



BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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Exeter Township/Borough of St. Lawrence Consolidation Committee

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Consolidation Committee is to analyze the facts, figures, cost savings, and redundancies of services and other factor that would make a consolidation between Exeter Township and the Borough of St. Lawrence a viable option; thereby bringing the two communities back into one.

Action Steps

In order to accomplish this difficult task the following areas and questions will require thorough examination:

- Are both communities on stable financial ground? What liabilities does each municipality bring?
- Will there be potential for greater expense reduction; thus delaying or reducing future municipal tax burdens?
- What are the different services currently provided in the municipalities? How will the consolidated community handle things such as trash collection, current contracts for service (police and municipal trash in St. Lawrence) and street-lights?
- What would be the best form of government for a consolidated community and how would the governing body be structured?
- What is the best way to provide for long term protection for the Borough's watershed property?

Upon conclusion of the Consolidation Committee's fact finding analysis, a recommendation will be made to both the Borough Council and the Board of Supervisors who will then decide if the consolidation issue should be place on the ballot. The citi-

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Borough Playground Opens June 13th

The Borough operates a municipal playground at 3500 Jacksonwald Avenue, with a traditional summer program. Starting on June 13th, the playground will be staffed Monday through Friday from 9 AM to Noon and open again from 6 PM to 9 PM, weather permitting and be closed on the 4th of July. The program will run for 9 weeks ending August 12th. There is no charge to attend the playground program. Some specialty arts & crafts projects may have a cost of 50¢ to \$1.00 and will be posted at the playground.

If you are new to the neighborhood, the playground offers a mixture of sports activities: tennis, basketball, bombardment,

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Borough Launches Updated Website - www.stlawboro.com

Check out the new Borough website. The content has been updated and expanded. We ask for your patience as we continue to add new features, continue to expand content and provide current information.

So you want to have a swimming pool deeper than 24 inches, here are the facts! (including inflatable pools)

Installing a swimming pools requires two separate approvals in the Borough. First, you must get zoning approval. The zoning approval process determines if the pool will comply with the regulations for the particular zoning district of your property, a determination is made on impervious coverage, placement and open space. The second approval is a UCC Building/Electrical Permit, **required by Pennsylvania State Law**. Any pool greater than 24-inches deep must meet safety requirements.

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zens of both the Borough of St. Lawrence and Exeter Township will ultimately decide if the consolidation is in the best interest of the communities, by a referendum vote.

Community Information

Fact: St. Lawrence was part of Exeter Township and known as the Town of St. Lawrence, also known as Esterly until it was incorporated as a Borough on April 23, 1927. (As recorded in the Berks County deeds registrar under CHARTER, Instrument Number: CHAR-0010-0296, Book 0010, Page 0296)

Fact: Exeter Township invited the Borough of St. Lawrence to investigate a consolidation for the following reasons. Consolidation of redundant services e.g. Solicitors, Engineering firms, Zoning & planning costs, Tax Collector expenses, etc.

Fact: Consolidation Committee meetings are scheduled for 6 pm on the first Thursday of each month except August 2016, the final meeting being scheduled for January 5, 2017. Meeting minutes and videos will be posted on the Exeter Township website <http://www.exetertownship.com>.

Fact: Exeter Township and the Borough of St. Lawrence are the Exeter School District.

Fact: The Borough of St. Lawrence is connected to the Exeter Sewer System and is a financial partner in that system.

Fact: The Borough of St. Lawrence is currently in the first year of a five year contract with Central Berks Police Dept.

Fact: The Borough of St. Lawrence contracts for municipal trash, recycling, and large item pickup.

Fact: The Borough of St. Lawrence is a financial partner in Exeter Township's Trout Run Recycling facility.

Fact: In order for Exeter police to patrol the Township they must travel through the Borough.

Fact: Consolidation affords residents with a municipal office that is able to provide services on a daily, full time basis.

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volleyball, badminton, quoits, ping pong, bowling (rubber pins), tether ball and more; daily arts & crafts project; large number of board and card games (for those drizzly days); tournaments - hopscotch, four square, different sports; Olympic events, in honor of this year's Summer Olympics; and numerous special events like, LIVE Clue Game, a scavenger hunt, movie night, a dance party and movie night.

For additional information, check out the recreation page on the Borough website @ www.stlawboro.com for event details, registration forms, rules and policies. Registration packets can also be picked up at Boro Hall or at the playground when it opens. We ask that all children attending the program be registered.

