# LECONDE Borough News Paul 2019

# **President's Message**

Autumn is upon us. (It seems as though I always begin my note with a seasonal entre. I guess it helps me to keep my calendar straight!) And once again, Lemoyne is bustling!

To provide yet more choices to us in our "Little Town That Has It All," our business community continues to grow. I'd like to welcome some new and newly relocated businesses: On Market Street, welcome to Prominent Medical Staffing ; Manor House Studio in the former Ed Lank location; Hoageez in the West Shore Plaza; and congratulations to Arthur Murray Dance Studio on its beautiful new location. Welcome also to Pennian Bank, Central Penn Health fitness center, and the newly re-opened Lafferty Lumber.

In addition, we are anxiously anticipating the ground breaking of a new project, The Lofts at 701 Market Street. These upscale apartments will bring new residents to Lemoyne who will patronize and support our local businesses. More information on this transformation of the former Lemoyne Middle School can be found in a subsequent article in this newsletter.

We continue to work on our streets and traffic flow. You have probably noticed road work on many of our streets. We have been televising our sewer lines to assess the viability of this aging infrastructure, and we were pleased to find that it's not bad! A few repairs are required, but overall it is in good condition. You will soon notice some changes in traffic signals at 12th and Market Sts., which will help to alleviate backlogs at that intersection. New water lines have also been installed by PA American Water on Hummel Avenue and a paving project will begin there in the near future.

As I mentioned in our spring newsletter, the Borough has undergone an in-depth review by the Pennsylvania Economy League through the PA Department of Community & Economic Development's Strategic Management Planning Program. Every aspect of our assets, expenditures, staffing, systems and processes has been analyzed. The good news is that we are currently in pretty good shape! However, provisions need to be implemented now for future needs in order to keep us on the right track and moving forward.

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## Thank you, Residents of Lemoyne

It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. I would like to borrow that phrase and state also, it takes active residents in that village to make a community a success.

Over the course of the past several years we have seen many challenges faced by Borough Council and often with few options available to address the ever-increasing pressures on our little town to give up its identity to meet the need of someone else or some other "recommended" need. To their credit, your credit, the residents of Lemoyne have come together at various points to be heard and to make their wishes known. Moreover, to the credit of Borough Council, the residents were listened to. Together Council and the involved citizens helped to shape decisions that will keep our town a place where people will want to come, live, and raise their families.

Take the case of the Lemoyne Middle School. Two years ago, we were told there was nothing to be done. The building had to come down. It was the only answer to the vacant and deteriorating building. However, thanks to a group of citizens who came to Council meetings, raised their concerns and offered other options, the school will not be demolished. It seems it will have a new life as a modern combination apartment building and small business locale. It took time, but the citizens were heard. It was not an easy endeavor to change direction, but the people stuck with it and they were successful.

In two other cases, plans to rezone a section of land near the Harrisburg Academy along Route 15 into Wormleysburg and a proposal to change zoning in an area near the downtown raised the concerns of two different groups of people who came forward to be heard. After considering their concerns, weighing the various options and actually walking the area, Borough Council chose to listen to the residents and, in both cases, the lands were preserved.

There have been similar cases, and in each case citizen input has made a difference. The point is this. An active and informed citizenry is necessary for small towns like ours to survive and prosper. If there is an advantage to living in a small town, it is that your voice WILL BE heard. Please don't stop now. Continue to be involved and there is no limit to how far we can go!

Joe Gargiulo, Borough Councilmember



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# The Borough Office will be closed on the following legal holidays:

- November 11 Veteran's Day
- November 28 & 29 Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 24 & 25 Christmas Holidays
- January 1 New Year's Day
- February 18 President's Day

#### **Council Work Session Meetings**

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# West Shore Regional Police Department (WSRPD)

The arrival of fall brings along the falling of the leaves and a reminder to residents that street cleaning begins daily (Monday through Thursday) in October and continues until December 19th. Please be sure to take note of the day for your specific street in order to avoid receiving a ticket.

Trick or Treat is scheduled for Thursday, October 31, 2019. Please stay alert to your surroundings and be careful crossing the streets. Our police officers will be out again this year to distribute treats to the children!! Make sure to say hello and get a treat!!

Our last reminder to everyone as we move into the winter season involves inclement weather like snow, sleet and icing situations. Please make sure you know if you are located in a Snow Emergency Route. If you are in one of those areas, make sure to pay attention to local media, our website, www.wsrpd.org, and/or the Lemoyne Borough website, www.lemoynepa.com, for any Mayoral declarations of a Snow Emergency.

