

Leetsdale Newsbytes

Jennifer Simek, Editor



April 2018
Spring/Summer

Mayor Pete Poninsky invites all to participate in the Annual Spring Clean Up this Saturday, April 21st at 9:00.

Everyone will meet at the Borough Office for light refreshments and pastries. After clean up we will meet again for hot dogs and hamburgers at Noon.

Clean Up Day supplies and shirts will be provided.



VOLUNTEER

Congratulations Mayor Poninsky

Recently Sworn in as the President of ALOM and Borough Association as well as the Treasurer of MRM

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Jennifer Simek
Secretary /Treasurer



Congratulations!
Douglas Ford
received an award for
his 25 Years of Service
with the Borough!

hello
SUNSHINE



Henle Park Splash Pad



Opening Day is set for Thursday, June 7th
Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Noon until 6:00 pm, weather permitting
A Friendly Reminder that there is No Parking in the Park!

LEETSDALE

JULY 4TH

CELEBRATION

July 3 • 6PM-10PM

July 4 • 1PM-10PM

July 5-7 • 6PM - 10PM

CARNIVAL EVERY DAY! - Henle Park

Rides for All Ages • Games • Carnival Food

JULY 4 EVENTS!

Parade @ 2pm

El Dorado Band 6-9pm

Fireworks at Dusk!

Music in the Park

6-9pm

July 4 - El Dorado

July 7 - Touche"

Thank You For Your Support!

For more information visit: www.leetsdale4thofjuly.com

www.facebook.com/Leetsdale4thofjulycelebration



The **Public Work's Department** is located at 30 Ferry Street. Our primary functions include; the over-all maintenance of borough streets, parks, borough owned sidewalks, storm sewers, snow, leaf collection, solid waste removal and recycling pick-up. **If you would like to report a problem, please call us at 724-266-6069.** Simply leave your name, address, telephone number and the location of problem, along with as much detailed information as possible.

From the Street Commissioner's Desk.....

Deer Ticks—Please be cautious of deer ticks on your pets as well as yourself, with the warm winter that has passed there are more in our area and not just in the high weeds but close to our homes.

Televisions—We are NO longer excepting TV's for trash or recycling pickup. Please contact Evolution E-Cycle 412-390-3450. 2235 Mary Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Street Sweeping—Please move your vehicles so you avoid a ticket on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am until 11:00 am

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The Recycling Center is NO LONGER accepting recycling in plastic bags. Please place your recycling loosely in a box/bin or garbage can.

Trash Collection—Tuesday is the day we will be picking up trash. Summer hours are starting at 6:00 am, if we miss you, please call us. PLEASE KEEP YOUR TRASH NEAT!

Recycle Pickup—Every other Thursday, calendar included on the following page.

ATTENTION Dog Walkers - Please Pickup after your pets when walking them, its been noticed that some residents are not doing so!

Leaf Mulch— is available and can be picked up at the Borough Garage between 7:00 am until 3:00 pm

Douglas Ford, Street Commissioner



BE TICK AWARE





BOROUGH OF LEETSDALE

2018 PICKUP DATES

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The Recycling Center is no longer accepting plastic bags. Please have all recyclables loosely placed in a box/bin or garbage can for pickup.

Foam Containers & Packaging



Plastic Bags & Wrappers



Coated Containers & Cartons



Soiled Containers



Electronics & Hazardous Waste



LEETSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Daniel P. Raible
Chief of Police

Pete Poninsky
Mayor

373 BEAVER STREET
LEETSDALE, PA 15056

Office 724-266-1397
Non Emergency 724-266-1380



CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR CLASS

Spring has arrived! With that said, Congratulations to our Senior Class of 2018! Remember; always strive to move forward. However, if you do take a step back, it's Ok. Adversity makes us stronger, wiser, and more apt to better decision making. We learn from our mistakes. If we didn't, then what's the point right!? So go forth and achieve your goals!!

Residents, please remember with summer around the corner school will be out for the season. So an influx of children will be out playing on the streets and in the parks. Please drive slowly and give extra attention to intersections as children will be utilizing the crosswalks.



As a reminder, street sweeping will begin again this April. Please remember to pay attention to signage designating locations and hours of operations and avoid being issued a ticket.

Thank You!

Next, I'd like to thank all the residents/children that attended the 1st Annual Leetsdale Police Department Luncheon with Santa Clause in December. I'd also like to thank those business in Leetsdale, namely: Pizza Joes, Snyder of Berlin and Giant Eagle for their generous donations of food and products

which of course without, this event may not have been so successful! So keep your eyes out in the next news letter and around town for the 2nd Annual Luncheon to be held this December.

