



# West Leechburg Borough Newsletter

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## Street Lighting Upgraded

Last year, the borough and West Penn Power began the lengthy process of upgrading the town’s street lights from sodium-vapor to LED bulbs.

After a few hiccups, West Penn began street light installation this summer and has now fully completed the transition.

The project also included the addition of street lights on West Leechburg Hill Road and South Avenue to eliminate dark areas.

The completion of this project signals the borough’s commitment to environmental and financial responsibility.

Environmentally, the LED lights will use significantly less electricity than the old bulbs.

Financially, the borough’s previous street lighting bill was approximately \$1800/month, but the transition to LEDs is expected to save approximately \$550/month.

This means the borough will save nearly a third on its street lighting bill. This money comes from the borough’s liquid fuel account (our share of the state gas tax), meaning the money must be reinvested in other road and maintenance projects.



## Grant Funds Drainage Repairs



In late-2019, the borough discovered damage to a major storm sewer outfall located in the ravine between Giron and Main Streets.

The pipe was essentially destroyed and water runoff was causing major ero-

sion in the valley.

Fortunately, the borough was able to secure a \$25,000 grant through Senator Jim Brewster’s office. This grant paid for the bulk of the repair work on this outfall.

## Building & Zoning Permits

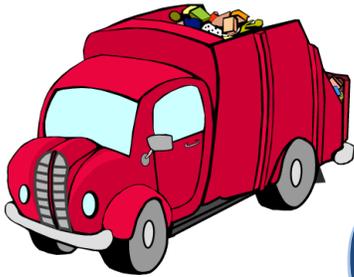
Please contact Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania (BIU) any time you are planning on constructing or erecting a new addition or structure on your property. Examples of covered structures include fences, sheds, decks, pools, garages, or any other structure.

BIU will determine what type of permits you need and guide you through the process of obtaining them.

Contact:  
Jason Krainbucher  
866-523-5940 ext. 7503

Rental inspections and property maintenance issues are handled by a different BIU employee. For those issues contact:

Jason Sarver  
1-800-922-6062



## Clean Up Days

In order to ensure an orderly collection, clean up days will take place on two separate days for different parts of town. Please be sure to note your location and date. If your part of town is not scheduled for clean up day, regular garbage collection will continue that day.

### Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Bridge Street and all streets from Bell Avenue up to and including Giron Street and Edgewood Drive. (Including, but not limited to: South Ave, North Ave, Summit St)

### Tuesday, September 22, 2020

All streets below Giron Street and Edgewood Drive to First Avenue. (Including, but not limited to: Gosser St, Plazak St, All numbered streets, Jantosik St)

Clean up day pickup rules:

- All items within **5** feet of the street will be taken.
- All small, loose items and paper items must be contained.
- Tree limbs must be less than 3 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length and must be bundled.
- **NO** grass clippings.
- Carpets/Rugs/Padding must be less than 4 ft in length and must be tied into bundles one person can lift.
- Empty paint cans must have lids removed
- **ALL** refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers must have all Freon professionally removed and certified.
- One of each appliance/piece of furniture per household (example: 1 couch, 1 chair, 1 washer, 1 dryer, etc...)

- No boxed items in case of rain.
- Items **MUST BE** able to be picked up by 2 people.

Items that **WILL NOT** be taken:

Liquid paint, any liquids, hazardous/infectious/toxic materials, construction or demolition materials, grass, dirt, sod, stones, ashes, concrete, tires, excrement, solvents, paint thinners, oil, containers holding liquid gas, paints, or kerosene, car parts or batteries, televisions, computers and computer equipment, items over 5 feet in length or over 75 pounds (except furniture).

The final decision to accept/decline items or amounts will be at the discretion of the garbage collector.

## Borough Sewer Rights-of-Way

Per borough policy, no trees or structures may be placed on a sanitary or storm sewer right-of-way. Landowners are responsible for the cost of removing these objects if placed on a sewer right-of-way.

Grass, flowers, bushes (up to 3 feet tall), and fences may be placed on sewer rights-of-way, but the landowner is respon-

sible for the cost of removal if necessary.

All vegetation, except grass, must be kept away from manholes and lampholes in a sewer right-of-way.

No manhole, lamphole, or discharge pipe may be covered. The landowner will bare the cost of removal, if needed.

This policy is for the protection of our sewer lines to ensure they are properly working.

Please, before building any structure, ensure you obtain the proper permits to avoid issues with this policy.

## Burning Reminders

As a reminder to all residents, the following regulations apply when burning in the borough.

- **ONLY WOOD** or **WOOD PRODUCTS** (ex: boxes or paper) may be burned.
- No burning between dusk and dawn. All fires must be completely extinguished (no smoking or smoldering) by sunset.
- Only cooking fires (those for picnics or cookouts) may burn on Sundays and Mondays. **NO** garbage fires on Sundays or Mondays.
- **DO NOT** burn tires.
- You must burn in a non-combustible container with a screen on top. No open pits.
- If you need to burn on a large scale, you must obtain a permit from Fire Chief Mike Aikins who can be reached at 724-845-8507. There is no permit fee, but the permit will be issued for a specific day and time.
- Please consider the effects the smoke you create has on your neighbors and be considerate of them.



## Garbage Collection

The borough contracts with Bankosh Sanitation every Tuesday. Please take note of the following regulations/requirements.

- Each residence is limited to 3 thirty (30) gallon garbage bags.
- Anyone with additional garbage must contact Bankosh at (724) 461-4185 to pay for and obtain stickers allowing for extra garbage.
- Please place garbage at the street on Monday night, Bankosh starts early on Tuesday.
- The garbage collector has final discretion over what they collect.