As always, the Department would like everyone to know that we are here for you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are always on duty for you!! Should you need police assistance please call 911 or our Dispatch Center at 717-238-9676.

#### **Police Chief Michael Hope**

#### President's Message continued from page 1

Please be assured that Council is considering these findings with open eyes and open minds to do just that. The final report will soon be available on the Borough's website.

We on Borough Council have, and will continue to see important issues come before us. We put much thought and consideration into each situation and every decision we make. There are times when we must make tough decisions and your thoughts and opinions matter to us. Although we may not always agree with everyone and can never please everyone, we will always listen. And, we will always strive to do what is best for our residents and the Borough of Lemoyne. Not just for today, but for the Lemoyne that will be here for generations to come.

That being said, keep in mind that November 5th is Election Day. It is a day for your voices to be heard in the selection of those to whom you entrust our community. I urge you to go to the polls and to speak, through your vote, on this and every Election Day.

**Gale Gallo, Lemoyne Borough Council President** 

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# **Pennsylvania Historical Marker**

The Community Development/Parks & Recreation Committee is pursuing a historical marker to honor and acknowledge the Susquehannock Village identified and excavated in Lemoyne's Memorial Park.

The Pennsylvania Historical Marker Program highlights people, places, events, and discoveries impacting Pennsylvania and its inhabitants. These markers provide significant accounts of PA history. They also give us the opportunity to celebrate and understand our state's heritage.

Archaeologist and author Andrew Wyatt has agreed to assist with writing the dedication for the marker. Councilwoman Sue Yenchko, Borough Manager Cindy Foster, and I met with a curator and learned about the comprehensive history of the Susquehannock Tribes, while viewing artifacts from the Lemoyne dig that are currently housed at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. The archaeological dig at Memorial Park has provided insights about the Susquehannocks as a people with regard to their response to inter-tribal conflict, European trade, and eventual colonization. This unique piece of history is a part of our culture and our legacy in Lemoyne.

Kasha Griva, Borough Councilmember



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# **The Susquehannock Native Americans in Lemoyne**

The area known as Lemoyne's Memorial Park has been used by Native Americans as a temporary site since 8000 BC.

Sometime between 1610 and 1620 AD, members of the Susquehannock tribe founded a permanent village in this location. The Susquehannocks were an important and powerful society throughout the 17th century. The Huron called them "Andastoerrhonon" meaning "people of the blackened ridge pole" (referring to building practices). They were called "Andaste" by the French, "Minqua" by the Dutch, and "Susquehannock" by the English, but we have no idea what they called themselves. The Lenape called them "Sisawehak Hanna Len" or "Oyster River People." The Powhaten & Algonquians called them "Sasquesahanough."

The name "Conestoga" is attributed to the Susquehannocks from the Iroquoian term, "Kanastoge," possibly meaning "place of the upright pole." Early English and Dutch traders heard and spelled the people's main settlement, fort, or castle, as "Quanestaqua."

Prior to the 1600's, the Susquehannocks were comprised of approximately 20 smaller tribes settled along the Susquehanna River. They remained independent and not affiliated with any other Native American tribe until the increased arrival of colonists and the Beaver Wars.

In the early 1600's, the Susquehannocks allied themselves with Swedish and Dutch traders and settlers, who increased their accessibility to firearms. Captain John Smith of the Jamestown settlement recorded a 1608 meeting with the Susquehannocks, who had a "formidable" tribe of over 2000 in present day Lancaster, the

location of their largest settlement. Smith also mentioned the following Susquehannock settlements: Attock, Quadroque, Tesinigh, and Utehowig.

Along with the Huron and other tribes, they were members of the Iroquois Alliance by the early 1600's. However, peace amongst the tribes was elusive, and wars were often fought over the richest fur bearing land and waters and competition for trade with the Europeans. The Susquehannocks were very powerful through the 1640's and won many battles by decimating populations of certain tribes. They allied themselves with different groups of Europeans or Native tribes depending upon the impending conflict. These dramatic swings in local indigenous power and population indicate the Susquehannock practiced a form of ruthless total war beyond simple raiding.

No Native Americans today are considered Susquehannock. Sadly, the Susquehannocks ceased to exist as a tribe. Depopulation occurred quickly due to exposure to European diseases and war amongst Native tribes.

In 1673/1674, the Susquehannock numbers had been decimated by disease and the remaining tribes were defeated in war by the Iroquois. Some captives were tortured, killed, or at times eaten in ritual displays to satisfy the desire for revenge. Unavenged killing brought dishonor, while successful raids and captive-taking elevated the status of men. More often, war captives were offered as adoptees to those who had lost family members through warfare or disease. The remaining Susquehannock merged with the



Haudenosaunee Iroquois tribe in New York. Some Susquehannock remained in Conestoga, but were later massacred by the Paxton Boys, who mistakenly believed they were supporting Pontiac's War.

