



# Borough of Lemoyne

*Cumberland County, Pennsylvania*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the days get shorter and temperatures cool, we have a lot going on in Lemoyne!

We have been working diligently on the new West Shore Gateway Rail Trail project with Tri-County Regional Planning, Cumberland County Planning and Norfolk Southern! This will encompass the area between the river & Memorial Park, up along the bottleneck and the current rail tracks between Bosler & State Streets, as those tracks are being abandoned. The plan is to include the re-construction of the 7th Street "Foot Bridge" at street level to make it more bike and mobility accessible. This is in the early planning stages, so look for updates on this in 2025.

Did you know that Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania? Estimates from 2023 put Cumberland County's population at over 270,700. By 2043, it is expected to increase to over 331,000. That's a lot of people!

Recently Cumberland County completed its first revision of the County Comprehensive Plan since 2017. This is a tool that Professional Planners (yes there are such things) develop to accommodate growth within a defined area: in this case, Cumberland County. Please take a few minutes to review the plan and offer your comments at [www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/120/Planning-Department](http://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/120/Planning-Department).

What does this mean for Lemoyne? Glad you asked! Lemoyne's population as of May is approximately 4800. Our current Comprehensive Plan (yes, we have one of our own) was created in 2009. At that time, we had about 4000 residents, so we've had a 20% increase in population since. In addition, we are seeing increases in the number of businesses in Lemoyne and in traffic passing through our town. All of these factors impact our community. Needless to say, our Borough Comprehensive Plan really needs to be updated. As simple as that may sound, it is actually a huge undertaking. We have taken steps in the right direction with the adoption of our Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan in February. Watch for a revised Lemoyne Comprehensive Plan sometime next year.

We've all seen the changes surrounding Rte 581 on the East Shore. These are of course related to the South Bridge replacement. As you are aware, I have been a very vocal critic of and to PennDOT, regarding its plan for the Lemoyne interchange. Unfortunately, it has fallen on deaf ears. As a last resort, I have reached out to our local legislators to enlist their support and aid. I have no updates at this point but am hoping that it will result in a more favorable outcome.

Lastly, no matter what your "politics" are, this is a pivotal election year. Make sure your voice is heard! VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5TH!

*Gale Gallo*, Council President



Trick or Treat is scheduled for October 31, 2024. Check the website [www.lemoynepa.com](http://www.lemoynepa.com) and/or Facebook page to keep informed on any changes due to weather.



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## **Maintenance Department**

Hello Lemoyne Residents,

I hope you all had a wonderful spring and summer! The Maintenance Department extends its gratitude for your feedback on various concerns within the borough.

As we transition into fall, it's time to prepare for leaf raking season. Leaf collection will commence on October 14th and continue through December 13th. Due to the hot and dry summer, we anticipate the leaves will fall earlier this year.

In addition to leaf collection, weekly street sweeping will begin on October 1st. The street sweeper will operate weekly until it is halted by winter conditions. Please avoid placing leaves in the street to prevent them from being washed into storm drains, which helps protect Chesapeake Bay. Typically, by the second week of December, the clean-up is complete.

As winter approaches, we ask for your patience during the snow season. Our team will be working diligently to clear roads from curb to curb and ensure all borough sidewalks are safe and accessible.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season from the Borough of Lemoyne Maintenance Team!

Warm Regards, Tim Davis, *Maintenance  
Department Superintendent*

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

November 11, 2024- Veterans Day  
November 28 & 29, 2024 - Thanksgiving Holiday  
December 24 - 25, 2024 - Christmas Holiday  
January 1, 2025 - New Years Day  
April 18, 2025 -Good Friday  
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# Fredricksen Library News

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## September is Library Card Sign Up Month!

Do you have a Cumberland County Library Card? With your card, you have access to thousands of free books, audiobooks, DVDs, eBooks and eAudiobooks. Your card enables you to access our online databases where you can research anything from auto repair to genealogy to newspapers and more! You can also stream movies via Kanopy, our media streaming service which enables you to view a wide range of foreign films, family movies, documentaries and classics, at no cost.



