



LEHIGHTON BOROUGH

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CELEBRATE PUBLIC POWER WEEK WITH THE BOROUGH!

October 1st through October 7th

The Borough of Lehighton is unique amongst Pennsylvania municipalities. We are one of thirty-five Pennsylvania communities that distribute electricity to our community. We currently employ six full-time linemen, a part-time laborer and three utility clerks. The Borough is extremely proud of our electrical system and exemplary staff.

The benefits of a municipal owned electric company include: Community Ownership, Reliability, Responsiveness, Local Presence and a focused priority of Public Interest. We know and benefit our stakeholders. We are local, we are reliable and we provide quality service to our customers. Your utility dollars stay in the community, it creates jobs and supports the local economy. Lehighton Borough Light & Power currently serves 2,418 residential customers, 550 commercial customers and 4 industrial customers.

The Borough is a member of the American Public Power Association, Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association and American Municipal Power. We along with all the members of each association are celebrating Public Power Week. The Borough is celebrating and emphasizing the advantages of locally grown, locally owned power to our citizens. We pride ourselves in the "one stop shop" in that you can speak to a local voice about water, sewer, electric, garbage and tax rates. Decisions regarding rates, operations and long term planning are made by locally elected officials, at public meetings, with opportunities for input from the customers. This is what separates a municipal owned electric system from an investor owned utility and it is probably the most valuable aspect of public power.

We welcome you to attend our Open House on Wednesday, October 4th from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Light & Power Building located at 675 Bridge Street.

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Lehighton's Fall Fest Day

The Lehighton Borough Parks & Recreation Board invites the community to enjoy events throughout the town on Saturday, September 23, 2017 for the town's first Fall Fest Day. Events, time, locations and descriptions are as follows;

ART WALK ON THE D & L TRAIL and Veteran's Memorial Park from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Join the Art Community on the D&L Trail and Veteran's Memorial Park for 'Art on the Trail'. Walk along the Trail and enjoy local artists and their beautiful work. Interactive Art Projects for all ages will be available.

MEET THE FLEET at the Lehighton Outdoor Center from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Bring out the kids and Touch some Trucks! The Lehighton Borough and the Lehighton Fire Dept. will be showcasing their fleet of Municipal Vehicles and Fire/Rescue Equipment. What kid wouldn't love to get up close and personal with big trucks?

LEHIGHTON SCAVENGER HUNT start/end at Lehighton Amphitheater. 10:00-11:00 am Packet Pick-up 5:00 pm End Time - 6:00 pm Awards. Teams of up to 4 people may enter the day long Scavenger Hunt. Work at your own pace. It's not a race! Winners will be determined by Lehighton History knowledge, information collecting and photo proof of found objects. (Must have a cell phone with Camera/Gallery).

APPLE FESTIVAL in the Lehighton Upper Park from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Join us in the Lehighton Upper Park for Apple Fun! Kids/Adult Crafts, Games, Baked Goods for Sale and Pie Contest! Bring your best Baked Apple Pie for judging at 12:00 p.m. Awards at 1:00 p.m

LIVING HISTORY CEMETERY WALK at the Lehighton Cemetery- 4th St. Entrance from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Take a tour through the Lehighton Cemetery where Guides will take your group to various gravesites where Interpreters will relate tales of those departed souls. Learn about residents who helped shape Lehighton from the early days to the present. This is Living History. From the impressive entrance gates and imposing monuments, to plain tombstones of ordinary folk, you will gain experience about this town we call home.

Food Vendors will be found at locations throughout town during the events of the Fall Festival. The Board also extends a special thanks to the Lehighton Outdoor Center for their generous contributions to the Lehighton Fall Fest Day.

Thank You To The Businesses

Thank You to the Businesses – This publication is made available through generous sponsorships of the businesses listed throughout the newsletter. We wish to encourage your patronage of these establishments; they play a substantial role in the economic vitality of our community.



