



Leet Township Newsletter

198 Ambridge Avenue
Fair Oaks, PA 15003
724-266-2280
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday –Friday

Spring 2017



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Department: Mark Brooks,
Fire Chief
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keep leet neat

meet new people + improve your neighborhood • **APRIL 22** • 12 to 4pm

Leet Township and Little Sewickley Creek Watershed Assn.



Snacks, drinks, gloves, and garbage bags provided
Please wear closed toe shoes and long pants for your safety

LEET TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
198 Ambridge Ave, Ambridge, PA 15003

CONTACT ANDY WITH ANY QUESTIONS
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Leet Township Police Department
Non emergency: 724-266-6141

Chief William Wanto
Lieutenant Robert Simmons

Officer Ron Wilson
Officer Angel Moore
Officer Cody Wisenor

Officer Mike Molinaro
Officer Barry McQuaid
Officer Shawn English
Officer Bill Dreyer

From the Desk of Chief Wanto

With the current heroin epidemic, an increase in criminal activity goes along with it. The Leet Township Police Department advocates the use of alarm systems for residents. These systems are now very affordable compared to years ago. Also, video surveillance systems are a great tool in identifying any intruders. The Police Department utilizes surveillance equipment at both the Township Building and Plum Street Park. They have both proven invaluable on numerous occasions in identifying vandals. Recently, a stolen purse was recovered and the actor charged based on footage at Plum Street Park.

Your local cable companies have excellent systems that even allow you to monitor your home from your smart phone. Once again, these systems are very affordable and provide you piece of mind and should you be a crime victim, having them on video is invaluable for identification and prosecution.

Another thing you may want to do is a security check of your home. Take a few moments to make sure all of your door locks are in working order, and make sure your windows are secure. If you have a storage shed on your property, make sure it has a lock on it. The Police Department would be happy to assist residents with these checks. Just call the non-emergency number to schedule an appointment.

SHARP Program

Leet Township Police Officer Ron Wilson is the Township's certified SHARP instructor. This informative program, exclusively for women ages 14 and up, provides prevention tips and teaches non-lethal self-defense skills to stop assaults from the smallest level of school/workplace sexual harassment to the highest level of sexual assault; rape.

If you are interested in taking a class or if you know a group that may be interested you can email Officer Wilson directly at ofcwilsonleettwp@gmail.com or contact the office at 724-266-6142 for further information.



Officer Ron Wilson demonstrated self defense techniques on Officer Mike Molinaro during his SHARP Seminar at Leet Township last fall.

Crime Prevention Meetings

Crime Prevention Officer Wilson will hosts this summer's crime prevention program. Topics include theft, burglary, ID theft, drugs, etc. and the current crime trends in our area. Preventative measures are discussed to keep you and your property safe. If you are interested in attending this program, please contact Officer Wilson at ofcwilsonleettwp@gmail.com or call the police office at 724-266-6142.



Fair Oaks Fire Department
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www.fovfd.org
Fire Chief: Mark Brooks



The department has completed its transition from Station 46 to Station 308. New signage has been hung on the station and the trucks have been lettered to reflect the change.



Preparations are continuing as the department awaits the arrival of a new engine in April. A reserve engine was removed from service and sold to Ambridge Borough for use as a reserve engine there. Once the new engine is in service the current first out engine will be used as the reserve engine. Additionally, equipment and hose is being inventoried to ascertain what will need purchased to equip the new truck.



Please keep an eye out for this year's fund drive letter which will be mailed later in the summer, your donations are always appreciated and help equip and maintain the departments equipment in reliable and operational condition. If you would like to learn more about the department or volunteer visit the station at 190 Ambridge Avenue on Monday nights at 7 PM.

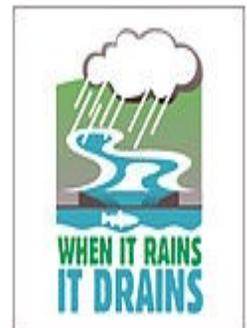
Leet Township Keep Leet Neat! Clean Water Initiative

Leet Township participates in the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Individual Permitting for Municipal Separate Storm Sewers Systems (MS4).

