

# **President's Message**

Happy spring to you!

I can't believe it's that time already but am certainly grateful for it.

I'd like to begin by drawing your attention to two major projects on the drawing board for Lemoyne:

The first is the Road Diet in the "bottleneck", 3rd & Market Streets, to the Market Street bridge. You may recall Councilman Gargiulo's article in our fall newsletter. This project will add bicycle lanes on both sides of this portion of roadway, sidewalk and lighting improvements, as well as new traffic signals. Its goal is to make our community and the greater West Shore more bike & pedestrian friendly.

The second is the I-83 South Bridge Project. This proposal involves the replacement of the John Harris Memorial Bridge (the South Bridge), creating five lanes in each direction, new access and exit ramps, modifying the Rte. 581 interchange AND adding a toll to utilize the bridge. This project will have significant impact on Lemoyne in a variety of ways:

- it will undoubtedly significantly increase traffic through Lemoyne as motorists attempt to avoid the tolls
- the new ramps will replace the current Lemoyne exit ramp from the South Bridge, along which our beloved mural is proudly displayed
- the proposed design appears to impact a number of properties along the Lower Walton Subdivision, the western end of Lowther Street and the 3rd Street corridor adjacent to the Norfolk Southern tracks.

These projects are in the very preliminary stages. They should be addressed in tandem with one another but since their funding is coming from a variety of sources, they are not necessarily being reviewed together. It is imperative that we familiarize ourselves with them now, monitor their potential impact on our community, and participate in their evolution by making our voices heard.



We need your input! Please reach out to us with your questions and comments. I also encourage you to attend our virtual Zoom Council meetings, the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6:30PM. Access information can be found two hours prior to the start of meeting on the Borough's web site.



As your elected officials, we plan to do just that: and we need your input! Please reach out to us with your questions and comments. I also encourage you to attend our virtual Zoom Council meetings, the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6:30PM. Access information can be found two hours prior to the start of meeting on the Borough's web site (www.lemoynepa.com).

On another note, more than a year has gone by since we first heard of COVID 19. Yet we continue to face the devastation it has caused to our economy, our businesses, and our families. Please check the Borough's web site for information and links to programs that can provide rental, utility and business assistance.

Sadly, the incomprehensible prediction of 250,000 deaths has more than doubled in actuality. My heart goes out to those who may have lost loved ones. I hope that you may find some comfort and peace in the beauty of Spring as it begins to renew our world and our lives.

Warmly,

**Gale Gallo, Borough Council President** 







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#### **West Shore Regional Police Office Hours**

Mon-Fri 9:00 am-4:00 pm 717-737-8734 (non-emergency)

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

- May 31 Memorial Day
- July 5 Independence Day
- September 6 Labor Day
- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 25 & 26 Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 24 & 25 Christmas Holiday

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

1st Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm

#### **Council Business Meetings**

3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm

#### **Important Numbers to** Remember

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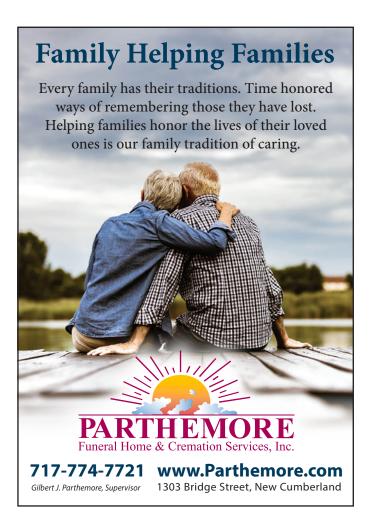


Mark your calendars now for our annual community cleanup on Saturday, April 24th and meet us at the Borough office, 510 Herman Avenue, where gloves, garbage bags, and safety vests will be provided. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

# We hope to see you there!







# **Stay Connected!**

Don't miss out on the latest Lemoyne Borough news and updates! Do you want to stay in the know on Borough news, events, and things happening nearby in Cumberland County? Here's how:

- Sign up for email alerts by going to www.lemoynepa.com and clicking on "Subscribe to E-alerts" Choose one or more from the listed options from which you would like to receive the latest news and information and have it sent straight to your email! This includes Zoom information for Committee and/or Borough Council meetings, news alerts and inclement weather updates!
- · Follow us on social media:
  - \* Facebook: Borough of Lemoyne, PA @LemoyneBorough
  - \* Instagram: @lemoyneborough
  - \* Twitter: @lemoyne borough
- And don't forget to sign up for **Swift911**™ calls as well!

