



LEHIGHTON BOROUGH

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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Welcome to the Lehigh Borough's newest addition; the Parks & Recreation Board. This committee of 7 Board Members will oversee Events in the Borough of Lehigh, including, but not limited to; a new annual Heritage Weekend, a Fall Fest Day, Christmas in the Park and Music in the Park throughout the Spring and Summer. The committee also plans on expanding its events from the Lehigh Parks to the D & L Trailhead in Lehigh.

The Parks and Recreation Board meets on the first Monday of each Month in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

The Board will gladly consider any and all suggestions for new events to bring to the Borough of Lehigh. The focus of the Board is to give this town and its residents a reason to get out, socialize and be proud of the direction in which we are headed. Suggestions can be presented at one of the meetings, e-mailed to the committee at; Events@LehighBorough.com

The Board is also planning to publish a Community Events Calendar. If you have an event already planned and would like to add it to our community listing, please let us know about it!

Following the Sesquicentennial Celebration and the first Christmas in the Park Weekend, we have come to the realization, that while this town has changed drastically over the course of the past 150 years, one thing remains the same... we have an amazing community of residents, organizations and businesses and that is absolutely something to celebrate!

Stay tuned for more information on this Summer's Heritage Weekend, scheduled for July 1 & 2, 2017. The weekend will include; Town Heritage Tours, Heritage Stations throughout the parks, a Chinese Auction, Food Vendors, a Coaster Race, and Fireworks.

Borough Office Hours

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 door.

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.lehighborough.com to confirm meeting dates and times, ordinances, events, etc.

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2017 BUDGET ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY BOROUGH COUNCIL

The final 2017 Budget, as adopted on December 19, 2016 sets the real estate taxes at a total of 7.50 mills with 2 mills allocated to the Fire Station Construction Fund and ½ mill for Fire Equipment. The Borough also levies 6 mills for Occupation Taxes.

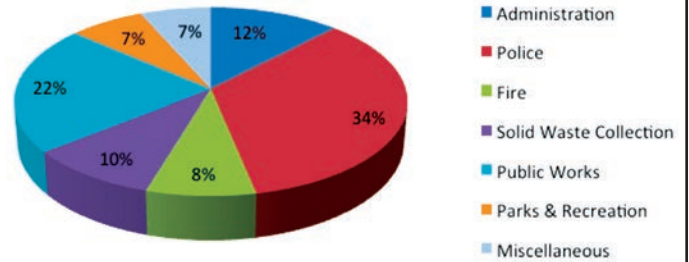
THE 2017 BUDGET TOTALS \$20,457,999

Specifically:

General Fund.....	\$4,349,858.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$17,335.00
Fire Station Construction Fund.....	\$205,075.00
Highway Aid Fund	\$338,602.00
Light & Power Fund.....	\$11,026,131.00
Recreation Fund.....	\$17,015.00
Sewer Fund.....	\$4,503,983.00

THE FOLLOWING CHART SHOWS THE BREAKDOWN OF THE GENERAL FUND BY DEPARTMENTS IN 2017:

General Fund Expense by Department



LEHIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



2016 marked the Lehigh Valley Fire Department's 142th year of providing Fire and Rescue service to the Borough of Lehigh Valley and surrounding communities. In 2016 we answered 159 calls for service. These responses accounted for 2,130 man hours.

Throughout 2016, our members performed 27 programs conducted, interacting with over 3,000 individuals. Also, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, there were 313 smoke detectors installed. Our members did not stop there. Our dedicated volunteers completed 2040 man hours from 36 in-house training sessions with an average attendance of 20 members per a training night. Our members also completed 1,235.5 man hours of outside training. Total training for 2016 was 3275.5 hours. With the completion of this training our certification numbers are as follows:

Hazardous Materials Awareness	20	Fire Inspector 1	6
Hazardous Materials Operations	6	Fire Inspector 2	2
Firefighter 1	20	Fire Officer 1.....	5
Firefighter 2	14	Fire Officer 2.....	3
Fire Instructor 1	10	Incident Safety Officer	4
Fire Instructor 2	3	Driver/Operator Pumper.....	1
Fire Investigator	2	Driver/Operator Aerial	1

