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NOTICE: DO NOT RAKE OR BLOW LEAVES ONTO ANY STREET OR SIDEWALK FOR COLLECTION – YOU WILL GET CITED - THE BOROUGH ONLY COLLECTS BAGGED LEAVES. YARD WASTE/LEAF PICKUP IS EVERY MONDAY MORNING

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR IN THE NEWSLETTER OR THE WEBSITE FOR CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE (NO PICKUP OR DAY CHANGE) - NO PICKUP OCTOBER 12; YARD WASTE VOICE MESSAGE LINE 610.779.1430 OR TEXT MESSAGE LINE 610.655.5243. The weekly curbside pickup program continues year round on a Monday (except for changes noted on the calendar), weather permitting. All yard waste, including leaves, must be bagged in paper yard waste bags, or placed in reusable yard waste bags or it will be left at the curb. You may also place small bundles of branches that can be picked up by one person without falling apart. IF YOU HAVE MORE THEN 3 BUNDLES OF BRANCHES FOR PICKUP PLEASE CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE TO ARRAGE PICKUP. **WEIGHT LIMIT FOR BAGS IS 25 POUNDS.** You must call and leave a voice message or text message, by 9 AM Monday for pickup that day. When you leave a message or text , please state the following:

Street address and number of bags and/ or bundles for pickup.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR BAGS CURBSIDE UNTIL THE MORNING OF PICKUP.



DO NOT leave it



In January, Christmas trees, with ALL decorations must be removed, may be placed at the curb for pickup. DO NOT place Christmas trees or yard waste out for trash pickup, it is not part of the Borough trash contract. Please Remember that if pickup is canceled for a winter weather event (snow or ice) , at the curb.

NO BURNING OF LEAVES OR BRUSH ALLOWED IN THE BOROUGH

ORDINANCE #450 DETAILS THE HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE USE OF CHIMINEAS, FIRE PITS, ECT. PLEASE CONTACT THE BOROUGH OFFICE FOR ANY QUESTIONS. Amity Township was kind enough to donate recycling bins with lids to the Borough. If you need a new recycling container, please call the Borough and arrange a pick up. Bins are a first come first serve until they are gone.

TRICK OR TREAT

CURFEW HOURS FOR HALLOWEEN

The Borough will have a new curfew in effect from Sunday October 25, 2026 through and including Sunday November 1, 2026. The time of curfew will be between the hours 9:00 PM– 6:00AM , to include all persons under the age of 18 years not accompanied by a parent or guardian or other responsible adult, except those going to or coming from a place of employment or a bona-fide school activity.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31, 2026 5:00PM-8:00 PM

Parents or guardians must accompany their children. If you do not wish to participate and do not want trick-or-treaters at your door, please keep your porch light off.

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DON'T BLOW LEAVES IN THE STREET

- When it rains, yard waste left in the street and on sidewalks or driveways can wash into nearby storm drains.
- Leaves can clog storm drains and cause flooding
- Stormwater picks up leaves and grass and carries it to local creeks and ponds
- Grass and leaves carried by stormwater deplete oxygen as they decompose and harm aquatic life
- Grass clippings can increase nitrogen in waterways, leading to algae blooms

TIPS TO KEEP WATERWAYS AND YARDS FREE AND CLEAR!



- Remove yard waste from streets , curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveways.
- Sweep or blow grass clippings and leaves back into the yard where they provide additional nutrients to your lawn



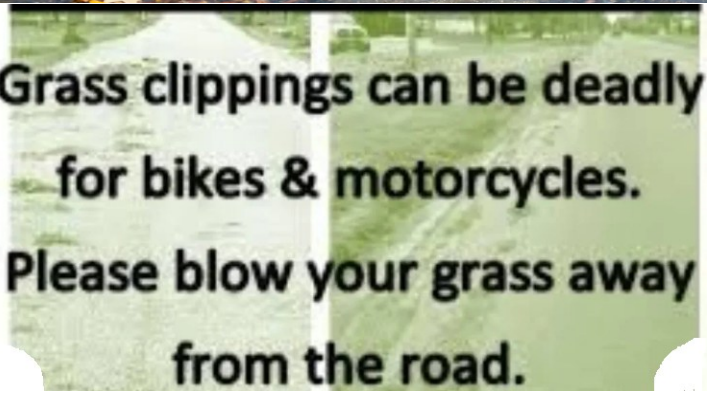
- Mulch leaves and use in garden beds to create a natural mulch layer



Not only does blowing leaves, debris, and grass into the street cause flooding on our roadway, it also creates the dangerous driving conditions especially for motorcycle riders.

