

Borough of St Lawrence

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Reading PA 19606-2372

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NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

December 24	Trash Pick up/Christmas Eve Borough Office Closes at 12:00 PM
December 25	Christmas Day—Office Closed
December 31	Trash Pick up Double the Limit Recycling/ Office closes 12:00 PM
January 1	New Year's Day—Office Closed
January 4	Reorganization/Council Mtg—7:30 PM
January 7, 14, 21, 28	Trash Pick up
January 14, 28	Recycling
January 18	Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed
January 27	Planning Commission
February 4, 11, 18, 25	Trash Pick up
February 11, 25	Recycling
February 11	Borough Council – 7:30 PM
February 15	President's Day—Office Closed
February 24	Planning Commission—7:30 PM
March 4, 11, 18, 25	Trash Pick up
March 11, 25	Recycling
March 11	Borough Council—7:30 PM
March 24	Planning Commission—7:30 PM
April 2	Good Friday—Office Closed Easter Egg Hunt—St. Lawrence Play-ground—9:00 AM Sharp

❖ ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH ❖

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Mayor
610-779-3632

Borough Council

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610-370-1236

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610-779-7543

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610-779-7654

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610-779-0442

Borough Council
meets the second
Thursday of each
month @ 7:30 p.m.

Allison A. Leinbach
Borough Manager

Borough Office:
610-779-1430
Home:
610-779-0112

**Happy Holidays
Welcome 2010**

COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE - DATE CHANGE
BOROUGH COUNCIL WILL MEET ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4th
AT 7:30 PM TO REORGANIZE. THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEET-
ING WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE REORGANIZATION
MEETING.

THE BOROUGH WELCOMES CENTRAL BERKS REGIONAL POLICE STARTING JANUARY 1st

Message from the Police Chief

The Central Berks Regional Police Department is committed to forming a partnership with the community of St. Lawrence Borough by serving and protecting the residents. The Department currently provides full-time services on a twenty-four hour-a-day basis to the residents of Mt. Penn Borough and Lower Alsace Township, and effective January 1, 2010, will be providing police services to St. Lawrence Borough. The Department is comprised of a proficient patrol division, criminal investigator, evidence technicians and a highly trained accident reconstructionist. Clearly, our most valuable resource is our professional and dedicated staff. As the Chief of Police I look forward to any questions or comments and can be reached at the number below.

Chief Anthony C. Garipoli, Sr.
Central Berks Regional Police Department
2147 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19606
Ph# 610-779-1100 Fax# 610-779-7135

**THANK YOU TO THE EXETER POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS,
BUSINESSES AND VISITORS TO THE BOROUGH**

ST LAWRENCE
BOROUGH HALL
3540 St. Lawrence Av.
Reading PA 19606

Telephone
610-779-1430

Fax
610-779-9148

Web - www.
stlawrenceboro.com

Email
stlawrence.boro@verizon.net

OFFICE HOURS:

MON - THUR
8:30 A.M.
to 2:30 P.M.
&
FRI
8:30 A.M.
To 12:00 P.M.

AN ANSWERING
MACHINE IS
AVAILABLE WHEN
THE BOROUGH
HALL IS CLOSED
OR WE ARE ON
THE TELEPHONE.

PLEASE LEAVE A
MESSAGE AND
YOUR CALL WILL
BE RETURNED AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

THE HALL IS
CLOSED ON ALL
LEGAL
HOLIDAYS.

**EMERGENCIES
ONLY:**

WATER
MT. PENN BMA
610-779-4900
PA-AMERICAN
WATER CO.
610-678-4545
SEWER
Kevin Conrad
610-621-2000
If no contact at
above numbers,
call
Allison Leinbach
610-779-0112

DOUBLE TRASH LIMIT THURSDAY DECEMBER 31ST

Once again the Borough is offering a double limit trash pickup between Christmas and New Year. This special pickup allows you to place six (6) 30-gallon trash containers at the curb.

The 31st is also a recycling day. Place your recycling separate from the trash. Please remember that cardboard is recycling. Remember, the more you recycle the less trash you have!

2010 HOLIDAY TRASH PICKUP CHANGES

When a Holiday occurs during the week, trash pickup will be one day later or on a Friday. The following pickups are affected in 2010:

- Week of Memorial Day - Pickup on June 4
- Week of Labor Day - Pickup on September 10
- Week of Thanksgiving Day - Pickup on November 26

SPRING CLEAN-UP TENTATIVE DATE MAY 13

TRASH INFORMATION EAGLE DISPOSAL

717-355-9560

**WEEKLY TRASH PICK UP ON THURSDAY
RECYCLING EVERY OTHER THURSDAY**

**TRASH - LIMIT OF 3 30-GALLON CONTAINERS
RECYCLING - UNLIMITED
CONTACT BOROUGH HALL WITH ANY TRASH OR
RECYCLING ISSUES**

BASIC PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR INDIVIDUALS DURING A PANDEMIC

A Pandemic is a worldwide outbreak of a highly contagious, infectious disease, usually respiratory in nature, in which humans have no immunity and which cause serious illness and death. The better prepared you are, the greater your chances of survival. The following are easy steps you can take to protect yourself and your family.

