

Vida Café Celebrates Milestone

On April 16th, Vida Café Brunch & Tacos celebrated their 1-year anniversary in Leesport.

For Owner Nancy Quintero, Vida Café Brunch & Tacos is a dream come true. Having worked as a server at a Mexican restaurant for eight years, Quintero wanted her own place where she could serve up a menu full of authentic Mexican favorites. "I wanted to open something different where you can get sweet and salty at the same time", said Quintero. "I'm really excited to be serving the Leesport community. It's great to have customers enjoying our authentic Mexican dishes."

Breakfast items include Traditional Chilaquiles, Burritos, and Avocado Toast; for lunch and dinner, a Torta, the Vida Burrito, Quesadillas, Enchiladas, Sopas, Tinga Tostadas, Bistee Ranchero, Asada Fries, and Nachos just to name a few. For dessert, there are the Mini Conchas Rellanas, Mexican Bread, Churros, Mexican Ice Cream, and Bubble Waffles.

Vida Café Brunch & Tacos, located at 351 N. Centre Avenue (Route 61 NB), fills the Leesport Centre space previously occupied by Dino's Wings & Things.

Follow them on Facebook at "[Vida Cafe Brunch & Tacos](#)" and see their ad on page 10.



Borough Council President Ronald Strause presents Kim Naja-Nykwest with an appreciation plaque for her 19 years of public service to Leesport Borough. Naja-Nykwest retired from the borough on March 31.

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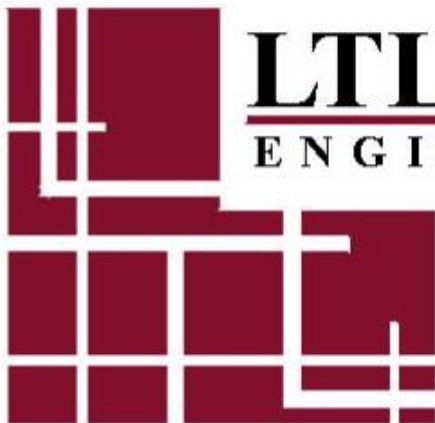


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Grant Awarded for Emergency Generators

In March of this year, Leesport Borough was awarded a \$119,983 grant from the Local Shares Account through the Commonwealth Financing Authority. The Local Shares Account program was established by the [Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act of 2004](#), which “provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the financing authority to support projects in the public interest”.

The funds will be used to purchase and have installed two emergency generators at borough well sites as a source of standby emergency power. In the event of a lengthy and catastrophic power outage, the well pumps would not be able to operate. The generators will solve this problem.

A third emergency generator will be installed at the borough hall.



Overview of Ordinances

No. 407 – Regulating the use of seasonal pools and requiring permits.

See the complete ordinance here: https://leesport.org/doc/ORD407_20080314124207.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: https://leesport.org/doc/ORD480lawnwasteinstreets_20220729112429.pdf

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Borough of Leesport 2023 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.)



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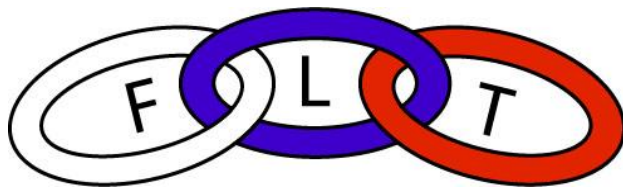
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LBA Awarded Grant

The Leesport Borough Authority was awarded a \$415,000 [American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) grant by the Berks County Commissioners](#) for their Aeration Project. Wastewater aeration is the process where air is circulated through, mixed with or dissolved in a liquid or substance. Aeration brings water and air into contact in order to remove dissolved gases, such as carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulfide, and to oxidize dissolved metals, including iron and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).



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The **Leesport Lodge 141 of the I.O.O.F.** was chartered on November 30, 1845 and has been a continually operating organization in Leesport, PA. The lodge is a fraternal organization and some of the missions the lodge helps with are scholarships to worthy candidates, Arthritis and Juvenile Arthritis, The Wills Eye Hospital, and the Pilgrimage for Youth. The members participate in fundraising efforts such as Hamburg-er Festival and Leesport Community Days and have won numerous awards.