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE PICKUP PROGRAM

The curbside yard waste pickup expanded to a weekly program this spring. Pickups will occur every Thursday weather permitting except for no pickup Thanksgiving week. All yard waste (this includes leaves in the fall) must be bagged in **paper** yard waste bags, **plastic bags will be left at the curb**, or small bundles of branches that can be picked up by one person without falling apart. There is a limit of three bundles per week. Excessive amounts of yard waste will not be picked up without prior approval from the Borough office. See municipal insert for more details.

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOU NEED A PERMIT, CALL BORO HALL

There are many projects around the home and yard that require a permit. Putting up a fence? Adding a shed or a patio? Renovating a family room? Before you start any improvement project, you need to submit a **Zoning Permit** application (Commercial or Residential) to Borough Hall.

(Swimming Pools continued from page 1)

All pools must be fenced on all sides with a structure at least 48-inches high.

For above ground pools - the sides of the pool, if 48 inches, may be considered the fence. A removable or locking ladder is required and it must be removed or locked when the pool is not in use.

For in-ground pools - all fence gates must be self-closing and self-latching. If a house is used as the fourth side of a fence, all doors leading to the pool area must have an audible warning device if no other gate or door is between the house and the pool.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "Every day, about ten people die from unintentional drowning. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger."

Children ages 1 to 4 have the highest drowning rates. Among children of this age, most drownings occur in home swimming pools. Drowning is responsible for more deaths among children 1 to 4 than any other cause except for birth defects.

Lack of barriers, such as pool fencing, prevent young children from gaining access to the pool area without a caregiver's awareness.

For additional information go to Centers for Disease Control and prevention (<http://www.cdc.gov/>), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (<http://www.cdc.gov/injury>).

For more information about permitting contact the Borough office.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER NEEDED

The Borough Planning Commission advises the Borough Council on land use regulations- zoning, subdivisions and land development through the implementation and direct application of those regulations.

Members of the commission are appointed by Borough Council for a 4 year term.

The planning commission meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the Borough Hall if there is business.

If you are a resident of the Borough and interested in volunteering your time, please contact the Borough office for additional information.

Pennsylvania's Dog Laws? What are they?

- All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued by the County Treasurer.
- All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damages caused by their dog.
- It is illegal to mistreat or abuse any animal. Violations should be reported to a local humane organization or the police.
- It is illegal to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog.
- No dog under eight weeks of age may be sold, traded, bartered or transferred.
- You may not place any poison or harmful substance in any place where dogs may easily eat it, whether it is your own property or elsewhere.
- You must have a current kennel license if you operate a facility that keeps, harbors, boards, shelters, sells, gives away or transfers a total of 26 or more dogs in any one calendar year.
- Owners of dogs and cats 3 months of age or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination.
- It is illegal to interfere with an officer or employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture engaged in enforcement of dog laws.

Reprinted from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture - Dog Law Enforcement Office

Dog licenses are available online (convenience charge of \$2 in addition to the dog license fee) at www.padoglicense.com

TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN PROGRAM FOR FERAL CATS IN THE BOROUGH WITH NO NONSENSE NEUTERING (WWW.NNNLV.ORG)

\$10 co-pay per feral cat for spay or neutering at the No Nonsense Neutering Clinic (with proof of residency)

Clinic Location: 1500 Frush Valley Rd., Reading PA 19605

Clinic Days: Wednesday, Fridays, and the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month (Except for holidays), check website or call 610.751.1755

Walk-in with 1 TRAPPED (see website for details) cat, appointments required for more. For information on the Trap Neuter and Return program contact the Berks County Coordinator Deb at lildebrescues@hotmail.com

ORDINANCES OF INTEREST

ORDINANCES AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE: www.stlawboro.com

BURNING OF LEAVES AND BRUSH - PROHIBITED IN THE BOROUGH

FIRE PITS, CHIMINEAS, OUTDOOR FIRE-PLACES, ETC INFORMATION

Outdoor open burning (including incinerators, barrels or similar items) is banned in the Borough except for agricultural purposes with a permit issued by the Borough Office. Fire pits, fire rings, outdoor fireplaces and chimineas are permitted so long as :

1. Used in a safe manner
2. Have a SPARK ARRESTOR in place during use.
3. Burn only dry wood.
4. NO TRASH IS BURNED, especially plastics.
5. Don't cause a nuisance. Your neighbor doesn't want to smell your fire pit.
6. Before lighting your fire, check weather conditions. Don't burn if it is windy, the ground is excessively dry or if there is low cloud cover. (Ordinance #388)

NOISE ORDINANCE

Be kind to your neighbors. Your taste in music is not necessarily that of your neighbors. Your music or any other noises, should not cross the property line or occur from 10:00 PM until 7:00 AM, this includes power tools, revving of engines, yelling, shouting, singing, etc.

