

THE LEESPORT REPORTER

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On June 21, Councilman Tom Fronina took the Oath of Office for Mayor from Manager Sandy Weiser-Pascavage. Fronina succeeds the late Mayor Berger.



Charles Orr is congratulated by Council President Strause after taking the oath of office for councilman. Orr was appointed to fill the vacant council seat.



Council President Strause accepts a "Subaru Loves the Earth Bench" from Bernie Ferretti, Moyer Auto Group Director of Sales. This bench is manufactured from 100% recycled plastic lumber and snack-wrappers. The bench can be found at the playground near the pool.

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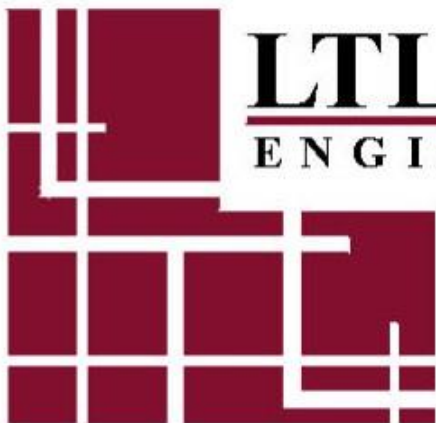


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New Stage is Coming Soon

A new stage at the playground is currently under construction. Construction should be complete by early September of this year. The old stage will eventually be removed.



Overview of Ordinances

No. 481 – Amending Ordinance No. 365 to provide further parking restrictions and penalties.

See the complete ordinance here: https://leesport.org/doc/ORD481parkingrestric_20221028111439.pdf

No. 485 – Establishing the requirement of a Use and Occupancy Permit prior to the transfer of residential property.

See the complete ordinance here:

https://leesport.org/doc/Ordinance_485_Leesport_Presettlement_Inspection_Ordinance.pdf

No. 486 – Stormwater Management Ordinance

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2023 Street Paving Project

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27 S. Canal Street

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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Junior Grangers Donate to Local Fire Companies

In February, the Ontelaunee Junior Grangers hosted a spaghetti dinner fundraiser after which they were able to donate \$1,000.00 to the **Leesport Fire Company** and the **Central Berks Fire Company**.

Ontelaunee Junior Grange is a part of the Ontelaunee Grange on Grange Road in Leesport and is for youth ages 5-14 to join. The Ontelaunee Junior Grange members learn about the history of the Grange, take part in learning opportunities, and giving back to their community.

The Ontelaunee Junior Grange will start meeting again this fall. If you have a youth that is interested in learning more about the Junior Grange, please reach out to Jennifer Koller at jkoller556@comcast.net or Angela Davis at mdavis114@aol.com



PA State Grange's 150th Anniversary Coming Up!

The Grange story began in Pennsylvania with the organization of Eagle Grange #1 near Williamsport on March 4, 1871. More than two years later, the State Grange was officially organized in Reading, PA on September 18, 1873, after 25 local Granges scattered throughout the state had formed. Ontelaunee Grange was founded April 18, 1914. The celebration of the 150th anniversary of Grange in the Keystone State began in 2021 with a kick-off event and continues throughout 2022 and 2023. The special observance will culminate with the annual State Session in Morgantown in October.

The Grange is a community based organization that provides fellowship and community support. They also lobby for legislation at the local, state, and national level. While the grange has strong ties to the farming industry, they are not only a farming organization.

Everyone is welcome to join Ontelaunee Grange. They meet once a month on the Third Tuesday evening. A covered dish potluck dinner at 6pm is then followed by their meeting at 7pm. For more information on membership or volunteer opportunities please call David Merkel at 610-823-2089 or by email at dmerk1977@gmail.com.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast served up by the Ontelaunee Grange volunteers. Mark your calendars!

Sunday October 1, Sunday November 5, Sunday December 3, and Sunday January 7.

Open to everyone, 8am-1pm.

Proceeds and tips are what the grange relies on to fund community service efforts.

Ontelaunee Grange
248 White Oak Lane, Leesport
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During a flood, water levels and the rate at which the water is flowing can quickly change. Remain aware and monitor local radio and television.



weather.gov/flood

1 GET TO HIGHER GROUND
Get out of the areas subject to Flooding

2 DO NOT DRIVE INTO WATER
Do NOT drive or walk into flooded areas. It only takes 6" of water to knock you off your feet.

3 STAY INFORMED
Monitor local radar, television, weather radio, internet or social media for updates.

Have you made a **PLAN?**



Talk with your family about emergencies most likely to happen where you live and how you'll respond.



Decide what each family member will do when an emergency happens.

Practice as many elements of your plan as possible.

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

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Hello friends and neighbors,

As we approach another autumn, there are a few things that we feel important to bring to your attention. If you need to make a report or to see a police officer, please call the non-emergency dispatch number at 610-655-4911. Calling the office directly is like calling the hospital because you need an ambulance. While our Officers do work out of our office, they are usually out patrolling the streets. Obviously if it's an emergency, call 911 right away.

