

A quarterly publication of the Borough of Leesport, sharing community news to keep residents connected.

From Advocacy to Action: Mayor Reimer Earns Top Recognition



In March, Mayor Reimer was honored to receive the 2025 Elected Official of the Year Award from the Berks County Public Libraries at their annual awards ceremony.

Mayor Reimer was nominated by the Schuylkill Valley Community Library (SVCL) for his “advocacy, dedication, and support that resulted in multiple outreach opportunities for the library, an increase in funding from local municipalities and with his strong connection in surrounding service areas helped increase library awareness that proved to be immeasurably beneficial,” said Library Director Marissa Loeb. “Mayor Reimer is always willing to turn up with a smile to help support us,” she added.

Pictured are Library Director Marissa Loeb, Mayor Reimer and SVCL Board President Chris Thomas.

Legendary Big Boy 4014 to Pass Through Town



To commemorate America’s 250th Anniversary, Union Pacific is touring its legendary Big Boy No. 4014 steam locomotive. While it will not be stopping in Leesport, we will have the rare opportunity to see this massive locomotive pass through town on Thursday, July 2, as it travels to Philadelphia.

For more information, visit the official schedule at Union Pacific’s website: <https://www.up.com/about-us/history/steam/schedule>. This is a historic event you won’t want to miss right from your own hometown.

The Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014 is considered the world’s largest operating steam locomotive. Built in 1941, it weighs 1.2 million pounds and stretches 133 feet in length. The 4014 is the only operational survivor of the 25 “Big Boy” locomotives originally built to haul heavy freight over steep mountain grades.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we head into the summer season, I'd like to take a moment to share a few important reminders and updates.

First, with warmer weather upon us, our streets and sidewalks are busier than ever. Please take extra care while driving. Watch out for walkers, joggers, and especially children riding their bikes. Staying alert helps keep everyone safe.

I'm excited to welcome a truly unique piece of history as it rolls through town on July 2nd. Keep an eye out for the upcoming historic steam train event. It's sure to draw quite a crowd. Hope to see you trackside!

On the infrastructure front, the borough is gearing up for a major road project. More information will be shared as the project takes shape. While construction can sometimes be inconvenient, these improvements are an investment in the borough's future. Thank you in advance for your patience during this major project.

Lastly, I want to encourage everyone to take pride in their property. Keeping our homes, yards, and neighborhoods neat and tidy not only boosts curb appeal but also reflects the strong sense of community we all share. Small efforts by each of us make a big difference.

Thank you for your continued commitment to making our borough a safe, welcoming, and vibrant place to live and work.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Mayor Reimer



Got news, kudos, or congratulations?

Does your organization have information you want to share?

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Ordinance Review

No. 407 – Seasonal Pools

Regulating the use of seasonal pools and requiring permits. Seasonal pools may only be used between the third week of May and September 7 and require a borough permit for each swimming season. They must be fenced, placed behind the home, and are prohibited from having decks or platforms.

See the full ordinance here:

https://leesport.org/doc/ORD407_20080314124207.pdf

No. 480 – Grass on Roadways

Prohibits placing leaves, grass clippings, or lawn / garden waste on public property or within the rights-of-way of roads / highways. This ordinance, intended to maintain cleanliness and safety, prohibits dumping these materials on streets or sidewalks.

See the full ordinance here:

https://leesport.org/doc/ORD480lawnwasteinstreets_20220729112429.pdf

Borough of Leesport 2026 Meetings Schedule

Ad Hoc Council – 2nd Wednesday, 6pm
Recreation Board – 2nd Wednesday, 7pm
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.)



Drought Watch Continues: Conservation Measures in Effect

Berks County is under a severe drought watch, and officials are urging all residents to reduce water usage by 10–15%. Please be mindful of your daily water consumption and look for additional ways to minimize waste in your home, both indoors and outdoors. Water conservation is essential to protect our shared water supply, maintain safe water levels for essential services, and reduce stress on local streams and wells. Small changes made by many households can make a meaningful difference in preserving resources for the entire community. These measures may remain in effect for an extended period depending on weather conditions. Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to conserving our valuable water resources.

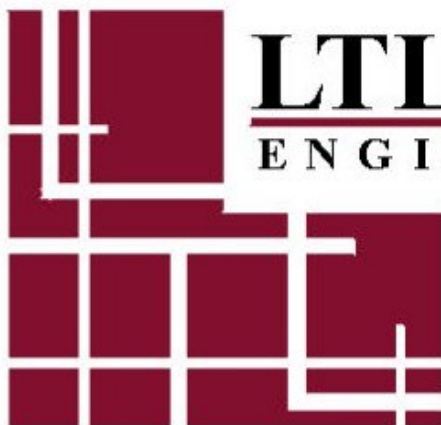


Source: www.drought.gov/states/pennsylvania/county/Berks



About the Newsletter

The staff of the *Leesport Reporter* is pleased to welcome you back. As a quarterly publication, our mission is to deliver news and information that's useful, relevant, and engaging for our community. We hope you find this edition both enjoyable and informative. We also encourage you to support our local advertisers—your patronage helps make this newsletter possible. Be sure to let them know you saw their ad here! Please note: the *Leesport Reporter* editorial team retains full discretion over the content published in this newsletter. We reserve the right to decline any submissions, including articles and advertisements that do not align with the goals and standards of our publication.