BASIC PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR INDIVIDUALS DURING A PANDEMIC

1. Avoid all crowds and public places (restaurants, malls, churches, movie theaters, sporting events, etc)
2. Avoid hand contact with people and objects in public places
3. Cough or sneeze in facial tissues and dispose of appropriately
4. Cough or sneeze in your upper sleeve, not your hand, if tissues are not available.
5. Wash hands frequently, especially after being in public places
6. When washing hands remove all rings and do so for 15 seconds (sing happy birthday 2x) with liquid soap or 60% + alcohol-based hand sanitizer
7. Wear protective clothing like masks and goggles.
8. Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.
9. Stay at home when sick and wear a mask to protect people around you.

SUPPLIES TO KEEP ON HAND

- ◆ Windup or battery-powered (extra batteries) flashlight and radio
- ◆ Manual can opener
- ◆ N95 Masks and surgical masks
- ◆ Eye protectors or eyeglasses
- ◆ Tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, disposable diapers
- ◆ Garbage bags
- ◆ Bleach, disinfectant surface wipes
- ◆ Soap & alcohol-based hand sanitizer (60%+ alcohol)
- ◆ Cash

MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO HAVE ON HAND

Prescription drugs
Glucose monitors
Fever reducers and pain relievers
Anti-diarrheal medication
Cough and flu medication
Thermometer
Electrolyte drink (water, sugar, baking soda, salt)
Pedialyte

WATER & FOOD SUPPLIES

Water
Ready to eat canned meats, veg, fruit
High energy foods (protein or fruit bar)
Dry cereal or granola
Dried milk
Nuts & dried fruits
Peanut butter, crackers, canned juices
Baby food and pet food if appropriate

HELPFUL RESOURCES

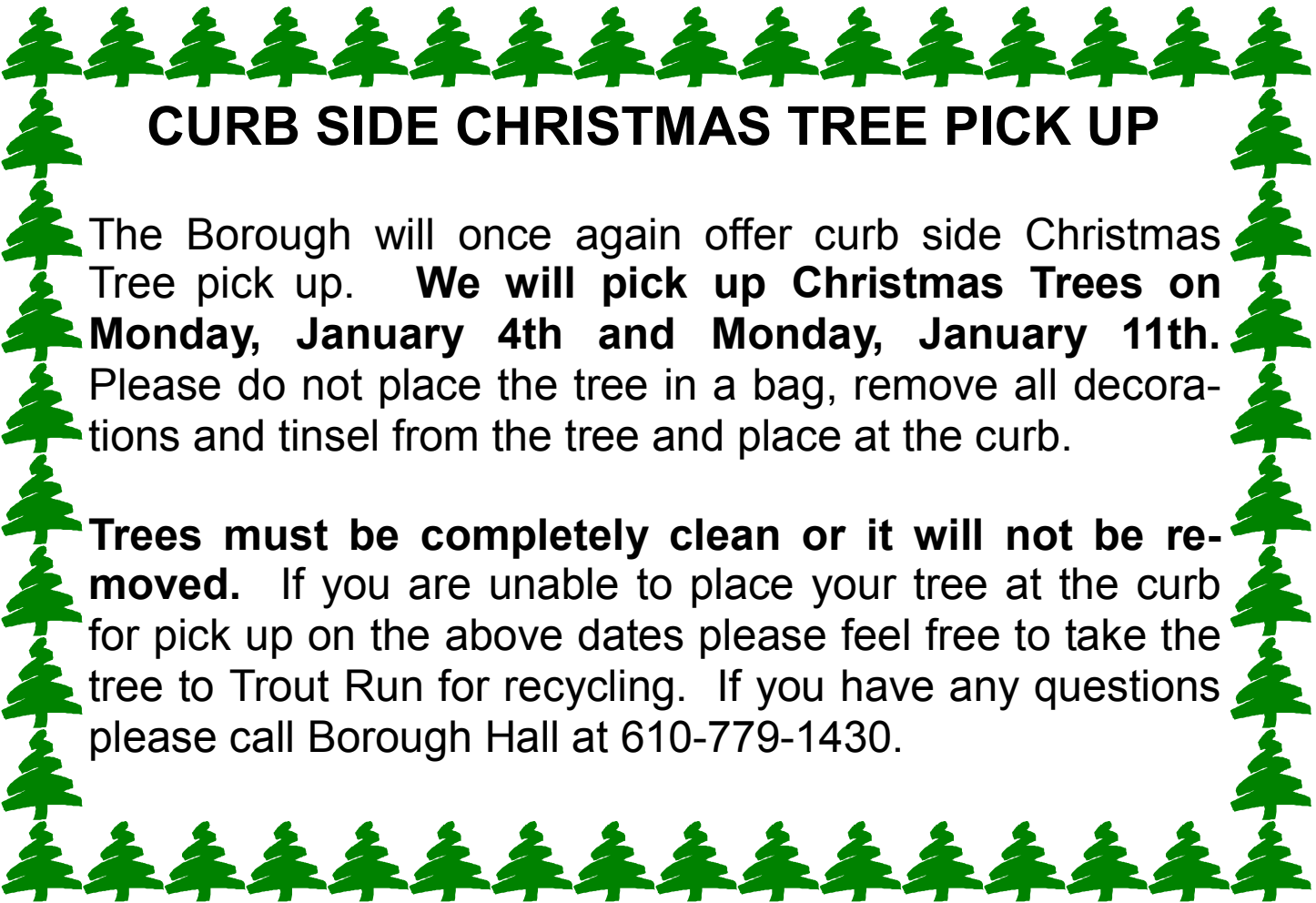
BERKS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WEBSITE: www.emaberks.com

