are willing to work with the Main Street® comprehensive four-point revitalization approach in planning and facilitating projects resulting in: business/property development, building and public space improvements and marketing/promotional activities.

The Main Street® Specialist will be visiting the Borough in late October. We will be reviewing the many successful projects and positive activities since the 2013 visit. A review will also be conducted to discuss opportunities and strategies for dealing with issues identified in 2013 that have not been resolved. The process is anticipated to be completed within a three-month period.

The Borough and members of Lehigh Downtown Initiative will be working together as part of the Steering Committee. We are actively seeking interested volunteers to serve as part of this diverse committee. If you have interest in assisting us with downtown design, promotion, economic restructuring and organization, please contact Nicole Beckett at (610)377-4002 extension 214 to find out more about volunteering.

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JUNIOR MAYOR PROGRAM

Mayor Clark Ritter has seen his vision of connecting with Lehighton's younger residents come to fruition. After addressing the 4th grade students of Shull-David elementary School this past year for their Local Government lesson, he offered a new and exciting opportunity to each and every child; to become the Lehighton Borough Junior Mayor.

Thus far, Mayor Ritter has had two 4th grade students, Mia Matika and Landon Abelovsky shadow him through his daily duties, including overseeing the Lehighton Borough Police Department, reviewing daily happenings within the Borough with the Borough Manager.



Mia Matika with Mayor Ritter

Lastly the Junior Mayor accompanies Mayor Ritter at the table for the monthly Borough Council Meetings, where the community can be heard, decisions are made, and plans for the future of Lehighton are implemented.

It is the hope of Mayor Ritter that this program will spark the interest of Lehighton's youth to become involved in their community and possibly lead them on a path to a future in local government.

The Junior Mayor Program will continue throughout the 2018-2019 school year and will be open to any 4th grade student that resides in the Borough. If your child fits this criteria and is interested in the program, you may contact Mayor Clark Ritter at Mayor@lehightonborough.com.



Landon Abelovsky with Mayor Ritter



Central Carbon Municipal Authority

Congratulations to Mike Takerer, CCMA Plant Supervisor, for receiving the 2018 PA Rural Water Association award for the "Operator of the Year" during the Excellence Awards Ceremony held during the Annual Conference at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA on March 22, 2018. The PA Rural Water Association Annual Conference is the largest utilities conference in Pennsylvania.

Lehighon Downtown Initiative Hosts:



2 Funfilled Days Benefitting Breast Cancer Awareness in the Lehighon Downtown Parks

Saturday, October 13th noon – 10:00 pm

Sunday, October 14th noon – 6:00 pm

The Lehighon Downtown Initiative has some exciting things happening this fall and winter. As we complete our 2nd year of the Lehighon 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 3rd year. The 2018 Market is on Saturdays through October 6th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please like and follow the Lehighon Downtown Farmers Market Facebook page to keep up to date on all the weekly events and participating vendors.

We don't stop for the year after the Farmers Market, we jump right into Rocktoberfest! This will be the 3rd Annual Rocktoberfest held on October 13th and 14th. Rocktoberfest benefits breast cancer awareness. Our huge basket raffle raised \$3,000 for the PA Breast Cancer Coalition. 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 by the fountain, beer and wine garden, car show, crafters and vendors! This year rides 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!

Follow the Lehighon Downtown Initiative's Facebook page for all of our activities and work in the community throughout the year. As fall and winter approach we will continue to move forward with making Lehighon a Trail Town. Follow us during the holiday season to see when Santa will be arriving for a visit!

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!

Lehighon's 48th Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade will be held Saturday October 20, 2018 at 4:00p.m. The rain date will be Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2:00p.m. Registration forms can be picked up at the Borough of Lehighon's Municipal Building, JTNB Lehighon 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.

TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be held Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. **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 Lehighon Borough Police Department and the Lehighon Borough Fire Department for treats!



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



LEAF COLLECTION

- Leaf Collection begins November 1 through November 30, 2018.
- Please do not place leaves on catch basins.
- Please do not place leaves when rain is in the forecast as they could wash to catch basins and cause a flooding hazard to streets and personal property.
- Please keep leaf piles at least thirty (30) feet from intersections.

