



West Leechburg

Borough Newsletter

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New Borough Secretary and Hours

The borough is happy to welcome Kayla Visnovsky as the new borough secretary/assistant treasurer.

Kayla started at the beginning of May and has been working very hard on moving the borough into the 21st century. Her projects have included going through a voluminous amount of paper material and updating the borough to make better use of technology.

As part of the new work set up, Kayla is working from the borough building on the following schedule:

Monday 12pm-4pm

Tuesday 7am-12pm

Wednesday 7am-11am

Thursday 4pm-7pm

Feel free to stop in and see Kayla if you need something.

Additionally, the new set up has changed the

primary borough phone number. If calling the borough secretary please use (724) 845-7359.

You also have the option of emailing the secretary at secretary@westleechburg.us

If you talk to Kayla please make sure to welcome her aboard!

Borough Joins Facebook



As part of our efforts to improve communication, the borough began using Facebook in December 2020.

Please like the "West Leechburg Borough"

Facebook page to receive regular updates and useful information about the borough!

Additionally, our website (www.westleechburg.us) is also always available.

Building & Zoning Permits

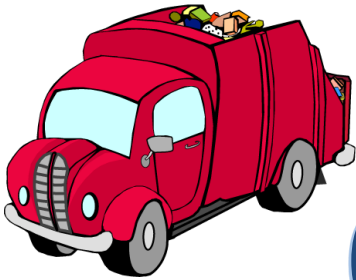
Please contact Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania (BIU) any time you are planning on constructing or erecting a new addition or structure on your property. Examples of covered structures include fences, sheds, decks, pools, garages, or any other structure.

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

Contact:
Jason Krainbucher
724-523-5940 ext. 7503

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

Rich Roberts
412-766-2565



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 14, 2021

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, 2021

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.

Driveway Permits

Any resident constructing or reconstructing a driveway is required to obtain a permit **BEFORE** beginning work.

(Examples: Building a new driveway, widening an existing driveway, repaving an asphalt driveway, etc.)

The permit application may be obtained from

the borough secretary or the borough website.

Please allow at least three weeks for the borough to review and approve the application.

Please be aware that the borough engineer may be involved in inspecting the site and approving the application.

Calling the Police

The borough police department would like to remind residents to call the police to report issues.

An increasing number of issues are being reported on social media and not to the police.

If you want a response, please call the police.

Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: 724-845-2379

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.



In Memoriam

In the last year, the borough has lost four major contributors. Clarence Bell, Pat Grantz, Bill Hohos, and George Lebetz each contributed to this borough for decades in various positions.

The borough thanks each one of them, and their families, for their service to this town.

Grass and Tree Maintenance

It is illegal to discharge grass, leaves, snow, or any other yard waste into the street. These discharges create hazards for those using the streets, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Additionally, these discharges can cause the storm

sewer system to clog.

As an additional reminder, grass in the borough must be maintained, with a maximum height of six inches.

Finally, it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain any and all trees or bushes

next to the roadway. Bushes should not grow over any part of the road. By ordinance, trees growing over the roadway must be trimmed to a height of 14 feet above the road. The borough crew may trim trees in violation of this ordinance.

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 (place is subject to

change).

For more information, please contact Christina (412-401-5954), Paulette (724-845-7013). And join us on Facebook at West Leechburg Crime Watch for crime updates, meetings, and other information.



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

Halloween

Trick-or-Treat in the borough will be held on Sunday, October 31 2021 from 6pm-8pm for borough residents in preK-6th grade.

Residents wishing to pass out candy are asked to turn their porch lights on and all residents are asked to be aware of the trick-or-treaters.



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).

Mayor:	Jim Gallucci	724-845-8861
Council President:	Gary Bell	724-845-8378
Council Vice-President:	Tim Grantz	724-845-6488
Council Members:	Marcia Cole	724-681-1147
	Matt Grantz	724-236-0324
	Marge Kasanicky	724-842-0623
	Len Kotvas	724-845-7917
	Steve Yenchi	724-842-0485
Secretary:	Kayla Visnovsky	724-845-7359
Police Non- Emergency:		724-845-2379
Emergency Police, Fire, EMS:		911
Building & Zoning Permits:	Building Inspection Underwriters	724-523-5940 ext. 7503
Rental & Property Maintenance	Building Inspection Underwriters	412-766-2565
Dog Catcher:	Hoffman Kennels	724-468-5505
Garbage Collector:	Bankosh Sanitation	724-461-4185
Burning Permits:	Mike Aikins	724-845-8507
Tax Collector:	H. Kevin Smith	724-433-0794
Borough Garage:		724-845-6903

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.