



Leetsdale Newsbytes

You're Invited....

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Mayor Pete Poninsky, the Police and Fire Departments will be hosting a Community Day Picnic on Labor Day, September 3rd from noon until 6:00 p.m.. Come join the fun with

live music and a bounce house for the kids. This will be the last day for the splash pad. Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob and drinks will be provided, side dishes are welcome.

We hope to see everyone there!!



Thank You!!

The Leetsdale Food Pantry would like to *Thank* the following for their generous donations;

**Ryan James, Miles Cannon and Aiden Benedict
Curves**

**Anonymous Neighbor
Dugan's Barbershop**

Safran's Supermarket, Sewickley

Race Day is fast approaching...

Before you know it, Leetsdale 6th Annual 5k run, 2 mile walk and kids run will be here! Save the Date: Saturday November 10, 2018, race will start at 9:00 am in front of the Quaker Valley High School. Race Day Registration

will begin at 7:30 am located at the High School. Registration information will be available in the coming weeks. Please check the Borough Website for registration information. Visit us at: www.leetsdaleboro.net If you don't want to

participate but want to volunteer for the event, please contact Joe McGurk by email: mcgurk@leetsdaleboro.net



Borough Office
Hours: M-F 8:30—4:30
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Jennifer Simek
Secretary/Treasurer



The Public Works Department

The Public Works Department is located at 30 Ferry Street. Our Primary function 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 the problem, along with as much detailed information as possible.

From the Street Commissioner's Desk

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 through September 13th



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 pick up trash. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR TRASH NEAT!**

curbside leaf collection



Leaf Pickup is coming soon! Please place the leaves at the curb for pickup on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Remember to keep the leaves off the catch basins and away from the fire hydrants! There isn't a street schedule for pickup. If we miss you please call us at 724-266-6069

Douglas Ford, Street Commissioner



Know what's below. Call before you dig.





2018—2019 Recycling Pickup Dates

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373 Beaver Street
Leetsdale, PA 15056
Office 724-266-1397
Non Emergency 724-266-1380

Summers gone and fall is here! I'm sure quite a few of us are going to miss the hot summer days but welcome the cool air and fall/winter activities to come this year.

With that said, school has either begun or about to begin so I'd like to remind everyone to be mindful while driving in and around town. Pay extra special attention to intersections and crosswalks. Don't forget, the speed limit in front of the high school on Beaver Street is **15 MPH** during designated times. Also, there is to be no stopping, standing or parking in front of the high school to drop off students. This causes serious traffic congestions and puts your children in danger when having to cross the street. If you must drop your child off, you are to utilize the rear entrance to the parking lot and football stadium off of SR 65.



This year **Halloween** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**. Police and fire will be out assisting with traffic and crosswalks at intersections but I ask everyone to use extra caution while driving through town that night.

September 13th will be the last day for the street sweeper this year; however, the road department may still come through a few more times during the month prior to leaf collections. You will not be required to move your vehicle after this day, but if you would like the curb cleaned in front of your residence, you may want to still consider moving it.



The Leetsdale Borough Police Department would like to **welcome** our newest full time **officer, Shawn Shreckengost** to the force! Ofc. Shreckengost was promoted to full time on July 28th after serving part time with us for several months. Shawn has over 12 years of police experience as well as several years working with the Pittsburgh parks and recreations program. We look forward to seeing what Shawn brings to the police department and the Borough of Leetsdale. We also hired a new part time **officer, Thomas Weaver**. Ofc. Weaver comes to us with over 10 years of law enforcement experience and has already stated how nice everyone in town has been. So thank you all for making us feel welcomed and appreciated!



The 2nd Annual Luncheon with Santa Clause and the Leetsdale Police Department will be hosted in the Community Room on Saturday, December 8th from noon until 3:00 PM. We had an awesome turnout last year and I'd love to see the same, if not better attendance this year!



As always, see something suspicious and require police assistance dial 911!

Have a safe and wonderful fall!

Chief Daniel Raible

Leetsdale Fire Department

It has arrived.....



