

A Year In Review. Projects Accomplished.

2023 was a very busy and productive year in the borough. We are constantly working to address and ultimately improve on the services we provide our residents. Here are many of the projects that were accomplished.

Buildings and Property

- Renovated the borough hall admin offices.
- Renovated the borough office bathrooms.
- Created a library/archives room to house all borough documents.
- Replaced window flashing at borough hall.
- Had new emergency fire escape installed at the borough office.
- Insulated and heated our pole barn to house all borough equipment.
- Installed new lighting in the pole barn.
- Addressed a drainage problem at the Lockhouse.
- Purchased a used bucket truck.
- Purchased a new dump truck and trailer.
- Purchased a new snowplow.
- Serviced all our equipment.



Recreation and Greenways

- Installed new windows at the pool's concession stand.
- Installed a concrete ramp leading from parking lot to the pool.
- Increased concrete surface area at the pool.
- Had another successful year of the YMCA summer program for our youth.
- Constructed a new stage at the playground.



Roads and Lights

- Resurfaced Miriam and Grant Avenues.
- Resurfaced S. Canal Street with millings from Miriam and Grant paving project.
- Painted yellow safety zone curbs at all fire hydrants.
- Painted white stop lines at intersections.



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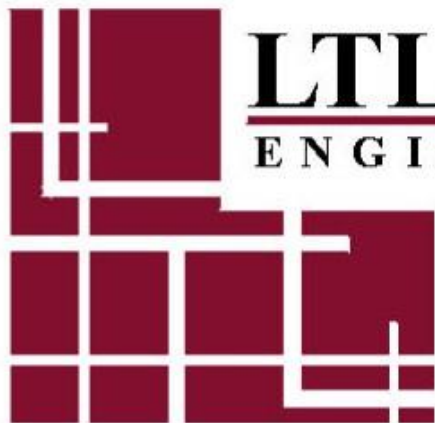
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The staff of the *Leesport Reporter* newsletter welcomes you back to the Winter 2023-24 Edition. *The Leesport Reporter* newsletter is a quarterly newsletter, and our objective is to bring news and information everyone can use. We hope that you will 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



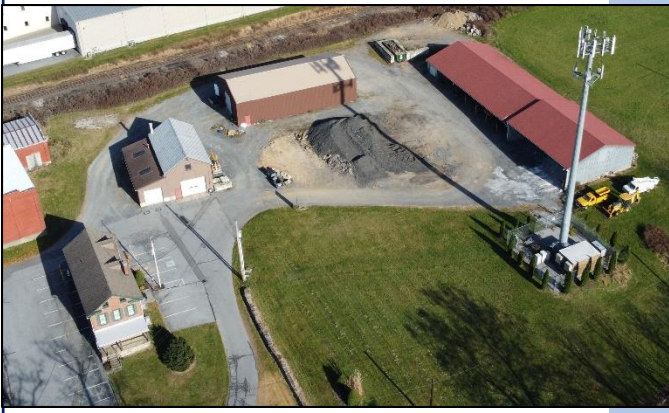
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Borough of Leesport 2023-24 Meeting Dates

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.)

Overview of Ordinances

No. 379 – Amending Ordinance No. 365 by restricting the parking of certain types of vehicles on borough streets. In part the ordinance states: It shall be unlawful for any person to park, or allow to remain parked, a commercial motor vehicle with a registered gross weight in excess of 7,000 pounds, a motor home, a camper, a recreational vehicle, a boat, camping or utility trailer or any other similar motorized or non-motorized vehicle or device on any borough street for more than a twenty-four (24) hour period during the months of November, December, January, February and March.

See the complete ordinance here: https://leesport.org/doc/ORD379_20080401103830.pdf

