



# BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE



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SUMMER 2021

## SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> to AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>

### PLAYGROUND CLOSED ON JULY 5<sup>th</sup>

The summer playground program starts 9 AM on June 21<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting (see Inclement Weather Statement). The playground program consists of a morning session from 9 AM to Noon and an evening session from 6 PM to 9 PM. CHILDREN 6 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OR BABYSITTER (16 OR OLDER). We operate an at-will program, there are no sign in or sign outs. Children are free to leave the playground at any time.

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND - NO FEE FOR ATTENDANCE.

- ◆ Forms available on the Borough website.
  - ◆ You must return the signed Child Registration page. If your child(ren) are not registered, they may not participate in organized activities.
  - ◆ You must return the signed Acknowledgement of Playground Rules Page. These rules are strictly enforced. Parents will be contacted if infractions occur. Any questions, contact the Borough Office.
- ◆ Some arts and crafts projects may have a small fee \$1.00 or less.
- ◆ If you have any questions about the operation of the playground program, please contact the Borough Office.
- ◆ Children must wear appropriate footwear, not flip flops or sandals. They will not be allowed to participate in sport activities.
- ◆ NO WHEELED VEHICLES (BIKES, TRI-CYCLES, KID'S MOTORIZED CARS, SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS) ALLOWED ON THE PLAYGROUND DURING PLAYGROUND SESSIONS. BICYCLES MUST BE WALKED TO THE BIKE RACK.

### ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH HALL SAFETY PROTOCOLS

#### ALL ENTRANCES 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

UCC Permit Applications, Zoning Permit applications and any other applications may be placed in the drop box at the rear of the building. BOROUGH & SCHOOL TAX PAYMENTS AND PERMIT PAYMENTS MAY BE PLACED IN THE DROP BOX AS WELL.

OFFICE HOURS: M - TH 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM, F 8:30 AM - NOON

OFFICE PHONE: 610-779-1430

DO NOT PLACE ANY OTHER PAYMENTS IN THE DROP BOX, UNLESS DIRECTED BY BOROUGH STAFF.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS LIVE ON THE BOROUGH YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Monthly Council meetings available live on YouTube (second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM), along with previously recorded meetings. During the live meeting, questions can be asked of Council by email. See the links on the Borough website: [www.stlawboro.com](http://www.stlawboro.com), for the channel and meeting email.

TO REPORT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE HEALTH & SAFETY OR THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH: DEP 24/7 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE: 1-866-825-0208

**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)

## SOMETHING FROM THE MAYOR - SUMMER 2021

Has winter finally passed? Almost four (4) feet of snow fell in our borough. Thanks to all residents cooperating with the February Snow Emergency. Snow plowing and salt spreading were completed with few minor glitches.

Have you noticed the installation of six (6) new LED street lights in various locations in our borough? With continued public safety in mind, the Borough will look for opportunities to replace the current Met-Ed street lighting with LED fixtures.

Daylight savings time is here. Time to plan outdoor activities. Perhaps there will be a summer playground program. Signs of the coronavirus pandemic lessening are not reason to stop wearing a mask when leaving your home.

Stay safe and well, *Barrie C. Kinsey*, Mayor

### ELECTRONIC TRASH (E-WASTE)

E-WASTE: TELEVISIONS, 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. **YOU CAN DONATE COMPUTER RELATED ITEMS AT THE GOODWILL DONATION CENTER AS PART OF DELL RECONNECT™ NO TELEVISIONS ACCEPTED**



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.**

### PARKING RESTRICTIONS BY ORDINANCE ON BOROUGH STREETS

The following shall not be parked or stored on Borough Streets except for the time period in which they are loaded or unloaded.

The parking or storage of these listed items on the Borough streets is deemed to be a traffic hazard injurious to the public interest.

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

**ALL TRAILERS MUST BE ATTACHED TO A LICENSED AND INSPECTED VEHICLE.**

**THE POLICE ARE AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE THIS ORDINANCE.**



### 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.com](http://www.stlawboro.com). 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.

