



# BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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## ST. LAWRENCE AVENUE ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) continues its \$1.2 million dollar project to mill and overlay St. Lawrence Ave (State Route 562). The scope involves the Perkiomen Ave Intersection continuing to the Shelbourne Rd/Oley Turnpike Rd Intersection, or 1.75 miles. This project includes upgrading 11 intersections along the avenue to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps. This project began in the Fall of 2022 with the upgrading of some ADA ramps. It is expected that the work on these ramps continues through the rest of March into April. For safety, the contractor in charge of the ADA ramp installations expects to keep at least 2 ramps open at a time in each intersection to avoid interrupting school bus stops and pedestrian traffic.

Upon completion of the ADA ramp installations in April, work should begin immediately on the milling and paving of St. Lawrence Ave. This phase will be occurring during the nighttime hours of 6 pm – 6 am, so that traffic congestion is alleviated. The work of milling and paving is expected to be completed by the first week of May. Final touch-ups to the project will occur through May, such as seeding and crack sealing. Please be mindful of the changing road conditions along St. Lawrence Ave while the construction is ongoing.

If there are any issues with this project, please contact PennDOT's Berks County Office at (610) 929-0766. If there are any immediate concerns or issues, please call the Borough Roadmaster Derrek Rhoads at (484)-577-9981.

## UNDERSTANDING OPEN BURNING (BRUSH, FIRE PITS, LEAVES, ETC.) IN THE BOROUGH ORDINANCE #450 ADOPTED MARCH 10, 2022 (AVAILABLE ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE)

- ♦ **OPEN BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE BOROUGH EXCEPT FOR LIMITED PURPOSES AND BY BORO PERMIT**
- ♦ **SMALL OPEN FIRES MUST BE CONTAINED IN:** a grill or outdoor barbecue used strictly for human food preparation; a fireplace, chiminea, fire ring or fire pit constructed of non-flammable materials; no larger than **3 feet in diameter or length; a flame no greater than 2 feet in height and a cover (spark arrestor) in place at all times except to cook.**
- ♦ The following are a few of the general regulations (**contact the office if you are not able to get a copy from our website**):
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A responsible adult must be present (within 15 feet) at all times the fire is burning</li> <li>* <b>Only wood from the trunk or branches of a tree or shrub; charcoal briquets or natural gas/propane may be burned.</b></li> <li>* Small open fires must be 10 feet and cooking fires must be 5 feet from house, structure, trees, property line, roadway or combustible material</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* No fire shall create excessive smoke, odor, or malodorous emissions</li> <li>* It shall be unlawful to burn any items considered trash or are required to be recycled in the Borough. This includes construction debris, roofing materials, human and animal excrement, hydrocarbon products, etc.</li> <li>* Adequate means to control and extinguish the fire must be readily available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Enforced by Fire Code Official, Fire Marshal, Fire Protection Officer (Fire Departments), Central Berks Police Officer or other responding law enforcement officer and Borough Local Codes Enforcement Officers.</li> <li>* Enforcement before any District Justice with a fine not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000 and payment of costs of prosecution for each offense</li> </ul>
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## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT ON FRIDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM SHARP

The Egg Hunt begins exactly at 9 AM on the municipal playground at 3500 Jacksonwald Avenue. Be prompt, by 9:15 the hunt is over. The Bunny will arrive on the Borough truck to start the hunt. Light refreshments will be served after the hunt is finished. Prize eggs are used in each age group, you must be present to win. The only way to determine if your child had a prize egg is to open the plastic egg before leaving the playground.



**Please keep your children off all play equipment and fields until after the egg hunt is finished.**

**TO REPORT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE HEALTH & SAFETY OR THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH: DEP 24/7 ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE: 1-800-541-2050**

**IF ANY EMERGENCY IS LIFE THREATENING PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1**

**CONTACT BOROUGH OFFICE TO REPORT ILLICIT DISCHARGES: ANY DISCHARGE TO THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM, SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OR WATERWAYS THAT IS NOT THE RESULT OF FIRE FIGHTING OR A RAIN EVENT**

(SEE MUNICIPAL INSERT FOR BOROUGH STAFF EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION)

**ORDINANCES AVAILABLE ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE - [www.stlawboro.us](http://www.stlawboro.us)**

**ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH HALL ACCESS RESTRICTED FOR SAFETY  
ENTRANCES ARE LOCKED - PUBLIC PERMITTED ENTRY DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

- ♦ **FRONT DOOR ENTRY (HANDICAP RAMP) - PLEASE KNOCK ON WINDOW OR DOOR**
- ♦ **REAR DOOR ENTRY (PARKING LOT) ELEVATOR ACCESS- PLEASE RING DOOR BELL TO THE RIGHT OF THE REAR DOOR, A STAFF MEMBER WILL OPEN THE DOOR, IT MAY TAKE SEVERAL MINUTES**
- ♦ **BRUMBACH STREET DOOR IS AN EXIT ONLY.**

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM & Friday 8:30 AM – NOON      OFFICE PHONE: 610-779-1430**

**NO ELECTRONIC TRASH (E-WASTE) IN THE TRASH**



**YOU CAN DONATE THESE ITEMS AT THE GOODWILL DONATION CENTER AS PART OF DELL RECONNECT™ - E-WASTE: DESKTOP AND NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS; COMPUTER MONITORS; AND COMPUTER PERIPHERALS** - keyboards, printer or any other device sold exclusively for external use with a computer that provides input into or output from the computer.

