Borough of Lemoyne Cumberland County, Tennsylvania

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome 2023! I believe this to be the year of collaboration.

Collaboration in a variety of ways, with a number of our neighbors. There is strength in numbers. We learned this last year when we joined forces with several of our neighboring communities to fight PennDOT's plan to toll the South Bridge. And collectively, we prevailed.

Through collaboration with our neighbors in Lower Allen Township, our residents are now able to take excess yard waste to the Lower Allen waste facility. In addition, Lemoyne residents will have access to the wood mulch generated from the yard waste. Please check our website for the link to additional information.

We are also in discussion with our New Cumberland neighbors and several other groups to increase bike & pedestrian paths. These will link our communities together, throughout Cumberland County and ultimately, Dauphin County as well.

We will be working together with our Wormleysburg neighbors as the Bottleneck and Market Street Bridge projects come to fruition. As we share so much with them, including a zip code, we are excited to offer them resident rates for season passes to our community swimming pool this summer.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new State Representative, Patty Kim. I am honored that she chose to locate her district office here in our borough. Through her experience and expertise, I look forward to a rejuvenated relationship with our Dauphin County neighbors across the Susquehanna.

I also want to take a moment to recognize our not-so-new Police Chief. Anthony Minium. We hired Tony a year ago and he walked into a challenging environment. That is in no way a reflection on our officers. West Shore Regional Police officers are the finest anywhere. But there can be much trepidation when there is a change in leadership, especially in a police department. Over the past year, Tony has had such a positive impact on our department, our officers, and our communities. He has transformed our police department. He has created a family within our department. One of his first recommendations was to promote our former Lieutenant, John Friel, to Assistant Chief. Tony and John are now affectionately known as the "Dynamic Duo". And that, they truly are! They make a great team. Tony has also fostered collaboration among other law enforcement agencies, including many in both Cumberland and Dauphin Counties. This has created the best possible protection of our communities and our residents. I am so proud of and thankful for our Chief, our Assistant Chief and all of our West Shore Regional Police officers. Rest assured. We are in good hands.

Gale Gallo, Council President

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Message from the Mayor

Hello neighbors!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. This year you may have noticed your drive through town was illuminated by our new Starry Night Street light ornaments. The classic wreaths that previously hung on our streets served us well for many years, and we cannot wait to see them displayed by the residents who have graciously given them a new home.

I would also like to thank all of you who came out to the Mayor's Children's Christmas Party & Tree Lighting Ceremony. We had a wonderful evening celebrating with all of you and are already looking forward to next year's celebration.

As the weather gets warmer, I look forward to getting back outside and enjoying our beautiful parks and streets. With that in mind, please join us for Lemoyne Clean Up Day on April 22nd starting at 9:00 a.m. beginning at Borough Hall. Last year's event was a huge success, and we anticipate an even greater turnout this year. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors and to work together to make a meaningful impact on our community. I hope to see you there!

I am excited to embark on this next year with you all. Remember to keep an eye out for announcements on the Borough website and Facebook page for all of our upcoming events, as well as the great work and community activities sponsored by our West Shore Regional Police and Fire Departments.

Mayor Matt Salkowski

THE BOROUGH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING LEGAL HOLIDAYS:

April 7	Good Friday
May 29	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 4	Labor Day
November 10	Veterans Day
November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 22 & 26	Christmas Holiday

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

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COMCAST1-800-COMCAST
PPL AND STREET LIGHT ISSUES1-800-342-5775
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Is anyone else glad spring has arrived? Did anyone notice that winter never really appeared, as February weather had forecasters calling for a high of 58 degrees. Perhaps Punxsutawney Phil is wrong again!

Street Cleaning has begun as of April 10th. Please check the signs on your block to determine the day of the week this affects your neighborhood. Grass clippings and yard debris are NOT to be put on the roadway.

Shortly, the street paving season will begin. This year we are planning to repave Warren, South Fourth, Fifth and Clark Streets.

Storm sewer improvements are coming to North Ninth Street from Market to Walnut Streets., North Third Street from Market to Walnut Streets and Walnut St. from North Third to Fort Streets.

