

THE ENLIGHTENER



Event Venue At Hufnagle Park Completed

In May 2023, The Borough of Lewisburg began a 2.5-million-dollar project in the heart of Downtown Lewisburg. Funding was provided by PA Department of Community and Economic Development through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Construction continued until substantial completion in November 2023. The Event Venue opened to the public on March 4, 2024, with some areas still fenced off to protect the establishing grass.



This project increased floodplain storage capacity as part of the Limestone (Bull) Run Floodplain restoration and will continue to improve the water quality. Accessibility was a key component of the project by eliminating steps and adding ramps throughout the park and into the Event Venue space. Safety for pedestrians was also added with the inclusion of the new pick-up/drop-off area along Market Street.

However, the most noticeable and perhaps the most exciting feature of this project is the construction of the Event Venue itself. The Event Venue is designed with a modern influence and expanded capacity. Black steel beams jut out from the roof of the Event Venue in varying lengths make a striking contrast to the new landscaping. The stage itself is 40 feet in diameter with a height clearance of 10 feet 8 inches to the lowest support beam. The stone used for the retaining wall and under the seating area is sandstone that was quarried in Pennsylvania. The new seating area has the capacity to accommodate 236 people. The Event Venue also has a sound and lighting system which are controlled via iPad.

The public is invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony to be held on April 18, 2024 from 11am to 1pm. This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about this new addition to the Downtown with speakers starting at 11am followed by the official ribbon cutting. At 12pm, Anne Kerstetter Band will perform in the new Event Venue until 1pm. Refreshments will be available.

For anyone interested in renting the new Event Venue, please contact Erin Swanson-Batman at (570)523-3614, ext. 304 or email eswanson-batman@lewisburgborough.org.



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If you do not have internet service, you may call the Borough Office at (570)523-3614 ext.314 for assistance.



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.



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 be

fore 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 Lowther at 570-523-3614.

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Zoning Changes

In August 2023, Borough Council made two changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

Accessory dwelling units are now allowed. These units allow for an independent living space, with a kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping area to share a lot with a larger home. They may be within, attached to, or detached from the primary residence. Often known as mother-in-law suites, carriage house apartments, casitas, or granny flats, these ADUs can help residents age in place, provide rental income, or enable a family member to live close by while providing privacy.

Parking reforms have also been made. Outside of the Commercial Zoning District, new homes must provide one parking spot for each unit of housing. There are no parking spot requirements for businesses or residences located in the Commercial Zoning District. In addition, homeowners may substitute three covered bicycle parking spots for one car parking.

For more information, contact David Hines at the Central Keystone Council of Governments, (570)522-1320 or dhines@ckcog.com.

Important Updates and Information

- **Animal Control**

With the recent retirement of long time Animal Law Officer, Wayne Hoover, processes for animal control issues have changed. Residents may report stray or lost dogs to the Buffalo Valley Regional Police at (570)524-5151. Residents with wildlife concerns should contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission Northcentral Region Office at (833)742-4868. Unfortunately, due to the lack of interested animal law personnel, the Borough has no means to assist with cats at large. As soon as a replacement animal law officer is found, contact information will be posted on our website.

- **Ash Disposal**

Lycoming County Landfill has notified the Borough that coal or wood ash from residents or businesses are no longer allowed mixed in with regular refuse disposal due to the fire hazards it creates for refuse trucks and the landfill itself. The Borough has set up a collection dumpster for ash disposal at the Public Works facility on North Fifth Street between St. Mary Street and St. Anthony Street behind the concrete block building in the gravel lot. Only cold ash may be placed inside the dumpster. If you are unable to deliver your ash to this location, we are now offering a special pickup collection for a fee of \$5 for a five-gallon disposable container. For larger collections please contact the Refuse Clerk for a price quote. (570)523-3614 ext. 315. Special pickups must be prepaid in the office.

- **Brush Collection**

Spring brush collection will occur April 8 to April 12 and follow the normal street no parking schedule. Tree trimmings should be bundled. Trimmings must be no larger than 2 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length. All other tree trimmings can be taken to the brush pile during normal hours of operation. Please remember to bring identification showing you are a Lewisburg Borough property owner.

Holiday Refuse Schedule

Memorial Day May 27, 2024

Monday pickup Tuesday,
Tuesday pickup Wednesday

July 4, 2024

Thursday pickup Wednesday

Upcoming Council Meetings

6:30 PM

April 16, 2024

May 21, 2024

June 18, 2024