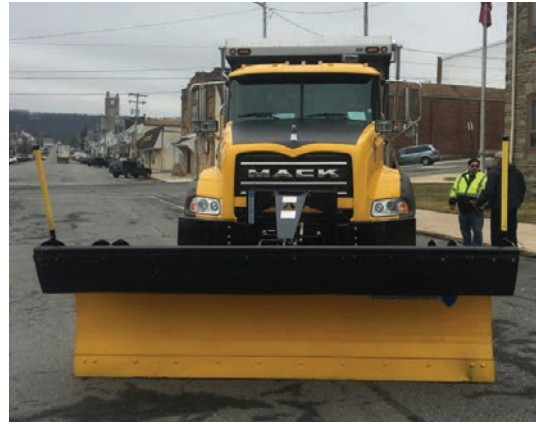
We would like to thank our dedicated volunteers for their continued dedication to training and serving the Borough of Lehigh Valley. The 5,405.5 hours responding to calls and participating in training does not account for countless other things that are done for the department i.e. administrative tasks, public relations, fire and safety education, equipment maintenance and repair. We would also like to offer a huge Thank You to the families of our members for their continued support and understanding as our members put in countless hours volunteering. Thank you to the Lehigh Valley Fire Police for all they do to support us and keep us safe while operating at emergency scenes and training. We look forward to continuing to provide dedicated service to the Borough of Lehigh Valley and surrounding communities in 2017.

LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT

We are launching a reconductoring project in Spring, 2017. The project will include Iron St. from Third St. to Ninth St. and Bridge Street from Seventh St. to Ninth St. This project will include pole replacement, transformer resizing, Primary conductor upgrades, and service drop wire upgrades. We will also be completing the new pole line along Indian Lane from Ninth St. to Mahoning St. This will give the Power & Light Dept. a redundant tie point to feed the primary wire Hospital circuit. We are in the process of updating the "distribution protection relays" and installing new "security features" at the substation. The distribution protection relays that are being replaced were installed in 1996 and have reached the end of their expected life cycle. Along with the distribution protection relays come an upgrade to our SCADA system, this upgrade will enhance cyber security issues as well as providing remote substation control. We are also launching a streetlight conversion from the existing 150 high pressure sodium lights to LED streetlights.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

In January, our Public Works Department became the proud new owners of 2017 Mack Truck purchased through Transedge Truck Centers at a total cost of \$176,335. The truck was produced on the specifications of the Public Works Department and customized for Lehighton's needs. The new truck will have improved fuel economy, reduced maintenance and improve productivity. Members of the Public Works Department and the Borough Manager had received a tour of the MACK Plant when our new truck went on the production line. We are all very proud to have purchased locally.



Public Works Spring/Summer

- Street sweeping will commence in March.
- Refrain from blowing or sweeping grass clippings, leaves or any other debris into the streets or gutters at this eventually works its way to our storm drains eventually blocking the drains or inlets causing flooding and working its way to our streams and rivers as this is a pollutant and may cause harm to the fish and wildlife.
- We will again begin to accept yard waste, ie: grass clippings, twigs/shrub trimmings and pruning and garden waste (pinecones, weeds and dead plants). Rocks, dirt and logs longer than 6 ft. in length and larger than 6 in. in diameter, are not considered yard waste.
- Any street trees between the sidewalks and curb need to be maintained by the home owner. Branches overhanging streets, alleys or right of ways need to be a clear height of at least 14 ft above street level and 8 ft over sidewalks so as not to impeded vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- Alley and street paving on selected alleys and streets will commence. The following is a list of alleys under consideration for improvement are as follows:
 - West Alley: from Cedar Street to Iron Street.
 - Maple Alley: from Iron Street to Cedar Street
 - Maple Alley: from Cedar Street to 4th Street
 - N. Queen Alley: from Coal Street to Dead end
 - Birch Alley: from Alum Street to Union Street
 - Grant Alley: from Union Street to Alum Street
 - Ridge Alley: from 1st Street to Summit Avenue
 - Please be aware of our ORANGE NO-PARKING SIGNS as well as the times and dates listed on the signage indicating parking restrictions.



THINK BEFORE YOU WASH

Preservation of the environment is a major topic in the world today, especially as it relates to automobiles. Have you considered that these topics can also be applied to the seemingly simple task of washing your vehicle? The Borough of Lehighton, as a MS-4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) municipality, would like to help outline the best and most eco-friendly way to keep your vehicle shining like new.

Today, the "greenest" way to wash your car is to take it to an automatic car wash. Studies show that an automatic car wash uses roughly half the water the average person would use while washing with a traditional bucket and hose. Regulations are in place that require commercial car wash systems to contain and collect the dirty water used during a wash cycle. This waste is then cleaned and, in many cases, reused.

A MS-4 Meeting will be held during the Council Meeting held on May 22, 2017 at 7:00p.m. in the Municipal Building.