There is an air of excitement around the fire station. Our new Squad truck has arrived and is being placed into service. This is a smaller vehicle that will have multiple purposes within the fire department and will be used when a larger pumper truck is not needed. The members of the Leetsdale Fire Department are moving forward with

plans to create and operate a Quick Response Squad with this vehicle. This unit will respond to medical emergencies within the community to assist Valley Ambulance. Some of our members have a long history of training and experience in EMS. Others are just getting into it. This trained and equipped unit will be a great asset to the community.



The Leetsdale Fire Department has responded to approximately 70 incidents so far, this year. This is about average. One of the things you may notice is that the area volunteer fire departments are working closer together. With manpower shortages at critical

levels, the area departments have pulled together to serve all the residents of the area. You will see different and numerous departments responding to calls. This will assure that our residents have the best possible outcomes from their emergencies.

As the Summer ends and Fall is upon us please remember the following:

 Change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors. If these detectors are over 10 years old, they need to be replaced.

 Do not store your summer fuels (gasoline, propane, etc.) indoors. Store them outside in a shed or other suitable storage area so their fumes cannot be ignited by pilot lights in the home.

 If you plan on having a recreational fire, permission must be obtained from the fire department in advance. Fires can be no larger than 3'x3'x2'. You may only burn clean products. No chemicals, garbage, or like substances are permitted. Anything that will give off noxious odors and smoke are prohibited.

 You must have a means of extinguishment within easy reach. This can be a garden hose or a fire extinguisher.

As always, your 100% volunteer fire department is ready to answer the call 24/7/365. If you would like to assist us in our efforts to provide prompt, efficient, professional public safety services to the community; please stop by the fire station any Monday evening. There is a job for everyone.

Respectfully,

Ernest Logan, Fire Chief



Leetsdale Parks & Recreation Board

Leetsdale's Recreation Board members held their first **SummerFun program** this year. We are pleased to say that there was a great response to the program, every class was full. We'd like to express our appreciation to Leetsdale Borough Council for their support of the program, to all the children and their families who participated and made each and every class so enjoyable, to Doug Ford and his Public Works crew, Officer Bill Dryer for his participation during our Safe Dog Class, Jennifer Simek for her always patient assistance and her terrific signs, and to everyone else who showed up and helped!

There were six classes over the course of the summer, beginning on June 14 and continuing through August 9.

The classes were:

Gardening for Kids & Fairy Gardens, (Joe & Judy Fulton/McGurk)

Cultural Days/Russian Doll workshop (Maria Napolitano)

Iron Horse Community Theater (Ambridge)

Adventures in Aquaponics (The Door Campaign, Pittsburgh, Beth & Matt Carroll)

Safe Dog Program (Beaver County Kennel Club, Phyllis Belcastro)

Fern Hollow Nature Center (Miss Susie Moffett, Sewickley Heights)

Look for an announcement in the Borough Newsletter early next year for information on **SummerFun 2019**. From your Recreation Board; Judy Fulton, Phyllis Belcastro, Beth Carrol and Maria Napolitano.



A Message from the Building Inspector.....

300-24 Zoning Certificates

A zoning certificate shall be obtained before any person may:

- ⇒ Occupy or use any vacant land
- ⇒ Occupy or use any structure hereafter constructed, reconstructed, moved, altered or enlarged
- ⇒ Change the use of a structure or land to a different use
- ⇒ Change a nonconforming use

Applications for a zoning certificates shall be accompanied by a plot plan showing clearly and completely the location, dimensions and nature of any structure involved and such other information as the Zoning Officer may require for administration of the chapter, together with a filing fee in accordance with a schedule annually affixed by resolution of the Borough.

CONTACT Brian Hill, Building Inspector at 412-766-2565 IF YOU HAVE ANY BUILDING OR ZONING QUESTIONS.
EMAIL ADDRESS: BHILL@BIUINC.COM



BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS

VFW Ceremony at the Leetsdale War Memorial ~ May 28, 2018



Helpful Tips from the Code Enforcement Desk.....

Fall Tips



As we enjoy the mild days of fall and look ahead to fast approaching winter weather, it's time to take an inventory of your property maintenance needs and get outside while there is still time to make outside repairs and improvements.

Exterior surfaces are required to have a protective coat. To ensure you are meeting this requirement, check your soffits, fascia, window and door trim along with siding and make sure they are properly scraped and painted to protect them from weather damage. Keep your gutters free of leaves and debris, because if they collect dirt, debris and water and then freeze, your roof can suffer damage as a result.