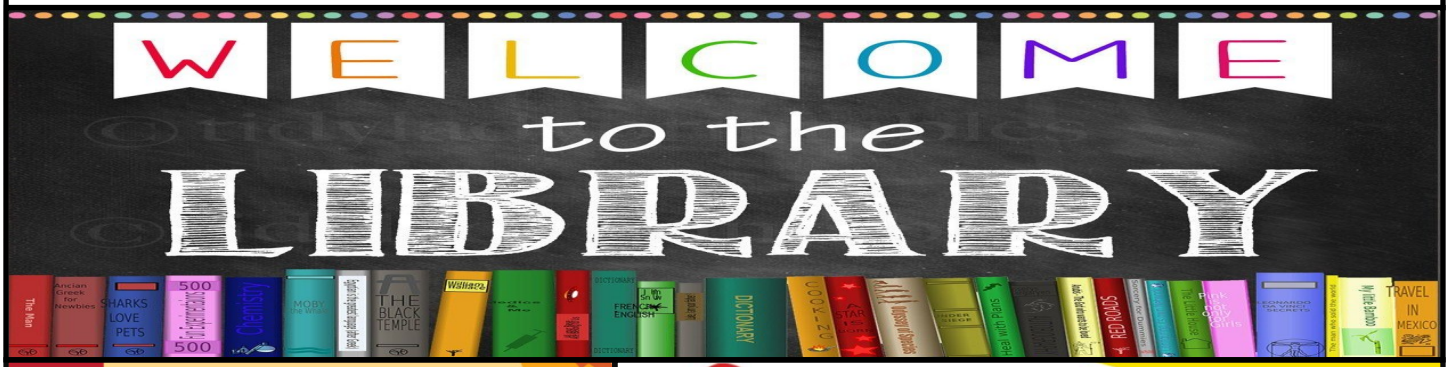
Blowing leaves into the street causes severe traction loss, wet or dry, and can cause tires to loose traction on the road leading to an accident.

It can hide rocks, cracks in the road, and potholes (we do live in Pennsylvania!) All of these things can pose a critical safety threat to all drivers.

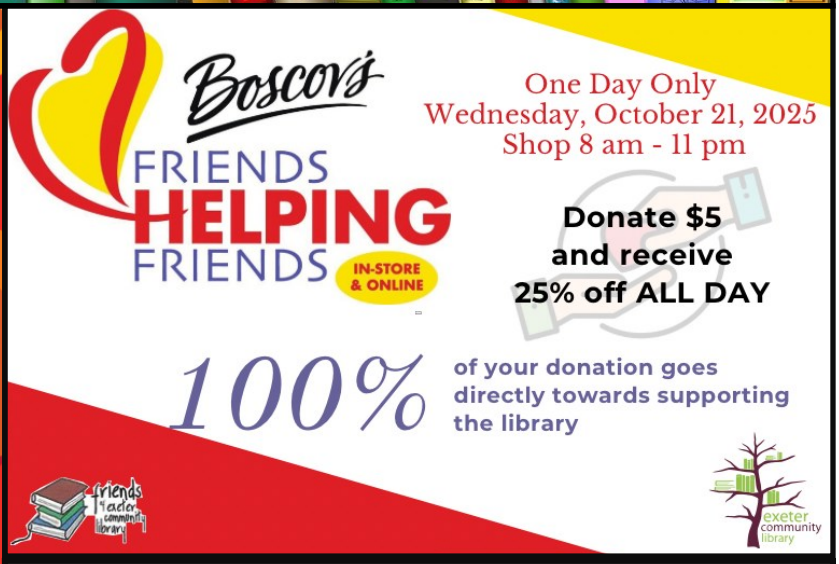


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Centennial Corner :

Cyclone Rips Though St. Lawrence



What began as a crisp March morning soon transformed into something unimaginable. On March 27, 1911, just before sunset, villagers could feel the dense low-pressure storm clouds approaching. By 5:30 p.m., the sky turned ominous and black as night. Without warning, a twin-funnel cyclone swept down Neversink Mountain and across the Philadelphia Turnpike.

