



# Leet Township Newsletter

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



Fall 2017

Visit our website: [leettownship.org](http://leettownship.org).

## Leet Township Commissioners

Gary L. Bradel, President

John J. Stephansky,  
Vice President

Susan Barness  
James Janaszek  
Jeff Besong

## Leet Township Contact Information

Wayne Hyjek, Township Manager, Right to Know Officer 724-266-2280, option 1

Betsy Rengers, Assistant Manager, Secretary 724-266-2280, option 2

Bill Wanto, Chief of Police  
Non-emergency: 724-266-6141

Andy Wanto, \ Leet Township Public Works Foreman/Code Enforcement: 724-266-8072

Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire Department: Chief Mark Brooks  
Non-emergency: 724-266-6133

Leet Township Municipal Authority (sewer): 724-266-8516

Cindy Wanto, Tax Collector: 724-266-2280, option 3

Building Inspector/  
Occupancy Permits  
Joe Luff: 412-766-2565

## Curbside Leaf Removal Service

Public Works will begin curb-side leaf pick-up the week of September 25th and continue until the week of December 4th.

We ask residents to place their leaves in rows as close to the roadside as possible. Please try to avoid piling leaves by mailboxes, underneath trees and shrubs, near yard ornaments, and decorations, or in any other hard to reach places.

**DO NOT** mix grass clippings, mulch, sticks or any other yard waste in the piles! It can damage our equipment, and shut us down for unnecessary repairs and maintenance. We will **not** pick up leaves from hard to reach areas, or if they contain any yard waste/debris. If this situation occurs, please check that your pile is in a good location for pickup and/or remove any debris so we can get it the next time we come around.

Feel free to bag up grass clippings or other yard waste and place it out for regular scheduled garbage pick-up. If you use a contractor for yard maintenance, please advise them of our policies. Thank you!

Please call us at 724-266-8072 with any questions or concerns.



*Trick or Treat Night in Leet Township/Fair Oaks*

*Tuesday, October 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.*



Leet Township Board of Commissioners  
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### Leet Twp. Bills Due? Charge them!



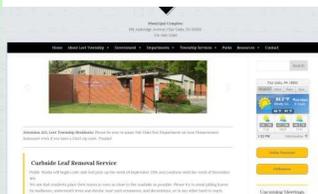
Leet Township allows for any and all Township fees and payments to be paid on-line. Go to the leettownship.org Homepage and click on "On line Payments" for a listing of payment tabs. MasterCard, Discover, Visa and ACH are accepted for payments. For MasterCard, Discover and Visa a convenience fee of \$2.45 will be added to transactions under \$100.00 or for transactions over \$100.00, 2.45% of the total amount will be added at checkout. ACH payments have a flat rate of \$1.50 per transaction.

### Delinquent Taxes

To avoid penalty fees and interest, please pay your taxes on time. Leet Township sends delinquent taxes to Portnoff Law Associates for collection. Once the taxes go into collection interest, attorneys fees, court costs and other fees are added to the balance. If the taxes are unpaid for a specific amount of time, the property will be sent to Sherriff's Sale. Leet Township will then recoup unpaid taxes through this process. Leet Township Real Estate Taxes are delinquent if not paid by December 31st.

### Navigating Our Website

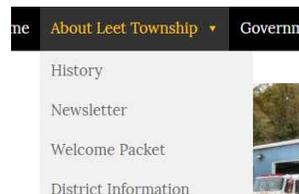
Looking for information regarding Township services, meetings or events? Check out [www.leettownship.org](http://www.leettownship.org).



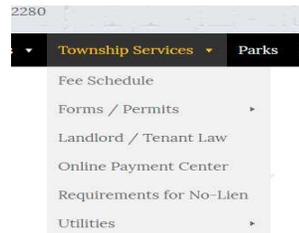
On the homepage you will find information on meeting dates and times along with current Township news and events.



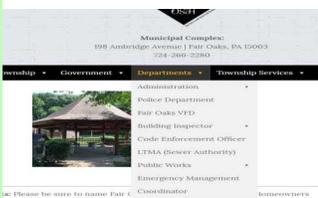
For information on Commissioners, Agendas and Meeting Minutes, Boards, Tax Collection and the current Budget may be found under "Government".