## Night at the Library

Looking for a great opportunity to have a fun night out while helping to support the library? This fundraiser will provide a special opportunity to experience the library after-hours, providing an evening where literacy and fun converge. This special experience will feature:

- Passport to Adventure! Let your curiosity lead the way throughout the library on a guided exploration to experience music, entertainment and all that the library has to offer.
- Savor the Story! Immerse yourself in the story as some of your favorite books come to life with themed sweet and savory food and beverage offerings at stations throughout the library.
- Support your community! The excitement continues with a chance to bid on one of the evening's specially curated auction items.

The library has a variety of programs this fall! Visit our website at [www.fredricksenlibrary.org](http://www.fredricksenlibrary.org) for a complete list of events. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Tik-Tok to stay up-to-date on our happenings. Come see us at 100 N. 19th Street, Camp Hill, 717-761-3900. Thank you for supporting Fredricksen Library!



## Do You Think You Could Be A Borough Council Member?

During the 6 years that I have been a member of the Lemoyne Borough Council, I have realized that this volunteer job (that's right - volunteer. No council member receives any stipend for this work.) for which I sought election was much more than just coming to meetings twice a month and voting on an agenda. It was about doing extra research about topics that citizens have asked about, about attending meetings regarding ordinance enactment, about attending seminars concerned with employee matters, about working to develop an annual budget, and most importantly about being available to talk to residents about concerns they have. Above all it was and is about serving the people in order to do the greatest good for the community, as a whole. Easier said than often done.

This last item is one I have felt to be very important. When a resident asks a question or has a concern, Council needs to respond in a timely manner. These individuals deserve an answer, even if it is one that they do not agree with. Over the years I have received numerous emails and phone calls from residents and in most cases, with the help of staff and other council members, we have been able to address their concerns and resolve them to some satisfaction. Granted, it has not always been the case that the resident was satisfied and that is unfortunate. Regardless, a council member should always endeavor to serve the community in the best way possible and I

believe my fellow council members have always done that. They are a fine group of people with whom I have had the pleasure to serve.

In November 2025 Lemoyne residents will, once again, go to the polls to elect and in some cases re-elect members to our Borough Council. These elections are more important than many realize, as it is at the local level where a person's vote counts the most and where their voice is heard the clearest.

If you think you have what it takes to get involved in local government in this way, then I encourage you to do so. Deadlines for filing a petition to be put on the ballot can be found on the Cumberland County Board of Elections website: <https://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/1895/Election-Calendar>

Get involved! Whether that be by running for office, volunteering to help with the rain gardens, attending committee meetings and/or council meetings to provide much needed information to Council, it is all important work and vital to our little town. If you are serious about making a positive difference and you are vested in the Borough, I hope you will consider serving in some capacity. If there is a reward, it is knowing that you are doing something to make your community a better place for all while becoming a better-informed individual in the process. I have counted it as a great learning experience.

Joe Gargiulo, Council Member

THANK  
*you*

The Borough of Lemoyne would like to thank the businesses and organizations that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.

## Stormwater

We have just received the fantastic news that Lemoyne Borough was selected to receive grant funding for Phase I of the Apple Street Stormwater Improvement Project from the Cumberland County Dirt & Gravel Low Volume Road Program! This project will add inlets, storm drain boxes, stormwater pipes, infiltration trenches, inverted crown, and specially graded paving to restore the roadway, divert water into infiltration facilities, and resolve the persistent stormwater damage on this road. This process will decrease the standing water on the road's surface and stabilize the road. Phase I of Apple Street is slated for completion by 10/1/2025. This project will reduce the amount of pollution reaching our local streams and tributaries and the Susquehanna River and reduce the Borough's long-term maintenance costs for this road.

Part of the work in reducing pollutants in our stormwater comes from managing the methods in which we maintain our roads. Traditional road maintenance conveys stormwater along the roadways and deposits it into streams as quickly as possible. This can cause increased flooding in streams and accumulation of sediment and other pollutants in our local waterways.

ESM practices diffuse the flow of water at the source by encouraging infiltration and reducing concentrated runoff volumes. This approach to maintaining our roads reduces the amount of sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus, and other contaminants reaching our streams and tributaries. Pennsylvania's Dirt & Gravel Road Maintenance Program is a pollution prevention program based on site-specific, long-term solutions to prevent erosion and pollution.

A huge thank you to the Cumberland County Conservation District, the Quality Assurance Board, the Penn State Center for Dirt & Gravel Road Studies, and Rettew for their support of our Borough's water quality improvement projects!