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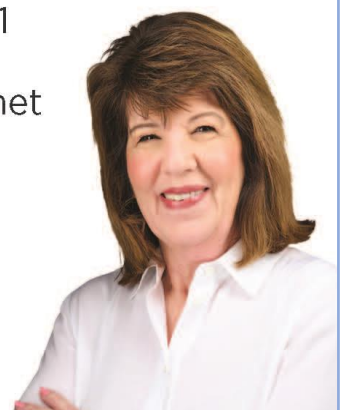
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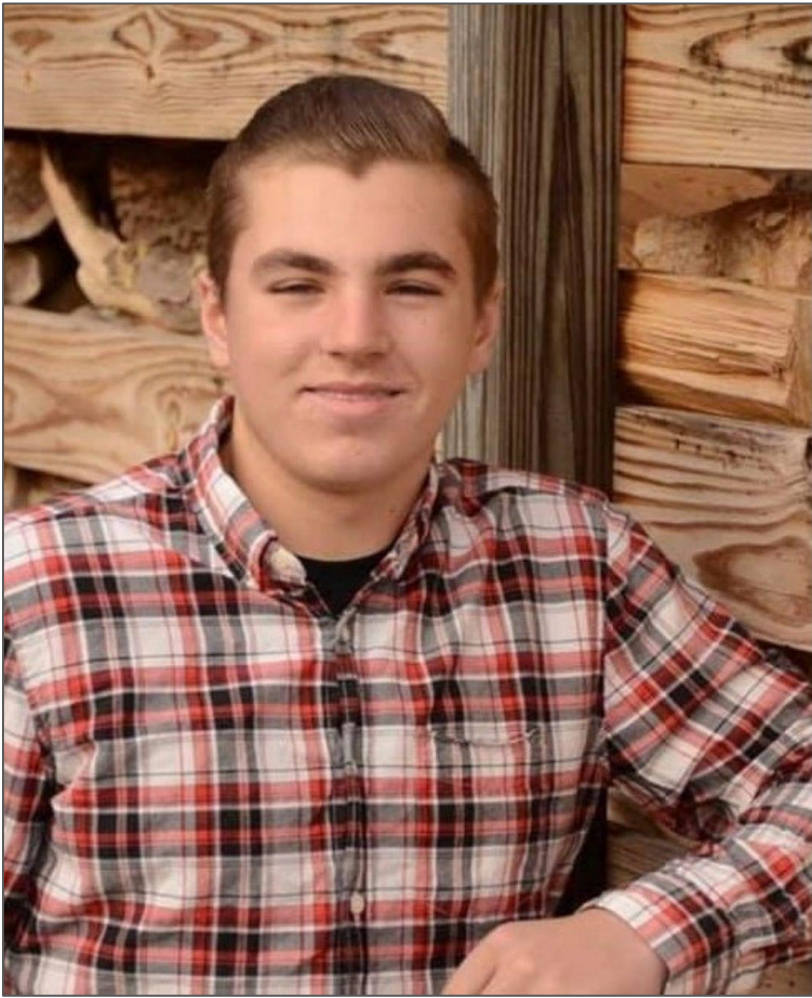
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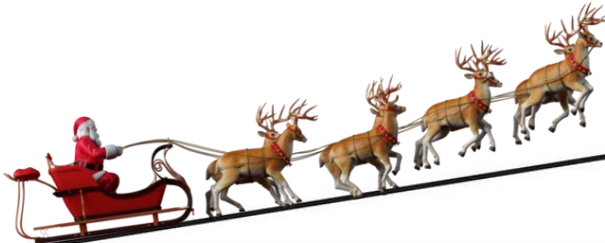


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Water System

- Installed electric generators and LP tanks at our wells in the event of a power failure.
- Installed the RAFA system for a more efficient and automatic daily running of our system.
- Installed automatic chlorine analyzers and a chlorine alarm system.
- Installed new equipment for daily water quality testing.
- Upgraded our water meter reading system.
- Replaced over 200 electronic meters and installed approximately 20 new water shut off valves.
- Applied for a grant to provide the SVSD complex with an auxiliary water service.



Sewage Treatment Plant

- Upgrades to our sewer plant.

Memorials

- Installed several Hometown Heroes Banners.

Personnel

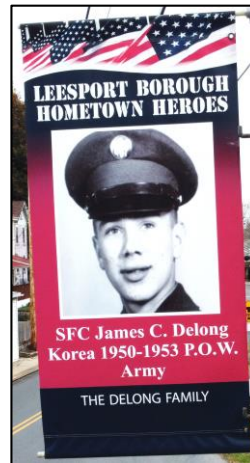
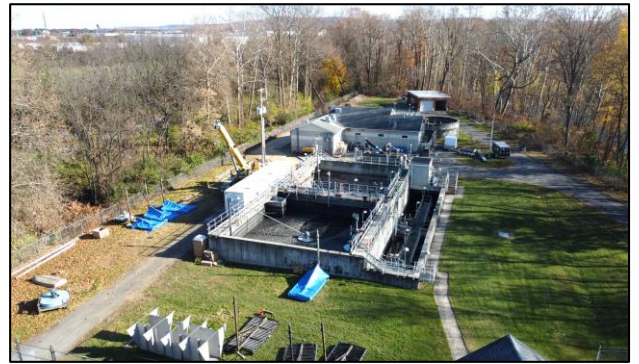
- Hired a part-time administrative assistant.
- Hired a part-time public works laborer.

Ordinances & Resolutions

- Adopted a re-inspection ordinance for home resales.
- Adopted a well head protection program and ordinance.
- Signed an ordinance with Ontelaunee Township to save 500 acres for agricultural preservation.