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Events@LehightonBorough.com
Lehighton Borough Events
<http://localendar.com/public/LehightonEvents>

Lehighton's 47th Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade will be held Saturday October 21, 2017 at 4:00p.m. The rain date will be Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2:00p.m. Registration forms can be picked up at the Borough of Lehighton's Municipal Building, JTNB Lehighton Branch, Carbon County Music & More, Dance with Kim, Zimmerman's Dairy, Larry Markley Insurance, Old Tyme Country Store and Jokers are Wild Game Cafe. For questions, please contact Julie Harris at (570)657-6927 or jdharris@ptd.net.



TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be held Wednesday, October 25, 2017 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 Lehighton Borough Police Department and the Lehighton Borough Fire Department for treats!



The Lehighon Downtown Initiative will be holding the 2nd Annual Rocktoberfest on October 14th from 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm and October 15th from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm. This is a 2 day event benefiting breast cancer awareness. Last year we raised almost \$2,000 for the PA Breast Cancer Coalition. Our event was a huge success and it even rained all weekend!

We will be having bands and acoustic music playing the entire weekend in both of our beautiful parks and will have a beer and wine garden, car show, huge Tricky Tray, face painting, cut a thon, pumpkin painting, 3 bounce houses with all day wristbands and other things for the kids to do, crafters, all types of vendors and of course food!!

Hope you join us for this worthy cause!! Follow us on Facebook – Lehighon Downtown Initiative as we add more events! All funds raised will stay in Pennsylvania! Thank you!!

Anyone interested in becoming a vendor please email bambie@ptd.net! If you should have any questions, please feel free to call (610) 509-6465 or email at the above email address.



Brownie Troop 3176 (seen here) and Daisy Troop 3801 of Girl Scouts of America volunteer in the community and take the lead in planting flowers at the Lehighon Trailhead..

Thank you to both troops for the service and pride they take in the Lehighon community.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!
ELECTION DAY IS
NOVEMBER 7, 2017

28 PRECINCT –
 Recreation Center, 243 South Eighth Street

29 PRECINCT –
 Lehighon 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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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Leaf Collection

- Leaf Collection begins November 1st through November 30th, 2017.
- Please do not place leaf piles on catch basins.
- Please keep leaf piles at least thirty (30) feet from intersections.

Snow Removal

- 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.
- Please keep piles of snow at least thirty (30) feet from intersections.
- Do not shovel, blow or plow snow from any sidewalk or driveway into the roadway; it is illegal and you can be cited.
- 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.
- If you have a Fire Hydrant in front of your property, please help the Lehighton Fire Department by clearing snow and ice three (3) feet in all directions.
- 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.

MAP GRANT:

Lehighton Borough along with Franklin and Mahoning Townships applied for the Pennsylvania DCED Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) Grant and the Audubon Pennsylvania to update their Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development (SALDO) Ordinances. Together, we were awarded \$45,000 in MAP funds and \$20,000 in Audubon funds which covers three-quarters of the cost of the update.

In 2011, the Central Carbon County Comprehensive Plan was completed between five local municipalities. One requirement of this plan was to update the Zoning and SALDO Ordinances. The Lehighton SALDO was last updated in 1974 and the Zoning Ordinance in 1997. With growth, development and change, there is a major need for the updates. Lehighton, Franklin Township and Mahoning Township has contracted with Community Planning and Management, LLC to complete the ordinance updates. The process will take approximately 2 years to complete.

The Lehighton residents will be able to provide their input through stakeholder and public meetings. Future meetings will be advertised in The Times News and posted on the borough's website.

LEHIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT - WINTER SAFETY TIPS

As we approach the winter season, the Lehighton 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, fireplaces, and chimneys are inspected, cleaned and maintained properly for the heating season. Properly discard of ashes from coal and wood heat sources.

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.

If you are a Borough resident and are in need of smoke detectors, please contact the first 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.

Lehighton Borough plans for 2nd Annual Community Christmas Celebration

To close Lehighton's Sesquicentennial Year, the Downtown Parks were transformed into a Winter Wonderland. The response from the community was so overwhelmingly positive that the Parks & Recreation Board is planning on returning this special event once again this holiday season.

Last year, 73 trees were decorated and lit, lining the walkways of



the lower and upper parks. The Parks & Recreation Board has plans to increase the number of trees to 100 this year, as well as add a few extra touches.

