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LEHIGHTON BOROUGH

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Lehighton will be the next focus on WVIA's "Our Town" Series. Joe Krushinsky, WVIA, explains "Our Town" will be a "day-in-the-life" one-hour video scrapbook focusing on the people, places and happenings of Lehighton, Pennsylvania, as seen through the eyes of its residents.

The Borough is working with WVIA, Residents, Community Groups and Local Organizations on our production for the Lehighton Area. Meetings occurred in February to discuss landmarks, events and local stories. Our community has provided photos and articles to be used as visuals for the program. Videos will be created by local volunteers to be used as visual material for the production.

Volunteers and storytellers will assist with the story gathering process. From there, WVIA editors will create an hour-long television program on Lehighton. "Our Town Lehighton" will premiere on May 10, 2018 at 8:00pm on WVIA-TV.

After the documentary airs as the Public Media fundraiser, the Borough plans to use the production as a piece of history for our community to show the local pride for the area. Also, it will be used as a marketing tool to attract new businesses, new residents and encourage Lehighton to be seen as a tourism destination.

D&L Trail – Lehighton Trailhead

In 2014, the Borough of Lehighton celebrated its partnership with the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor in the ribbon cutting at the Lehighton Trailhead. Four years later, the Borough continues its partnership with the DLNHC, Lehighton Downtown Initiative and Carbon County Chamber of Commerce. Together, we are working toward a trail town designation through the D&L Trail Town Process. A steering committee will assist in completing an amenity and business analysis along with future planning of projects to make Lehighton friendlier for trail users.

The local D&L trail system provides benefits to residents and visitors. Trails benefit the environment by providing greenways for wildlife, promoting sustainable transportation and connecting people to nature. Trails provide an opportunity for exercise, improved mental health and outdoor recreation. Also, trails benefit local areas by boosting the economy by increasing tourism, connecting businesses and creating jobs. Ultimately, trails improve the quality of life for residents and create vibrant towns that people want to visit.

We encourage you, as a resident, to visit the trail and educate yourself on all the D&L Trail system has to offer. The Lehighton Borough is proud to be a part of the 165-mile trail system and you should be too!



(Source: Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor/Trail Programs/Trail Towns
<http://delawareandlehigh.org/trail-programs/dl-trail-towns>)

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Lehighon Shade Tree Commission 2018



The Lehighon Shade Tree Commission members are once again eagerly awaiting the arrival of spring and are looking forward to witnessing the appearance of new leaves and blossoms on the beautiful canopy of trees throughout our town. Lehighon is blessed to have a large variety of trees planted within their parks and streets. Besides increasing property values and creating a more desirable street on which to live, the benefits of trees are endless. Studies show trees improve health, lower anxiety and produce more sociable neighborhoods in which to live.

In April, the Shade Tree Commission will once again join forces with Boy Scout troop 82, Middle School students of Lehighon School district, DCNR and PPL Electric Utilities to celebrate both Earth Day and Arbor Day.

The memorial tree program supported by the Lehighon Shade Tree Commission has been in place for over 20 years and continues to thrive. The memorial tree program provides options for those wanting to memorialize or celebrate the life of a loved one with the planting of a tree. A tree purchased through the memorial tree program will receive a plaque placed beneath the tree as well as a remembrance leaf placed on the beautiful bronze tree located in the hallway of City Hall.

Besides the normal Arbor Day and Earth Day festivities in 2018, the Shade Tree Commission will continue looking to improve the D&L trail hoping to support an Eagle Scout on a project that will involve the clearing of brush along the D&L trail. This will allow the many bikers and walkers who use the trail a clear view of the Lehigh River and the beauty it offers. The Shade Tree Commission will continue partnering with the Public Works Department in 2018 looking to improve the attractiveness of the area surrounding the D&L Trail Pavilion with the addition of mulch placed below the memorial trees planted a few years ago during Lehighon's Sesquicentennial celebration.

The Lehighon Shade Tree Commission is proud of the fact that Lehighon 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.