SNOW REMOVAL

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ANY UPDATES AND/OR CHANGES ON THE SNOW ORDINANCE

- During any Snow Emergency, all vehicles must be removed from the roadway on a Snow Emergency Route.
- Watch for orange “No Parking” signs for snow removal.
- DO NOT shovel, blow or plow any snow from any sidewalk or driveway into the roadway; it is illegal and you can be cited.
- DO NOT place piles of snow near fire hydrants. If possible, please try to keep hydrants and catch basins clear of ice and snow.
- If you have an inlet in front of your property, please assist the Borough in keeping it clear of snow and ice. This will prevent ice from accumulating and reduce drainage issues when the snow begins to melt.
- No person shall “save a parking space” by placing any object in the street.
- DO NOT allow children to build snow forts, especially in the street. The results could be tragic.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

- Please dispose of your Christmas trees with your regular household garbage on your normal collection day.

LEHIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

As we approach the winter season, the Lehigh Fire Department would like to provide the following safety information to keep you and your family safe.

- Make sure you have properly operating smoke detectors. The batteries should be changed twice a year when the clocks change in spring and fall. Smoke detectors should also be tested monthly. Smoke detectors should be installed inside of every bedroom, outside of all sleeping areas, and on every floor of the home. **SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!!!**

- Make sure you have properly operating Carbon Monoxide detectors. The batteries should also be changed twice a year when the clocks change in spring and fall. Carbon Monoxide detectors should also be tested monthly. Carbon Monoxide detectors should be installed on every floor of the home. **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!!!**

- Ensure that your furnace, fire places, and chimneys are inspected, cleaned and maintained properly for the heating season. Properly discard of ashes from coal and wood heat sources.

If you are a Borough resident and are in need of smoke detectors, please contact the fire station at 610-377-2449 for eligibility.

By following these simple but crucial tips, you and your family can have a safe winter and holiday season.

Did you know?

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

- Inspect holiday lights and extension cords each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands and extension cords with frayed or pinched wires. Utilize the proper extension cord for your intended use.
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily. Keep trees and all holiday decorations away from heat sources.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.





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Be Environmentally Friendly!

Recycle your old unwanted, broken and outdated electronics and appliances.

**Lehighton Borough will be hosting an Electronic Recycling Event
November 10, 2018 at the Public Works Garage – 74 East Penn Street
9 a.m. to noon OR until truck is full
You MUST provide a VALID DRIVER LICENSE to prove residency.**

Items that can be recycled FREE of charge are listed below:

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| Desktop & Laptop Computers | Microwaves & Small Appliances | Toner & Ink Cartridges |
| DVD Players & VCR's | Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries | Bed Frames & Rain spouting |
| Keyboards & Mice | Metal Items | Audio Visual Equipment |
| Gaming Systems | Calculators & Adding Machines | Filing Cabinets |
| Printers/Fax Machines | Exercise Equipment | Telephones & Cell Phones* |
| String Christmas Lights | UPS Battery Backups | <small>*Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries</small> |
| Cables & Cords | Car Batteries (sealed lead acid) | |

Additional Items that can be recycled with a Fee:

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| Washers & Dryers-\$20.00 | LCD Monitors- \$10.00 | Floor Freezers - \$30.00 |
| Air Conditioners - \$25.00 | Televisions under 40" - \$35.00 ALL | Ranges (Stoves)-\$20.00 |
| Dishwashers-\$20.00 | Types | Floor Copiers-\$20.00 |
| Dehumidifiers - \$25.00 | TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection, | Console Stereos (in cabinet) \$35.00 |
| CRT Monitors - \$15.00 (Tube Type) | Over 40") \$55.00 | |
| Refrigerators - \$30.00 | | |

Destruction Services for a Fee:

- Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per drive, Includes a Certificate of Destruction
- Document Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per standard paper size box, Includes a Certificate of Destruction

****Cash or Checks ONLY****

****Please Make Checks Payable to Responsible Recycling Services or RRS****

****TV'S MUST BE COMPLETE, NO BROKEN TV'S ACCEPTED****



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Discover something new with us this fall and winter! The Lehighon Area Memorial Library is growing. Big changes are happening to our building, our programs, and even our library cards!

BUILDING PLANS

In the immediate future we are replacing the carpet and adding more open areas to our floorplan. In the near future we hope to add an addition to the building. This addition will house a children's area, accessible restrooms, and a community meeting room. We are currently pursuing grants to offset costs and will soon launch a capital campaign to help us build Lehighon the library it deserves!

