



Leet Township Newsletter

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

Summer 2024



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Letter to Residents from the Township Board of Commissioners

Summer is here! Hope we all can enjoy these beautiful days while they last. Try to take time to appreciate our lovely greenery and blooming flowers in our community. Please take extra precautions while driving this summer now that school is out. The Township recently installed a speed hump on Beech Street in Fair Oaks to reduce speeding. Here is an update on some of the recent happenings in Leet Township.

After an extensive job search for the position, which included applicant interviews, background checks, and drug and psychological testing, the Commissioners are pleased to announce the appointment of Brian M. Jameson as the Township's new Chief of Police. Brian has been serving as Interim Chief of Police since August 2022. During that time, he has more than proven his leadership and initiative in managing the Police Department. In addition to his more than twenty years of law enforcement experience, education, and training credentials, Chief Jameson is currently in the process of completing a series of three (1) week courses at Indiana Township for FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association training, including command leadership, supervisory leadership, and executive leadership for law enforcement. We are also glad to announce the promotion of Officer John Adams from part-time to full-time officer. Officer Adams met the testing requirements administered by the Leet Township Civil Service Commission.



Pictured here (left to right): Swearing in Ceremony for Chief Brian Jameson by Judge Rosselli, newly appointed Chief Brian Jameson, and President McDaniel presented Chief Jameson with a map of Leet from 1876 from the Board of Commissioners.

We honored the two outgoing Commissioners with Testimonial Resolutions. Board members John Stephansky and Carolyn Verszyla both had a combined total of almost fifty years of service to our community. At the same time, we welcomed two Board members, Donna Adipietro, who returned to the Board, and Marty Zimmel, who were both sworn in by District Magistrate Rosselli. Marty McDaniel was re-elected President of the Board, and Dan Peluso was elected as Vice-President. Appointments made were Marty Zimmel- Public Safety; Rody Nash- Public Works; Dan Peluso - Property; Marty McDaniel- Finance & Administration; Donna Adipietro- QV Council of Governments. Members were also appointed to serve as vice-chairs of Committees.



Pictured here (left to right) Commissioners Rody Nash, Dan Peluso, Carolyn Verszyla, John Stephansky, and Martin McDaniel.

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Letter to Residents from the Township Board of Commissioners, continued

Sections of Fair Oaks experienced basement flooding during the recent heavy rains. We wish to thank the members of the Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire Department, who assisted residents with basement pumping, and the Township's Public Works employees, who assisted in many ways.

The proposed Quaker Valley High School project plans are being reviewed by the Planning Commission with the assistance of the Township engineering firm LSSE, geotechnical consultant Ackenhiel, and Special Legal Counsel Harlan Stone, Esq. The Planning Commission's duty is to make an advisory recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on whether or not the project complies with the Township's land development ordinances. In addition, various third-party approvals are required, such as Allegheny County (road improvements), Edgeworth Water Authority, Leet Township Municipal Authority (sanitary sewers), and the PA Department of Environmental Protection. The Planning Commission meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6 PM. Once a recommendation is made, the Township Board of Commissioners will cast the final vote on the project.



Renderings of the proposed new high school building and site plan.

The Commissioners recently awarded a competitive bid contract to Boney Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$167,500.00, to rebuild a stormwater retention facility in Olde Sewickley Highlands. The funding of the project is entirely covered by a grant from the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund. The Township was awarded another grant from the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund for a project at Ambridge Ave Park. A contract in the amount of \$243,160.00 was awarded to El Grande, LLC, for improvements there, including new refurbished sports courts, one for pickleball, as well as preparation for a Veterans Memorial. Youngblood Paving Company will be resurfacing some sections of Watson Street in Leet Acres sometime this summer. Residents will be notified when the project is ready to begin. The Township was awarded a Community Development Grant in the amount of \$127,000.00 to continue the sidewalk replacement project in Fair Oaks.

Have a Wonderful Summer!

Martin C. McDaniel, President

Dan Peluso, Vice President

Commissioners Rody Nash, Donna Adipietro, and Marty Zimmel

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. ~Thomas Jefferson

Happy 4th of July!



Leet Township Police Department
Non emergency: 724-266-6141
Emergency: 911

Chief Brian Jameson
Sr. Officer Ron Wilson

Officer Chuck Galzarano
Officer Ken Battaglia
Officer John Adams

Officer Mike Pszenny
Officer Barry McQuaid
Officer James Lema

A Message from the Chief,

It has been a busy year, and a lot of changes have occurred in our Police Department. You may have noticed that Officer James Lema resigned from his full-time position to take a position in Brighton Township. He will remain Part-time. He was subsequently replaced by Officer John Adams. John is originally from Economy Borough and is familiar with our area. John was hired part-time in August of 2023 and was promoted to full-time in April of this year.

