



# Leet Township Newsletter

194 Ambridge Avenue  
Fair Oaks, PA 15003  
724-266-2280



Fall 2021

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

## Leet Township Commissioners

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President

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Vice President

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Martin McDaniel

## Leet Township Contact Information

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

Mike Molinaro, Chief of  
Police  
Non-emergency: 724-266-6141

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

Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire  
Department: Chief Nathan  
Turner  
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:  
Joe Motznik: 412-766-2565

Betsy Rengers, Code  
Enforcement Officer,  
724-266-2280 x1

## Curbside Leaf Removal Service

Public Works will begin curb-side leaf pick-up the week of October 11th and continue until the week of December 6th, 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!

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



HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN

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

*October 31st 6-8 p.m.*



## Leet Township and Big Sewickley Creek Flooding

From an Emergency Management perspective, most of us in Leet Township are fortunate. There are very few natural or man-made hazards we need to worry about. We have no railroads or busy interstates carrying hazardous materials, no industrial parks or heavy industries, no barge traffic on a major river, and little chance of wildfires or drought.

However, we do have a significant natural hazard that frequently threatens parts of Fair Oaks. Big Sewickley Creek has the potential to overflow with substantial rainfall, and as we saw just last month, the rainfall doesn't have to be here, it can be North of us. Just in the past few weeks, Big Sewickley Creek overflowed and covered parts of Eckert, Neely, and Willow Streets and threatened some homes. Many of you will remember the flood of 2004 when hurricane Ivan hit us. The water came all the way up to the apron of the fire department and caused significant damage to many homes.

The threat of flooding is very real in those parts of Fair Oaks near the creek, but we can't prevent flooding from happening. So, we need to be prepared to deal with it when it happens.

There are several types of flood indicators by the National Weather Service (NWS). According to the NWS, there are several types:

- A **Flood Watch** or **Flash Flood Watch** means flooding or flash flooding in your area is possible. Pay attention to changing weather and flood conditions and be prepared to move to higher ground.
- A **Flood Warning** means flooding is occurring or about to occur. Avoid low lying areas and, if necessary, evacuate.
- A **Flash Flood Warning** mean a flash flood is occurring or about to occur. Seek higher ground immediately.

If there is flooding in your area, there are important safety tips everyone should follow:

- Do not walk through a flooded area. There could be open manholes or hidden hazards under the water.
- Swift water can be very powerful and could sweep you off your feet.
- Never drive through a flooded area or go around barriers. Cars can very easily be swept away by swift water as little as 6 inches deep.
- If you must evacuate your home, shut off the main electrical breaker and gas line if possible.
- Notify the police or fire department if someone in your home would need help evacuating in the event of a flood.

There are several online resources available. On the Pennsylvania Emergency Management (PEMA) website, there is a link to a document called [FEMA's Mitigate Your Home Toolkit](#). This is a very informative document on residential flooding. One of the most important tips in this document is to buy flood insurance even if you're in a low or moderate flood risk zone.

You can find this document here:

<https://www.pema.pa.gov/Floodplain-Management/Pages/Business-Resident-Resources.aspx>

There is also a website called Flood Factor where you can enter your address and it will give you information on past floods, current risks, and future projections based on peer-reviewed research from the world's leading flood modeling experts.

The Flood Factor website can be found here:

<https://floodfactor.com/>

As the Leet Township Emergency Management Coordinator, I highly recommend everyone in Leet Township sign up for Swift 911 alerts. The township invested in this system a few years ago to facilitate safety communications in the community. This system can send important emergency information via phone, text, email, or all three. Swift 911 can notify residents of flooding, road closures, or any important safety or emergency messages.

You can sign up or make changes to your preferred contact method from the link on the Leet Township website:

<https://leettownship.org/>

Leet Township and Big Sewickley Creek Flooding, cont'd,

Finally, as we head into winter, I recommend every household download a copy of the Pennsylvania Emergency Preparedness Guide found here:

<https://www.ready.pa.gov/BeInformed/EmergencyPreparednessGuide/Documents/PAEmergencyPreparednessGuide.pdf>

This is a comprehensive guide to prepare you for all sorts of emergencies and is a great resource.

