

# WEST LEECHBURG BOROUGH CLEAN-UP DAY

Debris will be picked up at your home: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place debris within five (5) feet of the street the night before pickup.
2. All small, loose items must be containerized (boxed, bagged or bundled).
3. Tree limbs and branches not more than three (3) inches in diameter or four (4) feet in length must be tied into bundles.
4. Carpets, rugs and padding not more than four (4) feet in length must be tied into bundles and each roll small enough for one (1) person to pick up.
5. All empty paint cans must have lids removed.
6. Refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners and dehumidifiers must have all Freon professionally remove and certified.

## Regular Household Items Acceptable for Pickup

1. One of each appliance per household  
(Example: 1 washer, 1 dryer)
2. Furniture and household furnishings
3. Paper items

## Items Not Accepted

Liquid paint or any type of liquid; hazardous or toxic materials, construction or demolition material, dirt, sod, \*\*televisions or computers and equipment (peripherals) used with computers\*\*, stones, ashes, concrete, tires, items over five (5) feet long or over 75 lbs. (except furniture)

\*\*To recycle electronic waste, you may check with *Goodwill, Construction Junction and eLoop llc programs.*

## State Regulations We Cannot Accept

Excrement, flammable liquids, solvents, paint thinners, oil, containers holding liquid paints, gas, kerosene or any liquids, auto batteries or car parts, or any material that may be considered hazardous, infectious or toxic.

## Items Must Be:

Able to be picked up by two (2) men, the final decision to accept/not accept an item will be at the discretion of the hauler.

## Weekly Garbage Collection

If you have more than the contracted limit of three (3) thirty (30) gallon containers, you may call Copney Disposal System Inc. at 724-727-7760 to make arrangements to pay for each bag that is over the contracted limit. The current charge for each bag is \$2.00.

## WEST LEECHBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

### WHY VOLUNTEER FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT?

1. Enjoy helping others
2. Community pride
3. Interested in public service
4. Enjoy teamwork
5. Social interactions, picnics, and banquets
6. Firefighter challenges



These are just a few reasons. There are many more reasons to join. If you are interested in joining or want to learn more about our department, please call Eugene Klanica at 724-290-8136.

### **HELP US HELP YOU! CALL TODAY!**

#### Recruiting Now

1. Men and women 18 years of age or older
2. New junior firefighter program (Ages 14 to 17)



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### **WEST LEECHBURG CRIME WATCH**

#### *“Neighbors Watching Out For Neighbors”*

#### *We need your help!!*

The WL Crime Watch Program provides opportunities to our residents to get to know one another and to be made aware of suspicious activities and/or crimes that may occur in our area. It strengthens the relationship between the community and the police and fire departments, while attempting to reduce crime in our Borough.

We hope to continue the activities for our residents and we encourage you to join us and share your valuable ideas and suggestions for future events for the community.

Meetings are held once a month from March through October each year. Meetings are not mandatory....a simple willingness to help with various activities, such as bake sales, etc. would be appreciated. If interested and wanting more information, please contact: Roberta @ 724-845-5194 or Paulette @ 724-845-7013.

### ABANDONED ARTICLES

It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate or store any junked, abandoned or discarded vehicle, trailer, boat, appliance or household furnishing on private or public property within the Borough of West Leechburg.

{ For Example: Any item resting for 96 hours or more and which is inoperable, without current registration plates, certificate of inspection, or in such a condition as to be unusable. }



## MOSQUITOES, ZIKA AND ADVICE FROM THE CDC:

With summer weather and mosquito season coming soon in the United States, the ZIKA virus – the mosquitoes that carry the virus – may be a major concern. Zika is currently affecting more than 30 countries and territories in the Americas and Pacific Islands. Zika virus is primarily spread through the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. People and communities can take steps to reduce the number of mosquitoes in their homes and communities to protect themselves from Zika.

### HOW DOES WATER HELP MOSQUITOES BREED?

*Aedes aegypti* is known as a “container-breeding mosquito” because it likes to lay eggs in and around standing water. Studies show that female mosquitoes prefer to lay eggs in water that collects or is stored in manmade containers. Eggs stick to containers like glue and remain attached until they are scrubbed off. The eggs can survive when they dry out—up to 8 months. When it rains or water covers the eggs, they hatch and become adults in about a week.

### REDUCE MOSQUITOES AT HOME

Steps you can take to prevent mosquitoes from living and breeding around your home:

#### Remove Standing Water:

Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs inside and outside of your home. Items in and around people’s homes can collect water. **Once a week**, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out containers that hold water, such as –

- Vases
- Pet water bowls
- Flowerpot saucers
- Discarded tires
- Buckets
- Pool covers
- Birdbath
- Trash cans
- Rain barrels

**These actions can help reduce the number of mosquitoes around areas where people live.**

**ATTENTION RESIDENTS:** In the coming years, West Leechburg Borough will need to comply with the Clean Water Act of 1972 by obtaining permits from the PA Department of Environmental Protection dealing with storm water discharges. The following provides a short informational outline on Storm Water and how you can help.

### **WHAT IS STORM WATER?**

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into storm sewers. Storm sewers are what you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of the streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

### **STORM WATER POLLUTANTS:**

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt or other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water eventually flows into a stream, river or wetland. The pollutants it carries empty into these waters because storm water does not get treated.