Community Outreach

- Produced quarterly newsletters.
- Participated in the Memorial Day Celebration.
- Participated at National Night Out in August.
- P.O.S of A. placed a retired American Flag box at the borough hall.



Heating Assistance Program Now Open

Residents who struggle with their home heating bills can now apply for assistance from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are set at 150% of the federal poverty income level. For example, the income limit for an individual is \$21,870 and for a family of four it is \$45,000. Residents may apply for LIHEAP online at compass.state.pa.us, by phone at 1-866-550-4355 or by contacting the [County Assistance Office](#) in their county of residence.

Visit www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx for additional information.

The program runs through April 5, 2024.



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WINTER

FIRE SAFETY TIPS



INSTALL & TEST ALARMS

Carbon monoxide alarms should be tested at least once a month.



PLUG SPACE HEATERS DIRECTLY INTO OUTLETS

Never use an extension cord or power strip.



HEAT YOUR HOME SAFELY

Keep anything that can burn 3 feet away from a fireplace, wood stove, or space heater.



KEEP CHIMNEY & VENTS CLEAN

Hire a qualified professional to clean and inspect your chimney and vents at least once a year.



NEVER USE CANDLES FOR EMERGENCY LIGHTING

Always use flash lights and stock up on extra batteries.



USE FIREPLACE SAFELY

Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen when using your fireplace.

LEESPORT BOROUGH TREE LIGHTING

SATURDAY, DEC. 2, 2023

4PM-6PM

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Hello friends and neighbors,

It's hard to believe that it's almost winter again. Soon the weather will bring ice, snow and all of those complications to daily living. We would like to offer you some tips on dealing with the winter weather:

- Keep a blanket, some food (like protein bars), and other supplies in your car in case you get unexpectedly stuck somewhere in a storm.
- Make sure your roof and windshield are clear of ice and snow BEFORE driving. Not only is it dangerous to have snow and ice fall off your vehicle while driving, it's also illegal.
- Slow down and leave extra space to stop on wet and icy roads. Even 4 Wheel Drive doesn't mean "4 Wheel Stop".
- When shoveling or blowing snow from your sidewalks and driveways, DO NOT shovel or blow it into the street. This creates further hazards and is also illegal.
- In the event of a major snowfall, check in on your neighbors. Make sure they're OK.
- Familiarize yourself with the snow emergency routes in your neighborhood, and be sure to keep them clear (No parked cars) when a snow emergency is issued.
- Allow enough space for the snowplows to get down your street – otherwise they can't plow you out.
- Clear your sidewalks of ice and snow in a timely manner.

Winter isn't all bad, and the snow can be fun. Try to take some time out to safely enjoy it. Spring will be here before you know it.

Chief Jim Keiser



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Leesport Borough is proud to honor our servicemen and servicewomen by facilitating the Leesport Borough Hometown Heroes Program. This program is a community memorial to those who have served our country throughout the years. The program was created to honor local men and women who have resided in the Borough of Leesport. The Hometown Heroes Banners are paid for by sponsors who may be friends, family, or businesses. Sponsors will be named on the banners. All costs need to be paid prior to ordering the banner. All sponsors will be advised of when and where a banner will be raised.

1. The cost of a 30 x 60-inch banner is \$240. Checks should be made payable to: **Leesport Recreation Board**. *Please note: There is no guarantee as to the life of the banner, but all retired banners will be returned to the sponsor.
2. A photo or scanned emailed photo of your hero needs to be submitted with a fully completed application. Photos will be returned. The Committee has the right to decline an application if the picture quality is not suitable to enlarge.
3. Information about your hero will be printed as you state on the application. You can see a copy of your banner before it is manufactured. At that time changes may be made. Once that copy is approved, the banner will be manufactured without any further editing.
4. Leesport Borough reserves the right to deny any application and all funds will be refunded.

Hometown Heroes Application (Please print)

Name of person submitting application: _____
 Relationship to Hometown Hero: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

(The following section will appear on the banner the way it is printed.)

Full Name of Person in Photo-you may include rank if desired: _____
 Era of Service (WWI, WWII, etc.) **(see example below): _____
 Branch of Military: _____
 Sponsors: ie ("Family of", "Given by", "By the Family", Etc.): _____