Thank you and stay safe!

### QVSD Zoning Hearing for a Special Exception for Proposed New High School

The Leet Township Zoning Hearing Board has continued the hearings for the proposed new high school located in Leet Township on Camp Meeting Road. Hearings are conducted in person and via Zoom. The next hearing date is in the process of being scheduled. Please check the website at leettownship.org for the updated hearing schedule and Zoom links. The dates will be posted as soon as they are scheduled. Transcripts of the hearing may be purchased from the stenographer. Please contact the township office if you need more information regarding this.

### Upcoming Ordinance Changes

The Planning Commission has updated some of the Zoning Ordinance wording, created a small cell/5G ordinance and has approved wording for a new fence ordinance. Once all these items are completed, the Board of Commissioners will advertise a hearing to take public comment from the residents before a vote is taken. Once the ordinances are advertised, they will be available for review on the Leet Township website. Please check leettownship.org for these ordinances and the hearing date starting in mid-October.

### 2021 Banner Community Status

Leet Township has once again been recognized by Allegheny County as a Banner Community. This award is given to communities with a commitment to sustainable practices such as professional development, intergovernmental cooperation, and sound fiscal management.

Congratulations to Leet Township!

### Survey Results

Last summer, Leet Township asked residents to participate in a survey on current Township policies, housing types, recreation, code enforcement, etc. To date, the Township has received approximately 55 responses. Here are some of the findings:

- 48 of the respondents have lived in the Township for over 5 years.
- 41 of the respondents live in the Township because of the school district.
- 50 of the respondents are very to extremely satisfied with the Police Department.
- 50 of the respondents are very to extremely satisfied with the Fire Department.
- 53 of the respondents are very to extremely satisfied with Emergency Management.
- 51 of the respondents are very to extremely satisfied with the Public Works Department.
- 20 of the respondents felt they do not have enough information on the new school proposal to comment.
- 37 of the respondents were unaware that the Township has an oil and gas ordinance.

For complete results of this survey, visit [leettownship.org/homepage](http://leettownship.org/homepage).



Leet Township Police Department  
194 Ambridge Avenue  
Fair Oaks, PA 15003

**Chief Michael Molinaro**  
**Sr. Officer Ron Wilson**

Officer Charles Galzarano  
Officer Jimmy Lema  
Officer Nick Vigliotti

Officer Barry McQuaid  
Officer Mike Pzenny

### *Crime Prevention Meeting*

With summer coming to an end and fall approaching it leads us to the winter holiday season. Along with the holiday season comes shopping, lots of errands, and unfortunately thefts. Remember to always remove valuables, keys, and fobs when parking your vehicles. Help prevent crime by making sure to lock your vehicle.

A helpful tip is to utilize exterior lighting to keep unwanted visitors away from your car. A well lit neighborhood helps keep criminal activity to minimal levels. The most important means of crime prevention starts with the residents of Leet Township. Call 911 immediately upon observing anything that appears suspicious so an officer can be dispatched to check. Midnight officers report frequently observing garage doors left open overnight. As this is an easy thing to forget, keeping garage doors down at night helps with deterring crime from the area.

Join us for a crime prevention meeting on Wednesday October 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm, at the township building. Hope to see you there! For any concerns or questions please call:

Chief Mike Molinaro or  
Ronald Wilson, Senior Patrolman  
Leet Township Police Department  
194 Ambridge Avenue  
Fair Oaks, PA 15003  
724.266.6142

### **In an Emergency, Dial 911**

Please make sure you dial 911 when you have an emergency, or you need a police officer to respond quickly. When you call 911, the officer on duty is notified immediately and will respond asap. Also, 911 keeps a record of all calls. This information allows the officers to create detailed reports of all incidents. Please refrain from calling the Township Managers Office during an emergency as this may cause a delay in the response time.

