



BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROBERT J. MAY

I wanted to take the opportunity to update everyone on some news for the Borough. Since 2004, the Borough has been mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to maintain a stormwater discharge permit for all the rainfall that occurs in the Borough that eventually flows into Antietam Creek. Antietam Creek discharges into the Schuylkill River to the Delaware River and the Delaware Bay, which eventually discharges to the Atlantic Ocean. The permit commonly called an MS4 permit (municipal separate storm sewer system), evolved from changes to the federal Clean Water Act, enacted in 1972, is administered by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP) for the EPA.

Urban areas such as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Allentown, were the first to comply with the regulations. Due to the Borough's location between larger urban populations, Reading, and Exeter, the Borough was mandated to begin complying with the regulations.

Borough Staff spent a good deal of time, effort and dollars to adhere to and comply with permits conditions and reporting requirements since the permit is essentially a contract with both PaDEP and the EPA. The Borough did

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EASTER BUNNY TO ARRIVE IN THE BOROUGH FOR THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT ON FRIDAY MARCH 30th, 9:00 AM SHARP

The Egg Hunt begins exactly at 9 AM on the municipal playground at 3500 Jacksonwald Avenue. Be prompt, by 9:15 the gathering of eggs is over. The Bunny will arrive by the Borough's new truck to start the hunt. Light refreshments will be offered after the hunt is finished. Prize eggs are used in each age group, you must be present to win. The only way to determine if your child had a prize egg is to open the plastic egg before leaving the playground. Please keep your children off all play equipment until after the egg hunt is finished.



DONATIONS : Candy donations accepted and appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the Borough Office during regular office hours through March 28th. All donated candy must be individually wrapped sealed in it's original bag.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS: If you are available on the morning of March 30th, you can help us hide eggs, run the egg hunt and hand out prizes. It is a fun way to earn a few hours of community service.

TO REPORT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE HEALTH & SAFETY OR THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH: DEP 24/7 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE: 1-866-825-0208

IF EMERGENCY IS LIFE THREATENING PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1

BOROUGH HOTLINE TO REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES: (844) 207-6378 ANY DISCHARGE TO THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM, SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OR WATERWAYS THAT IS NOT THE RESULT OF FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING, FIRE FIGHTING OR A RAIN EVENT

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very well when audited on our permit compliance by PaDEP. The Borough was able to leverage information from many sources but especially PaDEP seminars, guidance from our Solicitors, Kozloff Stoudt and Borough Engineers Systems Design Engineering (SDE).

Stormwater permits renew every five years. The Borough sought an exemption from the permit during each renewal process. In 2017, the Borough applied for permit renewal and again applied for an exemption. The exemption guidelines were not clear, but our rationale was that any Borough stormwater efforts would not affect the number of bacteria from waterfowl upstream or reduce contaminants and sediments downstream.

PaDEP granted the permit exemption, PAG133508, in January of this year, which is significant in just budget savings and staff efforts. The exemption granted lasts for five years, in 2022 the Borough will seek to extend the exemption.

I am always trying to predict future issues that may cause the Borough problems. My thinking centers on the infestation of the spotted lanternfly (*lycorma delicatula*), which started in Berks County two years ago and is rapidly spreading, making it more problematic. There have been sightings of the lanternfly in other states.

Citizens may see the Borough staff spend efforts to identify trees on parcels, especially the *Ailanthus altissima* tree (also known as Tree of Heaven), which is an invasive species. Landowners may receive a letter requesting aggressive action to remove and kill *Ailanthus* trees, preferred by the spotted lanternfly. It may seem like governmental overreach, but insect infestations on normal landscaping and fruit trees is a personal and community loss.

As with many issues, unless you quantify the problem and the efforts to solve it, the actions now can save more drastic actions in the future. As always, Borough Council and Staff appreciate feedback and comments. Council meets the 2nd Thursday each month at 7:30 PM.

