Leetsdale Newsbytes

Mary Adkins, Editor

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Fall Edition

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Swinging into Fall, we are in planning mode for our yearly fun-filled Autumn Fest!

Our festival gets better every year! Share a day with your family, neighbors and friends. Come out and enjoy our new children's game, lots of food, raffles, vendors, pumpkins, and plants, to take home for your Fall decorating. It's not too early to plan for the holidays or to get a head start on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Spread the word, save the date and join us!

When: Saturday, September 17th, 2016
Time: 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Where: Henle Park
Rt. 65, Ferry and Beaver Streets

Borough of Leetsdale

373 Beaver Street, Suite A
Leetsdale, PA 15056
724-266-4820

Jennifer Simek, Secretary /Treasurer
Mary Adkins, Assistant Secretary

Leetsdale 4th Annual Snowflake Classic 5K Run/Walk

Leetsdale's 4th Annual Snowflake Classic featuring a 5K race, a 2 mile walk, and a kid's run will be held on Saturday, November 19th!

The kid's run will begin at 8:45 a.m., followed by the 5K run at 9:00 a.m. Walk follows immediately after the run. As race time gets closer, further details will be on the Leetsdale and 4th of July websites. We hope that you will participate in the run/walk or at least cheer our participants! All proceeds from the race benefits the 4th of July activities. **All persons donating $50.00 or more to the race will have their names printed on the back of the shirts that are given to each runner and sponsor.**

LEETSDALE FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM

NEED HELP?

To find out if you qualify, stop by the Borough Office for an application.

Available to Leetsdale residents who meet the income requirements.

From the Mayor's Desk

The United States presidential election of 2016 is constitutionally prescribed to occur on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. It will be the 58th quadrennial U.S. presidential election.

Voters will select presidential electors who in turn will elect a new president and vice president through the Electoral College. The term limit established in the Twenty-second Amendment to the United States Constitution prevents the incumbent president, Barack Obama of the Democratic Party, from being elected to a third term.

Assuming President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden serve out the remainder of their respective terms, the 2016 election will determine the 45th President and 48th Vice President of the United States. Do your part—get out and vote!

Mayor Pete

General Election

will be held on:

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Between the hours of 7 A.M. and 8 P.M.

Leetsdale Borough Building

(Community Room)

Code Enforcement

VIOLATION TICKET ORDINANCE

In an effort to protect our community from blighted properties and to encourage compliance with the Borough of Leetsdale's ordinances regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the properties in town, council has enacted an ordinance which provides for a ticket to be issued when a nuisance violation occurs.

These violations include; but are not limited to, high grass and weeds, snow/ice on sidewalk, (over 24 hours) inoperable and/or unregistered vehicles, outside storage of household items, improper garbage/waste containers, placing garbage/trash out too early, accumulation of rubbish, garbage, or debris, unsanitary swimming pools, or overgrown shrubs and/or hedges, that extend beyond the sidewalk or right of way.

Instead of a protracted process that drags offending property owners through the court system, the Borough of Leetsdale will now issue a **"violation ticket"** to the occupant of the property involved if the violation is not abated within the time period set forth. **The fine for these violations is set at $50.00,** and for each day the violation exists, another ticket will be issued.

The goal of this ticket ordinance is not to fine the residents, but to ensure that their properties are kept in a sanitary condition with grass cut, snow and ice cleared from sidewalks, and all properties kept looking good for all to see. **Leetsdale is a beautiful town, let's keep it that way!**

Code Officer, Jim Ivancik

HIGH GRASS

GARBAGE

SWIMMING POOL

SNOWSIDEWALKS

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORMWATER SEWER SYSTEM

Pennsylvania's MS4 Program and what it means to you.....