Residents, Businesses and Community Organizations can adopt, for a fee, and decorate the trees, which will be illuminated throughout the month of December.

A town Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place and everyone will be encouraged to attend. Look for more information beginning in October 2017 for opportunities to Adopt the Trees in the Park and the schedule of events for the Community Christmas Celebration Weekend.



GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Borough representatives are working with County Waste to correct issues and resident complaints concerning missed pickups. County Waste has a new contact numbers for reporting garbage and recycling missed pickups. PLEASE CALL (570)695-2765 TO REPORT MISSES.

Some residents are still without the new garbage and recycling containers. The Borough Secretary will be scheduling final delivery in November. Please contact (610)377-4002 ext. 211 to be placed on the final delivery and swap out list. Garbage cans come in various sizes: 95 gallon, 65 gallon or 35 gallon – All are on wheels with attached lids. Recycling containers come in the following: 65 gallons on wheels with attached lid, 32 gallon and 14 gallon with no lids or wheels. In order to be placed on the FINAL list, you must

contact the Borough Secretary.

Please remember construction materials such as paneling, drywall, carpeting, toilets, tubs, shower units and wood are not within the contract and will not be picked up. Please refer to borough website for information on garbage and recycling.



TIRE RECYCLING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH FROM 9:00AM TO 12:00PM AT THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE LOCATED AT 74 EAST PENN STREET. RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING IDENTIFICATION AND UTILITY BILL TO PROVE THEY ARE A GARBAGE CUSTOMER. LIMIT: 5 TIRES

LEHIGHTON SHADE TREE COMMISSION



The Lehighton Shade Tree Commission members are very pleased with the favorable weather and rainfall received this past summer. The 150 trees planted last year supporting Lehighton's Sesquicentennial celebration are all flourishing thanks to the rain and sunshine this summer brought us.

Over the upcoming Fall and Winter months the Shade Tree Commission will be assessing the plaques located beneath the older memorial trees and replacing any that need to be replaced. The Lehighton Shade Commission is still looking to work with an Eagle Scout to complete a river view landing project along the D&L trail. This project will be partly funded with a grant received from PennEast Pipeline Community Connector Grant Program.

Below are some of the many values that trees bring to our community.

Energy Savings

- Just three strategically placed trees can decrease utility bills by 50 percent.
- Streets with little or no shade need to be re-paved twice as often as those with 30 percent tree cover.
- Trees reduce the amount of water runoff from rain and clean the water that does run off, saving billions of

dollars otherwise needed for storm water control and water treatment facilities.

Economic Improvement

- Residential property values can increase five percent to 12 percent if landscaping includes trees.
- Workers with views of green spaces from their desks report 23 percent fewer instances of illness.

The Lehighton Shade Tree Commission is proud of the fact that Lehighton has been designated as "Tree City USA" every year since 1993 and will continue to do their part in helping achieve this award for many years to come.

In closing, the Shade Tree Commission would like to thank Mayor Mase for the support he gave our organization reading the Arbor Day Proclamation at our Arbor Day outing held every year in conjunction with the Lehighton Middle school children.

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>.

LEHIGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Meet Lehigh Valley Police Departments newest officers.

Patrolman Joel Gulla

My goal in law enforcement is to take each day to learn and have a better understanding on what it takes to become a better police officer. I would also like to get more specialized in training to help and better serve the community. I would also like to start or be part of a program that creates a better relationship between Lehigh Valley PD and the community.

Patrolman Trevin Green

My name is Trevin Green, I'm 22 years old and from Palmerton Pennsylvania. I recently graduated from the Allentown Police Academy as a part of their 100th Class and am very excited to begin my career in the law enforcement profession. I plan to continue my education and eventually join in the fight against the heroin and opiate epidemic. I look forward to serving the great community of Lehigh Valley and I would like to thank the Borough for the opportunity to do so.

Office of the Chief:

Now that school is in session, it is imperative that as drivers we take every precaution to remain alert and aware of our environment. In addition to bus traffic, we must also be attentive to school bus stops and children who walk to school every day. It takes everyone to make a community safe.

