

## Big Steps with Little Steps E.C.C.

By Jeremy Winterstein

Lexi Kennedy, a name familiar throughout the SVSD, has brought a new, yet familiar, childhood center to Leesport by opening *Little Steps Early Childhood Center* on Leesport Avenue in May of 2022.

Many residents may already be familiar with the location of the center as it was once *Tikes and Tots Daycare*, where Lexi worked until the previous owner retired. Already having a rapport with countless families and the community, Lexi embraced the idea of reopening the center and making it her own. After months of paperwork, inspections, and sleepless nights, *Little Steps E.C.C.* came to life.

Little Steps offers education and family care services for children of all ages. Her education focuses on five key areas of child development including: physical, social, emotional, language and cognition, using play-based, hands-on learning with activities focusing on motor, literacy, math, friendship, and outdoor skills.

The center operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to school age students that live within the Schuylkill Valley School District have access to buses for transportation.

Lexi graduated from Hamburg High School and is currently pursuing her master's degree in Early Childhood Development at Ashworth College.

Lexi is a certified Child Development Associate (CDA) in preschool education as well as skilled in American Sign Language (ASL), Picture Exchange Communication System (PEC), Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), in addition to many behavior management certifications and trainings.

Outside of operating *Little Steps E.C.C.*, Lexi is very involved in activities around the community as she coaches soccer, basketball and baseball for boys and girls at Schuylkill Valley.

For those interested in *Little Steps E.C.C.*, Lexi can be reached by email at [LittlestepsECC@gmail.com](mailto:LittlestepsECC@gmail.com) or by phone at 610-468-1804. You can also visit their website at [www.littlestepsearlychildhoodcenter.com](http://www.littlestepsearlychildhoodcenter.com).

About the author:

Jeremy is a local Leesport musician who enjoys writing songs, novels, screenplays, blogs, and articles.

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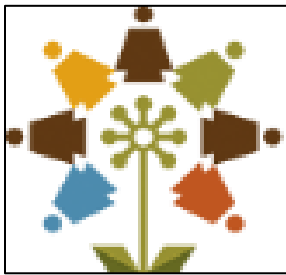
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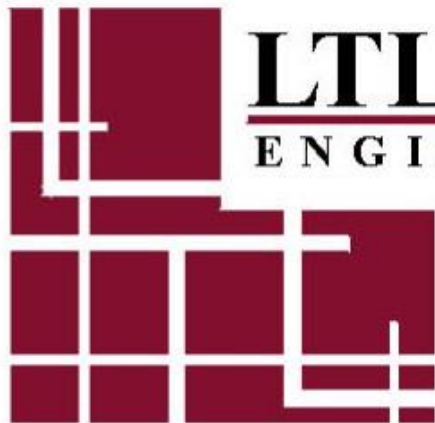
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## Overview of Ordinances

**No. 344** – The Borough of Leesport find that the riding and or use of skateboards on public sidewalks and streets within the Borough may be dangerous to the public safety; and that riding or use of skateboards on public sidewalks and streets may interfere with the safe vehicular travel of and may cause injury to pedestrians and others. [http://leesport.org/doc/ORD344\\_20080403123546.pdf](http://leesport.org/doc/ORD344_20080403123546.pdf)

**No. 380** – Provides regulations for private non-commercial swimming pools.

See the complete ordinance here: [http://leesport.org/doc/ORD380\\_20080401103949.pdf](http://leesport.org/doc/ORD380_20080401103949.pdf)

**No. 411** – For the prevention and control of air pollution (open burning). Borough Council has determined that air pollution from open burning may be detrimental to the health, comfort, living conditions, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Leesport Borough.

See the complete ordinance here: [http://leesport.org/doc/ORD411\\_20080314125843.pdf](http://leesport.org/doc/ORD411_20080314125843.pdf)

**No. 413** – Provides for requiring permits for certain alterations and repairs to residential buildings and certain accessory structures. [http://leesport.org/doc/ORD413\\_20080314130526.pdf](http://leesport.org/doc/ORD413_20080314130526.pdf)

To see other frequently referenced borough ordinances, visit [www.leesport.org](http://www.leesport.org)



**FREE TIRE  
COLLECTION  
EVENT**

The Berks County Conservation District's Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program will be holding a [free tire collection](#) **April 6<sup>th</sup>** from 8am-3pm. Appointments are required. Send an email with your preferred appointment time to [info@berkscd.com](mailto:info@berkscd.com). The collection will be held at **Allegheny Towing and Salvage Company**, Birdsboro.