In simple terms, we monitor, regulate and educate our citizens about stormwater discharges in order to help keep our waterways as clean as possible. As an ongoing effort by the Township, Crew Leader Andy Wanto attended training and is certified as the Township's MS4 Coordinator. Andy, along with other Township team members, has attended hours of training on how to administer the MS4 Permit to prevent pollution from entering our storm drains and waterways. Andy wrote plans for administration of the permit and conducts water testing quarterly or after a significant rain event. The samples are then sent to the lab for testing. Andy also responds to any and all complaints regarding our storm drains and waterways. Betsy Rengers, Township Assistant Manager, wrote a public education outreach program that was adopted by the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG). Betsy worked with the QVCOG to execute the plan and reached out to local watershed associations to collaborate on educational events.

With implementation of the program, you may notice advertisements of organic lawn care programs and educational stormwater events, information about how to prevent pollution from entering our storm drains in the newsletters and on the website, and a list of the 2017 hard to recycle events can be found at: <http://leettownship.org/homepage>. Commentary on the program is given each month at the Board of Commissioners meetings.

If you notice any illicit discharge such as oils, trash, pesticides, grass clippings, etc. being put down a storm drain or in a waterway please call Leet Township Public Works at 724-266-8072 to report it. Or you may find a complaint form on the Township's website under: <http://leettownship.org/forms>. More information on clean stormwater visit our website at <http://leettownship.org/stormwater-education/>.



Recycling Events

Leet Township along with the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) will be sponsoring two hard to recycle events this year. The QVCOG has also partnered with the Pennsylvania Resource Council (PRC) to promote other recycling events in the area. For a full listing of local recycling events go to: <http://leettownship.org/homepage>.

EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2017

Creation, Facts and Predictions

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22nd, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and celebrated in more than 192 countries each year.

On Earth Day, we are encouraged to plant trees, pick up litter, and recycle. Ways we can help the environment on a daily basis are by reducing your footprint, stop using disposable plastic, buy local produce, and start composting along with other actions. For more information on Earth Day visit: www.earthday.org

Recycling Facts

Every **ton of paper** that is recycled **saves 17 trees.**



Recycling and composting **diverted nearly 70 million tons of material away from landfills** and incinerators in 2000, up from 34 million tons in 1990-doubling in just 10 years.



The energy we save when we recycle **one glass bottle** is enough to **light a light bulb for four hours.**

A national recycling rate of 30% **reduces greenhouse gas emissions** as much as removing nearly 25 million cars from the road.



Blast from the Past! Earth Day Predictions from the year 1970;

- Harvard Biologist George Wald estimated that "civilization would end within 15 to 30 years unless action was taken against problems facing mankind".
- Kenneth Watt warned about a pending Ice Age in a speech. "The world has been chilling sharply for about 20 years", he declared. "If present trends continue the world will be about four degrees colder for the global mean temperature in 1990, but eleven degrees colder in the year 2000. This is about twice what it would take to put us into an ice age."
- Senator Gaylord Nelson wrote in Look Magazine that, "Dr. S. Dillion Ripley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, believes that in 25 years, somewhere between 75 and 80 percent of all living species of animals will be extinct."

LEET TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Foreman: Richard Watach

724-266-8072

Department Hours: Monday –Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Crew Leader: Andy Wanto

Free Compost

Sometime in mid-April, any resident who would like to have seasoned leaf compost for their gardens, flower beds, or for growing grass, should contact the Public Works Department at 724-266-8072 during regular work hours to arrange for pick-up of this material. The compost storage pile is located at the Township Building on Ambridge Ave.

Spring Leaf Pickup

Repairs are underway on our leaf machine, which broke down towards the end of last pick up season. We are planning to make a check of our streets to pick up any leaves we might of missed from last season as soon as repairs are complete. Residents can also bag their leaves and put them at the curb for Public Works to pick up. Please call 724-266-8072 if you want your bags of leaves picked up.

2017 Street Paving Project

At the February Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board unanimously approved the 2017 Paving Project. The project, slated to take place sometime this summer, will complete paving in Quaker Heights. Kenney Drive, from Pilgrim to Settler, Priscilla, Colonial, and William Penn Circle will be paved. The Township will notify the residents before paving starts.