You are not allowed to operate construction equipment at any time on a SUNDAY or HOLIDAY (which can be heard on neighboring properties.)

CURFEW

Minors under the age of 18 may not be out upon any of the streets, alleys, parks or public places from Midnight to 5:00 AM, official prevailing time, unless accompanied by a parent or person charged with control after an event or activity, travelling to or from event or activity or going to or from work. Any questions, contact Boro Hall.

REMINDER GRASS/WEED HEIGHT 10 INCHES - Ord 399

Please keep your lawn neat and trim. Grass and weed height are not to exceed 10 inches. First time violators will receive one Courtesy Notice, if grass and weeds not trimmed in a timely manner a Notice of Violation will be sent.

Past habitual violators will immediately receive a Notice of Violation. The Borough issues only one Notice on Violation per condition per year. If the same violation continues (not cutting the grass), the Borough will immediately be issuing a Non-Traffic Citation with the District Justice. Each day a violation continues it will be a new Citation.

TRIM YOUR TREES AND SHRUBS

Please remember to trim your tree branches, overgrown bushes, ornamental grasses and grass that extend over walkways and hinder the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. Ord 399 - Property Maintenance Code

POOPER SCOOP YOUR YARD

Regularly pooper scoop your yard. It is a violation of Ordinance 399 - International Property Maintenance Code 2009 to allow your yard and property to be kept in an unsanitary condition.

GET RID OF YOUR TRASH/JUNK

There is no reason to allow trash and/or junk to accumulate on your property. Residential trash collection allows one bulk item per week in the trash or one additional bag of trash. Ord 399 - Property Maintenance Code

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC) PERMITS REQUIRED FOR WORK - PA STATE LAW

Building a deck more than 30" off the ground? Rewiring or adding electric circuits? Changing fixtures (sink, toilet, bathtub or shower) in your bathroom? Replacing a roof? Pennsylvania State law requires that you or your contractor need to obtain a permit **PRIOR** to having any work completed on your property.

Depending upon the type and the complexity of the work you may need to have plans submitted for review and approval prior to having a Permit issued to complete the work. Permit applications are available online or in the Borough office. Permits are issued by the Borough's Building Code Official - State Inspection Authority Inc.

Additionally, all contractors and sub-contractors working on your property are required to obtain a BOROUGH TRADE REGISTRATION from the Borough office.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS BY ORDINANCE ON BOROUGH STREETS

The following shall not be parked or stored on Borough Streets except for the time period in which they are loaded or unloaded. All trailers must be attached to a motor vehicle. The parking or storage of these items on the streets is deemed to be a traffic hazard injurious to the public interest.

The Police are authorized to enforce this ordinance.

* Truck Tractor	*Truck Tractor Trailer	* Cargo Trailer
*Trailer	* Equipment Trailer	*Recreational Equipment
*Boat	* Boat Trailer	*Motorized Dwellings
*Motor Homes	*Travel Trailer	*Tent Trailer

Central Berks Regional Police Department

Raymond R Serafin - Chief of Police

2147 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606
610-779-1100 (Office) 610-779-7135 (Fax)

Hours 8 AM - 4 PM
Call with questions or complaints.

To contact a Central Berks Officer for a non-emergency situation call 610-655-4911.

- ◆ Please obey the posted speed limits. Also, it is illegal to park against traffic on a public street.
- ◆ All vehicles must have current registration and inspection in order to park on a public street; otherwise they are considered abandoned and are subject to towing and fines.
- ◆ **Going on vacation?** Notify the police department, and the officers will be sure to patrol the area while you are away. Tell your neighbors to report anything suspicious immediately.
- ◆ **Solicitation is prohibited without a permit.** If someone knocks on your door trying to sell you anything, ask them if they have a permit. If they don't, send them away and call the police immediately.
- ◆ Keep your car doors locked. Do not leave valuables in your car and make sure items like GPS systems and MP3 players are out of sight.
- ◆ Please keep music and televisions at a volume that will not disturb others.
- ◆ Remember it is illegal to park against traffic on a public street.
- ◆ Remember that School's Out - Drive Carefully. Especially watch for children walking to and from the playground.
- ◆ Some other services provided by the Police Department are fingerprinting, Notary seal services, passport photos, and security services. Inquire at the office.