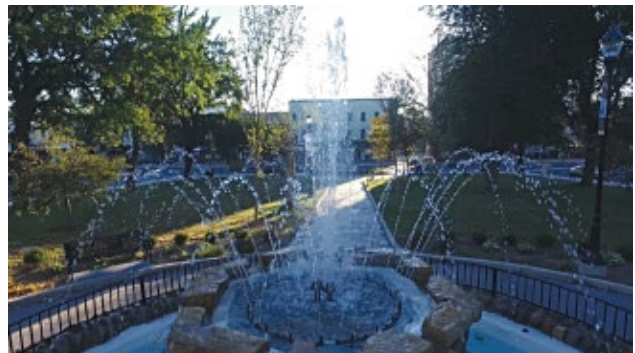
The Shade Tree Commission is made up of the following borough residents: Scot Wingert, Judy Wingert, Sara Wingert, Kenneth Leffler, Bobby Strausberger, Mason Strausberger, Diane Hoffman and Mark Hoffman. These members meet in borough hall at 6:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month. Guests are always welcome.

UPPER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Borough of Lehighon has received \$350,000 in funding from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for improvements to the Upper Park. Funding in the amount of \$150,000 was received from the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program and \$200,000 was received from the Multimodal Transportation Fund. Both grants will require matching funds for the projects.

Borough administration has been pursuing grant funding for this project for many years. Representatives of the Borough are preparing to work with engineering on the design of the park and we hope to have the project out to bid in 2018. Planned improvements will include new park lighting, sidewalks, ADA Accessibility, storm water improvements and pedestrian improvements consistent with the Lower Park Project.

The Upper Park is a great gathering place for our residents and visitors. The community takes great pride in our unique amphitheater and the opportunities it provides to the Lehighon area. The park is used for concerts, movies, community events and gatherings.



Birds Eye View of Colonel Jacob Weiss Monument and the Fountain



The Lehigh Valley Downtown Initiative Lots of Exciting Plans for 2018!

The Lehigh Valley Downtown Initiative will be extremely busy this year with a multitude of plans and events for our beautiful downtown area.

LEHIGH VALLEY DOWNTOWN Farmers Market

Let's start with the 2nd Annual Lehigh Valley Downtown Farmers Market. The Lehigh Valley Downtown Farmers Market is a unique market that has Producer Goods Only items. This means that everything sold is grown by the farmer, homemade food or handmade by the crafter. Opening day for the Farmers Market will be held on Saturday, May 19th. Opening day will be one of our special events with a Handmade Craft Show. Special hours for opening day will be 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. One of our other events scheduled for the Farmers Market is Christmas in July on Saturday, July 28th. This was such fun last year that everyone must plan on attending! We will have crafters and vendors for this fun event! This special event will also be from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The Farmers Market will run every Saturday from 9:00 – 1:00 until October 6th! If anyone is interested in being a vendor, please send an email to bambie@ptd.net. You can participate in either the full market (21 weeks), 10 weeks, or 6 weeks. Other events will be added so please like the Lehigh Valley Downtown Farmers Market facebook page to keep up to date on all events throughout the season.



The Lehigh Valley Downtown Initiative meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Borough Building upstairs in Council Chambers. We would love to have you join our group! To keep up to date on all of our activities, please follow The Lehigh Valley Downtown Initiative on facebook!

Movie Nights in the Park this summer will be May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, and September 21st.



There will also be a **DIVE IN** at the Lehigh Valley Pool on August 4th. The DIVE IN will be held jointly with the Lehigh Valley Area Pool Pals.

A movie will also be shown at **National Night Out** on Tuesday, August 7th. The LDI will be joining the Lehigh Valley Police Department for this fun event!



Mark your calendars for the **3rd Annual Rocktoberfest** on October 13th and 14th. This annual event benefits Breast Cancer Awareness. This year will be bigger and better! This year there will even be rides!