For information on Leet Township History, general information for new residents and district information click "About Leet Township" for a drop down list.



For Fees, Forms and Permits, Landlord and Tenant Law, requirements for No-lien letters, and Utilities, click "Township Services". Under Utilities you will find a sub page for Waste Management with their calendar.



For information on Township Administration, the Police Department, the Fire Department, Building Inspector, Code Enforcement, the Sewer Authority, Public Works or Emergency Management click on "Departments" for a drop down list. On this list under "Building Inspector", you will find a sub page with our Zoning Map and Ordinances. Under "Public Works" you will find a sub page with information on Stormwater.



### Fair Oaks Fire Department

190 Ambridge Avenue

Fair Oaks, PA 15003

Non-emergency:

724-266-6133

[www.fovfd.org](http://www.fovfd.org)

Fire Chief: Mark Brooks



The new engine has arrived and the department is extremely pleased with the finished product. Currently hose and equipment is being added to the truck. Drivers are being trained and certified. The truck has many safety and operational enhancements that were not available when the last new engine was purchased 21 years ago. The new truck is more than capable to serve the community well into the future.



Please join us for an **Open House** on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM till 2PM to take a look at the new truck and learn more about what the fire department does in the community. Hot dogs and light refreshments will be served and there will be activities for children of all ages. The station is located at 190 Ambridge Ave. in the Fair Oaks neighborhood of Leet Township.

Leet Township provides the department with \$44,000.00 a year and covers the cost of workers compensation insurance. Along with purchasing a new truck comes the need for additional equipment. We count on the additional support from the community to cover any additional expenses. Some equipment was purchased with the truck, some was relocated from other trucks and some new equipment will need to be purchased.

Be on the lookout for our **Annual Fund Drive** letter which will be arriving in your mail box soon. Please consider donating to the department. All of the donations come directly back to the department. The donations will be used to purchase equipment, fund operations and is considered tax deductible.

You can also support the department by attending our annual **TURKEY BINGO**. Turkey BINGO is open to all ages and will be held 4 nights at the station on November 13th, 14th, 20th and 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 7PM.

On Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> **Santa** will visit the township on the fire truck starting in the Quaker Heights neighborhood at 3PM.

We look forward to seeing you at our open house or at one of our other community events.





## Leet Township Police Department

Non-emergency: 724-266-6141

CHIEF WILLIAM WANTO  
LIEUTENANT BOB SIMMONS

Officer Ron Wilson  
Officer Mike Molinaro  
Officer Shawn English  
Officer Mike Pszenny

Officer Angel Moore  
Officer Barry McQuaid  
Officer Bill Dryer



Pictured above: Officer Michael Molinaro, Officer Angel Moore and Officer Ronald Wilson

### Leet Township Officers recognized for Life Saving Efforts

I would like to take this opportunity to commend three Leet Township Police Officers; Ronald Wilson, Angel Moore, and Michael Molinaro. Each of these officers have been awarded life saving recognition for saving a life through the use of Narcan. Since the Department began using Narcan two years ago, it has been used 18 times. Often, when officers arrive on the scene of an overdose, the victim is found unresponsive and not breathing. These officers have saved multiple lives. As Chief of Police, I realize that there are different opinions in regard to the current opioid crisis. Some view the use of heroin and other opioids as a life choice. Others, may perceive it as an addiction or disease. In either case, the responsibility for saving lives falls onto the Department. Regardless of opinions, the victim can be someone's mother, father, brother or sister, and I am proud of these officers for their efforts. ~Chief Wanto~

### Leet Township Police Department Receives Donation from Watson Institute

The Leet Township Police Department would like to publically thank Watson Institute for its generous donation of \$1,500.00 which will allow for the purchase of mobile computer equipment. This equipment will allow the Department to access CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) where calls and other information are sent directly to police cars.

## *Emergency Management for Residents in Need*

This hurricane season had potential to bring our area some heavy rain and damaging weather. Fortunately, we were spared. However, it prompted an Emergency Management meeting in which the need for disaster preparation was discussed. The Township's Emergency Management Coordinator Dave Volk expressed the need to identify any and all residents who may require special assistance during a weather event. Often times during these events power can be lost for days. Transportation can be limited, and services halted. It is critical that the Township be made aware of those residents who may require special attention. If you or a family member are in need, please take a few minutes to notify the Township.