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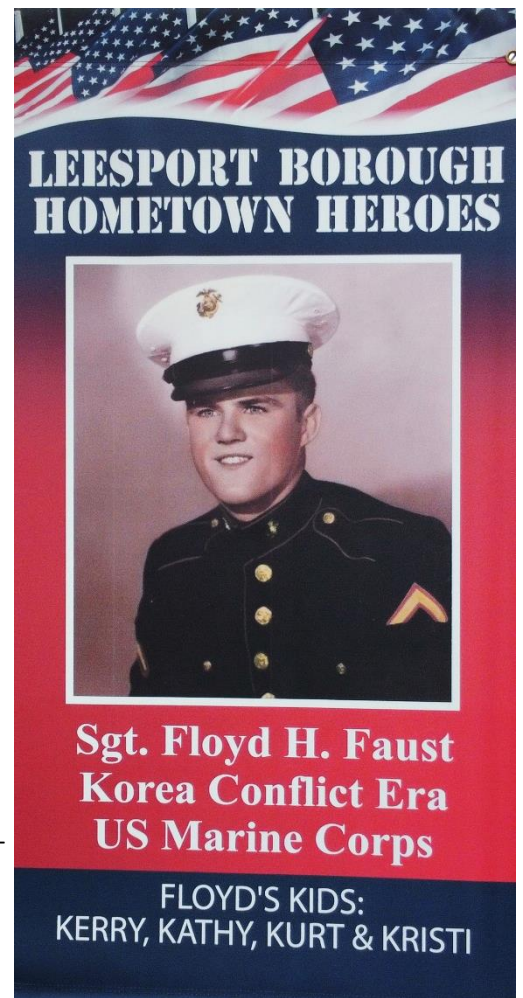
I hereby grant Leesport Borough permission to use the attached photo (which includes a likeness of me or of my relative) in the Hometown Heroes Program and for promotional use. In addition, I take full responsibility that all information provided about the veteran(s) being honored is accurate and correct. I have read and understand both sides of his application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Printed Name: _____

Eras of Service—Official DOD Dates

- Global War on Terror (GWOT) - September 11, 2001 to present.
- Persian Gulf - August 2, 1990 - August 31, 1991
- Vietnam Era - February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
- Korea Conflict Era - June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955
- Cold War - September 2, 1945 - December 26, 1991
- WW II - December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946
- WW I - April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918

Mail, hand deliver, or fax completed form to: **Leesport Borough-Hometown Heroes Banner Program**
 27 South Canal Street - P.O. Box 710 - Leesport, PA 19533 - 610-926-2115 Fax: 610-916-3055



Applicant's final approval with payment Signature: _____ Date: _____ Check No.: _____



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.



December 2 – Participating in the tree lighting festivities.

December 3 – Open House from 1 to 4 pm. A large display of antique tools and mason jars in the museum room. The classroom will be set up for a visit with Santa Claus! Admission is free with donations welcomed.

January 7 – Open House at the Museum

January 22 – LAHS Program, 7pm- Brian Engelhardt – History of Ontelaunee Lake - "Shot Guns in the Valley - Stop it Mr. Mayor!"

February 4 – Open House 1pm-4pm at the West Leesport School Museum

February 26 – LAHS Business Meeting, 7pm – "Show and Tell"



17th Annual Harvest Moon Festival – Nov. 4



The Leesport Lockhouse

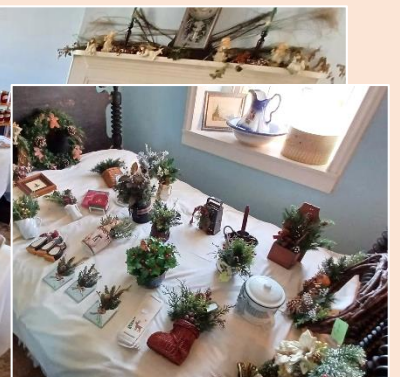
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The lockhouse will be closed during the winter months due to parking.

Volunteers will be busy with their Redware Pottery Workshops as well as talking about the history of pottery and local canal history to S.V. Middle School and Kings Academy classes.



Holiday Open House, Nov. 18-19





Hours
 Monday: 9:00am - 7:00pm
 Tuesday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
 Wednesday: 9:00am - 7:00pm
 Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
 Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
 Saturday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
 Sunday: Closed

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Trash

Trash & Recycling

Holiday

DECEMBER 2023

- 2 – SVCL Breakfast with Santa. 9am-11am
- 2 – Leesport Fire Company Santa Run
- 2 – Christmas Tree Lighting. Leesport Fire Company. 4pm-6pm
- 3 – LAHS Open House at the West Leesport School Museum with Santa. 1pm-4pm
- 6 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 13 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 20 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm

JANUARY 2024

- 2 – Leesport Borough Reorganization Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall. 6pm
- 3 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 7 – LAHS Open House at the West Leesport School Museum. 1pm-4pm
- 10 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 17 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 22 – LAHS Program, History of Ontelaunee Lake – “Shot Guns in the Valley – Stop it Mr. Mayor”. 7pm

FEBRUARY 2024

- 4 – LAHS Open House at the West Leesport School Museum. 1pm-4pm
- 7 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 14 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 21 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 26 – LAHS Business Meeting – “Show and Tell”. 7pm



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