Making Lehigh Valley a Trail Town



The Lehigh Valley Downtown Initiative is working on creating a steering committee to help Lehigh Valley become a designated Trail Town. The trail town program is designed to help small towns revitalize by growing outdoor tourism and small businesses. Lehigh Valley is lucky enough to have the D&L trail, the canal and the beautiful Lehigh River right at our fingertips. This is huge for our town because of the growing popularity of outdoor activities across the nation. This coupled with the new Lehigh Valley Outdoor Center it is a great building block for us to bring downtown Lehigh Valley back to its glory. There are plenty of small business opportunities in our downtown that are waiting for people to take advantage of. By being a trail town property values will increase and new businesses will come in to provide goods and services to tourists, and our community. There is a lot to gain for everyone if we can accomplish this goal.

Our steering committee will be analyzing the town and see what we already have in place along with some of the opportunities we have to create more accommodations to fit the criteria to become a trail town. If you are interested in being a part of this process please send an email to jaredmcevoy@gmail.com. This will be a community effort but with hard work and dedicated people we can make this happen!



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



- Street sweeping begins in March and continues through November, weather dependent, each Wednesday on First Street. Please take notice of the signs that are posted for street sweeping; violators will be ticketed. Street sweeping may occur on other streets. Please watch for orange “NO PARKING” signs. PLEASE DO NOT park vehicles in these areas until the signs have been removed.
- Please do not place any lawn clippings, weeds or brush in the gutter lines as this debris travels to storm catch basins and causes blockages which may cause flooding of not only the streets, but to personal property and homes.
- Please do not place any chemicals or oils into any catch basins as this travels to the streams and rivers, affecting any plant, fish and wild life using these waterways.

Public Works Superintendent, Kris Kunkle, cleans sidewalks with the newly purchased Caterpillar Rotary Broom. The broom attachment will assist Public Works in efficiently cleaning borough owned sidewalks along with cleaning millings on the street when completing paving with local forces.

2018 PROPOSED ALLEY PAVING PROJECT

- **North Queen Alley** – From North Eighth Street to Coal Street
- **North West Alley** – From Coal Street to Ochre Street
- **South West Alley** – From Union Street to Bridge Street
- **North Center Alley** – From Coal Street to Ochre Street

LEHIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

General grilling tips

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

Before you use your grill:

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

When the grill is on:

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

Charcoal grills

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

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

If you are looking to enjoy a BBQ Chicken dinner without the hassle, the Lehigh Fire Department will once again be holding a Take-out only Kauffman's BBQ Chicken Dinner at the cost of \$10.00 each on Friday August 10th from 3pm-7pm. Please contact the station at 610-377-2449 if you would like tickets.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Be Environmentally Friendly!

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

Leighton Borough will be hosting an Electronic Recycling Event

May 1, 2018 at the Public Works Garage – 74 East Penn Street

9 a.m. to noon

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****

LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT

The Department has completed the upgrade of new poles, primary conductors, and three-phase switches on Bridge Street and Iron Street. We are nearing completion of the GIS system that lists all poles, pole locations, pole materials, and other related pole and electrical grid information. The Department has installed new REF 615 protection relays and a comm 600 unit in substation for new SCADA control system. The Department is in the process of replacing the 120 volt DC battery backup system and charging controller in the substation.



LEHIGHTON AREA MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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The library staff and Board of Trustees have big plans for 2018! We have had such great support from the community that we are now able to offer you even more services, programs, books, DVDs and other items.

Check out our goals and ideas below and let us know what you'd like to see us add this year. You can give us your input through our website, newsletter, Facebook page, at the library, and out and about in the community.

Goals, ideas, and examples of what we are working on:

Adding new services, programs, and events for all ages

- Traditional library programs with a twist: Sensory Storytime, Nonfiction Book Club
- Educational: Hour of Code, Writing Workshop Gardening Class
- Wellness: Walking Group, Acupuncture Info, Recipe Swap, Yoga
- Recreational: Trivia Tournaments, Craft Nights, Gaming Groups, Lego/Block Parties

Partnering with local groups to better serve the community

- Do you want us to present a program for your members?
- Does your group have information or a program to share at the library?
- Do your members want volunteer opportunities?
- Does your group need a place to meet?

