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SNOW PLOW INFORMATION



Plowing Procedures During any significant snowfall the goal of the Township road crew is to clear or remove all snow from the roadways in order to provide all motorists safe and passable roadways. All main thoroughfares are priority with the secondary roads being the last to be cleared. While every effort is made to accommodate all Twp. residents, there may be a delay in plowing services for some secondary areas which includes developments. Vehicles parked on the roads may prohibit the plows operating as effectively as the crew would like. Understanding and cooperation is the key to success during this period of time. Property owners are encouraged to adhere to state guidelines when plowing/shoveling ice and/or snow off driveways that lie adjacent to state and township roadways.

Reminder - DO NOT PARK vehicles ON STREET during a snowstorm

WHY?

- * If you park in your driveway there will be less snow for you to shovel and it is a great help to the road crew.
- * When the plow steers around parked vehicles the snow plow unloads at your vehicle.
- * If the plow truck damages your vehicle the township is not responsible for repairs as per State law.
- * Road crews can clear roadways better, so after the storm you will be able to park on the street.
- * Piles left on the street tend to freeze solid and could become a bigger possibility of causing damage to your property and township equipment.

DO NOT PARK on SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES, violators WILL be towed at owner's expense.



Mailboxes Every attempt is made to avoid damaging mailboxes, although the main goal is to ensure that all snow is removed from all travel-ways and shoulder areas. Mailboxes which have been knocked down as the result of snow removal are a concern to the Township as well as the property owner. Mailboxes that are too close to the road or are mounted on poor supports are sometimes toppled. Wet, heavy snow also increases the possibility of mailbox and post damage from plowing operations.

Residents should consider putting a protective shield around their mailbox to help block the force of the snow from damaging their mailbox. Any mailboxes or posts located in the Township right-of-way remain the responsibility of the property owner.



Basketball Nets During the snowplowing season any sports equipment (net, hoop, or backboard) within the Township right-of-way should be removed. Any damage inflicted by Township vehicles during this season will be the sole responsibility of the property owner.



Hanging Tree Branches and Over-Grown Plants The Township road crew have damaged trucks & equipment when striking low hanging branches. This is especially bad when they are laden with ice and snow. Property owners are responsible for trimming trees, plants and bushes. If property owners don't trim trees and plants, the Township is allowed by state law to trim trees to provide for the safety of motoring public.

ELIMINATE snow piles at driveway entrances whenever possible. High accumulations of snow obstruct the vision of motorists. Snow should be placed to the right side of your driveway as you are facing the intersection.

DO NOT push ice/snow out onto roads at any time. This creates hazardous driving conditions for all vehicles. Please be advised, the result of this activity will be a citation issued from the NLT police, as it is a violation of Ordinance 1-1999.

Please help to clear snow/ice from fire hydrants and storm drains.

Snow Emergency Routes:

The following are designated as snow emergency routes. **Parking shall be prohibited on the cul-de-sac portion of the following streets** during times of snow and/or ice emergencies:

- Beta Avenue
- Nettie Drive
- Brandthaven Drive
- Oak Lane
- Buck Run
- Oakridge Court
- Calico Court
- Orange Lane
- Fawnwood Drive
- Paradise Lane
- Greenwood Drive
- Penny Lane
- Hill Street
- Pleasant View Drive
- Joel Drive
- Primrose Court
- Johns Drive
- Ruth Drive
- Justa Lane
- Sandra Drive
- Kathy Drive
- Sherri Drive
- Laurel Lane
- Smokehouse Court
- Lovers Lane
- Sunset Lane
- Meadowlark Lane
- Twigg Avenue
- Woodridge Court

Parking shall be prohibited on the entire following streets...

- E. Brookfield Drive
- W. Brookfield Drive
- E. Canal Street
(between 4th-6th)
- Cedar Lane
- Cherry Street
- Elizabeth Street
- Harmony Hill Drive
- Martin Drive
- Pennsylvania Avenue
- Pine Street
- Sholly Avenue



THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ALL PENNDOT ROADS LOCATED IN NLT.