## THE BOROUGH CONTRACTS WITH THE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE FOR 2021 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

## GENERAL HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9 AM - 7 PM

SATURDAY - SUNDAY: 9 AM - 5 PM

PHONE: 610-373-8830

FAX: 610-372-6374

ADDRESS: 58 KENNEL ROAD, BIRDSBORO PA 19508

Website: [www.berksarl.org](http://www.berksarl.org)

- ◇ Go to the website, click on SERVICES for additional information.
- ◇ Volunteer and donation opportunities are available.
- ◇ Verify office hours
- ◇ Report a lost or found pet

**BURNING OF LEAVES, BRUSH AND TRASH- PROHIBITED**

Outdoor open burning (including incinerators, barrels or similar items) banned in the Borough.

DO NOT BURN TRASH OR CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

1. **Fire pits, fire rings, outdoor fireplaces and chimineas are permitted so long as they are used in a safe manner.** (Ordinance #388)
2. Have a **SPARK ARRESTOR** in place during use **AND BE A MINIMUM OF 10 FEET FROM A BUILDING.**
3. Burn only dry wood.
4. **NO TRASH IS BURNED**, especially plastics.
5. **Don't cause a nuisance. If asked by your neighbor to put out your fire, do it. Your neighbor doesn't want to smell your fire pit.**
6. Before lighting your fire, check weather conditions. Don't burn if it is windy, the ground is excessively dry, drought conditions are declared, or there is low cloud cover.

**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**

**CURBSIDE WEEKLY YARD WASTE/LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM - MONDAY'S****NEW CONTACT INFORMATION**

**TEXT MESSAGE TO : (610) 655-5243 YOUR ADDRESS AND THE NUMBER OF BAGS AND/OR BUNDLES FOR PICKUP, INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PICKUP.**

The weekly curbside pickup program continues year round on a Monday, weather permitting. All yard waste, including leaves, must be bagged in **paper** yard waste bags, **plastic bags will be left at the curb**, or small bundles of branches that can be picked up by one person without falling apart. **IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN 3 BUNDLES OF BRANCHES FOR PICKUP PLEASE CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE TO ARRANGE PICKUP.**

You must call the Borough office by 9 AM every Monday for pickup that day. If you leave a message, please state the following: address and number of bags and/or bundles for pickup. **DO NOT PLACE YOUR BAGS CURBSIDE UNTIL THE NIGHT BEFORE PICKUP.** In January, Christmas trees, with all decorations including lights, removed may be placed at the curb for pickup. **YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE OR TEXT MESSAGE FOR PICKUP. DO NOT** place yard waste out for trash pickup, it is not part of the Borough contract.



**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.

**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.

# INVASIVE PEST - SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY



PennState Extension



Early nymph (actual size = 1/8") Found late April-July. Photo credit: PA Department of Agriculture

## STEPS OF SPOTTED LANTERNFLY MANAGEMENT

1. Stop the spread
2. Scrape egg masses
3. Use tree traps to catch nymphs
4. Remove host plants
5. Apply insecticides

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR LINKS ON THE WEB GO TO:

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-management-for-residents> or

<https://www.stlawboro.com/spotted-lanternfly.html>



Late nymph (actual size = 1/2") Found July-September. Photo credit: PA Department of Agriculture

**Tree traps,** After the eggs hatch, nymphs will walk up the trees to feed on the softer new growth of the plant. Nymphs frequently fall to the ground, walk to trees, and walk back up the trunks. Take advantage of this behavior by wrapping tree trunks in tree traps to catch the nymphs. Traps can be used on any tree, but we recommend only banding trees where SLF is abundant. You can use either sticky bands or a funnel-style trap. Sticky bands may be purchased online or from your local garden center. Push pins can be used to secure the band. While some bands may catch adults, banding trees is most effective for nymphs. Be advised that birds and small mammals stuck to the bands have been reported. To avoid this, you should cage your sticky bands in wire or fencing material wrapped around the tree. Alternately, try reducing the width of the band, so that less surface area is exposed to birds and other mammals. Both of these methods will still capture SLF effectively. To eliminate the risk of catching birds and mammals, you can use funnel-style traps that consist of mesh wrapped around the tree that leads into a container to trap SLF. Some companies may be producing these traps commercially, or you could also make your own. The mesh (e.g., plastic netting) should be wrapped around the entire circumference of the tree and funnel into a container (e.g., inverted peanut butter jar or plastic bag) with a hole in the lid to allow SLF nymphs and adults to pass through. Check and change traps at least every other week (or more often in highly infested areas). Be aware that this method may not reduce the number of nymph or adult SLF you see later in the year. PHOTO CREDIT: PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Information ( <https://pacast.com/m?p=18762> ), including a video, pictures and a step-by-step guide on how to build a new style SLF trap.