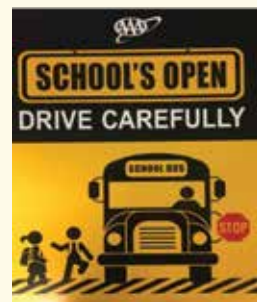
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PA VEHICLE CODE

§ 3345. MEETING OR OVERTAKING SCHOOL BUS.

(A) DUTY OF APPROACHING DRIVER WHEN RED SIGNALS ARE FLASHING.

--Except as provided in subsection (g), the driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking any school bus stopped on a highway or traffic way shall stop at least ten feet before reaching the school bus when the red signal lights on the school bus are flashing and the side stop signal arms are activated under section 4552(b.1) (relating to general requirements for school buses). The driver shall not proceed until the flashing red signal lights are no longer actuated. In no event shall a driver of a vehicle resume motion of the vehicle until the school children who may have alighted from the school bus have reached a place of safety. The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which a school bus is stopped shall stop his vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal lights are no longer actuated.



On August 1st 2017, Lehigh Valley Police in cooperation with Lehigh Valley Downtown Initiative held a National Night Out event in the Upper Park and Amphitheater. Movie night along with generous participation from vendors and exhibitors made for an eventful evening. Despite being a relatively new event for the borough we are pleased that the community came out to support this cause and we hope to make next year's event bigger and better. Mark your calendars for the first Tuesday in August 2018.

Thank you to this year's Donations: Lehigh Valley Phantoms, Justin Markell, Bear Creek Mtn. Resort, Country Inn & Suites, Fegleys Fast Fill, Gail Christman-Gene Durigan Real Estate, Bonnie & Clyde Restaurant, Penn State Extension, Lehigh Valley Police, Councilman Joe Flickinger, Big Creek BBQ, Zimmerman's Dairy, and Fedor's Car Wash

Police Department Upcoming Events:

Car Seat Check – Wednesday, September 20th

10:00am to 2:00pm at Police Station

Trick or Treat Night -Wednesday, October 25th

6:00pm-8:00pm at Police Station

2018 Officer Down 5K & Community Day - Check back for dates

Coming Soon: Lehigh Valley Police Facebook page

UTILITY BILLING OFFICE OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m. 610-377-4004

The Borough of Lehigh Valley is now offering the convenience of accepting credit cards for Utility Bill payments. You can pay your bill at the Borough Office or from the comfort of your home/office by using our online billpay service by visiting: <https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/WippLEHG>

Online forms of payments accepted are credit/debit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) or e-check. There is a convenience fee of 2.95% for credit/debit cards, and \$1.05 for an e-check. The convenience fee will strictly be charged in order to provide this convenient service to you. A link is available on the borough website homepage to access the online portal to pay your

borough utility bill. Residents and property owners will also be able to pay utility bills with a credit card in the borough utility office during normal business hours at 1 Constitution Avenue.

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LEHIGHTON AREA POOL PALS (LAPP)

It is hard to believe that summer is over. My grandmother always told me the older you get the faster time flies. I think of her a lot these days realizing what she told me as a child has come true. Although the swimming season got off to a slow start with chilly and rainy days in June, July brought a multitude of 90 + degree days and along with the hot weather came the children and families looking for a place to cool off. The Pool Pals hosted Family Fun Night on July 15 and this year it took on a new look and feel. The event started at 3 pm and lasted until 9 pm. From 3 pm to 6 pm there were many games and events held for the children and children at heart (adults). At 6 pm our DJ Stevie Ray turned the event in to a dance party with lots of good music for swimming and dancing. There was even a dance contest held.

The Pool Pals were very successful with their fund-raising efforts over this past year thanks to the generosity of those patrons from Lehighton and surrounding communities supporting their initiatives.

With the money raised, the Pool Pals were able to power wash and paint the concession stand pavilion as well as the pavilion where parties are held. They were also able to support the purchase of and on-demand hot water heater to allow patrons of the pool to enjoy a hot shower. Three new umbrellas for the concession stand area were also purchased.

