



Lewisburg Enlightener SPRING 2023



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.

REFUSE RATE INCREASE

Effective January 1, 2023, refuse rates have increased for both residential and commercial properties. Residential properties will now be charged \$60 quarterly per unit up from \$58.50. Quantity still remains unlimited for residential properties.

Commercial properties without a bulk container will also be charged \$60 per quarter. Commercial properties with a bulk container will see an increase of \$1 per cubic yard each pickup. For example, one pickup of a two yard container will now be \$22 up from \$20.

All property owners are reminded that all trash must be placed inside trash cans with water tight lids or inside bulk containers with the lids closed. Trash left outside these containers will not be collected by the Refuse Crew and property owners may receive a code violation for trash that is not stored properly. Please check the Lewisburg Borough website for specific codes on solid waste.



CodeRED®

NEW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Implementation of the notification system called CodeRED is just part of what Lewisburg Borough officials are doing to make sure people within the municipal boundaries can receive information in times of emergency. An emergency siren system is also being installed and implemented in the coming months. Both CodeRED and the emergency siren system are being financed with Community Development Block Grant Program Funds administered by PA Department of Community and Economic Development. CodeRED's robust notification system will provide borough officials with a reliable, easy-to-use interface to quickly deliver critical information to our citizens during emergencies. Lewisburg officials anticipate using the system to notify residents of street closures, emergency weather warnings and most importantly flooding notices. Residents and stakeholders of the borough can sign-up to receive emergency and non-emergency notifications through CodeRED now. You are encouraged to sign up by visiting the Borough website at www.lewisburgborough.org and clicking on the link under the CodeRed logo to enroll your contact information including land line numbers, cell phone numbers, and email addresses. Or Text LewisburgPA (not case sensitive) to 99411 and receive a link to begin the process. For citizens without internet access, they can call the borough office at 570-523-3614 x314 or visit the Borough office at 55 South Fifth Street, Lewisburg Monday thru Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Borough officials will test this new system on April 25th by sending a notification to all those who have signed up.

Lewisburg Borough Offices and Council Chambers

55 South Fifth Street

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BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS

Monday To Friday, 8 am to 4:30pm

OFFICE HOLIDAYS:

April 7-Good Friday

May 29-Memorial Day

July 4-4th of July

September 4-Labor Day

November 23 & 24 Thanksgiving Day and

Day After Thanksgiving

December 25-Christmas Day

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 100-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.



HUFNAGLE PARK IS GETTING A FACELIFT

Lewisburg Borough officials ask for your patience as Hufnagle Park is slated to be under construction from May to December this year. Thru the Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Program, the borough has been awarded a grant for \$2,685,000 for this project. A new outdoor social gathering event venue will be built, consisting of an amphitheater area with sound and lighting, and an increased seating area doubling the spectator seating. The project will also include new ADA accessible entrances to the park and walkways within the park to create a connection from Market Street to the event venue and the recently constructed restrooms. A drop-off location for loading and unloading will be added on Market Street. Aesthetically pleasing landscaping will be incorporated including a new holiday tree. During the project the parking lot adjacent to Hufnagle Park will be closed for the duration of the work. All of the inconvenience this year will yield a destination venue for years to come.

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. Nonresidents 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.**

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SCHEDULED 2023 COUNCIL MEETINGS 6:30 PM

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