The Lehigh Carbon Libraries Cooperative (LCLC)

Beginning in **January 2019** the Lehighon, Catasauqua, Coplay, Dimmick (Jim Thorpe), Emmaus, Lower Macungie, Palmerton, Parkland, Slatington, Southern Lehigh and Whitehall public libraries are joining together to form the **Lehigh Carbon Libraries Cooperative (LCLC)**. The 11 libraries will now share their collections and align their policies and procedures so that residents can seamlessly access all of the libraries.

"This is what people have come to expect in the 21st Century, to have more and more resources right at their fingertips", said Mark Sullivan, District Consultant Librarian, representing the

Cooperative. "It's the beginning of a new era of library service for Lehigh and Carbon counties, meeting our communities where they are, and we guarantee it will be a positive experience for everyone."



What does this mean for you?

- You will have access to the 500,000+ items of the 11 libraries' collections and electronic resources.
- You can request items from any of the other 10 libraries to be delivered to your library within 1-2 days.
- Your library card can be used at 11 libraries in Lehigh and Carbon Counties
- Each library will still be an independent entity, with its own Board of Directors, local funding, and unique programs.

PROGRAMS:

- **STEAM Saturdays** for elementary and middle school kids: activities exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math
- **Teen Advisory Group** for grades 6 to 12, help choose our teen books and plan teen programs
- **Make it Yours** for Adults on the 1st Tuesday of the month come in and be creative
- **Storytime** on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings
- **Book Club** held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month



SERVICES:

- Website and Online Catalog: lehighonlibrary.com

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- Online Databases: Heritage Quest, Rosetta Stone Languages, Law Depot & more
- Online Journal and Magazine Articles
- One on One Computer, Tablet & Smartphone Help by appointment
- Used Book Sale

OUTREACH:

In addition to offering more at the library we are taking our programs and services out into the community. Visit us at local events like Rocktoberfest and contact us to provide activities for your group or event.

Are you interested in any of these new programs and services? Do you want us to partner with your group or come to you? Do you have other ideas? We want to hear from you!

For more information, to receive our newsletter, to sign up for programs, and/or to share your ideas, please call, stop in, or email Melissa Hawk at liblehtn@ptd.net You can also follow us on Facebook for the latest library news!

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LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT

**Public
Power Week**
Oct. 7 – Oct. 13

The Department has completed the installation of the new REF 615 relays in the substation, added a cellular notification system to alert personnel of emergency alarms generated at the substation, and completed the remote access and control of the new relays. The new battery backup system will be online by the end of August 2018. The Department will have a new 12,470 volt three-phase primary line on Indian Lane completed by the end of August 2018. This will allow the Light & Power Department to provide a dual feed to the St. Lukes Hospital and surrounding customers in the event of an emergency situation. The entire electrical grid, poles, wires, transformers, etc., have been plotted by Jason Shellhammer, Carbon County GIS Coordinator, and have been uplinked to the Eagleview website and are now accessible.

Tree trimming around power lines will begin in the Fall, when leaves have fallen from the trees.

The Light and Power Department partnered with the Lehighon United Veterans Organization and installed the Hometown Heroes banners on various poles throughout the Borough.

Public Power Week

Is celebrated October 7 thru October 13, 2018

The Light & Power Department is inviting the public to attend an open house
at the Department's building, located at 675 Bridge Street
on Wednesday, October 10, 2018
9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

There will be food, drinks and giveaways.

SENATOR TAKES A HIKE

Senator John Yudichak pledged to hike and bike the 165 miles of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Trail System if the Philadelphia Eagles won the Super Bowl. After the win, he followed through with his commitment and visited each section of trail in five counties; Carbon, Luzerne, Lehigh, Northampton and Bucks. The Senator's goal is to bring awareness to the D&L Trail along with celebrating the history and people of the region.

On July 9th, Senator Yudichak visited the Lehighon Spur of the D&L Trail and hiked five miles of the trail with local officials, business owners and residents. During his visit, stops were made at the Colonel Jacob Weiss Park, Lehighon Trailhead, Lehighon Outdoor Center and Chantilly Goods Ice Cream Shoppe in Weissport prior to walking from Lehigh Canal Park to Jim Thorpe. Senator Yudichak praised Carbon County for being local leaders in heritage tourism as a community asset and economic driver.

