



Leet Township Newsletter

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

Spring 2018



Visit our website: leettownship.org.

Leet Township Commissioners

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Leet Township Contact Information

Betsy Rengers, Manager,
Right to Know Officer
724-266-2280, ext. 1

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

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

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

Leet Township Municipal
Authority (sewer): Elaine
Macurak, Assist. Secretary:
724-266-8516

Cindy Wanto, Leet Twp.
Real Estate Tax Collector,
724-266-2280, ext. 3

Building Inspector
Joe Luff, 412-766-2565

Quaker Valley School
District Tax Collector:
Jordan Tax Service
Attn: QVSD Tax Dept.
102 Rahway Rd.
McMurray, PA 15317
724-731-2300

Leet Township seeking Part-time Treasurer

Leet Township is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the position of part-time Treasurer. This is a 16 hour a week position. The Township Treasurer shall work hand in hand to with the Manager to maintain all financial books, journals, ledgers and records. Duties include but are not limited to: AP, AR, account reconciliation, journal entries, generating reports, and budgeting.

The qualified candidate must:

- Have 5+ years of experience in the bookkeeping field.
- Be proficient at QuickBooks.
- Have strong organizational skills and attention to detail are a must.
- Be proficient in accrual basis of accounting.
- Have an Associate's Degree or higher in Accounting preferred.
- Have command of accounts receivable.
- Have a well-founded grasp of general ledger.
- Have a strong familiarity with journal entries.
- Have experience with financial statement preparation.
- Have comprehensive knowledge of accounts payable.

Interested candidates may send their resume to:

Leet Township
198 Ambridge Ave.
Fair Oaks, PA 15003
Attn: Manager

Resumes must be received no later than 12 noon on April 6, 2018.

Thanks to Wayne Hyjek

The Leet Township Board of Commissioners along with Township staff thank Wayne Hyjek for his time and service with the Township. Wayne was an integral member of the Leet Township Team!

Thanks Wayne!

Planning Commission Members Needed

The Leet Township Planning Commission is seeking two members to join the Commission. The Commission meets as needed to review and discuss ordinance amendments, subdivision plan reviews and development proposals.

If you are interested in this volunteer position, please send your *Letter of Interest* by 12 noon on April 6, 2018 to:

Leet Township
198 Ambridge Ave.
Fair Oaks, PA 15003
Attn: Manager

LEET TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

724-266-8072

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

Foreman 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 bring buckets and pickup compost at the Township Building located on Ambridge Ave. This year, due to excessive amounts of compost, we will deliver to residents who need large amounts. Please contact the Public Works Department at 724-266-8072 during regular work hours to arrange for delivery of this material.

Spring Leaf Pickup

We are planning to make a check of our streets to pick up any leaves we might of missed from last season. Residents can 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.

2018 Street Paving Project

At the March Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board unanimously approved the 2018 Paving Project for Beech Street. This project was bid in partnership with Leetsdale for a reduced cost. The project should take place before the 4th of July. We will let you know when we find out the exact date.

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.

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.

Keep Leet Neat Initiative

Take a look around your property: is it neat and clean, free of debris, cardboard boxes, junk vehicles, construction supplies and garbage in general? Leet Township residents take pride in their neighborhoods. If your yard or front/back porch needs a little attention, please take care of the issue. It will make your neighbors happy and prevent you from receiving a violation letter from the Code Enforcement Officer and possibly a fine.

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 in case of an emergency. Cars must be registered and have current inspection stickers.

This spring, we will be sending letters to those in violation of the Property Maintenance Code. The letter will include a photo of the troubled area and a request for the issue to be resolved in a timely fashion. If the issue is not resolved in the time allotted, an "in house" fine may be issued. Avoid a fine or possible trip to the Magistrate; please help us Keep Leet Neat!



Sidewalks

Please take a look at your sidewalks: maybe a slab has deteriorated or grass and shrubs are overtaking the walk. Please have the slab fixed and trim the shrubbery and grass to make the sidewalk safe and passable for all that may want to use it.

