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### Regional MS-4 Consortium

What is MS-4? MS-4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. MS-4 includes curbs, gutters, ditches, naturally occurring and man-made channels, pipes, tunnels, catch basins, and storm drains owned and maintained by a municipality. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) require municipalities to develop and implement best management practices to protect water quality, enhance water availability, and reduce flooding potential through effective stormwater management. This requirement is regulated through the NPDES General Permit for discharges from small MS-4 communities. Since 2003, this Permit has been obtained by North Lebanon Township through the PA DEP. As outlined in the application requirement to obtain our 2018 permit, municipalities must submit a Pollution Reduction Plan showing projects that will reduce sediment by 10%, total nitrogen pollutants by 3%, and total phosphorus pollutants by 5%. Types of projects could include streambank restorations, improvements to existing drainage basins, rain gardens, pervious pavement systems, and riparian buffers.

Several municipalities within Lebanon County have joined together to develop the "MS-4 Regional Pollution Reduction Plan". At the March meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Resolution #9-2017 was adopted to "opt in" to be a member of this Consortium. To date, other municipal members include the Townships of North Cornwall, South Lebanon, Annville, the Boro of Cleona and the City of Lebanon.

What does this mean for North Lebanon Township residents? The cost to meet the required reduction of sediment, phosphorous, and nitrogen pollutants was estimated by our MS-4 engineer at just over \$1,000,000. The permit requires the reduction of these pollutants to be obtained within the five-year permit period. Members of the Consortium will work together with watershed groups and other organizations to complete common projects. The consortium will also aggressively pursue any grants that become available. However, we must recognize that there are no guarantees that grants will be available or that we will be successful in obtaining grants. The remaining costs unfortunately, will become the burden of residents, businesses and non-profits as a possible storm water fee in the future. This is not unique to North Lebanon Township but all communities that must comply with the MS-4, 2018 permit throughout PA. In Lebanon County 22 of the 26 municipalities must comply with the MS-4 2018 permit. Only a few communities have been eligible and successfully received an MS-4 compliance waiver from DEP. North Lebanon Township is not eligible for a waiver. The Board of Supervisors, as well as the Consortium will look into every opportunity available to reduce this cost, which is why we agreed to participate in the Consortium. We found by joining the Consortium, our cost is less than completing the required reductions in pollutants on our own, even though it still comes with a \$1,000,000 price tag through the Consortium.

Discussion on our MS-4 obligations and working with the Consortium will be a topic of discussion during future meetings of the Board of Supervisors. In addition, a public hearing will be advertised and held to adopt an Inter-municipal Agreement among all participants of the Consortium. The Supervisors regular scheduled meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions on this matter, you are always welcome to call the administrative office or attend a meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The Township will be **paving North 8th Avenue** this summer from the City Line to Weavertown Road and from Maple Street to Kimmerlings Road.



Expect delays, especially during peak travel times. We are asking everyone to please observe signs, flaggers, and workers on the road.

Stay alert and drive with caution.  
Help keep our workers safe!

**Online Sewer Payments—BE AWARE!**

If you choose to pay your sewer bill online, we recommend using the link directly from our website at **www.northlebanontwppa.gov**. Utilizing the customer portal on our website will ensure that your payment is received immediately by our system which also credits your account the same day as well. It has come to our attention that there are some sites out there (3rd party) that will allow you to pay online through their company and they in turn send us a paper check which can take up to THREE weeks for our office to receive. Please be aware that by using a 3rd party site if your payment arrives late it will be considered late. You must allow plenty of extra time for their check to reach us by the due date. The only way to be absolutely positive your bill is received on time when paying online is to use the direct customer portal from our website. Our website address is always listed on your sewer bill. Sewer bills went out on May 10th and will be due on June 10th. Any payment not in our office by Monday, June 12th at 7:30 am will be considered late. Any payment made on-line must be paid by midnight on June 10th.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Looking for a community service or youth group project? Are you searching for a project to become an Eagle Scout? Consider volunteering at one of your local parks right here in North Lebanon Township. We welcome and appreciate all groups and volunteers.

Only **fireworks** sold by local vendors are legal for display. **Use of illegal fireworks will be strictly enforced.**



**Please be cautious of Township Workers**

Mowing equipment will be moving throughout the Township. Please use caution while traveling and do NOT attempt to approach the equipment as it could result in a serious accident.



Please remember, if you are having mulch delivered it should be "dumped" on your property and NOT within the street or road right-of-way.

**PAVILION RENTALS**

Are you planning a family reunion? What about a group picnic? North Lebanon has several pavilions available for rent to hold your function. It is a great opportunity to visit one of our parks and enjoy the outdoors. We recently upgraded and renovated the pavilion/kitchen at Lions Lake. We have playgrounds, walking paths, full service pavilions with kitchen amenities, and bathroom facilities.

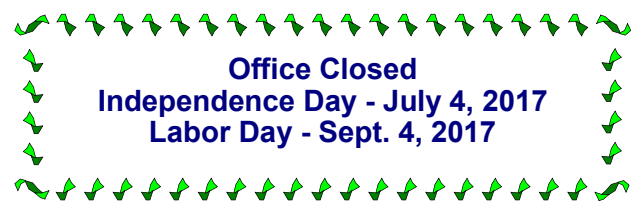
*Call the office today to reserve your spot 273-7132.*

**UTILIZING PARK AREAS** is part of summertime fun. While making use of the Township recreational facilities please be respectful of the neighboring property owners. Keep in mind that the neighboring properties are private property and should not be trespassed upon while visiting the parks.