Central Berks Regional Police

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National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2nd

at the A-Field, Prospect & Byram Streets

FREE refreshments, displays by local agencies & businesses, music, games, prize raffle and much more!

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening!

If you are interested in being a Vendor, contact Claudia at centralberksnno@gmail.com or call 610-779-1100 for additional information



NEW SPEED SIGNS TO HELP CONTROL SPEEDING ON ST LAWRENCE AVENUE AND PARKVIEW ROAD

The Borough acquired two new radar speed signs to warn drivers who are speeding on Borough streets. The sign flashes a Thank you to those driving the speed limit, Slow Down to those over the speed limit but under 45 MPH and Warning to those over 45 MPH. The signs will not display speeds over 45 MPH to prevent those who race signs to see how fast they are driving.

STORMWATER REMINDERS

KEEP YOUR GRASS CLIPPINGS OUT OF THE STREET

Please keep your yard waste and grass clippings out of the street, curb and sidewalk areas. During rain events, the clippings and yard waste enter the storm drains system, sometimes they block the storm basins resulting in flooding. The storm drains in the Borough discharge to Antietam Creek. The addition of debris from organic waste adds nutrients to the water speeding growth of plants and algae which reduce oxygen as they decompose leaving less oxygen available for fish and other organisms.

WASHING YOUR CAR AT HOME? DO IT ON YOUR YARD!

Outdoor car washing causes large amounts of dirt, road grime, oil and heavy metals to enter local waterways. Soapy water flows down the street into the storm drains, eventually to be flushed through the system to Antietam Creek and the Schuylkill River. If you can't use a commercial car wash, wash your care on the lawn or other pervious surface so the wash water can soak into the ground and be filtered out.

USE LAWN FERTILIZERS AND HERBICIDES SPARINGLY

Fertilizers add nutrients to Stormwater causing the same issues as grass clippings and yard waste. Herbicides and pesticides contain toxic contaminants that are harmful to aquatic organisms, humans and other animals. Use the minimum amount needed to achieve the desired result and follow the directions precisely.

ADOPT A STORM DRAIN

Have you noticed a storm drain clogged with leaves or trash? Have you seen how clogged storm drains can cause street flooding? Your help is needed to prevent the debris from blocking the storm drains or flowing into the Antietam Creek. Please contact Borough Hall if you see a clogged storm drain.

NO APPLIANCES, TV'S, STEREOS, COMPUTERS, ETC IN THE TRASH

The municipal trash hauler, J.P. Mascaro, will not pickup any electronic devices (e-waste) with the trash collection. It is illegal to do so in Pennsylvania. **DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS AT THE CURB FOR COLLECTION**, you will receive a letter from the municipality requiring you to remove the object

TROUT RUN BRUSH DEPOSITORY

Joint operation of the Borough and Exeter Township, run by the Exeter Township Highway Crew.

Location: Intersection of W. Neversink Road and E. Neversink Road

Daily Hours: 8 AM - 8 PM (DST)

ACCESS CARD REQUIRED

The gate system locks at these precise times. You must be outside of the gate or you will be locked in.

Brush and grass clippings may be deposited by Borough residents, property owners and businesses (except for landscaping businesses.) An Access Card may be obtained from the Borough office at a cost of \$4. Only one card will be issued per household or business. If your card is lost, please contact the Borough immediately to have it deactivated.

Mulch made from the brush is available free of charge to residents if they choose to shovel it themselves. Larger amounts of mulch can be loaded on trucks Monday through Friday from 8 AM until 12 PM for a fee of \$3 per a one-yard scoop or \$10 for a 3.5 yard scoop. Mulch by the scoop is for sale to residents, non-residents, neighboring townships and landscapers. **Vouchers must be purchased in advance at the Exeter Township Municipal Building and is to be exchanged for the mulch.** The operator will not accept cash payments.

