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Spring
SPRING 2024

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Spring Clean Up will be the week of April 22nd, 2024

All items **MUST** be curbside by April 22nd at 6:00 a.m.

Only **ONE** collection sweep of the Township will be made. There will be **NO** return trips
NO COLLECTION ON April 23rd (Primary Election Day)

Spring clean up is **only** for the collection of **BRANCHES, STICKS and TWIGS**. **Only these items will be collected.**

- All branches must be cut to **6 foot in length** or smaller and be less than **6 inches in diameter**
- Place in **neat 6 foot to 8 foot long piles** along the curb, please place piles **parallel to curb**
- Piles may be as **high as 4 feet**
- Any items placed in open barrels or bins will be collected and the receptacles will be left on the curb (Please note that small containers are more easily dumped as well as containers which are not packed tightly.)

Please **DO NOT include** root systems or sod of any kind.

Any unacceptable items will be left on the property and will be the owners' responsibility to discard. The Township will not drive down private lanes/alleys to pick up material. All material must be brought to the end of the lane/alley to be accessible for pick up from the nearest street.

Please keep piles away from obstructions such as poles, mailboxes, cars, etc.
The Yard Waste Facility is available for those who miss the collection and have a Yard Waste Access Card.

MEETING DATES

- Board of Supervisors—3rd Monday at 7:00 pm
 - Planning Commission—2nd Monday at 7:00 pm
 - Municipal Authority— 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
 - Parks & Recreation—1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- All meetings are held at the Township Building.

To purchase a **Yard Waste Access Card**, stop by the Township Office any time during our regular office hours. The fee is \$50 and is valid for the calendar year.

Address Signs are available for ordering at the Township. The cost is \$25 per sign. Stop by the Township Office to obtain a copy of the order form. Payment is due at time of ordering.

The Township and the Police Dept. both have 24 hour exterior drop off boxes for your convenience. They are located outside the main doors to the Twp and the Police Dept.



The phone number for county dispatch is listed on the Police dept. door for after hour office needs:

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

PA ONE CALL 811 or 1-800-242-1776 If you are going to dig, PLEASE call first. You may think you know where everything is located, however that may not always be the case. There is NO charge for this call and the number can be called 24 hours a day. Be smart, play it safe and call first!

Wastewater Rates

North Lebanon Township has over 60 miles of collection lines for conveyance of wastewater to the City of Lebanon Authority (CoLA). Our flows are then treated at the CoLA Treatment Plant.

There are two main portions of your sewer bill. The “usage” which represent the fees the North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority (NLTMA) must pay to CoLA for the treatment of the sewage and the “customer charge” which is our costs for the operation and maintenance (O & M) associated with the Township’s collection/conveyance system.

CoLA sets the treatment rates (based on usage) that they charge NLTMA, who in turn pass this charge onto its customers. This rate is labeled as “Sewer Treatment Based on Water Usage” on your bill and reflects the gallons of water/sewer used for that particular billing cycle. **CoLA** has approved an increase effective April 1st for both its water and sewer rates which will affect our customers and your bills.

NLTMA was again able to keep our rates for 2024 for the Operation & Maintenance the same as last year, which will remain \$78.00/quarter. This is shown on your bill as “Sewer Customer Charge”. NLTMA’s quarterly fee has not increased since 2014.

You may notice a slight increase in your bill which reflects the new rates approved by the City of Lebanon Authority. If you have any questions on the increases, please contact CoLA directly at 717-675-2181.

An example of a household using 10,000 gallons/quarter would be:

at the current rates			at CoLA’s new rate		
usage	\$ 78.56	(CoLA’s fee)	usage	\$ 82.44	
customer charge	\$ 78.00	(NLTMA’s fee)	customer charge	\$ 78.00	
for a total of	\$156.56		for a total of	\$160.44	

This example indicates a \$3.88 increase for 10,000 gallons used due to CoLA’s rate increase.

Sewer & Stormwater Billing Program Update

North Lebanon Township and the Municipal Authority have contracted with a new billing software company. It is our goal for this transition to be as seamless as possible. Your sewer and stormwater invoices may have a slightly different format. Please call if you have any questions or concerns regarding your bill.