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June 1st, 5th, & 6th 9:30am- 12:00pm

-Program Registration
-Summer Learning Log Pick Up
-Crafts & More!



DINOS IN THE PARK!



DINO EGG HUNT- CRAFTS- GAMES- STORY TIME "LIFE SIZED" DINO PHOTO OPS!

JUNE 12TH

5:00PM- 7:00PM

DINO EGG HUNT START AT 5:30 PM



Schuylkill Valley Community Library
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Director - svcldirector@gmail.com, Youth Librarian - svclyouth@gmail.com



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Join us for a roaring good time this summer as we "Unearth A Story" at SVCL! We are ready to host our summer learning programs and welcome several fun guest presenters! Join us for our open house sign-ups on June 1st, 5th, & 6th from 9:30-12:00 for program registrations and learning log pickup. All ages welcome!



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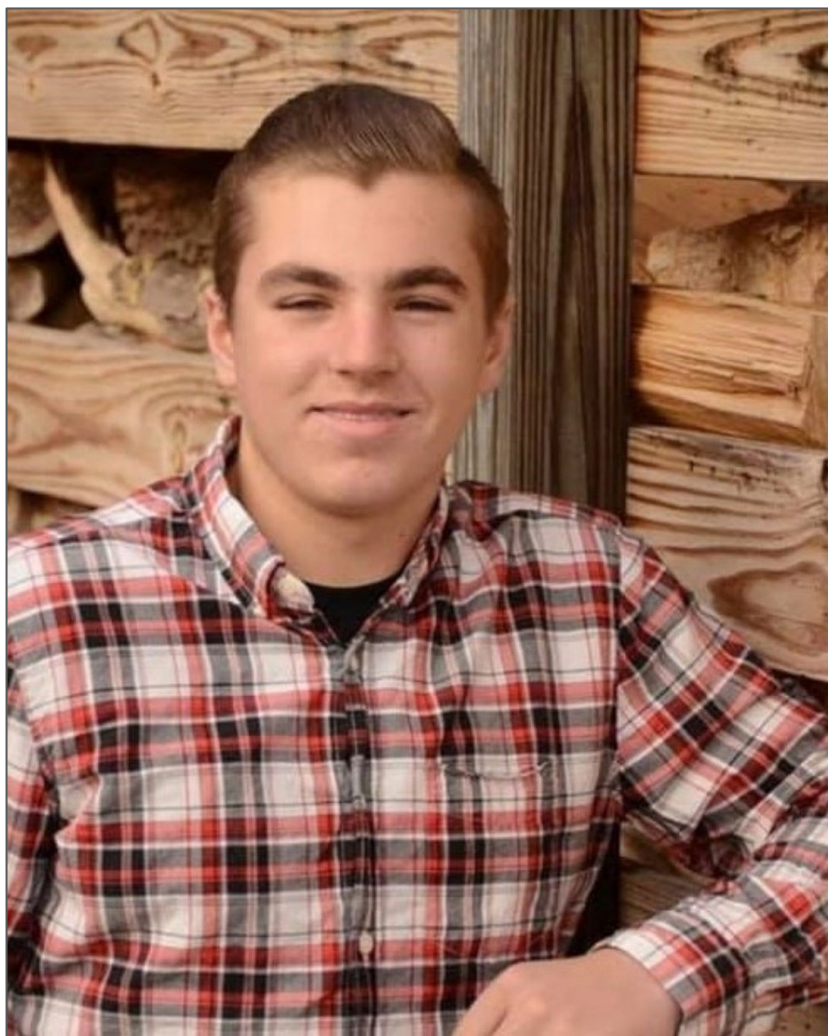
Photo by Jeff Naugle

Over the past year, many of you may have seen the start of something special at Schuylkill Valley Youth Baseball, a new chapter built with panther pride, purpose, and community at its heart.

From fresh jersey designs and improved fields to a reimagined opening day, new lights on B Field, expanded offseason opportunities, and ongoing upgrades across the complex, every step forward has been driven by a shared commitment to our players and families. Our goal is simple: to create the best possible experience for every child who steps onto the fields. But none of this happens on its own.

