

LEETSDALE

JULY 4TH

CELEBRATION

July 4 • 1PM-10PM
July 5-8 • 6PM - 10PM

CARNIVAL EVERY DAY!

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 5 - Dream Machine

July 6 - Holly Mathias &

James Tobin

July 7 - Daniels and McClain

July 8 - Touche

Join us for lots of fun for the whole family!

For more information visit: www.leetsdale4thofjuly.com

www.facebook.com/Leetsdale4thofjulycelebration

Leetsdale Newsbytes

Jennifer Simek, Editor

You're Invited....

Mayor Pete Poninsky, the Police Department and the Fire Department will be hosting a *Community Day Picnic* on Labor Day, September 4th from noon until 6:00 pm. Hot dogs, hamburgers, corn and drinks will be provided. *Side dishes are welcome.* It will be the last day for the splash pad. We hope to see everyone there!!



July 2017
Summer Edition



Thank you!

The Leetsdale 4th of July Committee would like to *Thank* all who were able to bake, volunteer and for the generous donations!! The Primary Election Bake Sale was a GREAT success!!

And

A Big *Thank You* to Saint James Saint Vincent De-Paul Society for the recent food bank donation!

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Jennifer Simek
Secretary /Treasurer



Henle Park Splash Pad



Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Noon until 6:00 pm, weather permitting

A Friendly Reminder that there is No Parking in the Park!

Unfortunately the Concession Stand will not be open during splash pad hours

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

The Leet Street Bridge came down in the early hours of May 29th. By the time I was able to make it over at 7am it was hard to even identify the bridge in the small pile of scrap. I can remember riding my bike to the bridge and down to the river, or even stopping and watching trains on the bridge. Interesting to learn from the 1904 engineering drawings when the bridge was placed in Leetsdale, after its move from Lawrence County, the bridge was widened and the side walk added. The drawings also show a grade crossing of the railroad in the same spot prior to the bridge being added.

The Boroughs 2017 Street paving project has been completed. Youngblood Paving from New Castle moved in on the week on June 5th to complete the work. The last portion of Beaver Road from the Leet Street Bridge to the County line has been milled and resurface. The smaller streets of Davis Lane and Valley Road were also completed. Spencer Street, Ferry and the lower half of Rapp Street were also part of the Boroughs paving project. Broad Street was resurfaced, but was funded by Columbia Gas and Edgeworth Water as part of their previous gas and water line projects.

I hope that everyone gets an opportunity to enjoy the July 4th celebration. It takes a lot of volunteer hours to make it happen. We owe those folks a huge *THANK YOU*. Always look for opportunities in our community to get involved and do so.



Would you like to serve your community?

We are in need of one Member for each of the following; the Parks & Recreation Board and the Planning Commission. Serving on either of these Boards is not that time consuming and enables the Borough to continue recreation programs for our children, beautify the parks and review subdivision & land development. If you are interested in serving on either of these Boards, please contact the Borough Office at 724-266-4820



LEETSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Police

Pete Ponínsky

Mayor

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LEETSDALE, PA 15056

Office 724 266-1397

Non Emergency 724 266-7380



CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR CLASS OF 2017!

As you head out into the world to carve your path into history books remember to make good choices! It's up to you now to make something of yourselves. And each and every one of you has the ability to succeed! So stay positive, strive for success and go for it!



On another positive note, the road paving projects throughout town have finally concluded for this season! Hooray! With that said,

STREET SWEEPING TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED STARTING IMMEDIATELY. So please remember to move your vehicles accordingly to the designated signage for parking restrictions.



Those residents requiring **HANDI-CAP PARKING SPOTS** remember to stop by the Borough Office and fill out the application to retain your designated spot. The office has received a few to date but these are required to maintain your spot and if

not renewed it may result in the loss of your handicap parking spot.

Also, now that summer is finally upon us I'd like to remind residents and motorists that children will be out to play in full force. This means we all need to use extra caution while driving around town. Pay special attention to intersections and around the parks. As we all know, children are excited to be outside playing in the sun and forget to check for traffic when crossing the street. *So stay alert, drive smart and slow down.* Help keep our kids safe this summer!



Like always, remember to dial 911 if you see something

wrong, suspicions or require police assistance. As I stated in the last edition of our newsletter our officers were able to make several felonious arrests over the last few months because of vigilant residents calling 911 to report suspicious activities. Even though our officers are out on patrol we can't be everywhere at every time. We rely on you to report crime just as much as you rely on us to prevent it! And with our diligence, and your vigilance, together we can continue to make Leetsdale a safe and wonderful place to live and work.

