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A quarterly publication of the Borough of Leesport

Fire Company to Celebrate Anniversary

The Union Fire Company #1 of Leesport is thrilled to celebrate its 125 Anniversary of dedicated service to the community in 2025. To mark this milestone, the company will host and participate in a variety of community events and fundraisers throughout the year.

April 6 – Special Bingo with unique prizes. Watch for details.

April 19 – Easter Egg Hunt at the fire house. Watch for details.

May 17 – Junior Firefighter Training Day

This action packed day is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of firefighters! This event will feature a variety of hands-on stations where young participants can experience what it's like to be a firefighter. The day will conclude with a community movie night, so bring the whole family

July 19 - Cornhole Tournament & Gun Raffle

This fun-filled day will feature a lively cornhole competition and the drawing of winners for the highly anticipated gun raffle. Attendees can also enjoy delicious food, exciting activities, and a great time with family and friends.

August 5 – National Night Out

Hosted by the Northern Berks Regional Police Department, National Night Out provides a chance to strengthen relationships and foster a sense of unity among community members.

September 5 & 6 – Leesport Community Days

Hosted each year by the Leesport Area Historical Society, this event in the park is a beloved highlight for our community. This year, neighboring fire companies have been invited to bring their apparatus to the event, adding to the excitement. The money raffle drawing will also take place during the event, with over \$8,500 in prizes across 39 winners. Only 4,000 tickets are available for purchase at \$5 each, so don't miss your chance to win!

October 4 – 125th Anniversary Banquet

October 14 – Fire Company Open House

A dedicated website has been launched to keep you updated on all the exciting events and details as planning continues.

Visit the website at https://sites.google.com/view/leesport-125

As always, the Union Fire Company #1 of Leesport is seeking volunteers to assist with upcoming events and to join the ranks as firefighters. Anyone interested is encouraged to stop by the station on Tuesdays from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM to learn more and chat with the team. Additionally, Bingo is held every Thursday at 6:00 PM at the social quarters, between Labor Day and Memorial Day.

The fire company looks forward to seeing everyone at these events to help celebrate this milestone year!

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Dear Neighbors,

Spring is in the air, and with it comes a renewed sense of excitement and opportunity for our borough! We have some truly exciting projects, improvements, and events ahead that will make Leesport even better.

One that I'm particularly thrilled about is the 125th Anniversary of the Union Fire Company of Leesport—what an incredible milestone for our community!

I'm also so proud to see the spirit of neighborliness that thrives here in Leesport. During our recent winter weather events, it was heartwarming to witness so many of you helping one another. That's what makes our borough special: neighbors supporting neighbors.

Here's to a season of growth, connection, and continued community spirit. I look forward to all the great things to come as we work together to make Leesport an even better place to live, work, and play!

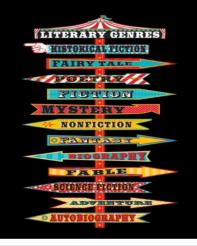
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GENERAL FUND INCOME REAL ESTATE TAXES \$818,218 TAXES ENABLING

\$308,000 FINES \$7,000 \$4,050 INTEREST STATE REVENUE \$4,800 **GENERAL CHARGES** \$378,200 \$30,000

PUBLIC SAFETY REFUNDS BALANCE 2024 \$100,000 TOTAL INCOME \$1,660,968

EXPENSES LEGISLATIVE \$17,250 **ADMINISTRATIVE \$** 37,500 TAX COLLECTOR \$30,700

SECRETARY \$53,000 PROFESSIONAL \$ 146,800 SERVICES

BUILDINGS & PROPERTIES \$42,000 POLICE \$ 500,000 **PUBLIC SAFETY** \$ 142,000 HIGHWAYS \$40,000 CONTRACT SERVICE \$ 211,000

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION \$ 180,718 RECREATION \$186,000 \$50,000 INSURANCE CAPITAL RESERVE

\$ 24,000 **EXPENSE** TOTAL EXPENSES

WATER FUND INCOME INTEREST \$4,000

WATER SALES \$600,000 TAPPING FEES \$20,000 \$ 6,000 \$ 100,000 \$ 730,000 REIMBURSEMENTS CASH CARRY OVER TOTAL INCOME

EXPENSES

WATER SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION \$153,000 WATER

\$577,000 TRANSPORTATION

DEBT LOAN TOTAL EXPENSES \$730,000

To be passed at the Council meeting November 20, 2024, at the Leesport Borough Hall, 27 S. Canal St., Leesport, PA 19533 at 6 p.m.... Sandra L Pascavage Manager Sec Treasurer

Borough of Leesport 2025 Meeting Dates

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday, 7pm Ad Hoc Council – 2nd Wednesday, 6pm

Budget Committee - After Ad Hoc (as needed)

Council – 3rd 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 – 2nd Monday, 6pm (as needed)

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

About the Newsletter

The staff of the Leesport Reporter newsletter welcomes you back to the Spring 2025 Edition. The Leesport Reporter newsletter is a quarterly newsletter, and our objective is to bring news and information everyone can use. We hope that you will find it beneficial. We encourage you to support the local merchants whose advertising pays the cost of this publication. Let them know you saw their ad here. The staff of the Leesport Reporter newsletter is the final authority and reserves the right to refuse any and all material, including articles, and advertisement that they determine do not fit the objectives of this newsletter.

