



# BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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*WE WISH YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!*

## **BOROUGH PROPERTY TAX RATES UNCHANGED IN 2018**

**PROPERTY TAX 6 MILS/FIRE TAX .64 MILS**

On a home assessed at \$100,000 the property tax would be \$ 600. and the fire tax \$64 for a total of \$664. The Fire Tax may only be used on expenditures related to providing Fire Protection. The property tax funds are used for general expenses. The property tax pays for police service, trash & recycling collection, yard waste pickup, snow plowing & salting, recreation, street lighting, traffic signals, road maintenance, stormwater maintenance, etc.

## **CURBSIDE WEEKLY YARD WASTE/LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM**

### **CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP**

The weekly curbside pickup program continues year round weather permitting. All yard waste, including leaves, 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. CHRISTMAS TREES MUST HAVE ALL DECORATIONS REMOVED. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN 3 BUNDLES OF BRANCHES FOR PICKUP PLEASE CONTACT BOROUGH HALL.

You must call the Borough office **by 9 AM** every Thursday for pickup that day. If you leave a message, please state the following: address and number of bags or bundles for pickup. **DO NOT PLACE YOUR BAGS CURBSIDE UNTIL THE NIGHT BEFORE PICKUP or DURING A SNOW EVENT.** No pickup on December 28th.

**REMINDER: CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUPS WILL OCCUR JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, WEATHER PERMITTING**

### **TROUT RUN BRUSH DEPOSITORY CHANGES - \$10 ANNUAL FEE**

Exeter Township increased the Trout Run Access card fee to \$10 annually (calendar year). Exeter will bill both St. Lawrence and Exeter Trout Run card holders with **payment due prior to using the card in 2018.** All cards will be deactivated on January 1 2018. The Borough will no longer be handling Trout Run Cards, all card acquisitions and payments will be to Exeter Township at the township building on DeMoss Rd.

## **TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP CHANGE REMINDER**

**CHRISTMAS WEEK: WEDNESDAY DEC 27**

**NEW YEAR'S WEEK: WEDNESDAY JAN 3**

**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**

## TROUT RUN BRUSH DEPOSITORY

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. **You will need to submit payment to Exeter in 2018 prior to using your Access Card, they will turn off all cards on January 1.**

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 ends on Sunday, November 5, when the facility closes at 6 PM every evening until March 11, 2018. **The system locks the gates at the precise times, you must be outside the gate or you will be LOCKED IN.**

## BOROUGH RECEIVES GREEN LIGHT GO GRANT

In November, the Borough received the Award Letter for a Green Light Go Grant to improve all the traffic signals in the Borough. The grant provides \$251,107.32 with a Municipal match of \$ 62,776.83 updating all signals to LED, install traffic pre-emption devices for emergency vehicles, use cameras to monitor traffic for signal changes instead of timed loops and other items. The Borough match funds will be drawn from Liquid Fuels Funds.

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY INSTALLED AT BOROUGH HALL IN MEMORY OF CAROL HOUCK STUNZ

Long time Borough resident and 30-year Exeter School District employee Carol Houck Stunz passed away earlier this year. Mrs. Stunz began her career with Exeter School District as the crossing guard at St. Lawrence Elementary School (current Borough Hall). Her grandchildren, known as Team Mimi choose to honor her memory by placing a Little Free Library® in the shape of the St. Lawrence Elementary School on the Brumbach Street side of Borough Hall.



Team Mimi encourages all to use the library by taking a book and returning a book. The library contains books for all ages.

About Little Free Library: Little Free Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. In 2009, Todd H. Bol built the first Little Free Library book exchange and placed it in his Hudson, Wisconsin front yard to honor his mother. The idea for the handmade book exchanges with the motto "Take a book. Return a book." resonated with people, and today the number of registered book exchanges has grown to more than 60,000 around the world, in all 50 states and in 80 countries. Through these independent, volunteer-managed book exchanges, millions of books are shared annually. For more information visit [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).



## 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. 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

### 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

### BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED

**December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's**  
**January 15<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup> - President's Day**

## ICE & SNOW TAKE IT SLOW SAFETY AROUND SNOW PLOWS

**First Snow or Ice** – Drivers usually aren't prepared for winter driving and forget to take it slow. Remember to drive well below the posted speed limit and leave plenty of room between vehicles.

**Black Ice** – Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery and dangerous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas. All are hot spots for black ice.

**Limited Visibility** – Stay attentive and reduce your speed. Know what's going on around you.

**Distance** – Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Don't tail-gate or try to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.

**Vision** – A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. If you cannot see the plow's side mirrors, the driver cannot see you. Stay two to three car lengths behind the plow and watch for sudden stops or turns.

