

## LAHS Celebrating 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024.

Founded in 2004 and officially, the Leesport Jaycee Foundation d.b.a.: Leesport Area Historical Society, the LAHS is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit, organized under the Charter of the Leesport Jaycees.

We are proud to be one of the few local historical societies that owns its own building.

Built along Main Street around 1858, the West Leesport School was the center of education for the town's children for over 100 years.



128 Main Street

Last used as a school in Spring of 1961. It was sold, converted for use as a warehouse for Wright's Knitware who had a mill across Main Street. When it was learned that they wanted to demolish the building to add parking spaces, a group of concerned residents and former students of the school convinced them to sell the property to the Leesport Jaycees for \$1.00 in 1981.

When The Leesport Jaycees decided to disband, members decided to create the LAHS under its Charter in 2004. A new electric service, HVAC system, plumbing and security system was added. A new classroom floor was installed, matching the look of the original. New energy efficient windows were installed in 2021.

The restored classroom is available for groups to experience a "one room school". The other first floor room is set up as a display area for our museum collections.

One of the two rooms on the 2nd floor of the building is being organized into an archive for genealogical research with a large library of research books, family histories, as well as a digital archive of photographs, obituaries, death certificates and newspaper clippings featuring stories from the area.

Source: <https://leesporthisory.org/about-us>

### Leesport Area Historical Society Calendar of Events for March and April

Sunday March 3, 1-4pm – Open House at the Museum

Monday March 25, 7pm

LAHS Program Paul Miller – *"Visiting the Hudson Valley, New York"*

Saturday April 6, 1-4pm – Open House at the Museum

Sunday April 7, 1-4pm – Open House at the Museum

Monday April 22, 7pm – LAHS Business Meeting and Show and Tell

Meeting at Bethany E.C. Church, 308 Main Street.

### Flower Sale:

Saturday March 23, Easter Flower Sale – 10 AM-6 PM

Sunday March 24, Easter Flower Sale – 11 AM-4 PM

Friday March 29, Easter Flower Sale – 8 AM-6 PM

Saturday March 30, Easter Flower Sale – 8 AM -6 PM

*Sale Location: Corner of Rt. 61 and Apple*

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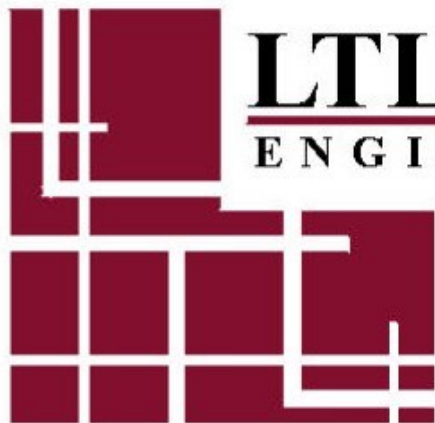
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### About the Newsletter

The staff of the *Leesport Reporter* newsletter welcomes you back to the Spring 2024 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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### Borough of Leesport 2024 Meeting Dates

**Recreation Board** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7pm

**Ad Hoc Council** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6pm

**Budget Committee** - After Ad Hoc (as needed)

**Council** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6pm (as needed)

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



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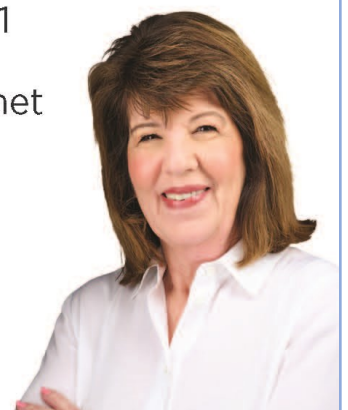
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Support Phase 2 of the Stage Project at the Leesport Playground by purchasing a personally engraved brick for the Leesport Legacy Wall. By adding a roof to the Virginia Santilli Memorial Stage and creating a Legacy Wall, we can enhance the community's use of the stage and create a lasting tribute.

Your engraved brick can feature your family's name, your business' name, or honor a special person in your life. This is a permanent way to recognize and celebrate mentors, parents, teachers, coaches, recent graduates, veterans, best friends, special birthdays, and milestone anniversaries.

Your personalized brick will stand the test of time, serving as a lasting reminder of your loved one and your invaluable support for the Leesport Community. Join us in building the Leesport legacy for our generation and future generations to come.

Donate to the Leesport Recreation Buy a Brick campaign today.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### 1. When will the bricks be installed?

Construction on our Legacy wall is expected to begin in Late Spring/Early Summer of 2024.

## 2. Can I visit my brick?

Certainly! You are welcome to visit our scenic Leesport Parks and Recreation Areas and see your brick in person.