The Borough's parks are open and available for your use. Please help us maintain the park by remembering to curb your dog and put trash in the proper receptacle, every hour that the borough maintenance crew spends picking up trash is time away from needed repairs and maintenance that the parks require.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer.

Cliff Karlsen, *Maintenance Department Superintendent*



Fredricksen Library News

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Bike Raffle Fundraiser

Our Bike Raffle is back this year, thanks to our sponsor Holmes Cycling & Fitness. Raffle tickets are on sale now, \$5 each or 3 for \$12. The lucky winner will have their choice of a new bike from several available styles and the winner will be announced in late spring.

Friends of Fredricksen Book & Media Sale

The Friends of Fredricksen Library will be holding their Spring Book and Media Sale April 20 – 23. Come and stock up on your spring reading and viewing needs! Hours vary each day; visit the library website for specific times. Sunday, April 23 is the Bag Sale – 2 bags for \$10!

Blueberries for Books!

Everyone's favorite fundraiser is back again this year! Summer isn't complete without that box (or boxes) of fresh New Jersey blueberries sold to benefit the library. Watch our website for information on when sales begin so you can order your 10 lb box to enjoy this summer.

The library has a variety of programs and activities for all ages taking place this spring at the library including a Spring Reading Challenge for all ages! Visit our website at www.fredricksenlibrary.org for a complete list of events. Be sure to follow us on social media to stay up to date on our happenings. Look for us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Come see us at 100 N. 19th Street, Camp Hill, 717-761-3900. Thank you for supporting Fredricksen Library!

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Street Trees:

Just a reminder that a permit is needed to plant or remove a tree located along any street in the Borough. In keeping with Borough Ordinance, any tree removed must be replanted. We are committed to maintaining our "urban canopy" and keeping Lemoyne green. Permits are available on the Borough website.

Yard Trees:

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Spring is a good time to assess the trees on your property. While it is important to remove dead or diseased trees, or trees which may have outgrown their space; please consider replanting another tree to replace the one removed. In addition to the beauty they provide, trees clean our air, boost our health and add value to your property and our community. A permit is not required for trees in your yard that are not along the street.

John Leverentz, Shade Tree Commission Chairperson



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Thursday, January 19, 2023

Cumberland County Vector Control is Gearing up for another year

As the winter months wind down, Cumberland County Vector Control is gearing up for the 2023 West Nile and Tick Season seasons. The spring so far has been very wet, making it easy to see where water is laying. So, it's a good time to prepare yourselves for the warmer weather by clearing your yard of any standing water; this includes any buckets, toys, or rain barrels that could be holding water for more than a week.

You should also get a repellent that you feel comfortable with using, and wear longer sleeved clothes that are lighter in color when possible. This will help stop mosquito bites on your arms, as well as help with finding any ticks that try to catch a ride on your clothing.

It is also a good time to clear any thin or remove any thicker bushes or leaf piles you may have around your yard. Mosquitoes love to hang out in thicker, shade vegetation like ivy or shrubs, and ticks love to stay in the leaf litter that piles up on the ground.



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Community Clean-Up Day

Mark your calendars for the annual community cleanup day on Saturday April 22, 2023. Meet us at the Borough Office, 510 Herman Avenue, where gloves, garbage bags and safety vests will be provided. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please note to participate the Borough requires a signed release which is available online in advance or onsite on 4/22/2023.



HELP US GET THE LEAD OUT

Pennsylvania American Water Customers: We need your help to identify the material used for your water service line. "Pipe up" and complete our survey today! Scan to learn more about our lead service line replacement program.





The Borough of Lemoyne would like to thank the businesses and organizations that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.



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Calling all Photographers!

We would love to see and share your unique views of Lemoyne. If you would like your past or present photo(s) to be featured on our website and social media outlets, please send an email to Jenn Erickson (JErickson@lemoynepa.com) including the digital photo and providing your name, a brief description of the photo, and permission to share. We can't wait to see how and where you find beauty in our borough!