If you are using the mulch from Trout Run it is advised that you sprinkle a weed killer product over the mulch as it is untreated and may contain weeds.

ANTIETAM VALLEY REC CENTER (AVRCC)

ANTIETAM POOL

www.antietampool.org

905 Byram St. in Pennside

Open from Memorial Day to Labor Day

Resident of the Borough are welcome to join Antietam Pool. Antietam has a large main pool and an Olympic pool. Main pool hours are Noon - 7:45 pm, weather permitting. Olympic pool hours will be posted at the pool.

Family, Two Adult, Single and Senior Memberships are available, along with a fee for a babysitter. All rates are posted on the website. Group and private swimming lessons are offered throughout the summer by instructors certified in water safety.

AVRCC rents out the rec center in the 900 block of Byram Street for events. See website for additional details.

*Truck T

*Trailer

*Boat

*Motor H

BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

3540 St. Lawrence Ave.
Reading PA 19606
Telephone: 610-779-1430
Fax: 610-779-9148
Email: stlawboro@ptd.net

Website: www.stlawboro.com
An answering machine is available when we are closed, away from our desks or on the other line. Please leave a message and we will return your call at our first opportunity.

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Friday
8:30 AM - Noon

EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

County 911 Dispatch Non Emergency - 610-655-4911

To report any incident which adversely affects the health and safety or the environment of the citizens of the Commonwealth: **DEP 24/7 ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY REPNSE - 866-825-0208**

To report any discharge to the storm drain system, sanitary sewer system or waterways that is not the result of hydrant flushing, fire fighting or a rain event: **BORO HOTLINE TO REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGE - 844-207-6378**

SEWER EMERGENCY: DURING OFFICE HOURS CALL BOROUGH HALL OR AFTER HOURS CALL ALLISON LEINBACH or BILL DANIELS

Borough Officials - Appointed

Manager/Treasurer/Zoning & Asst. Codes Officer

Allison Leinbach Office: 610-779-1430
Home: 610-779-0112
Cell: 610-207-8469

Secretary/Asst. Codes & Zoning Officer

Susan Eggert Office: 610-779-1430

Codes & Asst. Zoning Officer

Bill Daniels Cell: 610-655-5243

Borough Engineer/ Asst. Codes & Zoning Officer

Pamela Stevens, PE - Systems Design Eng.
610-916-8500

Borough Solicitor

Joan London, Esq. - Kozloff Stoudt
610-670-2552

UCC Building Codes Inspectors/Asst Codes & Zoning

State Inspection Authority, Inc.
610-450-4600

Sewer Engineer

Kevin Conrad - SSM Group 610-621-2000

Central Berks Regional Police

Ray Serafin, Chief Office: 610-779-1100

Emergency Management Coordinator

Robert J. May, PE 610-370-1236

Borough Appointed Board/Commission

Planning Commission

James Lewars, Chairman
Warren Lubenow, Vice- Chairman
Open Seat
Greg Zawilla
Cary Whitman

Zoning Hearing Board

Dave Smith, Chairman
Lynn Leinbach, Vice Chairman
Dorothy Jurasinski

Borough Officials - Elected

Mayor

Michael C Fritz 610-370-0733

Borough Council

Robert J. May, President 610-370-1236
rjmay@aol.com
David W. Eggert, VP 610-779-6855
Mike Bennethum 610-779-9645
Rick Davidson 610-779-4037
Steven Geibel 610-370-5361
Warren Lubenow 610-779-3632
Cary G. Whitman 610-779-0442

Constable

Bart Ganster 610-370-0800

Tax Collector

Susan D. Eggert 610-779-1430

School District

Exeter Township SD Admin 610-779-0700
Exeter Twp Sr High School 610-779-3060
Exeter Twp Jr High School 610-779-3320
Reiffton School 610-779-7640
Jacksonwald Elementary 610-779-1820

District Judge Court 23-2-03

Hon. Sandra L Fegley 610-779-5137
10 Fairlane Rd Fax: 610-779-4681
Reading PA 19606

Stray/Abused Animals

Animal Rescue League 610-373-8830
After Hours Lost/Found 610-373-6064

Utilities

Mt. Penn Water 610-779-4900
They also handle sewer billing for the Borough.
PA American Water 1-800-565-7292
Met-Ed (Electric) 1-800-545-7741
UGI (Gas) 610-375-4441
Service Electric (Cable) 610-582-5317
PA ONE CALL(Call before you dig) 811
J. P. Mascaro (Trash) 1-800-334-3403