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- Willingness to learn department and government rules, regulations, policies, procedures and functions.

Visit [www.lesport.org](http://www.lesport.org) for a full job description.



Leesport Borough Hall  
27 S. Canal Street

### Borough of Leesport 2023 Meeting Dates

**Recreation Board** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7pm

**Ad Hoc Council** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6pm

**Budget Committee** - After Ad Hoc (as needed)

**Council** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6pm

**Buildings & Properties** - After council (as needed)

**Personnel** - After council (as needed)

**Roads** - After council (as needed)

**Water** - After council (as needed)

**Planning Commission** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6pm (as needed)

**Water Authority** - After council (Mar., Jun., Sept., Dec.)



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## Helping manage animal overpopulation by spaying/neutering pet.

Spaying or neutering your pet prevents more animals from becoming homeless down the road. At the Animal Rescue League of Berks County, we do our part by spaying and neutering all dogs and cats in our care before placing them into a new home! Should you need to have your pet spay or neuter, you can make an appointment through the ARL's Surgery Center at [www.berksarl.org/spay-neuter](http://www.berksarl.org/spay-neuter).

## Ensuring pets are properly identified and their information in databases is correct/up to date.

Microchips are proven to be the most effective identification source in helping your pet return home in the case they get lost, but don't forget: To maximize their effectiveness, it is important to ensure all registration and contact information is correct and up to date. Other methods of identification can help too, such as having your pet wear an ID tag on a collar and having clear, well-lit, full-length, and close-up pictures of your pet on your phone or computer to share with police, shelters, and websites in case he or she ever goes missing.

## Socializing and or training your pet.

Appropriate socialization and training for your pet can improve the quality of life for your pet because it promotes confidence, provides mental stimulation, and strengthens the human-animal bond. Training can also help alleviate deeper feelings of anxiety and stress that are often presented as unwanted behavioral issues.

## Providing exercise and mental stimulation for your pet.

Exercise and mental stimulation are just as crucial for development in our animal companions as it is for people. It is worth asking how much time you can commit to exercising your pet and how much space you have in your home and/or property for a new pet before bringing a new animal companion home.

## Caring for the world around you.

Your pet is a part of the ecosystem around you, which is why it is important to care for the world around you together. Committing to proper waste disposal and not allowing pets to become stray or feral are easy ways to look after an animal companion and the ecosystem responsibly.

Now that you've learned what it takes to be a responsible pet owner, it's time to do some research on caring for your desired pet. Then, once you think you're ready to find a new animal companion, check out the ARL adoptables at [www.berksarl.org](http://www.berksarl.org) to see who is waiting for their new forever home! The Animal Rescue League of Berks County is the Animal Control agency for the Borough of Leesport. For information about services you can call 610-373-8830 or email [info@berksarl.org](mailto:info@berksarl.org).

## Leesport Borough

### BUDGET 2023

#### GENERAL FUND

INCOME	
REAL ESTATE TAXES	\$ 518,000
TAXES ENABLING	\$ 296,000
FINES	\$ 6,200
INTEREST	\$ 240
STATE REVENUE	\$ 4,800
GENERAL CHARGES	\$ 456,500
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 35,000
REFUNDS	\$ 40,900
BALANCE 2022	\$ 100,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 1,457,640</b>

#### EXPENSES

LEGISLATIVE	\$ 17,650
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 41,500
TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 17,300
SECRETARY	\$ 63,000
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 142,400
BUILDINGS & PROPERTIES	\$ 27,000
POLICE	\$ 497,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 57,000
HIGHWAYS	\$ 27,000
CONTRACT SERVICE	\$ 217,000
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION	\$ 227,790
REFUNDS	
RECREATION	\$ 86,000
INSURANCE	\$ 37,000
DONATIONS	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,457,640</b>