Officer Adams recently completed a Crime Scene Investigation course. Our plan is to become a full-service department and provide our residents with proper investigation and crime scene processing for smaller crimes, which would remove the burden from the county Detectives' office.

To coincide with Officer Adams's training, Sr. Patrolman Ron Wilson completed training in managing evidence. Officer Wilson, with his accounting background, was a prime candidate to take over the management of evidence in the department. Sr. Patrolman Wilson has also had extensive training in Sexual Assaults, Crimes against Children, and Human Trafficking. Officer Wilson is also a certified SHARP (Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention) Instructor.

Officer Charles Galzarano is our department's Narcotics and Firearms Instructor. He has extensive training in Narcotics Investigations and last year completed the Armorer course for our duty weapons and the VIGR Firearm Instructor course. We are planning to have Officer Galzarano also take the Taser Instructor course, which coincides with his skill set.

Officer Ken Battaglia was sent in 2023 and certified as an instructor in the Use of Force. He is responsible for training our department in the Use of Force Policy and hands-on procedures. Ken has been with our department since August of 2022.

Our department purchased a new police vehicle this year, which was recently put into service. We now have an unmarked Black Ford SUV Police Interceptor. Feel free to stop an officer and ask to take a look. It is a fantastic vehicle.

A few more things to note are that we recently upgraded the camera system at Plum Street Park and have a 360-degree view with HD cameras. I spoke with the Public Works Department, and we are working on posting some new signs around the park, letting everyone know that it is under surveillance 24/7 to help curb some of the recent vandalism.

Our upgrade to modern Body-worn cameras is complete (grant-funded through Allegheny County Chiefs of Police and the Commissioner's office). Each officer is assigned a body-worn camera, and the video is stored properly.

Our new Report Management System (InSynch) was purchased through a PCCD Grant and was implemented in January. The new system has audit abilities, which will help our department document and map out incidents throughout the Municipality in ways that were not possible before. With the new Report Management System, we are also changing the way we track crime statistics. We currently are using the Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCR). We are slowly transitioning to the National Incident-Based Reporting Systems (NIBRS). The new system is more detailed, which will provide more accurate statistics.

Remember to lock your car doors at night and not to feed stray or wild animals.

Have a Great Summer,
Chief Brian M. Jameson

The Leet Township War Memorial Committee
[Est. 2020]

Donna Adipietro, Chuck Soman, Dan Peluso,
Mike Teegarden, and Curt Bubb

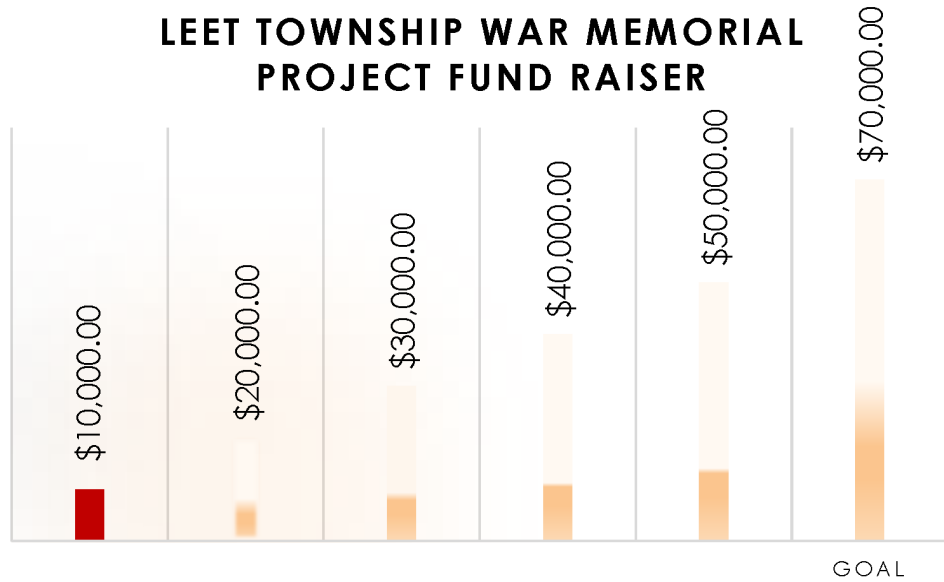
The Leet Township War Memorial Committee has been hard at work with the assistance of our Leet Township Commissioners. In 2023, the Township applied for and received a grant for approx. \$300,000.00 for the improvements and enlargement of a park area that spans the entire Municipal Complex of 194 to 198 Ambridge Ave. This project was awarded after reviewing bids, and the groundbreaking will take place shortly.

This grant, while spectacular in nature, can't be applied towards the proposed War Memorial project cost; hence, our desperate need to raise funds necessary to provide a proper and respectful place to honor those who have fought for our country. Currently, we have \$10,000.00, which was generously donated by the Sewickley VFW.