Our Borough's Stormwater webpage has been updated with brand new content! Check out [www.lemoynepa.com/stormwater](http://www.lemoynepa.com/stormwater) to learn about our stormwater program and find resources.

Wishing you a happy and healthy upcoming holiday season!

Kasha Griva, *MS4 Coordinator*

## WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

### Sewer

Lemoyne's sewer billing is determined by your water consumption, as reported by PA American Water. It's important to note that 10% of homes experience leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. These leaks can originate from worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, leaking valves, corroded pipes, faulty appliances, or old or damaged water heaters. If you notice a higher-than-normal water bill, it's advisable to contact PA American Water to check for potential leaks in your home.

If you have a leak and PA American Water grants you a credit on your water bill, provide the Borough with that credit to receive a one-time per year adjustment to your sewer bill.

### 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.

Robert Oakes, *Wastewater Superintendent*

## **DO NOT** Dispose of Rechargeable Batteries in Your Trash or Recycling Bins!



# Community Development/Parks and Recreation Committee

Lemoyne's Parks are changing! Over the past several years, volunteer residents have worked with council to create a new vision for the parks we all love. This summer, those plans are one step closer to reality. While we work to secure funding for the improvements, there are some initial changes you can expect to see in your favorite park soon.

Memorial Park will receive significant upgrades and repairs to its parking lots, walkways and paths, as well a new ADA restroom. Invasive trees and plants will be replaced with native shrubs and trees. At the request of many of our younger residents, the borough has installed our park's first gaga ball pit. And if you aren't familiar with the game, just ask an elementary school student and watch their face light up! Eventually, the park will add an inclusive play area that provides a sensory-rich environment for children of all abilities and ages. Residents will also enjoy upgrades to the existing picnic shelter. And Memorial Park will also be the first of the seven to receive new signs and wayfaring guides.

You asked for it, and you're getting it: Pickleball courts are coming to Negley Park! Along with an expanded basketball court, guests will also have access to new restrooms. To accommodate increased park traffic, all roads, paths and parking lots will be repaved, with the addition of several new pathways. Current invasive and unhealthy trees throughout the park will be removed and replaced with attractive landscaping using native plants and trees.

Pickleball fans will cheer to learn they'll be gaining yet another court at Maple Street Park. The historic PA Railroad train car will be relocated, making way for new pathways, ADA parking, additional trees and needed benches. Along with general updates to the pavilion, the basketball court will be resurfaced.

In an effort to Connect Our Parks to each other and surrounding communities, new borough-wide wayfaring signage will create walking routes to parks, walking trails and other areas of interest.

The entire plan, or the Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan (CRPOS), is available for view by visiting LemoynePA.com and navigating to the Community Development page. It can be found on the CRPOS link. As always, we welcome your feedback!

Rebecca Coleman, *Council Member*

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Borough has lost many large mature trees this summer. Property owners all over town have had to remove once beautiful and mature trees which gave their property, as well as the Borough, a lot of beauty and character. Many were diseased or were at the end of their life and had become hazardous, so it was prudent to remove them.

It is just as important to consider replanting them. A tree is planted for "the future", but as soon as it is planted it becomes an investment in increased property value as well as adding beauty to your home and our town. If you had to remove a tree from your property for any reason, please consider replacing it with another, either this fall or next spring. A permit is not required for planting or removing trees in your yard that are not adjacent to the street.

Just a reminder that a permit is required to remove or plant a tree along any street in the Borough. In keeping with the Borough Ordinance, Chapter 499-5, any tree removed must be replaced with a new tree. We are committed to maintaining our "urban canopy" and keeping Lemoyne green. Permits are available on the Borough website.

John Leverentz, *Shade Tree Commission Chairperson*



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During a discussion at a Borough meeting this spring, staff expressed concern about the condition and organization of the old record drawings from Borough projects and permit submissions. Past practice had been to simply place them on shelves in the Borough Office basement with minimal marking and little meaningful organization, resulting in it being almost impossible to locate a drawing, if desired. The basement environment is also ill suited for long term storage.