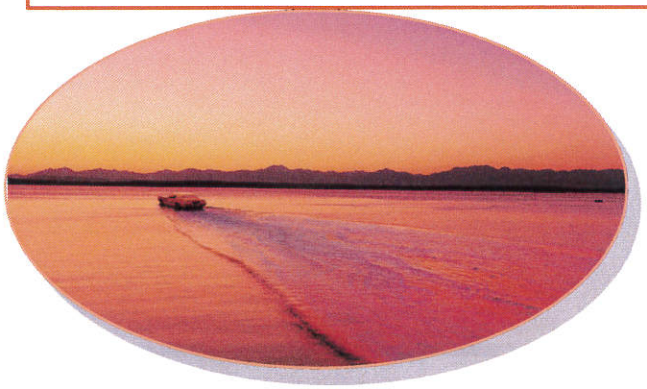
The PA Department of Environmental Protection administers the Stormwater requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and, since 2002, has issued a General Permit for all municipal storm sewer systems, which requires the implementation of a ***Stormwater Management Program*** for minimizing the impacts from runoff. As individual municipalities are responsible for zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances that impact runoff, those communities that own a separate storm sewer system are responsible for issuing such permits and must meet the new regulations that were released in 2011.

Sarah Welch, Outreach & Community Communications Manager
Local Government Academy

When you're washing your car in the driveway, remember you're not just washing your car in the driveway.

All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb then into the storm drain directly into our lakes, streams and into our river. And, that causes pollution which is unhealthy for fish. So, how do you avoid this whole mess? Wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the street. Or better yet, take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

When your car's leaking oil on the street, remember it's not just leaking oil on the street.



Leaking oil goes from car to street and is washed from the street into the storm drain and into our lakes, stream and into our river. Now image the number of cars in the area and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its was from leaky gaskets into our water. So please, fix oil leaks.

When your pet goes on the lawn, remember it doesn't just go on the lawn.

When our pets leave those little surprises, rain washes all that pet waste and bacteria into our storm drains and then pollutes our waterways. So what to do? Dispose of it properly (preferably in the toilet). Then that little surprise gets treated like it should.

When you're fertilizing the lawn, remember, you're not just fertilizing the lawn.

You fertilize the lawn then it rains. The rain washes the fertilizer along the curb, into the storm drain and directly into our lakes, streams and into our rivers. This causes algae to grow, which uses up oxygen that fish need to survive. So if you fertilize, please follow directions and use sparingly.

Parks and Recreation

...A word from Councilwoman Lauren Jones

The Leetsdale Parks and Recreation Committee will be hosting a neighborly gathering for adults and children during Halloween Trick or Treat on Monday, October 31st in Henle Park.

Come join around a campfire and enjoy assorted drinks and Halloween treats to celebrate the season!

STAY TUNED FOR...
"HOLIDAY'S IN HENLE PARK."

When does fall 2016 begin?

This year, the autumnal equinox falls on September 22, 2016 at 10:21 A.M. EDT. This equinox occurs when the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from north to south.

(The celestial equator is the circle in the celestial sphere halfway between the celestial poles. It can be thought of as the plane of Earth's equator projected out onto the sphere.)

Another definition of fall is nights of below-freezing temperatures combined with days of temperatures below 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

The word equinox means "equal night"; night and day are about the same length of time.

PUBLICWORKS Bulletin

LEAF COLLECTION:

As fall approaches, leaf collection will begin as needed. We will pick up only leaves. Please do not include any branches, grass cuttings, or any other debris in your leaf pile as these materials will clog our machine and can become very costly to repair. Simply, pile all of your leaves between the sidewalk and street for collection. Although there is no set-schedule, pickups will be done as our schedule allows.

LEAF MULCH:

Leaf mulch is still available, "free of charge." It is available for you to pickup at the Borough Garage from 3PM- 7PM on weekdays. Leaf mulch is a great way to winterize gardens and planted areas.

TRASH COLLECTION:

Trash collection goes on as scheduled. Tuesday is the designated regular garbage and Thursday remains recycle collection. Cans or containers may only be placed at the curb after 6:00 PM on the day prior to collection.

TRASH COLLECTION

TUESDAYS: Regular garbage pickup only.

THURSDAY: Recycling collection only.

RECYCLE:

We ask that you make an effort to recycle, not only is it a great way to help reduce waste, but it also improves our environment.

ELECTRONICS:

Electronics are no longer being accepted at our land fill. All TV"S must be disposed of in accordance with regulations.

CONTACT THE COMPANY BELOW FOR DISPOSAL:

We will no longer dispose of your old/unused TV. You can call the company below for assistance.