It is with deep sorrow that the Pool Pals lost one of their original members this spring. Geraldine "Geri" Haas, who was also well known throughout the community for her love and leadership in Girl Scouting left this world on May 11, 2017. Although she is no

longer with us in body, the memories of her and the many wonderful things she did for her community will be with us forever.

Looking forward to the fall and winter, the weekend of October 14 and 15 you will find the Pool Pals supporting Rocktoberfest. Proceeds from this event go to breast cancer awareness. In December you will catch the Pool Pals conducting their annual Christmas Caroling at the Lehighton Hi Rise.

Looking to 2018, on February 24, 2018 the Pool Pals will be hosting their VERY popular Cabin Fever Dance. Please make sure you see a Pool Pal member to get your tickets early for this fun filled night! Another very thrilling event taking place next year will be the 10 year anniversary of the newly refurbished pool. The Pool Pals are looking to host various events to celebrate this wonderful occasion. One of the initiatives they are pursuing is hosting an "Alumni Day" looking to invite as many previous lifeguards and pool managers as possible to this fun event.

The Lehighton Area Pool Pals meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in borough hall. New members and guests are always welcome. Be sure to check us out on the web at <https://sites.google.com/site/lehightonareapoolpals/>

Current members of the Lehighton Area Pool Pals are : Beth Kalbach, Robert Kistler, Byron Schnell, Denise Murphy, Joan Fontana, Beth Franks, Bessie Bauchspies, Julia Kelm, Karen Alboucq, Karen Shaffer, Kim Gerhard, Lana Balliet, Linda Schoenberger, Martha Bologach, Ryan Saunders, Tracie Saunders, Sue Lovejoy, Dave Kemmerer, Diane Hoffman and Mark Hoffman .

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2018 RATES

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Family Pass	\$215	\$240	\$265
Child	\$70	\$80	\$90
Adult	\$80	\$95	\$105
Senior Citizen	\$70	\$85	\$95

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR VETERANS!

Veterans Day is November 11th. Take the time to recognize and thank our local veterans for their time served to



our country and all they have done. There is an active presence of our local veterans in the Borough through the Lehigh United Veterans Organization, American Legion Post 314 and Lehigh VFW Post 256. Our local veterans are involved in the community and work with the Borough to recognize those who have served and continue to serve in the military.

On March 27, 2017 the Lehigh U.V.O. had requested Council to establish Lehigh Veterans Memorial Park

between Sergeant Stanley Hoffman Boulevard and Lehigh Drive. Council fully supported the idea and the U.V.O. continues working tirelessly at the site. The park honors all those served in the Armed Forces during all wars and gave their lives in defense of our nation.

In 2015, the Sergeant Stanley Hoffman Monument was relocated and beautified in the area of the park. The monument is “a memorial to all 57 Servicemen, from the Lehigh Area, who willingly gave their lives to serve their nation, to keep it free for all mankind... their devotion to duty deserves our highest tribute...” and it memorializes the deceased veterans of World War II. The memorial recognizes those in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy.



On June 17, 2017 the War at Home Memorial was “dedicated to Michael C. Wargo, and the brave men and women whom have fought for America overseas, and have paid the final price here at home due to Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome or Traumatic Brain Injury. The current national statistic for Veteran suicide in America is 20 per day. This memorial is meant to remind us of our loss, to amend the past, honor the present and prevent this from happening in the future.” The monument is an image of Michael C. Wargo coordinated by Mission 22, a mobile monument which moves to various locations throughout the country to create an impact and awareness of the need to honor our veterans.

Visit Lehigh Veterans Memorial Park to see our monuments memorializing the veterans of the Lehigh Area. It takes courage to serve, protect and keep our communities strong.



PAVE THE PARK

Join the community in enhancing our parks and become a part of the beauty and history of our town.

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CCMA

The Borough of Lehighton began operating its first waste water treatment plant in 1951. Through the years of operating the original plant, it became evident that the treatment plant needed to be expanded. It also became clear that neighboring municipalities required a means to treat waste water as well.

In 1995, Central Carbon Municipal Authority was incorporated as a regional authority. The Board of Directors began planning a new treatment facility to serve the communities of Franklin Township, Lehighton Borough, Mahoning Township and Weissport Borough.