A group of volunteers led by John Leverenz offered to assist the staff in finding a resolution. The effort was helped by obtaining the donation of a drawing-file cabinet from local engineering firm Gannett Fleming. With that in hand the volunteers began a process to sort the drawings by year and eliminate duplications. Most drawings date from the 1970s to the present with a few from earlier years. Each drawing is recorded on a register with the project name, year, street address and file drawer number and placed in a drawer. A little detective work is sometimes required where the building or location is not identified.

The project is a little over halfway complete. Although sometimes a little tedious, the effort offers a fascinating

view into the many changes in Lemoyne over the past 80 years. An early find was a map book of all properties located in the Borough in 1941. At that time the Borough northern boundary was Indiana Avenue. In 1973 KFC came to Lemoyne. 1974 brought the initial expansion of the I-83 South Bridge. The townhouse apartments on Pear Street were proposed in 1975. Kessler's Foods underwent a major renovation in 1976. In 1977 Konhaus Farms (located in the current Ace Hardware store) submitted a subdivision plan for the 10th Street Plaza. In 1978 Wray's Music, Penn Supreme mini-mart and Shenk Athletic renovated buildings on Market Street. The next year Speedy Muffler King and Johnson, Johnson, Flower and Duffie joined them. Sometimes even what is proposed, but not built, is interesting. Do you know that Red Barn restaurants were once proposed for both 3rd and Lowther and 10th and Lowther? In 1973 a proposed development at Indiana and 12th Street would have included a 30-story high rise residential building, a commercial park, garden apartments and tennis club. Probably good that never made it any further.

Gene Koontz, *Council Member*

## West Shore Historical Society



### Hello Lemoyne!

The West Shore Historical Society (WSHS) is the recognized historical society for Wormleysburg, Lemoyne, and New Cumberland Boroughs, and Lower Allen, Hampden, Silver Spring and Fairview Townships.

In recent months we have hosted book signings by authors Joe Cress and David Peiffer at our Camp Hill Headquarters. We've also participated in events such as Arbor Day and Music at Negley in Lemoyne and co-hosted the very successful "An Evening with Jeff Shaara" at the West Shore Country Club.

We continue in our partnership with the Cumberland County Historical Society and encourage you to attend the 2nd Annual Holiday House Tour on December 1st, 2024. For tickets visit <https://www.historicalsociety.com/event/2nd-annual-holiday-house-tour/> Last year's tour sold out so get your tickets soon!

Currently we are petitioning the state to reconsider the transfer of ownership of the Peace Church in Hampden Township. Visit <https://westshorehistoricalsociety.org/peace-church/> for more information and to sign our on-line petition.

WSHS is an all-volunteer non-profit working to keep our history alive. Want to get involved? Contact [janice@wshistoricalociety.org](mailto:janice@wshistoricalociety.org) for volunteer opportunities. Visit [www.westshorehistoricalsociety.org/donate](http://www.westshorehistoricalsociety.org/donate) to become a member!

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# SPOOKY SEASON IS APPROACHING, SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT

As a Dad and Halloween lover, I wanted to share some tips to ensure a fun and safe evening for everyone. Trick-or-Treat night falls on the Thursday evening before Halloween each year in Lemoyne...which coincidentally is October 31st this year. Let's make it a memorable evening for all the right reasons!

Please remind your little ghosts and goblins to stay on sidewalks and use crosswalks. Carrying flashlights or glow sticks is essential for visibility, and younger children should always be accompanied by an adult. Houses that wish to participate should indicate so by leaving a porch light on or standing outside with their treats, otherwise remind your young ones to skip darkened houses. If you're driving, be extra cautious—kids are excited and may not always pay attention to traffic.

We're fortunate to have our dedicated officers from the West Shore Regional Police on foot patrol again this year. Be sure to say hello—they might have a glow stick or surprise for your little ones!

Also, while planning for the big night remember costumes should be safe and comfortable for trick-or-treating. Ensure they're not too long to avoid tripping and consider using face paint instead of masks for better visibility. Finally, remember to inspect all treats before indulging, and be mindful of allergies or potential hazards.

I'm looking forward to seeing our community come together for this festive night, which is always a blast throughout the Borough. Sydney and I will be out with our two little ones, so if you spot us, be sure to say hello!

Wishing everyone a spooky, safe, and fun Halloween!

Jesse Monoski, Council Member



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## Emergency Preparedness Means You!