THESE DEVICES MAY NOT BE PLACED IN MUNICIPAL TRASH, IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW. IF ANYONE PLACES AN E-WASTE DEVICE FOR CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP, THE HAULER WILL LEAVE THE ITEM AT THE CURB. **YOU MUST REMOVE THE ITEM FROM THE CURB IMMEDIATELY.**

**IF THE BOROUGH MUST REMOVE THE ITEM YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE COST OF REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL.**

**GET RID OF YOUR TRASH/JUNK WEEKLY**

There is no reason to allow trash and/or junk to accumulate on your property. Trash & Recycling service fees are a part of your municipal property taxes. Trash and recycling collected once a week year round.

Residential trash collection allows for three - 32 gallon containers of trash and one bulk item per week, which can be one additional 32 gallon container of trash, a plastic wrapped mattress, sofa, etc. The bulk item must fit in the trash truck and able to be lifted by 2 people.

You are in violation of Ordinance 442 - Property Maintenance Code if you accumulate trash/junk on your property.

**SPOTTED LANTERNFLY - INVASIVE PEST FOUND  
IN BERKS COUNTY AND MOST OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Spotted lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive insect found throughout Pennsylvania and several other states. SLF feeds on the sap of many different plants including, maples, black walnuts, grapevines and many commercial agricultural and forestry crops, important to the economy of Pennsylvania. They can impact the trees in your backyard.

SLF can be a significant nuisance, affecting the quality of life and enjoyment of the outdoors. SLF do not bite or sting humans or pets. They may severely affect the health of your trees. Links to additional information available on the Borough Website: <https://stlawboro.us/>



**PARKING RESTRICTIONS BY ORDINANCE ON BOROUGH STREETS**

The following shall not be parked or stored on Borough Streets except for a 24- hour time period in which they are loaded or unloaded. All trailers must be attached to a motor vehicle. The parking or storage of these items on the streets is deemed to be a traffic hazard injurious to the public interest. The Police are authorized to enforce this ordinance.

* Truck Tractor	*Boat Trailer	* Truck Tractor Trailer
*Trailer	*Tent Trailer	*Recreational Equipment
*Boat	*Cargo Trailer	*Motorized Dwellings
*Motor Homes	*Travel Trailer	* Equipment Trailer

**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**



The Borough uses the Code Red System to notify residents and businesses about emergencies and general notifications, such as trash pickup changes.

If you are signed up, please verify that all your contact information is correct. **If you have made any changes to you email, cell number and/or landline, it must be changed or removed from the CodeRed system.**

If you are new to the Borough please sign up for notifications with CodeRed. Access the CodeRed system through the link on the home page of the Borough website @ [www.stlawboro.us](http://www.stlawboro.us). CodeRed will be used for emergency notifications (snow emergency, etc.) and general notifications (trash day change ). Any questions, please contact the Boro Office.

**If you no longer wish to receive calls, texts or emails and/or are moving out of the Borough, please call the Borough Office and provide all your contact information so we may add it to the DO NOT CONTACT list.**

This is the quickest method we have for contacting the Borough residents in Case of Emergency. We avoid making excessive contacts.

## WHAT ARE THOSE PAINTED LINES DOING ON MY YARD? WHO PUT THEM THERE?

### Temporary Marking Guidelines



White - Proposed Excavation



Pink - Temporary Survey Markings



Red - Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables



Yellow - Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials



Orange - Communication, Alarm, or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit and Traffic Loops



Blue - Potable Water



Purple - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines



Green - Sewer and Drain Lines

**COLOR CODES USED BY THE UTILITY COMPANIES, MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO MARK UNDERGROUND UTILITIES**

### Do I have to call if I am digging on my own property?

Yes, you are required to inform the utilities of any type of work involving the movement of earth with **powered equipment**.

### Who should make the call?

The person who is doing the digging should place the one call notification. If you are a homeowner and you've hired an excavator to do the work, the excavator is required by law to call to have lines located (refer to Section 5 of PA Act 287).

### How deep must I dig before I am required to call?

If you are digging with powered equipment the person operating the equipment must call. It does not matter how deep you are digging or where you are digging within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### What are PA One Call's hours of operations?

The call center is open 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

### How many days do I have to wait before I can begin digging?

State law requires a three (3) business day notice (does not include state holidays or weekends), but not more than ten (10) business days prior to the start of excavation. A business day begins at 12:00:00 a.m. and ends at 11:59:59 p.m. The first lawful start date for your excavation is determined by your scheduled excavation date (the day you plan to start digging), work should not begin prior to your first lawful start date but no later than 10 business days from the day of your call.

### Why should you call?

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to **KNOW WHAT'S BELOW**.