The CCMA waste water treatment plant began operating in 2002. The facility is permitted for an average daily flow of 1.6 million gallons per day with a maximum daily flow of 4.8 million gallons per day. The treatment process consists of raw sewage grinding, grit and debris removal, biological treatment using the activated sludge process in an oxidation ditch format, and final disinfection provided by an ultraviolet light system. Further solids treatment is provided

by an aerobic digestion process with digested sludge being applied to the 38,400 square feet of reed beds for further drying.



The CCMA Board Members and Staff would like to congratulate Barry Steigerwalt (pictured center) on his recent retirement, and give thanks for his combined 24 years of service to the Lehighton Borough and CCMA. Recognition is also in order for Ralph Miller (pictured right) with 38 years combined service and Kevin Lilly (pictured left) with 36 years combined service to the Lehighton Borough and CCMA.

THE LEHIGHTON BOROUGH PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

The Lehighton Borough Parks & Recreation Board has set a goal of presenting the community with an annual Heritage Weekend, Fireworks Display, Fall Fest Day, Community Christmas in the Park and Music in the Park throughout the Spring and Summer. The Board meets on the first Monday of each month in the Lehighton Municipal Building at 7:00p.m. The Board encourages community members to join the meetings with ideas or willingness to volunteer. Donations and Sponsorships are also sought. For more information on the Parks & Recreation Board, please contact them at; Events@LehightonBorough.com or visit them on Facebook at "Lehighton Borough Events". The Board also oversees an online schedule of events for the Borough of Lehighton which can be found at; <http://localender.com/public/LehightonEvents>.



(Aerial picture of the Lehigh River and south side of town during the construction of the Lehighton Outdoor Center.)

STORMWATER REGULATIONS ENACTED

Borough Council has recently enacted a new stormwater management ordinance regulating the stormwater and discharge requirements to comply with certain State and Federal clean stream laws. Enactment of the new regulations is mandated under the MS4 permit the Borough is now subject to and is another step of many that must be taken. While the Borough has prided itself on stormwater management regulations through the Planning process and our own practices, the new ordinance provides more controls. The Borough will be providing educational/informational materials in a variety of venues to advise residents, contractors and design professionals of their responsibilities under the new ordinances.



We are committed to improving water quality through better management of storm water runoff. Every resident can participate in our storm water program by reducing or preventing pollutants runoff from their own property and by reporting any non-stormwater discharges into the Borough's system. All illegal discharges can be reported to the Borough Secretary by calling (610)377-4002 ext. 211

1936 BOROUGH CORNERSTONE CONTENTS PRESERVED AND INVENTORIED

As a result of searching for the 1966 Lehigh Centennial time-capsule, Sesquicentennial Committee Member Autumn Abelovsky and others accidentally discovered damage was occurring to the contents of the time-capsule in the Borough Hall cornerstone of 1936.

Due to the porous nature of the Foxchase marble and stone used to build the Borough Hall, the lead sealed tin box had corroded causing the contents to become saturated in water.

Preservation experts were consulted. It was determined that the best course of action was to freeze the paper materials for eight months, thereby “freeze drying” the sopping wet documents and pictures.

It all started when the building that housed the former Borough Chambers and Lehigh Fire Company #1 was deemed unsafe. Built in 1893 and already showing signs of bulging walls by 1910, it was demolished by 1935 by a Works Progress Administration labor crew at a cost of \$4,286.

By application to the Public Works Administration, another Depression-era recovery program, furnished 45% of the capital needed to build a new hall. Ground was broken on March 4 and quickly ready for a dedication ceremony on Sunday May 10, 1936.

The program was extensive. There was a concert by the Lehigh Band as well as the Boys' Band followed by a prayer by Rev F. Theodore Miner. Speakers were Chairman and Borough Solicitor George E. Gray, Historian and Superintendent of Schools Bert David, and Dr. Clarence Weiss, a direct descendant of Lehigh's benefactor Jacob Weiss. Chief Burgess (Mayor) William Zahn laid the cornerstone.

Which brings us back to today.