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We often hear reports of how the various first responding organizations ramp up to address the problem doing their best to save both life and property.

Yet, the question remains what have we done to help address any emergency which may befall us or our neighbors? Are we simply willing to stand by until help reaches us, or is there something we can each do to ensure our own safety during a period of uncertainty?

While we may consider it a small gesture, there are things we can do to mitigate the effect such occurrences have on us and our families until outside help arrives.

One of the first things that is recommended by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to be done is to create an emergency kit. It could include water (figure a gallon per person per day) and non-perishable food for several days, (can opener if food is in cans), extra cell phone battery or a back-up charging battery, a battery powered or hand-crank radio, flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit, a whistle to signal for help, a dust mask to filter contaminated air, plastic sheeting and duct tape if you must shelter in place and must tape off windows and doors. These items can be kept in a plastic tub or a duffel bag for easy access.

Additional items might include, prescription medicines and glasses, infant formula and diapers, pet food and water, copies of important documents (i.e. Insurance policies, Identification cards, and bank accounts), matches in a waterproof container, a change of clothing, and other items you deem necessary.

Also, you might wish to make a plan with your family as to where you might meet or communicate if you get separated. Having this in place can help ease the worry while you are apart.

For more information and a more detailed list and other suggestions, visit <https://www.ready.gov/kit>

By doing this now, you can be better prepared to take the necessary steps to protect yourself and your family.

Stay well. Stay safe. Stay prepared.

Joe Gargiulo, *Council Member*

## West Shore Bureau of Fire - Emergency Calls Up ...Volunteers Down

Pennsylvania has approximately 37,000 volunteer firefighters across 67 counties (about 550 per county). In the last generation, the Commonwealth had more than 300,000—a reduction of almost 90%. Comparatively, there has not been a 90% drop in emergency calls. Companies respond to more than house fires and vehicle accidents. They handle a tree down in the road after a storm, live electrical lines dangling from a broken pole, or the smell of natural gas in your neighbor's kitchen. Our local first responders could also be called to a derailed train transiting the Enola Yards. No doubt, these scenarios make the proverbial alarm bells ring for us all. Volunteer fire companies have proud histories, and they save PA residents about \$10 billion annually, but numbers are undisputably declining. Obviously, it can be dangerous and not everyone seeks this profession. Most members already work full-time jobs while making themselves available 24-7-365. Add to that, the need for continual training and fundraising for apparatus, firehouse facilities, and their own personal protective equipment (PPE). (The Entry Level Firefighter curriculum alone consists of four courses and 130+ separate courses running from 2 to 60 hours.) This is no small commitment.

Campaigns like **STEP UP, GEAR UP** are working to increase recruitment, and members do get a few financial incentives (tax credits and insurance), but it is the personal determination and sense of purpose that firefighters have in their hearts that keeps them engaged day after day.

**On average in the last two years, WSBF has responded to 55 calls per month, or 1.8 calls per day.** Every time a unit rolls out, that team counts on volunteers to respond and resolve the situation, whatever it might be. WSBF is also counting on you. The charitable gifts residents give is the lifeblood of our department, and we say,

“Thank you so much.” Let's put these statistics and trends in perspective. WSBF must deliver reliable fire and public safety services. As things change, we may be compelled to hire paid firefighters to meet the needs. That means adding payroll expenses to a budget that has grown little in recent years, even as we plan ahead to update aging apparatus and handle building maintenance. The Wormleysburg and Lemoyne volunteer fire companies merged in 1999, and WSBF has proudly protected our towns since then. We exist to serve. Help us if you can with recruitment, retention, and fundraising this year so that, together, we can keep up the pace and stand ready when called. Thank you.

Todd Shadle, *Fire Commissioner | West Shore Bureau of Fire*



## Codes/Zoning Department

The school buses are rolling, the leaves are changing, and fall is upon us! Let's get to some updates;

Home Portal is a new feature on our website. It allows applicants to submit certain permit applications electronically on our [lemoynepa.com](http://lemoynepa.com) website. Choose 'Permit Applications' from the home page and follow the prompts. Building, Zoning and Street Cut permits are available to submit online! The process is easy, convenient and uploads to me directly. Please make sure you have the correct contact information when submitting as I will be reaching out to you with any questions and the amount due.