Communication with the Public Works Department

Residents who have a question or problem regarding Township maintenance are asked to call the Public Works Department at 724-266-8072. If there is no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

Street Sweeping

As a part of our Clean Water Initiative, we have budgeted for and will be street sweeping several times through out the year.

Code Enforcement in Leet Township

Leet Township subscribes to the International Property Maintenance Code. This code speaks to property maintenance to help insure the health, safety and welfare of our residents. Properties should be keep free of debris, old tires, and junk. Entryways into homes should be accessible and free of clutter incase of an emergency. Cars must be registered and have current inspection stickers. Sidewalks are required to be in good repair and free of debris. If you have a complaint or concern regarding this code, please contact Leet Township Code Enforcement Officer Andy Wanto at 724-630-7080.

Be the solution...



...to water pollution!

Please be aware that our storm sewers drain directly into our local creeks and waterways! Pesticides, fertilizers, dirt, soap, and debris has an adverse effect on water quality.

Real Estate Tax Collection
 Cindy Wanto, Leet Twp. Real Estate Tax Collector
 198 Ambridge Ave, Fair Oaks, PA 15003
 724-266-2280 ext. 3

2017 Tax Collection Hours:
 Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. /Thursdays 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

2017 Real Estate Tax Due Dates

Municipal Real Estate Taxes	Due Date
2% Discount	March 15th– May 15th
Face	May 16th– July 15th
Penalty	After July 15th
Turned over to Portnoff (Delinquent Tax Collector)	December 31st
School Tax	Due Date
2% Discount	July 1st– Aug. 31st
Face	Sept. 1st – Oct. 31st
Penalty	After Oct. 31st
Turned over to Jordan (School District’s Delinquent Tax Collector)	April 30th
School Tax Installments (No discount)	Due Date
1st Payment	Aug. 31st
2nd Payment	Sept. 30th
3rd Payment	November 30th
4th Payment	Jan. 31st

Leet Township Tax Installment Payments

Leet Township offers it’s residents a Real Estate Tax Installment Payment Plan. The due dates for installment are currently being changed and the change will be voted on at the April 10th Board of Commissioners meeting. Newly proposed due dates are:

April 30th, June 30th, August 31st
 and October 31st.

If you are interested in this program, please call Cindy or stop by the Township Office during tax collection hours.

Senior Citizen Tax Relief

Allegheny County and Leet Township offer real estate tax relief to low income senior citizens.

To qualify for this program you:

- must own and occupy the primary Allegheny County residence for the past 10 years. A property owner who has moved within the past 10 years, and has continued to own and occupy the new property as a primary residence shall be eligible.
- You must be 60 years old or older, or if married, either spouse must be age 60. If a widow or widower, age 50. If disabled, age 18. (Proof of age is required)
- Your total gross household income must be \$30,000.00 or less. (Proof of income is required)

Program deadline is June 30, 2017.

For more information or to pick up an application stop by to see Cindy during tax collection hours.

BUILDING AND OCCUPANCY PERMITS

A Building Permit must be obtained from the Building Inspector before any existing or proposed building or alteration is made. This includes changes of grade, walls, **fences**, swimming pools, driveways, etc.

Occupancy Permits are required with each and every change in occupancy and annually if you are a landlord.

For building or occupancy permits or if you have a question pertaining to either please call Leet Township Building Inspector Joe Luff at (412) 766-2565.

Municipal Primary Election

Exercise your right to vote!

Municipal Primary Election

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Fair Oaks residents may cast their votes at the Fair Oaks Fire Hall.

Residents in the Camp Meeting area may cast their votes at Health South.

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Speeding in Leet Township

With the warmer weather arriving, it never fails that speeding increases in our neighborhoods. We will receive numerous complaints, especially in housing developments. The Police Department will be proactive in reducing speeding by setting up enrad (laser speed timing) and utilizing speed checks with VASCAR.

While driving, check your speed. Keep in mind that 90% of the violators are our own residents. If you notice a particular area where speeding is occurring, let us know. Take note of the times of day it is happening. Stop sign violations will also be monitored.

Remember to wear your seatbelt. This could be instrumental in saving your life. Also, child 8 years old and younger are required to be in a child restraint or booster seat. In Pennsylvania, this first time offense carries a \$75.00 fine.