Remove hoses from outside faucets, store summer items inside, and rake up leaves and grass to prevent winter lawn damage. Remember when cleaning up leaves and grass, don't blow or sweep them into the street. Keeping grass clippings and leaves away from the storm sewers prevents pollutants from entering local waterways.

Have an energy audit done at your home. If you are experiencing ice dams on your roof, condensation on your windows or have cold spots in areas of your home, you could benefit from an energy audit.

Winter Tips



As the weather starts turning colder, we will inevitably start seeing our first bit of snow fly. This means it is time to prepare for the maintenance of sidewalks bordering commercial and residential premises. Please be courteous and do your part to prevent an accident from occurring.

Property owners are reminded that snow and ice may not be shoveled from sidewalks and driveways onto any portion of streets (including the gutters), or anyone else's private or public property.

Caution should be exercised when numerous storms are expected. The Borough of Leetsdale recommends that you remove snow as the weather breaks, when practical. Waiting too long can make snow removal difficult and very strenuous due to accumulation and snow pack. Additionally, if the weather warms during the day, thawing and subsequently freezes conditions become much more hazardous. If you have ice on the sidewalk, place some sand or ice melt on the icy areas. This will assist in melting the ice away and will allow the sand to imbed into the ice, creating a good grip for walking.

Property owners could be held civilly responsible if a person falls and injures themselves while walking on a sidewalk that has not been properly cleared of snow. The Borough of Leetsdale office of code enforcement appreciates the efforts to help make Leetsdale sidewalks safer. These codes are not only designed for public safety, but also encourage good business practices and promote neighborly care.

Jim Ivancik
Code Enforcement Officer
 724-266-4829 ext. 20
jivancik@leetsdakesboro.net

Leetsdale Garden Club

Autumn Fest Details...



Save the Date: The Leetsdale Garden Club will hold its **autumn festival on Saturday, September 29 at Henle Park**. Hours are 10 am to 3 pm. Come one! Come all! Food galore such as haluski, Italian sausage, walking tacos as well as a bake sale, raffle, crafters, vendors, and the return of the scarecrows. Scarecrows, you ask? Yes! About 40 lucky households will have the opportunity to purchase and customize a scarecrow for your yard. We will provide the framing and costumes and you will get to create your lawn decoration.

We **thank** the community for participating in the June Strawberry Festival.



If, at the end of the season you have plants or seeds you would like to share with us, we can use them in our various garden areas. Please contact Judith Hall at LeetsdaleGardenClub.Judith@gmail.com. Perennials are much appreciated

Work on the new garden site located at Beaver and Broad Streets continues. The garden has been created, decorated and maintained by a team of wonderful volunteers. It is the perfect setting to rejoice in nature as your eyes follow the serpentine path and the various planting areas.

In appreciation and with heartfelt sympathy, the members of the Leetsdale Garden Club say **thank you** to the family of Jilda "Jil" Montanile.

Additional Information from the Police Department



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

YES - Accepted

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets

STOP
These Items are **Not Accepted** in this collection unit



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.
www.leetsdaleboro.net

Parks & Rec

Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 31
6 until 8 p.m.
Henle Park

The Leetsdale's Recreation Board will have the picnic shelter spookily decorated, bring your little Trick or Treaters. There will be treats and snacks for the kids. Let's hope the weather cooperates so we can have the bonfire ready to greet and warm you! Plan to stop by and say hello to your neighbors. Looking forward to seeing you at our hauntingly, fun event.



Leetsdale Veterans'



Sunday, November 11th
4:00 p.m.
Leetsdale Community Room
Tickets are \$10 each
VETERANS' eat for free
Contact Mayor Poninsky
724-624-4521
Donations are being accepted for future Veteran Events

Police Department

Luncheon with Santa

Saturday, December 8th
Noon until 2:00 p.m.
Leetsdale Community Room

Join the **Leetsdale Police Department** for the 2nd Annual Luncheon with Santa Claus. Contact Officer Dreyer at 724-266-1397 x18
Leave a detailed message and include the number of children attending and their ages.



