



# West Leechburg Borough Newsletter

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## Chief King Retires

Police Chief Pete King retired at the end of August after serving West Leechburg for 8 years and serving for many years prior to that in other communities.

The borough thanks Chief King for his many years of service and his dedication to serving West Leechburg. We wish him well in retirement!

## New Police Chief

The borough is excited to welcome William Weber as our new police chief.

Chief Weber started at the beginning of September and brings with him many years of experience serving communities in the Alle-Kiski Valley, including previous service as a police chief.

If you see Chief Weber out on patrol, be sure to introduce yourself!

## Borough Installs Solar Panels

This summer solar panels were installed on the roof of the borough garage.

These 38 solar panels are expected to generate long term savings for the borough by offsetting the electricity use of the borough garage, borough building, and a pump station.

The project was funded using federal dollars and money from a very old gas rights lease, meaning no borough taxpayer dollars were spent.

The system was installed in July and activated at the end of August once West Penn Power finished their upgrades.



# Building & Zoning Permits

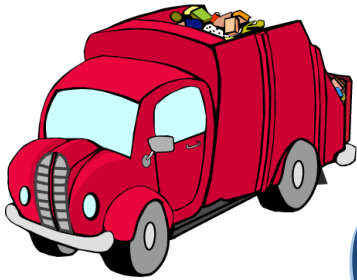
Please contact Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania (BIU) any time you are planning on constructing or erecting a new addition or structure on your property. Examples of covered structures include fences, sheds, decks, pools, garages, or any other structure.

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

Clean up days will take part on two separate days, 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.

\*\*\*The garbage collector has the final decision over picking up any item.\*\*\*

## Tuesday, October 11, 2022

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, October 18, 2022

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:

- Building materials will NOT be taken. (this includes bricks, drywall, lumber, and shingles. These are just examples, not a full list.)
- All items must be properly contained. Loose items will NOT be accepted.
- All items within 5 feet of the street will be taken.
- 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 (ex: 1 couch, 1 chair, 1 washer, 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:

Liquids, liquid paint, 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).

# Borough Code

Last year, the borough undertook an update and modernization of its code book.

The code book had not been updated since the 1990s and numerous ordinances were not included in the book.

Now, the borough's code book has been fully updated and can be found and used by anyone online. It will also be kept up to date with as new ordinances are passed.

Please visit: <https://ecode360.com/WE4239> to see the code book.

# 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, re-paving 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.

# 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 Chris Swank who can be reached at 724-980-4761. 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.

# Stormwater Management

## Projects Completed

This summer, the borough completed paving projects on Summit Street and James Street.

A sewer lining project was also completed on Circle Drive using County CDBG funding.

Finally, as this is being writ-

ten a third project is planned to dramatically improve accessible parking at the borough's memorial park. This project will also use CDBG funds.



In 2021, West Leechburg was required to pass a stormwater management ordinance. Please be aware that under the terms of this ordinance, building projects you may undertake (new houses, driveways, and others) may require a stormwater management permit.

Feel free to contact the borough for information on this process.

## Borough Communications

The borough shares information using its website ([westleechburg.us](http://westleechburg.us)) and Facebook page.

The Facebook page is used for regular updates regarding a variety of news items such as changes to borough office hours, ongoing construction

projects, and general town information.

The website is used for news and information. It also has a list of borough documents including policies, permits, and meeting agendas. An up-to-date list of contact information for borough officials and

services is also included.

Please like our Facebook page or check our website for regular news items and updates.

## 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 properly connected to the sewer system. If a dye test is not provided, a municipal no 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 Monday, 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.



# Borough Office

The borough office can be contacted at 724-845-7359 or [secretary@westleechburg.us](mailto:secretary@westleechburg.us).

If you want to visit in person, office hours are as follows:

- ◆ Monday 12pm-4pm
- ◆ Tuesday 7am-12pm
- ◆ Wednesday 7am-11am (closed 2nd Wednesday each month)
- ◆ Thursday 4pm-7pm
- ◆ Friday Closed

# Rights-of-Way

It is a policy of borough council that no structures or trees should be placed on storm or sanitary sewer rights-of-way.

Fences, gardens, and bushes may be placed in the right-of-way, but if removal is necessary it will be at the owner's expense.

All vegetation should be kept at least 10 feet away from manholes and lampholes. At no time should a manhole, lamphole, or discharge pipe be covered over.

<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>Steve Yenchi</b>	<b>724-842-0485</b>
<b>Council President:</b>	<b>Marcia Cole</b>	<b>724-681-1147</b>
<b>Council Vice-President:</b>	<b>Tim Grantz</b>	<b>724-845-6488</b>
<b>Council Members:</b>	<b>Joanne Gibson</b>	<b>724-549-1063</b>
	<b>Matt Grantz</b>	<b>724-236-0324</b>
	<b>Christina Hosler</b>	<b>412-401-5954</b>
	<b>Marge Kasanicky</b>	<b>724-842-0623</b>
	<b>Randee McGee</b>	<b>724-889-3777</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Kayla Visnovsky</b>	<b>724-845-7359</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>412-766-2565</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>Chris Swank</b>	<b>724-980-4761</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 Chris Swank at 724-980-4761 or stop at the borough building on any Monday at 6:30pm to pick up an application in person.