To sign up for SLF e-newsletter, *THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLYER*, GO TO:

[https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants\\_Land\\_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted\\_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx)

At the bottom of the page under NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP, click on the link.

## LOST OR FOUND A DOG OR CAT? BERKS COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN HELP

THESE GROUPS DO NOT REHOME ANIMALS,  
THEY HELP TO REUNITE ANIMALS WITH THEIR OWNERS

**BERKS DOG SEARCH : POST A LOST OR FOUND DOG ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE,**  
**BERKS COUNTY CAT SEARCH: POST A LOST OR FOUND CAT ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE**

**VOLUNTEERS FROM BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HELP TO REUNITE DOGS AND CATS WITH THEIR OWNERS  
WITHOUT NEEDING TO HAVE SHELTER INTERVENTION. CHECK THE ORGANIZATIONS FACEBOOK PAGE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER**



### **KEEP YOUR GRASS CLIPPINGS OUT OF THE STREET NO DUMPING IN STORM DRAINS, CHANNELS OR WATERWAYS**

You are not permitted to dump anything into storm drains, storm channels or waterways. Grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste blown onto streets, dumped into storm drains or storm channels eventually wash into Antietam Creek. What's wrong with that? Decomposing yard waste acts as a fertilizer (great for your lawn but not for waterways), adding nutrients to the water speeding growth of plants, creating algae blooms and causing oxygen depletion making it difficult aquatic life to survive.

The Borough collects yard waste curbside weekly all year (weather permitting). See the Municipal Insert for instructions.

### **WASHING YOUR CAR AT HOME? DO IT ON YOUR YARD!**

Outdoor car washing causes large amounts of dirt, road grime, oil and heavy metals to enter local waterways. Soapy water flows down the street into the storm drains, eventually to be flushed through the system to Antietam Creek and the Schuylkill River. If you can't use a commercial car wash, wash your care on the lawn or other pervious surface so the wash water can soak into the ground and be filtered out.

### **USE LAWN FERTILIZERS AND HERBICIDES SPARINGLY**

Fertilizers add nutrients to Stormwater causing the same issues as grass clippings and yard waste. Herbicides and pesticides contain toxic contaminants that are harmful to aquatic organisms, humans and other animals. Use the minimum amount needed to achieve the desired result and follow the directions precisely.

### **ADOPT A STORM DRAIN**

Have you noticed a storm drain clogged with leaves or trash? Have you seen how clogged storm drains can cause street flooding? Your help is needed to prevent the debris from blocking the storm drains or flowing into the Antietam Creek. Please contact Borough Hall if you see a clogged storm drain.

### **PERMITS REQUIRED FOR WORK**

#### **UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (UCC) BUILDING, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL PERMITS - PA STATE LAW**

**Building a deck more than 30" off the ground? Rewiring or adding electric circuits? Changing fixtures (sink, toilet, bathtub or shower) in your bathroom? Replacing a roof? Installing an inflatable pool?** Pennsylvania State law requires that you, if you are doing the work yourself, or your contractor need to obtain a permit **PRIOR** to having any work completed on your property.

Depending upon the type and the complexity of the work you may need to have plans submitted for review and approval prior to having a Permit issued to complete the work. Permit applications are available online or in the Borough office. Permits are issued by the Borough's Building Code Official - State Inspection Authority Inc.

Additionally, all contractors and sub-contractors working on your property are required to obtain a BOROUGH TRADE REGISTRATION from the Borough office.

### **NOISE ORDINANCE**

**Be kind to your neighbors. Your taste in music is not necessarily that of your neighbors.** Your music or any other noises, should not cross the property line or occur from 10:00 PM until 7:00 AM, this includes power tools, revving of engines, yelling, shouting, singing, etc.