On July 13th, all 165 miles had been traveled with his tour ending in Wilkes-Barre. During the closing ceremony, the Senator talked about his pledge, "It has been an inspiring experience to walk in the footsteps of Pennsylvania's rich history, and meet the remarkable people who make every community on the D&L Trail from Bristol to Wilkes-Barre a true pleasure to visit. With the help of the tremendous D&L staff, our state partners at DCNR, and countless local officials, we have been able to fulfill our mission of raising awareness to the value of the D&L as both a community asset and an economic engine for job growth across Pennsylvania. We have also been successful in drawing attention to the remaining trail gaps, especially the many miles in Luzerne County, that require attention and local support to fully complete the D&L Trail."

Lehighon Borough Officials are proud to be a part of the Senator's pledge and the 165-mile trail system.



Lehighton Shade Tree Commission 2018



The Lehighton Shade Tree Commission members had a busy spring and summer with their time spent equally between maintaining existing trees and planting new memorial trees. Earth Day was spent beautifying Lehigh Drive and the D&L trail area by pruning and applying mulch around the recently planted Oak and Dogwood trees. Completing this task would not have been possible without the help of many other volunteer groups and individuals within our community. The Shade Tree members would like to thank everyone involved with this effort. Arbor Day took the Shade Tree committee to a very familiar site, the environmental center at the Lehighton Area Middle School. Knowing the importance of educating the youth of our community in the value of trees, the

Shade Tree Commission embraces the opportunity to continuing sharing this valuable message with the Middle School students on an annual basis.

The memorial tree program has been in existence for over 20 years with this year bringing some renewed interest from donors. Four additional memorial trees were planted this year adding to the 238 already planted within the borough. The Shade Tree committee tries their best to match the species and location of a memorial tree with the wishes of the donor. The tree becomes a living tribute to the person it honors or memorializes.

Over the fall and winter months the Shade Tree Committee will be assessing the condition of the trees and making plans on replacing any that may need to be replaced in the Spring. The memorial plaques beneath the trees will also be assessed replacing any that show signs of wear.

Below are just some of the many benefits that trees provide to our community.

- **Trees clean the air**

Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.

- **Trees provide oxygen**

In one year an acre of mature trees can provide enough oxygen for 18 people.

- **Trees increase business traffic**

Studies show that the more trees and landscaping a business district has, the more business will flow in. A tree-lined street will also slow traffic – enough to allow the drivers to look at the store fronts instead of whizzing by.

This year Lehighton was designated as “Tree City USA” for the 25th consecutive year. Lehighton is one of only a few other cities or towns within Pennsylvania that have achieved this accomplishment and something the Shade Tree Commission is grateful to have been a part of.

The Shade Tree Commission is made up of the following borough residents: Scot Wingert, Judy Wingert, Sara Wingert, Kenneth Leffler, Bobby Strausberger, Mason Strausberger, Diane Hoffman and Mark Hoffman. These members meet in borough hall on a monthly basis at 6:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. Guests and potential new members are always welcome. You can also follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LehightonShadeTree>



WHAT TYPE OF PERMIT(S) DO I NEED?

The following information is a brief overview. If you are uncertain, always contact the Building Code Official (BCO) and the Zoning Officer at (610)377-4002x219 to confirm permitting requirements prior to proceeding with your project.

The following guidelines apply to single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, townhouses and structures that are considered to be accessory to these types of residential structures. Any other uses or proposed construction would be considered "COMMERCIAL" and must comply with the requirements for commercial buildings. Please contact the Building Code Official (BCO) and Zoning Officer for more information on how to determine the requirements for any proposed commercial construction.

Required Residential Permits

1. Decks

- 30" or less at the highest point of the deck walking surface measured from the adjacent grade, not located at the main exit door and without a roof: **ZP**
- Over 30" at the highest point of the deck walking surface measured from the adjacent grade or if the deck is located at the main exit door: **ZP and BP**
- Replacing an existing deck requires permits as specified in a. and b.