4th July Committee

Election Day Bake Sale

The 4th of July Committee will be holding a Bake Sale on Election Day, November 6, at the Borough Building. If you would like to bake for this fundraiser or help by donating your time, please contact Phyllis Belcastro 412-477-7273. All Proceeds go towards keeping this Leetsdale tradition alive!



Leetsdale Garden Club

AUTUMN FEST

Saturday, September 29th
10 am - 3pm
Henle Park

The Leetsdale Garden Club will offer the following; Haluski, Italian Sausage, walking tacos, bake sale, raffle, crafters, vendors, and the return of the scarecrows. Additional Information is available on page 8



2018 TRICK OR TREAT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 6:00 - 8:00 PM

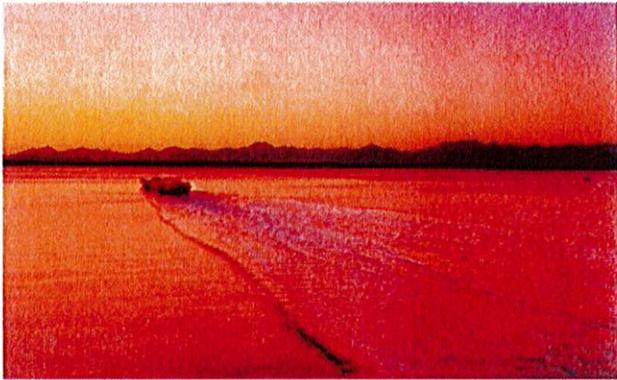


Pennsylvania's MS 4 Program and what it means to you.....

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.



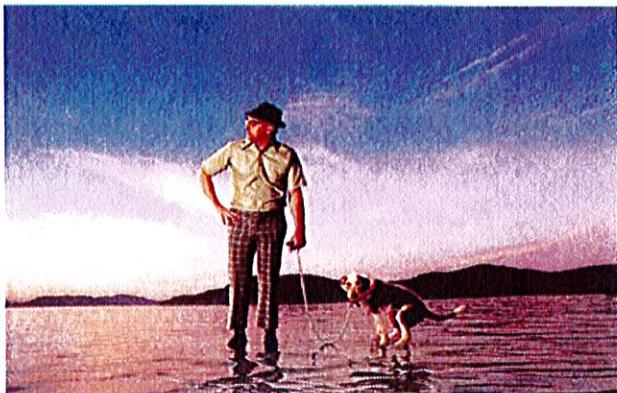
Leaking oil goes from car to street and is washed from the street into the storm drain and into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters including the Chesapeake Bay. Now imagine the number of cars in the area and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its way from leaky gaskets into our water. So please, fix oil leaks.

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



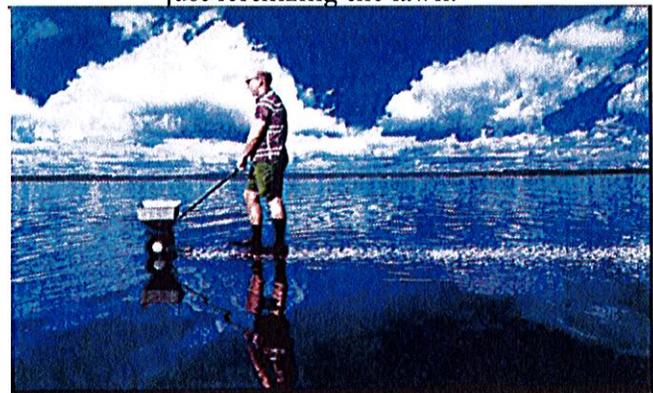
All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb then into the storm drain and directly into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters including the Chesapeake Bay. And, that causes pollution which is unhealthy for fish. So, how do you avoid this whole mess? Easy. Wash your car on grass or gravel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

When 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 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

373 Beaver Street
Suite A
Leetsdale, PA 15056

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

Current Resident
Route 1
Leetsdale, PA 15056



Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018

COUNCIL MEETINGS—7 p.m.

Regular Meetings—2nd Thursday of each month

Workshop Meetings—Tuesdays prior to Regular Meetings

No November Workshop—Election Day

Leetsdale Borough Officials

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Pete Poninsky, 724-624-4521

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Joseph McGurk, 724-624-1887

Wesley James, 724-421-6822

Benjimen Frederick, 724-624-1886

Osman Awad, 724-777-7693

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