**Ice & Snow ... Take It Slow** – Snowplows travel well below the posted speed limit. Be patient. Try not to pass the plow.

**Beware of Snow Clouds** – Snowplows often create clouds as they clear the roads. These snow clouds can reduce your ability to



see.

SNOW EMERGENCIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED/POSTED ON THE WEBSITE, CodeRed, WFMZ TV AND WGAL.



### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

**Changed your cell number?  
Just moved into the Borough?**

If you are signed up for CodeRed, 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](http://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.

### 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.

## SNOW PLOWING INFORMATION

The Borough is not responsible for plowing the streets from curb to curb or for cleaning the space around your mailbox or driveway. Residents should park their vehicles off of the street to prevent your vehicle from being plowed in; providing the plow driver the space required to clean the roadway. The plow makes one pass to open the street and returns later to clear the driving lanes. Please do not clear your driveway until after the plow truck has finished.

When a snow emergency is declared promptly remove your vehicle from the snow emergency routes. If your vehicle is parked on a Borough Street that is not a Snow Emergency Route and you have space to move the car off the street, please do so. **Any vehicle removed from the streets makes plowing easier and safer for the plow drivers.**

**As a reminder, Perkiomen Avenue, St. Lawrence Avenue and Oley Turnpike Road are state roads and will not be plowed by the Borough. Contact PennDoT Berks County Maintenance @ 610-929-0766 with any issues concerning the State Roadways.**

**If you see an unsafe condition on Borough roads that needs attention please call Derrek Rhoads at 484-577-9981 or contact the Borough office at 610-779-1430.** Please note that if a snow emergency is declared, your cooperation is required in order to properly clear the roadways.

All residents are reminded that by state law and Borough Ordinance that your sidewalk must be cleared within 24 hours after the snow has stopped. Please be aware that children walk to and from bus stops and if your sidewalk is not cleared that children may be forced to walk in the street which can be extremely dangerous especially along St. Lawrence Avenue.

**DO NOT THROW, SNOWBLOW OR PLOW SNOW ONTO OR ACROSS ANY PUBLIC STREET IN THE BOROUGH. IT IS A VIOLATION OF LAW AND YOU WILL BE TICKETED BY THE POLICE.**

## SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

**YOU MUST REMOVE YOUR VEHICLE IN A DECLARED EMERGENCY OR IT WILL BE TOWED**

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS -  
CODE RED, WGAL, WFMZ AND THE BOROUGH WEBSITE.**

**THE FOLLOWING ROADS OR PORTIONS OF ROADS ARE SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES:**

**St Lawrence Ave** - Entire Length Of The Borough On Both Sides

**Oley Turnpike Rd** - Entire Length Of The Borough On Both Sides

**Adams Street:** Both Sides For Its Entire Length

**Jacksonwald Ave:** From Chestnut St. To Ganster St. : The Even Number (South) Side

**Jacksonwald Ave.:** Around The Circle

**Ganster St:** Both Sides

**Stoner Ave:** From Adams St. To Chestnut St. : Odd Number (North) Side

**Elm St.:** Even Number (West) Side For Its Entire Length

**Patton St.:** Walnut St To Brown St Both Sides

**Patton St:** Brown St To Elm St. : Even Number (South) Side

**Lynn Court:** Entire Length Both Sides And Circle

**Orchard Court:** Entire Length Both Sides And Circle

**Penn's Court:** Entire Length Both Sides And Circle

**Poplar Drive:** Intersection Of Teak Drive To The Cul-De-Sac: Both Sides And Circle

## 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.

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ Be careful driving on wet roads with leaves.
- ◆ 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.**

## 2016 PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM FILING DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 2, 2018

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975.

If you qualify for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program, you may also be eligible for the PACE/PACENET low-cost prescription drug program. Call, toll-free, 1-800-225-7223 for more information. For information on other services offered by the Department of Aging, call your local Area Agency on Aging or visit [www.aging.pa.gov](http://www.aging.pa.gov).

## 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](http://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

## SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARATION

**SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARED BY PROCLAMATION BY AN AUTHORIZED BOROUGH OFFICIAL.**

**PARKING PROHIBITION AUTOMATICALLY GOES INTO EFFECT WHEN THERE HAS BEEN AN ACCUMULATION OF SNOW AND/OR ICE FOUR INCHES OR MORE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6 AM AND 11 PM PREVAILING TIME.**

**The declaration requires that: all vehicles have either snow tires or chains AND all parked vehicles on the designated roadways be moved or they will be towed. The police will attempt to contact the vehicle owners prior to having a vehicle towed; however, if you are not contacted it doesn't remove your obligation to remove the vehicle and will not be an excuse to not have moved the vehicle. Vehicles are towed at the owner's expense, no exceptions.**