What is Swift911<sup>™</sup> you ask? Swift911<sup>™</sup> in its simplest form is a system that makes phone calls to specific people or areas in the event of an emergency, or for sharing important information. All the calls you receive will have the Caller ID of 'Lemoyne Borough' or 'Lemoyne Borough Police Department'.

Staying informed has never been easier!

# **Borough Staff Changes**

Borough staff continues to evolve to meet the needs of our residents. With the hire of Kyle Janny early this year the Sewer Department is now fully staffed. Cliff Karlsen is now serving as Maintenance Department Superintendent and MS4 Coordinator. We warmly welcome Kyle to our employee family, and commend Cliff for picking up this extra hat. 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.

### **Yard Waste Collection Reminder**

Monthly yard waste collection will begin on Saturday, April 17th, a sure sign of spring's fast approach! Penn Waste's collection process has not changed. Mark your calendars for the third Saturday of the month, April through October. In order not to miss it, be sure to put items for collection at the curb on the Friday prior as the collection crews begin their work at 6:00 a.m. Also, please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- Yard waste includes garden residue, shrubbery, tree trimmings and similar materials; it does **NOT** include fruit and vegetables or tree stumps.
- Grass clippings are **not acceptable** for collection and should be mulched or disposed of with regular trash.
- Material should be placed in biodegradable paper bags or bundled no longer than six feet in length and six inches in diameter.

# **Fredricksen Library News**

- Watch our website and social media for information about our Blueberry Sale coming soon!
- Don't forget our e-resources are always available FREE to library card holders. With either the Overdrive or Libby app, you can get all your favorite books electronically without leaving home.
- We have a variety of programs and activities for all ages taking place this spring both in person and virtually 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. Thank you for supporting Fredricksen Library!

Fredricksen Library

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# **Message From the Mayor**

The days are getting longer, the sun is shining more, and the snow is melting away. Time to start working in our yards and gardens, and time to clean up the town.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for our "Lemoyne Community Clean-up Day". We need everyone to come out and help. Meet at the Borough building to get your gloves, bags, and safety vests. You can choose the area you would like to clean up. Due to COVID there will be no coffee or donuts prior to clean up as in previous years.

The Borough has seen many new small business establishments popping up, please take the time to check them out. Have a coffee, or look for some unique "treasures", there is so much to see.

Have a safe spring and summer! "

Mayor David G. Beasley

# **Negley Park Pavilion Renovation Update**

We're pleased to report that the renovation of the upper pavilion at Negley Park is complete with the exception of repair of the chimney which will be addressed over the summer. This project was made possible in part by funding through Cumberland County's Community Development Block Grant and Land Partnerships Grants programs. We are grateful for this financial assistance and extend our sincere thanks to the County for helping make the new pavilion with its Caribbean blue roof a reality. "





# **Maintenance Department Update**

Is anyone else glad spring has arrived? We are already starting to see some warmer and milder weather after a winter with lots of snow! Soon, we will see signs of new life as flowers bloom and trees start sprouting new leaves. We know when to expect a new season, simply by looking at our calendars. But not everything is so predictable.

March 2021 marked one year since massive statewide shutdowns were instituted in response to the COVID-19 virus. This was not something that our calendars could have prepared us for. One thing that this experience has taught me, is how quickly things can change unexpectedly. I have become more aware that none of us are promised tomorrow and that "normal" is not so bad. Hopefully, we all have come to appreciate the importance of living each moment we have with a purpose.

Street Cleaning began on April 8th. We are sweeping up the tons of anti-skid that we spread on the roadways over

the winter. Please check the signs on your block to determine the day of the week that effects your neighborhood.

Shortly street paving season will begin. This year we are planning on repaving North 4th, North 5th, Crain Circle cul-de-sac and possibly shoulder work along Indiana Ave. We will also be redoing/installing ADA ramps along Walnut, Poplar, North 4th and North 5th Streets. The paving work on Hummel Avenue and Third Streets has been completed, what a pleasure it is to drive these roadways.

The Borough's parks are open and available for your use. Please help us maintain the park by curbing your dog and putting 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

Hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer. \*\*



**Cliff Karlsen, Maintenance Superintendent** 



# A WEIGHTY MATTER

**IMPORTANT:** Please follow maximum weight guidelines for your garbage containers.



As spring is fast approaching, we would like to remind all residential customers to please consider their container's and/or garbage bag weights before placing them at the curb. While each municipality we service has varying container weight restrictions, a general guideline is to make sure your container does not weigh more than 50 lbs. This will ensure our employees can safely handle your containers and bags without hurting themselves.