Taking our programs and services out into the community

- Pop up Libraries: we bring our materials to you at public events, group meetings, around town
- Books on Wheels: we deliver books and other items to your door

Improving and expanding our Summer Reading/Learning Program

- More prizes throughout the summer
- STEAM programs for summer learning

Updating our collection of books, DVDs, audiobooks, and more

- Larger Selection of popular fiction, audiobooks and DVDs
- Updated nonfiction collections

Starting a Teen Advisory Group

- For grades 6 to 12, help choose our teen books and plan teen programs
- Counts as volunteer experience for college and job applications

What we have right now:

- ✓ Website with Library News and an Online Catalog: lehightonlibrary.com
- ✓ Books, Audiobooks, DVDs, Large Print Books, eBooks, and eAudiobooks
- ✓ Local Newspapers and National Magazines
- ✓ Photocopying, Faxing, Color and B&W Printing, and Wireless Printing
- ✓ Public Computers and Free WiFi
- ✓ Online Databases: Heritage Quest, Chilton Car Repair, Rosetta Stone Languages, Law Depot and more

- ✓ Online Journal and Magazine Articles
- ✓ One on One Computer & Device Help by appointment
- ✓ Storytime on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings
- ✓ Coloring for Adults 1st Tuesday of the month
- ✓ Book Club 3rd Wednesday of the month
- ✓ Summer Reading & Learning Program for all ages: Registration begins on June 1st, 2018
- ✓ Used Book Sale

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 or and/or to share your ideas, please email Melissa Hawk at liblehtn@ptd.net

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We are nine months into our new billing system. If you have not already done so, kindly make sure you are using your new account number on all correspondence.

Effective January 22, 2018 the fee for a returned check has been increased to \$25.00.

In order to keep our operating costs down, it is imperative that your stub be included at all times when making a payment. If you require a receipt you must present the entire bill when paying. The reprinting of a bill (for whatever reason) or the request for a customer statement will now costs .25 per page.

During the month of February, customers received a request in their billing to upgrade their personal information for the Emergency Call System. Please be advised that it is in your best interest to reply to the mailing. Without this information we cannot notify you in the event of an emergency.

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LEHIGHTON AREA POOL PALS (LAPP)

Now that the days are getting longer and a whole lot warmer than the cold winter we experienced, the Lehigh Area Pool Pals (LAPP) are hard at work getting ready to celebrate the pools 10 year re-opening anniversary. It is hard to believe that 10 years have gone by since the pool re-opened after being shut down for 5 plus years. The Pool Pals are planning on holding some special events throughout the summer to celebrate this special anniversary.

To help fund some of these special events, the Pool Pals held their 7th annual Cabin Fever Dance on February 24 at the Orioles Pavilion. The Pool Pals annual Yard Sale/Basket Raffle is scheduled for April 7th at the Lehigh Rec Center. This event may have already taken place depending on the timing of this newsletter.

Some of the events planned at the pool this year are:

- **May 26 – Opening Day.** As always, opening day is free to the public. On opening day we are looking to recreate the original opening of the pool. We will be inviting special dignitaries such as former Speaker of the House Keith McCall, current state representative Doyle Heffley, members and prior members of borough council, current and former mayors of Lehigh, County Commissioners, etc.
- **June 17 – Alumni Day.** The Pool Pals are trying their best to get as many former lifeguards and Pool Managers to participate in a fun day of remembering and reminiscing.

- **July 14 - Family Fun Day.** This is always an enjoyable day for the young and old with special games and treats promised for this years 10 year anniversary

- **August 4 - Dive in.** The Pool Pals and LDI (Lehigh Downtown Initiative) will be hosting a movie night at the pool. We cannot tell you the name of the movie however a hint is there may be a large shark involved.

- **Night time swims.** Based on feedback from patrons of the pool and to celebrate the pools 10 year anniversary, management has committed to keeping the pool open until 9 pm a minimum of 10 times this summer.