**Emergency declarations will be announced through CodeRED, on the Radio, and television. If you have any questions please contact Borough Hall.**

## SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE #386

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING OWNERS, OCCUPANTS, AND TENANTS OF PROPERTY TO REMOVE SNOW AND/OR ICE FROM SIDEWALKS ABUTTING THEIR PROPERTY; PROHIBITING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND/OR ICE ONTO THE CARTWAY OF A PUBLIC STREET OR ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNER; PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SNOW AND/OR ICE MAY BE REMOVED BY THE BOROUGH AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OWNER, OCCUPANT, OR TENANT OF THE PROPERTY, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

### Section I. Definitions

- B. "Remove" or "Removal" - shall mean physically taking away of snow and/or ice from the sidewalk, or, in the event that snow and/or ice is so frozen or hardened that it cannot be physically taken away from the sidewalk without injury, the use of salt, sand, or similar abrasive to provide safe passage over the sidewalk.
- C. "Sidewalk" - shall mean any improved pavement or part thereof fronting on a street and located within the curb line and the building (property) line of said street as it appears on the topographical map of the Borough. This term shall also mean any unimproved or ground surface area or part thereof fronting on a street and located within the curb line and the building (property) line of said street as it appears on the topographical survey of the Borough if such area is used or usable as a walkway by the general public.

### Section II. Snow and/or Ice to be Removed From Sidewalks.

- A. The owner, occupant, or tenant of every property fronting upon or alongside of any of the streets of the Borough of St. Lawrence is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed all snow and ice from sidewalks in front of or alongside such property, for the entire width of the sidewalk within twenty four (24) hours after said snow and/or ice has ceased to fall or be formed on said sidewalks.
- B. The owner of record of a property shall be responsible for compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance, whether such property is occupied by such owner or not, or is unoccupied or vacant, or is a multiplebusiness, multiple-residential, or other multiple-dwelling property occupied by more than one tenant or occupant.
- C. The tenant or occupant if a property shall be jointly responsible with the owner of record for conforming to the requirements of this Ordinance where such property is occupied by one commercial or residential tenant or occupant.
- D. It shall be deemed to be a violation of this Ordinance to remove snow and/or ice in such a manner as to place said snow and/or ice in the cartway of a public street, or on the property of another person or entity without the consent of the owner or person authorized to act on behalf of the owner. Any person or persons violating this provision of this Ordinance, or causing or contributing to such a violation, shall be subject to all costs, fines property liens, and penalties set forth in this Ordinance.

### Section IV. Penalties for Violation.

- A. Any owner, occupant, or tenant who shall fail to remove snow and/or ice from any sidewalk as required by Section II of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof before a Magisterial District Judge be sentenced to pay a fine or penalty as follows:
1. Twenty Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$25.00) for the first offense in any Winter Season.
  2. Fifty Dollars and 00/100 (\$50.00) for the second offense in any Winter Season.
  3. One Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$100.00) for the third or subsequent offense in any Winter Season,
- B. Each successive twenty four (24) hours of failure to remove said snow and/or ice as required by this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense punishable by a fine or penalty.





*Lycorma adult*  
Photograph by  
Holly Raguza,  
PA Dept of Agriculture

## SPOTTED LANTERNFLY WINTER ERADICATION OPTIONS

*Lycorma delicatula*

Photograph by  
Lawrence Barringer,  
PA Dept of Agriculture



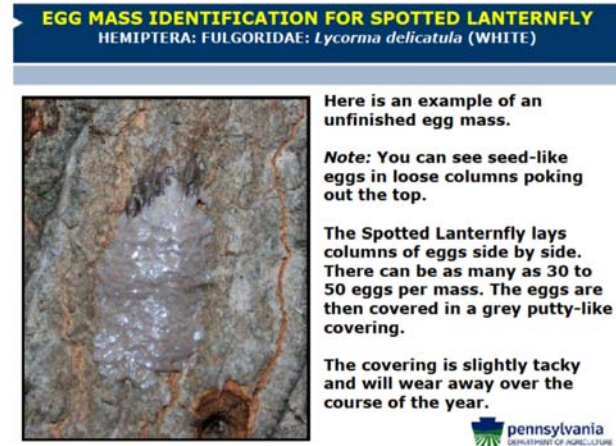
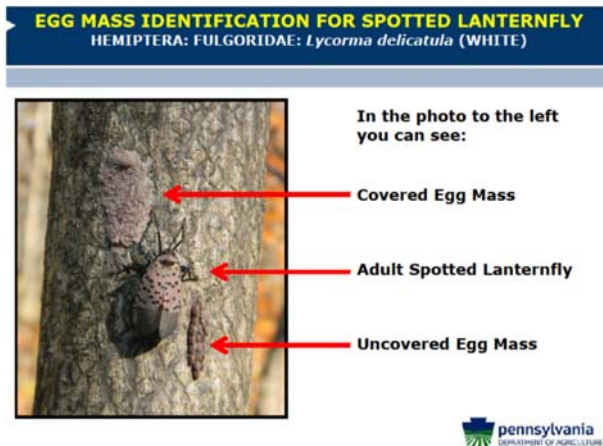
The invasive spotted lanternfly has been found in southeastern counties in Pennsylvania. We are trying to eradicate this potential pest. **There is a quarantine order in place that prohibits movement of any living life stage of this insect to areas outside of the quarantine area. To find information 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](http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Protect/PlantIndustry/spotted_lanternfly)