The Price of Maintaining our Infrastructure

Not many people realize that our little town owns and operates infrastructure with a replacement cost of more than \$60 million. In recent years, the money spent on repairs and replacements was below adequate levels. In 2019, a review of Borough finances and policies by the Pennsylvania Economy League (PEL) recognized this problem and recommended the Borough prepare a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to do an inventory of the Borough assets, their condition and service life, priorities for improvement and repair/replacement costs. In December 2022 Rettew Associates presented the completed CIP to Borough Council. The CIP contains a ten-year plan for required improvements for our roads, sewers, stormwater, buildings, and vehicles. Our Parks Study, nearing completion, will be combined with the CIP to give us a comprehensive picture of Borough projects and costs.

It is no surprise that the total projected expenses are a little scary. But with this plan in hand, we can now make sure that improvements can proceed in logical order and with highest priority first. Also, having an idea of costs ten years forward allows time to pursue grant funds or low interest loans. If grants are not available our reserve funds can be managed to either defer tax or fee increases, or if necessary, to phase them in gradually.

The following table includes the estimated costs, in 2022 dollars for needed investments by category:

Category	Estimated Costs 2023-2032 (Millions)
Streets and signals	\$5.1 M
Stormwater	\$2.2 M
Wastewater plant and sewers	\$7.9 M
Buildings and vehicles	\$2.2 M
Parks	To be determined

The work needed to catch up with our infrastructure repairs begins with a busy first year. The following projects are planned to at least begin in 2023:

Streets and signals:

- Paving on Warren St, Fifth St and portions of Clark St and Fourth St*
- Upgrading the signals on Third St*
- A Streetscape Project for Third St*

Stormwater:

- Improvements on Third Street from Walnut to Market St*
- Improvements on Ninth Street from Walnut to Market St*
- Improvements in the 1100 block of Indiana Ave
- Stream restoration of a portion of the unnamed tributary along the Camp Hill Bypass

Wastewater plant and sewers:

- Spot repairs of damaged sections along State St and vicinity and Lowther St and vicinity
- Installation of a new ultraviolet disinfection system to replace the chlorine system* (this is a Lemoyne Municipal Authority project)
- Parking lot paving

General:

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- Entry system and security upgrades at all buildings and parks*
- Another round of PEL recommended studies focusing on Financial Policies*

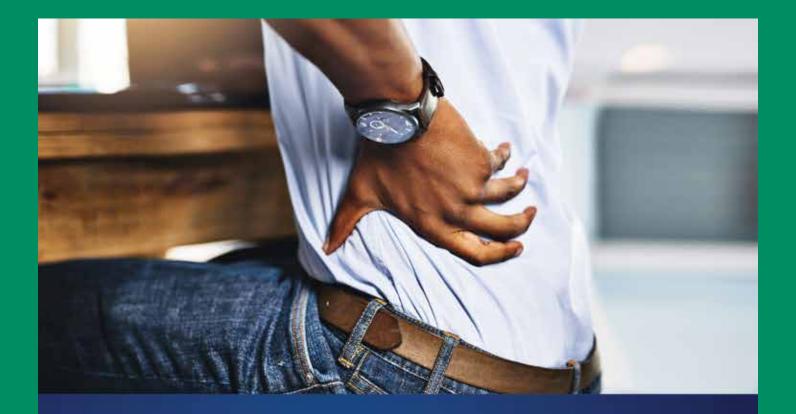
Parks:

- The first phase of improvements at Memorial Park*
- Wi-Fi at Memorial, Negley and Maple parks*
- Possibly more work pending approval of grant applications.

*Fully or partially funded through liquid fuels, American Recovery Act (ARPA) or State and County grants

Finally, we still await details on several major construction projects by others that will affect Lemoyne over the next decade. They include upgrades to Market Street through the bottleneck, the replacement of the I-83 South Bridge and Lemoyne exit, the reconstruction of the Market Street Bridge, and a new Norfolk Southern Railroad connector.

Gene Koontz, Councilmember



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THE BENEFITS OF NATIVE PLANTS

Spring is here and that means we will soon see our gardens blossoming here in Lemoyne!

Did You Know - Several species of butterflies, moths, and bees are endangered here in Pennsylvania. One way you can help pollinators and birds, is to 'rewild' a portion of your lawn. 'Rewilding' is also called lawn conversion, natural landscaping, bee lawns, grass-to-meadow, or even smart growth naturescaping. Converting your grassy areas provides the added benefits of improving water quality and stabilizing your soil.