For more information, visit [www.pa811.org](http://www.pa811.org)



## BERKS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

**ALL RESIDENTS MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT - BERKS COUNTY RESIDENT ONLY**

**APRIL 15, 2023 (8:00 AM - 2:00 PM) RAIN OR SHINE**

**WHERE: GOVERNOR MIFFLIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL - 600 GOVERNOR DRIVE - SHILLINGTON**

**TO REGISTER GO TO: <https://www.countyofberks.com/departments/solid-waste-authority>**

**SELECT REGISTER HERE! UNDER EVENTS: 2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE - ([Registration Required](#))**

**ABSOLUTELY NO LATEX PAINT ACCEPTED**

### DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS:

DO NOT MIX MATERIALS;  
TIGHTEN LIDS & PLACE LEAKING CONTAINERS IN A LARGER CONTAINER; USE ORIGINAL CONTAINERS WITH LABELS ; OR MARK CONTAINER WITH CONTENTS

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** SOLVENTS; DISINFECTANTS; RUG, OVEN & DRAIN CLEANER; BUTTON, LITHIUM & NiCAD BATTERIES; FLOOR & FURNITURE POLISH, FLUORESCENT BULBS  
**OIL PAINTS:** TURPENTINE; WOOD PRESERVATIVE; PAINT THINNERS & SOLVENTS; OIL BASED PAINTS, VARNISHES & STAINS (ABSOLUTELY NO LATEX PAINT WILL BE ACCEPTED)  
**OUTDOORS:** WEED KILLERS; PESTICIDES; ASPHALT & DRIVEWAY SEALANTS; POOL CHEMICALS; HERBICIDES & FUNGICIDES  
**AUTOMOTIVE:** ANTIFREEZE; GASOLINE; TRANSMISSION & MOTOR OIL; AUTOMOTIVE PAINTS & FINISHES

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND OTHER ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

- ♦ GRASS AND/OR WEED HEIGHT GREATER THAN 10 INCHES
- ♦ PILES OF JUNK LAYING AROUND YOUR PROPERTY (TRASH AND RUBBISH)
- ♦ BUSHES AND TREES ENCROACHING ONTO SIDEWALKS CAUSING HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS
- ♦ MOWING GRASS OR BLOWING DEBRIS FROM YARD ONTO THE STREET
- ♦ INSTALLING A POOL - EVEN A BLOWUP POOL WITHOUT A PERMIT



## THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE 2023 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES PROVIDER

**General Hours**  
Monday - Friday:  
9 AM - 7 PM

Saturday - Sunday:  
9 AM - 5 PM

**Pet Help Center Hours**

By appointment only. If you need to surrender a pet or found a pet, please call 610.373.8830 x 205 to set up an appointment

**Address & Phone**

58 Kennel Road  
Birdsboro PA 19508  
610.373.8830

**Website**

[www.berksar.org](http://www.berksar.org)

- \* Investigate animal cruelty and neglect complaints with Pennsylvania State Certified Humane Law Officers
- \* Animal holding services for stray domestic cats regardless of behavior, medical or capacity status. No extra charges for veterinary care or condition of the animal. Limited, emergency-only transportation available for injured cats. Pursues contact of owner
- \* Community access to reduced-price microchips, vaccines, or spay/neuter clinics. ARL pursues of animal-related grants to expand these services and offer them at low cost or free to eligible municipal residents
- \* Comprehensive and targeted spay/neuter, vaccination and microchipping programming to control and reduce the free-roaming community cat population. Outcomes include adoption or Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR).
- \* Access to an ARL representative during business hours for residents regarding humane law, animal control and non-cruelty concerns. The ARL unburdens local police from answering these calls and offers residents access to a representative 7 days a week, during business hours.
- \* Eligible transport and animal-holding services for stray domestic cats and dogs regardless of behavior, medical or capacity status
- \* Removal and transport of animals following evictions or involved in accidents.
- \* Support local and state police, county sheriffs, and constables with search warrants.
- \* Emergency response by an ARL representative 24/7/365 days a year, including holidays.
- \* Emergency overnight service, 24/7/365 days a year, including nights and holidays. No extra charges for veterinary care or condition of the animal. Limited, emergency-only transportation available for aggressive or severely injured animals or by request of a police officer.
- \* Enforce Dog Law with Pennsylvania State Certified Humane Law Officers, including dogs at large, dog bites, dog licenses, and cat/dog vaccinations.
- \* Support state and county health department with investigation/confirmation of dog/cat bites/scratches; and implementation, compliance and completion of home/shelter quarantines.
- \* Pickup of rabid, seriously injured, diseased or dangerous animals. Testing of rabid animals
- \* Priority access to owners (\$50 fee) who wish to surrender their pets.

**Berks County Solid Waste Authority 2023 Paper Shredding Event - Free to Berks County Residents - April 22, 2023**

Governor Mifflin Intermediate School - 600 Governor Drive, Shillington, Pa.

**All residents must pre-register to participate in our paper shredding event**

<https://www.countyofberks.com/departments/solid-waste-authority>

**Absolutely no plastic bags will be accepted.**

**ST LAWRENCE WOMAN'S CLUB ELECTION DAY SALE - MAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Woman's Club will have the following on sale for Election Day. It is recommended that you pre-order sandwiches by calling Martha Wentzel @ 610-780-6384



- \* **Sandwiches:** Italian, Turkey & Ham
- \* **Soup by the Quart:** a variety of flavors
- \* **Baked Goods:** Variety of items and prices

# STREET SWEEPING

**MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH, PLEASE REMOVE YOUR VEHICLES**

**HAVE A U.S. FLAG THAT NEEDS TO BE RETIRED**

The P.O.S. of A (Patriotic Order Sons of America) Camp #230, which meets in Borough Hall, placed a drop box inside the rear entrance of Borough Hall to receive any U.S. Flag you need to retire. The retired flags are burned during a special ceremony.