Leet Township Police Department is compiling a list of residents that need special medical assistance during an emergency. If your loved one has special needs or you know someone that needs assistance during an emergency, please contact the Leet Township Police Department at 724-266-6142. For more information go to <http://leettownship.org/police-department/news-events/> or please stop in.

You may also find a copy of the "Premise Alert Request Form for First Responders" form at: <http://leettownship.org/police-department/news-events/>

All information given is confidential.

### MEETUP SPOT

These days folks are doing a lot of their shopping on-line. Often times, local purchasing through Craigslist and newspaper ads occurs. Along with this convenience, comes a risk of getting ripped off or even robbed. Meeting someone you don't know can be very risky. The Township has a designated meetup spot so that you can make your purchase/exchange in a safer manner. That spot is located at the Leet Township Municipal Building in the parking lot. There is cctv coverage from several cameras and it is just steps away from the Police Department. Don't take unnecessary risk, just pull in the lot in front of the green sign to make your exchanges.



### HOUSE/PROPERTY NUMBERS

Leet Township Ordinance 237 requires each property owner within the Township to have the address number displayed to identify your property. Numbers should be at least 4 inches in height with a minimum width of 1/2 inch and be visible in adverse weather conditions and at night. Property numbers are important for emergency situations. Please make sure that you are in compliance with this ordinance to avoid a visit from the code enforcement officer.

### *MedReturn Box*

*If any residents have unused medication and need to dispose of it, the Department has a medication disposal box located at the entrance of the Municipal Building.*

*This secured unit is maintained by the PA Army National Guard and is emptied on a regular basis. Don't keep unused meds around where they can be stolen or accidentally ingested by a child.*



## LEET TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Foreman: Andy Wanto  
724-266-8072

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

### Keeping of Chickens in Leet Township

Ordinance 2015-5, adopted 8/10/2015, speaks to the keeping of farm animals. Chickens may be kept but require not only a Zoning Permit (\$55.00, issued by the Leet Township Zoning Officer Joe Luff), but an annual Keeping Permit (\$50.00) to be filed with the Leet Township Manager's Office. The ordinance also spells out how to house the chickens, the number, types of chickens and how to dispose of the waste.

You may find the entirety of the ordinance on our website at [www.leettownship.org/ordinances/Chapter 2, Part 4](http://www.leettownship.org/ordinances/Chapter%202,%20Part%204) or stop by the office for a copy.

Chickens are only allowed to be kept in certain zoning districts and must be fenced and have a coup. The Ordinance allows for the Township to inspect the coup and/or chicken run at any time. The fence and the coup must meet the Zoning Regulations within the district. Chickens running at large are considered a nuisance. Before you decide to have chickens, please review the Ordinance and file for a Zoning and Keeping Permit at the Township Office.

Please be aware that this Ordinance is in place to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents because chickens can carry a host of diseases.

#### **§ 2-401 Permissible Animals.**

[Ord. 2015-05, 8/10/2015, § 201]

All kinds of animals may be maintained within the Township for noncommercial purposes provided such maintenance is not in violation of any federal, state and/or county law, rule and/or regulation except, bovine animals, sheep, goats, porcine (pigs), fowl and poultry may not be maintained within the Township, except that chickens which meet the requirements of § [2-403](#) herein may be maintained within the Township.

### Sidewalks

#### Section 302.3 of the Property Maintenance Code states:

*Sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways and parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.*

The code official is authorized to require that all sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, etc., are usable and kept in proper repair. Walking surfaces that have deteriorated to a condition that presents a hazard to pedestrians must be repaired or replaced to eliminate the hazard and thus reduce the potential for accidents and injury.

The Township is currently assessing the conditions of the sidewalks. It is the property owners responsibility to make sure that the sidewalk is in good condition, maintained and free from hazardous conditions, this includes ice and snow removal in winter months.

## Draining of Pools/Hot tubs

Water from swimming pools and hot tubs often contains high levels of chlorine. Discharging chlorinated pool or spa water into streams, (irrigation canals or ponds, etc.) is harmful to fish and other aquatic life. The discharge of any sewage or industrial waste, including swimming pool water to any water of the Commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law, the Act of June 22, 1037, P.L. 1987, as amended.

