

# Lewisburg Enlightener

## SPRING 2021

### PETS IN LEWISBURG BOROUGH

As temperatures rise and outdoor activities increase, we would like to remind pet owners that the Borough has several regulations in place regarding friendly neighborhood pets and visiting pets to ensure everyone can enjoy Lewisburg safely. Pet owners should be mindful of habitual barking, yelping, howling or other noises deemed to disturb the peace which is a violation of borough ordinances. Also, animals are not permitted inside fenced areas of playing fields, such as baseball or softball fields. However, animals are permitted in the unfenced areas of our parks and throughout town but must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet at all times.

The Borough has received many complaints this spring regarding pet waste in public parks and along public streets. Feces that remain uncollected along our streets and in our parks impact the water quality of our streams and create a less than pleasant environment for residents and visitors. If your pet relieves itself while enjoying their day out, please make sure to have a disposal bag to collect any feces and bring that bag along with you to dispose of in your own trash can at home. Please do not place the feces in public refuse containers.

Lewisburg Borough's ordinances related to pets can be found under Section 106 [www.lewisburgborough.org](http://www.lewisburgborough.org).



### BRUSH PILE & RECYCLING CENTER

The Brush Pile and Recycling Center remain open every Wednesday from 8 AM to 4 PM and every Saturday from 8 AM until noon. Both are located in the Wolf Field Complex.

Curbside recycling is the first Saturday of each month.

Additional information on recycling can be found on the Borough's website: [www.lewisburgborough.org](http://www.lewisburgborough.org)

### BRUSH PILE

The Borough's brush pile is provided for Borough residents and Borough property owners (while working on their Borough properties) to dispose of leaves, branches, and other brush materials. It is posted for use by Borough residents only. However, we believe many residents of our neighboring municipalities, as well as local landscape/tree trimming contractors are also using the Borough's brush pile to dispose of materials. Unfortunately, the costs to manage, process, and dispose of brush materials fall to the taxpayers of Lewisburg Borough only. In an effort to ensure brush pile costs are shared by non-borough residents who use this service, the Borough has instituted a fee system. Residents and Borough property owners (while working on their Borough properties) will still be able to use the brush pile at no cost, with proper identification. If you have a contractor working on your property and they wish to dispose of their materials at our brush pile, please come into the Borough Office to get a preapproval receipt, which will allow them to be disposed of approved materials at the brush pile. **\*Please note that the Borough does not accept grass clippings and weeds at the brush pile.**

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### **BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS**

Borough Office is currently closed to the public.  
Please call for assistance.

#### **OFFICE HOLIDAYS:**

May 31-Memorial Day  
July 5-4th of July  
September 6-Labor Day  
November 25 & 26-Thanksgiving Day and Day  
After Thanksgiving  
December 24-Christmas Day  
December 31-New Year's Day

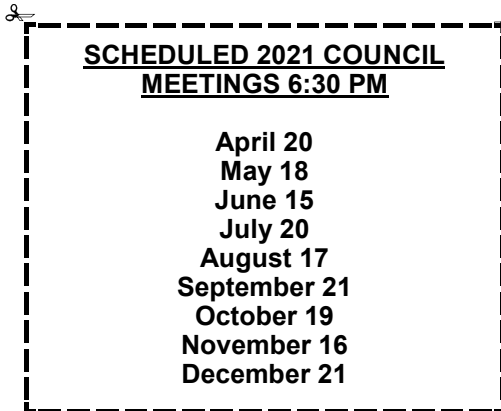
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## RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) INFORMATION

Residents are reminded that no matter where your property is located, there is bound to be a public ROW somewhere on your property. Sidewalks are usually found within the public ROW.

A public ROW is exactly what it states: a right-of-way for driving, walking, riding, construction, maintenance and upkeep. Residents are reminded that the public ROW exists "forever" and can never be claimed as one's private property.

Residents should be aware of any ROW that exists on their property. It is your responsibility to maintain this ROW, but by State Regulation you cannot prohibit a public service from accessing the ROW to provide municipal services. Please keep this in mind when planning fences, landscaping, tree planting, etc. In addition, please make sure the condition of your sidewalks within the ROW comply with Borough Ordinances. Finally, please make sure trees, bushes and plants on your property do not interfere with the public's right to use the sidewalks, alleys and roadways.



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## DISCOUNTED ELEVATION CERTIFICATES FOR LEWISBURG HOMEOWNERS

Lewisburg homeowners who live in the 100-year floodplain can get discounted elevation certificates that can reduce their flood insurance costs.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) elevation certificates cost \$700 for these homeowners. This is a discounted group price that SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG) negotiated with Orangeville Surveying Consultants Inc. Without the discount, the rate can be as expensive as \$2,000.

Residents must own and occupy their homes.

Geralee Zeigler, a program analyst in SEDA-COG's Flood Resiliency program, explained how elevation certificates can reduce flood insurance premiums.

"Your insurance agent will use the elevation certificate to compare your building's elevation to the Base Flood Elevation shown on the map being used for rating and determine the cost to cover your flood risk," Zeigler said. "If the elevation certificate shows your property at a high elevation, it will lower your flood insurance cost."

Zeigler also said the certificates also can help when homeowners want to sell their homes.

"Not only can elevation certificates greatly reduce flood insurance premiums, they also make a home more attractive for buyers since the buyer will know where the house stands in relation to the floodplain and knowing they'll have less of a flood insurance cost," Zeigler said.

Interested homeowners can contact Zeigler at [gzeigler@seda-cog.org](mailto:gzeigler@seda-cog.org) or 570-524-4491 ext. 7218.

SEDA-COG's Flood Resiliency Program offers services related to flood resiliency and mitigation assistance both within and outside of its 11-county region. Its goal is to help break the damage cycle and stop its drain on people and communities. For more information, visit <https://seda-cog.org/departments/flood-resiliency/>.