Turf grasses have short roots and do not absorb nearly as much stormwater as native wildflowers. Wildflowers grow easily in our local soil and require little maintenance. They reduce the need for fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and even mowing! They provide food and habitat for beneficial insects and bring birds to your yard. Wildflowers have deep roots that naturally filter out pollutants, absorb stormwater runoff, and increase the amount of rain infiltrating into the soil. Meadow flowers are often drought-tolerant and can better handle heavy rains. Native trees and shrubs are also low maintenance and very effective in reducing flooding, erosion, and the volume of stormwater and pollution that enter our streams and river.

Some of My Favorite Native Plants - Butterfly Weed and Milkweed provide shelter and the nutrients needed for caterpillars and butterflies, including the endangered Monarchs. Butterfly Bush is an invasive plant and does not

support the lifecycle of the butterfly.

While working in the rain gardens, I often see several varieties of bees happily buzzing around. They love our Asters, Bee Balm, and Green & Gold plants! Asters often remain in bloom and feed our pollinators through mid-December.

The coneflowers in our rain gardens attract all kinds of butterflies. Blue jays, cardinals, and other varieties of our birds enjoy eating the seeds.

Eastern and Sunset Redbuds provide a unique beauty through every season.

Eastern White Pines are known for the incredible immune benefits produced by stroking the pine needles and drinking pine needle tea.

How to Get Started-Local Garden centers and nurseries are extremely helpful in offering selections of appropriate native herbaceous perennials for your garden.

For more information, check resources including Penn State Extension, Penn State Master Gardeners, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Audubon Society, and Fredricksen Library.

What native plants will work best in your yard? Wishing you a wonderful spring full of flourishing garden blooms!

Kasha Griva, MS4 Coordinator

WHY YOU SHOULDN'T FLUSH YOUR MEDICATIONS, AND WHAT TO DO INSTEAD

Some adults remember the days when it was common to flush old pharmaceuticals down the toilet. That way, they were gone without the risk posed by just disposing of them in the trash. But flushing your meds poses other problems.

Flushing pills down the toilet can be a water quality issue because wastewater treatment plants are not equipped to remove pharmaceuticals from the wastewater. Those medications could affect the environment and endanger public health.

In 2014, the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office launched the installation of secure medicine return boxes throughout Cumberland County. The West Shore Regional Police Department located at 510 Herman Avenue Lemoyne PA 17043 has a Medication Take-Back Box located in their lobby. Hours of availability are Monday-Friday 8:30am3:30pm. You can call (717)737-8734 to confirm hours and a list of items accepted and not accepted.

Sewer Emergencies

In the event of a sewer backup or blockage at your residence or business you should immediately contact the Lemoyne Borough Wastewater Department at (717) 763-7575. If staff is not available to answer your call, contact the Collection System Supervisor at (717) 574-7153. When reporting a sewer backup, we will need the following information: Name, address, contact information and nature of the backup. Do not contact a plumber before the problem is investigated by Wastewater Department staff. Following this procedure can save us all time and money.

Robert Oakes, Wastewater Superintendent

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Codes/Zoning Department with the second seco

Welcome Spring, we have been waiting for you! With spring comes the most common code violations of overgrown grass, weeds, bushes, and yard vegetation. As you are getting all the old dead vegetation cleaned up and disposed of properly before the new comes in, make a plan to stay ahead of that growth surge. There are all kinds of great lawn care tips online that can help you make your little part of the world beautiful and raise the bar for your neighborhood. Yard waste pick up from Penn Waste begins in April and is the 3rd Saturday of the month. Don't WASTE a single one!

From Zoning I have a few great updates for you: The School House Flats on Market is officially open and already has residents. The Shiny Shell Car Wash had its grand opening in January offering free car washes for all. They have been washing our cars ever since. The Riverton Woods project looks amazing and has had a very productive winter. We should see them leasing before my fall article. Another great update is the old Kessler's property on Hummel Avenue will be getting a major makeover! Late spring should see the beginning of drastic changes there.

