



Borough of Lemoyne

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania

P3 SOUTH BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On July 29, 2021, PennDOT held a stakeholders' workshop at the Radisson Convention Center (Penn Harris Hotel) to present in detail and discuss the proposed P3 South Bridge Reconstruction Project. On September 30th, I had the great fortune to testify before the House Transportation Committee investigating the process, when the PennDOT P3 Project had been approved and the details of the project made public. On October 1, 2021, we joined with our surrounding municipalities and Cumberland County in a letter to PennDOT and all our respective legislators conveying our opposition to the tolling aspect of the project. That began our legal battle against PennDOT. On April 25th, we appeared before Commonwealth Court in our continued efforts to prevent tolling of the bridge. On May 18th, Commonwealth Court granted a preliminary injunction against PennDOT to cease activities involved with construction of the bridge, which PennDOT promptly appealed to the State Supreme Court.

On July 11 Governor Tom Wolf signed PA Act 2022-84, prohibiting "Mandatory User Fees" aka tolls on the nine bridges proposed in PennDOT's P3 Bridge Project, including the South Bridge. And, finally, on August 18th, PennDOT notified the State Supreme Court of its desire to withdraw its appeal of the injunction.

We prevailed! But our work is not done. Now Lemoyne is essentially alone in our efforts to challenge the configuration of the entry/exit ramps which will impact, primarily, our community. Our chief concern is the current proposed termination of the exit ramp onto 3rd St. between Herman Ave. and Lowther St. This will be extremely dangerous to pedestrian and bicycle traffic, especially to and from Memorial Park. It will increase congestion at this proposed intersection where traffic would only have the options of turning left or right. It will impact first responders and commuters who use 3rd St. regularly.

All in all, we believe it to be a bad idea. And now, we must convince PennDOT of this as well.

Once again, stay tuned . . .

Gale Gallo, *Council President*



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It's Budget Time in the Borough!

One of the most important tasks Borough staff undertakes each year is development and management of the annual budget. Following staff's preparation of the coming year's budget in August and September, Borough Council conducts workshops related to each fund during the month of October. While these meetings will most likely be wrapping up by the time this newsletter hits the streets, they are always advertised on the website and are open to the public to attend in person or via zoom. During these meetings Council reviews and provides input the proposed budgets for each of our ten governmental funds. At the conclusion of these meetings a draft is introduced to the public and put on display in November each year with the goal of adoption at the December business meeting.

Lemoyné Borough T-shirts are now available for sale in the Borough Office!



THE BOROUGH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING LEGAL HOLIDAYS:

November 11 Veterans Day
November 24 & 25 Thanksgiving Holiday
December 23 & 26 Christmas Holiday

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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Maintenance Department

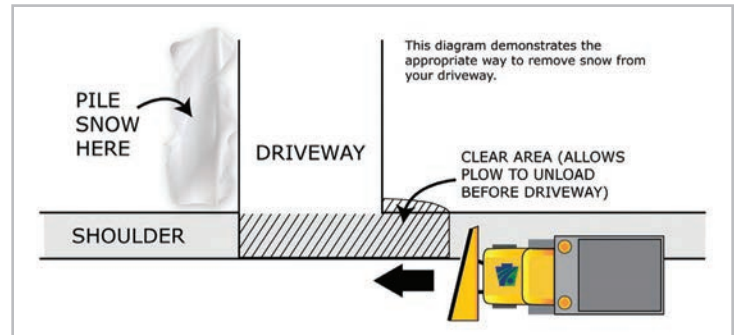


As fall approaches so does the falling of the leaves and the coming of winter weather. So, another year of leaf collection and snow plowing begins.

As of October 3rd, street sweeping has become a weekly process. Please pay attention to the day of the week indicated on the signage along the roadways as to which day the sweeper will be in your neighborhood. Leaf collection will start October 17th, please do not put leaves at the curb until then.