**THE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TAKE A HIKE ON THE HILL**

On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Warren Lubenow will lead a guided hike of the St. Lawrence Water Shed Property. The hike will start at the playground located at 3500 Jacksonwald Avenue and proceed up Adams Street at 9 AM and will last about 2 hours.

The trails through the Borough's woodlands, approximately 250 acres, may be steep, rocky, muddy and strenuous. Appropriate footwear (hiking boots) and clothing (no shorts) required.

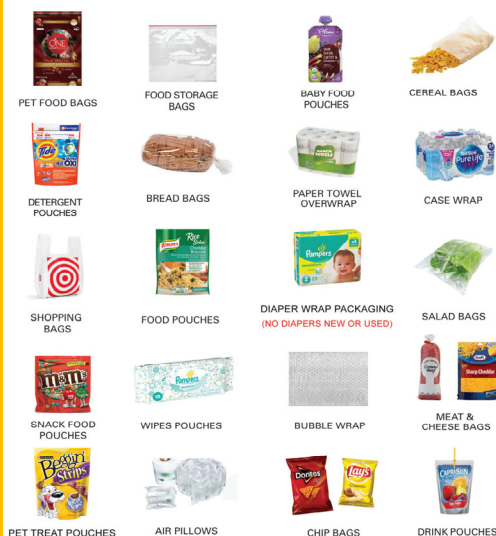
If you would like to join the hike or would like more information please contact Borough Hall @ 610-779-1430.



## DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ FLEXIBLE PLASTIC PACKING SHOULD BE PLACED IN A LIDDED RECYCLING CONTAINER, OTHERWISE IT MAY BLOW AWAY.
- ◆ MUST BE EMPTY, CLEAN, AND DRY
- ◆ BE PLACED LOOSE IN CONTAINER, NOT BUNDLED
- ◆ AIR PILLOWS - USED IN PACKAGING SHOULD BE DEFLATED
- ◆ NO PLASTIC CUTLERY
- ◆ NO VINYL ITEMS (ie. SHOWER CURTAINS, INFLATABLE TOYS, ETC.)
- ◆ NO HOSES, CHAINS, CORDS OR STRING

## FLEXIBLE PLASTIC PACKAGING MAY BE RECYCLED



- \* Grocery/Shopping Bags
- \* Retail Bags
- \* Pet Treat Pouches
- \* Detergent Pouches
- \* Case Wrap
- \* Shrink Film
- \* Food Storage Bags - Zip Top
- \* Snack Food Pouches
- \* Salad Bags
- \* Wipes Pouches
- \* Candy/Snack Food Pouches
- \* Baby Food Pouches
- \* Bread Bags
- \* Diaper Wrap Packaging
- \* Air Pillows
- \* Bubble Wrap
- \* Pet Food Bags
- \* Cereal Bags
- \* Paper Towel Overwrap
- \* Chip/Snack Bags
- \* Meat Bags
- \* Cheese Bags
- \* Drink Pouches

**NO DIAPERS (USED OR NEW) IN RECYCLING**

**PLACE YOUR TRASH & RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS (CLEAR FOR RECYCLING) BEFORE PLACING IN YOUR LIDDED CONTAINERS IT WILL PREVENT RECYCLING & TRASH FROM LITTERING THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

**DO NOT PLACE YARD WASTE IN YOUR TRASH - THE CAN WILL BE LEFT AT THE CURB**

## TRASH/RECYCLING REMINDERS

- \* NO PIZZA BOXES IN RECYCLING, THEY ARE TRASH
- \* WHEN PLACING AT CURB, PLEASE SEPARATE YOUR TRASH CONTAINERS FROM YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINERS BY AT LEAST TWO FEET
- \* MAKE SURE YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINERS ARE MARKED (FREE STICKERS AVAILABLE AT BORO HALL)
- \* FLATTEN CARDBOARD BOXES
- \* CLEAR RECYCLING BAGS MAY BE USED TO PLACE RECYCLING CURBSIDE FOR PICKUP (NO BLACK TRASHBAGS - WILL BE TAKEN AS TRASH)



**MATTRESSES AND BOX SPRINGS MUST BE SEALED IN PLASTIC FOR REMOVAL -**

**ANY MATTRESS LEFT BY THE HAULER AT THE CURB MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY**

## WHAT YOU CAN'T RECYCLE!

- ◇ WINDOW GLASS, DINNERWARE & TEMPERED GLASS
- ◇ CERAMICS
- ◇ PIZZA BOXES
- ◇ FOOD ENCRUSTED ALUMINUM TRAYS & FOIL
- ◇ NO FOOD, WOOD OR VEGETATION
- ◇ PROPANE TANKS