On June 16, 2017, the contents were removed from the freezer and though substantially less saturated, were still dripping wet. Paper items were placed on drying lines over the weekend and carefully inventoried and digitally scanned and photographed by Ron Rabenold.

Among the treasures found: 1936 coins donated by various council members, a copy of the Lehigh Evening Leader and Lehigh Press, a Leni Lenapian from 1934, list of Lehigh's Board of Health, a hand card of Lehigh Borough Council members, archives clarifying the spelling of Mahoning Valley farmer Philip Ginder's name.

There was also a nine-page document chronicling the efforts to construct the new building and an eight-page hand-written list of all the members of Lehigh Fire Co #1. Also, there was a list of the Lehigh School faculty and staff and a synopsis of Lehigh's post office by Postmaster Wilbur Warner which included a list of all Lehigh's postmasters.

There was also a King James Bible and a 1936 State of Pennsylvania Borough Code book. Neither of these books had any inscriptions or notes indicating any special significance.

As a result, all the historical information was preserved. The pictures were still intact while frozen. But immediately deteriorated at room temperature. Effort was given to scan them, but the damage was too quick and severe.

But as luck would have it, a near exact copy of the picture of the former hall was available through the Barry and Brad Haupt photo collection. As for a photograph of the 1936 Councilman Edward Teets' children, a digital copy was secured by a family member. Though it is not the exact same photo, it shows the Teets children at roughly the same age.

The sheet of 1936 stamps are in perfect shape. Water soaked the contents from the bottom up. Luckily these were placed on the top.

Scans and pictures of the contents as well as more detailed information about this time in Lehigh history can be found on Rabenold's website: CulturedCarbonCounty.blogspot.com.

A video of the opening of the cornerstone can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgydV627agI>



(Pennsylvania State Police Forensics Unit, with the assistance of Lehigh Public Works, had detected and opened the cornerstone of the municipal building)



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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 Building.

The Borough Council Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month (except for November 20, 2017 and December 18, 2017) at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All meetings are open to the public.

Please check out our website at www.lehightonborough.com to confirm meeting dates and times, ordinances, events, etc.

Borough Hall Holiday Closures

Thursday, November 23, 2017 – Closed
Friday, November 24, 2017 – Closed
Friday, December 22, 2017 – Close at 12:00p.m.
Monday, December 25, 2017 – Closed
Tuesday, December 26, 2017 - Closed
Friday, December 29, 2017 – Close at 12:00p.m.
Monday, January 1, 2018 – Closed
Monday, February 19, 2018 – Closed
Friday, March 30, 2018 - Closed

UPDATES FROM LEHIGHTON LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

The Light & Power Department will be replacing poles and reconductoring Iron St. and Bridge St. to improve system reliability, this project will launch in the beginning of August. They have replaced the 500 mcm underground primary wires from the substation transformers to the switchgear in June to improve reliability. The Department is actively working on replacing the substation distribution protection units with ABB feeder protection and control units as well as an ABB Comm 600 which will be an upgrade to our existing SCADA system improving control operations, system reliability, and remote communications, this will be completed by the end of the year. Light & Power is also in the process of replacing the 150 high pressure sodium street lights with energy efficient LED street lights, this program is active now and will remain so until completion. The Borough has hired a GIS coordinator to map all of the utility poles and attachments on our poles, this project is nearing completion and will allow us to access pole locations and pole hardware associated with each pole. The department will also be moving our operations to the new building at 675 Bridge St. and convert the building at 551 Bridge St. into storage. In October we will begin tree trimming throughout the town as time allows. Our electric department is actively installing new transformers and wiring at the St. Luke's facility, Lehighton Middle School, Lehighton Elementary School, and Lehighton Outdoor Center. Light & Power is conducting pole relocations for the Elementary Center project as well as completing an additional primary tie point that will give us a secondary feeding option for the Blue Mountain Healthcare facility.





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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 County's Codes Enforcer?

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

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 County 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 County'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 County a beautiful place in which to live and do business.

*For more information, see the Zoning & Building section of Lehigh County's website.

UNDERSTANDING LEHIGHTON BOROUGH'S CODE ENFORCEMENT