



Leet Township Newsletter

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



Fall 2023

Visit our website: leettownship.org.

A Message from the Leet Township Board of Commissioners

Autumn is in the air as we prepare for cooler days ahead. Halloween Trick or Treat Night will be on Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5th. We hope you find the following articles helpful and informative.

The first article in this Newsletter is from the Township's volunteer Emergency Management Coordinator, Dave Volk. **This is crucial to your and your family's safety and well-being.** It will be worth your while to read it and make sure Edgeworth Water Authority has your up-to-date contact information so you can be notified immediately in the event of water main breaks and boil water advisories. Likewise, Leet Township also needs to have your contact information so we can quickly notify you of critical situations like flooding and crime alerts from the Police Department.

Leet Township has a new emergency reverse 911 call system: RAVE ALERT. To sign up to receive emergency messages via phone and email, you may visit leettownship.org and click on the RAVE ALERT widget located on the sidebar of the homepage. Follow the prompts to register. Please create a new Rave Alert Account even if you are registered with Swift 911. Receiving alerts through text messaging is not available at this time but will be in the future.



If you are unable to register online, you may fill out the form below and mail it or drop it off to the Township Office at Leet Township, 194 Ambridge Ave, Fair Oaks, PA 15003

Leet Township Reverse 911 Call System Notification Form

Cut out form



Owner
Name: _____

Tenant
Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred
Phone #: _____

Preferred
Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

*Preferred Phone # will be used for Reverse 911 Notifications

Preferred Method to Receive Notification: Call _____ Text _____ Email _____



Reverse 911 Calls and Public Safety

At the end of July this summer, you probably remember Edgeworth Water had a “Boil Water” advisory due to a water main break. Most Leet Township residents got an automated phone call or text about it, but not everyone. Our household didn’t get the notice, and several neighbors didn’t as well.

I stopped by the Edgeworth Water office and found the contact information they had on file for us was our old landline number that we killed years ago. I gave them our updated information, including everyone in the household’s cell numbers and we started getting information from the Edgeworth Water reverse 911 call system the same day.

From what I learned, the Edgeworth Water “Boil Water” advisory was required due to the water line break and the likelihood of contamination was very low. Still this incident emphasized the importance of the 911 call systems we have in the Quaker Valley area and the need to make sure these systems have up to date contact information.

A reverse 911 system is a public safety technology that uses a database to communicate to a defined geographic area. These systems can deliver messages via telephone, text, email, or all three. Residents in Leet Township should be on system from Edgeworth Water, Leet Township, and Quaker Valley Schools district if they have children attending. In Leet Township we use our system to alert residents of possible flooding, road closures, and any kind of emergency that people need to know about.

I highly recommend everyone that needs to get this kind of information in your household be signed up with at least their cell phone numbers. These systems are confidential and your contact information in the databases is not used for any purpose other than for important notifications. Leet Township’s system is being upgraded as we speak and information about how to sign up or check your information will be on the Leet Township website very soon. For Edgeworth Water you can go to their website, call, or stop by the office. The website is www.edgeworthwater.com and there is an “Update Contact Information” button on the right side of the home page. The phone number is 412-741-5100.

As I’ve mentioned before in this newsletter, the basic principle of emergency management is that preparation, response, and recovery to an emergency starts at the home level then can escalate to the local public safety level, then county, state, and even federal levels. So, it’s important to be as prepared as possible at the home level by making sure your household members are signed up for these reverse 911 systems so they get critical information.

Finally, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency has an excellent emergency preparedness guide that is available at the Leet Township Building or can be viewed or downloaded here:

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

Thank you,
David Volk
Leet Township Emergency Management Coordinator
dvolk@leettwp.org

Fair Oaks Sidewalk Replacement Initiative

This fall, Leet Township will replace portions of the sidewalks located on Orchard at the intersection of Beech Street and then continue down a part of Beech Street on both sides. The Township was awarded grant funds from the Community Development Block Grant for this project. This grant was applied for and administered by the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG). Excaliber Construction won the bid and will start the project at a date to be determined. Residents will be notified of the start date for this project.

The Township has applied for more grant funds to continue the sidewalk replacement initiative.

Recent Animal Complaints

Recently, the Township Office has received several complaints about barking dogs.

Please be kind to your neighbors by refraining your dogs from barking incessantly, and to prevent the police from knocking on your door. Leet Township Ordinance Chapter 2 says:

Part 1. DOGS CAUSING NOISE DISTURBANCES

§ 2-101. Prohibited Conduct; Violations and Penalties.