## WHAT CAN YOU RECYCLE?

- Food grade glass bottles and jars (clear, brown & green)
- Aluminum & metal food cans
- Aluminum trays & foil
- Aseptic packaging & gable top containers (milk & juice cartons)
- Steel cans and tins
- Plastics #1 - #7, NO STYROFOAM
  - #1 - clear & green plastic resin - PET  
soda, milk, water and flavored beverage bottles
  - #2 - colored plastic resin - HDPE  
detergent and fabric softener containers
  - #3 - plastic resin - PVC narrow neck containers only  
health & beauty aid products, household cleaners
  - #4 - plastic resin - LPDE grocery containers  
Margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups, six and twelve pack rings
  - #5 - plastic resin - PP grocery containers  
Yogurt cups, narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles
  - #6 - plastic resin - PS  
Aspirin bottles, compact disc cases, egg cartons
  - #7 - plastic - Other - Narrow neck containers only
- Paper and Cardboard:
  - Newspaper, including inserts
  - Magazines, catalogues and telephone books
  - Kraft (brown) paper bags
  - Office, computer, notebook and gift wrap (non-metallic) paper
  - Chipboard (cereal, cake & food mix boxes, gift boxes, etc.)
  - Carrier stock (soda & beer can carrying cases)
  - junk mail & envelopes
  - paperback books
  - cardboard - PLEASE FLATTEN

**MEMORIAL DAY TRASH CHANGE REMINDER**  
**TRASH/RECYCLE PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**& WEDNESDAY JULY 5th**



## Central Berks Regional Police Department

Raymond R Serafin - Chief of Police

2147 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606

Hours 8 AM - 4 PM

610-779-1100 (Office) 610-779-7135 (Fax)

Call with complaints or questions.

**To contact a Central Berks Officer for a non-emergency situation call 610-655-4911.**

- ♦ **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE - BUCKLE UP! IT'S THE LAW - DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING**
- ♦ **LOCK YOUR VEHICLES PARKED IN YOUR DRIVEWAY AND ON THE STREET - DON'T LEAVE CHANGE OR OTHER ITEMS VISIBLE TO THIEVES WALKING BY**
- ♦ **All vehicles must have current registration and inspection in order to park on a public street; otherwise they are considered abandoned and are subject to towing and fines.**
- ♦ **Going on vacation? Notify the police department, and the officers will be sure to patrol the area while you are away. Tell your neighbors to report anything suspicious immediately.**
- ♦ **As you drive, watch for children walking to or from the school bus, playing outdoors and riding wheeled vehicles.**
- ♦ **Car Seat Safety Check - Call the office to schedule an appointment**
- ♦ **Some other services provided by the Police Department are fingerprinting, Notary seal services, passport photos, and security services. Inquire at the office.**
- ♦ **Remember as Spring arrives windows are open, enjoy the outdoors, but keep your noise level down after 10 PM!**
- ♦ **You may not like my music and I may not like your music - keep the music on your property.**

**Remember, residents and the police are one team, we need to work together to keep our community safe. If you see something that does not seem or feel right please call 911 so we can check it out. It is better to be safe than to be sorry.**

### **PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 16<sup>th</sup> - POLLS OPEN 7 AM - 8 PM**

**IN PERSON VOTING IS AT THE ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH HALL - 3540 SAINT LAWRENCE AVE  
BUILDING ENTRY: REAR DOOR FROM PARKING LOT**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE: MAY 1<sup>st</sup>**

**LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR MAIL-IN OR CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOT: MAY 9<sup>th</sup>**

**LAST DAY FOR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO RECEIVE MAIL-IN OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS: MAY 16 (8:00 PM)**

**YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.PAVOTERSERVICES.PA.GOV](http://WWW.PAVOTERSERVICES.PA.GOV)**

### **THINKING ABOUT INSTALLING A POOL THIS SUMMER? YOU WILL NEED A PERMIT!**

#### **BLOW UP POOLS INCLUDED.**

**IT'S STATE LAW. Any pool that has a capacity to hold more than 24 inches of water requires a permit.** State Building Code requires permits for installing the pool, having a four foot fence with a self-locking gate around the pool and a GFCI outlet to run the pool filter. Extension cords not allowed.

Also, Borough Zoning requires a Permit for the placement of the pool. Other regulations may apply.

Anyone with a pool in their yard that doesn't meet Code Requirements will be asked to remove the pool until they obtain the proper permits and install the appropriate safety measures.

Also, you must maintain the cleanliness of your pool. Proper sanitation required for all pools (green water not allowed), West Nile Virus carried by mosquitos has previously been found in the Borough.

## **SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM**

The Borough provides a staffed summer playground program on the municipal playground at 3500 Jacksonwald Avenue.. The 8 week program begins on June 12th and ends on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The playground is closed on the 4th of July and if there is inclement weather.

Staffed operating hours: 9 AM - Noon and 6 PM - 9 PM, weather permitting. **Children 6 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult or babysitter - 16 years of age or older.** Activities include arts & crafts, sports, games and events.

Your child must be registered to participate in the playground program. Forms are on the Borough Website. They may be completed and submitted to the Borough office before the programs starts.