- Hill Church Road
- Heilmandale Road
- East Maple Street
- Mt. Zion Road
- Prescott Drive
- Sandhill Road
- Grace Avenue
- Tunnel Hill Road
- Weavertown Road (from E. Maple St. to R Field & Stream)
- 7th Street (State Route 343)
- State Route 72
- Ebenezer Road
- North 22nd Street
- State Route 422
- 15th Avenue (North of St. Rte. 422 to Weavertown Road)

PENNDOT IS IN CHARGE OF SNOW PLOWING THESE ROADS.

PLEASE PHONE PENNDOT WITH ANY CONCERNS AT

717-450-2223

The following developments and roads **are not dedicated to the Township** which means **the Township is not responsible for plowing these roads:**

- * *Homestead Acres Phase 4*
- * *Crossings at Sweet Briar*
- * *Watson St. (from Gary Ave. to Jay St.)*

CAUTION is urged when approaching any Township vehicle (whether on foot or driving). Visibility is a definite problem when operating these larger trucks. Always approach the front of the vehicle so the driver can see you.

Your safety is important to us.



Medical Routines



Communication with the Township office regarding regular medical routines is extremely important during the winter season. Residents with any health issues which require frequent visits, daily trips to/from medical facilities or medical home deliveries should be communicated to the Township Office in writing as soon as possible.

The following information is required:

Name, address, phone number, and a brief description of the routine medical schedule and days services are needed.

This will enable the crews to be informed of priority situations so when there is a **significant snow fall (6 inches or more)** the road crew will make these areas a priority (this does not mean road crews will be at these residences first, but as soon as possible) during the winter season.

N. LEB. TWP. POLICE DEPARTMENT

SNOW STORMS ARE COMING

If you live on a street in North Lebanon Township that has signs that state: **“SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE”** Please do not park on your street during the declared snow emergency.

Township regulations provide penalties for parking on a posted SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE. When a snow emergency is declared by the Township you are requested to remove your vehicle from the street.

In addition to parking on a designated snow emergency route, any motor vehicle operated on snow emergency streets are required to have snow tires or chains.

Your Police Department thanks you for your cooperation during a snow emergency.

Ebenezer Fire Company News

Ebenezer Fire Company is having an exciting year! We are happy to announce that First Aid and Safety Patrol has signed a 5 year commitment to keep their ambulance at Station 9. We feel this is beneficial for the health and safety of our community and are thrilled with the partnership.

We are excited to announce we have upgraded our equipment with the purchase of a “new to us” aerial truck which arrived November 11, 2017. This will replace our aging Tower and upgrade our equipment.

Next year we will be hosting the Lebanon County Firefighter’s Association Convention! We will also be celebrating our 75th Anniversary as a Fire Company, so this will be a very special event. Details to follow in the spring newsletter.

We are always looking for members - firefighters or social members - so join us for our upcoming celebrations!

Stormwater Fee for 2018

Mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to improve local water quality, municipalities with current MS-4 permits and those municipalities who are required to obtain MS-4 Permits in 2018 must reduce sediment pollution to local water bodies by 10 percent between 2018 and 2023.

Sediment is the loose sand, clay, silt, and other particles that are suspended in natural bodies of water and may settle at the bottom of a body of water. Sediment comes from soil erosion and from decomposing plants and animals, and can be transported into water bodies by wind and water. EPA lists sediment as the most common pollutant in rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs.

North Lebanon Township is considered a small MS-4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) and permitted under DEP's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) since 2003. As part of our 2018 renewal permit, we are required to develop a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) to reduce sediment pollution to impaired local surface waters by ten percent by 2023.

Earlier this year, the Board agreed to join a consortium of six local municipalities to address the PRP requirements and associated costs of implementation. The Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium consists of Annville Township, Cleona Borough Authority, North Cornwall Township, South Lebanon Township, City of Lebanon, and North Lebanon Township. A public hearing was held on the PRP, which listed projects and costs in each of the six municipalities. The PRP proposed projects such as streambank restorations, building new stormwater wetlands, and upgrading existing stormwater basins. The cost for North Lebanon Township is estimated at just over one million dollars for the 5-year permit period.