We will have a new payment portal. Both sewer and stormwater invoices will now be able to be paid online if you so choose. Please be advised that you will need to create a new account. If you were previously enrolled in autopay, you will need to set this option up again. The online payment portal will be available starting February 15th. The direct website for the new payment portal is <https://northlebanon.authoritypay.com>. You will also be able to access the payment portal directly from our website www.northlebanontwppa.gov.

Sewer Billing Dates & Information

Sewer bills go out on the 10th of February, May, August and November. The due date is always 30 days after the bill date. **Bills are due March 10th, June 10th, September 10th and December 10th.**

You should have already received your February sewer bill in the mail. **The due date is March 10th.** Please note that your check must be in a cashable state (i.e. check must be signed, filled in correctly, and there must be sufficient funds in the account). If any of these things are not correct, the penalty process will begin. **Any payments made online must be paid by midnight on March 10th to be considered “on time”.** If you haven’t received your bill a few days after the mailing date, we suggest you call the Township Office (717-273-7132) for your balance to avoid any late charges or penalties.

You can also choose to have your sewer bill delivered via e-mail rather than through the Postal Service. If you would like to implement this service, please contact Kristin at the Township Office.

MOWING and STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Township ordinances prohibit the disposing of grass clippings in nearby storm water inlets, swales and basins. **Also prohibited is blowing grass into the street.** Grass that is blown into the street ultimately ends up in the storm sewers and pollutes our creeks and rivers. **Any such activity is a violation of township ordinances and subject to fines and penalties.**



This is why you should NOT blow grass into the street. It blocks the storm water from flowing into the basin which during storm events causes major flooding.



Do your part by reporting any spills, illicit discharges, or suspicious dumping into storm drains to your local municipality.

Windy Days & Your Garbage

When the winds blow, most times so does your garbage and/or recycling containers. Per NLT Solid Waste Ordinance, “It shall be the responsibility of the owner or lessee of the real estate to keep all garbage, refuse, or other materials at all times within the receptacle, and such owner/lessee shall immediately clean up any such items that are outside the receptacles.” Keep lids on tight and secure. Weigh them down if necessary. Garbage and recycling is your responsibility until it is collected by your hauler. Please do not litter by leaving items blow into the street or onto neighboring properties!



Earth Day is April 22nd — Stormwater Management and Recycling

Earth Day is a great time to learn about recycling. North Lebanon Township has its own Recycling Coordinator who is available to give a recycling presentation to your school, scouting, or civic organization within the Township. If interested, please contact the Township Office. Our Recycling Coordinator has the proper state required clearances and can make a presentation at a time suitable for your organization.

You can help celebrate Earth Day every day! Below are a few ways you can make your home stormwater friendly and show your appreciation for our planet at the same time.

- ⇒ Install a rain barrel
- ⇒ Plant a tree
- ⇒ Build a rain garden
- ⇒ Switch to green cleaning products
- ⇒ Reduce your use of pesticides and fertilizers
- ⇒ Clean debris from areas surrounding stormwater drain
- ⇒ Pick up after your pets and properly dispose of waste

PAVILION RENTALS

Are you planning a family reunion? What about a group picnic? North Lebanon has several pavilions available for rent to hold your event. We have playgrounds, walking paths, full service pavilions with kitchen amenities, open air pavilions and bathroom facilities. Please be reminded that all pavilions require a rental agreement with the Township.

Call the office to reserve your spot today at 717-273-7132.

Photo taken by a Township resident which shows beautiful Lions Lake at sunset.



TREE DEDICATION



Consider adopting a tree in memory of a loved one. We have trees available at Lenni Lenape and the Township Community Park. The cost is \$300 per tree.

BENCHES & DISC GOLF SPONSORS

Looking for a way to promote your business? We have several benches available for sponsorship at a cost of \$750 each.



We also have disc golf sponsorships available for \$400 each (includes your business name on both the tee post and the basket) at our Lenni Lenape Park.

Brochures and information are available on our website as well as at the Township Office.