Thefts from vehicles have declined, so it is apparent that people have followed our advice and stopped leaving valuables in their cars.

We are excited to be replacing two old patrol vehicles with new vehicles, and they should be on the street as you read this. We're also hiring two new officers, and promoting two officers which will further help our police department become more effective.

As school once again starts, please watch for students and school buses before and after class.

We routinely get complaints about speeders in the various developments. Please know your complaints are being heard, and it's frustrating for us as well. Often our officers will be assigned to an area to monitor traffic, but will be called away for another important call. We cannot have an officer dedicated to speed timing in every development for an entire shift.

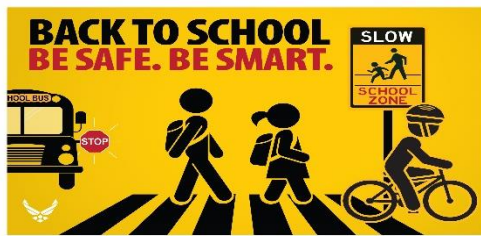
Watch our Facebook page for more news as it happens, including an NBRPD Trunk-or-Treat event closer to Halloween.

Stay Safe and have a great fall!

Chief James Keiser

BACK to SCHOOL

- Stay alert for children walking to and from bus stops.
- Watch for school buses while they drop off and pick up kids.
- Don't be distracted! Slow down, pay attention and stay off cell phones.



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About the Newsletter

The staff of the *Leesport Reporter* newsletter welcomes you back to the Fall 2023 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.

Project "Pete the Snake"



"Project Pete the Snake started when my students and I painted the snake head and tongue. Then each student painted the first six rocks that made Pete", said Lexi Kennedy of *Little Steps E.C.C.* on Leesport Avenue.

Lexi thought it would be a great idea for school agers who were home for the summer and needing something to do, could paint rocks for Pete. After posting a sign in their front yard and a message on Facebook, Pete eventually grew to 87 rocks long. "People would honk and yell "WE LOVE PETE", said Kennedy, adding "I can't thank the community enough for coming together for this little project". The preschoolers of *Little Steps E.C.C.* hid the rocks for the community to find. Since Pete was such a huge success, it will return again next summer.

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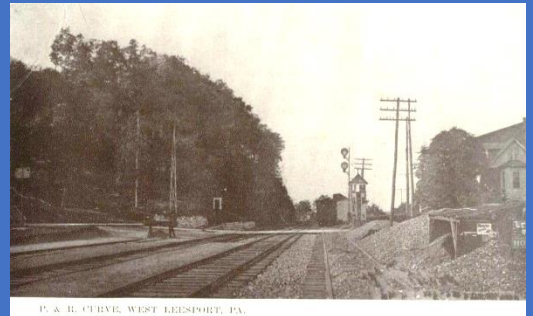


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Did you know?

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.



P. A. R. CHRYE WEST LEESPORT, PA.

- September 8 – Community Days. 5pm-10pm
- September 9 – Community Days. 4pm-9pm (Rain date Sunday 9/10)
- September 25 – Program at Bethany E.C. Church, 308 Main St.
Chari Towne presents "Delaware River Keeper Network". 7pm
- October 1 – Open House at the Museum. Free admission. 1pm-4pm
- October 23 – Business Meeting with Election of Officers and Budget approval. 7pm.
- November 4 – Harvest Moon Festival. Leesport Playground, 5pm-8pm (Rain date 11/5)
- November 5 – Open House at the Museum. 1pm-4pm
- November 27 – Program at Bethany E.C. Church, 308 Main St.
Mike Jesberger presents "Christmas During the Civil War". 7pm



The Leesport Lockhouse

- October 3 – Meeting. 27 E. Wall St., 7pm
- October 7 – Open house with guided tours. Free admission. 10am-2pm.
- October 27 – Fall Fling. Bon fire with light refreshments. 6pm.
(Rain date Saturday 10/28)
- November 12 – Decorate the Lock House and fence. 1pm
- November 18 – Holiday Open House.
Baked goods, warm mulled cider. Noon-3pm.



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 Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
 Saturday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
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November						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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SEPTEMBER 2023

- 6 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 8 – Community Days. Leesport Playground, 5pm-10pm.
- 9 – Community Days. Leesport Playground, 4pm-9pm (Rain date Sunday 9/10)
- 13 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 20 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall and on ZOOM, 6pm
- 25 – LAHS Program at Bethany E.C. Church, 308 Main Street. Chari Towne presents "Delaware River Keeper Network".

OCTOBER 2023

- 1 – LAHS Open House at the Museum, 1pm-4pm
- 3 – Leesport Lock House Meeting. 27 E. Wall St., 7pm
- 4 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 7 – Leesport Lock House. Open house with guided tours. Free admission. 10am-2pm.
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- 27 – Leesport Lock House. Fall Fling at the Lock House. Bon fire with light refreshments. 6pm. (Rain date Saturday 10/28)
- 31 – Halloween Trick or Treat 6pm-9pm

NOVEMBER 2023

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