Evolution E-Cycling
(South Side)
2235 Mary St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

(412) 390-3450

Thanks for all of your help. If you need us, please call 724-624-1893

Street Commissioner,

Doug Ford

LEETSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

136 Broad Street
Leetsdale, PA 15056

As summer comes to a close and fall arrives, the Leetsdale Fire Department would like to take a few moments the thank the community for their support.

"Thank you" **for cheering us on. The applause, and encouragement shown to us during the 4th of July Parade was greatly appreciated!** It is definitely a sight to see, when your streets are bursting with people showing their support and appreciation.

As always, there is a lot going on at the firehouse.
The Leetsdale Fire Department has sold their old squad truck. A committee has been formed to pursue the purchase of a new one. Please stay tuned ...for further information.

Your Leetsdale Fire Department is also in the process of purchasing a second Thermal Imaging Camera. This instrument will allow firefighters to see through smoke. Each Engine will now be equipped with this life saving equipment.

The Leetsdale Fire Department would like to invite residents to our Annual Labor Day Picnic in Henle Park. This event was started by Mayor Pete Poninsky a few years ago. It has grown each year. Come out and join us.

In the fall we change our clocks. The fire department would like to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks. If you don't have smoke detectors, or they are old, see information below.
In conjunction with the American Red Cross, the Leetsdale Fire Department has started a smoke detector program. This program provides free smoke detectors to residents. **The fire department will install these detectors at no charge. If you do not have smoke detectors, or if yours are over 10 years old, please contact the Borough Office at** 724-266-4820 **to register.** You will need to provide your name, your address, and phone number. We will then contact you for a convenient installation appointment.

Fire Prevention Week is observed, October 9th through the 15th, this year. As part of the Quaker Valley Fire Prevention Committee, we will be in the schools discussing stop, drop, and roll; Exit Drills in The Home (EDITH); an outside meeting place and other fire prevention and life safety themes. We encourage you to talk through these subjects at home.

Recently, the Leetsdale Fire Department has expanded their presence on the internet. **We encourage the community to follow us on Facebook. We have also started a new web site. Stop by and visit us at** www.leetsdalefire.org
It is a work in progress, but it gives the residents a good idea of what is going on. A special, "THANK YOU" goes out to the members who have been working on this.

As always, the Leetsdale Fire Department is looking for volunteers **to fill multiple roles within our organization.** No matter what your skill set is, we can probably put it to good use to benefit the community. Talk to a member or stop by at the fire station on a Monday night if you are interested.

Thank you,
Ernest Logan, Fire Chief
724-333-4759

Members

Chief, Ernest Logan
Assistant Chief, Jim Ivancik
Assistant Chief, John Biteler
Captain, Marlin F. Davis Jr.
Lieutenant, Andrew Plese
Safety Officer, Amos Cameron

Interior Firefighters:
Lucas F. Conrad
William Crago
James Degori
Mike Herman
Wesley James
Connor Macdonald
John Phillips
Randy Rall
Dylan Redzanic

Exterior Firefighters:
Doug Ford
Ed Glad
Michael Herman
Michael Scimio

Fire Ground Support:
Shirley Logan

Probationary Firefighter:
Brian Brown
Dustin Combs

Associate Members:
Charles Bickel
Jean Cladey
Barb Herman
James Pappas
Stacy Phillips
Phyllis Rall
Margaret "Peggy' Silk

President
Jim Ivancik
Vice President
Michael Scimio
Treasurer
John Biteler
Secretary
Ernest Logan

Active Life Members:
Amos Cameron
Ernie Logan
John Phillips

A Message from our President

From My Porch...
Leetsdale Council President, Wes James

Looking back at my last newsletter article, I wrote about construction on Broad and Washington Streets and its various inconvenience's and disruptions. I couldn't have stated the truth any better. It's been a long dusty summer, and it's not over yet.

The Columbia Gas project still lingers on for Broad Street residents, with some issues of poor sidewalk reconstruction and broken curbs. Washington Street has received a new storm water sewer, but still needs to be milled and paved. The Washington and Broad Street repaving are being funded through the "Road Reconstruction Tax" with the amount for Broad Street being reimbursed by Columbia Gas and Edgeworth Water. Any remaining balance will be paid by the borough. The borough has awarded both bids, but the paving contractor would like to do both streets together, so we are waiting for the water line project on Broad to finish up in the fall.