The Susquehannocks were a matrilineal descending (and inheriting) society and spoke an Iroquoian-based language. Little is known about their culture because very few Europeans documented information about them. The Lemoyne site identified a longhouse and a large palisade or wooden fence constructed to protect the village and keep intruders out. Diet was primarily corn, beans, and squash with a great deal of sunflower seeds, hickory nuts, and acorns. Abundant bone remains show white tail deer being the most frequently hunted, followed by elk and black bear. Deer and elk were hunted fall through winter, when the animals were heaviest and their hides in best condition to make clothing. Smaller numbers of bone remains include beaver, fox, squirrel, muskrat, rabbit, raccoon, and domestic dog. Bones from six species of birds were found, including turkey, bald eagle, and raven. It is unknown if dogs and eagles were represented as food ... the rarity of these and turtle bones suggest that they were utilized for war preparation or ritual purposes.

Fish bones and scales found in Lemoyne indicate year-round fishing of catfish, sucker, minnow, and freshwater mussels. Seasonal fishing was indicated by bones and scales of American shad, striped bass, and eel, which were targeted during their mass migrations up and down the Susquehanna. Fishing was done with lines, hooks, netting, and spearing. The ability to smoke, dry, preserve, and store food allowed the Susquehannocks to remain at one farming community for 10–20 years at a time.

Several large storage pits were excavated at the Lemoyne site, which yielded 92,000 artifacts. In addition to bones and tools, artifacts found at the site include a stone human face masquette, a small bear effigy, a miniature pot, mussel tool shells, stone tools, bone fish hooks, elk tooth pendants, marine shell beads, rolled glass beads, European made glass beads, incised pottery fragments, a single iron knife fragment, and fragments of brass kettles.

One major difference between the Susquehannocks and other nearby Native American tribes is distance between settlements. Other tribes relocated to villages within 25 miles of each other. The Susquehannocks were living in widely geographically separated villages with a linear distance of over 200 miles, with Lemoyne being the northern-most known settlement. Speculation indicates the Susquehannocks may have been trying to control a large hunting territory to dominate the lucrative fur trade. They may have chosen strategic locations to remain safe from attacks and control trade with European colonies in the Chesapeake Bay and Delaware Bay. They also may have experienced social tensions within their tribe. One explanation for choosing the geographic location of Lemoyne is its proximity to the Allegheny Path, which intersected with other known Indian paths that could take travelers north into Iroquois territory or west to the Ohio River. It is thought that the Susquehannocks may have chosen Lemoyne to facilitate east to west trade or to monitor other Native groups passing through the lower Susquehanna Valley from the north or west.

#### Kasha Griva, Borough Councilmember

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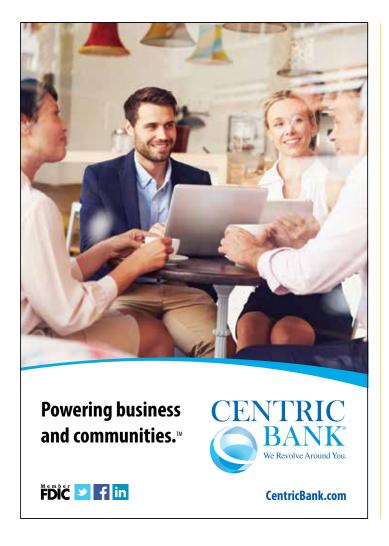
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### Lemoyne's 2nd Annual Movie Night

On Saturday, August 24th, Lemoyne hosted its second annual movie night! Thank you to all our Borough residents who gathered at Memorial Park and enjoyed *The Secret Life of Pets* on the big screen. After so many hot and humid days, we were fortunate to have breezy weather and a beautiful sunset while waiting for the movie to start. We had so much fun at our last community event before school started for our students!



Thank you to Matt and Stephanie of Rita's and Tracie Conley for bringing their food trucks with essential movie snacks, sweets, and drinks. And thank you to Officers Cox, Hair, and Rine for stopping by during their foot patrols!

We would love to hear your suggestions for next summer's movie. Keep an eye out on Facebook and the Borough website, www.lemoynepa.com for updates on our 3rd annual movie night in 2020!