Based on a recent study performed by our stormwater engineer, they have presented a stormwater fee based on "land use" codes established at the County Assessment Office. These codes can be broken into two categories, Single-Family Residential Units and Non-Single Family Residential Units. Each property with a land use code for a standard single-family residential unit is assigned one Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). This 1 ERU represents 3,755 SF, as the average impervious area on a Single-Family Residential property. A minimum annual fee of \$40/ERU was preliminary reviewed by the Supervisors for these properties. For parcels with land use codes of Non-Single Family Residential Units their ERU will be higher, as determined by the amount of impervious cover on their property divided by the standard 3,755 SF assigned to the single-family residential units. As an example, a Non-Single Family Residential Unit with 37,550 SF of impervious areas would be assigned 10 ERUs and would have an annual stormwater fee of \$400. Properties with larger impervious areas would result in a higher ERU and annual stormwater fee. The largest impervious parcel in North Lebanon Township is 264 ERUs. ALL properties will be subjected to the stormwater fee, even those properties that are on the non-taxable listing, because all properties generate stormwater runoff and contribute to sediment pollution in local waterways.

Admittedly, there are many unanswered questions regarding the stormwater fee. It is important to us that our residents and property owners are informed on what has transpired over the past 10 months and the stormwater fee that will most likely take place in early 2018. To review the entire Stormwater Pollution Control Fee Rate Study, or the Pollutant Reduction Plan please visit the home page of our website at www.NorthLebanonTwpPA.GOV , or stop in the Township office during normal business hours.

LIONS LAKE—GOOSE CONTROL

We have received numerous complaints over the past few years regarding how “dirty” the park and the walking path at Lions Lake have become from all the Geese droppings. In an effort to control the ever-growing geese population, the township has recently installed a “Denier” light at the lake. This light sends out a random display of laser lights after dusk which disturbs the geese sleeping and nesting. This type of annoyance is not harmful to the birds in any way. Before installing the light, we checked the area to ensure the lights would not interfere with traffic or neighboring properties. This is only one way we will be trying to control the geese population. We also began using starter pistols to scare the geese during the daytime hours.

Large quantities of bird droppings found all over the park are very hazardous for the young children running on the grassy areas and playing on the playground. Our employees try their best to maintain a clean environment within our parks but the over-population of geese has made it impossible to accomplish this task.

Some background information concerning the geese:

Malnutrition - Feeding the waterfowl is actually harmful to them in many ways. Feeding them bread is not in their diet and not nutritious which may affect their lifestyle. The feeding of bread does not allow them the nutrients needed to replace feathers and recondition their bodies after breeding. Geese are after all wild birds and have amazing survival skills. Their diet consists of insects, larvae, crustaceans, etc. Signs will be installed prohibiting the feeding of wildlife at the park.

Dependency – Artificially feeding the geese can make them dependent on humans. They no longer fear humans and may become more aggressive towards humans.

Disease – Lower nutrition and over-population allows for disease to spread more quickly and lowers their life expectancy.

Environmental Degradation – We have seen soil erosion and degradation of the landscape along the shores of the lake.

Water Pollution — Large amounts of bird feces is very harmful to the lake and the aquatic life within the lake. This also leads to an overgrowth of algae in the water which results in an “algae bloom”, which we have experienced this year as well.

Delayed Migration (if at all) – Feeding the geese alters their normal migration patterns by shortening or even eliminating them. Many may not survive in the cold temperatures.

NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP PART-TIME OFFICE CLERK

North Lebanon Township is accepting applications for a part-time office position. Applicant must have a positive attitude, be a team player, and able to multi-task in a busy office setting. Good communication skills required to interact with the public. Computer and Microsoft Office experience a plus. Hours are Monday—Friday, 12—4 PM with some flexibility. Potential to go full-time within 3 years. Stop by the Township office or email nltwpwebmaster@northlebanontwppa.gov to request a complete job description and application.

SUMP PUMPS

During heavy rain events our sewer pumping stations see a spike in flows. We now have video equipment which allows us to inspect our lines and enables us to see where the extra flows are coming from. Please be advised that sump pump connections into the sewer lateral that services your residence **is illegal**. The City of Lebanon Authority is starting to “crack down” on this type of illegal discharge into the sewer system and is recommending all contributing municipalities do the same.

PARK PAVILION RENTALS

- Annual park pavilion rental fees due by January 31, 2018 to secure your date.
- New pavilion rental dates available February 1, 2018.
- Open air pavilions NOW require a rental fee.