Recently, the question was brought up at council, was it cheaper to do the trash collection in house or have a contractor do the job? Leetsdale, has picked up and disposed of its own garbage for many years. As of this writing, a committee has been formed to compare costs. The borough has reached out, along with the other local communities, to the local COG, (Quaker Valley Council Of Governments) to advertise and get a bid on trash collection. This bid along with others, will be reviewed and compared to the costs of doing our own trash collection. **No decision has been made at this point-to go to an outside vendor. Garbage pick-up and recycling is still currently being done by our public works crew.** The borough would certainly give residents a chance to voice their concerns, and give them proper notification, if such change was going to occur.

The Tuesday night, before our "regular council meeting" is our "workshop meeting." It is a very informal meeting and a great time for residents to discuss issues and/or ideas, with council. The following... "Thursday" meeting, is the formal borough business meeting with the audience addressing council, only at the beginning of the meeting.

I know a few times, there have been some heated debates and arguments at the meetings, but after the dust clears it's the good humor and friendship that show how we all are truly neighbors.

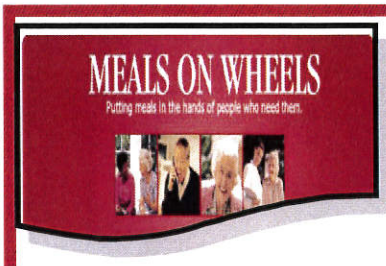
CONGRATULATIONS!
Joseph McGurk
Recipient of the Cecil K. Leberknight Award

We are so thrilled to share with you that our very own Borough Councilman, Joseph McGurk, is the recipient of the Cecil K. Leberknight Award, given by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

This prestigious service award recognizes faithful and effective service by the borough officials. This award is given to mayors, council members, secretaries, managers, and treasurers who have completed 10 or more years of service.

His dedication to the Leetsdale Community is also evident in his work with the 4th of July Committee and his support and participation with the Leetsdale Snowflake 5K. Joe is a former Council President and currently, oversees the Public Works Department.

Thanks for being such an amazing public official! We wish you much success in the years to come!



The Meals on Wheels program is designed to help individuals who are home bound or are unable to prepare their own nutritious meals regularly.

There are no income limitations. Eligibility is based on need. The program is for any individual who is home bound or unable to prepare their own meals on a regular basis. Patrons will receive 1 hot lunch and 1 cold dinner Monday through Friday. Our volunteer drivers will deliver meals to your home between 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM

MEALS are prepared by certified professionals and made in a community based certified kitchen with the utmost care and devotion. Meals are based on a daily affordable contribution.

For more information call:
412-766-7763 or visit our website at:
www.mealsonwheelssouthwestpa.com

Leetsdale Food Pantry

A hearty and warm "Thank You!" to our very generous supporters this year!

* Leetsdale Curves
* United Methodist Church
* Anonymous (Leetsdale Resident) donation of $1990.00
* The Dollar Tree in Quaker Village shopping Center held a food drive and donated approximately 500 lbs. of food to our pantry.
* Food donations from Ron Ailmeman & Stacey Schwab.
* Susann Hyjek, Service Unit Accountant for the Salvation Army donated a freezer and Giant Eagle gift cards to each of our recipients.

AUTUMN SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR PETS

Summer is surely coming to an end—the kids are back to school and the days will slowly become shorter and cooler. The end of the sweltering heat isn't always a bad thing! Autumn is a great time for outdoor adventures with your pet.

Here are a few risks to be aware of in the upcoming season:

Back to school supplies. Items in your kid's pencil box like glue sticks, pencils and magic markers are considered "low toxicity" to pets, which means they're unlikely to cause serious problems unless they digest large amounts! However, since blockages are possible, be sure to keep them out your paw's reach.

Mushrooms. Unfortunately, most of the highly toxic mushrooms are difficult to distinguish from the nontoxic ones, so it's best to keep them away from all mushrooms.

Engine Coolant. Many people choose fall as the time to change their car's engine coolant. Ethylene glycol-based coolants are highly toxic, so spills should be cleaned up immediately.

Bonfires. Fall is a great time to snuggle up around a bonfire. However, fire can be a great danger for your curious pets. Make sure that you close up your fireplaces, block off any fire pits, and keep your pet away from a spark zone.