#### Kasha Griva, Borough Councilmember

## **Community Development/Parks & Recreation Committee**

The CD/P&R Committee has been meeting monthly (2nd Thursday, 6 PM — all are welcome!) and moving along several issues. Take a quick look at the front of your residence. Is there a clearly visible street number showing? That's how the Fire Company, Police and EMS teams will find you if you have an emergency. Chapter 177 of the Lemoyne Borough Code requires that all structures in the Borough have a visible number showing. Please attend to this small but important task.

The Community Survey that was open for two months has given us a feel for YOUR priorities and thoughts. Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey!! There will be many more details coming later, but preliminary results show: **Residents** value their neighborhoods, their proximity to amenities and services and to available green space and parks. Top priorities were the tangible issues of infrastructure, community aesthetics, walkability, safety and health (including substance abuse problems). It also noted that arts and culture and sustainability initiatives are important to many who live in Lemoyne. We hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity to become engaged in taking steps to implement these top priorities.

We continue to look for opportunities to promote businesses in the Borough; as a start by encouraging every business to sharpen up the exterior of their location. Wash windows, pressure wash the outside, scrape peeling paint, pull any weeds or grass, repaint signage, have a visible street address number ... these are small things that can make a huge difference in promoting businesses who care about their customers. Now's a good time for a fall cleanup!

Finally, we are looking for funding to create an Open Space Parks Master Plan — looking at future use of our great parks, and we are looking forward to spring when Negley Park's Upper Pavilion will be rebuilt to meet all codes. We are also continuing to review the 2010 Comprehensive Plan for projects that have been overlooked which will contribute to the quality of life in Lemoyne. You are always welcome to participate in those discussions!

#### Sue Yenchko, Borough Councilmember

# **Message from the Mayor**

Sweater, sweatshirt, shorts, sandals—welcome to fall in PA; wouldn't have it any other way. Before we head into the fall season, I want to give a huge shout out to all that showed up for spring cleanup! This was the largest group I remember in many years. We were able to cover mostly all of Lemoyne, and collected lots of trash. Hope to see you all, and even more next year. Fall can be a time of a lot of trash blowing around with the leaves; I encourage you to step outside and clean up around your homes before the snow arrives.

Please check out my Facebook page, David Beasley is Mayor, or check out other Councilmembers' pages, and the Borough of LEMOYNE page for added events and important information.

#### Many great events are going on in the next few months:

- Trick or Treat, Thursday October 31st 6:00-8:00pm
- Friday November 30th, support your local businesses on **Small Business Friday**
- Friday December 6th, Annual Tree Lighting 6:00pm
- Saturday December 21st, Santa Around Town on the firetrucks

Have a very happy holiday season,

#### **David Beasley**



# **Sewer Department**

#### **SEWER CLEANOUT CARE**

Sewer cleanouts are an essential part of your sewer system. These cleanouts are used to inspect your sewer lateral and for access when you have a blockage or backup. The cleanout cap is also essential to keep excess water out of the sewer system and to keep unwanted debris from falling in the cleanout and causing a possible blockage.

Cleanout caps can be broken from a vehicle driving over it or if hit by a lawn mower blade. Please inspect your cleanout caps for damage and replace if needed. Some properties have more than one cleanout. They are located between the house/ business and the main sewer line. Replacement of broken caps/cleanouts are the responsibility of the home owner/business owner.

#### **SEWER BACKUP PROCEDURES**

In the event of a sewer backup or blockage at your residence or business you should immediately contact the **Lemoyne Borough Sewer 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 the nature of the backup. Do not contact a plumber before the problem is investigated by the Sewer Department staff. Following this procedure can save us all time and money.

**Robert Oakes, Wastewater Superintendent** 



## Maintenance Department

It has been a busy summer across the Borough of Lemoyne! The 100/200 blocks of Hummel Avenue have new curbs, sidewalks and roadway, our pool has completed another successful season, and the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra made a stop at Negley Park for its annual concert in Lemoyne. Numerous visitors also came to our parks for picnics, baseball and softball games or just to play on the playground equipment. Fall is the perfect time to try one of the three pickle ball courts at Negley Park.

The Borough's Maintenance Department is beginning to shift gears from parks and road repairs to fall and winter activities. Weekly street cleaning has resumed and leaf collection will continue through December 19th. Please remember to take notice of the different parking restrictions in your neighborhoods; this will assist us with keeping the roadways clear.

PA American Water is replacing the water main and the lines serving the properties along Hummel Avenue and 3rd Street. Work on the sewer lines will begin by the end of October, weather permitting. Penn DOT will repave Hummel Avenue from 3rd Street to the Borough line by the Hempt Bros. construction garages in the spring of 2020, after all utility work is completed.

