

# Press Release

To: Local News Media

From: William Lowthert, Lewisburg Borough Manager

Date: June 12, 2020

RE: Lewisburg Borough Staged Plan to Return to Normal Municipal Operations

With the Governor's decision to move Union County to "green status" on June 12, 2020, we continue our efforts to return Lewisburg Borough to normal operations. We will continue to make every effort to comply with the Governor's direction, the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines, CDC Guidelines, and encourage social distancing among our staff, residents, and visitors:

- (1) The **Lewisburg Borough Office** will reopen to the public by appointment only beginning Monday, June 15, 2020. Individuals who need to meet with Borough staff can schedule an appointment by calling 570-523-3614. Face coverings will be required for entry into the Borough Office (unless a medical condition prevents such use).
- (2) The **Lewisburg Borough Brush Pile and Mulch Pile** will be open on Saturdays from 8:00 am – noon beginning, Saturday, June 20, 2020. They will also continue to be open on Wednesdays from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.
  - a. Brush and tree trimmings are accepted. Dirt, rocks, landscaping timbers, tree trunks, or other refuse is prohibited in the Brush Pile.
  - b. The Lewisburg Borough Brush Pile is free for Lewisburg Borough residents and Lewisburg Borough property owners while working on their Lewisburg Borough properties. Lewisburg Borough residents and property owners will need proof of residency to access the Lewisburg Borough Brush Pile. Acceptable forms of identification include PA Driver's License/PA State Photo ID with your current address, property tax bill, lease/rental agreement, utility bill with your property address, etc.
  - c. Non-Lewisburg Borough residents may drop-off brush and tree trimmings for a fee. Staff will be available at the Lewisburg Borough Brush Pile to collect the fee. Checks are preferred, but cash will also be accepted. Receipts will be available. The Fee Schedule for non-Lewisburg Borough Residents/Property Owners is as follows for a single drop-off:
    - i. Car, SUV, Minivan - \$10.00

- ii. Van, Pick-up Truck - \$15.00
  - iii. Pull behind trailer - \$25.00
  - iv. Dump Truck, Box Truck - \$50.00
- d. Landscape Contractors, Tree Removal Contractors, or maintenance employees working on a Lewisburg Borough property will need to provide proof their brush/tree trimmings originated within Lewisburg Borough. A copy of the signed contract listing the Lewisburg Borough property address or a letter (with contact information) from the Lewisburg Borough property owner is acceptable as proof. Lewisburg Borough staff will record your name and phone number, the name of your company (with contact information), and the name, property address, and phone number of the Lewisburg Borough property owner. The information will then be verified by Borough staff. If it is found that false information was provided and that the deposited materials did not originate within Lewisburg Borough, the matter will be turned over to the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department for investigation of littering/theft of service and the depositor may face legal action.
- e. Lewisburg Borough will limit the number of vehicles admitted into the Brush Pile and Mulch Pile at one time to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please be patient if you experience some delays while waiting to access the Brush Pile.
- f. Borough staff will not be available to assist with the unloading of your materials.
- g. The wearing of face masks and social distancing requirements will be enforced while at the Brush Pile and Mulch Pile. You will not be admitted without a face mask. After you drop off your materials or collect mulch, please exit immediately.
- (3) The **Lewisburg Borough Recycling Center** will only be open on Wednesdays from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm until further notice. No Saturday hours are scheduled.