You are not allowed to operate construction equipment at any time on a SUNDAY or HOLIDAY (which can be heard on neighboring properties.)

**NEW SWIMMING POOL - PERMITS REQUIRED**  
**ALL SWIMMING POOLS THAT HOLD MORE THAN 24**  
**INCHES OF WATER REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS -**  
**INCLUDING INFLATABLE POOLS**  
**THE PLACEMENT OF A POOL REQUIRES**  
**BOROUGH ZONING APPROVAL**

## **REMOVE DEAD BRANCHES, TRIM YOUR TREES AND OVERGROWN BUSHES**

Low hanging trees over streets and sidewalks, along with bushes growing over the sidewalk hinder the safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles. Pedestrians need to duck for low hanging branches or walk in the street because of overgrowth. Lack of visibility of regulatory sign, such as speed limit and stop signs, can cause accidents.

Trees limbs need to be trimmed to 14' above a street and 8' above a sidewalk. All bushes must be trimmed to prevent any portion from hanging over a sidewalk or the street. It is the property owners responsibility to keep their trees and bushes trimmed. Dead branches also need to be removed from trees. Strong wind events, such as thunderstorms, cause these branches to break and fall, creating a safety issue for pedestrians and motorists.

The Borough will place hang tags on the front doors of properties that have violations. The hang tag will state the specific violation and the amount of time to correct the violation. The use of hang tags seek voluntary compliance in addressing these safety issues; but begins the enforcement process.

If the violation remains uncorrected, a Notice of Violation will be sent requiring compliance, along with stating the consequences of failing to comply.

**PROPERTY TAX DATES: COUNTY/BOROUGH REAL ESTATE TAXES FLAT RATE ENDS JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**SCHOOL REAL ESTATE TAXES HAVE A 2% DISCOUNT UNTIL AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>**



## 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.
- ◆ 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 windows are open, enjoy the outdoors, but keep your noise level down after 10 PM!
- ◆ As you drive, watch for children playing outdoors and riding wheeled vehicles.
- ◆ 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.**

**COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING EVENT - 10/16/2021 - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION - 10/23/2021**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED (REGISTRATION OPENS 08/01/2021) FOR BOTH EVENTS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR LINK TO REGISTER: <https://www.co.berks.pa.us/dept/swa/Pages/default.aspx>**

## Borough Calendar

## June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 YARD WASTE	2 TRASH/RECYCLE	3	4	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 PLAYGROUND OPENS	22 TRASH/RECYCLE	23 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	24	25	26
27	28 YARD WASTE	29 TRASH/RECYCLE	30			

# August 2021

# September 2021

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 YARD WASTE	5 TRASH/RECYCLE	6	7	8	9
10	11 YARD WASTE	12 TRASH/RECYCLE	13	14 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	15	16 Community Paper Shredding Event
17	18 YARD WASTE	19 TRASH/RECYCLE	20	21	22	23 Household Hazardous Waste Collection
24	25 YARD WASTE	26 TRASH/RECYCLE	27 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	28	29	30
31 Halloween SCHOOL TAX FLAT RATE ENDS		PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IF THERE IS BUSINESS				
		TRICK OR TREAT DAYS - 30th & 31st HOURS: 5 PM - 9 PM				

## November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 YARD WASTE	2 ELECTION DAY TRASH/RECYCLE OFFICE CLOSED	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Saving	8 YARD WASTE	9 TRASH/RECYCLE	10	11 Veterans Day BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
14	15 YARD WASTE	16 TRASH/RECYCLE	17 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	18	19	20
21	22 YARD WASTE	23 TRASH/RECYCLE	24	25 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28	29 YARD WASTE	30 TRASH/RECYCLE				
		HOLIDAY CHANGE: PLANNING COMMISSION WILL MEET ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, IF NECESSARY				

## December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 YARD WASTE	7 TRASH/RECYCLE	8	9 BOROUGH COUNCIL 7:30 PM	10	11
12	13 YARD WASTE	14 TRASH/RECYCLE	15 PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	16	17	18
19	20 YARD WASTE	21 TRASH/RECYCLE	22	23	24 Christmas Eve OFFICE CLOSED	25 Christmas Day
26	27 YARD WASTE	28 TRASH/RECYCLE	29	30	31 New Year's Eve OFFICE CLOSED	
		HOLIDAY CHANGE: PLANNING COMMISSION WILL MEET ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, IF NECESSARY				