The DEP does not require a permit for discharges from single residence pools, provided the guidelines outlined are followed: for a copy of the guidelines go to :

<http://leettownship.org/stormwater-education/>

Or you may contact the DEP at: Southwest Regional Office  
400 Waterfront Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745  
412-442-4000

## Stormwater Facts

Did you know that:

### ***Significant stormwater pollutants include:***

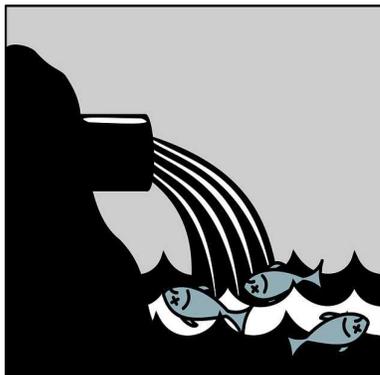
- Sediment
- Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals from motor vehicles
- Fertilizers and pesticides used on lawns, gardens, roadways, etc.
- Viruses and bacteria from pet waste and failing septic systems, litter and trash from motorists, pedestrians and businesses.

### ***Polluted stormwater runoff is the number one water pollutant.***

As stormwater moves across developed areas, it picks up garbage, debris, sediment, chemicals, automotive fluids, fertilizers, leaves and other pollutants from parking lots, yards, streets, roofs and other hard surfaces. If untreated, these pollutants enter our waterways.

The three most polluted rivers in the United States are the Ohio River, the Mississippi River, and the New River.

The Ohio River is the source of drinking water for more than three million people. During rainstorms, raw sewage is discharged directly into the river at over 1,350 points along the river. A result is that stretches of the Ohio River near many major cities are closed to swimming.



Do your part to help clean up our waterways: Pick up after your pet, don't drain your swimming pool or hot tub into a storm drain, limit the use of fertilizers on your lawn, keep your storm drains free of debris.

For more information visit: <http://leettownship.org/stormwater-education/>

## 2017 Important Dates



### Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins November 5th.  
Turn your clocks back and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

### Plum Street Park Pavilion Closes for the Season

After another great summer season, Plum Street Park Pavilion will close:  
Week of October 23rd

### Leet Township Board of Commissioners Meetings 724-266-2280

All meetings held at:  
Leet Township Municipal Building  
198 Ambridge Ave  
Fair Oaks, PA 15003.

Meetings start at 7 p.m. are open to the public.

- ⇒ October 9th-Budget Meeting immediately following Regular Meeting
- ⇒ November 13th-Budget Meeting immediately following Regular Meeting
  - ⇒ December 11th

### Election Day

*Election Day will be held on November 7th. Fair Oaks Residents may cast their votes at the Fair Oaks Fire Hall. Residents located in the Camp Meeting Road area may cast their votes at Health South. Polling hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.*



### Driveways, Parking Pads, and Any Alterations to Your Property

Please be aware that any and all alterations to your property including, but not limited to; driveways, retaining walls, parking pads, swimming pools, skating rinks, fences and chicken coups require that a Zoning Certificate of Compliance be filed with the Township to make sure that the project is in compliance with Leet Township Ordinances. The Zoning Certificate cost \$55.00 and is reviewed by Leet Township Building Inspector Joe Luff.

You may download a copy of the Zoning Certificate at [www.leettownship.org/building](http://www.leettownship.org/building) inspector or pick one up at the Township Building. For questions about a Zoning Certificate or Building Permit, please call Joe directly at 412-766-2565.

### Waste Management Holiday Schedule 1-800-866-4460

**October:** Regular Pickup

**November:** Regular Pickup

**December: No pickup on Monday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day, put garbage out on Tuesday, Dec. 26th**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT ASKS THAT YOUR GARBAGE AND REFUSE BE PLACED AT THE CURB AFTER 6 P.M. AND BEFORE 6 A.M. FOR COLLECTION.**

### Leet Township Municipal Office Holiday Schedule

The Municipal Office will be closed the following days:

Thursday, November 23rd(Thanksgiving Day)

Friday, November 24th

Friday, December 22nd  
Monday, December 25th