Daniel Raible



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.



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.



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



Welcome to another edition of our newsletter. As Spring transitions into Summer there are a few things we would like you to keep in mind.

Open Burning – There is a County wide prohibition on open burning. SMALL recreation fires are permitted with advance notice to the fire department. There are a few guidelines for you to follow

-  Fires may be no larger than 3' x 3' x 3'.
-  Fires may not be started during high winds or dry periods.
-  You are required to have an extinguishing system at hand. This must be ready to put into immediate action. Examples are garden hoses and fire extinguishers.
-  Smoke may NOT travel to neighboring properties or be offensive.

If you are planning to have a recreational fire advanced permission must be obtained from the Fire Chief.

Fuels – This is the gardening and grilling season. Please do not store gas cans or propane bottles in your residence. Keep them in a detached garage or shed. If neither of those are available, under a tarp or cover in the yard.

Smoke Detectors – Smoke detectors save lives. We have been saying this for years. Please make sure you change your batteries twice a year when you change your clocks. Remove detectors that are 10 years or older from service. Should you need new detectors, please contact the Borough Office. New detectors are available at no cost to residents of the Borough.

As you are aware, the 4th of July is upon us. Please come out and support your Leetsdale volunteer firefighters as we parade through the community. We also ask that you patronize the Concession Stand in the Park during the Carnival. All profits from July 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, go directly to the Leetsdale Fire Department. We appreciate your continued support.

We will also be holding several boot drives over the summer months. Again we ask for your continued support.

Each newsletter I speak about recruitment. This newsletter is no exception. Your fire department needs you! There are numerous opportunities for both firefighting and non-firefighting positions within the Leetsdale Fire Department. Please stop by any Monday evening, ask any member, or call the Fire Chief to discuss how you can assist your neighbors in their time of need.

Stay Safe!

Ernest Logan, Fire Chief

Cell: 724-333-4759

Email: LFDCHIEF@COMCAST.NET



A Message from the Building Inspector.....

Swimming pools, spas and hot tubs—any new, existing or replacement swimming pools, spas, hot tubs and temporary storable pools 24 inches or more in height or depth that were built on or after May 13, 2004 are required to obtain a permit from the Borough of Leetsdale. Height or depth as defined in the 2009 International Residential Code is the maximum the water can achieve before spilling over the perimeter. Adopted by Ordinance 579. **Patios, sidewalks, driveways, retaining walls and accessory structures**— require at the very least a zoning permit.

Please contact Joe Luff by email, jluff@biuinc.com or at 412-766-2565 if you have any building or zoning questions.

Joe Luff, Building Inspector



BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS

From the office of the Code Enforcement Officer *Jim Ivancik . . .*

Summertime is the time for barbeques, neighborhood walks or just enjoying the great outdoors. Summertime in Leetsdale, there is no better place to live! You have chosen to live in Leetsdale for its quiet neighborhoods and strong property values.

Maintaining the quality of life in your neighborhood is one of the Office of Code Enforcement's main goals. You can do your part by observing community standards and neighbor-friendly concerns.

It is well known, first impressions are very important. Maintaining your property in good condition will improve its curbside appeal and maintain its value. Maintaining your landscaping is one important aspect of community preservation. This includes the grass. In all yards, grass must be maintained to a height of less than 6 inches and other vegetation maintained in good condition.

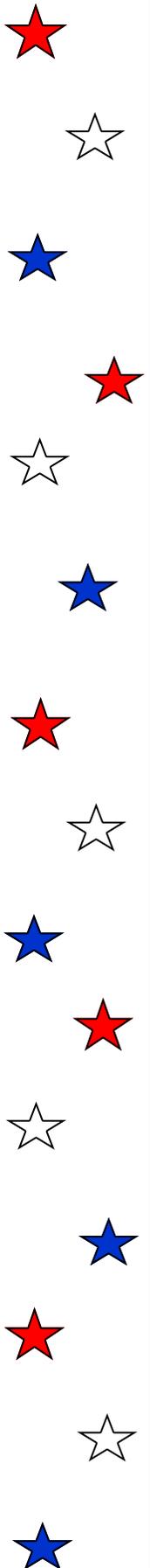
Another important requirement is that property must be free of peeling or flaking exterior paint, broken windows junk and debris. Junk, litter and debris must not be left in the yard areas. This includes auto parts, appliances, discarded furniture, landscape trimmings or any other discarded items.