The Lehigh Area Pool Pals meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in borough hall. New members and guests are always welcome.

Our website address is

<https://sites.google.com/site/lehighareapoolpals/>

Current members of the Lehigh 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 .

BAER MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL



Come and enjoy our beautiful pool, opening day is May 26th, at noon. The pool offers solar heated water, water slides for all ages, zero degree entry, aquatic zumba, water aerobics, pavilion rentals, birthday parties, and our outstanding concession stand. We sell season membership passes for family's or separate passes for children, adults and seniors citizens. Our daily admission price for Carbon County citizens is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. All of our prices can be found on the borough's website.

We offer free swim lessons with the pool memberships, swim lessons start in the evening on June 4th at 6:30 for two weeks, Monday thru Friday, and then in the mornings starting June 18th at 10:30, for two weeks. We also offer private swim lessons. Please contact the Pool Office if you are interested in any of the above when the pool opens.

Alumni day will be June 17th.

On July 14th Lehigh Area Pool Pals will have their annual family fun night starting at 7pm.

Any questions feel free to call Tom Evans the recreation director at 570-294-4532

LEHIGHTON RECREATION CENTER & THE COMMUNITY GROVE

Community Grove

This upcoming summer we will offer a summer program at the Community Grove for grades 1st thru 8th beginning July 9th, Monday thru Friday 9am to 12pm, and every Thursday we have the program at Baer Memorial Swimming pool, for the children to enjoy.

New this year at the Grove we have two renovated basketball courts. The recreation center will be organizing a 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. Also at the Grove you can enjoy tennis on the newly resurfaced playing area. In the playground area we will be installing two new pieces of equipment for the children to enjoy.

2018 BUDGET

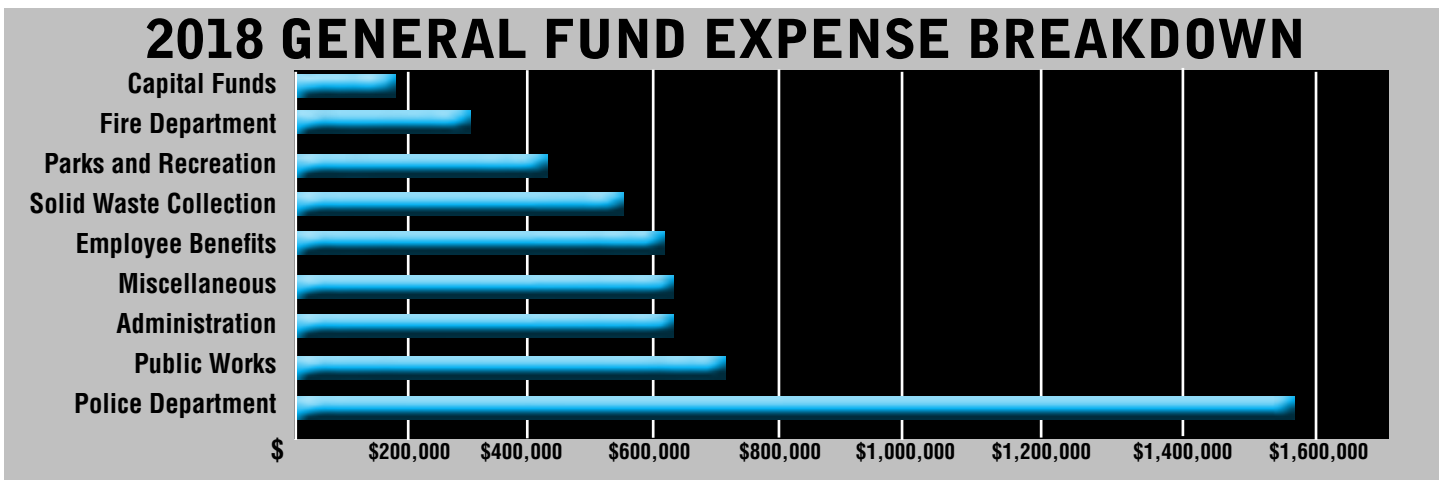
The final 2018 Budget, as adopted on January 22, 2018 sets the real estate taxes at a total of 8 mills with 2 mills allocated to the Fire Station Construction Fund and ½ mill for Fire Equipment. In 2018, Council had approved a ½ mill increase to the general real estate tax for capital reserves for funding capital needs and large projects. The Borough also levies 6 mills for Occupation Taxes.