If any owner or person in control of a dog, upon receiving written notice from the Township of Leet Police Department that their dog is disturbing the peace and quiet of reasonable persons within the neighborhood by repeatedly barking, fails to stop said disturbance within 24 hours after receiving said notice, then said owner or person in control is in violation of this Part and may be cited by the Police Department or the Township's Animal Control Officer if one is designated and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Dogs and Cats at Large

Leet Township Ordinance 2002-03 prohibits dogs and cats from running at large in Leet Township. Please make sure that your dogs and cats are always under your control. Violation of this ordinance is a summary offense and carries strict penalties.

Leet Township Code Enforcement

Leet Township adopted and follows BOCA Property Maintenance Code to establish rules and regulations for maintaining all structures, including administration, enforcement, and penalties of the code.

The code concerns sanitation, grading and drainage, sidewalks and driveways, weeds, accessory structures, and motor vehicles.

Leet Township does not allow unlicensed or inoperative vehicles to be stored on any premises, and at no time should a car be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled unless in an enclosed structure or area designed for that purpose.

All exterior properties are to be kept clean, safe, and sanitary. No garbage or bulky waste should be accumulated on the property.

Grass and weeds should be maintained. Hedges should not block the view of oncoming traffic. Yard waste shall not be accumulated and stored on the property.

Accessory structures, including garages, fences, and walls, should be structurally sound and in good repair.

Sidewalks must be kept free from hazardous conditions such as snow and ice.

Dead and dying trees can harm those walking or driving below them. Please have the trees removed before a problem arises.

All alterations to your property require a permit. Please do not start a project, grade, or bring in fill without talking to the Manager first. It's much cheaper to obtain the proper permit than to make a court appearance for failure to do so.



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

Interim Chief Brian Jameson
Sr. Officer Ron Wilson

Officer Charles Galzarano
Officer Jimmy Lema
Officer Ken Battaglia

Emergency: dial 911
Station: 724-266-6142
Dispatch: 724-266-6141

Officer Barry McQuaid
Officer Mike Pszeny
Officer Nick Vigliotti
Officer John Adams

A Message from the Chief...

The Leet Township Police Department comprises (5) Full-time officers and (4) Part-time officers, with the new addition of Part-time officer John Adams. We have been working diligently on educating our officers through a multitude of training.

Officers in the Department over the last year have completed training in various areas of Law Enforcement. The goal is to diversify the officers' skill set in the department to handle incidents in-house for the greater accommodation of our residents.

Some of the trainings that officers have completed in the last year are:

Homicide Investigations	Domestic Violence	Human Trafficking	Glock Armorer
National Incident-Based Reporting (NIBRS)	Background Investigations	Firearms Instructor	
Sexual Assaults	Active Shooter	Internal Affairs	Use of Force Instructor
Effective Grant Writing	Child Abuse Training	Leadership & Communication	

The Leet Township Police Department will continue to actively pursue training to continue providing the type of services our residents require.

Interim Chief Brian M. Jameson

No Parking on Sidewalks

PA Motor Vehicle Code prohibits vehicles from parking on sidewalks, intersections, or crosswalks. Please ensure your tires are not on the sidewalk or over the curb. Vehicles are not permitted to obstruct the sidewalk in any way.

Leet Township Police Officers may write citations for this infraction.

Watson Institute Donates Two AED (Automated External Defibrillators) Machines

Thank you to
Watson Institute
for the generous donation of
two AED (Automated External Defibrillators)
machines for the Leet Township Police
Department.

This is greatly needed and appreciated!



Leet Township Police to Hand Out Trick-or-Treat Bags

On Halloween Night, Leet Township Police Officers will patrol the neighborhoods and hand out trick-or-treat bags to all the trick-or-treaters. Be sure to see a Leet Township Police Officer for your trick-or-treat bag.

In an Emergency, Dial 911

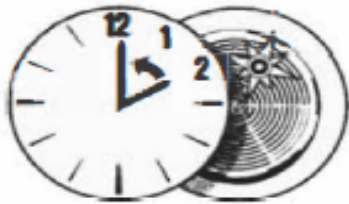
Please make sure you dial 911 when you have an emergency, or you need a police officer to respond quickly. When you call 911, the officer on duty is notified immediately and will respond asap. Also, 911 keeps a record of all calls. This information allows the officers to create detailed reports of all incidents. Thank you



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



**REMEMBER TO
CHANGE YOUR CLOCK**



**CHANGE YOUR BATTERY
ON NOVEMBER 5TH**

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER
CONNOR HOMAN**



ON COMPLETING MODULES 1 - 3 THIS SUMMER, ALL AT THE AGE OF 15! WE LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN HE TURNS 17 SO HE CAN TAKE MODULE 4 AND THEN ON TO FIREFIGHTER 1. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF ALL OF HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO OUR DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 9 - 14



WE WILL BE VISITING THE QV SCHOOLS, SEWICKLEY ACADEMY, ST. JAMES, AND OTHER ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT TO TEACH FIRE PREVENTION.