#### WATER FUND

INCOME	
INTEREST	\$ 300
WATER SALES	\$ 525,000
TAPPING FEES	\$ 10,000
REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ 6,000
CARRY OVER	\$ 100,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 641,300</b>

#### EXPENSES

WATER SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	\$ 166,800
WATER TRANSPORTATION	\$ 474,500
DEBT LOAN	

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 641,300**

To be passed at the Council meeting October 19, 2022 at the Leesport Borough Hall, 27 S. Canal St., Leesport, PA 19533 At 6 p.m. ....  
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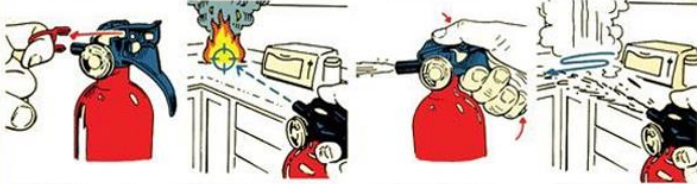
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# EMERGENCY SERVICES

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## HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

# P A S S



**P** Pull the pin in the handle

**A** Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire

**S** Squeeze the lever slowly

**S** Sweep from side to side



## Thank you!

We greatly appreciate everyone who helped contribute to another successful Chicken BBQ on February 12.

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# EMERGENCY SERVICES

**Northern Berks Regional Police Department** – 37 Ontelaunee Dr., Reading, PA 19605 - [www.nbrpd.org](http://www.nbrpd.org)

The Northern Berks Regional Police Department is pleased to announce that we will be expanding soon, with the addition of two more police officers, and the creation of two police supervisor (Corporal) positions. We expect this process to be completed in the springtime.

Our police cars and our officers are also now equipped with video cameras. There are in-car video systems mounted inside the vehicles that record inside and outside the vehicle, along with body-worn cameras that the officers deploy on every shift. If you are contacted by a Northern Berks Regional Police Officer, there is a very good chance that you are being recorded. This is for your safety as well as the safety of the police officer.

Finally, as the weather begins to get milder, and the days start to get longer, please remember to drive carefully and watch for children who are out playing. Soon enough, we will be holding our annual National Night Out at the Schuylkill Valley High School on August 1st, 2023. We hope to see you there!

Chief James Keiser

**NBRPD Police Commission Meetings**  
6pm at the Ontelaunee Township Building

March 13, April 10, May 8

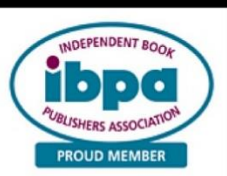
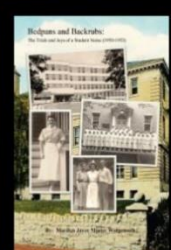
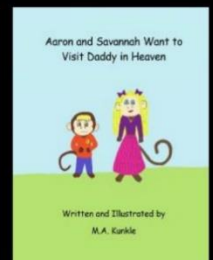
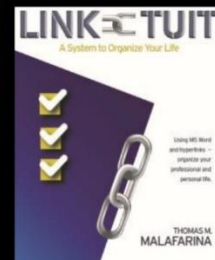
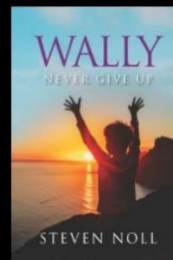
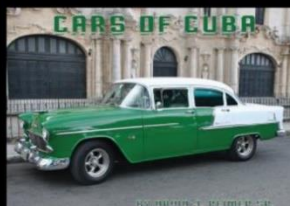