The Department is prepared for the upcoming snow and ice season; we will clear the most heavily traveled streets first, and will clear other streets as quickly as we can. We will be pretreating the streets with salt brine when possible, using salt as

needed. It is almost impossible for the equipment operators not to plow some snow into driveways. To help alleviate the impact of plows passing your home, place the snow to the right side of your driveway (standing with your back facing your house). This will reduce the amount of snow plowed back into your driveway. Residents are asked to park their cars in driveways during winter events whenever possible. Please remember that snow removal operations are most often performed under emergency conditions. Our drivers often endure extended work hours to provide safe and effective snow removal from our streets. For the safety of the general public, property owners and residents are reminded to clear their sidewalks as soon as possible after the storm has ended. Please do not throw the snow and ice back on the streets. As winter driving weather arrives, please remember to slow down, leave more distance between you and the car in front of you, and always wear your seat belt.

Finally, please note that Christmas trees will be collected on Saturday, January 11, 2020 by Penn Waste, our solid waste/ recycling contractor. Be sure to remove all tree stands, decorations, and lights before placing trees at your normal trash pickup area.

All of us at the Lemoyne Maintenance Department wish you a safe and happy holiday season. 🍟

#### **Cliff Karlsen, Maintenance Department Superintendent**

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# **Fredricksen Library News**

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Friday, November 1–Thursday, November 14 • Bid on the many items up for auction at the Friends of Fredricksen Online Auction. Visit www.fredricksenlibrary.org to view and place your bids on items that include gift cards, sports/concert tickets, decorative items and much more. All proceeds benefit the library.

#### **CELEBRATE DIWALI!**

Saturday, November 2 from 1 pm–5pm • Join the library for an afternoon celebrating Diwali!

#### **HOLIDAY BOOK TREE**

Place your loved one's name on the spine of a book for the 2019 holiday season on the Fredricksen Holiday Book Tree. Minimum donation \$10.

We have a variety of programs and activities for all ages taking place this fall and winter at the library! 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, Twitter and Pinterest.

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We are seeking Mobile Ag Ed Teachers for the 2019-2020 school year. These are per diem positions. Valid PA teacher's certification, 3 years teaching experience, and valid PA driver's license are required.

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Offer ends 11/30/2019. Call or visit webpage for offer details. Plumbing work done by P.U.L.S.E. Plumbing, MD MPL #17499, NJ MPL #10655, DE MPL #PL0002303, MD MPL #82842, VA MPL #2710064024, PA HIC #PAQ17017, NJ HC #13VH03073000, WV HIC #WV053065, MD HIC #129436, VA HIC #2705155694, MD HIC #122356, VA HIC #2705096759. Each Franchise Independently Owned And Operated By Bath Saver, Inc.



# DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES!



<u>NO</u> PLASTIC BAGS IN YOUR RECYCLING CART

Collecting recyclables in a bag? Empty the contents into the cart.





**PRO TIP:** Return plastic bags to retailers.

# **Fire Prevention Tips**

There are many things that are done in respect to fire prevention that should be followed all year long, but there are also specific items to remember during the different seasons.

Below are some ways to stay safe in and around our homes:

- Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time. It is also a good idea to make it standard procedure in your household to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order when you adjust the clocks each season.
- No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, making sure your heating devices and/ or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips.
- Fireplace and woodstove users have your chimney cleaned and inspected each year before use.
- Learn the outdoor burning regulations in your area, and do not engage in illegal burning of leaves and other outdoor debris.
- Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet of empty space. DO NOT use extension cords to plug in space heaters.
- Never park your car or truck over a pile of leaves. The heat from the vehicle's exhaust system can ignite the leaves.

Believe it or not, the holidays are just around the corner ... If you have a Christmas tree:

- Place the tree away from radiators, heaters, and fireplaces.
- Do not attach too many light strings together or in one outlet.
- Never leave a tree lit unattended and turn off the lights when leaving the house.
- Keep the tree watered at all times, a dry tree is very flammable. When it does become dry, take it down and if possible, recycle the tree, never burn in a wood stove or fireplace.

There is nothing more important than the safety of your family. Everyone in your home needs to know how to behave responsibly to reduce the likelihood of experiencing a fire. However, because fires can start at any time without warning, it is also very important that the members of your household know how to react in the event of a fire. It's a good idea to review fire prevention and safety tips with your family every fall, and several other times throughout the year.

West Shore Bureau of Fire

**Practice** those fire drills. Just remember: E.D.I.T.H. –

# "Exit Drills In The Home"



# **Getting to Know Lemoyne's MS4 Structures**

Here in the Borough of Lemoyne our residents and employees take pride in our motto "The Little Town That Has It All," and this ideal even reflects when we take a look at our MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) and its associated infrastructure.