The Borough of Leetsdale "Historical Wall" A collection of photographs are proudly displayed in Council Chambers. Please submit or drop off any historical photos that you may have for consideration in addition to our display. Thank you!

LEETSDALE'S AUTUMN FESTIVAL

A Fundraiser to benefit: ~Leetsdale Garden Club~

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH!

FOOD

GOURDS

9AM-3PM

PUMPKIN PATCH

APPLE CIDER

VENDORS

FALL FUN

CHILDREN'S GAMES

mums

INDIAN CORN

CRAFTS

CORN STALKS

BRING FRIENDS

PLANTS

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

GIFT BASKET RAFFLES

HENLE PARK

RT. 65 FERRY & BEAVER

CONSESSION STAND

PLANTS

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Spring and summer has been busy for all of us, and especially for the Leetsdale Garden Club. Scholarships were awarded in the late spring to two Leetsdale graduating seniors, Taylor Thornhill and Caitlin Gresham.

A Leetsdale Garden Club, "grant" went to Life skills student Boris Chapin Fortin and a first, "youth donation" to Moira's Mission in helping ill- children. Henle Park has never been more beautiful with plantings, maintenance, and watering done by our wonderful club members.

Our club, "garden of the month" awards went to the Kimmel home and the Porter home for the beautiful work in their Leetsdale gardens.

As a reminder ... we will award three homes this year, for the "Christmas Exterior Holiday Decorating Award." Prizes with judging held in the middle of December. Plan to win one of these awards yourself. **We are always looking for new members! Share, learn, and enjoy the rich friendships you will make!**

Questions, call
Susan Montgomery
724-506-3625
The Garden Club

LEETSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

373 BEAVER STREET
LEETSDALE, PA 15056
OFFICE: 724-266-1397
FAX: 724-266-6319

Daniel P. Raible
Chief of Police

Pete Poninsky
Mayor

Well, after a such a hot and muggy summer I'm sure we're all looking forward to a cooler fall season. With that said, I'd like to remind everyone that school is back in session so please remember to drive carefully and watch students walking to and from. **Keep in mind when driving by the school that the speed limit is 15 MPH during designated hours.**

Also, please remember there is to be no student drop off in front of the school on Beaver Street. If you need to drop your child off, you should use the rear entrance from SR 65.

The Leetsdale Police Department would also like to advise our residents that we have obtained a MED RETURN BOX. This will allow you to deposit old, expired or unwanted medications in to a secured container for destruction. **The box will be located inside the foyer of the Borough office and is available to you during regular business hours.** Directions, along with restrictions, will be clearly posted on the outside of the container, as seen below.

NO PARKING ZONES

You may have noticed the, **"yellow traffic marking paint"** through-out the Borough along curbs and at intersections. These locations are designated as **NO PARKING.** Please refrain from parking in the front of these locations and avoid being issued a ticket.

Halloween will be celebrated on Monday, October 31st from 6-8 PM in the Borough of Leetsdale. Extra officers along with the fire department will be out patrolling to help keep you safe, but as always, remember to watch out for traffic and others as you walk from house to house. Safety first! Tips for trick or treating can be located on our Borough website at: ***www.leetsdaleboro.net***

Lastly, I'd like to congratulate Officer Michael Slawianowski for his recent promotion to the rank of Police Sergeant.

Sergeant Slawianowski has been with the Leetsdale Police Department since, June of 2009 and continues to be an exemplary, as well as, extraordinary officer in the Borough of Leetsdale.

PROMOTION

Officer Michael Slawianowski was promoted to Police Sergeant on April 14th, 2016

As always, if you see something suspicious or require assistance, remember to call 911.

Residents calling directly into the police department, may not always reach an officer. If it's an emergency, it may be too late!

Stay safe and have a wonderful fall season!