The street sweeper cannot pick up piles of leaves and will have to bypass any piles placed out early. Any leaves placed out in the street early will be the homeowner's responsibility to remove.

When winter weather strikes, the main roads will be cleared first. We will get to all Borough streets; please be patient. Prior to storms you will see a white haze on the roadways from the brine applied to assist in melting and to aid in removal. To assist in plowing we ask that all residents park their cars in driveways if possible. It is impossible for the plow truck drivers not to push some snow into driveways that have already been plowed. This is not done deliberately but is a byproduct of moving the snow off the roadway.



The Maintenance Department wishes all our residents a happy and safe holiday season.

Cliff Karlson, *Maintenance Department Superintendent*

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Friends of Fredricksen Silent Auction

Looking for that perfect holiday gift while at the same time benefiting your local library? Look no further than the Friends of Fredricksen Online Silent Auction! The annual event will be held on November 3 – 17. A variety of items will be available for bidding including gift cards to local establishments, collectibles, experiences, gift items, artwork and more! All bidding takes place online and winning items will be picked up at Fredricksen Library on November 19 and 20. Just in time for the holidays! Proceeds from the auction go directly back to the library to assist with programs and services not covered by the library's budget.



Holiday Book Tree

Fredricksen's holiday book tree will be back again for its 10th season this year. Created entirely from withdrawn books, this 6 foot tree is a volunteer project and fundraiser. For a minimum \$10 donation, you can add your loved one's name to the spine of a book. Stop in to Fredricksen to see the tree during the months of November and December.

The library has a variety of programs and activities for all ages both in person and virtually, including a Fall Reading Challenge for all ages! Visit our website at www.fredricksenlibrary.org for a complete list of events. Be sure to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on our happenings. Look for us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Thank you for supporting Fredricksen Library!

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Let's keep Lemoyne green! Consider planting a tree (or two!) in your yard this fall or next spring. Trees provide multiple benefits to your property. Permits are not required for trees planted away from the street.

John Leverentz, *Chairman- Shade Tree Commission*

Five-Year Paving Plan



Few will argue that having safe, well-maintained streets should be of paramount importance to a borough interested in the safety and welfare of its citizens. This is true of Lemoyne as well. Each year, thanks to funds received from liquid fuel taxes, the Borough plans its

road maintenance projects for the next five years. Along with those repairs, adjacent sidewalks and curbs are inspected and property owners are informed of needed repairs. Predictably, while most people appreciate the road maintenance efforts, the cost borne by property owners to repair curbs and sidewalks is not always welcome news. Nevertheless, it is a fact that in most municipalities the responsibility for the maintenance and care of curbs and sidewalks belongs to the property owner. This does not mean that the Borough is unaware of the costs involved.

It is for this reason that the Borough tries to give property owners as much information ahead of time as is possible so that they can budget for this expense. The Borough will even work with the property owner to set up a payment schedule.

Property owners can use the five-year paving plan as a guide to know when their curbs and sidewalks will be coming up for inspection and possible required repairs. Repairs must be done the same year the road work is done, so plan ahead. If you have questions, please contact the Borough office.

Joe Gargiulo, *Councilmember*

FIVE-YEAR PAVING PLAN

2023

- Warren Street, Walton to Borough Line
- Clark Street, Warren Street to Dead End
- Clarkton Court, Warren Street to Cul-de-sac
- Fourth Street, Bosler Ave to Dead End
- Fifth Street, Pear Street to Dead End

2024

- Indiana Avenue, Fifth Street to Twelfth Street

2025

- N. Eighth Street, Walnut Street to Indiana Ave
- Pennsylvania Ave, Ninth Street to Dead End

2026

- Walnut Street, Washington Terrace to Fort Street
- Walnut Street, Fort Street to Fifth Street

2027

- Walnut Street, Fifth Street to Seventh Street

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StormFest 2022

In July, Camp Hill Borough hosted **"StormFest 2022,"** an educational event for adults and children to learn more about stormwater management and environmental protection practices. Over 35 municipalities, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and corporations from all over Pennsylvania came together to provide fun activities for all ages. There were raffles, give-aways, crafts, experiments, live music, food trucks, and much more to enjoy for the hundreds of attendees!