For specific container weight guidelines for your municipality, please visit

www.PennWaste.com

# HAVE YOU HEARD OF GRASSCYCLING?

Mulching grass clippings back into your lawn, instead of bagging them, means less labor and a healthier turf. In addition, bagged grass clippings may initially feel light, but after several days of sitting, they collect moisture increasing the overall weight of the bags. Please keep this in mind if you do choose to bag grass clippings.



By respecting your container weights and grasscycling, you can help prevent injury to our employees.



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

The Community Development/Parks and Recreation Committee met (via ZOOM) during the winter and continues to meet each month on the second Thursday at 6:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and the ZOOM link is available two hours prior to the meeting, on the *LemoynePA.com* website. Below are some updates on issues on which we have been working:

- The Pennsylvania Historic Marker designating the Lemoyne area where the Susquehannock Indian Village was located in the 16th century (now the Memorial Park area), will be installed and dedicated on June 13, 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony will be restricted to 50 people and by invitation only. If you have an interest and would like to be on that invitation list, please send a note to, or call the Borough office with your name and contact information.
- Improving both Memorial and Negley Parks has been a focus
  of our Maintenance Department over the winter with park
  benches repaired, cracks in pavements filled and milled,
  basketball hoops repaired, sand replaced, weeds eradicated,
  painting, etc. And new playground equipment will be installed
  in Schell Park for the children in that neighborhood.
- A Study Group to oversee the development and execution
  of the "Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space
  Plan" (CRPOS) was appointed and meets monthly on the third
  Thursday at 5PM. Their ZOOM meetings are open to the public
  and can be accessed through a link on the LemoynePA.com
  website. The Study Group will finalize the RFP (Request For
  Proposal), seek and interview consultants who respond to the
  RFP, and monitor the work of the contractor as it proceeds. The
  CRPOS will assess and make recommendations to Borough
  Council for future use and development of Lemoyne's parks
  and open areas.
- The beautiful Upper Pavilion in Negley Park was built, inspected and is open for limited use. Please note that due to COVID restrictions, large gatherings are not allowed at this time but hopefully, will be open for them when the CDC restrictions change as the pandemic winds down.
- Graffiti appears from time to time on structures in Lemoyne. Our Maintenance Department will eradicate it if they are aware of it. Should it appear in your neighborhood, you can clean it off yourself, or call the Borough office to let us know the location and the Borough will send a worker to eradicate it. Let's keep our community free of this unsightly "tagging".
- Cumberland County will be holding Household Hazardous Waste collection days at the County Recycling Center, 1001 Claremont Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015 on the following dates —
  - Saturday, June 5, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, August 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, October 28, 2021, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Details are available on the Borough's website www.lemoynepa. com as well as the CCPA website (www.ccpa.net/3499/2021-HHW-Disposal-Program) or by calling 717-240-6489.

- Please note that Lemoyne participates in, and helps to fund, the West Shore Recreation Commission which plans and provides many recreational activities for adults as well as children (at a minimal cost). Since many activities are outdoors, this is a great time to sign up for spring and summer activities for adults and children. Check out their website at www.wsrec. org.
- The Committee has been asked to look into providing a yard waste composting location for Lemoyne residents. We are exploring some possibilities so that yard waste that is compostable, can be turned into mulch. Stay tuned. This may be a possibility for 2022.
- The Committee spent the last year reviewing the results and suggestions from the 2019 community survey. Trying to remain current, we are holding an "IDEA MEETING" in May (May 12th at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM) welcoming any further ideas/input for additional conveniences you'd like to see in Lemoyne ... our Little Town That Has It All. Please join us from the comfort of your home at 6:00 p.m. on May 12th and share any ideas you have. We'd love to hear from you!

Sue Yenchko, Councilmember

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# **Watershed-Friendly Property Certification**

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"Rainscaping" your garden is becoming a trend in Pennsylvania! Rainscaping is a method of gardening that controls how water enters and exits your property. It helps combat localized flooding and naturally controls stormwater. Stormwater runoff

is the largest source of water pollution in Pennsylvania. Some local pollutants that impact our water include: lawn fertilizers, pet waste, salt and winter deicers, insecticides, gas and oil leaks from vehicles, debris, and more. Rainscaping can reduce pollution and create watershed-friendly yards.

With grant funding from Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection, the Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Program and Nurture Nature Center have partnered to create a Watershed-Friendly Property Certification Program. The goal of this state-wide program is to improve and maintain the quality of water resources and improve and maintain habitat for wildlife and pollinators through watershed health, stewardship, and community action.