It can be argued that the most effective way to shine up your vehicle remains to be hand washing but it can be far from environmentally friendly. The main reason for this are the excessive use of water and the release of harmful substances such as soap residue, oil, acid and metal particles in the storm sewer system while washing and rinsing. If you do plan to wash at home, your first step is to get automotive soap and cleaners that are biodegradable and nontoxic. Secondly, avoid washing on the pavement, which will let the wash water directly into a storm sewer. Storm sewers drain directly to streams and lakes and carry pollutants with them to these waters. Washing over grass or gravel that will absorb the water into the ground to reduce or eliminate the environment impact is best.

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PAPER STREETS ...What are Paper Streets?

In Municipal jargon, the term “paper street” usually means a road or an alley which exists only on paper, hence the name “paper street”. Because such a “street” appears only on paper, i.e., an old plan of homes, possibly an old deed, or maybe an old borough map with dotted lines, “paper streets” aren’t really streets at all.

In reality, a “paper street” may be part of a neighbor’s yard, the woods at the end of a paved street or maybe even where you practice your golf game. Gas, water, sewer and electrical utility lines may or may not be in a “paper street”. And “paper streets” may or may not be on a borough map.

Where do paper streets come from? A “paper street” usually occurs when a road or street shown on a developer’s plan of homes, isn’t officially accepted by the municipality. Possibly, the developer never laid out or paved the road to borough specifications or perhaps, the road was never paved at all and was only a proposed road for the plan of homes, which may or may not have been built.

Another way a “paper street” may occur is when a proposed road isn’t used by the public for 21 years. After 21 years, a municipality is prohibited from accepting a “paper street” and the property automatically reverts back to the abutting property owners. Because “paper streets” automatically revert back after 21 years, many people don’t even know that they may own up to one-half of the “paper street” beside or behind their property.

Even if the borough doesn’t formally adopt a “paper street”, the “street” may still become an official borough road if the borough paves and maintains it. In this instance, an implied acceptance occurs, and the road is no longer a “paper street”.

Most “paper streets” have been in existence for many years and may be fifty, eighty or even one hundred years old. However, because most municipalities have enacted subdivision ordinances, “paper streets” usually don’t occur anymore.

Who owns the paper street? Unless there is a formal acceptance or use by the borough, the abutting property owners own the “paper street”. In fact, “paper streets” are only a borough concern when public utilities are located on such land. Even then, the borough bears no responsibility for the upkeep or the maintenance of the “paper street” because, by the very definition of “paper street” the borough never adopted or used the “paper street” as a roadway. Thus, trees and other conditions on the “paper street” are usually the responsibility of the abutting property owners.

What can I do on a paper street? Because an abutting property owner in fact usually owns the “paper street”, he or she may use the “paper street” subject to easements for public utilities and subject to the rights others have for access. Thus, a property owner could not lawfully erect a fence across a “paper street” and block access; nor could the property owner build a structure on the “paper street” over municipal water and sewer lines.

LEHIGHTON AREA HERITAGE ALLIANCE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY



We are pleased to announce that The Lehigh Area Heritage Alliance/Historical Society is up and running. We have an abundance of great history in our town and we are committed to the preservation of the historical legacy of Lehigh and its surrounding areas.

If you are interested in helping us preserve our history for future generations please contact us at lehighonheritage@gmail.com or join us at one of our meetings. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at the Lehigh Recreation center. Meetings start at 6:30 pm.

RECYCLING



All residents who requested smaller garbage totes should have them by now. Recycle cans will be given out at the Public Works Garage, 74 East Penn Street, April 22 and April 29, 2017 from 9 a.m. to noon these two days. Residents will be required to sign for the container. You will also be able to pick up information on what can be recycled and the new holiday pick up schedule. This is also available on the Borough website: www.lehighonborough.com

Please help keep the borough looking “Clean and Green” by using these new containers. The more we recycle the more money the Borough receives to use for other things which helps to keep your costs AND your taxes lower.

If you have electronics you no longer want, you can take them to GER Solutions, 795 Roble Road, Allentown, PA 18109 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:00. They also accept drop offs every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00 – 12:00. Please call ahead, 610-443-1776, to see if there is a fee for what you wish to take there.

DCNR GRANTS:

Lehighton Borough has been awarded a \$40,000 grant to be used for a Master Site Plan & Recreation Center Feasibility Study. The Borough will utilize the grant funds to hire a professional planner to assist in the development of a master site plan and study the feasibility of a new recreation center.