Lemoyne covers about 1.6 square miles of land, with an elevation that goes from 394 ft to sea level where it meets the Susquehanna River. The combination of a small area with a large slope is the cause of many stormwater-related issues such as pollution, erosion, and flooding. In order to properly confront these problems, infrastructure must be implemented and maintained.

Many people know that stormsewers often are comprised of stormwater inlets used to collect flowing water, and miles of underground pipes for funneling the water until it reaches an outfall where it is then expelled into a larger body of water – often a river, bay, or ocean. Lemoyne's MS4 system is set up just like this with over 400 municipal, state, and private inlets, miles of pipes, and 12 outfalls that flow directly into the Susquehanna River. In addition to these common elements of a stormsewer, the Borough also has some organic structures to help move stormwater while bringing beauty to our landscape. Over 35



swales and retention basins, 32 raingardens, 19 pollinator pots, and about 3,700 feet of newly restored streambed can be found throughout the area, all of which are working hard to help manage where our stormwater ends up. We can all help aid our MS4 efforts by becoming educated and able to identify these different structures which, in turn, help make Lemoyne – and the world – a cleaner, happier place!

#### Joseph Reiprich, MS4 Coordinator



## **Vector Control**

As of 10/1/2019 Vector Control is done setting data collection traps. In 2019 we set 1,383 gravid (adult mosquito) traps compared to last year we collected 462. In dips (larvae mosquitoes) we have 892 collections whereas in 2018 we had collected 222. We performed 271 larval treatments through the season. Last year we had 118 treatments throughout the county.

Last year a total of 242 West Nile **positive** mosquito samples were collected. In 2019, we have collected **nine** samples that have tested positive. One of the samples was from New Cumberland Borough, one from Dickinson Township, one from Mount Holly Borough, two from Shippensburg Township, Camp Hill Borough, and Silver Spring Township. All appropriate steps were taken to combat the problems.

We set and collected more traps this year than any year prior since the beginning of the program in 2001. However, the number of mosquitoes per trap is much lower than previous years. We attribute this to many of the additional larval treatments we have conducted this year, as well as the drier weather we had experienced the last couple of months.

Throughout 2019 members of Vector Control participated in many outreach opportunities. We partook in First Friday in Carlisle, National Night Out in Camp Hill and Silver Spring



Township, the Carlisle Farmers Market, and other municipal events. We performed five separate interviews for local television news stations, and one radio interview. We are looking for opportunities to preform outreach in more municipalities for 2020. We also performed a tire collection in Mechanicsburg, and would like to attempt to host one on the Western end of the county in 2020.

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# COMMUTE PA

# Be Cool — Carpool in November!

Do you currently carpool to work? Would you like to try carpooling to work? Commuter Services of PA will be encouraging local commuters to find a buddy and share the ride to work to help reduce congestion on the roadways. Enroll in Commute PA to join the challenge! Commuters can search for carpool partners and then start recording their trips. During the week of November 3–9, any commuter that records a carpool trip will be entered for a chance to win a Kindle Fire or a \$50 Starbucks gift card. Download the app today or visit our website to get started. For more information, contact commuter.service@pacommuterservices.org.

# 2020 Sewer Rate Increase Proposed

Many people may not know it, but the Borough's sewer plant has been operating at a deficit since 2015 when the base rates were reduced from \$65/month to \$50/month. At that time, the minimum consumption was 3,000 gallons per month, meaning if your water usage stayed under 3,000 gallons per month your bill was a flat \$50. Since then the sewer fund has been dipping into its reserves to make ends meet. If this practice continues, it is expected that the fund will be depleted in two years. 2018 to try to find a way to make the operation solvent. The proposed rate structure below will do just that by bringing the base rate back to its 2015 level of \$65/month, but will also increase the minimum monthly water consumption to 4,000 gallons before you would see an increase in your bill. Council and the Sewer Committee have discussed the topic at several public meetings this year and will take up the proposal below at the November 21st Council meeting. If the rate increase is imposed it will be effective January 1, 2020.

Borough Council's Sewer Committee began meeting in late

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL RATE			
Base Rate:	Monthly Minimum =	\$65.00 Per Dwelling Unit	
Gallons Included:	4,000		
Additional Consumption/ Usage Charges:	Water Use in Gallons	Rate Per Unit (100 Hundred Gallons)	Rate Per Gallon
	4,001-6,000	\$3.00	\$0.0300
	6,001-10,000	\$2.75	\$0.0275
	10,001 & up	\$2.45	\$0.0245
NOTE: This is not a cumulative block rate. All gallons used over the 4,000 included are billed at that rate band.			