2. Porches or Decks with a roof

- ZP and BP** regardless of the height of the walking surface

3. Enclosing a Porch or Patio

- ZP and BP**

4. Sheds or Garages

- Under 1,000 square feet of total floor area and accessory to a single family dwelling: **ZP**
- 1,000 square feet of total floor area or larger: **ZP and BP**

5. Fences

- Fences 3 feet to 6 feet high: **ZP**
- Fences higher than 6 feet: **ZP and BP**

6. Retaining Walls

- Up to and including 4 feet high measured from the adjacent grade: **ZP**
- Retaining walls higher than 4' at any point measured from the adjacent grade: **ZP and BP**

7. Swimming Pools

- All swimming pools that are capable of holding 24" or more of water: **ZP and BP**
Barriers (e.g. fence) required by the International Residential Code must be provided.

8. Hot tub or Spa

- Indoor: **BP**
- Outdoor: **ZP and BP**

9. Additions

- Any size: **ZP and BP**
- Garage attached to the house: **ZP and BP**
- Carport attached to the house: **ZP and BP**

10. Alterations

- Alterations that involve structural changes: **BP**

ZP: Zoning Permit

BP: Building Permit

A zoning permit may be required, depending upon the scope of work. Please do not proceed with a project of this type without first contacting the code official for guidance.

11. Changes to an Existing Mean of Egress

- Removal or change: **BP**
A zoning permit may be required depending upon the scope of work.
- Ramp: **ZP and BP**
- Exit door: **BP**
- Stairs: **ZP and BP**
- Handrails: **BP**
- Guard system: **BP**

12. New Homes

- Traditional: **ZP and BP**
- Manufactured (new or used): **ZP and BP**
- Modular (new or used): **ZP and BP**

13. Demolition

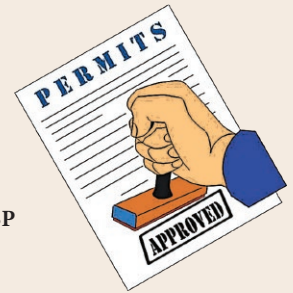
- Residential Structure: **ZP and BP**
- Commercial Structure: **ZP and BP**

14. The Project Involves

- Removal, replacement, re-enforcement or cutting of any structural beam or header or any load-bearing support wall: **BP**
- Work or service to the electrical service to the dwelling that will require an inspection by the power company: **BP**
- Cutting away of any wall, partition, or portion thereof: **BP**
- Addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any water supply, sewer, drainage, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping: **BP**
- Addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any electrical wiring: **BP**
- Addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any mechanical Equipment: **BP**

15. Any portion of a dwelling or residential accessory structure that will be used for commercial purposes (open to employees or the public) Examples include but are not limited to:

- Professional offices
- Business offices
- Notaries
- Beauty Shops, nail salons, barber shops
- Car or equipment repair



FEES: A \$25 application fee is due with all residential Zoning Permit applications. Any additional zoning fees are due upon issuance of the permit. The building permit fees are separate from the zoning fees and are due upon issuance of the permit.

Please keep in mind that doing work regulated by the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) without a permit will result in an enforcement action being taken against you by the municipality, and upon conviction, you may be subject to fines and penalties up to and including \$1,000 per day of each violation.

Also, occupying any structure without a Certificate of Occupancy issued by the BCO is a serious violation and will also result in enforcement action. Please do not occupy or begin using any structure without a Certificate of Occupancy.

If you fail to obtain permits, inspections and certificates of occupancy, it is very likely that you will have serious difficulties when you eventually try to sell your house or property, as all structures built since April 9, 2004 must have a legal certificate of occupancy.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: STORM DRAINS

The steel grate that covers a storm water inlet along the edge of your street is often thought of as the final destination for runoff from rain or snow melt. During a flood this inlet is critical to providing a flow path for stormwater away from your property. It's the beginning of a system of pipes and ditches that eventually lead to lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands and coastal waters.



Lehighton Borough is preventing stormwater pollution through a stormwater management program. This program addresses stormwater pollution resulting from construction, illegal dumping to the stormsewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping procedures in the Borough's operations. Under the program the Borough is required to educate its residents about practices that cause clean stormwater to become polluted stormwater. By learning and practicing the following guidelines you will keep your property and our community free from the impacts of storm water pollution. In addition these benefits flow downstream to many other individuals.