SVYB is powered entirely by volunteers, fundraising, concessions, and the dedication of parents, families, and community supporters. We do not receive grant funding or direct municipal financial support. Every field cleanup, every concession shift, every fundraiser, and every maintenance project directly shapes what we're able to provide for our youth. SVYB is deeply grateful for those who have already stepped up and they're always hoping to welcome more.

If you believe in building something positive for the next generation and want to help shape the future of our program, SVYB would love to hear from you.



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Memorial Site Relocating New Flagpoles to Be Installed

In a continued effort to modernize, beautify, and consolidate the area, the Walter A. Pearson Memorial Site and flagpoles will be relocated to the new stage. New flagpoles will be installed shortly as part of this enhancement.



TNVR Vouchers Available to Residents

TNVR (Trap Neuter Vaccinate and Return) is a proven, humane method for reducing and stabilizing community cat populations. Supported by the ARL of Berks County, this program ensures cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated against rabies, and ear-tipped for identification. This approach has shown to reduce community cat populations long term. At the ARL of Berks County, this surgery typically cost \$50. Leesport is one of the few municipalities in Berks County offering TNVR vouchers at no cost to its residents. Residents may obtain vouchers and additional information by visiting the borough hall in person.

Siren Test Notice

The emergency siren will be tested at noon on the first Saturday of **March, June, September, and December**. The test is conducted by the Emergency Management Coordinator to verify that the siren is functioning properly. Outside of these scheduled tests, the siren will only be activated to alert residents of extreme weather or other life-threatening events.



Welcome to our American Diner, where a warm, family-friendly atmosphere meets freshly-made, home-cooked meals for everyone. Here, great food and good times come together to create the perfect family outing.



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CodeRed™ recently moved to a new platform, and unfortunately many accounts from the previous system were not transferred. That means even if you signed up in the past, you might not be receiving alerts anymore.

To be sure you don't miss critical notifications, please take a moment to verify your information and sign up again if needed.

Confirm or create your account here: <https://accountportal.onsolve.net/leesportpa>

You can choose how you'd like to receive alerts, phone call, text message, email, or all three.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Follow The ABC's of CPR

- A** •Airway
- B** •Breathing
- C** •Circulation



WHEN THE WEATHER IS HOT



Wear protection



Stay in shade



Use sunscreen



Limit outdoor time



Drink water



No alcohol

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www.northernberksems.com

Remember the **PASS** Word

Pull

Pull the pin (or other motion) to unlock the extinguisher.



Aim

Aim at the base (bottom) of the fire and stand 6 - 10 feet away.



Squeeze

Squeeze the lever to discharge the agent.



Sweep

Sweep the spray from left to right until the flames are totally extinguished.



Grilling Fire Safety Tip

To prevent a fire, place grill well away from the home, deck railings, out from under eaves and overhanging branches.



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Northern Berks Regional Police Department

37 Ontelaunee Dr., Reading PA 19605, - www.nbrpd.org

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the year. The Northern Berks Regional Police Department would like to take a moment to thank our community for its continued support. Your partnership and engagement truly make a difference, and we are grateful for the strong relationship we share with the residents we serve.

As we move into the busier months ahead, we remind everyone to lock their vehicle doors and keep valuables out of view. These simple steps help prevent theft and keep our neighborhoods safe. We also encourage residents to look out for their neighbors and report any suspicious activity.

With more people out and about, please be mindful of your speed throughout the borough and remember to come to a complete stop at all stop signs. Children will soon be out of school and enjoying outdoor activities, so extra attention on the roads is appreciated.

NBRPD officers will be visible in the community and available whenever needed. Foot patrols will begin soon, and if you see one of our officers in your neighborhood, feel free to stop and say hello. We always appreciate the opportunity to connect with the community. We will also be hosting a Community Connect event where residents can meet the officers who serve our area.

If you need to reach us, the department can be contacted at (610) 926-2999. We look forward to seeing you and working together for a safe and enjoyable summer. Please continue to stay alert, be safe, and look out for one another.

Chief Holben



Ontelaunee Grange #1617

The Ontelaunee Grange warmly invites the entire community to visit and learn more about its activities. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning with a potluck dinner at 6:10 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Grange looks forward to the opportunity to share its wonderful organization with you and your family.

May 12th – Visiting Epler’s Schoolhouse at Grings Mill at 6pm

June 16th – Berks and Schuylkill Beekeepers

July 21st – Ice Cream Social

August 18th – Celebrating Left Handers Day

David Merkel – President

david.merkel@heidelbergmaterials.com

Ontelaunee Grange
1076 Grange Road
Leesport PA 19533



LEESPORT *hometown* HEROES BANNER PROGRAM



Leesport Borough is proud to honor our servicemen and servicewomen by facilitating the Leesport Borough Hometown Heroes Banner Program. This program is a community memorial to those who have served our country throughout the years.