The program is open to residents, schools, small businesses, large businesses, municipal buildings, places of worship, and anyone who manages a property. To certify your property, please complete the online applica-

tion, which determines if your landscape is watershed friendly. Certification is based on reducing stormwater runoff, reducing pollution, conserving water, and supporting wildlife and pollinators. A video, best management practices, educational resources, and additional information are provided through the process to help you achieve these objectives. Successful applicants will earn a 'Watershed-Friendly Certified Property' sign to display.

A detailed webinar, entitled "Watershed Friendly Certified Property Webinar," is available at Nurture Nature Center's channel on YouTube. If interested, please see certification guidelines, application, and other details online at:

https://nurturenaturecenter.org/programs/community/wfp-cert/ Tips to help "rainscape" your property:

- Plant native trees
- Create garden areas with native plantings
- Eliminate bare soil areas
- Plant rain gardens
- · Create vegetated swales to direct water away from your home or structure
- Properly maintain plantings throughout the year
- Minimize or eliminate the use of fertilizers and pesticides
- · Conserve water by only watering when plants need it
- Utilize rain barrels to capture and reuse rainfall

- · Mulch over soil and plantings as needed
- Allow grass clippings to compost in your lawn
- Clean up and properly dispose of pet waste immediately
  - Wash only at a car wash and clean up any leaks or spills from vehicles
  - Remove invasive plants. Invasive plants and trees grow aggressively and prohibit the growth of native plants with deeper roots that absorb and remediate stormwater. Some attract destructive and invasive insects. Invasive plants and trees can alter habitats; reduce biodiversity; create fundamental disruptions of natural communities, ecological processes, and ecosystems; and may cause the local extinction of native plants and animals.

A healthy landscape with native plantings leads to a healthier community and a healthier watershed. Gather your neighbors and sign up to be Watershed-Friendly Certified today!

Other property certification programs include:

- National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat
- · Audubon Society Certified Backyard Habitat
- Audubon Society Pennsylvania Bird Habitat Recognition Program
- Penn State Master Gardener Certified Pennsylvania Pollinator Friendly Garden
- Manada Conservancy Certified Habitat for All
- North American Butterfly Association Certified Butterfly Garden & Certified Monarch Garden
- Monarch Waystation Certified Habitat



Kasha Griva, Councilmember



#### **Shade Tree Commission**

Just a reminder that the Borough has a Shade Tree Commission with custody and control of the shade trees in the Borough. This includes the trees planted along the right of way of the streets and highways of the Borough.

The Borough has ordinances governing the removal and planting of trees along the Borough right of way (generally, between the curb and sidewalk, or three feet from the street for areas without a sidewalk).

No person shall plant, cut, trim, break, injure, or remove any shade tree.... unless they have first obtained a permit from the Commission to do so. A tree planting/alteration/removal form can be found on the Borough website under "forms" on the home page. There is no cost for the permit. The application directions are on the form. All the ordinances governing trees can be found on the Borough website.

A properly maintained 'urban forest' enhances the quality of life in our town. As climate change increases stress on our environment, the types of trees suitable for street planting is evolving. The Shade Tree Commission is in the process of revising the approved list; however, the existing list can be found on the "forms" page immediately following the permit application.

John Leverentz, Shade Tree Commission Chairperson

# **Family Movie Night**

Lemoyne Borough is tentatively planning a Family Movie Night at Memorial Park on Saturday, August 21, 2021. Please join us to celebrate the last weekend of summer before our kids return to begin a new school year! The movie will start once darkness falls, usually around 9:00 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks, or purchase food and treats from the food truck. What movie would you like to see?

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# **Borough Institutes Curb and Sidewalk Inspection Program**

Recognizing the importance of providing safe and unobstructed pedestrian access throughout Lemoyne, Borough Council adopted a curb and sidewalk inspection program at its February business meeting. The goal of the new policy is to make the Borough a more walkable community and to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of citizens and businesses.

The new policy coordinates needed curb and sidewalk repair with the annual street paving program. Between 12 and 18 months prior to the scheduled paving, curb and sidewalk adjacent to the project will be inspected by Borough staff and evaluated to identify areas in need of repair and/or replacement. As these repairs are the responsibility of the property owner, affected homeowners will be notified by mail as quickly as possible following inspection to allow ample time to prepare for and schedule any work that needs to be done prior to paving the roadway. The policy and more information on inspection criteria and curb and sidewalk requirements outlined in the Borough's ordinance is available on our website (www.lemoynepa.com).

