

THE LEESPORT REPORTER

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Pride in Ownership. Pride in Community.

When we say "pride in ownership", we mean that the homeowner has taken great care to maintain their house or property to keep it neat, clean, and attractive. Such as making sure that things are fixed as soon as they break, as opposed to years later when everything has begun to fall apart. Making sure that the inside and outside are clean and tidy on a regular basis so that they look as good as or even better than when the house was originally attained, as opposed to not doing anything and letting things get really dirty and bad. Pride in ownership isn't necessarily measured by how much money you throw at your place either. All you have to do is invest some time and effort, like good old fashioned weekend work that results in making your place look its very best.

General up-keep like; mowing grass, pulling weeds, trimming trees and bushes; removing clutter and debris from all sides of the house doesn't cost any money, but is the most time consuming work that there is around our homes. Being proud of our property means we've placed it at the top of our priority list, the better we take care of them, the better it looks and the longer they will last.

Pride in ownership is two-fold. Its pride in having a place that is of our creation and lifestyle, and it's making a commitment to our community by showing you care about what your property looks like.

We should be proud of our house, property, and community as it represents who we are. It's a place where we create and share memories with the people we care about.

Emma Vargas



**NATIONAL
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DAY**

Sunday September 28, 2022

"Good neighbors make great neighborhoods."

National Good Neighbor Day was established to reinforce the relationships that form the fabric of our communities. Bringing neighbors together builds connectedness and connectedness builds more satisfying, self-sufficient and effective communities that strengthen our nation as a whole.

To learn more, visit: www.nationalgoodneighborday.com

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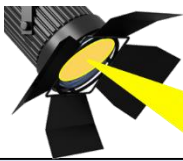
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Business Spotlight

It's that time of the year again!

All those great activities are too tempting to resist. Cookouts, yard work, home improvements, the neighborhood basketball game, but now your back hurts. Where do you turn to get some relief?

Did you know there is a cutting-edge physical therapy office near you with a staff which cares, listens, and provides top-notch service?

At South Mountain Physical therapy, we will address your P.T. needs while surpassing all your expectations! We would love to meet you and help to make a positive difference for you.

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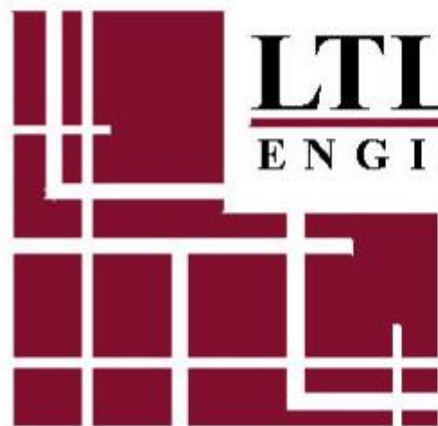
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Join the Club!

Books? Crafts? Cooking? No matter your interest, you can find others who share your passion at the library! Join some of our other fantastic library patrons at any of our monthly/weekly clubs.

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Overview of Ordinances

No. 335 – Regulating the grading of sidewalk areas, the construction and repair of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, driveway entrances and retaining walls; regulating the planting of trees and shrubbery in or near the sidewalk area; regulating the making of openings or excavations in or under streets, alleys and side areas, and the storage or depositing of materials on streets, alleys, and sidewalk areas; requiring the placement of signs, barriers and lights.

See the complete ordinance here: http://leesport.org/doc/ORD335_20080407150734.pdf

No. 394 – Providing for the control of noises, prohibiting certain noises and providing for enforcement.

See the complete ordinance here: http://leesport.org/doc/ORD394_20080401123506.pdf

No. 441 – For the prevention and control of air pollution. (Open burning)

See the complete ordinance here: http://leesport.org/doc/ORD411_20080314125843.pdf

No. 459 – Restricting the height of weeds, brush, grass and other vegetation from unkept properties.

See the complete ordinance here: http://leesport.org/doc/ORD459weeds_20160812130821.pdf

No. 480 – Prohibiting the placing of leaves or grass clippings or other lawn or garden waste upon public property or on or within the rights of way of borough roads or state highways.