**Young Lungs at Play!**



You may notice new signs located within our Parks. North Lebanon Township has adopted a "Tobacco Free Policy". The use of tobacco products on **playground areas** of the parks or within areas of the **athletic fields** is prohibited. We ask all citizens to help protect the health, welfare and safety of our children, residents and visitors.



**Office Closed**  
**Independence Day - July 4, 2017**  
**Labor Day - Sept. 4, 2017**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT / OPEN HOUSE**

Location—Rural Security Fire Company  
1301 North 7th Street, Lebanon

Date—Tuesday, August 1st

Time—6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Join together for a fun evening filled with food/drink, kids activities and a bunny hop event with live rabbits. You will also be able to view firefighting and fire safety demonstrations as well as have the opportunity to meet your local volunteer firefighters.

**TREE DEDICATION**

Are you missing a loved one? Have you ever considered adopting in tree in their memory? We have 18 trees available at our Lenni Lenape Park and 27 brand new trees available here at the Township Community Park surrounding the new ballfield. There are several varieties available to choose from. The cost is \$300 per tree. You can also purchase a plaque from our pre-approved designs which we will install free of charge.

Benches and disc golf sponsorships are also available if you are looking to promote your business.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS NUMBERS**

Several years ago the Township adopted the International Property Maintenance Code. As part of this Code the identification of buildings or structures for Emergency purposes is required. Address numbers must be visible from the street or road on the FRONT side of the property.

Address signs may be ordered and purchased at the Twp. office for the cost of \$20. These signs are the current standard rated reflective material. Stop by to order your address today!

**YARD SALES**

Please be aware that Chapter 27 Zoning, Part 12 Supplementary District Regulations states the following:

27-1225. Yard Sales. Each residential building shall be permitted four yard sales per year. Each weekend or portion of a weekend in which a yard sale is conducted shall be considered one yard sale. Parking shall not be permitted by anyone attending the yard sale so as to block any public streets of North Lebanon Township.

**Recycling in North Lebanon Township**

All residents within the Township **are required to recycle**. All licensed haulers within the Township are required to pick up at least twice a month the following recyclables curbside:

- **Aluminum, steel & bi-metal cans**
- **Clear, brown, green glass bottles and jars**
- **#1 thru #7 plastic bottles & jugs**

Some haulers will collect newspapers and cardboard.

Please check with your hauler for collection schedule. A container for these items is available at the Township office free of charge.

**GRASSCYCLING**

**Grasscycling** is a simple alternative to bagging the clippings. Simply leave the clippings on your lawn, where they break down in seven to fourteen days. The clippings act as top-dressing fertilizer and help keep your lawn green and healthy.

**SOME GRASSCYCLING TIPS ARE:**

- Mow often, cutting less than one-third of the grass growth.
- Mow when grass is dry and use sharp mower blades.
- Don't let large clumps of clippings accumulate on the lawn.
- Avoid overuse of harsh chemicals and fertilizers.
- Water your lawn less frequently, but for longer periods of time.
- Consider using a mulching mower that grind grass clippings.

Grass clippings can also be used as a surface mulch around vegetable or flowers to inhibit weed growth and retain soil moisture. Remember to keep clippings at least 2" away from young plants to avoid "burning" the new growth. Put grass clippings in your compost pile to add extra nutrients. To avoid odors, no more than 1/3 of your composting pile should be made up of grass clippings.

A reminder to our residents, when mowing your lawn **please DO NOT BLOW grass clippings into the street**. This allows the grass clippings to get into nearby storm water inlets or trenches. **Not only is it illegal**, such activity encourages the growth of algae in local streams which depletes the oxygen in the water and impacts fish and other aquatic species.



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## FIRE COMPANY NEWS



There are 4 VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES working to keep NLT properties safe. Volunteer men and women firefighters are needed. Interested persons should contact any Fire Company member. If interested in Fire Police contact the NLT Police Dept.

EBENEZER FIRE CO.                      273-2361                      442 Ebenezer Rd.  
Email: [ebenezer@ebenezerfire.com](mailto:ebenezer@ebenezerfire.com)

Our Signboard lists scheduled activities.

GLENN LEBANON FIRE CO.                      865-3948                      42 Glenn Lebanon Dr.  
Website: [www.glennlebanonfireco.com](http://www.glennlebanonfireco.com)

SMOKE FREE!!! Wed. Night Bingo—doors open at 4:45p.m. and Bingo starts at 6:45p.m.

RURAL SECURITY FIRE CO.                      273-4472                      1301 N. 7th Street  
Website: [www.ruralsecurityfire.com](http://www.ruralsecurityfire.com)

Reflective address signs may be ordered by phoning the fire Co.

WEAVERTOWN FIRE CO.                      228-2827                      Suzy Street

Bingo-Held in Social Building on Monday and Thursday nights.

Doors open at 4:45 p.m. and Bingo starts at 6:45p.m.

THANKS FOR ALL THE SUPPORT OF NORTH LEBANON TWP. RESIDENTS, BINGO PATRONS, AND ALL OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEER STAFF. YOUR SUPPORT KEEPS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OPERATING!!!