The Borough doesn't charge for attending the playground program. Some specialty arts & crafts projects may have a small fee to participate (50¢ - \$1.00).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 YARD WASTE	4 TRASH/RECYCLE	5	6	7 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 Easter	10 YARD WASTE	11 TRASH/RECYCLE	12	13 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	14	15
16	17 YARD WASTE	18 TRASH/RECYCLE	19	20	21	22
23	24 YARD WASTE	25 TRASH/RECYCLE	26 PC MEETING 7:30 PM	27	28	29
30		PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS				

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	1	2 TRASH/RECYCLE	3	4	5	6
7	8 YARD WASTE	9 TRASH/RECYCLE	10	11 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	12	13
14	15 YARD WASTE	16 ELECTION DAY TRASH/RECYCLE OFFICE CLOSED	17	18	19	20
21	22 YARD WASTE	23 TRASH/RECYCLE	24 PC MEETING 7:30 PM	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	30 YARD WASTE	31 TRASH/RECYCLE			
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## August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TRASH/RECYCLE	2	3	4 TENTATIVE PLAYGROUND CLOSES	5
6	7 YARD WASTE	8 TRASH/RECYCLE	9	10 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	11	12
13	14 YARD WASTE	15 TRASH/RECYCLE	16	17	18	19
20	21 YARD WASTE	22 TRASH/RECYCLE	23 PC MEETING 7:30 PM	24	25	26
27	28 YARD WASTE	29 TRASH/RECYCLE	30	31		
		PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS				

## September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	5 YARD WASTE	6 TRASH/RECYCLE	7	8	9
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# BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

3540 St. Lawrence Ave.  
Reading PA 19606  
Telephone: 610-779-1430  
Fax: 610-779-9148  
Email: stlawboro@ptd.net

Website: [www.stlawboro.us](http://www.stlawboro.us)

An answering machine is available when we are closed, away from our desks or on the other line. Please leave a message and we will return your call at our first opportunity.

Office Hours:  
Monday - Thursday  
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
Friday  
8:30 AM - Noon

## EMERGENCY: 9-1-1 County 911 Dispatch Non Emergency - 610-655-4911

To report any incident which adversely affects the health and safety or the environment of the citizens of the Commonwealth:

**DEP 24/7/365 ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE - 1-800-541-2050**

To report any discharge to the storm drain system, sanitary sewer system or waterways that is not the result of hydrant flushing, fire fighting or a rain event:

**SANITARY SEWER EMERGENCY OR ILLICIT DISCHARGE: CALL BOROUGH HALL OR AFTER HOURS CALL DERREK RHOADS OR ALLISON LEINBACH (NUMBERS BELOW)**

### Borough Officials - Appointed

#### **Manager/Treasurer/Zoning & Codes Officer**

Allison Leinbach Office: 610-779-1430  
manager@stlawboro.us Home: 610-779-0112  
Cell: 610-207-8469

#### **Secretary/Asst. Codes & Asst. Zoning Officer**

Susan Eggert Office: 610-779-1430  
Cell: 484-269-0749

#### **GIS/MS4, Roadmaster & Asst. Codes Officer**

Derrek Rhoads Cell: 484-577-9981

#### **YARD WASTE PICKUP TEXT MESSAGE**

#### **OR VOICE MESSAGE**

Cell: 610-655-5243

#### **Borough Engineer/Asst. - Codes & Zoning Officer**

Ty Leinneweber, PE - Systems Design Eng.  
610-916-8500

#### **Borough Solicitor**

Joan London, Esq. - Kozloff Stoudt  
610-670-2552

#### **UCC Building Codes Inspectors/Asst - Codes & Zoning**

State Inspection Authority, Inc.  
610-450-4600

#### **Sewer Engineer**

Kevin Conrad - SSM Group 610-621-2000

#### **Central Berks Regional Police**

Ray Serafin, Chief Office: 610-779-1100

#### **Emergency Management Coordinator**

David W. Eggert 484-797-5615

### **Borough Appointed Board/Commission**

#### **Planning Commission**

Warren Lubenow, Chairman  
Joseph Ravert, Vice- Chairman

Barry Kinsey  
James Lewars  
Tracy Whitman

#### **Zoning Hearing Board**

Dave Smith, Chairman  
Dorothy Jurasinski  
Kristen Livingood

### **2023 Borough Officials- Elected**

#### **Mayor**

Barrie C. Kinsey 610-779-1430

#### **Borough Council**

Robert J. May, President 610-370-1236  
rjmay@aol.com

David W. Eggert, VP 484-797-5615  
Mike Bennethum 610-779-9645  
Michael Fritz 610-587-9794  
Steven Geibel 610-370-5361  
Warren Lubenow 610-779-3632  
Gregory Zawilla 610-370-1519

#### **Tax Collector**

Susan D. Eggert 610-779-1430

### **Animal Control Officers**

Berks Animal Rescue League 610-373-8830  
<https://berksarl.org/>

### **School District**

Exeter Township SD Admin 610-779-0700  
Exeter Twp Sr High School 610-779-3060  
Exeter Twp Jr High School 610-779-3320  
Reiffon School 610-779-7640  
Jacksonwald Elementary 610-779-1820  
Owatin Creek 610-406-4580

### **District Judge Court 23-2-03**

Hon. Sandra L Fegley 610-779-5137  
6112 Perkiomen Ave Fax: 610-779-4681  
Birdsboro PA 19508  
Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

### **Utilities**

**Mt. Penn Water 610-779-4900**  
**They also handle sewer billing for the Borough.**  
AVMA 610-779-0150  
PA American Water 1-800-565-7292  
Met-Ed (Electric) 1-800-545-7741  
UGI (Gas) 610-375-4441  
Service Electric (Cable) 610-582-5317  
PA ONE CALL (Call before you dig) 811  
J. P. Mascaro 1-800-334-3403