As it spiraled toward the village with devastating speed, it tore up several stately poplar trees that lined the turnpike. Unaware of the danger, Dr. Frank P. Lytle, his wife, and his daughter were traveling from Birdsboro in his four-door Ford touring car. The vehicle spun three times, ejecting its passengers as it was flung into the air before finally landing one hundred feet away in the Reiff Farm's field. Miraculously, there were no serious injuries.



As the storm swept down the valley, it mercifully pounded the Amos Reiff Farm, obliterating the large Swiss barn, totally demolishing the farmstead property. As the barn walls collapsed, they crushed two cows to death. The terrific force toppled outhouses and ripped the apple orchard trees from their roots as it scattered debris, farm wagons, and farm equipment in every direction, damaging at least two dozen homes and properties, many of which did not carry storm insurance.

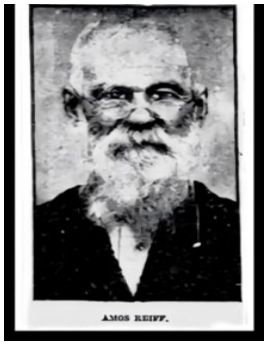
It then proceeded directly to Delilah Long's two-story Victorian brick home, where the strength caused considerable damage. The residence survived and is situated on the curve of Brumbach Street.



Simultaneously, the wind swept eastward along Irishtown Road (now Parkview), just west of the A.J. Brumbach Woolen Mill. It destroyed five tenant mill houses; one, in particular, was occupied by Albert and Amanda Faust. As the roof was torn from their house, torrential rain drenched their furniture, bedding, and clothing, and the windows shattered. The elderly Faust's were in their kitchen cleaning dandelions when the storm struck. Suddenly, the floor gave way, sending them and the entire kitchen plummeting into the cellar. Miraculously, they were found alive beneath the debris of brick, mortar, tables, chairs, and the stove. Her head swathed in bandages and her right arm in a sling, Mrs. Faust gave her terrifying account to the Reading Eagle.

As the path climbed the hill toward Oley (St. Law Ave.) it's progress resulted in the demolition of a frame barn built by store owner Charles H. Adams. Across the street, the new roof on the John Lutz furniture warehouse was ripped off and flung down the street, carrying upholstered couches and chairs with it and destroying the inventory.

As quickly as it arrived, it turned towards Jacksonwald, proceeding to damage the hotel's shed and blow out windows at the Schwarzwald Union Church onto Stonersville.



Headlines read: "One of the most destructive cyclones in the history of Berks," "
A day that will forever be etched into the collective memory of the community."

Appreciation to George M. Meiser, IX, Chris Papadakis, and Richard G. Adams and Charles J. Adams.

Stay tuned for more short story installments of the Centennial Corner.

~Written by: Mayor Corrie Crupi - Zana

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REGISTERED VOTERS THAT LIVE IN THE BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE VOTE AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 135 N. PROSPECT ST. READING PA 19606

VOTING HOURS ARE: 7:OO AM—8: 00 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Last day to REGISTER to vote in the November election ……October 19

Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot .....October 27

Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.) ..... …..November 3

GENERAL ELECTION ……..……..November 3

Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 2) ..November 10



St. Lawrence Woman's Club will be selling

soup, sandwiches, dumplings and apple crisp

Supplies are limited the day of election. Preordering is preferred.

Please preorder by contacting Martha Wentzel at 610-780-6384

Sandwiches $12.00 Apple Dumpling $6.00 Apple Crisp $6.00 Quart of Soup $12.00

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Borough Office Closed :

Oct 12	Columbus Day
Nov 3	Election Day
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Day
Dec 25	Christmas

Yard Waste Collection

Office Closed

Council Meeting

Planning Commission

Trash Collection

TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR THHE REMAINING 2026 YEAR

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