The master site plan will provide guidance in the renovations to the Grove Park. A master site plan will be a tangible and visible statement of where the park is now and what it should be in the future. A master plan represents a vision that brings together concerns of the community and its leaders.

There has been discussion on the benefits of an additional recreation center being our existing facility is booked year round. Another facility would offer the opportunity for additional community events, meetings, sporting events, parties and many other events. The grant funds will study the need for an additional facility.

Lehighton Borough was also awarded a \$200,000 grant to be used for the Baer Memorial Park Development. The Borough plans to install two new basketball courts, walking path, and a multipurpose field along with bleachers, a new staircase connecting the Baer Memorial Swimming Pool to Baer Memorial, ADA parking and accessibility.

The addition of these two new courts will allow for summer basketball leagues, extra practice space and free time court use. The multipurpose fields will accommodate various sports giving more opportunity to be utilized by the residents and athletic clubs. The walking trail will provide a place for residents to walk easily and safely while at a sporting event or any time they choose.

Lehighton Borough values the community and wants to promote the youth and all ages. We look forward to providing more opportunities to get outside and be active.

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OFFICE CLOSED January – March 31. Hours are by appointment only

TAX COLLECTOR



LEHIGHTON SHADE TREE COMMISSION



The Lehighton Shade Tree Commission members are eagerly looking forward to Spring and the upcoming growing season. We are looking forward to seeing the fresh growth of buds on the 150 trees planted last year supporting Lehighton's Sesquicentennial celebration.

The members of the Shade Tree Commission will be assessing the health of each tree that was planted and replacing any that did not survive the winter. The Lehighton Shade Commission was fortunate to once again receive \$5,000.00 from PennEast Pipeline Community Connector Grant Program. This money will help with the funding of any replacement trees and will also be used for seed money to support a Boy Scout looking to become an Eagle Scout with a project along the D&L trail.

As customary, you will find the Shade Tree Commission once again celebrating Arbor Day in conjunction with the Lehighton Middle school children. Over the years, thousands of seedlings have been given away to students allowing them to take the seedling home looking to make their home just a little more greener. This year's event will be held at the Community Grove. PPL Electric Utilities, a company the Shade Tree has partnered with over the years will once again be joining the children and Shade Tree Commission celebrate Arbor Day. To celebrate Earth Day, the Shade Tree Commission will be enlisting the help of Boy Scout Troop 82 to help with the planting of trees within the borough.

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.

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



In December 2016, Council had promoted Corporal Scott Prebosnyak to the position of Sergeant. Sergeant Prebosnyak has worked with the Lehigh Township Police Department since 1995. In his tenure, he has served in the rank of Patrol Officer, Criminal Investigator, Officer-in-Charge and Corporal. Sergeant Prebosnyak offered the following statement on his promotion:

"I would like to express my gratitude to council and the Mayor for my recent appointment to Sergeant. I feel I am ready for the extra leadership responsibilities and will constantly strive to improve in all aspects of the position. I look forward to this next phase of my career with the department. The Lehigh Township Police Department is comprised of extremely knowledgeable and well-rounded officers and I am honored to serve with all of them in any capacity. Once again, I am thankful to all of those who have supported me while moving up the ranks. I will certainly make every effort to meet their expectations!"

The Lehigh Township Borough Police Department in conjunction with the North Central Highway Safety Network, Inc. will be participating in a Buckle up PA as well as "Click it or Ticket" programs are beginning May 15th 2017 through June 4th 2017.

We look forward to continued community involvement. Our future plans include the Community Educational/Safety Program at Baer Memorial Pool, National Night Out, a child safety seat / car fit clinic and we are researching a drive through flu clinic.

Just a reminder with spring/summer weather right around the corner and everyone excited to get outdoors and do yardwork we would like to remind everyone that familiarizing yourself with borough codes is very important in assuring your work and removal of waste goes smoothly.

Please read for a small reminder for Brush, Grass and weeds, for a detailed explanation and more information on borough Codes visit www.ecode.360.com.

CHAPTER 58: BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS

§ 58-1 Restrictions on growth. [1] No person, firm or corporation owning or occupying any property within the Borough of Lehigh Township shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of 12 inches or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit or to create or produce pollen.

§ 58-2 Responsibility for removal or trimming. The owner of any premises, as to vacant premises or premises occupied by the owner, and the occupant thereof, in the case of premises occupied by other than the owner thereof, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of the provisions of § 58-1.