TROUT RUN BRUSH DEPOSITORY

St. Lawrence residents may take their leaves to the Trout Run Brush Depository located at the Trout Run Sports & Recycling Complex at the intersection of West Neversink Road and East Neversink Road, for the convenience of Exeter and St. Lawrence residents. **You need an ACCESS CARD to enter and leave the facility. If you do not have a card, you may acquire a card at the Exeter Township Municipal Building for \$10/ANNUALLY. If you have a card and haven't paid the fee, your card is deactivated.**

DO NOT DUMP TRASH OR CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS OF ANY KIND, IT IS EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED ALONG WITH CARRYING A FINE OF \$600 PER OFFENSE. CAMERAS MONITOR THE DEPOSITORY AT ALL TIMES.

The Depository opens daily at 8 AM and closes at 8 PM until Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday November 4, when the facility closes at 6 PM every evening. **The system locks the gates at the precise times, you must be outside the gate or you will be LOCKED IN.**

MULCH: Boro residents with a Trout Run Card may shovel free mulch anytime during the hours of operation. Residents, Non-Residents, Neighboring Townships and landscapers can take advantage of the opportunity to get mulch loaded into their trucks for them, via a loader on **Mondays from 8:00 am to noon and Thursday from noon to 3:00 pm** by purchasing a voucher beforehand at the Township building. The cost is \$3 per one-yard scoop or \$10 for a 3.5-yard scoop. The Loader Operator will operate the security access gate for access to the facility once the voucher has been exchanged. He will only accept vouchers for the mulch. He will not accept money nor will he issue the necessary waiver. The purchase of a mulch voucher to gain access to the Trout Run facility will only be for the purpose of loading mulch, individuals are not permitted to other uses of the Trout Run facility. Please note: Mulch is untreated and contains weeds, a weed killing product should be used on the mulch.

NO APPLIANCES, TV'S, STEREO'S, 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. You have 24 hours to remove items that the hauler refuses. **DO NOT PLACE E-WASTE ITEMS AT THE CURB FOR COLLECTION**, you will receive a letter from the municipality requiring you to remove the object. If it is not removed you will be charged with littering.

TRIM YOUR TREES AND SHRUBS

Please remember to trim your tree branches, overgrown bushes, and any other vegetation that extend over sidewalk areas and hinder the passage of pedestrians and/or vehicles. Ord 325 - Nuisance Ordinance.

BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

March 30th - Egg Hunt
May 28th - Memorial Day
July 4th - Independence Day (Playground also closed)
September 3rd - Labor Day

THE 6th ANNUAL TAKE A HIKE ON THE HILL

On Saturday, April 22nd Councilman Warren Lubenow will lead a guided hike of the St. Lawrence Water Shed Property. The hike will start at the playground located at 3500 Jacksonwald Avenue and proceed up Adams Street at 9 AM and will last about 2 hours.

The Borough owns approximately 250 acres of the woodlands which once provided residents with great tasting water, but now is a beautiful place to hike. If you would like to join the hike or would like more information please call Borough Hall @ 610-779-1430.

HAVE A U.S. FLAG THAT NEEDS TO BE RETIRED

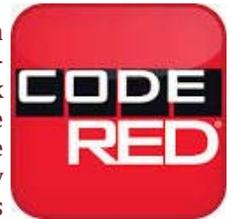
The P.O.S.of A (Patriotic Order Sons of America) Camp #230, which meets in Borough Hall, placed a drop box inside the rear entrance of Borough Hall to receive any U.S. Flag you need to retire. The retired flags are burned during a special ceremony.



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM DID YOU RECEIVE A SNOW EMERGENCY CALL?

The Borough used the Code Red System to notify residents and businesses of the snow emergency declared on March 7. If you didn't receive a call, are you signed up for CodeRed,?If you are signed up, please verify that all your contact information is correct. If you have made any changes to you email, cell number and/or landline, it must be changed or removed from the CodeRed system.

If you are new to the Borough please sign up for notifications with CodeRed. Access the CodeRed system through the link on the home page of the Borough website @ www.stlawboro.com . CodeRed will be used for emergency notifications (snow emergency, etc.) and general notifications (trash day change). Any questions, please contact the Boro Office.



When you sign up, you may choose to keep your telephone number private (the Borough doesn't get to see the number). If you no longer wish to receive calls, texts or emails and/or are moving out of the Borough, please call the Borough Office and provide all your contact information so we may add it to the DO NOT CONTACT list.