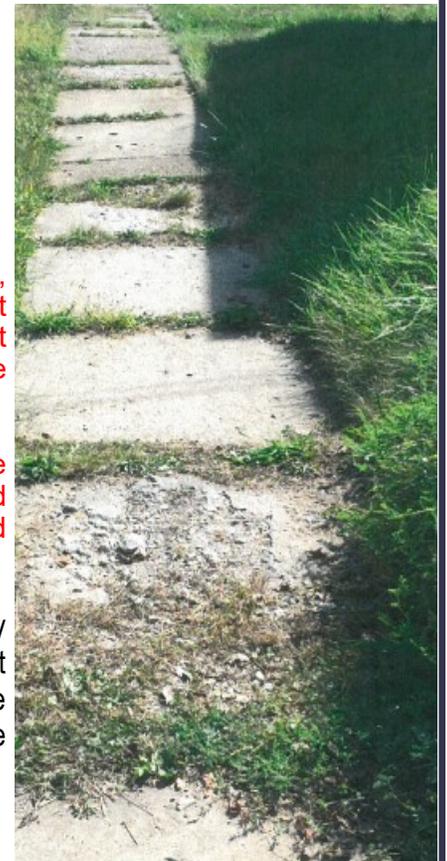
Section 302.3 of the Property Maintenance Code states:

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, including ice and snow removal in winter months.

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keep leet neat

meet new people + improve your neighborhood ● Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 12 to 2 pm.

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
andywanto@yahoo.com



Hard to Recycle Collection

with Pennsylvania Resources Council

WHEN

June 30, 2018
9 AM – 1 PM

WHERE

Quaker Valley High School

625 Beaver St, Leetsdale, PA 15056

FEES

- Monitors. \$20
- TVs \$30
- Console and Projection TVs . . \$40
- Car Tires, off rim (on rim). . . \$3.50 (on \$10)
- Alkaline Batteries. \$1.50 per lb
- Document shredding. \$5 per box
- Small Freon Appliances. \$10

PRESENTED BY

Quaker Valley Council of Governments and Pennsylvania Resources Council



ITEMS COLLECTED AT NO COST

laptops, CPU towers, keyboards, mice, cell phones, tablets, PDAs, home phones, stereos, DVD players, cables, copiers, fax machines, video game consoles, digital cameras, polystyrene packaging material, compact fluorescent light bulbs...and more!
Verified hard drive data Destruction available for a fee

Visit www.prc.org for more info and extensive list of items accepted

COST

See Fee Schedule to the left.

CONTACT

412.766.7458
www.qvcog.org





Leet Township Police Department
Non emergency: 724-266-6141

Chief William Wanto
Lieutenant Robert Simmons

Officer Ron Wilson
Officer Angel Moore

Officer Shawn English
Officer Bill Dreyer

Officer Mike Molinaro
Officer Barry McQuaid



Women unfortunately live with injustices every day!

We need to train and learn how to STOP IT NOW!

Classes are typically two hours.

Classes are free and fun!

Contact below for information on next class!

S.H.A.R.P.

Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention

Date: T.B.D.

S.H.A.R.P. training provides girls (14 y/o & up) and women of all ages non-lethal means of stopping an assault from the smallest levels of harassment to the highest levels of physical assault, regardless of size, strength, and experience. Topics will include work place harassment, public attacks, and behaviors of aggressors. Classes combine lecture and hands on instruction.

OFC. RON WILSON

Leet Twp. Police Dept.
198 Ambridge Ave.
Fair Oaks, PA 15003

412.266.6142

ofcwilsonleettwp@gmail.com

Navigate Prepared Training at Quaker Valley Middle School

Township Officers Ron Wilson and Mike Molinaro recently attended a seminar sponsored by Quaker Valley School District to discuss the operation of *Navigate Prepared*. This is a web based system that focuses on emergency preparedness and safety in school environments and is currently being utilized in the Quaker Valley School District.

The Leet Township Police Department will focus on educating employees at Watson Institute and Health South by hosting training sessions at these locations. The Police Department will update residents as these events are scheduled.