### **Legislators**

#### **STATE**

##### **PA House District 126**

Hon. Mark Rozzi  
**District Office**  
4933 Kutztown Road 610 - 921-8921  
Temple, PA 19560-1569 Fax: 610 - 921-9369

**Capitol Office**  
152 Main Capitol 717 - 783-3290  
PO Box 202126  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2126

##### **Senate District 11**

**Senator Judith Schwank**  
**Capitol Office**  
Senate Box 203011 717 - 787-8925  
457 Main Capitol BLDG FAX: 717 - 772-0578  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3011

**District Office**  
210 George Street 610 - 929-2151  
Suite 201 FAX: 610 - 929-2576  
Reading, PA 19605

#### **FEDERAL**

##### **US House District 6**

**Rep. Chrissy Houlahan**  
**Washington DC Office**  
1218 Longworth HOB 202 - 225-4315  
Washington DC 20515 Fax: 202 - 225-8440

**Berks County Office -**  
815 Washington St, 2-48 610-295-0815  
Reading PA 19601

### **US Senate**

**Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr**  
**Washington DC Office**  
393 Russell Senate Office Bldg  
Washington DC 20510  
Toll Free: 866 - 802-2833 Fax: 202 - 228-0604

**Lehigh Valley Office**  
840 W Hamilton St. STE 301 610 - 782-9470  
Allentown PA 18101 Fax: 610 - 782-9474

**Sen. John Fetterman**  
**Washington DC Office**  
B40B Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington DC 20510  
202-224-4254  
**Harrisburg Office**  
320 Market St STE 475E  
Harrisburg PA 17101  
717-782-3951

### **Municipal Governments**

Amity Township (610)689-6000  
Exeter Township (610)779-5660  
Lower Alsace Township (610)779-6400  
Mt. Penn Borough (610)779-5151

### **Libraries**

Exeter Community (610)406-9431  
Reading Public Library-Main (610)655-6350  
Reading Public Library-SE Branch (610)655-6362

### **County Government Office**

Services Center (General) (610)478-6100  
Aging (610)478-6500  
Assessment (610)478-6262  
Berks Heim (610)376-4841  
CareerLink (610)988-1300  
Children & Youth Service (610)478-6700  
Clerk of Courts (610)478-6550  
Commissioners (610)478-6136  
Domestic Relations (610)478-2900  
Election Services (610)478-6490  
Emergency Services (610)374-4800  
Parks & Recreation (610)372-8939  
Prothonotary (610)478-6970  
Public Defender (610)478-6650  
Recorder of Deeds (610)478-3380  
Register of Wills (610)478-6600  
Sheriff (610)478-6240  
Tax Claim (610)478-6625  
Treasurer (610)478-6640  
Veterans Affairs (610)378-5601

### **State Government**

Autism Services 1(866)539-7689  
COMPASS/Benefits Helpline 1(800)692-7462  
Berks Cty Assistance Office 1(866)215-3912  
Childline 1(800)932-0313  
CHIP Helpline 1(800)986-5437  
Consumer Protection 1(800)441-2555  
DHS HELPLINE 1(800)692-7462  
Disability Services 1(800)753-8827  
Elder Abuse 1(800)490-8505  
Healthy Baby 1(800)986-2229  
Healthy Kids 1(800)986-5437  
Lead Information Line 1(800)440-5323  
LIHEAP (Home Heating) (610)736-4228  
Welfare Fraud Tipline 1(844)347-8477

## TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION

CURBSIDE ON TUESDAYS BY J P MASCARO & SONS: 1-800-334-3403

TRASH: 3-32 GAL CONTAINERS OR EQUIVALENT (MAX SIZE CONTAINER - 64 GALLON) AND 1 BULK ITEM  
**MATTRESS MUST BE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC & SEALED WITH TAPE**

RECYCLING: UNLIMITED SINGLE STREAM

- \* PLEASE SEPARATE TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS BY AT LEAST ONE FOOT
- \* FLATTEN CARDBOARD BOXES
- \* SEE BOROUGH WEBSITE FOR INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECYCLING FLEXIBLE PLASTIC PACKAGING AND MATTRESSES



The Goodwill donation center in St. Lawrence accepts computers and related accessories. Residential donors can drop off any brand of used

computer equipment including monitors, desktops, laptops, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice and speakers in any condition at a Goodwill donation center. It's free and donors can receive a receipt for tax purposes.

**PHARMACEUTICAL DROP BOX AVAILABLE AT  
 CENTRAL BERKS REGIONAL POLICE OFFICE  
 2147 PERKIOMEN AVE., MT. PENN**



Accepted: Prescription medication in standard container or sealed bag, over the counter medication, vitamins, drug samples, pet medications and liquid medications in plastic, leak proof containers.