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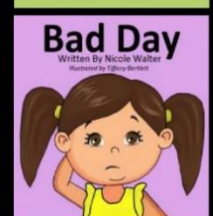
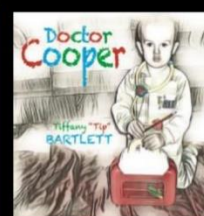
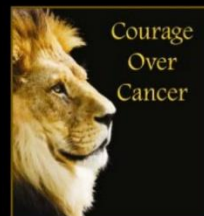
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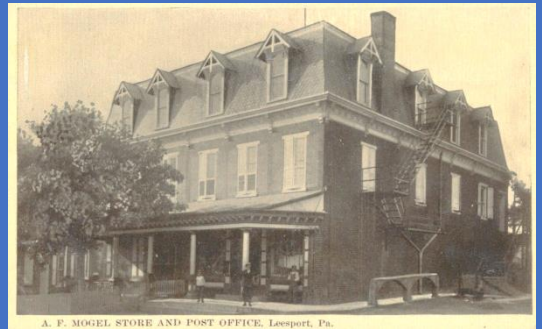
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## Did you know?

Did you know that The Leesport Area Historical Society is located on Main Street at the Old West Leesport School? There are many pictures of Leesport, Mohrsville, Centerport and other towns in the area.



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### LAHS March, April, and May Calendar of Events:

Sunday, March 5: 1pm-4pm – Open House at the Museum

Monday, March 27: 7pm – LAHS Program

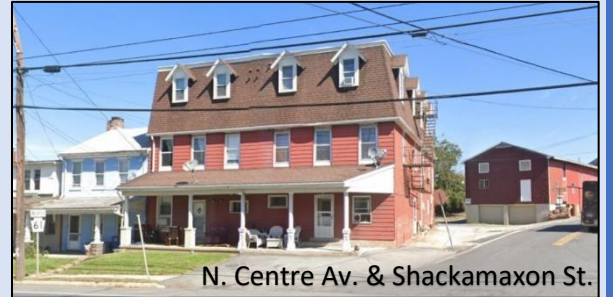
Lynn Otto presents – “A Walk with Conrad Weiser”

### Annual Easter Flower Sale

Saturday, April 1: 8am-6pm, Sunday April 2: 11am-5pm

Friday, April 7: 8am-6pm, Saturday April 8: 8am-6pm

Location: Route 61 and Apple Street



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## Legislative Contact Information

PA House Dist. 5<sup>th</sup> – Barry J. Jozwiak (R): 610-378-4407 – ([www](#))

PA Senate Dist. 48<sup>th</sup> – Chris Gebhard (R): 717-274-6735 – ([www](#))

US Senate – Robert Casey Jr. (D), John Fetterman (D) – ([www](#))

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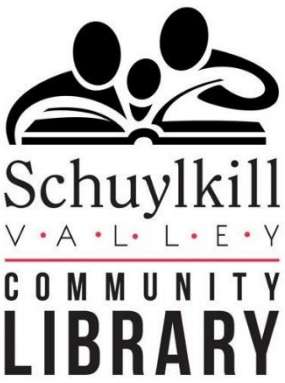


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# Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 1st at 1pm**

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual**  
**Golf**  
Tournament

**Sunday, April 23rd**

# Book Sale

Fri. & Sat., May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

For more information about these events, stop by the library or visit <https://www.berkslibraries.org/branch/schuylkill-valley>

# Laura Reiger

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Booking info



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## Trash and Recycling Schedule

March							April							May						
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# Trash

# Trash & Recycling

# Holiday

### MARCH 2023

- 1 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 5 – LAHS Open House at the Museum, 1pm-4pm
- 8 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 12 – Daylight Savings Time begins
- 15 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 27 – LAHS Program - Lynn Otto presents – “A Walk with Conrad Weiser”, 7pm

### APRIL 2023

- 1 – LAHS Easter Flower Sale. Location: Route 61 and Apple Street. 8am-6pm
- 2 – LAHS Easter Flower Sale. Location: Route 61 and Apple Street. 11am-5pm
- 5 – Recreation Board Meeting, Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm.
- 7 – LAHS Easter Flower Sale. Location: Route 61 and Apple Street. 8am-6pm
- 8 – LAHS Easter Flower Sale. Location: Route 61 and Apple Street. 8am-6pm
- 12 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 19 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 22 – Earth Day

### MAY 2023

- 3 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 10 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 14 – Mother’s Day
- 17 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 29 – Memorial Day



# BANNER PROGRAM

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