



# Lewisburg Enlightener Summer 2021

## What do I need to know about Flooding?

Much of Lewisburg Borough is susceptible to flooding. While flooding can occur at any time, historically the worst floods occurs in Summer/early Fall (tropical storms) and Winter/early Spring (ice jams and snow-melt). Are you prepared for the next flood? Below are some tips to help you before the next flood hits:

### Know your flood hazard

- The Borough is subject to flooding by the Susquehanna River, Buffalo Creek, and/or Limestone/Bull Run
- Are you in a repetitively flooded area?
- Call the Borough at (570)523-3614, SEDA-COG at (570)524-4491, or the Zoning Department of CK-COG at (570) 522-1326 to find out the flood hazard for your property

### Insure your property for your flood hazard

- Ask your insurance agent if you are covered for flood damage
- Renters should buy flood insurance for their contents
- Take advantage of a low-cost Preferred Risk Policy
- Do you have a flood insurance policy? If so, see if you have contents coverage
- There is a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect, so call your insurance agent now

### Protect people from the hazard

- If there is water on the street, turn around, don't drown
- Do not walk through flowing water
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires
- Be aware of gas leaks

### Protect your property from the hazard

- Replace your flooded furnace or other utilities with ones elevated above the base flood level
- Store your valuables and insurance papers upstairs in a waterproof container

### Protect natural and beneficial floodplain functions

- Protect fish and wildlife and promote diversity
- Filter nutrients and pollutants from runoff and increase water quality
- Reduce the amount of sediment entering a waterway
- Provide additional storage and decrease the velocity of floodwaters

## Bull Run Greenway Construction

The Borough's long planned Bull Run Greenway project has kicked off in early July with active construction. The project will achieve three goals; (1) an extension of the rail trail with a multi-use paved pathway from Market Street to St. Louis Street, west on St. Louis Street and south on South Sixth Street to connect with Bucknell University's campus; (2) Stream habitat restoration along Bull (Limestone) Run between St. Louis Street and the railroad bridge to naturalize the streambanks and restoration of the floodplain; and (3) removal of outdated play equipment at Kidsburg and replacement with nature play spaces to foster curiosity and inventive play using natural materials.

Construction will bring some inconveniences that residents need to be aware of. Municipal Parking Lot No. 2 located in Hufnagle Park will be closed, Kidsburg playground will be closed, St. Louis Street between the railroad crossing and South Sixth Street will be closed, and parking will be restricted on South Sixth Street. A temporary fence has been constructed and signage installed to guide residents and visitors of the closures. The Borough asks that all residents obey the fencing and signage and watch the progress of this exciting project from a distance.

Completion of the project is scheduled for late spring 2022. Be sure to "Like Us" on Facebook and see the progress of construction and any updates to the project schedule and closures.

### **OFFICE HOLIDAYS**

**September 6— Labor Day**  
**November 25— Thanksgiving Day**  
**November 26— Day After Thanksgiving**  
**December 24 — Christmas Observed**

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## Welcoming Steven Beattie as the Borough's Community Development/ Grants Manager

Recently, the Borough hired Steven Beattie as the new Community Development/Grant Manager. This position was previously held by Kim Wheeler. Steve is a resident of the Borough and brings many years of experience in municipal planning, grant writing, and infrastructure project management. He has his undergraduate in Landscape Architecture from West Virginia University and his Master's in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University. Steve's experience with the Borough includes over ten years as the Borough's engineer representative while working for area consulting firms. During that tenure he oversaw design and management of the Market Street Enhancement Project, South Fifth Street, and South Seventh Street among many other projects.

Steve's main role will be to secure grant funding for the many Borough initiatives in the coming years while managing current projects under construction or in the planning stages. Steve will also provide technical assistance to the Planning Commission and Shade Tree Commission as well as Borough Council committees. Steve also serves as the Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, a role he has held since 2011.

## Council Members Mayor & Manager

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## 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 pre-approval 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.**

## Shade Tree Trimming

The Borough would like to remind all property owners that shade trees are to be trimmed by the property owners. Shade trees must have a minimum clearance of fifteen feet above any public highway and at least nine feet above all sidewalks. They must also be trimmed as to not interfere with streetlights, street signs, or traffic control devices. Additionally, it is the property owner's responsibility to remove any dead or diseased branches that may create a hazard to person or properties in or along public streets. All trimming must be done according to the American Nation Standards Institute ANSI A3000 Pruning Standards.

## Brush Pile & Recycling Center Hours

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

<b>SCHEDULED 2021 COUNCIL MEETINGS 6:30 PM</b>
<b>July 20</b>
<b>August 17</b>
<b>September 21</b>
<b>October 19</b>
<b>November 16</b>
<b>December 21</b>