



# Leet Township Newsletter

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



Fall 2018

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## Leet Township Commissioners

Gary L. Bradel, President

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## Leet Township Contact Information

Betsy Rengers, Township  
Manager, Right to Know  
Officer 724-266-2280,  
option 1

Cindy Phillips, Treasurer  
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, Local Real  
Estate Tax Collector: 724-  
266-2280, option 3

Building Inspector:  
Brian Hill: 412-766-2565

Occupancy Permits: Jason  
Sarver 412-766-2565

## Curbside Leaf Removal Service

Public Works will begin curb-side leaf pick-up the week of October 1st and continue until the week of December 10th, weather permitting.

We ask residents to place their leaves in rows as close to the roadside as possible. Please avoid piling leaves by mailboxes, underneath trees and shrubs, near yard ornaments, and decorations, or in any other hard to reach places, as they may not get picked up.

Please 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!



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

**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**

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

Stop by the Leet Township Police Station before you go Trick or Treating to pick up a *Free* reflective Trick or Treat bag and glow stick. (one per child, please, while supplies last)  
For Trick or Treating safety tips, see page 4.



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## ***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.

## ***PA Leash Law***

Recently, Leet Township has had many complaints about dogs running loose in Fair Oaks. PA State law references that dogs must be under "reasonable control" at all times by the owner. PA law also requires that a dog be confined to the perimeters of the owner's yard and firmly secured in said yard. Dog owners are responsible for any damages that their dog may cause. Please check your fences and lead lines to be sure your dogs are safe when they are out in the yard. Please help us keep our residents and dogs safe by keeping your dogs secured in your yards and on a leash when in public.

**Please remember that *dogs are not allowed to run "at large" in Leet Township.***

## ***Leet Township History***

### *D.T. Watson (Watson Institute)*

*D.T. Watson was founded by David Thompson Watson and his wife, Margaret. Their estate known as "Sunny Hill", now Watson Institute, is located on Camp Meeting Road in Leet Township. Watson, a graduate of Harvard Law School, became a civil lawyer and had many prestigious clients such as Andrew Carnegie, W.H. Vanderbilt, Westinghouse and Henry Clay Frick.*

*Though childless, David and Margaret loved children. Mr. Watson took interest in his valet's daughter, who was handicapped, and spent great sums of money to help her. Watson's Last Will and Testament recorded all of the details for the use of their home. Their home and estate, in perpetuity, was to be used for the care of handicapped children. The D.T. Watson Home opened it's doors in the summer of 1920.*

*The Watson Rehabilitation Hospital was sold to Health South in 1999 and the remaining organization was renamed Watson Institute.*



## 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



Practice and repetition are a large part of what makes a fire department operate effectively. In an effort to improve on operations and reinforce fundamentals of firefighting, Fair Oaks Fire Department is participating in a once a month mutual aid operations practice with two neighboring departments.

Each department will sponsor the practice on a rotating basis. The goal of working with the Leetsdale Fire Department and the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Department of Bell Acres is to establish standard operational guidelines that will be in place regardless of which community a call is received in or what manpower is available.

A secondary goal is to get all the departments comfortable with the equipment and command structure of each department. Being comfortable and familiar with who you work with can make a big difference when responding to emergencies.



Above a crew from Fair Oaks and Leetsdale prepare to enter a smoke filled structure to conduct search and rescue operations during a recent training. Below a crew from Big Sewickley Creek and Fair Oaks prepare to enter a structure to conduct fire suppression operations.



Remember to support the department by attending our annual Turkey BINGO in November. Name Fair Oaks Fire Department on your insurance policy even if you have a Sewickley mailing address (15143). Additionally, thanks to all property owners who have generously donated to our annual fund drive.



## 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 Erica Oslick

Officer Angel Moore  
Officer Barry McQuaid  
Officer Mike Pszenny

### Leet Township Police Officers are First Responders

Every afternoon I head home after a day at the office to do my nightly routine of evening activities. As I'm leaving I say goodnight to our Officer on Duty not thinking much of what the day will hold for them. Many times when I come in the in morning, I may hear of activities that took place in the evening and over night. We sometimes forget that our officers are First Responders and often may be performing CPR on our friends and neighbors, who are in life threatening situations, as we sleep.