### 3. Can I donate additional funds towards the project?

Absolutely! We greatly appreciate any extra contributions towards the project. Your generosity is always welcomed but never expected. Every donation is valuable and supports the growth of our Community Recreation areas.

#### 4. Can I purchase multiple bricks?

Yes! You can purchase as many bricks as you would like to honor friends, family, and loved ones. Additionally, you have the option to obtain a commemorative Donor Certificate for each brick purchased.

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### Thank you!

We greatly appreciate everyone who supported us for another very successful Chicken BBQ on February 11.

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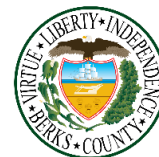
Leesport Borough residents can now pay outstanding annual and interim real estate tax bills via credit/debit cards. All outstanding tax bills issued within the calendar year will be combined into one payment. The bill(s) must be paid in full; no partial payments are permitted. The option to select and pay only one bill (if more than one bill is outstanding) is not available. This online option is for county/municipal real estate taxes only. Delinquent taxes, school taxes, and any other taxes (such as per capita) are not paid through this site. Delinquent tax payments can be made via the Tax Claim website.

**New, online payment option for current annual county/municipal real estate taxes:**

<https://paytaxonline.countyofberks.com/CurrentYearTax>

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## BIKE SAFETY 101

Be safe on your bike this spring with these 10 safety tips:

- 1 Ride with traffic, not against it.
- 2 Obey traffic laws. Red lights and stop signs aren't just for cars.
- 3 Use marked bike lanes.
- 4 Use hand signals or vocal signals while turning or passing.
- 5 At busy intersections, it's safest to walk your bike across the street.
- 6 Skip the headphones to keep your ears open, and pay attention to traffic and sirens.
- 7 Wear sunglasses to lessen distractions from the sun and to keep dust, debris and insects out of your eyes.
- 8 When passing a bike, vehicles should leave at least 3 feet until safely past the bicyclist.
- 9 Wear reflective gear or use a bike light at night.
- 10 Wear a helmet: Helmet use can reduce the risk of severe brain injuries by up to 88%.

Sources: MultiCare.org, Bikemn.org



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**BUDGET 2024****GENERAL FUND  
INCOME**

Real Estate Taxes	\$ 913,000
Taxes Enabling	\$ 308,000
Fines	\$ 6,000
Interest	\$ 4,200
State Revenue	\$ 4,800
General Charges	\$ 420,600
Public Safety	\$ 35,000
Refunds	\$ 10,900
Balance 2020	\$ 100,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 1,802,500</b>

**EXPENSES**

Legislative	\$ 17,250
Administrative	\$ 39,000
Tax Collector	\$ 30,700
Secretary	\$ 49,000
Professional Services	\$ 149,000
Building & Properties	\$ 42,000
Police	\$ 500,000
Public Safety	\$ 140,000
Highways	\$ 28,000
Contract Service	\$ 217,000
Highway Construction	\$ 248,950
Construction Roads	
Loan	\$ 93,000
Recreation	\$ 186,000
Insurance	\$ 37,000
Capital Reserve	
Expense	\$ 24,800
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,802,500</b>

**WATER FUND  
INCOME**

Interest	\$ 4,000
Water Sales	\$ 550,000
Tapping Fees	\$ 20,000
Reimbursements	\$ 6,000
Cash Carry Over	\$ 100,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 680,000</b>

**EXPENSES**

Water System	
Administration	\$ 153,000
Water	
Transportation	\$ 527,000
Debt Loan	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 680,000</b>

To be passed at the Council  
meeting November 15, 2023

Dear Kind Sir,

I wanted to express my gratitude for your kindness and thoughtfulness you showed towards your neighbor.

Your recent good deed, as seen in this shared photo, truly demonstrates the meaning of being neighborly.

Your willingness to extend a helping hand, without hesitation, exemplifies the true spirit of a caring neighbor.

Your kindness not only made their day a little brighter, but it reminds us of the wonderful community that we're a part of.

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Thank you!

Mayor Reimer



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## Did you know?

Did you know that The Leesport Area Historical Society is located at 128 Main Street at the Old West Leesport School? There are many pictures of Leesport, Mohrsville, Centerport, and other towns in the area.