This is the quickest method we have for contacting the Borough residents in Case of Emergency. We avoid making excessive contacts. We all receive too many phone calls.

SPRING STREET SWEEPING APRIL 19th & 20th

Annual Spring Street Sweeping of all curbed streets takes begins on April 19th and finishes on April 20th, the odd numbered side of the street will be done on Thursday, with the even numbered side on Friday, weather permitting.

Our State and Federal mandated Stormwater management program requires removal of debris from the Borough's streets. Last years sweeping removed over 9 tons of debris.

We will do a Code Red General Notification call on April 18th to remind residents to move or remove their vehicles from the street. Your cooperation in removing your vehicle from the street would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact the Borough office.

Animal Rescue League of Berks County



58 KENNEL ROAD, BIRDSBORO PA 19508
Phone - (610) 373-8830
Fax - (610) 372-6374

The Animal Rescue League offers many services and programs. For more information visit their website at www.berksarl.org
 The ARL handles stray animals and animal abuse complaints for the Borough.
Dog licenses are available during regular business hours.

Hours of Operations :

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: 11 AM - 6 PM
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: 11 AM - 6 PM
Friday: 11 AM - 5 PM
Saturday & Sunday: 11 AM - 4 PM

Temporary Marking Guidelines

-  White - Proposed Excavation
-  Pink - Temporary Survey Markings
-  Red - Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
-  Yellow - Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials
-  Orange - Communication, Alarm, or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit and Traffic Loops
-  Blue - Potable Water
-  Purple - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
-  Green - Sewer and Drain Lines



Do I have to call if I am digging on my own property?

Yes, you are required to inform the utilities of any type of work involving the movement of earth with **powered equipment**.

Who should make the call?

The person who is doing the digging should place the one call notification. If you are a homeowner and you've hired an excavator to do the work, the excavator is required by law to call to have lines located (refer to Section 5 of PA Act 287).

How deep must I dig before I am required to call?

If you are digging with powered equipment the person operating the equipment must call. It does not matter how deep you are digging or where you are digging within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

What are PA One Call's hours of operations?

The call center is open 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

How many days do I have to wait before I can begin digging?

State law requires a three (3) business day notice (does not include state holidays or weekends), but not more than ten (10) business days prior to the start of excavation. A business day begins at 12:00:00 a.m. and ends at 11:59:59 p.m. The first lawful start date for your excavation is determined by your scheduled excavation date (the day you plan to start digging), work should not begin prior to your first lawful start date but no later than 10 business days from the day of your call.

Why should you call?

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to KNOW WHAT'S BELOW.

For more information, visit www.pa811.org



Central Berks Regional Police Department

Raymond R Serafin - Chief of Police

2147 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606

Hours 8 AM - 4 PM

610-779-1100 (Office) 610-779-7135 (Fax)

Call with complaints or questions.

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

- ◆ **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE - BUCKLE UP! IT'S THE LAW - DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING**
- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **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.**
- ◆ **Getting an alarm system - two permits from the Borough are required: one for the installation of the alarm system and another for the operation of the alarm system.**
- ◆ **Warmer weather will soon be here, please remember that your neighbor doesn't want to listen to your music. Keep the volume at a level that can't be heard on a neighboring property.**
- ◆ **As you drive, watch for children playing outdoors, going to the playground and riding wheeled vehicles.**
- ◆ **Some other services provided by the Police Department are fingerprinting, Notary seal services, passport photos, and security services. Inquire at the office.**

Remember, residents and the police are one team, we need to work together to keep our community safe. If you see something that does not seem or feel right please call 911 so we can check it out. It is better to be safe than to be sorry.

WOMEN'S CLUB ELECTION DAY SALE

The Women's Club will have the following on sale for election day on the 2nd floor of Borough Hall, accessible by stairs or elevator:

- * **SANDWICHES:** Italian, Turkey and Ham
- * **SOUP BY THE QUART:** Variety of flavors
- * **BAKED GOODS:** Variety of items and prices

It is recommended that you pre-order Sandwiches by calling Martha Wentzel at 610-780-6384.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY MAY 15th

The polls, located on the 1st floor in Council Chambers, will open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM. There is parking available in the rear of the building, entrance off Brumbach Street. The rear entry door is on the basement level, you can access the first floor by stairs or the elevator (Press 1).