Chief Raible

BOROUGH OF
LEETSDALE *Pennsylvania*

Leetsdale Borough Officials

MAYOR

Pete Poninsky, *724-624-4521*

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wesley James, *President, 724-421-6822*

Jeffery Weatherby, *Vice President, 724-462-7845*

Joseph McGurk, *Pro Tem, 724-624-1887*

Thomas Belcastro, *412-660-8556*

Linda Michael, *412-400-8005*

Michael Nobers, *724-462-3210*

Lauren Jones, *724-312-2140*

COMMUNITY ROOM

- **Resident $75.00**
- Non-resident $200.00
- ***Alcohol Permit: Beer & Wine (only) $25.00***

SECURITY DEPOSIT

- **Resident: $150.00**
- Non-Resident: $250.00

Meetings- only

(up to 4hrs.) $40.00 per hour

Smoke Alarms Save Lives

More lives are lost every year to home fires than to all major disasters.

If you need a free smoke alarm, please call the Leetsdale Fire Department at 724-266-4820

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may have just *2 minutes* to escape?

American Red Cross

Learn more at redcross.org/homefires

BAKE SALE

Want to show off your baking skills for a good cause?

The Annual Election Day sale benefitting, the Leetsdale Fourth of July Fund, will be held on: November 8th at the Community Building.

Please sign up to bake and/or volunteer for this fun event.

For information, contact Phyllis Belcastro at 724-266-6493

KID'S CORNER

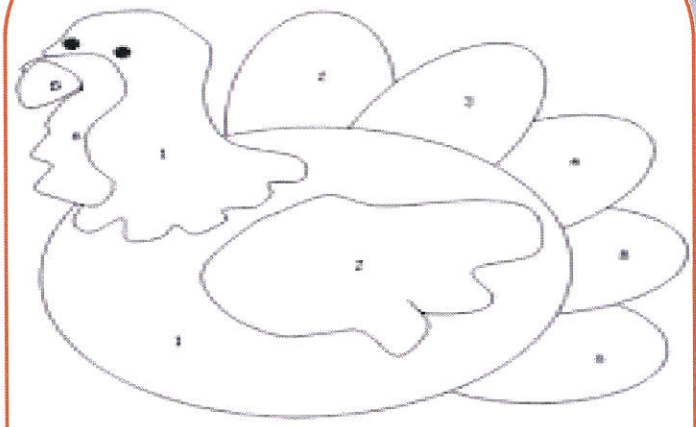
Autumn Scavenger Hunt

- Red leaf ☐
- Fern ☐
- Pine Needles ☐
- Acorn ☐
- Rock ☐
- Pine Cone ☐
- Squirrel ☐
- Yellow Leaf ☐
- Birds Nest ☐
- Scarecrow ☐
- Winged Seed ☐
- Bark ☐
- Brown Leaf ☐
- Feather ☐
- Mushroom ☐
- Red Berry ☐
- Orange Leaf ☐
- Animal tracks ☐
- Spider Web ☐
- Worm ☐
- Wild Flower ☐
- Conker ☐
- Green Leaf ☐

How many different colours can you see?

http://sdancingdandelions.blog

Turkey Color by Number



1 brown 3 green 5 yellow

2 orange 4 purple 6 red

When Autumn Falls...

I see _____

I hear _____

I smell _____

I taste _____

I feel _____

Halloween Word Search

BOO GHOST
CANDY TREAT
FUN TRICK

T	R	E	A	T	B
R	C	A	N	D	Y
I	G	H	O	S	T
C	D	G	F	B	V
K	D	M	U	O	L
I	Z	L	N	O	S

Chicken Scratch NY

BOROUGH OF LEETSDALE
373 Beaver Street
Suite A
Leetsdale, PA 15056

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
PAID
Leetsdale, PA
15056
Permit # 22

Current Resident
Carrier Route 2
Leetsdale, PA 15056

COUNCIL MEETINGS—7 p.m.

Regular Meetings—2nd Thursday of each month
Workshop Meetings—Tuesdays prior to Regular Meetings

All Council Meetings are open to the public.

DANIEL LEET'S TAVERN

Daniel Leet's Tavern (Leetsdale), a handsome stone structure, was built about 1800. Major Leet was commissioned deputy surveyor for Augusta County, Virginia, April 17, 1776. After the Revolutionary War, Pennsylvania named him deputy surveyor to survey "donation and depreciation lands" in the western part of the state. Leet's district, the second depreciation district, included part of Beaver County lying north of the Ohio River.

Leetsdale is at the southern tip of it. The tavern, at the corner of Beaver and Winding Road, has been a private residence for many years.