For example, if 8,000 gallons are used 4,000 will be billed at \$0.0275/ gallon

MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL RATE				
Base Rate:	Monthly Minimum =	\$50.00 Per Dwelling Unit		
Gallons Included Per Unit:	3,000	Multiplied by the number of on the property	Multiplied by the number of residential dwelling units on the property	
Additional Consumption/ Usage Charges:	Water Use in Gallons	Rate Per Unit (100 Hundred Gallons)	Rate Per Gallon	
	3,001-6,000	\$3.50	\$0.0350	
	6,001-10,000	\$3.25	\$0.0325	
	10,001 & up	\$2.00	\$0.0200	
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COMMERCIAL RATE			
Base Rate:	Monthly Minimum =	\$130.00 per business property/water meter	
Gallons Included:	3,000		
Additional Consumption/ Usage Charges:	Water Use in Gallons	Rate Per Unit (100 Hundred Gallons)	Rate Per Gallon
	3,001-6,000	\$3.00	\$0.0300
	6,001-10,000	\$2.80	\$0.0280
	10,001 & up	\$1.85	\$0.0185
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COMMERCIAL RATE			
Base Rate:	Monthly Minimum =	\$130.00 Per Business Property/Water Meter	
Gallons Included:	3,000		
PLUS			
Base Rate:	Monthly Minimum =	\$50.00 Per Residential Dwelling Unit	
Gallons Included Per Unit:	3,000	Multiplied by total number of residential units on the property, then add 3,000 gallons for the commercial unit for combined allowance	
Additional Consumption/ Usage Charges Based on Water Meter at Property:	Water Use in Gallons Over Combined Allowance		
Additional Consumption/ Usage Charges:	Water Use in Gallons	Rate Per Unit (100 Hundred Gallons)	Rate Per Gallon
	3,001-6,000	\$3.00	\$0.0300
	6,001-10,000	\$2.80	\$0.0280
	10,001 & up	\$2.00	\$0.0200



## Lemoyne Middle School Given a Second Chance

It is often difficult to come up with an article of interest that all Borough residents would find enjoyable to read, but in this case, I think we have one.

After several years of being told that there was little that could be done with the old Lemoyne Middle School building, except to tear it down and start all over, on September 5th, Borough Council and those residents in attendance were treated to a presentation by Mr. Derek Dilks of R.S Mowery and Sons. Mr. Dilks explained how the Lemoyne Middle School is the ideal project for conversion into loft apartments while retaining most, if not all of the building intact.

During the 30-minute presentation, complete with slides of sample work and proposed finished views of what the apartments might look like, Mr. Dilks answered all questions and ex-

plained the process that would be followed to bring this project to completion. What was also good to know, is that he has done this before in other communities.

The work would be completed in two phases, beginning first with the original building. Both living space and some light retail space would be created on the building's first floor, while two-story apartments would be slated for the gymnasium section of the building. Work would be done to provide onsite parking, as well as the use of street parking that already exists around the building. Once completed the focus would move to the newer section where the library and auditorium are housed. There may even be an option for two or three single-family



homes to be created on 8th Street at the corner parking lot. If created, and this is not certain, these homes would complete the entire block with single-family, owner-owned residences.

By the end of the meeting, all in attendance were hopeful that their efforts for these past two plus years would lead to what they had always hoped for. The hard work of the citizens group, led by Laurie Zimmerman and Andrea MacDonald, has paid off. It is proof that citizen participation in local government does make a difference here in Lemoyne. Stay tuned for more developments.

#### Joe Gargiulo, Borough Councilmember

### 2020 Census

The Census is more than just a head count. It's a snapshot of America determining how many seats each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives (a total of 435 are up for grabs) and how many Electoral College ballots it will receive for electing a president (each state is allocated votes equal to the number of congressional members). It takes place just once every 10 years, but its effects will be felt over the next decade.

Over the decades, Pennsylvania has watched its political influence sliced in half from a peak of 36 seats from 1913 to 1933 to the current 18 after the 2010 census. Federal funds, grants, and support to Pennsylvania and its communities are based on population totals. Pennsylvania receives nearly \$26.8 billion in federal funding. Additionally, the Commonwealth relies heavily on census data to allocate money for local improvements, services, and projects, including liquid fuels reimbursements, firemen's relief funds, community development block grants, Act 13 funds, and recycling grants.