Voter registration forms are available at Borough Hall.

Important Election Dates:

APRIL 16 - LAST DAY TO REGISTER BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION

MAY 8 - LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR A CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOT

MAY 11 - LAST DAY FOR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO RECEIVE VOTED CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you have any additional questions contact Berks County Election Services at 610-478-6490

FRIENDS OF EXETER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

BOOK DONATIONS EVERY MONDAY - 10 AM to 1 PM.

Maximum of 1 - 3 boxes or bags per visit

- ⇒ Book must be copyrighted 2008 or newer
- ⇒ be a classic
- ⇒ be a local item (Berks County School Yearbook)
- ⇒ Audio books on CD, CDs, DVDs
- ⇒ Complete puzzles and games

NOT ACCEPTING:

- * **May not be moldy, stained, dirty or smelly**
- * **Cassettes, VHS tapes or Vinyl Records**
- * **Encyclopedias, Textbooks, Magazines or Readers Digest**

DESIGNER BAG BINGO - APRIL 29th @ 1 PM Age: 18+

Doors open at 12 PM

Reiffon School Cafeteria - 4355 Dunham Dr.

Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (16 regular games)

Additional Purchase: three special games, 50/50 raffle

Food and Beverage available for purchase

For more info or tickets contact Mallory Hoffman @

610-406-9431 or exetercl@berks.lib.pa.us

SPRING BOOK & BAKE SALE IN THE LIBRARY

Friday, May 18th - 3 PM - 7PM

Saturday, May 19th - 9 AM - 3 PM

Saturday, May 19th - BAG OF BOOKS 12 PM - 3 PM

INDOOR YARD SALE - JUNE 2nd

Please start collecting **gently-used household items** for our Yard Sale on June 2nd (we'll announce drop-off locations and times closer to the event).

EXETER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Sunday : Closed

Monday: 2 PM - 8 PM

Tuesday & Wednesday : 10AM-8PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday : 10 AM - 5PM

The Borough contributes annually as a municipal sponsor of the library.

LIBRARY EVENTS



TODDLER STORY TIME - Walking to 3 years old

Location: Program Room

stories, songs, learning activities and crafts

EVERY WEDNESDAY THROUGH APRIL 25th:

10 AM - 10:30 AM

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME - Ages 3 - 5

Location: Program Room

reading, singing, learning and crafts

EVERY THURSDAY THROUGH APRIL 26th:

10 AM - 11 AM and 1 PM - 2 PM

BABY LAPSIT STORYTIME - Infant to 18 months

Location: Program Room - Please enter at SIDE DOOR

This storytime encourages language development in babies with simple stories, songs, lap play and creative movement.

EVERY FRIDAY THROUGH APRIL 27th

FROM 9:30 AM TO 10:00 AM

SPIRIT WEEK

Friends of the Exeter Community Library

April 2nd to April 6th

Bring in one of our flyers or mention that you would like your order to benefit the Exeter Library!



Chick-fil-A Exeter
4675 Perkiomen Ave
Reading, PA 19606



Do you like to **shop on Amazon.com**? Silly question, right?! The next time you shop with Amazon, please sign in to Amazon Smile and choose the Exeter Community Library as your charity. The Library will receive a percentage of all purchases made on your account without costing you anything extra. It's a win-win situation

How to Help Community Cats In Our Neighborhood

Working together we can make a difference for the community cats and shelters in our area. Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) is a proven method to help reduce free roaming cat populations. This program ends reproduction and stabilizes colony size; eliminates many nuisance behaviors associated with mating: female yowling, males spraying to mark territory and fighting over mates. TNR ends the litters of kittens that inundate our shelters.

T – Humanely trap the cat

N – Take the cat to a same day spay/neuter clinic to be neutered and vaccinated

R – Return the cat to their original outdoor home

We are happy to have a TNR program in place for our residents, **Borough of St. Lawrence \$10 co-pay with proof of residency.** NNN is a non-profit organization that focus on community cats and provide low cost services.