## CURBSIDE BRUSH & LEAF Information and Requirements

1. Yard waste must be in a paper recycle bag. Plastic bags will be left at the curb and must be removed promptly.
2. **PLEASE LIMIT THE WEIGHT OF BAG TO 25 LBS.**
3. **Only vegetative yard waste may be placed in the recycle bag. If there are any issues - you will receive a door tag that states the problem. Any repeated violations of bag content will result in being permanently removed from the pickup list.**
4. Bundled branches 6' in length or less and able to be picked up by one person AND NOT FALL APART. Limit of 3 bundles OR limbs without prior authorization from the Borough.
5. Excessive quantities will not be picked up without prior approval.
6. **DO NOT PLACE ANY BAGS, BUNDLES, OR ANY OTHER VEGETATION IN THE STREET**
7. **You may leave a message on the yard waste answering machine @ 610-401-0568 THROUGH SUNDAY EVENING BY 10 PM FOR THAT WEEK'S PICKUP. DO NOT EMAIL THE OFFICE. OR**
8. **You may call the Borough office @ 610-779-1430 by 9:00 AM the morning of pickup (talk to a person). OR**
9. **PREFERRED TEXT MESSAGE: (610) 655-5243 - INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS AND THE NUMBER OF BAGS OR BUNDLES TO BE COLLECTED - MOST RELIABLE METHOD**

**WEEKLY CURBSIDE PICKUP -  
 MONDAYS \*- Weather Permitting  
 NO PICKUP THE WEEK BETWEEN XMAS & NEW YEARS**

**WEEKLY CURBSIDE PICKUP MONDAY  
 Holiday Changes: May 31<sup>st</sup> & September 6<sup>th</sup>  
 NO PICKUP - CHRISTMAS WEEK**

**DO NOT PLACE BAGS AT CURB  
 UNTIL THE MORNING OF PICKUP,  
 AS ALWAYS WEATHER PERMITTING (DON'T  
 PLACE BAGS OR TREE IF IT IS SNOWING)**

## ELECTRONICS & TIRE RECYCLING CENTER

1316 HILLTOP RD., LEESPORT

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY: 8AM - NOON  
 ALL VISITORS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR CAR, WHILE ON SITE.

### ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED:

PLEASE HAVE ALL ELECTRONICS IN THE TRUNK OF YOUR CAR OR BED OF PICKUP TRUCK

**MAXIMUM OF 10 ITEMS PER VEHICLE (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

- \* Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Keyboards, Modems, Printers, Copier, etc.
- \* Microwaves, Stereos, VCRs, Telephones, Answering Machines, etc.
- \* **Television (Maximum of two per resident/vehicle per day)**
- \* Fluorescent bulbs
- \* Rechargeable and Lead Acid Batteries (ONLY) – **NO ALKALINE BATTERIES**
- \* Air Conditions & Dehumidifier

### FEE SCHEDULE 2023

#### RESIDENTIAL

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| • All Electronic Items (Residents ONLY)                 | Free of Charge |
| • Fluorescent tubes, CFL Bulbs & Rechargeable Batteries | Free of Charge |
| • Air Conditioners & Dehumidifiers                      | Free of Charge |

#### COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONAL - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

- **NO TELEVISIONS OR MONITORS ACCEPTED FROM BUSINESSES**
- ALL ELECTRONIC ITEMS (BUSINESSES) \$1.00 /item
- FLUORESCENT TUBES, CFL'S & RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES \$1.50 /pound
- AIR CONDITIONERS & DEHUMIDIFIERS Free of Charge

#### AUTOMOTIVE TIRE ONLY - FOUR (4) PER VEHICLE MAXIMUM

- \* Standard passenger and light truck tires shall have diameter between twenty inches (20") and thirty-two inches (32") and a width between six inches (6") and twelve inches (12") and shall be free of dirt, water and foreign objects.
- \* The tires must not be deformed and must have the normal geometry of a typical tire.

#### FEE SCHEDULE (Effective 05/09/2022)

- |                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| * Tires without rims | \$ 5.00 each |
| * Tires with rims    | \$ 7.00 each |

Berks County Solid Waste Authority [www.co.berks.pa.us/swa](http://www.co.berks.pa.us/swa)  
 610-478-6362 OR [swa@countyofberks.com](mailto:swa@countyofberks.com)

## TROUT RUN BRUSH DEPOSITORY

The Trout Run Brush Depository is a joint project of Exeter Township and the Borough and managed by the Township Highway Crew. The facility, located at the intersection of W. Neversink and E. Neversink Roads, accepts brush, grass clippings and Christmas trees only, delivered by the Property Owner.

The facility is monitored by cameras 24/7 and entry/exit requires an access card to open the gate. There is a \$15 annual fee for an access card and are available by application at the Exeter Township Municipal Building. There is a limit of one card per household and proof of residency or ownership is required. If Access card is lost or stolen, please notify EXETER TOWNSHIP and the card will be deactivated. To replace a card, the fee is \$15 and the previously issued card will be deactivated.

Landscaping companies doing work on residents' properties are not permitted to use Trout Run. Dumping construction debris or trash of any kind is expressly prohibited and carries a fine of up to \$600 per offense.

**Operating Hours (every day): 8 AM - 8 PM EDST  
 Or 8 AM - 6 PM EST**

**Times are subject to change without notice  
 GATES WILL LOCK PRECISELY AND YOU MUST BE OUTSIDE THE  
 GATE OR YOU WILL BE LOCKED IN!**

### NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE

Not sure where to go when you need help? Call HELPING HARVEST @ 610-926-5802 x 206 to be guided to food assistance.



**STREET  
 LIGHT OUT ?**

If you see any street lights that are out report online to [https://www.firstenergycorp.com/service\\_requests/report-lighting-problem.html](https://www.firstenergycorp.com/service_requests/report-lighting-problem.html).

You may also contact Borough Hall with the 10 DIGIT Pole Number or the closest address with cross streets.