CA Welcome

Lastly, I'd like to welcome our newest Officer to the Borough of Leetsdale Police Department. Officer Shawn Shreckengost. Officer Shreckengost comes to us with several years of experience from various police departments and is looking forward to applying his training and skills to serve and protect the residents of Leetsdale. So welcome aboard Officer Shreckengost!



As always, if you see something suspicious or require police assistance, DIAL 911! It's Ok to call directly into the police department for general questions and leave a message for an officer to return your call, but not when criminal activity maybe taking place. By the time an officer may get your message it could be too late. So when in doubt, just call 911.

Year End Review 2017

Complaints Handled by Officers = 1325
Arrests Made by Officers = 102
Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued = 706
Borough Parking Tickets Issued = 299

Have a great summer!

Daniel Raible



REVERSE 911

INTERACTIVE COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

In our efforts to provide more reliable communications with Residents [and Businesses] in the borough, we utilize Swiftreach Networks, as our Emergency Notification service provider. Sign up for alerts on the Borough Website.

SLOW



CHILDREN AT PLAY

Med Return
Drug Collection Unit

For your convenience a Med-Return box has been placed in the Borough building. Simply, stop by the office between the hours of 8:00 and 4:30 to dispose of your old, expired, or unwanted medications.

NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING



IT'S THE LAW

Fire Officers

Fire Chief – Ernest Logan

Asst. Chief – Jim Ivancik

Captain – Marty Davis

Lieutenant – Andy Plese

Executive Officers

President – Jim Ivancik

Vice Pres. – Michael Scimio

Secretary – Ernest Logan

Treasurer – John Biteler



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Leetsdale Fire Department is an all volunteer emergency services agency that was formed in 1904. In the 100+ years of service to the community the numbers of volunteers has gone up and down. The current staffing level has grown dangerously low. There are so many jobs that need done within the department. Some are: Interior Firefighter, Exterior Firefighter, Fireground Support, Administration, and Associate Member. Not all of these positions require you to fight fires or even respond to calls. Whatever your talents are, we can put them to work to better our community. Recruitment and Retention is the biggest issue facing our fire department at this time. Please contact us or stop by the fire station any Monday evening. You are always welcome.

Many dedicated volunteers have passed through the doors of the fire department. Now it's your turn. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

FISH FRY

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that supported our Annual Lenten Fish Fry. It was a great success. We are already looking forward to next year.

We are also working on plans to host other dinners throughout the year. Please watch our Website, Facebook, and the newspapers for further information.

SQUAD TRUCK

A new 2018 Ram 5500 Squad Truck will soon be placed in service at the fire station. This unit will be used to haul firefighters, tools and equipment. This little truck cost about half of what the large pumpers cost at about \$150,000.

SUMMER REMINDERS

As warmer weather approaches, please keep the following items in mind.



Recreational Fires. Allegheny County regulations do not permit open burning anywhere in the county. However, small recreational fires are permitted in the Borough. They can be no larger than 3' x 3' x 2'. They must not generate excessive smoke or odors. They are only permitted on days when the winds are calm. They are NOT permitted when there has been excessively dry weather. A hose or fire extinguisher must be immediately available for use. Advance permission must be obtained from the Fire Chief.



Fuel Storage. We ask that you do NOT store gasoline or other fuels inside your homes. Please store them outside in a shed or other protected area.

Grilles. Most grilles stand idle all winter long. Please use caution when firing them up for the first time. We recommend a good cleaning prior to use.

The Leetsdale Fire Department stands ready to serve the community at a moments notice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We respond to approximately 100 calls for service per year. We invite you to keep up with us through our website: leetsdalefire.org Through our Facebook page. Stop by the station any Monday night at 7:00PM. Or stop by the station anytime you see the doors open.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Fire Chief.

Respectfully,

Ernest Logan, Fire Chief

724-333-4759





Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority (“QVAA”) will be presenting an overview of the services it provides to Leetsdale residents at the Borough’s Workshop meeting which is scheduled to be held on May 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm. All residents are welcome to attend the presentation.

Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority provides EMS and medical transportation services to Aleppo Township, Bell Acres Borough, Edgeworth Borough, Glenfield Borough, Leet Township, Leetsdale Borough, Haysville Borough, Glen Osborne Borough, Sewickley Borough, Sewickley Heights and Sewickley Hills.