Lemoyne Borough hosted a demonstration of our rain gardens, which are engineered to utilize native plants with deep roots that capture polluted stormwater flowing down Market Street; trap litter, sediment, and debris; and allow water to infiltrate the soil and naturally filter out nitrogen, phosphorous, sediment, and other toxins, rather than allowing the runoff to flow untreated down the Bottleneck into the Susquehanna River. According to the DEP, these rain gardens have prevented over 1000 pounds of sediment from entering the river!

In addition to improving water quality and reducing flooding, each rain garden also contains pollinator-friendly native plants, which provide habitat and food to help our butterflies, bees, and native insects thrive.

Thank you to Camp Hill for inviting us to be a part of this incredible event! To our residents – please consider adding native plants to your gardens and stay tuned for a possible StormFest 2023!

Kasha Griva, MS4 Coordinator



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Sewer Emergencies

In the event of a sewer backup or blockage at your residence or business you should immediately contact the Lemoyne Borough Wastewater Department at (717) 763-7575. If staff is not available to answer your call, contact the Collection System Supervisor at (717) 574-7153. When reporting a sewer backup, we will need the following information: Name, address, contact information and nature of the backup. Do not contact a plumber before the problem is investigated by Wastewater Department staff. Following this procedure can save us all time and money.

Kyle Janny, Wastewater Treatment Plant- Assistant Supervisor

Community Development Parks & Recreation Committee Fall 2022

Status of 'The Lemoyne Passage' Mural – With PennDOT recalibrating nine identified bridges including the South Bridge for reconstruction projects, the issue of how to deal with the mural on the exit ramp is on hold for now. We still welcome ideas from residents for alternate locations and ways to preserve the images that are on our Mural.

Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Study Group Report – After a year of meetings (all of which were open to the public) and walk-throughs of all eight parks, the Study Group will issue its recommendations to Borough Council for adoption early this fall. The recommendations will include total price for upgrading each park, a suggested multi-year timeline, and priorities for short-term activities, tasks, and work schedules for the next several years. We anticipate one or more public meetings to share the plans, timeline, and costs. The public meetings are advertised on the website and our Facebook page. Applying for grants and sponsorships should help to fund some of the larger construction aspects of the Plan. We hope that community members will volunteer for some of the smaller projects to help keep those costs down. This will be a large undertaking that will lead to more and better usage of our beloved park system. Please note memorial benches and swings currently removed from parks will be reinstated back into the parks and are kept safe in the meantime.

Susquehannock Artifacts – Working with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission experts, we have selected a first group of artifacts from the Dig (2008) at Memorial Park to be displayed. The display case across from the Community Room at the Borough Office- 510 Herman Avenue, will be upgraded with shelves and display boxes to provide maximum viewing by every one of these 400-year-old objects. This display opening is targeted for end of 2022 or early in 2023. These artifacts will be on loan to us for two years.

Sue Yenchko, Council Vice President

Feeling fall-tastic WITH A FEW FAVORITES THIS SEASON

For more information on the activities being offered or to register for a program call **717-920-9515** or visit **westshorerec.org**

Multiple **Afterschool STEAM Programs** now offered at several area Elementary schools starting in October.

Don't wait to get in better shape! Start here for all your Active Wellness programs such as; Pilates, SalsaTone, Yoga, Cardio Step, Tai Chi, as well as Aquatic Fitness.

Get your toddlers active with the always popular Kinder Gym, Kinder Tots, Dance or the new Youth Sports Prep program. There's Beginner Tumbling, Ninja Obstacle Fun and Cheerleading 101 too!

Plan ahead for the Holidays with a selection of this season Trips such as New York City on your own, Merry Motown Christmas, and Longwood Gardens.