Lemoyne has a Residential Rental Unit Registration program for all rental properties in the Borough. This program was signed into effect in 2015 with Ordinance 732. All rental properties are required to be registered with the Codes office. Registration is quick. An inspection is required and there is an annual fee of \$15.00. Electronic payments cannot be made for Rental Registration Fees through our website. Failing to register is a codes violation and subject to additional service fees and fines. PLEASE, property owners properly register all rental properties and if you are a renter make sure the property you are renting is registered with the Borough.

You may have your eye on the old Kessler's property! WOW what a transformation this project is shaping up to be. Brother and Sister Food Services have a ways to go and they have come a long way at the same time! Everything happening now is unfolding right in front of us! Stay tuned!

Enjoy the cooling temperatures "As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colours enough to paint the beautiful things I see." VINCENT VAN GOGH

Trisha Rafferty, Codes and Zoning Administrator

## Message from the Chief of Police



The West Shore Regional Police Department prides itself on working for and with the community. Chief Minium and Assistant Chief Friel invited residents to join them on a walk throughout the community. These walks allowed for open communication between the public and police in efforts to improve the quality of life by providing the community with an opportunity to voice their concerns.

The walks occurred on:

September 5th (5p-6p) 200 – 500 Blocks of Walnut Street Lemoyne

September 10th (5p-6p) 800 – 1000 Blocks of Yverdon Drive Camp Hill

September 19th (5p-6p) 500 – 800 Blocks of Hummel Ave Lemoyne

September 24th (5p-6p) 100 – 300 Blocks of South Second Street Wormleysburg

If you missed the walks and would like to chat with the Chiefs, feel free to contact them on their cell phones:

\*Chief Anthony Minium - 717-319-1802 \*Asst Chief John Friel - 717-350-0058

### Lemoyne Borough Ordinance Reminders

§ 206-2 Curfew hours.

No minor shall be or remain in or upon any public place or any establishment between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day, unless such minor is accompanied by a parent or is engaged in gainful and lawful employment during the time prohibited. **Definition of a MINOR** - Any person under the age of 18 years.

§ 146-5 **Animal waste.**

No owner shall cause, suffer or allow the animal to soil, defecate or urinate on any sidewalk, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk or on any public property whatsoever, or on any private property without the permission of the owner of said property. This restriction shall not apply to that portion of the street lying between the curblines in any common thoroughfare, passageway or alley, which shall be used to curb such animal under the following conditions:

- The owner or person controlling such animal shall immediately remove all feces deposited by the animal by any sanitary and reasonable manner.
- The person owning or controlling said animal shall dispose of said feces in a sanitary manner.

Chief Tony Minium, West Shore Regional Police Department

As summer winds down and the days get shorter and cooler, it doesn't mean you have to give up the fun!  
*Its How Autumn is Done*

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**WYRec** WEST SHORE RECREATION COMMISSION

Fall is here and everyone is starting new routines again. It is important to stay active, learn something new and find activities to enhance your daily life.

The **New WYRec** guide features many activities to:

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- add joy to your life, no matter your age or ability level.

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For more information on the activities being offered or to register for a program call the WYRec office at 717-920-9515 or visit <https://westshorerec.org>

## Lemoyne Pool

The Lemoyne Pool at the east end of Herman Avenue is a little gem of an asset that many people do not think about except on the really hot days of summer. This past summer has been a particularly good one for the pool as this year's season passes exceeded previous seasons. Walk-ins were once again permitted, and the pool fund ran in the black for the first time since the Covid 19 epidemic. We were also fortunate to be able to hire highly qualified staff as lifeguards to operate the pool and ensure that your visit was a positive and safe experience for all.

This year that combination of organization and skilled training came in handy when, on August 16, one of our patrons experienced a medical emergency while in the pool. Thanks to the swift and heroic actions of the pool staff, including Pool Manager Travis White and lifeguards Noah Woulfe, Charlotte James, and Gianna Zanolini,

who immediately removed the individual from the water and performed CPR, the patient regained spontaneous breathing and was alert upon the arrival of the Penn State EMS. The EMS crew commended our staff, stating that without their fast actions, the outcome would have been very different. A proclamation publicly recognizing and commending these individuals for their courageous actions, and to express our profound gratitude for their dedication to our community was presented at the September 5, 2024 Council Meeting. These young people and their dedication to the safety and well-being of our visitors cannot be overstated. We can all feel safe and secure in the knowledge that these individuals were on duty and responded when needed.