Thank you!

### **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, 194 Ambridge Ave., Fair Oaks, PA 15003.

### **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.





**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: Nathan Turner



# **FAIR OAKS FIRE DEPT FAMOUS TURKEY BINGO**



## **BINGO DATES**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH & 23RD  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH & 24TH**

**GAMES START AT 7PM**

**40 GAMES PLAYED  
EACH NIGHT**

**DOOR PRIZES | 50/50 | CHINESE AUCTION**

## LEET TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

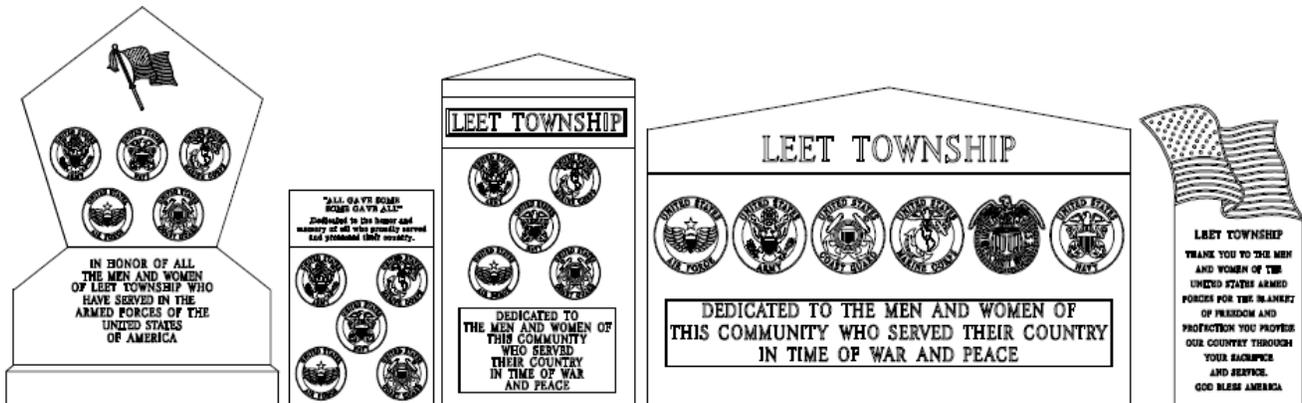
Foreman: Andy Wanto  
724-266-8072

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

### Leet Township War Memorial

The Leet Township War Memorial Committee has been working towards the design of a new War Memorial. The committee is working on a design, the layout and the location.

Below are some of the designs submitted by Rome Monument. The Township received a generous \$10,000.00 donation for the project from Gary Bradel and the Sewickley VFW. If you would like to donate to this fund, please make your check payable to Leet Township and mail it or drop it off to 194 Ambridge Ave, Fair Oaks, PA 15003. Put "War Memorial Donation" on the memo line. Thank you!

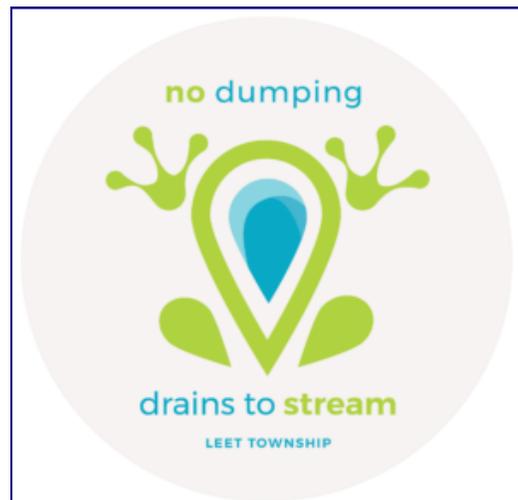


### Leet Township Sidewalk Replacement Initiative

For several years now, Leet Township has obtained grants for sidewalk improvements and replacement in the neighborhood of Fair Oaks. The Township has received \$349,000.00 towards this project to date. Some of the sidewalks on Ambridge Avenue have been replaced and in the next few weeks, the remaining sidewalks on Ambridge Ave., Willow, Eckert, and Neely will be replaced.