Borough Staffing Updates

We are pleased to report that both **Carson Buffington** and **Kasha Griva** joined the Borough staff on August 8th. Carson, a Halifax native most recently employed by Thermo Fisher Scientific in Millersburg, will be working with the Maintenance Department. You will most likely recall Kasha from her time serving on Borough Council as the Stormwater Committee Chair. We are fortunate to have her begin her tenure here as MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Coordinator where her vast experience and training in the stormwater field are quickly proving invaluable.

We are also happy to announce that at the September 1st work session, **Mike Kostukovich** was officially sworn in to serve a partial term on Borough Council, filling a vacancy left by Ms. Griva's resignation. Mr. Kostukovich has been a resident of Lemoyne for 45 years and is looking forward to serving the community.

Join us as we wish Carson, Kasha and Mike a warm welcome. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our team, be sure to follow us on Facebook and check the website (www.lemoynepa.com) for job postings and to download an application.

Message from the Mayor

Hello neighbors!

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and were able to take advantage of all of the outdoor activities Lemoyne's parks, pool, and main streets have to offer.

As we enter the fall season (and welcome some cooler weather!) I would like to take a moment to reflect on the past few months. First, I would like to give a special shout out to Lemoyne residents Sandy and Ryan Markel, whom I had the pleasure of marrying this summer. It was an honor to have them as my first marriage ceremony and I wish them many happy years together.

Our community has also enjoyed coming together for many meaningful events this year. Spring Clean Up Day was a huge success thanks to all the volunteers who showed up ready and eager to help. Every year this event continues to grow and bring our community together, and I am already looking forward to next year.

After a brief hiatus, Lemoyne also brought back the much-anticipated Concert in the Park. The rain didn't stop us from enjoying a wonderful night of music, art, and local food and drink. Special thanks to Lemoyne Council President Gale Gallo, the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, our local vendors and artists, and the West Shore Regional Police Department for putting together a great community event.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the West Shore Regional Police and Fire Departments, their families, and dedicated staff, who made this year's National Night Out such a success. We are very fortunate to have such a passionate and involved group of first responders protecting our community and it was wonderful to see so many of you there to show your support.

This year has been an eventful one, and I look forward to what next spring has in store. With that in mind, keep an eye out for announcements on the Borough website and Facebook page for all of our upcoming events this fall and winter, including the return of the Mayor's Children's Christmas Party & Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 2, 2022.

Mayor Salkowski



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We feel it, don't we? The need for community. And now more than ever. With the lines of division running right through the streets of our hometown—and even our own homes—it's never been more important to recover what connects us to each other.

Think about this. More than half of current homebuyer's rank “a sense of community” and “friendly neighbors” at the top of their shopping list. Even here in Lemoyne, we've confirmed a similar desire in a recent Borough survey: art in the park, block parties, and a Lemoyne history day are just a few of the great ideas' residents suggested to make it feel more like home.

Nurturing community in Lemoyne will take more than adding a line item to the budget though. To see our community blossom, we need you—neighbors willing to make a commitment to mend fences and help others experience the joy of working together. Are you in?

AN INVITATION

On the on the 2nd Thursday of every month, the Community Development and Parks & Recreation Committee meets to dream and plan ways to make Lemoyne live up to our slogan as “The little town that has it all.” Please consider this as your invitation to help write the next chapter of our hometown.

Rebecca Coleman, Council member

Codes/Zoning Department

Happy Fall Lemoyne! In the Codes corner I am going to touch on project updates, a call to service and a mission. First, the exciting project updates! School House flats is putting the finishing touches on this amazing project and will be accepting lease applications this fall. The Riverton Woods project on N 12th has broken ground. They expect to complete the project in summer of 2023 and should be leasing up fall of 2023 and finally, Shiny Shell Carwash is gearing up for their grand opening this fall.

A call to serve! Would you be interested in serving your community on the Zoning Hearing Board in an alternate position? If you just got intrigued, I am talking to you. Please contact me for details!