# **West Shore Regional Police Department (WSRPD)**

The WSRPD would like to remind all residents that street cleaning will occur on the second Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each month beginning April 8, 2021. Please pay attention to the signs posted on the streets and be aware the penalties for parking begin at \$25.00.

The Department also offers free "House Checks" to residents while they are out of town for business or work. All you have to do is call the Police Station at 717-737-8734 and provide us with the information regarding your property, and the dates and times you will be away.

We would also like to remind all residents not to leave items like purses, wallets, money, computers, iPads, etc. in your vehicle. Please take them in your home or business with you. Criminals walk around looking into vehicles parked on the street and in parking lots at stores and do break in to steal these items. Please don't become a victim of this crime!!

Please have a fun, happy, and safe spring and summer! \*\*



**Police Chief Michael Hope** 



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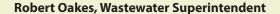
# **Sewer Pump Station Upgrade Project**

In 2019 the Lemoyne Municipal Authority authorized the replacement of two sewage pumping stations. This replacement was necessary because the previous pump stations had reached their end of usable life. Parts and service were becoming harder to obtain. To continue to serve the residents of Lemoyne with reliable wastewater service, reliable equipment is needed.

The Municipal Authority pre-purchased the two pump station packages in order to save our residents money due to contractor markups and to save time by having the equipment ready when construction was set to start.

During construction of these two stations, one located at the end of Clark Street and one located at the end of Walton Street, some traffic and parking was affected for the two neighborhoods. We tried to keep the disturbance down to a minimum, but in order to accommodate workflow there was some disruption that was unavoidable. I would like to thank everyone affected for your patience during construction.

We keep track of flow and pump performance daily during our checks at all sewage facilities, 365 days a year. This allows us to see any changes and gives us the ability to address them in a timely manner. Our new pump stations will provide us with many years of service with regular and routine maintenance.





Clark Street station



Walton Street station



We want everyone in our community to be safe and get back to hugging our families and friends and shaking hands with our neighbors. We all play a part in this effort, and you are key.

#### **Important Contact Information**

- Please visit the PA Health Department to find out where you can receive a COVID-19 vaccination: **www.health.pa.gov**
- For those requiring transportation, Rabbit Transit is providing shared ride service at no cost for residents **1-800-632-9063**.

If you do not have internet access and need assistance scheduling your vaccine appointment you may call the Pennsylvania Department of Health at **1-877-724-3258** or reach out to the Lemoyne Borough office at **717-737-6843** and we will connect you with a community volunteer.

# **Pedestrian Safety**

We have all been looking for any hint of positive news over the past year. One bright spot I have noticed in my daily travels around Lemoyne is the noticeable increase in the number of fellow walkers. We are fortunate to have sidewalks and crosswalks on many, but not all, of our streets. On some of the busiest streets we must share the road with cars. That raises questions — what are the accepted rules and best practices for pedestrians?

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offers the following advice:

- 1. Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- 2. Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- 3. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic (the left side of the road) and as far from traffic as possible.
- 4. Stay alert; do not be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- 6. If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross. (Remember cars have the right-of way and do not have to stop.)
- 7. Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
- 8. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
- 9. Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways or backing up in parking lots.
- 10. Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgment.

In case you might know someone who is adverse to accepting advice and prefers a rigid command structure you can let them know the state actually has laws covering these same topics. For details search — *Pedestrians walking along or on highway (75 Pa.C.S. § 3544)*.

Along with the other members of Council, I recognize that there are things we can do to make Lemoyne safer and better connected for pedestrians. We try to make improvements when we can in connection with roadway projects and new developments. Improving pedestrian and bike safety and enhancing connections between our neighborhoods are two of the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Study we will be conducting over the coming year.

Be safe in 2021 and if you have any ideas on improving and enhancing walkability in Lemoyne — send me your thoughts! \*\*

Gene Koontz, Councilmember

# The Helpers: Feeding the Hungry

In moments of uncertainty, I am always reminded of a quote shared by one of Pennsylvania's most cherished 'neighbors':

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things on the news, my mother would say to me, 'look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping" - Fred Rodgers.

As a Nation and as a Borough, we have certainly witnessed many scary things this past year during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Most daunting of them all has been the real threat of food insecurity.

However, an army of helpers has answered the call in the fight against hunger through the services of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank (CPFB) and the more than 1,000 partnering local agencies and programs doing outreach in our communities.

From March to December 2020 the CPFB has seen an increase of nearly 50 percent of the number in people seeking assistance for food insecurity (upwards of 200,000 per month). These are people of all walks of life, many of whom are facing food insecurity for the first time and have nowhere else to turn for their next meal.