Joe Gargiulo, *Council member*

## Tax Collector

### Important Reminder - Real Estate Tax Due Dates

2024 Cumberland County/Lemoyne Borough and West Shore School District Real Estate Taxes are due by 12/31/2024. Reminder notices will be issued in early November. Payments made after 12/14/2024 must be in the form of cash, certified check or money order. No personal or business checks will be accepted. Appointments are available upon request. Contact Emily Border at the Lemoyne Tax Office with any questions. 717-761-7785, eborder@lemoynepa.com

## Curbs and Sidewalks...The Work Is Ongoing

Once again, the time has come to provide a reminder that Lemoyne Borough has been continuing to follow a plan for the replacement of sidewalks and curbs. This is not anybody's favorite topic, but it is part of the ongoing program for our borough and being reminded of it well in advance is better than being surprised by a notice that your sidewalk needs a repair. That happened to residents in a nearby community who received a notice to fix their out of compliance sidewalk within 30 days or face fines. Not cool!

For the summer of 2025 the plan is to repair sidewalks and curbs along N. Eighth Street from Walnut Street to Indiana Ave. and along Pennsylvania Ave. from Ninth Street to the Dead End. These inspections have already taken place and all residents affected, including yours truly, have been notified by letter of the need to repair or replace sidewalks and curbs that do not meet borough code. We have been offered several options to help us to comply.

Beyond that and because of the extensive work Pennsylvania American Water did on Walnut Street during the summer of 2023, the plan that we had in place to have sidewalks and curbs along Walnut Street brought

up to code in 2026 may have to be amended. At this time digging up the newly surfaced roadway does not seem a good plan.

At the time that PA Water did the work and resurfaced the street, the borough was not prepared to have residents fix sidewalks and curbs. We surely thank PA American for doing the work on the roadway and saving the Borough the cost of that resurfacing. Regardless, we are still left with sidewalks and curbs that do not meet Borough standards. Even a cursory look at sidewalks along Walnut from Washington Terrace to Fifth Street show the poor condition they are in. Some are very unsafe to walk on.

Therefore, it is possible that while curbs may be left alone, property owners with sidewalks along parts of Walnut Street from Washington Terrace to Fort Street and from Fort Street to 5th Street may be receiving letters to bring their sidewalks into compliance. More will be known after we complete the budget process for next year.

We thank you for your understanding as we continue to work through the process of making Lemoyne a community where walking is encouraged.

Joe Gargiulo, *Council member*

# The Winter Food Web

## Nurturing Natural Bird Food in the Cold Seasons

By Steven Saffier, Audubon Pennsylvania



Birdfeeding is enjoyed by millions of people across the country and by many in our area. Seeing a variety of birds close to our windows, especially in winter, provides hours of viewing pleasure. But there are ways to go beyond simple birdfeeding while providing natural food and protection during the winter. Here are two:

1. Stop cleaning up: A landscape that contains leaf litter, spent perennials and other "dead" elements actually host countless overwintering insects (including pupating caterpillars!) that will eventually feed the birds. Entomologist Doug Tallamy writes, "The easiest way to preserve over-wintering insect populations is to relax our neatnik standards whenever possible." That's good news for many of us!
2. Plant native fruiting shrubs and seed producing trees which will provide cover and a food source into late fall and winter: Chokeberry, winterberry holly, dogwood, pines and birch are good choices.

Instead of being down time, fall and winter can be viewed as an integral part of nature's yearly cycle and your backyard can play a part. Author Sara Stein may have put it best in Noah's Garden(© 1993):

By thanksgiving it will seem as though the clock (has) wound down and stopped. But the pendulum has in fact reached the height of its swing, has stored more energy than at any other time of the year, and is poised to descend with all the gathered momentum of warm summer days downward through the cold to spring.

So despite a seemingly lifeless backyard, winter can be one of the most active times for birds looking for refuge in your private sanctuary.



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# Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

## BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



## Heating Equipment Smarts

**Install** wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

**Install** and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



## FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January,** and **February.**



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