- ◆ *Pet waste left on the ground can get carried away by storm water contributing harmful bacteria into our water.*
- ◆ *Vehicles that drip fluid (oil, antifreeze, gasoline) onto paved areas where storm water drains are also carried into our water.*
- ◆ *Chemicals used to grow and maintain lawns can run off into the storm drain when it rains or when we water our lawns.*
- ◆ *Waste from chemicals used in construction can wash into the storm drain system.*

### **STORM RUNOFF ISSUES:**

**Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good.**

**Problems related to storm water runoff can include:**

- ◆ *Flooding caused by too much storm water flowing over paved surfaces.*
- ◆ *Increased spending to maintain storm drains and storm sewer systems that are clogged with excessive amounts of debris and dirt.*

### **PREVENT STORM WATER POLLUTION**

**The following are some important ways you can help prevent storm water pollution:**

- ◆ *Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint. Never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system.*
- ◆ *Use pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.*
- ◆ *Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals leaving construction sites or tracked onto roadways by construction vehicles. Please report poorly managed construction sites to the Borough Engineer at 866-925-9269.*
- ◆ *Install innovative storm water practices on residential property such as rain barrels or rain gardens that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.*
- ◆ *Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during dry weather, a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.*
- ◆ *Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly.*
- ◆ *Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.*



## ***Comments from the Mayor.....***

### ***DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS.....***

It is **UNLAWFUL** to allow any animal to run at large within the Borough. The animal **MUST** be leashed if off your property. For any animal concerns, contact Hoffman Kennels at 724-468-5505.

### ***ILLEGAL VEHICLES ON BOROUGH STREETS.....***

The riding of dirt bikes, quads, or any other vehicle that is not street-legal is prohibited on Borough Streets. This is becoming a problem and is illegal. The Police will be enforcing the law. Any resident who witnesses these vehicles on our streets, please get some kind of description and call our Police. Leave a message if you have to and the Police will investigate. **(TELEPHONE: 724-845-2379)**

### ***SOLICITING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED.....***

All residents, please remember that there is **NO** soliciting in the Borough without a permit. This permit is for any group, business, etc. going house to house, unless they have an appointment with the homeowner. The permit must be signed by the Borough Mayor or the Police Chief. Please ask to see the permit. These permits may or may not have a fee. If they do not have a permit, notify the Borough Police or someone from the Crime Watch. Our Police and the Crime Watch are trying to keep our Borough safe from strangers entering our community. Just a note that the State Police do not enforce local ordinances.

### ***GRASS AND YARD MAINTENANCE.....***

It is illegal to discharge grass, leaves, snow or other yard waste onto the street. This is a violation of a Borough Ordinance and you will be cited. These items are a safety hazard for people using the street and can cause clogging of the storm sewer system. Grass needs to be maintained at a height of **NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) INCHES**.

### ***BOROUGH SPEED LIMIT.....***

The speed limit on all Borough streets is **twenty five (25) miles** per hour. Please obey our speed limit for the safety of all our residents, especially the children. Police have been instructed to strictly enforce the speed limit. Tickets will be issued.

### **Driveway Permits**

A permit **is required** before a driveway is constructed or reconstructed. This includes new driveways or widening of an existing driveway, paving of a gravel driveway, or repaving of an asphalt driveway. Call the Borough Secretary for an application. Please allow 2 to 3 weeks for the application to be reviewed and approved before you schedule any work to be done on your driveway. The Borough Engineer may need to review the permit application and inspect the proposed project.

### **Driveway Maintenance**

Residents who have gravel driveways must keep the gravel off the street. Loose gravel on the hard surface of the street can cause driving hazards for cars, motorcycles and bicycles.

## Building Permits/Zoning Permits/Code Officer

Before doing any construction or erecting any addition to your property such as a fence, shed, garage, deck, pool, etc. a Zoning Permit and/or a Building Permit may be required. Please contact Building Inspection Underwriters of PA (866-523-5940), John Stahl for Zoning Permits and Property Maintenance Codes and also for Building Permits and Inspections.

### Burning

The Borough has a few simple rules in regard to outdoor burning:

1. There is no burning allowed between dusk and dawn. All fires must be completely extinguished by sunset, no smoke or smoldering.
2. There is no burning on Sundays and Mondays. Cooking fires are exceptions. A cooking fire is defined as a fire for picnics, cookouts and barbecues.
3. You may burn in a non-combustible container with a screen on the top without a permit.
4. If you need to burn on a large scale (*pile of wood, clippings, leaves and material that will not fit into a burn barrel*), you must obtain a permit. Permits may be obtained by calling Eugene Klanica, Fire Chief, at 724-290-8136. There is no fee for the permit and generally only a phone call is needed.
5. Tires are not to be burned.
6. Only items allowed to be burned are wood or wood products in the non-combustible container.
7. Please think about the smoke you are creating and try to avoid annoying another homeowner or resident.

#### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Jim Gallucci	Mayor	724-845-8861
Gary Bell	President of Council	724-845-8378
Tim Grantz	Vice-President of Council	724-845-6488

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bill Hohos	724-845-8251	Steve Yenchi	724-842-0485
Marge Kasanicky	724-842-0623	Len Kotvas	724-845-7917
Pat Grantz, Sec'y.	724-842-2653		

BUILDING PERMITS:	John Stahl	866-523-5940
ZONING PERMITS:	John Stahl	866-523-5940
RENTAL INSPECTION:	John Stahl	866-523-5940
POLICE:	Non-Emergency	724-845-2379
POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE:		(911)
DOG CATCHER:	Hoffman Kennels	724-468-5505
GARBAGE COLLECTOR:	Copney Disposal	724-727-7760
BURNING PERMITS:	Eugene Klanica	724-845-8068
TAX COLLECTOR:	Dolores "Dolly" Mamros	724-845-7637
BOROUGH GARAGE:		724-845-6903