

## West Leechburg

## Borough Newsletter

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#### **Updates to Park Equipment**

This year, the borough has added or is in the process of adding several new pieces of playground equipment to the park.
These new items include:

 Harry Hopper, a grasshopper shaped spring ride that replaces the previous, broken frog-



shaped spring ride.

- A 20 foot long balance beam.
- A new tire swing.

Both the balance beam and tire swing are brand new additions to our park, expanding the available options for children at play.

At the time this newsletter was written, the borough public works crew had already installed Harry Hopper and was preparing to install the other new pieces of equipment. Hopefully by the time you read this, children can enjoy all the new equipment!



### **Driveway Permits Reminder**

As a reminder to all residents, a permit is required anytime a driveway is constructed or reconstructed. This includes anytime a new driveway is built, an existing driveway is widened, a gravel driveway

is paved, or an asphalt driveway is repaved.

Please call the borough secretary for a permit application and allow 2-3 weeks for review and approval before you

schedule any work to be done on the driveway.

Be advised, the borough engineer may need to review the permit application and inspect the proposed project area.

#### **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 I-800-922-6062



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 17, 2019

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 24, 2019

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 3inches 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: I couch, I chair, I washer, I dryer, etc...)

- No boxed items in case of rain.
- Items <u>MUST BE</u> 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 an item will be at the discretion of the garbage collector.

#### **Grass and Tree Maintenance**

Be advised, 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 motorcyclists. 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.

### **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 noncombustible container with a screen on top. No open pits.

- 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.



#### **Fireworks**

The borough would like to ask residents to be considerate when setting off fireworks in the borough (especially for our veterans).

Additionally, the borough would like to remind residents of the following parts of the state fireworks law:

- Fireworks may not be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure.
- Fireworks may not be discharged towards or from inside of cars or buildings.
- Fireworks may not be discharged by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

#### **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.



# halloween

Trick or Treat will be held Thursday,
October 31st, 2019
for borough residents in preK-6th grades
from 6pm-8pm.



Those wishing to pass out treats are asked to turn their porch lights on.

# Borough Website

For regular updates throughout the year (and a digital copy of this newsletter), please visit www.westleechburg.us.

This site is updated regularly with news and events throughout the borough.

#### Monument Cmte.

Anyone interested in improving the monument at the borough park is asked to contact councilman Len Kotvas (724-845-7917) in order to form a volunteer committee dedicated to that purpose.

#### West Leechburg Crime Watch- "Neighbors Watching Out for Neighbors"

The West Leechburg Crime Watch provides opportunities for residents to get to know one another and be made aware of suspicious activities or crimes in our area. It aims to strengthen the relationship between the community, police, and fire de-

partments, while attempting to reduce crime through awareness and community building.

We are an all-volunteer group that hopes to continue our programs and expand with new activities and a revitalized Block Watch. We encourage you to join and keep our community a safe and enjoyable one.

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month (except December) at 7pm in the borough building. Meetings are not mandatory. For more information please contact Christina (412-401-5954) or Paulette (724-845-7013) or like West Leechburg Crime Watch on Facebook.

PAGE 5 Mayor: Jim Galluci 724-845-8861 Council President: **Gary Bell** 724-845-8378 **Council Vice-President:** Tim Grantz 724-845-6488 Marcia Cole **Council Members:** 724-681-1147 **Matt Grantz** 724-236-0324 **Marge Kasanicky** 724-842-0623 **Len Kotvas** 724-845-7917 Steve Yenchi 724-842-0485 Secretary: 724-842-2653 Pat Grantz 724-845-2379 **Police Non- Emergency: Emergency Police, Fire, EMS:** 911 **Building & Zoning Permits: Building Inspection Underwriters** 724-523-5940 ext. 7503 Rental & Property Maintenance **Building Inspection Underwriters** 1-800-922-6062 Dog Catcher: **Hoffman Kennels** 724-468-5505 **Garbage Collector: Bankosh Sanitation** 724-461-4185 **Mike Aikins** 724-845-8507 **Burning Permits: 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?

I) 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.



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