The 2018 Budget totals \$18,761,341.

Specifically:

General Fund	\$ 4,584,576.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 46,154.00
Fire Station Construction Fund	\$ 199,532.00
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 307,093.00
Light and Power Fund	\$ 9,210,795.00
Recreation Fund	\$ 19,498.00
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,393,693.00

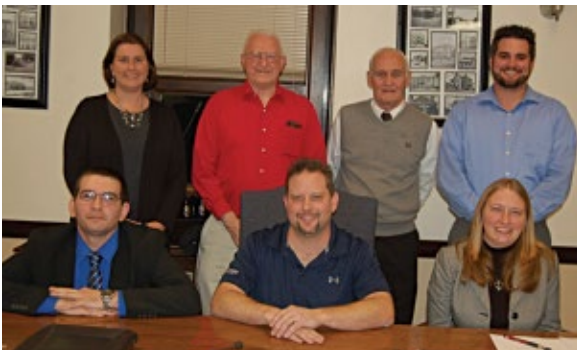
The following chart shows the breakdown of the General Fund by Departments in 2018:



THE 2017 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2017 Annual Water Quality report will be available by July 1, 2018 to the public. This report details information about your drinking water. The report can be viewed online at www.lehightonwater.com, by going to the link provided on our Facebook page or you may also obtain a copy by contacting the Water Authority office at 610-377-1912. The report is available to view on the bulletin board inside the Lehighton Borough Municipal Building.

REMINDER: Each customer received a request for contact information that was inserted in the monthly utility bill, please return the forms as soon as possible. It is very important to return this information so that the Water Authority can notify you very quickly shall an emergency arise with the water supply.



2018 REORGANIZATION MEETING

Front Row: Joseph Flickinger, Ryan Saunders, Lisa Perry

Back Row: Autumn Abelovsky, President Grant Hunsicker,
Mayor Clark Ritter, Jared McEvoy

Missing from Photo: Vice President Darryl Arner

CENTRAL CARBON MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Protecting the environment is an issue that should be everyone's concern. Wastewater treatment professionals are on the frontlines in the battle to protect America's natural resources. The staff and board members at CCMA are dedicated to ensuring that the treatment process is discharging the cleanest water possible into the Lehigh River.

Many factors contribute to making our task more difficult. CCMA would like to highlight several issues that all wastewater treatment professionals are experiencing. The following items should be on everyone's **DO NOT FLUSH** list. Flushing such items cause increased maintenance costs, premature failure of sewer plant equipment and could possibly create a sewer overflow, which contaminates the soil and water. These increased costs could eventually result in an **increase in sewer fees**.

- **Flushable Wipes, Feminine Sanitary products, paper towels, diapers, condoms, dental floss, Band-Aids, Q-tips and hair** – The term “flushable” and “bio-degradable” are sometimes used rather loosely when associated with these items. The reality is



that these items do not break down or degrade in the amount of time that they travel through the sewer system. The intact product accumulates on equipment and clogs pipes.

- **Fats, oils and grease** – Grease from household cooking should be left to solidify and placed in the garbage. Pouring fats and grease down the drain adds greatly to the cost of cleaning and maintaining pump stations and pumping equipment. Accumulating grease and fats will not only block household drains, but also clog equipment, interfere with pump controls, and form floating mats that require removal from wet wells and pump stations. CCMA depends on every food preparation facility within its service area to properly service and clean its grease traps. Improper use of grease traps can significantly contribute to the quantity of grease a waste water treatment plant receives.