See the complete ordinance here: <http://leesport.org/>

Born and raised in Berks County, I love helping my clients make their dreams into a reality. I know homeownership is a major commitment, and I will guide my clients every step of the way. I will stay in touch long after the transaction is over.



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Leesport Borough Hall
27 S. Canal Street

Borough of Leesport 2022 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, 7pm (as needed)

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



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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Borough of Leesport

We're pleased to present the year 2021 Quality on Tap Report to you.

This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Sources of Water:

Our water sources consist of three (3) groundwater wells, one (1) located within Leesport Borough and two (2) others which are located east of the borough in Ontelaunee Township.

Need more information?

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact:

Borough of Leesport
Sandra Weiser-Pascavage, borough manager
27 South Canal Street, Leesport, PA 19533, (610) 926-2115

Public Water Supply ID (PWSID) Number is 3060047

We look forward to continuing to serve the residents and businesses of our community.

The full report can be view online at www.leesport.org or at the borough hall.

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Volunteers are still needed in various non-firefighting support and fundraising roles too. Contact your neighborhood firefighter or visit the station on Tuesday evenings for more information.

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DEP Can Offer Assistance with Work in or Around a Stream or Wetland

During the spring and summer months, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection typically receives a high volume of complaints from the public regarding work in streams and wetlands. Upon inspection, we frequently find a number of these activities have occurred without permits, including dredging, which is cleaning out a stream; ditching, filling in or draining wetlands; placing fill in a floodway to build up the property; relocating a stream; stabilizing a stream bank; and installing culverts, bridges, boat docks or ramps.

Municipalities, homeowners, and landowners may not be aware that state, and often federal law requires a DEP permit for certain types of work they want to do on their own property within regulated waters of the Commonwealth. DEP is here as a resource and a partner for Pennsylvanians who are planning any activity in or around streams and wetlands, so the project can be done safely and without impacting the environment, public safety, or adjacent and downstream neighbors.

Just like the Public Utility Commission's 'PA One Call' for excavators, the best first step for homeowners and landowners is to call the local DEP office to find out what is required before any work begins.

Municipalities, residents, and landowners should follow these tips when conducting activities in and around streams:

- If there are low-lying, wet areas on the property where a landowner would like to fill in, consult first with the DEP Waterways and Wetlands program that serves your county.
- Do not mow or cut trees and shrubs along a stream's edge. This can potentially lead to stream-bank erosion. Leaving a buffer along the edge of a stream or wetland is an effective way to increase a stream bank's stability, reduce stream bank erosion, increase wildlife habitat, and provide a pollutant filtering area for surface water which drains through the buffer.
- If a project is being planned in a stream channel or floodway, work should not be conducted without the required permits within the channel or 50 feet from the top of the stream bank. A stream's floodway is typically 50 feet from the top of each stream bank unless a detailed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood study determines the floodway at issue is smaller or larger than 50 feet. FEMA floodplain study information can be found at local township and borough offices and online at FEMA's website.
- Filling, ditching, or draining of a wetland requires a permit from DEP and the Army Corps.

More information can be found by here:

https://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/FactSheets/StreamMaintenance/StreamMaintenanceBooklet_forWeb.pdf

<https://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/FactSheets/StreamMaintenance/StreamMaintenancePoster-Statewideforprint.pdf>

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



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The Leesport Lock House

The Leesport Lock House, built in 1834 by the Schuylkill Navigation Company, was an integral part of canal development and community and rural life from 1820 to the early 1900's. Through local research and an archaeological study, the stone house has been restored to its condition in the 1880-1910 period when the canal still functioned, and horse and wagon served as the major form of transportation.

- September 9 and Saturday September 10 – See us at community days selling cold drinks.
- September 24 – Garden Tour, 10am to 4pm. Purchase your \$10.00 ticket for a map of the gardens on display.
Demonstrations and items to bid on at the Lock House. Winners will be drawn at 4 pm. Lunch available.
- October 1 – Open House. 10am to 2pm. Guided tours and Museum room is open.
- October 4 – Meeting at 7pm.
- October 28 – Fall Fling. 6pm. Food, S'Mores, bonfire, and ghost stories. Rain date Oct. 29.
- November 5 – Open House from 10am to 2pm. Weather permitting. Guided tours and museum room open.
- November 13 – Decorate Lock House for Christmas. 1pm.
- November 19 – Holiday Open House. 10am to 4pm. Baked goods, crafts, and souvenirs for sale.
Warm cider and freshly baked cookies to sample.
- November 20 – Holiday Open House. Noon to 3 pm.