Fair Oaks Fire Department
190 Ambridge Avenue
Fair Oaks, PA 15003
Non-emergency:
724-266-6133
www.fovfd.org
Fire Chief: Mark Brooks



Homeowner's Insurance

Dear Residents: Please be sure to name Fair Oaks Fire Department on your homeowner's insurance, even if your zip code is 15143. Fire departments receive funding from the premium tax paid by the insurance companies for residents listed in their areas. Cochran Hose Company (Sewickley Fire Department) does not service Leet Township, but only assists the Fair Oaks Fire Department when needed.

Spring & Summer Fire Safety Tips

- Allow your tractor or lawn mower to cool down outside before being stored in a shed or garage.
- Clean and clear your mower or tractor of all accumulated lawn debris prior to storage, as dried grass near heated areas may cause a fire.
- Keep gas and fuel containers stored in well-ventilated outdoor storage areas.
- Have your tractor or mower serviced by a professional maintenance technician.
- Install and test smoke alarms in your garage and storage areas.
- Keep a fire extinguisher near and/or mounted on garage walls, kitchen areas and outdoor grills.
- Test your home smoke alarms monthly.
- Take the time to discuss and develop a home fire drill with all family members.
- Schedule a professional technician to service your air conditioning unit.
- Check the exhaust hoses on your clothes dryers for accumulated lint.

Safe Grilling

Whether you use charcoal, wood, gas or electricity for grilling, a moment's inattention can spell disaster. Below are some fire safety tips to ensure a summer of safe grilling.

- Keep grills away from combustibles, including the exterior of your house, balcony or garage.
- Check hose integrity and hose connections to make sure gas is not leaking from your gas grill. Apply soapy water to hoses and connections to reveal any leaks.
- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- Never store propane cylinders in your home or garage.
- Establish a "kid-free zone" of 3 feet around the grill, and keep pets from being underfoot.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited.
- Use only approved charcoal lighter fluid -- never gasoline or other combustibles -- to start charcoal fires.
- If your propane tank is more than 3 years old or shows signs of age, get a new one.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it.
- When finished grilling, first turn off the propane at the tank control and then turn off the grill fuel control.
- Gas grills have a higher fire risk than charcoal grills; leaks and fuel line cracks are the leading cause, accounting for nearly half of gas grill fires.
- Gas-fueled grills caused an estimated 600 home structure fires and 3,200 outdoor fires in 2011.
- Half of all gas and charcoal grill home fires begin on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch.
- Wall coverings, exterior trim, and plants are the leading items first ignited in home outdoor charcoal grill fires.
- Gas fuel is the leading item first ignited for home outdoor gas grill fires.
- Placing combustibles too close to heat, and leaving cooking unattended, are the 2 leading causes for charcoal grill home fires.

Real Estate Tax Collection

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

2018 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.

2018 Leet Twp. 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

Jordan to Collect School Taxes

Effective immediately, Leet Township Tax Office will not collect Quaker Valley School District taxes.
Please forward delinquent tax payments and school tax payments to Jordan Tax Service, Inc.

Jordan Tax Service
Attn: QVSD Tax Dept.
102 Rahway Road
McMurray, PA 15317
724-731-2300

What is a Leash Law

Recently, the Leet Township Police Department had several dog incidents including several bite complaints. It never fails that the complainants bring up the fact **the law** states that dogs must be on a leash in public. Actually, the State law references that dogs must be under “reasonable control” at all times by the owner and what exactly that means is up for interpretation.

Example: Invisible fences are popular, however, no one spends hundreds of dollars on an invisible fence and then takes their dog out with a leash. It’s common to just open the door, let the dog out and go back in the house. Is the dog now under “reasonable control”? Another example is a family has a gathering on their own property and the family dog is in the yard with them. A neighbor enters the property and is nipped. Once again, is this dog under reasonable control? The answer is no! Once a bite occurs, regardless of the circumstances, it is deemed that the dog is not under control.

If a dog is running at large and bites someone then action is warranted and a citation or other action should be taken. But if a person feels they have maintained control of their dog and is abiding by the standard of action then action may not be taken by an officer, however; does not mean that civil action cannot be taken.

Please remember that dogs are not allowed to run “at large” in Leet Township. Keep in mind that a leash may not be required, but control always is!