Due to the continued abuse of the open air pavilions, all open air pavilions within North Lebanon Township will now require a rental agreement and a rental fee. We continually find trash left behind on the tables and on the ground.

If you are interested in reserving one of the open air pavilions or one of our full service pavilions, please visit the Township Office. We have done lots of research and will now be more consistent with neighboring parks and their practices.

For a full description of all our parks, pavilion rentals, and rules and regulations please visit our website at

www.northlebanontwppa.gov.



Weekday rentals available at a reduced rental fee.

**Recycling in NLT is mandated under Act 101.****What does this mean to our residents?**

All residents within the Township are required to recycle. All licensed haulers are required to pick up at least twice a month the following recyclables curbside: aluminum, steel & bi-metal cans; clear, brown, green glass bottles & jars; and #1 thru #7 plastic bottles & jugs. The township has cardboard, mixed paper and newspaper roll offs that are located inside of the yard waste facility. Please be aware of the proper procedures when using this facility. All items should be deposited in the designated areas. Please do not dispose of any mailing or packaging materials in these bins.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS TO RECYCLE

(Please rinse & remove all food residue before recycling)

Plastic bottles, jugs and jars

Glass bottles and jars

Aluminum and steel cans

Mixed paper and magazines

Newspaper

Corrugated cardboard

DO NOT RECYCLE the following items:

(Please NO containers with food residue)

NO plastic butter tubs or cups

NO paper towels or tissues

NO yogurt or fruit containers

NO waxy type paper

NO scrap metal or pots/pans

NO blueprints

NO plastic bags

NO wet/yellowed paper

NO glass or ceramic dishes

NO hardback books unless

NO glasses or vases

covers are removed

NO lightbulbs

**Christmas Tree Drop-Off**

The Township will again provide an area for **live undecorated** Christmas trees. This is for trees only. Please do not box or bag the tree.

Drop off will be permitted from **December 26, 2017 thru February 9, 2018**. The drop-off area is marked and located outside the yard waste facility gate.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

As the wind blows and the flurries start to fly, think of the elderly people in your neighborhood. Consider helping or assisting them with shoveling their driveways and walkways. It could be a good way to earn community service hours or to just be a good neighbor.

SEWER BILLING DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS: February 10 ~ May 10 ~ August 10 ~ November 10

If you do not receive a bill by the end of these months, please call 717-273-7132 for your total. We CANNOT waive late fees.

When writing out checks, please consider printing everything except your signature. Banking institutions may not accept illegible writing. Also, please verify the amount written (ex. Thirty-Five Dollars and 00/100) matches the cash number (ex. \$35.00) on the check and the check is signed. Any of these situations may cause the bank to return your check as "unprocessed", thus your account will be shown as unpaid and may incur late charges.

ACH transactions through your bank does not mean the amount you designate for your sewer payment is automatically sent to your sewer account. The bank deducts the amount from your bank account, then the bank prints out a paper check and mails it to the Township via the United States Postal Service. Your account only gets credited once we receive the check from your bank. If you use this process the Township recommends having your sewer payment deducted from your account at least seven business days prior to the due date. **If the check arrives in the Township office after 4 pm on the due date, it will be considered late and your sewer account will be charged the late fee.**

Consider paying your sewer bill on-line. If you use the on-line customer portal, your account is automatically credited the same day, whether you pay with a credit card or an e-check. Please be aware that if you pay your bill on-line after the due date (midnight of

The Township Office
ONLY ACCEPTS
Cash, Check or Money orders.
NO DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS

The Township and the Police Dept. both provide a 24 hr. exterior drop box. For after hour needs, the phone number for county dispatch is listed below and also on the Police Dept. door.

Police Dept.: 717-273-8141
Co. Dispatch: 717-272-2054

2017/2018
OFFICE CLOSINGS
Dec. 25, 2017
Jan. 1, 2018



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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. 717-273-2361 442 Ebenezer Rd.

Email: ebenezer@ebenezerfire.com

Our Signboard lists scheduled activities.

GLENN LEBANON FIRE CO. 717-865-3948 42 Glenn Lebanon Dr.

Website: www.glennlebanonfireco.com

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

RURAL SECURITY FIRE CO. 717-273-4472 1301 N. 7th Street

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

WEAVERTOWN FIRE CO. 717-228-2827 1528 Suzy Street

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



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!!!