Bethany E. C. Church. 308 Main Street, Leesport. Worship Service at 9 am. Nursery available.

Sunday School for ages 3 to adults from 10:15 to 11:15 am.

Happy Retirement to Pastor Kirk Marks and Welcome to Rev. Charles Walker and wife Kathy.

Coffee Shop Theology – 9am every Tuesday - starting 7/26. Bible Study and prayer - 6:30pm - starting 7/28

Puzzle Club meets 7pm – 1st and 3rd Mondays. Church phone - 610-926-4706 Email – revcawalker12@gmail.com

Fresh Life Skate Jam is back!



Fresh Life Outreach will return this year for family-oriented fun with free food, drinks, music, games, biking, boarding, blading, scootering, and more. Bring your gear and enjoy the fun and excitement of a mini mobile SKATE PARK. There will be extra skateboards, helmets, and safety pads for anyone who is willing to give it a try. This event is FREE, but donations are appreciated to help fund future jams. All ages welcome! September 10. 3pm to dark

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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



LAHS September, October, and November Calendar of Events:

- Sept. 26 – LAHS Program, “My Experiences on 911” by Rodney Loose. Bethany EC Church 308 Main St., 7pm
- Oct. 24 – LAHS Business Meeting, Election of Officers and Budget Approval. Bethany EC Church 308 Main St., 7pm
- Nov. 28 – LAHS Program, “The Appalachian Trail” by Cindy Ross. Bethany EC Church 308 Main St., 7pm

About the newsletter

The staff of the *Leesport Reporter* newsletter welcomes you back to the Fall 2022 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.



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RIDES - GAMES - FOOD - MUSIC SHOWCASING

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Friday September 9, 2022 - 5pm - 10pm

Vintage Car Cruise - 5pm - 8pm

Music by 4Play - Classic Rock! 6pm - 10pm

Saturday September 10, 2022 - 4pm - 9pm

Music by Serene Green - Bluegrass! 6pm - 9pm

Fireworks at 9 pm sharp

Sound & DJ Services both nights : DJSLAMM Productions

Rain Date - Sunday September 11, 2022 - 3pm - 8pm

Presented by Leesport Area Historical Society

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Free Parking - Leesport Playground by the Library and Pool

Laura Reiger
PHOTOGRAPHY

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Themed Session
Booking info



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Trash and Recycling Schedule

September							October							November						
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 Holiday

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 7 – Recreation Board Meeting, Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 9 – 13th Annual Leesport Area Community Days, Leesport Playground. 5-10pm
- 10 – 13th Annual Leesport Area Community Days, Leesport Playground. 4-9pm (Sept. 11th rain date)
- 10 – Fresh Life SkateJam. Rachel Trois Park. Leesport Ave. 3pm to dark.
- 14 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting, Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 21 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 26 – LAHS Program, “My Experiences on 911” by Rodney Loose. Bethany EC Church 308 Main St., 7pm

OCTOBER 2022

- 2 – Open House at the Museum - West Leesport School, 1-4pm
- 5 – Recreation Board Meeting, Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm.
- 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
- 24 – LAHS Business Meeting, Election of Officers and Budget Approval. Bethany EC Church 308 Main St., 7pm

NOVEMBER 2022

- 2 – Recreation Board Meeting, Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 5 – 16th Annual Harvest Moon Festival, Leesport Playground. 5-8pm (Nov. 6th rain date)
- 6 – Open House at the Museum – West Leesport School. 1-4pm
- 9 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting, Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 16 – Borough Council Regular Meeting, Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 28 – LAHS Program, “The Appalachian Trail” by Cindy Ross. Bethany EC Church 308 Main St., 7pm

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