Drought Warning Continues: Conservation Measures in Effect

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Leesport Borough remains under a drought warning, and local officials are urging all residents to reduce water usage by 10-15%. Please remain mindful of your water usage and look for additional ways to minimize waste in your household. With little to no significant precipitation expected in the near term, these measures may remain in effect for an extended period. Thank you for your continued cooperation in conserving our valuable water resources.



www.drought.gov/states/pennsylvania/county/berks





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SV YOUTH SOCCER SPRING UPDATE

Exciting things are happening at Schuylkill Valley Youth Soccer. Our Fall and Spring seasons have been bursting with soccer players, and we couldn't be happier! SV Youth Soccer loves being part of this community, because for us, community is what soccer is all about. Youth soccer provides an opportunity for kids to get outside, away from screens, and to make friends with other local kids while playing soccer. Players represent our Schuylkill Valley community, and these positive experiences will stick with them for years to come.

We are even more excited to introduce our brand new, U15 Boys Spring Team, led by veteran coach John Yoder. For the first time in what seems like a decade, we have a senior boys team to represent SVYS! We can't wait to see what they can do.

SV Youth Soccer currently offers soccer for local kids ages 4-14. Our Fall 2025 season will open for registration in May and close May 31 for U9-U14. Our U6 & U8 registration closes June 30. Don't miss the deadline!!! Check our website for additional information, www.SVyouthSoccer.com. Or, email syysinfosoccer@gmail.com with any questions.



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Summer Playground Program



Give your child a summer of endless possibilities with our YMCA Summer Playgrounds! Our four AWESOME playground locations run Monday through Friday, June 16-August 8. Sites are open from 9 AM – 1 PM.

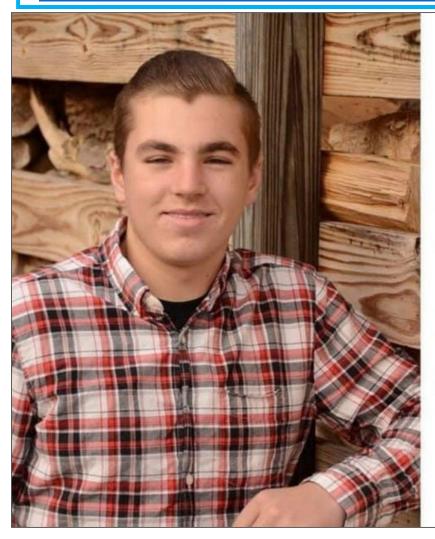
At all of our locations, we promise safe programs, plenty of fun and the sun, and pavilion use in the event of inclement weather, all for a one-time fee! Don't delay, sign your child up today and make Summer 2025 one they'll remember for years to come!

Children must be 5 and have completed 1 year of kindergarten to attend. Children may attend until the age of 12.

Leesport Branch: Tri Valley

VIEW Dates: 6/13/25 - 8/8/25

www.ymcarbc.org/programs/109/summer-playground/



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Foundation created to raise support for our community.





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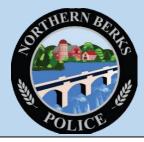


Donations appreciated & accepted Reach out if you are also in need of support.

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Northern Berks Regional Police Department – 37 Ontelaunee Dr., Reading, PA 19605 - www.nbrpd.org









Union Fire Co. #1 of Leesport - 18 E. Wall St., P.O. Box 777, Leesport, PA 19533 - www.leesportfirecompany37.com

















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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Spring into Safety & Health with Northern Berks EMS! Helping you prepare because we care!

As the weather warms up and outdoor activities increase, Northern Berks EMS reminds our community to stay safe and healthy this spring. Follow these important tips to enjoy the season while protecting yourself and your loved ones. Check out our website www.northernberksems.com and follow us on Facebook for up to date information.

Allergy & Asthma Awareness – Pollen levels rise in spring, triggering allergies and asthma flare-ups. Monitor air quality, keep windows closed on high-pollen days, and carry necessary medications like inhalers or antihistamines.

Heat & Sun Safety – Longer days mean more sun exposure. Prevent heat exhaustion by staying hydrated, wearing sunscreen (SPF 30+), and taking breaks in the shade. Never leave children or pets in hot cars.

Outdoor Activity Safety – Whether you're biking, hiking, or jogging, wear appropriate safety gear, use reflective clothing, and be aware of your surroundings. If you're engaging in sports, stretch beforehand to prevent injuries.

Tick & Insect Protection – Protect yourself from Lyme disease and other insect-borne illnesses by using bug spray, wearing long sleeves in wooded areas, and checking for ticks after being outdoors.