There are ways to tell if a community cat has already been fixed. The universal sign is a LEFT ear-tip. This means someone in your community has already fixed and vaccinated this cat and it is part of a TNR colony. Those cats have a caretaker and should not be re-trapped or brought to a shelter.

Our local shelters take in over 3000 cats a year. Fixing 1 community cat can save 200 from entering our shelter doors. If you would like more details about TNR, please contact one of the organizations above for more details. Working together we can make a difference!

Deb Dreisbach, Vice President

No Nonsense Neutering

<p>No Nonsense Neutering</p> <p>1500 Frush Valley Road</p> <p>Reading PA 19605</p> <p>www.nnnlv.org</p> <p>866-820-2510 ext. #5</p>	<p>Loaner traps available</p> <p>Online and phone scheduling</p> <p>Open Wednesdays & Fridays; 1st and 3rd Sunday every month</p> <p>No appointment needed for one feral cat</p> <p>Appointments needed for colonies</p> <p>Financial resources on website</p> <p>Provides quality and affordable spay/neuter for pet dogs and cats. Fees always include vaccines.</p>
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Cat Deterrents

As unbelievable as it may seem, some people don't like having cats in their yard, garden, porches, or cars. There are easy things that your neighbors can do, or that you can help them with, in order to live in harmony with the cats who have made their home in the neighborhood. The following list addresses some common concerns and easy ways to modify the cats' behavior:

- ◆ Cover your trash cans tightly or secure lids with bungee cords.
- ◆ To keep cats away from gardens, flower beds, or specific areas of property, scatter fragrant items that don't appeal to a cat's sense of smell, like fresh orange or lemon peels, organic citrus-scented sprays, coffee grounds, vinegar, pipe tobacco, or oil of lavender, lemongrass, citronella, or eucalyptus.
- ◆ Add the herb rue to gardens to keep cats out, or sprinkle dried rue over gardens or landscaping.
- ◆ Use plastic carpet runners, spiked-side up and covered lightly in soil, in gardens, flower beds, and other landscaping.
- ◆ Arrange branches in lattice-type patterns or use actual lattice fencing material over soil, this discourages digging.
- ◆ Embed wooden chopsticks, pine cones, or sticks with dull points deep into the soil with the tops exposed eight inches apart.
- ◆ Pick up some [Cat Scat™](#) plastic mats to press into the soil. The mats have flexible plastic spikes that are harmless to cats and other animals, but also discourage digging.
- ◆ Install an ultrasonic animal repellent or a motion-activated water sprinkler like [CatStop™](#) or [ScareCrow™](#).
- ◆ Physically block or seal locations that cats are entering with chicken wire or lattice. Double-check that no cats or kittens will be trapped inside.



RESOURCES: WWW.ALLEYCAT.ORG

STORMWATER REMINDERS

**KEEP YOUR GRASS CLIPPINGS OUT OF THE STREET
NO DUMPING IN STORM DRAINS,
STORM CHANNELS OR WATERWAYS**

You are not permitted to dump anything into storm drains, storm channels or waterways. Grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste blown onto streets, dumped into storm drains or storm channels eventually wash into Antietam Creek. What's wrong with that? Decomposing yard waste acts as a fertilizer (great for your lawn but not for waterways), adding nutrients to the water speeding growth of plants, creating algae blooms and causing oxygen depletion making it difficult aquatic life to survive.

The Borough collects yard waste curbside weekly all year (weather permitting). See the Municipal Insert for instructions.

**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.

**POOPER SCOOP WHEN YOU WALK YOUR DOG
AND IN YOUR YARD**

Always clean up after your dog. Pet waste left on lawns and paved surfaces can be carried by rain water or snow melt into local storm drain system, which empty into Antietam Creek. Make sure you regularly pooper scoop your yard, it is a violation of Ordinance 399 - Property Maintenance Code to allow your yard and property to be kept in an unsanitary condition.

PERMITS REQUIRED FOR WORK

**UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC) BUILDING,
PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND
MECHANICAL PERMITS - 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? Installing an inflatable pool? Pennsylvania State law requires that you, if you are doing the work yourself, 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.