Due to a Columbia Gas Project on Main Street and Mound Street, significant portions of those sidewalks have been replaced along with a section of sidewalk on Orchard. The Township has applied for Phase III of the ADA Sidewalk program and if granted, will work on sidewalk replacement in the Fair Oaks areas of Main Street, Orchard, Beech and Plum.

Help keep storm water clean.



## Part-time Administrative Assistant Position Available

Leet Township is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the position of part-time administrative assistant. This is a 20 hour a week position. The Township Part Time Administrative Assistant shall assist the Manager with the daily office functions including but not limited to:

- Answer phones and greet visitors.
- Schedule appointments and maintain calendars including park rental calendar.
- Schedule and coordinate staff and other meetings.
- Collate and distribute mail.
- Prepare meeting minutes, communications, such as memos, emails, invoices, reports and other correspondence.
- Write and edit documents from lien letters to reports and instructional documents as needed.
- Create and maintain filing systems, both electronic and physical.
- Take payments and distribute accordingly.

The qualified candidate must:

- Be proficient in Microsoft Office including Publisher.
- Be proficient at using a PC.
- Enjoy working with the public and others.
- Be able to sit for extended periods of time.
- Be well organized.

Municipal experience is preferred but not required.

Interested candidates may send their resume to:  
Leet Township  
194 Ambridge Ave.  
Fair Oaks, PA 15003  
Attn: Manager

Resumes must be received no later than 3 p.m. on October 6, 2021.

Leet Township is an equal opportunity employer.

## Leet Township Part time Public Works Position Available

The Leet Township Public Works Department has a part time/seasonal laborer position available.

Job duties include, but are not limited to, grass mowing and weed whacking, leaf collection, and cleanups, snow removal duties, janitorial office cleanup, stormwater facility maintenance and repair, road maintenance and general equipment repair and maintenance.

This position requires the ability to lift up to 75 lbs., stand for extended periods of time, ability to operate lawn mowers, weed whackers, and snow plows. Must have a valid PA Driver's License and pass a back ground check.

Interested candidates may apply at 198 Ambridge Ave., Fair Oaks, PA 15003 by 3 p.m. on Oct 6, 2021.

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## *Election Day*

*Election Day will be held on November 3rd. 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 Watson Institute. Polling hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.*

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

**After another great summer season,  
Plum Street Park Pavilion will close:  
Week of October 18th**

## 2021 Important Dates

### Leet Township Municipal Office Holiday Schedule

The Municipal Office will be closed the following days:

Thursday, November 25th (Thanksgiving Day)  
Friday, November 26th

Friday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)  
Monday, December 27th (in observance of Christmas Day)

### Building Permits

Please be aware that if you are making any alteration to your home, a building permit may be required. This includes retaining walls, fences and driveways. Leet Township has several ordinances regarding this issue.

Residents who live along Big Sewickley Creek fall under the Township's Flood Plain Ordinance. The Ordinance has very strict guidelines on home improvements.

Homes located along Big Sewickley Creek fall under FEMA's FIRM (Flood Rate Insurance Map) MAP. You may look up your address to see if you fall within the FEMA flood zone at the link below:

<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

Please contact the Township office at 724-266-2280 opt. 1 for more information on the ordinances and flood zones.

# Be sure to properly dispose of your household hazardous waste.



## Contact Waste Management to use the At Your Door Special Collection Service

Call 1-800-449-7587 or visit  
[www.WMAtYourDoor.com](http://www.WMAtYourDoor.com) for more information

*Available to residents at no additional cost to participate.*

**At Your Door**  
Special Collection™

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