March 3 – Open House at the Museum, 1pm-4pm  
March 23, 24 – Easter Flower Sale, (23rd 10am-6pm, (24th 11am-4pm)  
March 29, 30 – Easter Flower Sale, 8am-6pm  
April 6, 7 – Open House at the Museum, (6th 1pm-4pm), (7th 1pm-4pm)  
April 22 – Business Meeting & Show and Tell, 7pm  
April 4, 5 – Open House at the Museum, (4th 1pm-4pm), (5th 1pm-4pm)  
April 20 – Program, Barry Webb - Eagle Mountain Hiking Club History, 7pm  
May 4, 5 – Open House at the Museum, (4th 1pm-4pm), (5th 1pm-4pm)  
May 20 – Program, Barry Webb - Eagle Mountain Hiking Club History, 7pm



## The Leesport Lockhouse

March 5 – Garden Tour meeting, 7pm  
April 2 – Meeting, 7pm  
April 6 – Open House, 10am-2pm  
April 20 – Redware Pottery Workshops, 9:30am & 1pm  
May 4 – Open House, 10am-2pm  
May 11 – Victorian Team, 10am & 1pm.



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Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Sunday: Closed

**Holiday Closings:** March 29 and March 30  
May 25 and May 27

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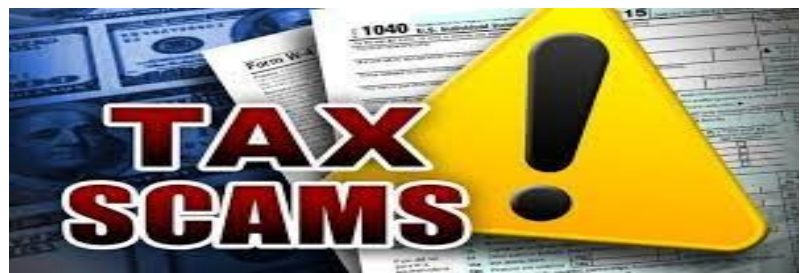
The Borough of Leesport is partnering with No Nonsense Neutering (NNN) to offer FREE TNR vouchers for community/feral cats. NNN is a same day surgery clinic located at 1500 Frush Valley Rd., Reading, PA and is by appointment only. This program is not for pet cats.

To obtain vouchers, a resident must get appointment/s first. Come to the Borough office with your ID (you decide which ID to use) and your appointment dates to get voucher/s.

NNN is a surgery clinic and by appointment only. Scheduling is done online at

[www.nnnlv.org](http://www.nnnlv.org)

Loaner traps are available 1 week prior to surgery appointment.



## Be Aware of Tax Season Scams

The Office of Attorney General is warning Pennsylvanians to be aware and stay cautious of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) imposter scams during tax season. Be on the lookout for unsolicited text messages, emails or phone calls appearing to be from the IRS demanding immediate payment or your personal information.

The Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General and the IRS both strongly recommend filing taxes early before scammers have the chance to use any personal information and file a fake tax return.

Please remember the IRS:

- Does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or phone calls to request personal or financial information (generally the IRS first mails a paper bill to a person who owes taxes).
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April						
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May						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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# Trash

# Trash & Recycling

# Holiday

### MARCH 2024

- 3 – Leesport Area Historical Society Open House at the Museum, 1pm-4pm
- 5 – Leesport Lockhouse. Garden Tour meeting, 7pm
- 6 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 10 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 13 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 20 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 23, 24 – LAHS Easter Flower Sale, (23<sup>rd</sup> 10am-6pm, (24<sup>th</sup> 11am-4pm)
- 25 – LAHS Program, Paul Miller – Visiting the Hudson Valley New York, 7pm
- 29, 30 – LAHS Easter Flower Sale, 8am-6pm (29<sup>th</sup> 8am-6pm), (30<sup>th</sup> 8am-6pm)
- 30 – Leesport Fire Company. Easter Egg Hunt

### APRIL 2024

- 2 – Leesport Lockhouse Meeting, 7pm
- 3 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 6 – Leesport Lockhouse Open House, 10am-2pm
- 6, 7 – LAHS Open House at the Museum, (6<sup>th</sup> 1pm-4pm), (7<sup>th</sup> 1pm-4pm)
- 10 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 17 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 20 – Leesport Lockhouse. Redware Pottery Workshops, 9:30am & 1pm
- 22 – LAHS Business Meeting & Show and Tell, 7pm

### MAY 2024

- 1 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 4 – Leesport Lockhouse Open House, 10am-2pm
- 4, 5 – LAHS Open House at the Museum, (4<sup>th</sup> 1pm-4pm), (5<sup>th</sup> 1pm-4pm)
- 8 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 11 – Leesport Lockhouse. Victorian Team, 10am & 1pm.
- 15 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 20 – LAHS Program, Barry Webb - Eagle Mountain Hiking Club History, 7pm
- 27 – Memorial Day Program held at Walt Pearson Field (behind SVCL), 1pm

LAHS – Leesport Area Historical Society

SVCL – Schuylkill Valley Community Library



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