The program was established to honor local men and women who have lived in the Borough of Leesport.

Hometown Heroes Banners are funded by sponsors, including friends, family members, or local businesses.

If you previously purchased a banner that was retired due to weathering, it may be replaced through this program.

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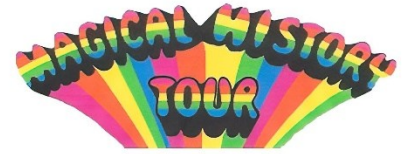
June

- 6 – Open House at the Museum, 10a-2p
- 7 – Open House at the Museum, 1p-4p
- 13 – Magical History Tour
- 22 – LAHS Business Meeting “Show and Tell” 7p

All LAHS meetings are held at:
Bethany E.C. Church
308 Main St., Leesport 19533



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Saturday, June 13, 2026 - 9 AM - 4 PM
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Lockhouse Tours, Food, Vendors
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Lockhouse



LAHS

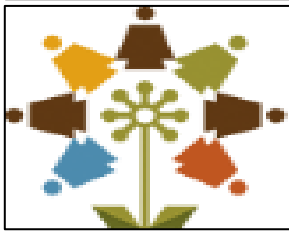
The Leesport Lockhouse

June

- 6 – Open House 10a-2p
- 13 – “Step Back in Time” 9a-4p
Family Activities the Old Fashioned way
Food & Drinks & Strawberries, Cake & Ice Cream

August

- 1 – Open House 10a-2p
- 22 – Class on Theorem Painting 10am – Call for details 610-926-5770



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- Residents must complete an application that is available at the Borough Office.
- Access fobs will be issued for entrance to yard waste collection area.
- The site is under 24-hr surveillance.

Leesport Borough received a \$146,382 grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to support the development and maintenance of our Yard Waste Drop-Off and Education Program.



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- NO COMMERCIAL BUSINESS OR LANDSCAPE COMPANY DROP OFFS
- FOR USE BY LEESPORT RESIDENTS ONLY
- ITEMS MUST BE PLACED IN DESIGNATED AREAS

ALLOWABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

- GRASS CLIPPINGS
- LEAVES
- GARDEN TRIMMINGS
- SHRUBBERY CLIPPINGS
- TREE TRIMMINGS UNDER 3 FEET LONG AND 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER

Following Items are NOT allowed:

- TREE LIMBS LONGER THAN 3 FEET LONG AND 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER
- STUMPS
- SOIL, DIRT, ROCKS, STONES OR BRICKS
- CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION WASTE
- LUMBER
- METAL, PLASTIC
- HAZARDOUS MATERIAL
- HOUSEHOLD TRASH, GARBAGE OR OTHER RECYCLABLE MATERIAL
- PLASTIC BAGS

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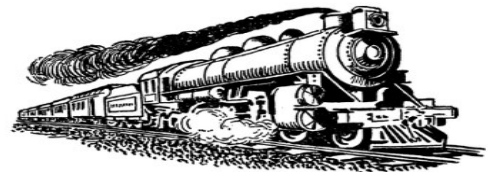
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Trash

Trash & Recycling

Holiday

JUNE 2026

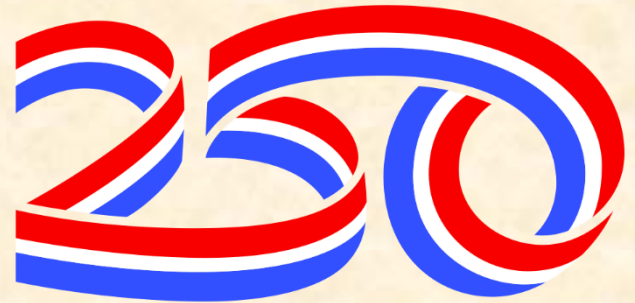
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JULY 2026

- 8 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
- 8 – Recreation Board Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 7pm
- 15 – Borough Council Regular Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm

AUGUST 2026

- 1 – Leesport Lockhouse – Open House, 10a-2p
- 12 – Borough Council Ad-Hoc Meeting. Leesport Borough Hall, 6pm
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[LAHS – Leesport Area Historical Society](#)

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What is MS4?

MS4 stands for **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System**

It is a system of conveyances such as roads, catch basins, curbs, gutters, and storm drains designed to collect or convey stormwater runoff.

The storm drainage system moves rainwater directly to our waterways. This is why it's so important to keep storm drains clean. Any pollution or trash that enters the storm drainage system ends up in creeks, rivers, and lakes.

This storm drainage system is separate from household wastewater that comes from inside your home from toilets, sinks and bathtubs. That wastewater flows through a series of pipes to the wastewater treatment plant.



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