Thankfully the dedicated staff and volunteers at the CPFB, which serve 27 counties in the Central PA Region, have been able to provide a plethora of services and programs to those in need of emergency and supplemental nutritional assistance.

If you, your family, or someone you know is experiencing food insecurity please do not hesitate to seek help. No one should go hungry! The Central PA Food Bank has a search tool available so you can locate help in your area: http://www.centralpafoodbank.org/find-help/find-food/.

For us in Lemoyne, emergency food assistance is available at New Hope Ministries (West Shore Center) at 701 Bosler Avenue, one of CPFB's partnering non-profits. Those seeking assistance are asked to call the center, (717) 774-6255, before visiting. You may need to leave a message, but please allow staff time to get back in touch with you.

Best.

Jesse Monoski, Councilmember



# **Reimagining Lemoyne's Parks**

Nothing highlights the importance of community parks quite like a pandemic lockdown. As a mom, daily visits to our own local green spaces and trails were a lifeline for our family this past year. One of the things I so enjoyed were (socially distanced!) conversations from friends and residents who shared some incredible ideas for enhancing our eight Borough parks.

I'm thrilled to share that Lemoyne has embarked on an exciting path to reimagine our parks and how they're used. In December, we received nearly \$60,000 in grants from both state and local grant



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 Action steps to preserve the best of our natural resources while removing obstacles that keep us from sustainable and ecologically friendly alternatives. Lemoyne residents deserve parks and green spaces that can be used to their fullest potential.

A study committee that includes thirteen of your neighborhood Lemoyne park enthusiasts began meeting in January. We'd like to invite you to help shape the future of our parks by joining us any third Thursday of the month from 5:00-6:00 p.m. We continue to meet via Zoom; you'll find a direct link on the Borough website. Of course, if you would like more information please email me at rcoleman@ lemoynepa.com or my committee co-chair Kasha Griva at kgriva@lemoynepa.com. We're convinced the more neighbors and interested citizens who get involved, the better our parks will be for everyone!



Rebecca Coleman, Councilmember

programs! By the end of next year, Council will have in hand a comprehensive blueprint that addresses many of the concerns you've shared over the years:

- Better ways to keep our parks safe and ensure they're welcoming to all.
- Measures to connect existing trails and join the area Greenway system.



### **Little Free Libraries**

Have you visited our Little Free Libraries (LFLs) in Lemoyne? We currently have two LFLs, one located at the corner of North 7th and Market Streets near Classic Drycleaners and another at 3rd Street and Herman Avenue in front of Grace UM Church's parking lot. A third LFL will be installed at Maple Street Park this sprina!

The weather is warming up! It is the perfect time to take a walk and wave hello to your neighbors. Stop by a LFL, browse the books, and have a seat on the bench while enjoying your selection. You are welcome to take a book or donate new or gently used books. In what location would you like to see the next LFL?

A note of gratitude to:

- Lemoyne resident Larry Means for building and donating our LFLs and encouraging residents of all ages to "Bee A Reader"!
- · Lemoyne resident Marsha Everton for donating several brand new children's picture books and gathering books from neighbors to stock our LFL's.
- Fredricksen Library for helping supply books.
- Lemoyne Borough Maintenance Crew for installing our LFL s and benches.
- WWTP Superintendent Bob Oakes for securing benches donated by Ahold Industries.





• Our many residents who have begun hosting LFLs on their properties so books can be shared in all of our neighborhoods!

Thank you all! Enjoy "bee-ing a reader"! "





# **Codes and Zoning Department**

Happy Spring Lemoyne! After the snowy, cold winter we have had, it's exciting to feel some warmer temperatures and sunshine again! I can't wait to see your beautiful yards as they are coming to life! We have a lot to cover in this spring article friends and neighbors, so let's get to it!!!

#### **New Development Around Town**

Dunkin Donuts on N. Third Street had some frustrating equipment delivery delays, but is back on track and we look forward to a grand opening soon. Two new projects will break ground on Lowther Street, American Home Medical and Shiny Shell Carwash. We are excited to see these projects get underway and welcome these new companies to the Borough of Lemoyne. Indiana Avenue near Twelfth Street will see Berks Homes break ground on three new beautiful single-family homes.

#### **New Projects Around Town**

Late this spring North Fourth and North Fifth Streets will see major improvements. The Borough will begin repaving both streets complete with new ADA sidewalk access on the cross-street corners. Our property owners on these streets are partnering with the Borough and doing their part as well to address the required new curbing and sidewalks with areas that were out of compliance. A big project for all, to be sure. Look for announcements on the Lemoyne Borough website and Facebook to stay in the know about the onset of this project and partial road closures.