The fight on blight mission is so important in maintaining our beautiful community. I am currently partnering with Cumberland County on two projects and will continue to work closely with the Blight Board on these and others in the future. Our community goal is to stop blight before this step is needed. Contact me if you see a property falling into great disrepair. Perhaps, we can get that property back on track together.

Enjoy this wonderful season making your little corner of Lemoyne spectacular! *"Autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and best of all leaping into leaves!"* – Winnie the Pooh!

Trisha Rafferty, Codes Enforcement and Zoning Officer

Message from the Chief of Police

Happy Fall! West Shore Regional Police has been very active this summer. You will notice a bunch of new faces (including K9 Libra!) and activities at our department that we are excited about! WSRPD is excited to be back in Washington Heights Elementary School with all the kids this fall, as we continue our daily school visits and readings. We want to take this opportunity to remind everyone to slow down as the school season is upon us. As we approach fall, we also would like to remind everyone that weekly street sweeping and leaf collection has begun, please make sure your vehicles are moved.

We look forward to the fall months with community events, especially trick or treat night! We are planning our second Citizens' Police Academy for spring of 2023. Please keep an eye on our website or subscribe to us at <https://cumberland.crimewatchpa.com/wsrpd> for community news and activities. As always, we are here for you if you need us. Please do not hesitate to stop by our station or call us, as we are your police department!

Chief Minium & Assistant Chief Friel - West Shore Regional Police Department

The 5G Digital Age

Updating Lemoyne Borough's Wireless Communications Ordinance



Back during the summer of 2021, the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Governor Wolf opened Pennsylvania up to the next generation of wireless internet and cell phone services. Under previous law, municipalities could take months to approve a permit to build a new 5G tower or install a 5G cell on an existing pole. That uncertainty made investments and expansion of high-speed technologies hard for telecommunications companies. The current law on the books now gives municipalities 60 days to approve or deny a permit to add a 5G cell to an existing pole, and 90 days to approve or deny a permit for a new pole. Although the new law simplified things for telecoms firms it also added powers for local governments to develop guidelines for new 5G poles to match local aesthetics and to regulate where 5G cells are installed.

Following a year of review from professional staff, our legal team, and the Planning Commission, the Borough Council approved Ordinance 774 amending Chapter 550, Zoning, to establish general and specific standards relating to wireless communications facilities. This codified the many new standards and procedures provided for under the 2021 state law.

Now that the patchwork of municipal ordinances has become uniform across the state, Lemoyne can expect an investment in upgraded internet and cell phone services that will benefit all of our residents and businesses in this 5G digital age. Yet, this advancement should not come at the expense of keeping our town's unique characteristics and aesthetic in certain areas. The Council and Planning Commission took measures to ensure we do our due diligence in protecting these features in our Borough.

Jesses Monoski, Councilman

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES REMINDER



The weather prediction from the Farmer's Almanac for this winter says, "December 2022 looks stormy and cold nationwide with an active storm pattern developing and hanging around for most of the season over the eastern half of the country."

Whether or not we can depend upon this prediction remains to be seen, but that does not mean we shouldn't be ready. Lemoyne Borough has a number of streets designated as Snow Emergency Routes. A Snow Emergency, if needed, will be declared by the mayor and notice will be placed on the website and posted to social media. When that happens there are certain steps you must take if you live or park along a snow emergency route.



All vehicles must be moved from the side of the street declared a snow emergency. These areas are clearly marked with signs. After the snowplow has been by, you must still refrain from parking your vehicle on a snow emergency route. No vehicles are allowed to park in those areas until the snow emergency is lifted. Vehicles traveling those streets during that time must be equipped with snow tires and chains.

The purpose of a snow emergency declaration is to permit the Borough to make sure that the roads are passable for emergency vehicles. For a list of snow emergency streets, please go to the ordinance tab on the Borough webpage (<http://www.lemoynepa.com>) and search for 525-45. To view the entire ordinance type "Snow or Ice Emergency" in the search bar.