Storing inoperable, un-inspected, un-licensed, dismantled or wrecked vehicles in public view is also not permitted, (placing an auto cover over the vehicle does not remove it from public view). These are just a few of the codes that are the fundamentals of maintaining and preserving your neighborhood. With a little effort you can enjoy everything that summertime in Leetsdale has to offer.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations or any other regulation relating to code enforcement, please contact the Borough of Leetsdale Office of Code Enforcement at 724-266-4820, ext. 20 or e-mail me at jivancik@leetsdaleboro.net

I am usually in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Have a great summer!!





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—Now that our roads are newly paved the street sweeping will begin again. Please move your vehicles so you avoid a ticket on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. Thank You!



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. **We will be working on Tuesday, July 4th!** PLEASE KEEP YOUR TRASH NEAT!

Recycle Pickup—Every other Thursday, calendar included on page 8.

ATTENTION Dog Walkers - Please Pickup after your pets when walking them, it's 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

2017 PICKUP DATES

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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.

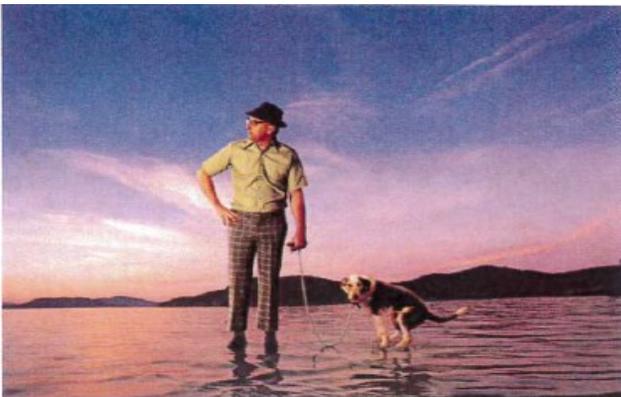
Sarah Welch, Outreach & Communications Manager
Local Government Academy

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.



A Message from the Quaker Valley School District.....

On Tuesday, May 30, 2017, the Quaker Valley School Board voted to enter into a sales agreement with Three Rivers Trust to purchase a parcel of land located in Leet Township and Edgeworth and Leedsdale Boroughs, at a price not to exceed \$7.5 million. A final price for the land will be determined based on the net acreage of buildable land and following a period of due diligence by the District.

The land is located off of Camp Meeting Road, just up the hill from the current high school facility. It is currently being analyzed by Phillips & Associates Engineering Firm. The school board voted to hire this firm to conduct tests and inspections of the property. The district has a period of 120 days to complete this work.

"By signing this agreement of sale, the district now has the ability to enter upon the property to conduct all necessary tests and inspections to determine, in its sole discretion, whether the property is suitable for its contemplated use as the site for a new high school facility," adds School Board President Sarah Heres.

Presentations from the May 23, 2017 school board meeting are available for viewing at www.qvsd.org. Included are the district's legal counsel, its real estate consultant, engineers, and District Superintendent Dr. Heidi Ondek.

"The entire Board and its predecessors have invested years of work investigating all options at the current site and looking at other potential sites. When experts deemed the current site was not suitable for long-term investments and use, we immediately began a search for all possibilities inside and outside the district boundaries," explains Facilities Chair David Pusateri."

The school board voted to hire Phillips & Associates engineering firm to conduct due diligence tests and inspections of the property. The district has a period of 120 days to conduct due diligence inspections on the property. This work is currently underway.

"The public will have many opportunities to engage in the planning process and will be kept apprised throughout the due diligence period before any final decisions are made," adds Quaker Valley Superintendent Dr. Heidi Ondek.

Quaker Valley School District continues to gather input from the community and work with BrainSpaces, Inc., to develop an education plan. The education plan will guide the design of the high school facility. An architectural firm will be hired to develop construction plans.

"The way the district intends to afford this project is through long-term financing similar to how it has with other building projects. The costs associated with building a new school would be separate from the proposed operational budget for 2017-2018. Any project cannot force tax increases beyond the index or qualified exceptions, unless through voter referendum," says Scott Antoline, Director of Finance.

"We will remain committed to our Shared Vision, fiscal responsibility, and protecting our community's investment in its facilities," adds Ondek.

Stay up-to-date about the high school facility project at www.qvsd.org.