One situation hit home for me personally. Our Officer Mike Molinaro responded to one such call regarding a woman who was in a crisis situation and her whereabouts were unknown. Officer Molinaro responded to the call and went to look for the victim. Fortunately for her family, friends and me (she's a very close friend of mine), he found her. She was unresponsive, so Officer Molinaro administered life saving measures and was able to save her life. The next morning I came in and was relieved to find that because of Leet Township Officer Mike Molinaro, my friend is alive and well. Conversely, I hate to think what could have happened had it not been for Officer Molinaro's life saving efforts.

My gratitude and appreciation goes out to Mike and all the rest of our officers: Bill, Bob, Angel, Ron, Shawn, Barry, Mike P. and Erica for the lives they have saved and the heart aches they have averted through their life saving efforts. *Betsy Rengers, Manager*

### Happy Halloween!

#### Follow these safety tips:

- ◆ Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- ◆ Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- ◆ Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- ◆ Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- ◆ Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.
- ◆ Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- ◆ Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.
- ◆ Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- ◆ Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision.
- ◆ Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats.

**Stop by the Leet Township Police Station before you go Trick or Treating to pick up a *Free* reflective Trick or Treat bag and glow stick. (one per child, please, while supplies last)**

## ***Leet Township Police Officer Training***

Did you know that Leet Township Police Officers complete extensive training each year? Today's police departments are far removed from those of 30 years ago. In an age of litigation and liability, it is crucial to provide as much training as possible in all facets of law enforcement.

In a typical year, an officer will have two days mandatory in service training. This year, each officer had training on legal updates, Tactics and De-escalation Techniques, Assessing and Planning for Active Assaults, and Detecting and Avoiding Ambush Situations. All officers also have First Aid and CPR Training, including AED Updates and the use of Narcan. First Aid training is taught by Leet Township's own certified instructor, Officer Angel Moore. The Department is also qualified with duty weapons, off duty weapons and assault rifles. This training is provided by Leet Township Certified Firearms Instructor Officer Mike Pszenny.

Recently, Lt. Bob Simmons and Officer Ron Wilson attended Active Shooter Training at Watson Institute. The training covered active shooter situations as well as profiling a shooter and reasons shootings may occur. This training was a courtesy of Watson Institute and conducted by Command Safety Consulting, LLC. This training is available to the public and is for any resident who may work in a larger corporate office or school setting. The Department must also train for operational systems such as CLEAN, NCIC, and TACS. Officer Molinaro recently completed this training and is designated systems administrator. Molinaro also completed Crime Scene Investigation Certification through California University. Officer Ron Wilson completed POSIT (supervisory) training and is a certified SHARP instructor. Officer Angel Moore attended Grant Writing Training in Harrisburg and has trained in Forensics and Fraud.

Some other training the officers received this year include, but are not limited to: Intelligence Assisted Policing, Handling Drug Overdoses, Vehicle Search and Seizure, Responding to Child Victims, Domestic Violence and Ethics Training.

*Bill Wanto, Chief*



Active Shooter Training at  
Watson Institute



Leet Township Officers (right to left) Angel Moore, Mike Molinaro and Barry McQuaid at assault rifle qualifications.



Officer Pszenny instructs officers at the 50 yard mark.

## LEET TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Foreman: Andy Wanto  
724-266-8072

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

### *Code Enforcement Corner*

Thank you all so much for keeping your yards and property so meticulous this summer! Everything around town looks great and we are pleased to report that the season was met with very few complaints.

However, with the winter months approaching and a change in the season underway, we would like to remind all of you about keeping your walk ways safe. Please do not pile your leaves in an area that is blocking a any walkway, especially if it is close to one of our bus stops.

When the snow starts to fall, please keep your sidewalks free from snow and ice as best you can. If you notice that your sidewalks are falling into disrepair from our constant freeze and thaw months, please consider repairing or replacing any cracked, raised or broken sections.

Also, as always, feel free to contact us with any concerns or complaints. Let's make this winter season great again.

### *Testing for Contaminants of Water Ways in Leet Township*

Leet Township does regular testing for contaminants in Big and Little Sewickley Creeks to make sure that they fall within certain quality levels in order to be in compliance with our Municipal Separate Stormwater Permit. Leet Township also conducts a public outreach to educate residents about clean stormwater and how our behaviours effect our waterways.