Legislators

STATE

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Hon. Mark Rozzi
District Office
4933 Kutztown Road (610) 921-8921
Temple, PA 19560 Fax: (610) 921-9369

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103B East Wing (717) 783-3290
PO Box 202126 Fax: (717) 787-7517
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2126

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Capitol Office
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Harrisburg, PA 17120-3011

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Reading, PA 19605

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840 N Park Rd (610)376-7630
Wyomissing PA 19610 Fax: (610)376-7633

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Washington DC Office
393 Russell Senate Office Bldg
Washington DC 20510
Toll Free: (866)802-2833 Fax:(202)228-0604

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840 Hamilton St. STE 301 (610)782-9470
Allentown PA 18101 Fax: (610)782-9474

Sen. Patrick J Toomey
Washington DC Office
248 Russell Senate Office Bldg
Washington DC 20510
(202)224-4254 Fax:(202)228-0284

Lehigh Valley Office
1150 S Cedar Crest Blvd STE 101
Allentown PA 18101
Toll Free: (855)552-1831 Fax: (610)434-1844

Municipal Governments

Amity Township (610)689-6000
Exeter Township (610)779-5660
Lower Alsace Township (610)779-6400
Mt. Penn Borough (610)779-5151

Libraries

Exeter Community (610)406-9431
Reading Public Library-Main (610)655-6350
Reading Public Library-SE Branch (610)655-6362

County Government Office

Services Center (General) (610)478-6100
Aging (610)478-3400
Assessment (610)478-6262
CareerLink (610)988-1300
Children & Youth Service (610)478-6700
Commissioners (610)478-6136
Domestic Relations (610)478-2900
Election Services (610)478-6490
Emergency Mgt (610)374-4800
Prothonotary (610)478-6970
Public Defender (610)478-6970
Recorder of Deeds (610)478-3380
Register of Wills (610)478-6600
Sheriff (610)478-6240
Tax Claim (610)478-6625
Treasurer (610)478-6640
Veterans Affairs (610)378-5601

State Government

Autism Services 1(866)539-7689
Benefits Helpline 1(800)692-7462
Berks Cty Assistance Office 1(866)215-3912
Childline 1(800)932-0313
Children's Health Helpline 1(800)986-5437
Consumer Protection 1(800)441-2555
Disability Services 1(866)286-3636
Elder Abuse 1(800)490-8505
Healthy Baby 1(800)986-2229
Healthy Kids 1(800)986-5437
Lead Information Line 1(800)440-5323
LIHEAP (Home Heating) (610)736-4228
Welfare Fraud Tipline 1(800)932-0582

TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION

CURBSIDE ON TUESDAYS

J P MASCARO & SONS: 1-800-334-3403

TRASH: 3-32 GAL CONTAINERS AND 1 BULK ITEM

RECYCLING: UNLIMITED SINGLE STREAM

PLEASE SEE INSERT FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- * PLEASE SEPARATE TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS BY AT LEAST ONE FOOT
- * FLATTEN CARDBOARD BOXES
- * DO NOT PLACE RECYCLABLES INTO PLASTIC BAGS, IT WILL BE CONSIDERED TRASH

E-WASTE DISPOSAL

J P MASCARO - PIONEER CROSSING LANDFILL

727 REDLANE RD., BIRDSBORO

SATURDAYS 7 AM - 11 AM

NO TV'S OR CRT MONITORS

COMPUTERS * FLAT SCREEN MONITORS
KEYBOARDS * MOUSE * CONSUMER PRINTERS

PHARMACEUTICAL DROP BOX AVAILABLE AT CENTRAL BERKS REGIONAL POLICE OFFICE 2147 PERKIOMEN AVE., MT. PENN

Accepted: Prescription medication in standard container or sealed bag, over the counter medication, vitamins, drug samples, pet medications and liquid medications in plastic, leak proof containers