"Here comes the sun, and I say it's all right" The Beatles

Trisha Rafferty, Codes and Zoning Administrator 🔧 🎶

2023 Pool Season Pass Rates (PHOTO ID/PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED)

	LEMOYNE BOROUGH RESIDENT RATE (17043 Zip Code ONLY)	NON-RESIDENT RATE
Individual Plan	\$90.00	\$155.00
Family of 2	\$135.00	\$200.00
Family of 3	\$145.00	\$210.00
Family of 4	\$155.00	\$220.00
Family of 5	\$175.00	\$240.00
Family of 6	\$195.00	\$260.00
Additional Family Members (each)	\$25.00	\$35.00
Senior Citizen (60+)	\$45.00	\$75.00

<u>Family Pass Definition</u>: The Family Pass is available for parent(s) and any of their unmarried children 22 years of age and under who are residing in the same household. Children 3 years of age and under are free and not included in the family count. Cousins, nieces, nephews, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, babysitters etc. are not eligible for inclusion in a Family Pass.

2023 Swimming Pool Season Pass Application

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Note: By submitting this application for a 2023 Lemoyne Borough Swimming Pool pass, I agree to follow any and all rules and restrictions in place while attending the pool.

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IT'S BACK!!!!

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Community Development/Parks and Recreation Committee

Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Study Group (CRPOS) – One and a half years have passed since we began this study. A draft has been released and is being reviewed by the CRPOS Committee. You can view the latest draft by clicking on www.LemoyneParks. com. A review by Borough Council and one or more public meetings will soon be scheduled to share the timelines, priorities, tasks, costs, and anticipated work schedules over a ten-year period. More good news: the 2022 grant application for improvements to Memorial Park including basketball court rehab, installation of gaga pit and upgraded signage has been approved for funding in the amount of \$29,000 from the Land Partnerships Grant Program. Our parks are going to be gorgeous!

MURALS - While we still have no further information about PennDOT's plans to change the Lemoyne exit ramp off I-83, the remaining possibility exists to fill in the area below the highway with dirt inadvertently covering our Lemoyne Passage (TLP) mural. Since we cannot remove the mural, we will again request that PennDOT protect the face of the mural so future generations can dig it up and see it! Artist Daniel Finch, the mural's creator, has championed adding course called "Public Arts" to the Messiah University's Art curriculum, teaching his students how to work with communities to produce murals and other public art. He proposed Lemoyne as his laboratory for the class's work and Borough Council accepted. This course began in late January and in record time, Daniel and his 13 students have not only designed but have painted and completed the movable panels! These works of art can be seen on the exterior wall of the Community Room at the Borough Office- 510 Herman Avenue.

Susquehannock Artifact Public Display – The display case opposite the Community Room will soon hold about 50, 400-year-old artifacts from the 2008 archeological dig in Memorial Park – the site of Susquehannock Village. We are hopeful for a spring opening of the exhibit, that is dependent upon supply chain delays for the proper equipment needed. Watch the www.LemoynePA.com website for news of the opening.

Petroglyph Sculpture is Getting Closer to a Home – In spring 2022, we noted that sculptor, Steve Dolbin from Shippensburg University was looking for a home for his monumental stainless-steel sculpture – "River Spirit" – which is 37' long, 12' high and 6' wide. The piece weighs 7-8000 pounds and needs a sturdy foundation. Some Council members and our Maintenance Superintendent, Cliff Karlson, met with the artist noting the best location for the sculpture to be in Negley Park. Approximately \$10,000 will need to be raised in order to lift, transport, deliver, and place the sculpture. If there are any residents with skills in fundraising, willing to volunteer to help raise funds, please contact Sue Yenchko at syenchko@ lemoynepa.com.

Market Lemoyne as a Livable Community – The CD/P&R Committee has recently begun discussing approaches to market Lemoyne as such. A business district map, a community association, sponsoring more family-oriented events, organizing block parties are all ideas that might work. Committee member Mike Kostukovich is chairing this discussion. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday at 6 PM at Borough Hall or via Zoom to share your voice and ideas to the discussion, all are welcome.