Safe Travel & Driving – Warmer weather means more people on the road. Drive cautiously, avoid distractions, and watch for cyclists and pedestrians. If you or a loved one experience a medical emergency, don't hesitate to call 911.

Northern Berks EMS is committed to keeping our community safe and healthy.

Have a wonderful and safe spring!

Currently hiring paramedics and EMT's. Visit www.northernberks.com for details.

Northern Berks EMS - 26 E. Wall St., P.O. Box 625, Leesport, PA 19533 - www.northernberksems.com

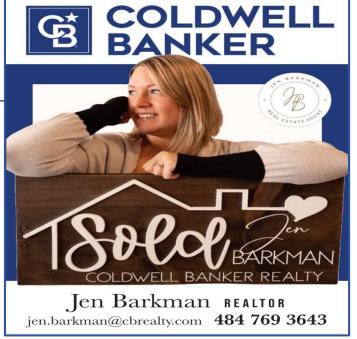
St. Luke's Medical Center to Open in Spring

A 22,500-square-foot medical center under construction at the SE corner of Rt. 61 and Cherry Street is set to open in spring, according to St. Luke's University Health Network.

The facility will include urgent care, lab services, occupational medicine, X-ray and women's imaging, orthopedics, primary care physicians and outpatient physical therapy.







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Legislative Contact Information

PA House Dist. 5th – Eric Weaknecht (R): 610-378-4407 – (www)
PA Senate Dist. 48th – Chris Gebhard (R): 717-274-6735 – (www)
US Senate – David McCormick (D), John Fetterman (D) – (www)
US Rep. PA 4th Dist. – Congresswoman Madeleine Dean (D) – (www)



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Please contact our District Office at 610-562-3411 to register. Please bring your vehicle registration card.

2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Now Open

The application period for the state's 2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is now open for eligible Pennsylvanians to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent paid last year.

Income limits increased again this year to \$46,520 for both homeowners and renters. The maximum rebate is \$1,000. The program is open to residents aged 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older.

Apply online at <u>mypath.pa.gov</u> or contact my office for help. Additional information about the program is available here.

Applications for 2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebates are due by June 30, 2025.



Leesport Area Historical Society

March

1 - LAHS Open House. 10am to 2pm

2 – LAHS Open House 1pm to 4pm

24 - LAHS Program "Medicine During the Civil War" with Dave Smoot at Bethany Church. 7pm

April

5 - LAHS Open House. 10am to 2pm

6 - LAHS Open House. 1pm to 4pm

12 - LAHS Easter Flower Sale. Rt. 61 / Apple Street. 10am to 6pm

13 – LAHS Easter Flower Sale. Rt. 61 / Apple Street. 11am to 4pm

18 - LAHS Easter Flower Sale. Rt. 61 / Apple Street. 8am to 6pm

19 - LAHS Easter Flower Sale. Rt. 61 / Apple Street. 8am to closing

26 - LAHS Participating in Berks History Day at Daniel Boone Homestead. 10am to 4pm

28 - LAHS Business Meeting with "Show & Tell" at Bethany Church. 7pm

May

3 - LAHS Open House. 10am to 2pm

4 - LAHS Open House. 1pm to 4pm

19 - LAHS Program "Pilgrimage to Disaster" with Brian Engelhardt at Bethany Church. 7pm

26 - LAHS Participating in Memorial Day Program at Walt Pearson Memorial Park. 1pm





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The Leesport Lockhouse

March

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4 - Leesport Lock House. Garden Tour Meeting. 7pm

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3 – Redware Pottery Workshops. Bethany Church. 9:30am and 1pm. Call 610-926-5770 for reservation.

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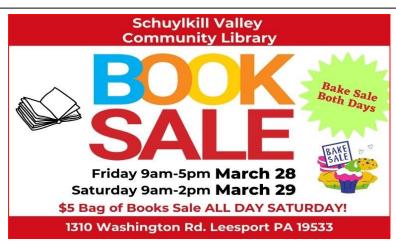
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April 12 – Easter Egg Hunt & Chick Pictures

April 16 – Commissioners Meeting 6pm-8pm

April 27 – Golf Tournament

May – Spring Plant Sale



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Director - svcldirector@gmail.com

Youth Librarian - svclyouth@gmail.com

Guess who's peeping into the library!

April 12th -Egg hunt & pictures with the chicks photo station provided

Crafternoons! - An all ages self-serve crafting station. Stop in to complete or take home a craft every Saturday!

Fairytale Friends - 30 minute program of short stories, silly songs, nursery rhymes, puppets, instruments, scarfs & more! Hosted the 2nd Saturday every month, at 9:30 AM!

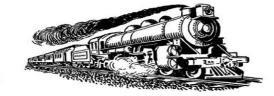
Pages & Popcorn - A youth book club created to have fun reading and watching books and their movies! Held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1pm!

Builders Night -Join us the last Monday of every month from 5-7 PM for a mixed medium building experience! Legos, magna tiles, k'nex, blocks, & more!

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Trash & Recycling

Holiday

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