CURBSIDE BRUSH/LEAF PICKUP

Information and Requirements

1. Yard waste must be in a paper recycle bag. Plastic bags will be left at the curb and must be removed.
2. Only vegetative yard waste may be placed in the recycle bag. Any violation will result in being permanently removed from the pickup list
3. Bundled branches 4' in length or less and able to be picked up by one person AND NOT FALL APART. **Limit of 3 bundles.**
4. Excessive quantities will not be picked up without prior approval.
5. **DO NOT PLACE ANY BAGS, BUNDLES, OR ANY OTHER VEGETATION IN THE STREET**
6. You must call the Borough office @ 610-779-1430 by 9 AM the morning of pickup to be added to the list, you may call at any time and leave a message on the answering machine.
7. **DO NOT EMAIL THE OFFICE.**

**WEEKLY CURBSIDE PICKUP -
THURSDAYS**

MARCH 31st - DECEMBER 22nd
Weather Permitting
NO PICKUP THANKSGIVING WEEK

YOU MUST CALL BORO HALL TO BE PLACED ON THE LIST FOR PICKUP. DO NOT PLACE BAGS AT CURB UNTIL THE MORNING OF PICKUP

ELECTRONICS & TIRE RECYCLING CENTER

1316 HILLTOP RD., LEESPORT

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY: 8AM - NOON

ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- * Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Keyboards, Modems, Printers, Copier, etc.
- * Microwaves, Stereos, VCRs, Telephones, Answering Machines, etc.
- * Television (Maximum of two per resident/vehicle per day)
- * Fluorescent bulbs
- * Rechargeable and Lead Acid Batteries (ONLY) – **NO ALKALINE BATTERIES**
- * Air Conditions & Dehumidifier

FEE SCHEDULE 2016

RESIDENTIAL

- All Electronic Items (Residents ONLY) Free of Charge
- Fluorescent tubes, CFL Bulbs & Rechargeable Batteries Free of Charge
- Air Conditioners & Dehumidifiers Free of Charge

COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONAL - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

- NO TELEVISIONS OR MONITORS ACCEPTED FROM BUSINESSES
- ALL ELECTRONIC ITEMS (BUSINESSES) \$1.00 /item
- FLUORESCENT TUBES, CFL'S & RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES \$1.00 /pound
- AIR CONDITIONERS & DEHUMIDIFIERS Free of Charge

AUTOMOTIVE TIRE ONLY

- * Standard passenger and light truck tires shall have diameter between twenty inches (20") and thirty-two inches (32") and a width between six inches (6") and twelve inches (12") and shall be free of dirt, water and foreign objects.
- * The tires must not be deformed and must have the normal geometry of a typical tire.

FEE SCHEDULE

- * Tires without rims \$ 2.00 each
- * Tires with rims \$ 3.00 each

For Additional Information: Berks County Solid Waste Authority
www.co.berks.pa.us/swa or 610-478-6362

Paper Shredding @ First Energy Stadium (RT. 61) October 15 * 8 AM - 2 PM

Household Hazardous Waste @ First Energy Stadium (RT. 61) Oct 22* 8 AM - 2 PM

If interested, contact Borough Hall for additional information or brochure

TROUT RUN BRUSH DEPOSITORY

The Trout Run Brush Depository is a joint project of Exeter Township and the Borough and managed by the Township Highway Crew. The facility, located at the intersection of W. Neversink and E. Neversink Rds, accepts and chips brush, also grass clippings and Christmas trees.

The facility is monitored by cameras 24/7 and entry/exit requires an access card to open the gate.. There is a \$4 fee for an access card and are available by application at the Borough office. There is a limit of one card per household and proof of residency or ownership is required. If Access card is lost or stolen, please notify the Borough and the card will be deactivated. To replace a card, the fee is \$4 and the previously issued card will be deactivated. Landscaping companies doing work on residents' properties are not permitted to use Trout Run. Dumping construction debris or trash of any kind is expressly prohibited and carries a fine of up to \$600 per offense.

Operating Hours: **Daylight Savings Time: 8 AM - 8 PM Daily**
Standard Time: 8 AM - 6 PM Daily (11/06/16 - 03/12/17)

Times are subject to change without notice
GATES WILL LOCK PRECISELY AND YOU MUST BE OUTSIDE THE GATE OR YOU WILL BE LOCKED IN!

STREET LIGHT OUT

If you see any street lights that are out please call Borough Hall with the 10 DIGIT Pole Number.

If you don't report it, it won't be fixed.



NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE

Not sure where to go when you need help?

Call the Greater Berks Food Bank @ 610-926-5802 x 201 to be guided to food assistance.

STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING CALL



Toll Free 1-877-373-9913