#### **Update on The Schoolhouse Flats Project**

I am sure many are curious to know when we will see an increase in activity at the School House Flats! Just in ... the developer reports that the current remediation work taking place on the roof and interior is nearly complete. Following submittal of permit applications for review, they expect interior construction would begin in May. The goal is to have the project complete and ready to start leasing by the end of the year. As previously stated by the developer they are also exploring the possibility of some interior amenities that would not only serve the residents of the Schoolhouse Flats but the community as well. The historic preservation of the building requires the auditorium remain an open area. Some of the possibilities being considered for that space include a coffee shop, bakery and/or a bagel shop. That means you and I might be able to enjoy the renovated architecture while having a cup of Joe without being a resident of the Flats!!

#### **Spring and Summer Reminders**

 If you have a home project you are planning to do yourself or contract out remember to place a PA One Call to get the placement of all underground utility lines marked, and check with the Codes Office for any permits that may be required for your planned work.

- You do need a permit for garage sales but there is no cost to residents for this permit.
- Avoid being the target of the following top spring and summer resident complaints by knowing your Ordinances
  - o <u>Chapter 146 Animals</u>. As you are out stretching those puppy legs, please keep these top three complaints I receive in mind:
    - #1) Pet owners are required to keep their dogs on a leash when not on their own property. 146-4 E.
    - #2) Immediately remove and dispose of deposited waste by pets 146-5.
    - #3) An owner shall not permit the animal to continuously bark 146-4 F.
    - Please adhere to these easy-to-follow codes to keep your amazing furry family member off the complaint list!
  - o <u>Chapter 169 Brush, Grass and Weeds</u>. As our weather breaks, flowers bloom and the birds sing our grass, weeds and bushes are growing. Everything you need to know is in this chapter! The top two complaints I receive are:
    - #1) Overgrown grass and weeds.
    - #2) Vegetation growing onto sidewalks creating an impassable situation requiring pedestrians to move into the street to pass.
    - Plan to fire up those mowers, weedwhackers, and trimmers to stay off this complaint list!!
  - o <u>Chapter 183 Open Burning</u>. I get a lot of questions and complaints about what is permitted regarding open burning, firepits and the smoke they create. Please consult this chapter if you are considering purchasing a firepit and what conditions would make it permissible. Open burning of any kind is strictly prohibited. If you wish to lodge a complaint this chapter will inform you if a code violation exists.

As always don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns about codes or zoning. I hope to see you around this spring and keep in mind ... "In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours" — Mark Twain!

Trisha Rafferty, Codes and Zoning Administrator

# **Cumberland County Vector Control Begins in April**

In April of 2021, Vector Control will begin treating water in vernal pools that may become issues due to mosquitoes. In May of 2021 we will begin our surveillance for West Nile Virus once again. We will be surveilling the entire county and placing weekly data collection traps in most municipalities. We will follow the same guidelines as the 2020 season.



Shown above is the data collection trap we use to collect the species of mosquito that commonly carries West Nile Virus



Areas of standing water like the one pictured are common throughout the county and are monitored for virus activity frequently.



# **Fire Safety Reminders From West Shore Bureau of Fire**

Fire is fast! In less than 30 seconds a small flame can turn into a major fire. Smoke and toxic gases from a home fire cause more injuries than flames. Every home needs fire protection and a plan for escape.

#### **SMOKE ALARMS**

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- Place smoke alarms inside and outside of all the sleeping
- Make sure all of your smoke alarms work. Test them each month.
- Replace smoke alarms that are 10 years old or older.

#### **CHILDREN**

- · Teach all children what the smoke alarm sounds like.
- · Be aware that children may sleep through the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Practice your escape plan with children.
- Teach older children how to get outside if there is a fire.

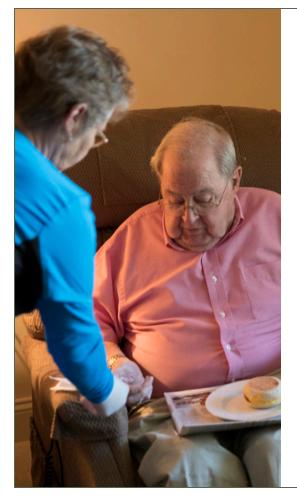
#### **ESCAPE PLAN**

- Know two ways out of every room.
- A closed door can stop the spread of gas, heat, and smoke.
- Have a meeting place outside your home.
- Know how to call 9-1-1 from outside to report a fire.
- Practice your escape plan with everyone who lives in your home at least twice a year.