FREE SUMMER MEALS

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

FREE SUMMER MEALS SERVED
Monday - Friday from 1-3 p.m.
At the Sewickley Valley YMCA Oasis Teen Center

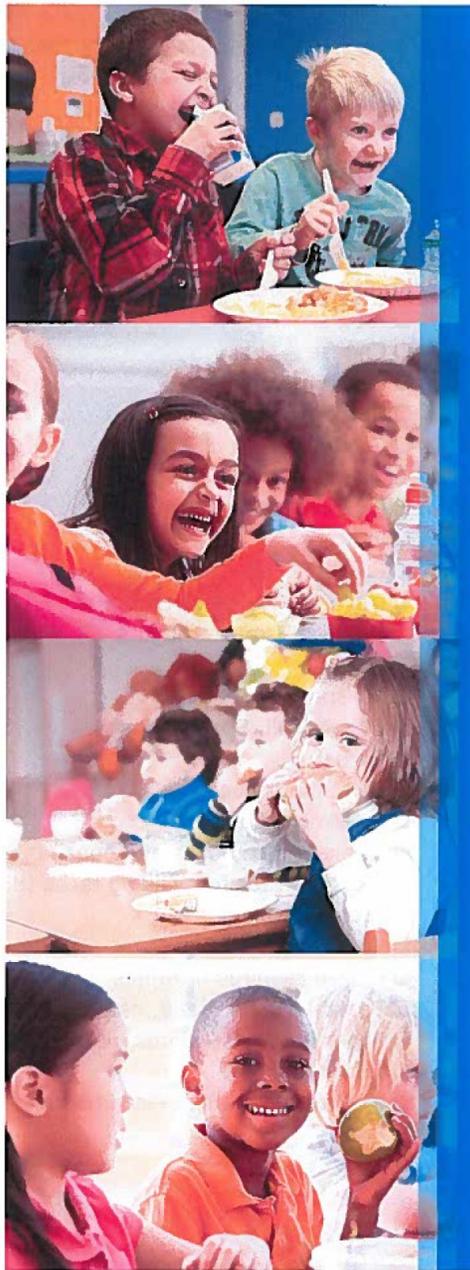
The Sewickley Valley YMCA is asking for your assistance in a very important new program the Sewickley Valley YMCA is offering. One of our biggest challenges each year is to assure that no child goes hungry during the summer when children are at a higher risk of not having food. Free Summer Meals at the Sewickley Valley YMCA will provide a free nutritious meal for area youth ages 18 and below.

During the summer months many of the children are no longer getting breakfast and lunch from school, and go hungry throughout the day. By offering free, nutritious meals the Y also presents an incentive for children to participate in summer enrichment programs, which means that children are not only well-fed but engaged in recreational activities in a safe environment.

Will you please consider donating food items for the Free Summer Meals program? On behalf of the Sewickley Valley YMCA, thank you for your consideration.

For more information contact Barb Herman at
412-741-9622 ext. 131 or bherman@sewickeyymca.org

Sewickley Valley YMCA
625 Blackburn Road
Sewickley, PA 15108
412-741-9622



Requested Donations for the Sewickley YMCA Free Summer Meals Program

- Snack bars
- Cheese sticks
- Fruit cups
- Applesauce
- Mac-n-Cheese
microwaveable
- Fruit snacks
- Cheese
- Lunch meat
- Hot dogs
- Ground meat
- Milk
- Pancake mix & Syrup
- Fruit
- Crackers
- Mayonnaise—small amounts
- Mustard—small amounts
- Yogurt
- Jar spaghetti sauce
- Can Ravioli, Spaghettios
- Cereal
- Can Sloppy Joe
- Potato chips, ect
- Drinks—juice boxes & pouches
- Bags of Fritos
- Taco seasoning
- Sour cream
- Frozen taquitos or fajitas
- Bread—lunch bread, hamburger/hotdog buns
- Paper Products—plates, napkins, fork, spoons, bowls
- Gift cards
- Monetary donations—can be done at the registration desk as a program in Daxko

Special Thanks!

As you and your family are enjoying the 4th of July celebrations, take a moment to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to the handful of Leetsdale residents, who work very hard all year to raise funds for the activities **CELEBRATING** our nation's birthday. They conduct bake sales at both the Primary and General Elections and organize the annual Snowflake 5k Run and Walk. Also, on behalf of the *Leetsdale 4th of July Committee* we extend our sincere appreciation to all who donated generously to help continue the tradition.





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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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Pete Poninsky, 724-624-4521

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