Sump Pumps Connected to the Sanitary Sewer

Connecting sump pumps to the sanitary sewer is illegal and can cause big problems! Sump pumps are designed to pump ground-water and rainwater.

For the size of sewer pipe (typically 8" in diameter), about 300 gallons of water can flow through it per minute. If more sewage tries to get through the pipe in the street, the sewage will surcharge (back-up) and start filling sewer lateral pipes that run to the sewer main from houses. When this added sewage or extra water is sent to the sewer pipe, it will surcharge even more, eventually overflowing into someone's basement. For example, the sewage might come out of a neighbor's basement toilet or washing machine drain. This results in a disgusting mess!

If hooked up to a house's sewer lateral, a half horse power sump will pump about 60 gallons to the sewer each minute. That means if 5 pumps are connected to the sewer, it will be full.

Normal sewage often flows in the sewer main more than half-way full already. So if two or three neighbors in a street illegally connect their sump pumps to their sewer laterals, the flow that is trying to get through the sewer main may be more than its capacity of 300 gallons per minute. The sewage in the pipe will start backing up and cause serious problems.

Please do not overload the sewer lines!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Cedar Crest students — We can offer opportunities for your "Project L.I.F.E."

Eagle Scouts & Youth Groups — Looking for a community project?

We can help! Consider choosing one of our parks for your project. We welcome all groups and volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS are appreciated & needed to help keep all of our parks beautiful!! Please contact the township office if you are interested in volunteering.

LEBANON TIRE COLLECTION

Lebanon Expo Center & Fairgrounds
80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

We strongly suggest you preregister to avoid waiting in lines and to reserve your allotment of tires.

Preregistration must be completed by April 15th.



SPRING/SUMMER PROJECTS

Spring brings warm weather and work crews. Please use caution while traveling and observe signs, flaggers, and workers on the roads.

This year's paving projects include:

- Hill Street
- North 20th Street
- West Maple Street
- North 25th Street
- Taylor Street
- North 24th Street
- North 23rd Street
- Glonninger Street
- Union Canal Drive



Some preliminary work will be done prior to the start of the paving. Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

**Stay alert and drive with caution.
HELP keep our workers SAFE!**

Remember to Recycle

However, please do not throw packaging materials such as peanuts, bubble wrap, air pillows, etc. in the corrugated cardboard roll off container or mixed paper roll off container. We have had a growing number of issues with this lately. These items are **NOT** recyclable and should be thrown in the trash.

POLICE NEWS

REMINDER! Please be aware and mindful of scams over the phone and on your computer. This could be a phone call, text, email, etc. If you are not familiar with the sender/caller, DO NOT provide them with your personal information or banking information. Scammers are using Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology to mimic family members' voices requesting help and money. **THIS IS A SCAM.** Call your family members and speak with them directly in order to verify legitimacy. If someone you do not know asks you to send them money through a Bitcoin machine, **THIS IS A SCAM.** If someone calls you from the IRS and tells you they have a warrant for your arrest, and in order to vacate this warrant, you must purchase gift cards from a store, **THIS IS A SCAM.**

If you feel someone might be trying to scam you but you are not sure, please call our Police Department and speak with an officer. We are happy to assist you.



Please remember to remove any valuables and/or firearms from your vehicles overnight and keep your car doors locked.

If you ever see anything suspicious in your neighborhood or travels, please call our office number, 717-273-8141.

Be Earth Friendly: Participate in Earth Day & Great PA Cleanup

To learn more about Earth Day and the Great PA Cleanup and how to participate:

Earth Day – April 22 – www.earthday.org

Great PA Cleanup – March 1 to May 31 – www.gacofpa.org



“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.” – Native American Proverb

NLT ONLY ACCEPTS: Cash, Check, or Money Orders.
NO DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS will be accepted in the office!

2024 OFFICE CLOSINGS
Good Friday - March 29th
Primary Election Day - April 23rd
Memorial Day - May 27th

Primary Election Day is April 23rd. Remember to get out and vote.





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
Online Raffles—visit our Facebook page.

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
Follow us on Facebook.

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