STILL LOOKING FOR THE SPRING CLEAN-UP

WE DON'T HAVE ONE

GET RID OF YOUR TRASH/JUNK WEEKLY

There is no reason to allow trash and/or junk to accumulate on your property. Residential trash collection allows for three - 32 gallon containers of trash and one bulk item per week, which can be one additional bag of trash, a mattress, sofa, etc. You are in violation of Ordinance 399 - Property Maintenance Code if you accumulate junk on your property.

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.)

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



Lycorma adult
Photograph by
Holly Raguza,
PA Dept of Agriculture

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY ACTIVITIES EARLY SPRING

Lycorma delicatula

Photograph by
Lawrence Barringer,
PA Dept of Agriculture



The invasive spotted lanternfly (SLF) has been found in southeastern counties in Pennsylvania. We are trying to eradicate this potential pest. **There is a quarantine order in place that prohibits movement of any living life stage of this insect to areas outside of the quarantine area. To find information about identifying the spotted lanternfly, current information about where it is known to exist, quarantine order, and compliance go to:**

www.agriculture.pa.gov/Protect/PlantIndustry/spotted_lanternfly

DESTROYING EGG MASSES - IT'S NOT TO LATE

If you find any life stage of SLF you should try to destroy it, especially egg masses. The masses can be found through early May on trees, flat smooth vertical surfaces (i.e. deck support, firewood piles) surfaces and stones. To destroy the egg masses, the State recommends you scrape the egg mass into a sealed plastic bag, which you double bag and throw away.

The easiest method is smashing the egg masses: they can be poked with a stick, rolled over with a wallpaper seam roller, ice scraper or any other object that allows you to reach the mass. Done properly, it is messy and icky, but the most effective means.

The ailanthus altissima (tree of heaven) is the preferred host tree, SLF will also attack fruit trees (apples, cherries, peaches, grapes, etc.), both hardwood trees (oak, walnut, willow, maple, poplar, sycamore, etc.) and pine trees. It is also a threat to some crops, like hops. Each female will lay up to 100 or more eggs in fall, so by destroying even one female, you are reducing the potential population for the future. Destroying the egg masses will aid in significantly reducing the population in the Spring. To see a demonstration of destroying egg masses go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoFp_MbDiE8 and <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=-rvAUFtHvv4>

If you destroy egg masses, please report them on:

<https://www.paplants.pa.gov/EntomologySurveyExternal.aspx>

REMOVE AILANTHUS TREES

Ailanthus altissima (tree of heaven), the tree preferred by the spotted lanternfly is itself an invasive plant. Controlling the *Ailanthus* will help in controlling SLF. Though, you can't just cut down the tree. If you do it will sprout many shoots.

- ◆ Destroy approximately 90% of the *Ailanthus altissima* trees, leaving only a few that are most attractive to the insect. They will serve as "trap" trees. It is recommended that you try to kill all the female *Ailanthus altissima* trees, because they produce seed and contribute to the spread of this invasive tree.
- ◆ Be careful handling *Ailanthus altissima* wood, leaves and branches. Chemicals in the sap of this tree can cause headaches, nausea and possible heart problems. Wear gloves and protect yourself from exposure.
- ◆ When you cut down *Ailanthus altissima* trees, they will sprout profusely from the stumps and can grow back in a few years. Because they regenerate so easily, it is recommended that you treat the stumps with an herbicide to kill them and prevent them from sprouting new shoots.

Herbicides that are labelled for this use usually contain one of the following active ingredients triclopyr, dicamba, imazpyr or glyphosate. Use the herbicide carefully and according to directions on the label. Alternative methods for using herbicides to kill *Ailanthus altissima* trees include foliar sprays, basal bark applications and a method called frill application or "hack and squirt".

There are numerous resources for residents who would like additional information on controlling Lanternflies and *Ailanthus* trees, they are:

1. Borough office maintains handouts we will mail to residents or Boro website @ www.stlawboro.com
2. Penn State Extension at <https://extension.psu.edu/what-to-do-if-you-find-spotted-lanternfly>
3. www.agriculture.pa.gov link on home page under hot topics for Spotted Lanternfly
4. Google spotted lanternfly or ailanthus
5. <https://www.invasive.org> and search for ailanthus

Contact Borough Hall for additional information.