## Animals In Town

As a reminder, all animals in the borough must be leashed if off your property. Additionally, please be considerate of other residents while walking your animals.

For any animal concerns, please contact Hoffman Kennels at 724-468-5505.



# Borough Website

For regular updates and digital copies of borough documents and regulations, please visit our website at [www.westleechburg.us](http://www.westleechburg.us).

The borough is in the midst of expanding the available information on the website, so please check it out!

## Consolidation Study

At its regular August meeting council approved carrying out a study on consolidation with Allegheny Township.

This study will be carried out by the state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and will be free to both the borough and the township,

except for time invested by office personnel.

For those who are concerned, the study is purely informational. The borough is not in any way committed to merging with the township by doing this study.

The study will show the positives and negatives of

carrying out a merger and will be a public document. No merger can happen without significant public debate following the study.

## West Leechburg Crime Watch- “Neighbors Watching Out for Neighbors”

The West Leechburg Crime Watch is a group of residents who aim to create safety through community awareness and partnership with our local police and neighbors. We provide opportunities for residents to get to know one another and be made aware of suspicious

activities or crimes in our area.

As an all-volunteer group, we welcome new members to help with existing activities and create new ones! We encourage you to join and help keep our community safe and a nice place to live.

Meetings are held on the second

Monday of the month (except December) at 7pm in the Borough Building or at the outside pavilion (weather and pandemic permitting).

For more information, please contact Christina (412-401-5954), Paulette (724-845-7013), or find us on Facebook at West Leechburg Crime Watch or email at [contactus@wlcrimewatch.org](mailto:contactus@wlcrimewatch.org)

# Dye Tests

If any resident sells their house, it must be dye tested to prove it is not improperly connected to the sewer system. If a dye test is not provided, a municipal lien letter will not be issued.

The dye test **MUST** be done by a borough authorized plumber, listed below. The test will not be accepted if it comes from another plumber.

You must use one of the following:

- L. Arnold & Sons  
Phone: 724-224-4664
- Dion Garrett  
Phone: 724-224-2900

**Want to know  
what's going on in  
OUR community?**



Get Our  
Community  
Events,  
Notifications,  
Reminders,  
News,  
Alerts,  
and More!

You decide what  
information you  
want and how you  
want to receive it.

# Savvy Citizen

In an effort to improve communication, the borough is now using the Savvy Citizen app and website. This service allows the borough to use both a calendar and an announcement feature to reach residents.

The service is free for residents. If you want to sign-up, you can download the Savvy Citizen app from the Apple Store or Google Play Store.

For those without or choosing not to use cell phones, you can still sign-up for email updates at [savvycitizenapp.com](http://savvycitizenapp.com).

# Abandoned Vehicles

A reminder that within the borough, it is illegal to store any junked, abandoned, or discarded vehicle, trailer, boat, appliance, or household furnishing on public or private property in the borough.

For example, any item that rests for 96 hours or more and is inoperable, without a current registration, without an inspection, or in an unusable condition.

# Illegal Vehicles

It is illegal to operate a dirt bike, quad, or other non-street legal vehicle on borough streets.

If you witness any such vehicle on the street please get a description and call the police non-emergency number (724-845-2379).

<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>Jim Galluci</b>	<b>724-845-8861</b>
<b>Council President:</b>	<b>Gary Bell</b>	<b>724-845-8378</b>
<b>Council Vice-President:</b>	<b>Tim Grantz</b>	<b>724-845-6488</b>
<b>Council Members:</b>	<b>Marcia Cole</b>	<b>724-681-1147</b>
	<b>Matt Grantz</b>	<b>724-236-0324</b>
	<b>Marge Kasanicky</b>	<b>724-842-0623</b>
	<b>Len Kotvas</b>	<b>724-845-7917</b>
	<b>Steve Yenchi</b>	<b>724-842-0485</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Pat Grantz</b>	<b>724-842-2653</b>
<b>Police Non- Emergency:</b>		<b>724-845-2379</b>
<b>Emergency Police, Fire, EMS:</b>		<b>911</b>
<b>Building &amp; Zoning Permits:</b>	<b>Building Inspection Underwriters</b>	<b>724-523-5940 ext. 7503</b>
<b>Rental &amp; Property Maintenance</b>	<b>Building Inspection Underwriters</b>	<b>1-800-922-6062</b>
<b>Dog Catcher:</b>	<b>Hoffman Kennels</b>	<b>724-468-5505</b>
<b>Garbage Collector:</b>	<b>Bankosh Sanitation</b>	<b>724-461-4185</b>
<b>Burning Permits:</b>	<b>Mike Aikins</b>	<b>724-845-8507</b>
<b>Tax Collector:</b>	<b>H. Kevin Smith</b>	<b>724-433-0794</b>
<b>Borough Garage:</b>		<b>724-845-6903</b>

# Looking for Volunteers: WLVFC

Seeking men and women 18 years or older and junior firefighters, ages 14 to 17 to serve their community!

Why volunteer for a fire company?

- 1) Enjoy helping others
- 2) Community Pride
- 3) Interested in public service
- 4) Enjoy Teamwork
- 5) Social interactions, picnics, banquets
- 6) Firefighter challenges

These are just a few of the many reasons to join! If you are interested in joining the West Leechburg Volunteer Fire Company or you want more information, please contact Chief Mike Aikins at 724-845-8507.