# 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.com](http://www.stlawboro.com)  
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 REPONSE - 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  
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

##### **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**

James Lewars, Chairman  
Warren Lubenow, Vice- Chairman

Barry Kinsey  
Joseph Ravert  
Tracy Whitman

##### **Zoning Hearing Board**

Dave Smith, Chairman  
Dorothy Jurasinski  
Kristen Livingood

#### **2021 Borough Officials - Elected/**

##### **Appointed**

##### **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

##### **Constable**

#### **Tax Collector**

Susan D. Eggert 610-779-1430

#### **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  
Reiffton 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  
10 Fairlane Rd Fax: 610-779-4681  
Reading PA 19606

#### **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 Fax: 610 - 921-9369

**Capitol Office**  
103B East Wing 717 - 783-3290  
PO Box 202126 Fax: 717 - 787-7517  
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**  
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1150 S Cedar Crest Blvd STE 101  
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#### **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  
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

J P MASCARO & SONS: 1-800-334-3403

TRASH: 3-32 GAL CONTAINERS AND 1 BULK ITEM

RECYCLING: UNLIMITED SINGLE STREAM

- \* PLEASE SEPARATE TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS BY AT LEAST ONE FOOT
- \* FLATTEN CARDBOARD BOXES
- \* SEE BOROUGH WEBSITE FOR NEW 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.

## CURBSIDE BRUSH, LEAF & CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

### 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.
2. 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 violations of bag content will result in being permanently removed from the pickup list
3. 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.
4. Excessive quantities will not be picked up without prior approval.
5. DO NOT PLACE ANY BAGS, BUNDLES, OR ANY OTHER VEGETATION IN THE STREET
6. You may leave a message on the yard waste answering machine @ 610-401-0568 THROUGH SUNDAY EVENING FOR THAT WEEK'S PICKUP. DO NOT EMAIL THE OFFICE. OR
7. You may call the Borough office @ 610-779-1430 by 8:30 AM the morning of pickup to be added to the list, LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ONE ANSWERS. OR
8. TEXT MESSAGE: (610) 655-5243 - INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS AND THE NUMBER OF BAGS OR BUNDLES TO BE COLLECTED

We have been experiencing some issues with voice messages left on our answering system. If you are left a courtesy door tag and you called, please let us know.

### WEEKLY CURBSIDE PICKUP - MONDAYS - Weather Permitting

**YOU MUST CALL BORO HALL TO BE PLACED ON THE LIST FOR PICKUP.**

DO NOT PLACE BAGS AT CURB UNTIL THE MORNING OF PICKUP.

**NO YARD WASTE PICKUP:  
JULY 5, 2021**

## ELECTRONICS & TIRE RECYCLING CENTER

1316 HILLTOP RD., LEESPORT

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY: 8AM - NOON

VISITORS MUST WEAR A MASK AND 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 2021

#### 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

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|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| • 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

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|----------------------|--------------|
| * Tires without rims | \$ 2.00 each |
| * Tires with rims    | \$ 3.00 each |

For Additional Information: Berks County Solid Waste Authority  
www.co.berks.pa.us/swa or 610-478-6362

## 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 and chips brush, grass clippings and Christmas trees.

The facility is monitored by cameras 24/7 and entry/exit requires an access card to open the gate. There is a \$10 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 \$10 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: Daylight Savings Time: 8 AM - 8 PM 03/15 - 11/07/2021

Times are subject to change without notice

**GATES WILL LOCK PRECISELY AND YOU MUST BE OUTSIDE THE GATE OR YOU WILL BE LOCKED IN!**

## STREET LIGHT OUT

If you see any street lights that are out please call Borough Hall with the 10 DIGIT Pole Number.



**NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE**  
Not sure where to go when you need help?  
Call HELPING HARVEST @ 610-926-5802 x 2227 to be guided to food assistance.

## STOP ILLEGAL DUMPING