Please stay safe this winter.

Joe Gargiulo, Council member

What's Going On With The Streets Committee?

This past spring the Streets Committee held a series of meetings to address resident concerns about safety and traffic on Borough streets.

- **Walnut Street and 10th Street:** A concern was raised when tractor trailer drivers used GPS devices to get to Lowther Street from the Bypass and found themselves trying to navigate narrow residential roads on Walnut Street near 10th Street. In June Council approved those recommendations from citizen input at the committee meeting and we are now waiting for a report from our engineer before taking final action.
- **Walnut and Sycamore:** Problems with property damage arise when delivery trucks try to negotiate sharp turns on narrow roads like we find at the corner of Sycamore and Third Streets. The Streets Committee held meetings and developed a series of recommendations which Council approved to provide better direction for trucks and improve safety in the area and at Schell Park by adding some speed limiting devices.
- **New One-Way Streets:** A resident expressed concern about delivery trucks ignoring a one-way street sign and driving the wrong way up the hill. The Committee and residents met to recommend changes in the code and additional signage. Also, due to a safety concern raised by the residents near Eighth Street and Pear Street, Eighth Street between Bosler and Pear was designated a one-way street heading south from Pear toward Bosler.
- **No Parking on Walnut (at certain times):** Traffic at the corner of 7th Street and Walnut has been a problem during the school arrival and dismissal times. Arriving buses and parents who are dropping off children have caused traffic jams, blocked intersections, and created safety issues and two incidents involving pedestrians. In order to solve the problem, the Borough, the WSRPD and the School District worked together to create space along the north side of Walnut Street where buses can park and wait to pick up or drop off its students. Now there are times during the day when parking on the northside of Walnut is prohibited to keep the area clear for the buses. For the safety of our children, we hope this inconvenience is not too much of a problem.

Joe Gargiulo, Council member

Why am I seeing so many mosquitoes in my yard?



After a long summer, and spending a lot of time outdoors during the season, you may ask yourself a question . . . *"Why am I seeing so many mosquitoes in my yard?"* As temperatures drop and the number of biting insects drop with the degrees you may forget about the nasty biters, but spring will be here before you know it and the cycle will start all over again.

Well with the aim of breaking the cycle, here are some things to look out for in your yard that make your space extremely inviting for mosquitoes.

First off make sure your yard is free of all standing water. There are many common places water can gather like buckets, wheelbarrows, bird baths, and tires. These are the places we always think of but often overlooked such as the ridges in corrugated piping that comes off our down spouts, tarps over piles of wood, and even clogged gutters. Enough water collects in these places to give rise to thousands of adult mosquitoes.

Another big draw for mosquitoes is shady plants such as juniper and arborvitae bushes and ivy that runs along the ground. These plants give off a lot of shade amongst their leaves which is the perfect place for mosquitoes to stay cool during the day. Removing these plants, if possible, will take away the mosquitoes' shelter, and give them less of a reason to be in your yard. Also treating these plants with products you can pick up over the counter will help lessen the appeal of these safe havens. When using any product, always read the label and use as directed.

The final draw to your yard may be cool damp areas in general. These areas could be stacked branches or piles of leaves left from the fall or just general rubbish piled up that hasn't been tossed out yet. Even though there isn't any pooling water in some of these locations to lay eggs, they provide enough shade to give the mosquitoes shelter during the hot summer days. The best course of action is to properly store and dispose of anything that can give these pest shelter.



Pictured above is a juniper bush which provides a lot of shade inside of its bushy leaves which mosquitoes use to shield themselves from the sun.



Pictured above is a bunch of ivy. Mosquitoes crawl under their leaves emerging during the cooler parts of the day.



Pictured at left is a corrugated pipe. The ridges in this pipe hold enough water for mosquitoes to lay their eggs in.

Pictured at right are clogged gutters. The water that stays in these gutters are perfect places for mosquitoes to lay their eggs.



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