- **Hazardous household materials** – Items such as motor oils, pesticides, paint, solvents and similar products greatly degrade the water we put in the river. Obviously, these contaminants should **NEVER** be put down the drain.

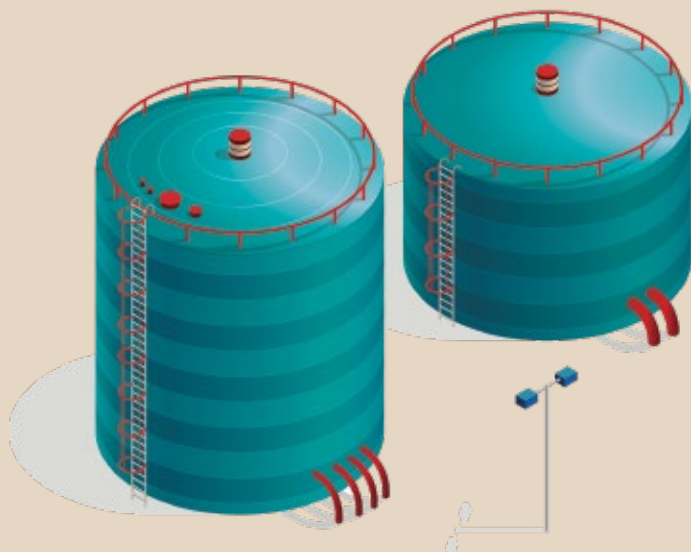
- **Prescription drugs and over the counter medications** – These products contain chemicals and compounds that wastewater treatment systems are not designed to remove. The compounds pass through the treatment process and find their way to the river. Studies have shown that certain chemicals in medications can adversely affect marine life. You can visit EPA.gov for more information on the proper disposal of unwanted medications.



- **“Flushable” kitty litter** – This item will over time accumulate in pipes and at some point cause pipes to clog. In addition to this, cat waste contains toxoplasmosis, a parasite that is harmful to marine life.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?



You can eliminate flushing any of the above mentioned items into your municipality's sewer collection system. You can inspect your property to determine if any of the conditions exist that contribute to the storm inflow issue and correct them.

Following these guidelines will help keep your local waste water treatment plant and communities conveyance system operating efficiently while helping the environment and insuring that the future generations in America will have clean natural resources, including clean drinking water. Keep in mind that the water that passes thru the wastewater treatment plant, ultimately ends up in the water we drink.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

BOROUGH COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT (PAG-13) FOR DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4S)

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

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

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

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

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

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

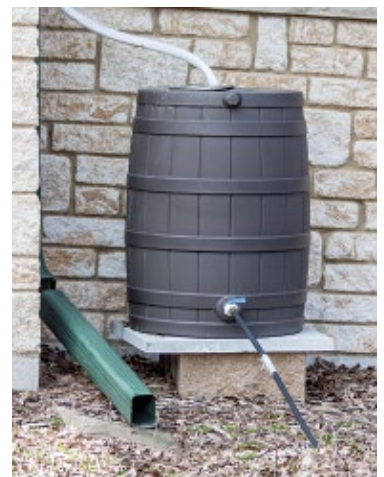
THERE WILL BE A MS4 PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 21, 2018 AT 7:00P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

RAIN BARRELS

Lehighton Borough administers and implements the MS4 (Municipal Separate Sewer System) program and best management practices in accord with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and DEP (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection) requirements. If you have any questions or concerns about storm water activity, do not hesitate to contact borough Administration Office.

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint – never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for the signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in stormwater runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed constructions sites that could impact storm runoff to Lehighton Borough.
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather – a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess – in a back yard or at the park – storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.



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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 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All meetings are open to the public.

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

Borough Hall Holiday Closures

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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 Borough's Codes Enforcer?

Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. is the appointed Building Code Official, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer for Lehigh County 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 Lehigh County Borough a beautiful place in which to live and do business.

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

UNDERSTANDING LEHIGHTON BOROUGH'S CODE ENFORCEMENT