Practice Fire Safety in your home today! Stay Safe. \*\*



**Todd Shadle, Fire Commissioner** 



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# It's Spring and We Need to Talk About Snow! | Installment #1

Before you think that spring is a crazy time to talk about snow, remember, I am writing this article in late February. Spring has not yet arrived, but we have had significant snowfall this year. It has raised many questions. I will address them now, and again in the fall. There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding how the Borough addresses snowfall, and more importantly, how it plans for its removal, so we can get back to normal travel on our Borough streets.

First, let's consider who makes snow emergency declarations. That authority lies with the Mayor. His responsibility is to coordinate with police, emergency management officials, other municipalities and our own maintenance staff to determine if a snow emergency is warranted. In each situation the Mayor takes into account the information they provide and then adds in the forecast by the weather stations regarding timing and amounts in order to make a decision. He must also weigh the requirements of a snow emergency and the possible hardship it puts on Borough residents. It is a lot of responsibility and I, for one, am glad I do not have to do it.

Secondly, people ask, "Is there a formula or special number used to decide?" The answer is "no", there is no formula. Each storm is different, so each decision about declaring a snow emergency is based on a number of different and changing factors.

Imagine a major storm is announced for a weekday. The forecast is for 10–12 inches of snow to fall on the area beginning at 3:00 a.m. which will continue through the day and end at 8:00 p.m. Travel will be severely limited, there may be school and business closures, and our maintenance department is understaffed because two of the employees are out sick. In a case like this, the Mayor may consider that it is necessary to call a snow emergency in order to clear the streets of parked cars so that the maintenance staff can plow continuously in order to stay ahead of the snow accumulation and keep the streets passable for emergency vehicles. It might be different if all of the employees were available, but in this case, with two people out, the job to maintain the streets falls on the remaining staff, who must plow continuously, even through their own dinner to keep things clear. Making sure cars are out of the way helps them tremendously.

Now imagine this same storm of 10–12 inches of snow forecast to fall over three days beginning on a Sunday night and ending on Tuesday morning. Again, travel will be limited. Schools and businesses may close. In this case the intensity of the storm will be spread over three days, leaving times when there will be no snow falling. Also, this time the maintenance department is fully staffed and ready to work. In such a case the Mayor may choose not to call a snow emergency feeling that with a full staff and more time to

address the forecast, our maintenance staff can stay ahead of the snow accumulation and not put the residents in the predicament of having to move their cars during the storm.

So, you can see it is not just snow amounts that enter into the decision. It is a whole host of factors. This is not something a resident is expected to consider when faced with needing to move their car out of the way. We understand that in the Borough, and that is why we use the "snow emergency" rule only when it is an actual emergency.

Before ending this article, I wish to address the ordinance that governs our actions. This ordinance can be found on a link from our website. It is labeled **Chapter 525. Vehicles** and Traffic, Article VI, Snow Ice Emergency, paragraphs **525-41 to 525-46**. If you want to read it, here is the link: https://www.ecode360.com/33218211. This ordinance was added to our code in 2014 at the direction of Council.

Paragraph 525-42 explains what the purpose of a snow emergency is and who is authorized to call it. In simple terms its main focus is to keep all routes clear for traffic to pass and it designates certain streets as snow emergency routes. This does not mean the other streets are neglected. It means these designated routes have a special priority.

Paragraph 525-43 also recognizes that to be effective there can be no cars on the street which may get in the way and might keep the snowplows from doing their job. It also points out that until a snow emergency is lifted, cars are not to be parked on those streets. Many residents think that once the snowplow passes it is okay to put their cars back. This is not always the case.

Usually, the snow emergency routes are labeled as being on only one side of the street. We realize finding an alternate parking space in some areas can be difficult. That is why usually only one side of a street is designated a snow emergency. That is also one of the reasons we do not call an emergency each time.

There is more to explain, but I will end at this point. Look for more information in the fall. Know that Borough Council is looking at the present ordinance and is making changes in order to make it easier on our residents while still keeping us all safe. If you have comments and want to reach out, please contact me at jgarqiulo@lemoynepa.com. I will address each inquiry I receive. You may also write a letter to me and send it to:

> Joseph Gargiulo <sup>C</sup>/o Lemoyne Borough Office 510 Herman Ave. Lemoyne, PA 17043

Include your name, address, and some way I can contact you, so that I may respond.

Thank you and by all means enjoy the nice weather. 🍟



Joe Gargiulo, Councilmember



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