This monument, while humble in nature, will offer the opportunity for those to visit and share moments and memories they've not had the opportunity to do in the past. The three prior Memorials were all destroyed or succumbed to the elements. We have in our possession approx. 300+ nameplates that were saved from a prior, deteriorating Memorial. After meeting with several Monument Businesses, we are narrowing our projected fund-raising amount to approx. \$70,000.00.



LEET TOWNSHIP WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT FUND RAISER



We are counting on your generous support to bring this project to fruition, while seeking additional funding sources for assistance. Please consider donating to:

The Leet Township War Memorial Fund
194 Ambridge Ave.
Fair Oaks, PA 15003-1248

Donate to the Leet Township War Memorial Project

Name: _____

Address: _____

Donation Amount: \$25.00 \$50.00 \$75.00

Other\$ _____

Tax Donation Letter Requested: Yes No



Fair Oaks Fire Department

190 Ambridge Avenue

Fair Oaks, PA 15003

Non-emergency:

724-266-6133

www.fovfd.org

Fire Chief: Nate Turner



As the department is reaching the midpoint of its 124th year of service to the community, the Officers and members would like to thank the township officials, residents, and property owners for their continued support. The department will be sending out its annual fund drive letter through the mail in July and once again will ask for you for a generous donation to support our efforts to provide 100% volunteer fire service to Leet Township.

As well as providing emergency responses, the department supports the local community through partnerships with other community based organizations. The Sewickley Public Library recently used the fire station as a stop for their annual Book Stop to provide books to local children for summer reading. Our firefighters took this opportunity to pass out fire safety bags and fire helmets for the kids and opened the station to allow the kids to explore the fire equipment.



Our department has partnered with Glen Oaks Girl Scout Troop 53313 to utilize the station for their bi weekly meetings, activities, and more. Since this partnership, the troop has gone above and beyond to work with our membership to providing continued support for our food pantry. With the help of our Auxiliary, they provided over 100 Thanksgiving meal kits and ready to eat meals for our community.



Currently, the Fair Oaks VFD Auxiliary and the Troop are currently working on The Lyric and Wylde Memorial Garden that is located in the front of the station. With the generous support of Rain Control Irrigation, LLC, and other members within our surrounding community, the project is really taking shape and we are hopeful to have the project complete in time for all to admire during the Leet Twp. Community Yard Sale at the end of June. Additional project updates, progress photos, and information regarding the project can be found on Fair Oaks VFD Auxiliary's Facebook.

Stay up to date on all of the Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary events and activities by following us on Facebook and Instagram.

Upcoming Events

RAIN OR SHINE
EVENT

LEET TWP COMMUNITY

YARD SALE

LAST WEEKEND IN JUNE
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
8AM - 4PM



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SUBMIT THE FORM
BY JUNE 25TH TO BE
ADDED TO THE MAP

Representative Valerie Gaydos and Senator Devlin Robinson

Invite you to attend



IDENTITY THEFT/SHREDDING EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 | 9 - 11 A.M.

Moon Township Parking Lot

1005 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, PA

This event gives residents the opportunity to dispose of their unneeded, unwanted paper while also helping the environment and decreasing the possibility of identity theft.

PHONE BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS, BOUND BOOKS OR TRASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
TWO grocery bags. SMALL box limit per vehicle.
Boxes will be returned to the vehicle.

This event is **FOR INDIVIDUALS ONLY...**
NO BUSINESSES PLEASE.

For additional information, please contact
Rep. Gaydos' office at 412-262-3780.



Senator Devlin Robinson



State Rep. Valerie Gaydos

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HARD TO RECYCLE COLLECTION EVENT

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PRC Pennsylvania Resources Council

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Colcom Foundation



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ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Leetsdale Industrial Park

380 Leetsdale Industrial Dr, Leetsdale, PA 15056

Saturday, July 27, 2024
9 am - 1 pm

2024 FEE STRUCTURE

\$5 PARTICIPANT FEE

unlimited recycling of cell and home phones • computer towers and peripheral equipment • expanded polystyrene packaging material • microwave ovens • stereo equipment • VCRs, DVD players, cable boxes

ADDITIONAL FEES

- fluorescent tubes _____ \$2 for 4' / \$4 for 8'
- printers _____ \$5
- small Freon appliances _____ \$10
- tires _____ \$5/ with rim \$12
- computer monitor _____ \$20
- television _____ \$35
- projection or console TV _____ \$45



SCAN TO REGISTER



ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
prc.org/CollectionEvents • 412-488-7490

Leet Township Clean Stormwater Water Initiative

Street Sweeping has returned until October!

The Street Sweeper will be in your area on the following days:

Wednesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am Neely,
Eckert, Willow, Frank, & Stone Ally

Thursdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am Orchard,
Mound, Oak, High, Beech, & Plum

Every other Wednesday 7:00 am - 8:00 am
Quaker Heights, Sewickley, Highlands, & Leet
Acres

Please have vehicles off the road during your
designated sweeping day. Thank you!



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.

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™

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