LEHIGHTON RECREATION CENTER & COMMUNITY GROVE



In the Summer of 2017, we will be offering a summer youth program at the Community Grove for Grades 1 through 8, Monday thru Friday 9am to 12pm, starting July 10th. Every Thursday, we move the summer youth program to Baer Memorial Swimming pool for the children to enjoy.

Come visit our two renovated basketball courts at the Grove! The Recreation Director will be organizing a new summer basketball league for adults and high school teams. We will also be having a summer basketball camp in the morning for our youth to develop their skills. We recently resurfaced the tennis courts at the Grove. Come out and enjoy the newly resurfaced playing area. In the playground area we will be installing two new pieces of equipment for the children to enjoy. We will be posting information on our

website about the summer basketball camp and the basketball leagues or contact the Recreation Director at 570-294-4532.

BAER MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

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We offer free swim lessons with the pool memberships. Swim lessons start in the evening on June 19th at 6:30 for two weeks, Monday thru Friday, and then in the mornings starting July 3rd at 10:30, for two weeks. We also offer private swim lessons, contact the office at the pool if you are interested in any of the above after opening day.

A couple of events scheduled at the pool this summer are Lehigh Township School District Community Educational/Safety Program on June 14th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. On July 15th Lehigh Township Area Pool Pals will have their annual family fun night starting at 7:00pm. Any questions feel free to call Recreation Director, Tom Evans at 570-294-4532



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LEHIGHTON AREA POOL PALS (LAPP)



During the Christmas holiday season, the Lehigh Area Pool Pals (LAPP) along with the help of Daisy Troop 33 once again enjoyed the hospitality of the residents of the Lehigh Hi Rise enjoying a night of caroling. Besides having fun caroling over the winter, the Pool Pals were also busy getting ready for their annual fund raising campaigns. By the time you read this article, the Pool Pals Cabin Fever dance scheduled for February 25, 2017, will be history however the fun that all patrons are sure to experience will last a life time! If you missed this years event, make sure to mark your calendars for next year.

Another annual fund raising event being worked on by the Pool Pals is their annual Yard Sale/Basket Raffle. This years event will once again be held at the Recreation Center on South Eighth street on April 22, 2017. As always, the Pool Pals will be selling many items donated by their members as well as donations received from many others from within our community. The Pool Pals will also be renting out tables for those wishing to sell their own items at the event. Along with the yard sale, the Pool Pals are looking to have a large selection of baskets to raffle off. There will also be food available to purchase.

Over the summer, the Pool Pals will be hosting their annual "Family Fun Night" on July 15th. This event is not really a fund raiser but rather something the Pool Pals look forward to hosting as a way to "give back" to the community. The event is something both adults and children look forward to every year. The night is filled with games for both adults and children ending with the ever popular gold fish scramble.

The Pool Pals are forever grateful to the residents and businesses within our community for their continued support. All money raised is used to support, sustain and enhance the beautiful pool Lehigh is fortunate to have.

These are some of the enhancements the Pool Pals hope to bring to the pool in 2017.

- Revitalizing concession stand area
- Umbrellas to offer shade to the patrons of the pool
- New picnic tables for concession area



The Lehigh 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/lehighonareapoolpals/>

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

FRANZ KLEIN'S LEHIGHTON MURAL

Franz Kline (American, 1910–62), *Lehighton*, 1945, oil on canvas. Allentown Art Museum, 2016. Purchased by Leigh Schadt and Edwin Schadt Art Museum Trust Fund. © The Franz Kline Estate/Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York. Photograph by Steve Gamler



In 2016, American Legion Post 314 sold the Franz Kline Lehighton mural to the Allentown Art Museum of the Lehigh Valley. The mural was preserved and restored and will be permanently displayed in the Trexler Gallery at the Allentown Art Museum located at 31 North 5th Street in Allentown. The mural is a little over six feet high and almost 14 feet wide.

In 1945, American Legion Post 314 commissioned Kline to paint a mural for their building's new addition. In the painting, Kline had illustrated many familiar local sites from his youth in Lehighton. Those sites include the Lehighton Fairgrounds, the airport, the amphitheatre, Colonel Jacob Weiss Park, steam engines, trestle bridges and a bustling downtown. Lehighton portrays Pennsylvania's industrial past as well as Franz Kline's career and American art history.

The restored mural was unveiled to the public on Sunday, January 29th. Many of the attendees were in awe of the restored Lehighton. In February, a replica of Kline's work was returned to the American Legion Post 314.

LEHIGHTON BOROUGH

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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 LEHIGH COUNTY BOROUGH'S CODE ENFORCEMENT