### DESTROYING EGG MASSES

If you find any life stage of spotted lanternfly in a municipality where it is known to exist, you should try to destroy it. This insect is considered a threat to some crops and many people are working to try to prevent it from spreading. 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoFp_MbDiE8)

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=-rvAUFtHvv4>



### REMOVE AILANTHUS TREES

*Ailanthus altissima*, the tree preferred by the spotted lanternfly is itself an invasive plant. 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, imazapyr 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](http://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](http://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.

From Information Prepared By: Emelie Swackhamer, Horticulture Extension Educator, Montgomery County, Feb, 2017.



# 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](http://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

**NO PICKUP THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS**

**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 2017

#### 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](http://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

**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

**CRIME**



**ALERT BERKS COUNTY**

Toll Free 1-877-373-9913

JANUARY 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 COUNCIL REORGANIZATION & MONTHLY MTG	3 TRASH/ RECYCLE	4 YARD WASTE	5	6
7	8	9 TRASH/RECYCLE	10	11 COUNCIL MTG YARD WASTE	12	13
14	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 TRASH/RECYCLE	17	18 YARD WASTE	19	20
21	22	23 TRASH/RECYCLE	24 PLANNING	25 YARD WASTE	26	27
28	29	30 TRASH/RECYCLE	31	NOTE: TRASH COLLECTION CHANGE - JANUARY 3		

FEBRUARY 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 TRASH/RECYCLE	7	8 COUNCIL MTG YARD WASTE	9	10
11	12	13 TRASH/RECYCLE	14	15 YARD WASTE	16	17
18	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 TRASH/RECYCLE	21	22 YARD WASTE	23	24
25	26	27 TRASH/RECYCLE	28 PLANNING			

MARCH 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SPECIAL EVENT: MARCH 30 EGG HUNT 9 AM SHARP - ST LAWRENCE PLAYGROUND				1	2	3
4	5	6 TRASH/RECYCLE	7	8 COUNCIL MTG YARD WASTE	9	10
11	12	13 TRASH/RECYCLE	14	15 YARD WASTE	16	17
18	19	20 TRASH/RECYCLE	21	22 YARD WASTE	23	24
25	26	27 TRASH/RECYCLE	28 PLANNING	29 YARD WASTE	30 EGG HUNT OFFICE CLOSED	31

**APRIL 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 TRASH/RECYCLE	4	5 YARD WASTE	6	7
8	9	10 TRASH/RECYCLE	11	12 COUNCIL MTG YARD WASTE	13	14 HHW
15	16	17 TRASH/RECYCLE	18	19 YARD WASTE	20	21 PAPER SHRED
22	23	24 TRASH/RECYCLE	25 PLANNING	26 YARD WASTE	27	28
29	30	Note: APRIL 14th * Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Governor Mifflin Intermediate School 600 Governor Drive in Shillington - 8 AM to 2 PM APRIL 21st * Paper Shredding 8 AM to 2 PM @ Gov Mifflin Intermediate School				

**MAY 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TRASH/RECYCLE	2	3 YARD WASTE	4	5
6	7	8 TRASH/RECYCLE	9	10 COUNCIL MTG YARD WASTE	11	12
13	14	15 TRASH/RECYCLE OFFICE CLOSED ELECTION DAY	16	17 YARD WASTE	18	19
20	21	22 TRASH/RECYCLE	23 PLANNING	24 YARD WASTE	25	26
27	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29	30 TRASH/RECYCLE	31 YARD WASTE	Note: Holiday Trash Change	

**JUNE 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 TRASH/RECYCLE	6	7 YARD WASTE	8	9
10	11 PLAYGROUND OPENS	12 TRASH/RECYCLE	13	14 COUNCIL MTG YARD WASTE	15	16
17	18	19 TRASH/RECYCLE	20	21 YARD WASTE	22	23
24	25	26 TRASH/RECYCLE	27 PLANNING	28 YARD WASTE	29	30