QV FIRE SAFETY WILL BE HOSTING A FIRE SAFETY FAIR ON OCTOBER 14TH ON BROAD STREET IN SEWICKLEY.



THANK YOU...

TO EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO OUR ANNUAL FUND DRIVE AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS. YOUR DONATIONS ALLOW OUR DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BUY EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER NECESSARY PURCHASES FOR OUR DEPARTMENT. THIS YEAR, WE ARE USING THE FUNDS TO COMPLETE RENOVATIONS TO OUR STATION THAT IS LOCATED ON THE WATSON PROPERTY.



LEET TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Foreman: Andy Wanto
724-266-8072

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

Curbside Leaf Removal Service

Public Works will begin curbside leaf pick-up the week of October 10th 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 regularly scheduled garbage pick-up. If you use a contractor for yard maintenance, please advise them of our policies. Thank you!

Leet Township Clean Stormwater Initiative

Recently, during our 2023 MS4 stormwater program survey and tests, we encountered a few outfalls in the Fair Oaks neighborhood and Leet Acres area that contained detergents and chlorine.

While the numbers were just a trace amount, the Public Works Department would like to take this opportunity to remind all our residents that when "It Rains, it Drains."

Using local car washes is the best course of action to keep soaps and detergents out of our watershed if possible. Also, remember that draining swimming pools into catch basins hurts our environment and is ILLEGAL.

We strive to keep our streets and community as clean and litter-free as possible. Please remember that what goes into our storm sewers affects our environment!

Thank You... and Remember to Keep Leet Neat!!!!

Leet Township Tax Collector Position Available

The position of Leet Township Tax Collector is available. This position pays \$1,000 per year. The responsibilities for this position are provided by Jordan Tax Service. To qualify for this position, you must be a registered voter, have lived in Leet Township for at least one year, and receive a passing score on the Act 48 Tax Collector Qualification Exam.

If you are interested in serving in this position, please send your *Letter of Interest* to Manager Betsy Rengers at brengers@leettwp.org, or you may mail it or drop it off at Leet Township Municipal Building, 194 Ambridge Ave, Fair Oaks, PA 15003, by October 18, 2023.

For more information on this position, call Manager Betsy Rengers at 724-266-2280 x1.



Daylight Savings Time



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

Planning Commission Working on a Short-term Rental Ordinance

The Leet Township Planning Commission is working on a short-term rental ordinance to regulate rentals in the Township, such as Airbnb and Vrbo. The ordinance will regulate parking, the number of renters per unit, and registration requirements with the Township. Once advertised, the ordinance will be in effect. Look for the advertisement sometime this fall.

Election Day

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

Camp Meeting Rd./Allegheny County Road Maintenance

Please be aware that Camp Meeting Road is owned and maintained by Allegheny County. Maintenance includes fallen tree branches, snow removal, pot holes and all other issues including road improvements.

To report maintenance issues on Camp Meeting Road, please call
1-800-FIX-ROAD.
(1-800-349-7623)

Plum Street Park Pavilion Closes for the Season

After another great summer season, Plum Street Park Pavilion will close:
Week of October 13th.



2023 Important Dates

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 (in observance of Christmas Eve)
Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

Leet Township Commissioners, Committees, and Contact Information

Martin C. McDaniel, President
mmcdaniel@leettwp.org

Carolyn Verszyla, Vice President/Public Works Committee Chairman
cverszyla@comcast.net

Rody Nash, Commissioner/Public Safety Committee Chairman
rnash@leettwp.org

Dan Peluso, Commissioner/Parks and Buildings Committee Chairman
dpeluso@leettwp.org

John Stephansky, Commissioner/Finance Committee Chairman
jstephansky@leettwp.org

Reminder: Trash and Recycling pickup is on Fridays. Garbage cans should be placed at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. on Thursday and no later than 6 a.m. Friday morning. Garbage cans should not be stored on the curb or in front of the property during the week.

**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 for more information**

Available to residents at no additional cost to participate.

At Your Door
Special Collection™