Sue Yenchko, Councilmember

West Shore Bureau of Fire Commissioner

In this newsletter I would like to provide a little education on fire extinguishers. As we respond to emergency situations in the boroughs, we often discover many residents do not have a fire extinguisher in their home. With so many fire extinguishers to choose from, selecting the proper one for your home can be a daunting task. Everyone should have at least one fire extinguisher at home, but it's just as important to ensure you have the proper type of fire extinguisher. Fire protection experts recommend one for the kitchen, the garage and workshop.

Fire extinguishers are divided into classes, based on different types of fires. Each fire extinguisher also has a numerical rating that serves as a guide for the amount of fire the extinguisher can handle. The higher the number on the side of the extinguisher, the more fire-fighting power it delivers.

Class A extinguishers are for ordinary combustible materials such as paper, wood, cardboard, and most plastics.

Class B fires involve flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, grease and oil.

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Class C fires involve electrical equipment, such as appliances, wiring, circuit breakers and outlets. Never use water to extinguish class C fires - the risk of electrical shock is far too great!

Some fires may involve a combination of these classifications.

Your fire extinguishers should have ABC ratings on them.

A typical fire extinguisher contains 10 seconds of extinguishing power.

Use this acronym as a quick reference to operate the extinguisher: PASS

P – PULL the pin

A – AIM the nozzle at the base of the fire

S – SQUEEZE the handle slowly

S – SWEEP the nozzle from side to side

Once the fire is out, don't walk away! Keep an exit at your back! Watch the area for a few minutes in case it re-ignites. Recharge the extinguisher immediately after use. Be Safe

Todd Shadle, Fire Commissioner | West Shore Bureau of Fire



Lemoyne Adopts Fireworks Restrictions, Following Updates to State Law



Photo Credit: Adam Turner of Lemoyne

This January, Lemoyne Borough Council unanimously approved Ordinance 778, regulating the use of consumer and display fireworks within the Borough of Lemoyne and providing the option for permits in certain cases.

Council's action followed the Commonwealth's adoption of Act 74 of 2022, which provided municipalities the authority to restrict or prohibit certain uses of Consumer Fireworks as defined in the Act if the municipality determines that certain conditions are met. Council had determined after conducting appropriate inquiries during its public meetings and after receiving public comment, that the use of Consumer Fireworks within Lemoyne Borough limits would violate the prohibition in the Fireworks Law and specifically Sections 1106(a)(1.20 and 1104(b)(5) (relating to use of consumer fireworks), and would be contrary to the public interest and harmful to public safety.

This decision was compounded by the large number of complaints from residents and first responders we have received as a Borough since the sale of Consumer Fireworks was authorized in 2017.

Residents who wish to discharge Consumer Fireworks or Display Fireworks in Lemoyne must apply for a permit from the Borough Office and meet certain safety and setback requirements. State law allows for exceptions to municipal permitting during July 4th, December 31st, Labor Day and Memorial Day holidays and immediately preceding and following weekends.

It is still illegal to discharge Consumer Fireworks on public property (Borough parks), public roadways, or within 150feet of any structure or vehicle, including a structure or vehicle owned by the firework's user.

For the benefit of all residents, we ask fireworks users to be considerate and mindful of others who may be affected by the loud noise. We ask you to always use your best judgement when discharging fireworks of any kind, which may negatively impact family pets, young children, survivors of gun violence and combat veterans.

Whichever way you choose to celebrate, I hope you join me in celebrating responsibly under these updated State and local laws, to show pride in our Country, troops, and community.

Jesse Monoski, Councilmember

Warren Street/Clark Street Road Repaving



Once again, this summer Lemoyne Borough will be using funds received from Liquid Fuel Tax to fund the paving of Warren and Clark Streets. This tax is collected at the gas pump when you refuel your vehicle.

In connection with these planned repairs, the Borough does an evaluation of sidewalks and curbs in the area where the repaving is scheduled. Where deficiencies in the sidewalk and/or curbs are noted the Borough codes enforcement officer informs the property owner about 16 to 18 months before work is to begin to let them know that the repairs need to be made before the roadway is repaved.

These repairs can be expensive, and the Borough tries to help the property owner address the costs in two ways.