Please remember that our storm drains discharge directly into Big and Little Sewickley Creeks. Help us protect the aquatic life that depends on these creeks by making sure to pick up dog waste, wash your car at a car wash, discharge your pools and hot tubs according to DEP regulations, such as, into your sewer drain or into a vegetated area in your yard, and don't dump anything into the storm drains.

For more information on clean stormwater practices please visit:  
<http://leettownship.org/stormwater-education/>



### **Plum Street Park Pavilion Closes for the Season**

After another great summer season, Plum Street Park Pavilion will close:  
Week of October 15th

### **Join our Notification System: Swift 911**

Go to <http://leettownship.org/> to add your contact information to Leet Township Swift 911 to receive emergency notifications and announcements from the Township.



### **Dispose of Old and Unwanted Medications**



Dispose of your old and unwanted medications at the Township Building in the MedReturn box located on the front porch, 198 Ambridge Ave., Fair Oaks, PA 15003.

## ***A Note from Waste Management:***

### **Collection Times:**

All items must be placed at the curb no later than 6 a.m. on the day of collection. After collection, any carts used for trash or recycling should be removed no later than the evening of your collection day.

### **Missed Collections and Additional Information:**

**Despite our best efforts, we occasionally miss scheduled collections. If we do, please call us at (800) 866-4460 as soon as you can. Our representatives will work with you to ensure that your materials get picked up. You can also visit us at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) for live chat and email options.**

### **Inclement Weather:**

Severe winter weather can be a challenge to our daily operations. At times, we find ourselves juggling to keep the safety of our employees at the forefront, while continuing to provide our customers with the timely service you deserve.

Every decision that we make is for the safety of the community, its residents and our employees. During periods of heavy snow, ice and freezing temperatures, we must make the tough decision to suspend operations until conditions improve for us to recover.

During periods of inclement weather, our team will be providing customers with real time service alert updates at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)- we recommend book marking this site for easy accessibility. When possible, we may also notify you by phone or email if your collection route is cancelled or will be delayed.

### **Recycling:**

- Recycling collection will occur weekly.
- It's important that the right materials make it into your recycling cart or bin- and that you not bag your recyclables. Empty all recyclables directly into your cart - not in plastic bags.

### **Restricted Items:**

The following items will not be collected as part of the regular waste and recycling collection.

- Construction/demolition materials
- Automotive parts
- Household hazardous wastes (paint, oil, flammables, hot ash, etc.)
- Dirt, stone, concrete, rock
- Medical wastes
- Materials from fires or evictions
- Tires
- Pesticides/insecticide

### **Do you have old electronics in your home? Used motor oil? Old cans of paint? Used batteries?**

**To dispose of home-generated special materials and schedule a collection at your home, contact us in one of these three ways:**

- Go to [WMATYOURDOOR.COM](http://WMATYOURDOOR.COM)
- Call (800) 796-9696 - We're available 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. CST M-F.
- Email [ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM](mailto:ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM)

**Please make sure that Waste Management has a good phone number on file for you. They will call you when pickup is delayed.**

### ***Waste Management Holiday Pickup Schedule***

**October:** Regular Pickup

**November:** Regular Pickup

**December:** Regular Pickup

# 2018 Important Dates



## Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins November 4th.  
Turn your clocks back and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

## Election Day

*Election Day will be held on November 6th. 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.*

## 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 are open to the public.

- ⇒ October 8th-Regular Meeting (7 pm)
- ⇒ October 10th-Budget Meeting (6 pm)
- ⇒ November 12th-Regular Meeting –Reading of the Budget(7 pm)
- ⇒ December 10th-Regular Meeting (7 pm)

## Leet Township Municipal Office Holiday Schedule

The Municipal Office will be closed the following days:

- Thursday, November 22nd (Thanksgiving Day)
- Friday, November 23rd
- Monday, December 24th

## Leet Township ushers in the Holiday Season!

Join us at  
Ambridge Avenue Park  
for

Leet Township's  
Gazebo and Tree Lighting Ceremony!



To be held on  
Wednesday, November 28th  
from 7-8 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.  
Quaker Valley High School will provide music.