Combined responses for QVAA and Valley Ambulance Authority totaled more than 11,000 in 2017. (~ 8,000 ambulance calls and ~ 3,500 wheelchair van transports)

QVAA is a non-profit municipal authority supported by insurance payments and donations. QVAA also receives proceeds from an annual per-capita tax assessment which is currently established at \$8.00 per resident.

As a result of the per-capita payments made by participating QVAA municipalities, residents who require medically necessary emergency ambulance service ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE for any out of pocket expenses (e.g. deductibles, co-payments, etc.) provided by QVAA, to the closest appropriate medical facility.

In addition, QVAA residents receive discounts on other types of medical transportation services provided by QVAA, such as non-emergency ambulance transports and wheelchair van trips.

If you need emergency help, please call 911. If you need more information about the Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority, please visit its web site at www.qvamb.org or call 412-262-2621 during business hours.



Leetsdale Garden Club

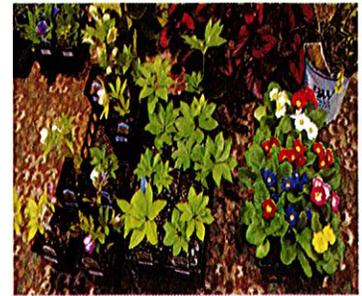
elcome springtime! The Leetsdale Garden Club is looking for green thumbs. Come and garden with us.

Leetsdale Garden Club believes in the beautification of our community. Our membership includes men and women of all ages from high school students to spry seniors.

Hostas. Coneflowers. Lilies. Asters. Sunflowers. Liatris. Phlox. Daffodils. Azaleas. Petunias. Jack Frost. Lobelia. Alyssum. Salvia. The purpose of the Leetsdale Garden Club is to help make Leetsdale a community that brings a smile to the faces of nature lovers. We plant gardens. We weed, water and tend plants. We listen to presentations about horticulture. We learn how to decorate and recycle. We promote the growing of plants that attract birds, butterflies and beneficial insects that make gardens glow. We support youth in the Leetsdale community. We honor veterans. We present awards for the best residential summer gardens in the community and to homes with outstanding outdoor December holiday decorations. We would love to have more members.

The organization has more than ten garden spaces it will steward in 2018. The newest space is on Beaver Street and plans are underway to create a perennial paradise.

Leetsdale Garden Club meets at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room of the Leetsdale Borough Building. New members always welcome. For information about the Leetsdale Garden Club please email LeetsdaleGardenClub.judith@gmail.com



Welcome New and Returning Council Members!

Not Pictured: Councilmen Thomas Michael



Free Lunches for Kids

Leetsdale Borough and the Sewickley Valley YMCA are partnering this summer to provide a lunch program for the Children of Leetsdale

The program will begin June 11 until August 17; Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 11:30 am.

Registration Forms and additional information is available at the Borough Office.



Summer Fun in Henle Park!

Leetsdale Borough Council and Leetsdale Recreation Board will be working together to bring summertime activities to Henle Park this summer.

Each event will be targeted for children in the 5 to 8 year old age group. The classes have been thoughtfully designed to engage children in a fun, learning experience.



All events will be held in the Henle Park picnic shelter. In case of inclement weather, they will be moved to the Community Room in the Leetsdale Borough Building.

Pre-Registration is required. Events will be presented free of charge. Donations to help cover expenses will be appreciated.

To reserve a space, email Judy Fulton at summerfunhp18@gmail.com. Please leave your name and contact information, along with the class or classes you are interested in, each child's name and age.

You will receive a confirmation email and response to any inquiries you may have.

- ◇ You may register for one or as many classes as you would like
- ◇ Each class will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:00 noon
- ◇ Class size is limited
- ◇ All children must be accompanied by an adult.
 - ◇ Light refreshments will be served



June 14 - **Gardening for Kids!** This will be a basic gardening experience for the children. They will plant flowers and vegetables in prepared beds. Child size tools will be provided. Please dress your child appropriately,

they will be playing in the dirt. We will also assemble a small fairy garden to take home. Rain date June 14, Henle Park, weather permitting. Joe and Judy/Fulton McGurk

June 21 - **Cultural Day – Russian Dolls** Learn about Russian culture and traditional folk dolls in this interactive program. Children will try on traditional Russian clothing, learn about old customs, listen to a traditional folk tale, and make a special wish granting Russian folk doll to take home. No sewing skills required, but adult's help may be appreciated by a younger child. Maria Napolitano

June 28 – **Iron Horse Community Theatre** Children will explore various acting techniques through a series of exercises and fun performative games and improvisations.