First: The borough provides a loan program for residents who feel they will need some help with these repairs. Loans up to \$10,000.00 are available. Individuals who may need this help should contact the Borough office.

Second: Each year the borough requests bids from contractors on behalf of homeowners who need repairs done. Usually, when bids are made as a bulk service, the cost per foot is less than what might be obtained by an individual. This year the bid was awarded to M & M Services at a cost of \$75.72 per linear foot of curbing and \$19.08 per square foot of sidewalk. If the property owner wishes to avail themselves of these bid prices, please contact the Borough office. Of course, any property owner may use his/her own contractor for the work but must ensure that the work will meet Borough specifications. Again, call the borough with questions.

Lastly, there are two possible sources of funding which can assist property owners with these kinds of repairs:

- The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund (https://pahaf.org/)
- Cumberland County Housing Redevelopment Authority -(https://cchra.com//program/homeownership-programs)

Please note Indiana Ave. between Twelfth Street and Nineth Street is currently scheduled for repaving in 2024.

Joe Gargiulo, Council Member

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Borough Staffing Updates

We are pleased to announce that Joseph Mellinger started work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on January 3rd. Joe has a bachelor's degree in earth science and policy from Penn State and comes to us fresh from an internship at the Coachella Valley Water District in Palm Desert, California. Join us in extending him a warm welcome; we are confident Joe will prove to be a valuable asset to our growing work family. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our team, be sure to follow us on Facebook and check the website (www.lemoynepa.com) for job postings and to download an application.

West Shore Regional Police Department

Be a Tough Target

West Shore Regional Police Department (WSRPD) and surrounding jurisdictions have seen an increase in theft from vehicles as well as stolen vehicles. WSRPD encourages you to become a "TOUGH TARGET" by not keeping items of value in your car or at least in plain sight. Please do not leave your keys in the car or leave your vehicle doors unlocked. Most of these crimes occur during the late-night hours, so please report any abnormal activity so that police can investigate. The strongest deterrence for these types of crimes is a strong community that works cooperatively with law enforcement by providing information. The smallest tip or security camera footage might make a difference in ending these nuisance crimes.

Officer Recognition

Too often first responders go without recognition for their extraordinary actions that go above and beyond their normal duties, therefore an award program was established in 2022 to honor those outstanding acts. The award program consists of five categories with each category being named after a person who has influenced the West Shore Regional Police Department or the law enforcement community in the past and present. These categories are as follows: The Thomas Martini Medal of Valor, The Allen Proper Life Saving Award, The Mayor George Preble Commendation Citation, The Ray Taylor Achievement Citation, and the Chief's Letter of Appreciation.

The 2022 recipients are:

Thomas Martini Medal of Valor - Assistant Chief John Friel

Allen Proper Life Saving Award - Officer Robert Doll

Mayor George Preble Commendation Citation - Officer Brandon Stolley, Officer Robert Doll, Detective Chris Conroy

Ray Taylor Achievement Award - Assistant Chief Friel, Officer Tim Rine, Officer John Woodring, Officer Brandon Stolley, Detective Chris Conroy, Detective Nikki Sheaffer, Officer Angel Diaz, Officer Daniel Antoni, Officer Robert Doll, Officer Grant Cox, Officer Raleigh Sirb

Response to a Train Derailment

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With the recent train derailment in Ohio, WSRPD wanted to reassure the residents that WE ARE PREPARED! The eastern side of Cumberland County prides itself as being a railroad community. Trains pass through our communities daily carrying materials that could be dangerous to the community if spilled during a derailment. WSRPD wants to assure the public that the first responders in your community are prepared to deal with said emergencies if they were to happen. We are lucky to have a good working relationship with Norfolk Southern and we are confident that each emergency will be handled in a quick and professional manner. There are emergency response operational plans in effect for just about every possible emergency and these plans are reviewed yearly to keep them current and officers prepared. If a railroad emergency occurs, please monitor your local news media and social media outlets as updates and/or possible evacuations will be announced there. We will also be updating our social media platforms and activating our evacuation protocols as needed. We look forward to proudly serving you and hope that we never have to experience an emergency of this magnitude.

Chief Tony Minium, - West Shore Regional Police Department



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