One of the biggest changes for the 2020 Census will be expanding the way people can respond, to include for the first time, via the Internet. Although census forms will still be mailed to every residence in the United States, respondents will have three methods for responding to the questionnaire: returning the paper copy, accessing the form online, or calling the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau is hopeful that providing more options for returning the survey will result in a higher percentage return upfront, which, in turn, will help reduce the need for door-to-door census takers later. The census form will once again be short, consisting of about 10 questions that should take about 10 minutes to complete.

(PA Township News – March 2019)

#### ADVERTORIAL

# PARTHEMORE FUNERAL HOME Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Parthemore Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc. is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. The independent, family-owned funeral home is located in New Cumberland and serves families in the surrounding communities.

#### **A Family Tradition of Caring**

The funeral home founders, Gil and Sondra Parthemore, have fond memories of growing up in small town New Cumberland. Gil's introduction to funeral service began at age 15 when he started working at the cemetery cutting grass and digging graves. The couple opened their funeral home in 1969.

During the early years, Gil and Sondra were the sole employees and worked together to provide services, all the while raising three young sons. The first floor of the home was dedicated to funeral services, while the second and third floors were reserved for family quarters.

#### **Three Generations**

The Parthemore's oldest son, Gib, was nineyears-old when they opened for business. After attending college and graduating from mortuary school, Gib and Bruce joined the staff of the funeral home in 1984. Later in 1989, Steve joined his brothers and became a funeral director with the home.

"In the beginning, when the boys first began working at the funeral home, people would call and always wanted to speak to the 'old man,' recalls Sondra. "Now they ask for one of the boys. It feels good to know that our community has confidence in the next generation." Grandson, Gibby Parthemore became the third generation licensed funeral director to join the home in 2018.

#### **Dedicated to Serving**

Over the past five decades the Parthemores have held the firm belief that dignity, compassion and professionalism were of utmost importance to the families they served.

The history of husband and wife working side by side repeated when Joanna, Gib's wife, joined the staff as Administrative Assistant in 2005.

This dedication to helping people who have suffered a loss is shared by all the staff who



The Parthemore Funeral Home Staff (left to right standing): Steve Parthemore, Gib Parthemore, Gibby Parthemore, Sondra Parthemore, Bruce Parthemore, (left to right seated): Yvonne Sersch, Joanna Parthemore, Gil Parthemore

have been a part of the funeral home. "We owe much of our success to all of our staff," said Steve Parthemore. "Yvonne Sersch, our Office Manager since 2013, is a perfect example. We knew immediately at the start of the job interview that she would be great." Yvonne commented, "Making the decision to accept the job was easy. I take pride in my job, and I feel very blessed for the opportunity to help our families."

#### **Community & Recognition**

Over the years, the funeral directors and staff have devoted time to coaching little league, playing in the town band and serving on community boards.

Everyone has a cause that's close to their hearts. Since 1993, Gib has been involved with the West Shore School District by serving as a dedicated member of the PTO, the school board and the West Shore Foundation Board. Bruce is a member of Caring Hearts Pet Therapy and Alliance of Therapy Dogs and volunteers time visiting the elderly and children. Steve is a member of the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team and volunteers at the Highmark Caring Place. Gibby is active with the Harrisburg Young Professionals and the New Cumberland Business & Professional Group.

"It has been so gratifying that over the years, our community has recognized our contributions," said Bruce Parthemore. "We've been recognized by readers of Senior News and the Sentinel newspaper, as well as Harrisburg Magazine's "Simply The Best" funeral home for the past 13 years."

#### **Changes Over the Years**

Throughout the last five decades, the facility has been expanded and improved. In 1986, the building was expanded to include a spacious chapel for services, handicap ramp, merchandise selection areas and a private arrangement room. More recently in 2017, the chapel and foyer were redecorated. In keeping with their commitment to provide full service, state of the art, professional offerings to the community, the Parthemores will be adding their very own Tribute Center and Crematory in the very near future.

In addition to physical changes at the funeral home, the Parthemores have also continually expanded and updated the types of services that they offer to families. Some families prefer more traditional services, while others opt for more personalized, contemporary options. Whether choosing a cemetery burial, cremation or green burial, the funeral home is able to plan a service that honors the family's loved one.

Even though commemorating the life of a loved one is a very intimate event, Parthemore Funeral Home is able to blend in the latest technology to help tell the story of the person's life with family and friends. Social media and the funeral home's website play a big part in sharing memories. Parthemore also offers families the ability to webcast services, so that those who are not able to attend can do so remotely.

What hasn't changed in the past 50 years, is Parthemore's commitment to being a part of the fabric of the community that they serve by providing a Family Tradition of Caring.





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