Two Spotted Lanternfly Egg Masses
Photograph by Holly Raguza, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A BOROUGH PRESENTATION ON CONTROLLING THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY AND AILANTHUS TREES, PLEASE CONTACT THE BOROUGH OFFICE.

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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

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1 **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 24/7/365 ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY REPOSE - 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, SUSAN EGGERT or DERREK RHOADS

Borough Officials - Appointed

Manager/Treasurer/Zoning & Codes Officer
Allison Leinbach Office: 610-779-1430
Home: 610-779-0112
Cell: 610-207-8469

Secretary/Asst. Codes & Asst. Zoning Officer
Susan Eggert Office: 610-779-1430
Cell: 484-269-0749

GIS/MS4, Roadmaster & Asst. Codes Officer
Derrek Rhoads Cell: 484-577-9981

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
David W. Eggert 610-779-6855

Borough Appointed Board/Commission

Planning Commission

James Lewars, Chairman
Warren Lubenow, Vice- Chairman

Barry Kinsey
Greg Zawilla
Tracy Whitman

Zoning Hearing Board

Dave Smith, Chairman
Lynn Leinbach, Vice Chairman
Dorothy Jurasinski

Borough Officials - Elected/Appointed

Mayor

Gregory Zawilla 610-370-1519

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
Michael Fritz 610-587-9794
Steven Geibel 610-370-5361
Warren Lubenow 610-779-3632

Constable

Bart Ganster 610-587-3894

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.
AVMA 610-779-0150
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 1-800-334-3403

Legislators

STATE

PA House District 126

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

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

Senate District 11

Senator Judith Schwank
Capitol Office
Senate Box 203011 717 - 787-8925
Room: 457 Main Capitol FAX: 717 - 772-0578
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3011

District Office
210 George Street 610 - 929-2151
Suite 201 FAX: 610 - 929-2576
Reading, PA 19605

FEDERAL

US House District 6

Rep. Ryan Costello
Washington DC Office
427 Cannon House Office Bldg 202 - 225-4315
Washington DC 20515 Fax: 202 - 225-8440

Berks County Office
840 N Park Rd 610 - 376-7630
Wyomissing PA 19610 Fax: 610 - 376-7633

US Senate

Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr
Washington DC Office
393 Russell Senate Office Bldg
Washington DC 20510
Toll Free: 866 - 802-2833 Fax: 202 - 228-0604

Lehigh Valley Office
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
Berks Heim (610)376-4841
CareerLink (610)988-1300
Children & Youth Service (610)478-6700
Clerk of Courts (610)478-6550
Commissioners (610)478-6136
Domestic Relations (610)478-2900
Election Services (610)478-6490
Emergency Services (610)374-4800
Parks & Recreation (610)372-8939
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 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

HARD DRIVES * DVD/CD/DVR * STEREOS * ETC.

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 6' in length or less and able to be picked up by one person AND NOT FALL APART. **Limit of 3 bundles without prior authorization from the Borough.**
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, except for the morning of pickup - direct phone number for yard waste 610-401-0568.**
7. **DO NOT EMAIL THE OFFICE.**

WEEKLY CURBSIDE PICKUP - THURSDAYS
Weather Permitting

**YOU MUST CALL BORO HALL
TO BE PLACED ON THE LIST
FOR PICKUP.**

**DO NOT PLACE BAGS AT CURB UNTIL
THE MORNING OF PICKUP.**

Paper Shredding @ Governor Mifflin Intermediate School

April 21 from 8 AM - 2 PM If interested, contact

Borough Hall for additional information or brochure

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 2018

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

Household Hazardous Waste April 14 @ Governor Mifflin Intermediate School
600 Governor Dr. Shillington PA 19607

8 AM - 2 PM If interested or for directions, contact Borough Hall for a 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 \$10 annual fee for an access card and are available by application at the Exeter Township Municipal Building. 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 \$10 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 (03/11/18)**
Standard Time: 8 AM - 6 PM Daily

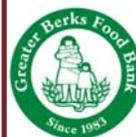
Times are subject to change without notice
GATES WILL LOCK PRECISELY AND YOU MUST BE OUTSIDE THE GATE OR YOU WILL BE LOCKED IN!

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



ALERT BERKS COUNTY

Toll Free 1-877-373-9913