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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 - Please 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 trucks navigate 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, however, we must focus on the goal of clearing township streets for the traveling public. Make sure your mailbox post is strong and able to withstand snow hitting the post as it is being discharged from the plow. Mailboxes that are too close to the road or are mounted on poor supports are sometimes toppled. We suggest checking your mailbox; make sure it is firmly attached to the post. Mailboxes are considered a structure in the township right-of-way. All drivers are instructed to drive as slow as realistically possible during wet snows to minimize problems with mailboxes. Wet, heavy snow increases the possibility of mailbox and post damage from plowing operations.

Residents should consider placing a protective shield around their mailbox to help block the force of the snow from damaging their mailbox.

Mailboxes knocked down are the responsibility of the resident.



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 Dead Trees

Low hanging branches have been known to cause damage to Township equipment and trucks. 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 do not trim trees and plants, the Township is allowed by state law to trim trees within the Right-of-Way to provide for the safety of motoring public.

Dead trees are more likely to topple over due to accumulated ice and snow during the winter months as well as during high winds. Residents with dead or diseased trees along Township roads should consider having them removed. Thereby reducing your risk of liability should they fall onto passing motorists, utility lines or damaging neighbors property.

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

Snow Emergency Routes:

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

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

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

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 Ph. 2*
- * *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. NEVER approach the front of the vehicle unless the driver acknowledges 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

The North Lebanon Township Board of Supervisors have adopted an ordinance declaring certain streets in the Township to be posted as SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES throughout the Township.

Chapter 15, Section 111 (Ordinance No. 2-2014) states:

After any snow emergency has been declared it shall be unlawful, at any time during the continuance of the emergency, for any person to: Park a motor vehicle or to allow that vehicle to remain parked anywhere on any snow emergency route.

STORM DRAINS & FIRE HYDRANTS

Winter maintenance of storm drains & fire hydrants is important. Grates & Hydrants must be cleared of debris including leaves, ice, and snow. We kindly ask property owners to assist the Highway Dept. & Fire Depts. by clearing any drains & hydrants that are blocked.

Increased Tractor Trailer Traffic

We have received numerous complaints regarding the increase in truck traffic in “my neighborhood” from residents over the past 2 years.

So, what laws govern whether large vehicles can travel on local roads?

Under the federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA), states must allow tractors with single and double trailers to operate on the national network. PA’s Vehicle Code (*Title 75*) regulates the width, length, and height of vehicles and which roads they can access. Under Section 4902(a-b) of the code, municipalities may restrict vehicles by size and weight on local roads based on highway or traffic conditions.

Pennsylvania passed a law in 2018 that changed how large vehicles regulated under the federal act can access roads in the state. Not only did Act 31 amend Section 4921 of the Vehicle Code to increase the maximum width of vehicles from 8 feet to 8 feet 6 inches, it also allowed those vehicles to access certain state and local roads that were not previously open as part of the PA STAA network.

While this change does not affect roads and bridges that are already posted for size and weight restrictions, local and state roads that are not posted may now be open to tractor trailer traffic.

Following passage of Act 31, PennDOT reviewed certain state routes to determine if they could safely accommodate these larger vehicles. If warranted, signs were posted, typically restricting trucks with trailers longer than 45 feet.

In order to place any restrictions on Township roads, a study must be performed by an engineer which would determine if any restrictions are warranted.

(Article Courtesy of PA Township News)

Spotted Lanternfly

Most of us are aware of the Spotted Lanternfly and its destructive nature. Many of us have even seen them and killed them.

Now is the time to inspect trees, sheds, outdoor furniture, cars, decks, playsets, and any smooth surface. Adult females lay rows of eggs on tree trunks or any flat surface.

If you find any egg masses you should destroy them. You can manually remove egg masses by scraping them off surfaces and destroying them, such as immersing them in rubbing alcohol, bleach or hand sanitizer. Just leaving them on the ground will not kill them. You can also place them in a sealed plastic bag and dispose of them.

New egg masses appear shiny and grayish brown, making them difficult to see on trees. The eggs are laid in the fall (October through December) and she coats her eggs in a secretion that hardens providing a protective cover through the winter. Over the course of the year, the covering will wear away and appear dry and cracked.

ATV (4-wheelers) in Developments

Ordinance 2-1010 states: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to operate or to permit the operation of any ATV, dirt bike, or similar type of motor vehicle within any area of North Lebanon Township which is zoned as a Residential District (R1 and R2).

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, 2020 thru February 20, 2021**. The drop-off area is marked and located outside the yard waste facility gate.



Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium—Progress Report for 2020

Several BMP projects for which the Consortium will receive credit were completed this past year; they are listed below. For SQ51 and T5, the Consortium's role was to provide technical assistance (through SESI) to landowners for impervious area reduction and basin retrofit work they were carrying out at their own expense. SQ58 and RS8 were tree planting activities carried out by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay in South Lebanon Township and North Lebanon Township. SQ65 and 67 are the sites of CDBG-funded demolition projects in South Lebanon and the City. SQ69 was a planting project undertaken by the Lebanon Valley Conservancy. RS7 was the construction of a bio-swale on Elias Avenue in North Lebanon Township for which the Consortium purchased the necessary materials. When the Union Canal Elementary School addition took place, the school's basin was retrofitted and the group was able to take credit for all the drainage area not associated with the addition. That credit is accounted for as project T1. Finally, T6 was a tree planting project funded by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

| ID# | Projects | Location | TSS Reduction (lb/yr) |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Snitz Creek—Quittapahilla Creek Watershed | | | |
| SQ51 | Basin retrofit at Snow Goose | NLT | 18,931 |
| SQ58 | Tree planting at Kiner Ave | SLT | 263 |
| SQ65 | Impervious area removal at 1152 and 1154 King Street | SLT | 84 |
| SQ67 | Impervious area removal at 121 E Elm Street | City | 151 |
| SQ69 | Landscape restoration: pollinator garden B | City | 18 |
| Reeds Run—Swatara Creek Watershed | | | |
| RS7 | Elias Avenue Swale | NLT | 732 |
| RS8 | Riparian buffer restoration at Lion's Lake Park (0.3-acre buffer area) | NLT | 81 |
| Headwaters Tulpehocken Creek Watershed | | | |
| T1 | Basin retrofit at Union Canal Elementary | NLT | 8,973 |
| T5 | Basin retrofit at Pumpkin Ridge | NLT | 22,868 |
| T6 | Tree planting at Lenni Lenape Park | NLT | 78 |

STORMWATER FEES

The stormwater fee for 2021 will remain the same as last year, which is \$40.14 per ERU (equivalent residential unit). The Annual Stormwater Fee bills for single family residents (SFRs) will be mailed out the beginning of January. Quarterly bills for the non-SFRs will be sent according to the follow the schedule:

1st Quarter—beginning of January

3rd Quarter—beginning of July

2nd Quarter—beginning of April

4th Quarter—beginning of October

All bills are due within thirty (30) days as noted on the bill. A ten percent (10%) penalty will be added after the due date on all unpaid accounts. A second notice reflecting the ten percent penalty will be sent to the property owner.

Failure to pay the second notice within the stated timeframe will result in a FINAL administrative letter being sent for all accounts carrying a balance, which will include a twenty dollar (\$20) administrative fee.

ATTENTION LEBANON COUNTY

PARK PAVILION RENTALS



NEWSPAPER

The local farmer is no longer accepting collected newsprint from the Township. It is now being taken to a local MRF and their requirements are very strict:

- ◇ clean, dry newsprint only
- ◇ Loose papers—no bags or bundles
- ◇ No glossy print—remove all inserts

- Annual park pavilion rental fees due by January 31, 2021 to secure your date.
- New pavilion rental dates available February 1, 2021.
- 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 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 added electrical service to our open air pavilion at Lenni Lenape.

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.

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 online. If you use the online 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 online after the due date (midnight of the 10th), the late charges will still be applied even though it may not yet be reflected on the customer portal.

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

2020/2021
OFFICE CLOSINGS
Dec. 25, 2020
Jan. 1, 2021



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.

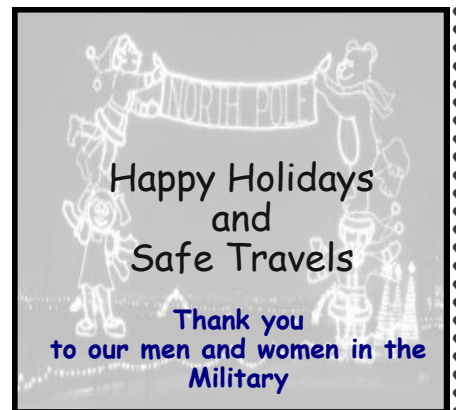
EBENEZER FIRE CO. 717-273-2361 442 Ebenezer Rd.
Email: ebenezerfire9@gmail.com Website: www.ebenezerfire9.com
Our Signboard lists scheduled activities.

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