GOOD STORM WATER PRACTICES

- Collect used engine fluids and recycle
- Repair drip leaks from vehicles as soon as they are discovered. These leaks are typically onto paved areas and water runoff will carry them to storm systems.
- Never dump used cleaning and household products or engine fluids on the ground surface.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for disposal of cleaning and household products.
- Use garden and lawn care products like fertilizers and pesticides in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Note that the impact of a large dose may be lowered by a significant storm runoff event that occurs after the application.
- Clean up pet waste and dispose of it so that it's not introduced into the storm sewer collection system.
- Avoid long term exposure of bare soil when completing projects that require earth disturbance. Soil sediment within waterways can have negative impacts on fish and shellfish populations.
- Establish a vegetative cover by seeding as soon as a project is complete.



BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

The likelihood that you and your family will survive a house fire depends on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy. The same is true for surviving other emergencies. Plan on having the tools and plans in place if disaster should strike.

Get a Kit of Emergency Supplies:

- Water, one gallon per person per day
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Filter mask or cotton t-shirt to filter air
- Moist towelettes for sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Garbage bags and plastic ties
- Unique family needs, such as daily prescription medications, infant formula, important family documents



Make a plan for what you will do in an emergency.

Be informed about what might happen.

Get involved in preparing your community (www.citizencorps.gov)

For a more details, visit www.ready.gov

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Borough Office Hours and Meeting Schedules

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 Building.



For the remainder of 2018, The Borough Council Meetings are held as follows: Monday, October 22, Monday, November 19, and Monday, December 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Beginning in 2019, Borough Council Meetings will be held on the First Monday of the Month at 7:00p.m. All Borough Council Meetings are open to the public.

Please check out our website at www.lehighntonborough.com and/or our Facebook Page to confirm meeting dates and times, ordinances, events, etc.



Borough Office Will Be Closed On The Following Holidays

Thursday, November 22, 2018
Friday, November 23, 2018
Monday, December 24, 2018

Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Wednesday, December 26, 2018
Monday, December 31, 2018

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
Monday, February 18, 2019

ELECTION DAY

The General Election Day is November 6, 2018

28 Precinct – Recreation Center, 243 South Eighth Street

29 Precinct – Lehighnton Boys & Girls Band Hall, 197 North Sixth Street

30 Precinct – Ss. Peter & Paul School, 260 North Third Street

For more information please contact the Office of Voter Registration at the Carbon County Courthouse, Jim Thorpe, PA. The telephone number is (570)325-4801.





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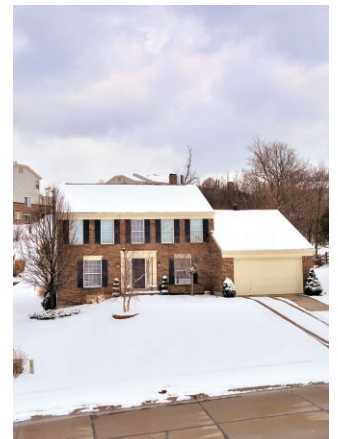
Prepare Your Home for Winter

As winter approaches, our thoughts turn to other activities as we plan for the annual hibernation to the indoors. This is also a good time to plan a safe hibernation for your house as well. The constant change in the weather can have a significant effect on your house that, if left unchecked, may result in major repairs in the future.

Now is the time to inspect your house for anything that does not appear to be normal. Things to look for include loose siding, missing or torn shingles, broken or sticking doors, missing caulking around windows or any other item that will leave your home exposed to the elements. Now is the time to start addressing these items before the cold weather sets in and these items are forgotten.

You may also want to take a look at other items that are often overlooked until it is too late. One important item is your home heating system. Most people who are not on a maintenance program forget to have service performed until well into the heating season when the furnace decides to stop working. Unfortunately, this is the time that most heating contractors are busiest and you may have to wait for service. Avoid the headache and plan ahead.

Items such as your water heater may need your attention as well as other home appliances. Remember to check and make sure water pipes are properly insulated and not exposed to freezing temperatures. Be sure that leaves and debris do not obstruct water flow from gutters and downspouts. Water that freezes and is allowed to back up rooftops often provides you with unwelcome leaks. The lists are endless, but remember your home is a major investment - take good care of it.





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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 Leighton Borough's Codes Enforcer?

Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. is the appointed 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 (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 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.