



Lewisburg Enlightener SPRING 2022

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 in the past 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.

Borough ordinances related to pets can be found under Section 106 www.lewisburgborough.org.

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BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS

Monday To Friday, 8 am to 4:30pm

OFFICE HOLIDAYS:

April 15-Good Friday
May 30-Memorial Day
July 4-4th of July
September 5-Labor Day
November 24 & 25-Thanksgiving Day and
Day After Thanksgiving
December 26-Christmas Day

SHADE TREE COMMISSION NEWS

Spring is here! Friday, April 29, is Arbor Day and we are holding a limited celebration and planting three trees inside the construction fencing adjacent to Kidsburg Playground. Once the park officially reopens in June, please be sure to check out all of the park's newest trees.

Stop by and see us at the Lewisburg Arts Festival on April 30! We will be alongside the Lewisburg Garden Club at 6th & Market Streets across from Towne Tavern. You may enter to win a book about trees and get your face painted by members of the Bucknell Botany Club. On May 7, we will host a pruning workshop at the Piers.

There is a brand new Lewisburg Tree Tenders Group-volunteers who help plant and care for community trees. Interested? There is a training on April 23 sponsored by Lewisburg Neighborhoods. Details about these events and more may be found on the Lewisburg Shade Tree Commission Facebook page or @lewisburg.stc on Instagram.

BRUSH PILE

The 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. Residents and Borough property owners (while working on their Borough properties) are 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 your materials at our brush pile, please come into the Borough Office to get a preapproval pass, which will allow them to dispose of approved materials at the brush pile. Non-residents may use the brush pile after purchasing a pass in the Borough Office. ***Please note that the Borough does not accept grass clippings and weeds at the brush pile.**

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.

FLOODING

The Borough of Lewisburg wants to remind its residents that flooding is a real threat for many of its residents. As such, through participation in the Federal Community Rating System (CRS) program, residents receive a flood insurance discount. The Borough is currently a Class 8 community through CRS and as a prerequisite of this program the Borough of Lewisburg recently passed a new ordinance requiring all mechanical equipment to be elevated 18 inches above the -year base flood elevation. This means that if your mechanical/electrical equipment is affected by a flood and needs to be replaced to reoccupy your residence or business; those mechanical/electrical equipment systems will need to be relocated at that time. It would be best to plan this work before the next flood event. Additionally, if you are considering replacement of mechanical/electrical equipment because of age or disrepair and you live in in the floodplain, that equipment must be relocated 18 inches above the 100- year base flood elevation.

Flood information is available online at <https://www.lewisburgborough.org/zoning/flood-information/> and also in the Lewisburg Borough Office and the Public Library for Union County. Library hours are 9:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturdays (closed Sundays).

For more information, contact Borough Manager William Lowthert at 570-523-3614.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Flooding causes more property damage every year in the United States than any other type of natural disaster. Don't forget that most standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover floods. Flood insurance is administered by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Contact your insurance provider for assistance with flood insurance questions. You can also call SEDA-COG at (570) 524-4491.

SCHEDULED 2022 COUNCIL MEETINGS 6:30 PM

April 19
May 17
June 21
July 19
August 16
September 20
October 18
November 15
December 20

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TROPICAL STORM AGNES (1972)

In Lewisburg, flooding is a part of life. In June 1972, Tropical Storm Agnes left its legacy as the worst flood this region has ever seen. Agnes remains the flood of record in our town with a river crest over 34 feet, more than \$10 million in damages to residences and businesses, and nearly \$1 million in combined damages to roads, schools, churches, and utilities (67 and 6.7 million, respectively, today). This summer, during the storm's 50th anniversary, we want to come together to commemorate Agnes and discover what it can teach us about living with floods.

On Saturday June 18th, we plan to hold commemorative events honoring Lewisburg residents who have worked to protect our community from flooding, including Officer Gordon Hufnagle, who died attempting to rescue residents from the Agnes floodwaters. We will also screen a new WVIA documentary on the legacies of Tropical Storm Agnes at the Campus Theater on Saturday, June 18th at 1pm. All are welcome!

If you'd like to hear stories from folks who lived through Tropical Storm Agnes, scan the QR code.

full link: https://mediaspace.bucknell.edu/media/1_4qyg6mw8.



The QR code or link will bring you to a performance of *Agnes, Revisited*, a Zoom-based play based on true stories about Agnes. Flood survivors and community leaders - including from Lewisburg - share memories about the '72 flood and wisdom on how to avoid future disasters.

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