The lodge is also home to The Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge 182 as well as other affiliated chapters. The Rebekahs, also known as the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies (IARA), and originally the Daughters of Rebekah is an international service-oriented organization and a branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It was initially designed as the female auxiliary of the IOOF, but now allows both female and male members.

We are appealing to those in and around our area who would be interested in learning more about membership to reach out to the contact information listed. Groups like the Odd Fellows have been struggling to find interested people to join. There is something that would appeal to all!

If interested, please reach out to Jeff Lentz, Secretary, at 484-516-1052 or email jjlen11@outlook.com.

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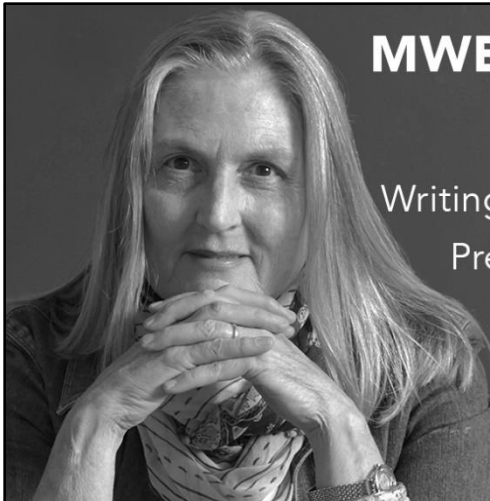
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LAHS June, July, and August Calendar of Events:

- June 4. 1pm to 4pm – Open House
- June 10. Magical History Tour. 9am & 12pm. Reservations needed. Call 610-926-5770
- June 26. 7pm Business Meeting with "Show and Tell" afterwards Bethany E. C. Church.
- July 24. 7pm program at Bethany E. C. Church--308 Main Street.
"Transportation and How It Affected the Development of W. Leesport and Leesport"
- August 6. 1pm to 4pm – Open House
- August 28. 7pm Business Meeting with "Show and Tell" afterwards Bethany E. C. Church.



The Leesport Lockhouse

- June 3. 10am to 2pm. Open House and Guided Tours.
- June 10. 9am to 4pm. "Step Back In Time" How things were done years ago.
Food & drinks with Strawberries, cake & ice cream
- June 24. 10am to 4pm. Garden Party. Watch for details.
- July 1. 10am to 2pm. Open House.
- August 5. 10am to 2pm. Open House.



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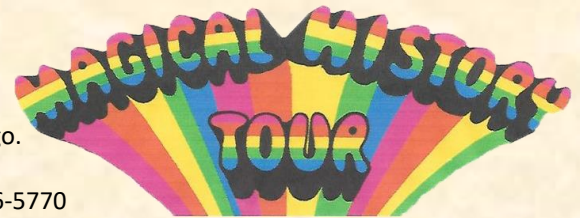
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Holiday

JUNE 2023

- 3 – Lockhouse Open House, guided tours. 10am-2pm
- 4 – LAHS Open House, 1pm-4pm
- 7 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 10 – Lockhouse 9am to 4pm. "Step Back In Time" How things were done years ago. Food & drinks with Strawberries, cake & ice cream
- 10 – LAHS Magical History Tour. 9am & 12pm. Reservations needed. Call 610-926-5770
- 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
- 24 – Lockhouse Garden Party. 10am-4pm. Watch for details.
- 26 – LAHS Business Meeting with "Show and Tell" Bethany E. C. Church, 7pm.



JULY 2023

- 1 – Lockhouse Open House, 10am-2pm
- 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 Program at Bethany E. C. Church--308 Main Street. "Transportation and How It Affected the Development of W. Leesport and Leesport". 7pm



AUGUST 2023

- 2 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 5 – Lockhouse Open House, 10am-2pm
- 6 – LAHS Open House, 1pm-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 Business Meeting with "Show and Tell" Bethany E. C. Church. 7pm

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