July 12 – **Adventure in Aquaponics** join us in a hands-on experience which fuses raising fish (aquaculture) with growing plants free of soil (hydroponics). This is a STEM oriented program. Children will go home with their own plant. Matt and Beth Carroll

July 26 - **Safe Dog Program** – Demonstrating safe ways to approach dogs, body language awareness, and how to make your home dog safe. All participating dogs are certified in therapy. Phyllis Belcastro



Fern Hollow
Nature Center

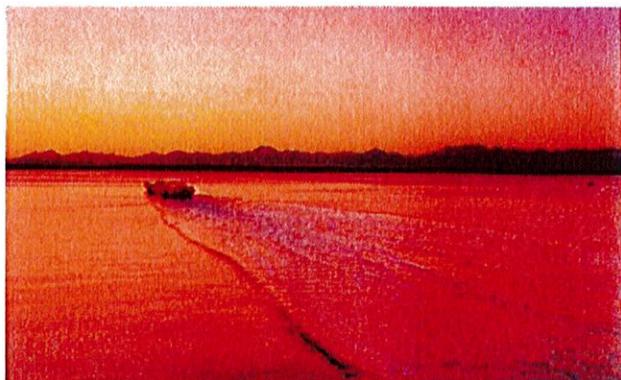
August 9 – **Fern Hollow Nature Center** – Explore, Learn, Discover. Join an educator from FHNC to learn more about what exists in or very own park! We will look more closely at the insects, plants, birds, flowers and trees that call Pittsburgh 'Home'. Join us for some hands on activities that will help the children learn, enjoy and connect with our natural world!

Pennsylvania's MS 4 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.

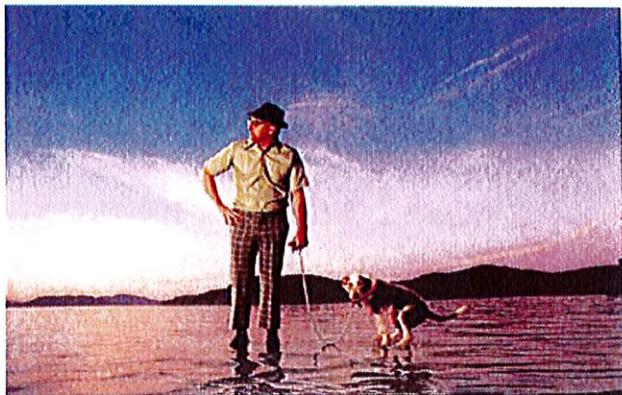
Sarah Welch, Outreach & Communications Manager
Local Government Academy

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, streams and into coastal waters including the Chesapeake Bay. Now imagine the number of cars in the area and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its way 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.



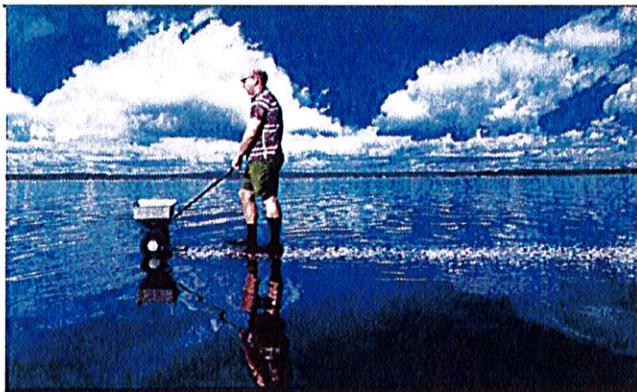
When our pets leave those little surprises, rain washes all that pet waste and bacteria into our storm drains and then pollutes our waterways. So what to do? Dispose of it properly (preferably in the toilet). Then that little surprise gets treated like it should.

When you're 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 and directly into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters including the Chesapeake Bay. And, that causes pollution which is unhealthy for fish. So, how do you avoid this whole mess? Easy. 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 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 coastal waters including the Chesapeake Bay. This causes algae to grow, which uses up oxygen that fish need to survive. So if you fertilize, please follow directions and use sparingly.



BOROUGH OF LEETSDALE

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

Current Resident

Leetsdale, PA 15056

This Issue Includes 4th of July Information

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



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