COMMONWEALTH OF PA PANDEMIC FLU WEBSITE: www.pandemicflu.state.pa.us

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION PANDEMIC FLU WEBSITE: www.pandemicflu.gov or the CBC Hotline 1-800-232-4636

AMERICAN RED CROSS: 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767) OR 610-375-4383 OR www.redcross.org

BERKS COUNTY PANDEMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL: www.flutoolbox.com



CURB SIDE CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Borough will once again offer curb side Christmas Tree pick up. **We will pick up Christmas Trees on Monday, January 4th and Monday, January 11th.** Please do not place the tree in a bag, remove all decorations and tinsel from the tree and place at the curb.

Trees must be completely clean or it will not be removed. If you are unable to place your tree at the curb for pick up on the above dates please feel free to take the tree to Trout Run for recycling. If you have any questions please call Borough Hall at 610-779-1430.

BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

8:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

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FRIDAY

8:30 AM TO 12:00 PM

LIMITED OFFICE HOURS

Dec 24 & Dec 31: 8:30 AM - 12 PM

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON ALL LEGAL HOLIDAYS

Dec 25 & Jan 1 - Christmas/New Years
January 18—Martin Luther King Day
February 15—President’s Day

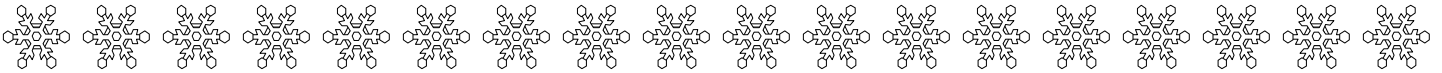
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

***If you see any street lights that are out please call Borough Hall with the Pole Number.**

If you don’t report it, it won’t be fixed.

***Old eyeglasses may be dropped off at Borough Hall for recycling by the Antietam Valley Lion’s Club**

***Toner and ink jet cartridges may be dropped at Boro Hall for Recycling by Schwarzwald UCC Pre-School.**



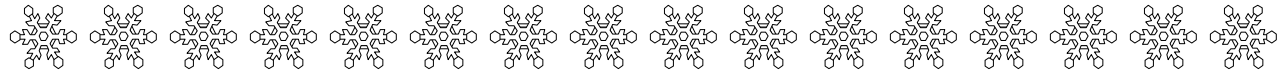
SNOW PLOWING INFORMATION



The Borough is not responsible for plowing the streets from curb to curb or for cleaning the space around your mailbox. Residents should try to park their vehicles off of the street and prevent your vehicle from being “plowed in”. This is especially important if you live in a cul-de-sac. The plow will make one pass to open the street but will return to clear the street. Please do not clear your driveway until after the plow truck has finished and do not push or throw the snow back into the street. As a reminder St. Lawrence Avenue and Oley Turnpike Road are state roads and are not plowed by the Borough.



Exeter Township is contracted by the state to plow these roads. If you see an unsafe condition on these roads please report this to Exeter Township at 610-779-5660. If you see an unsafe condition that needs attention on Borough roads please call Bill Daniels at 610-763-3544 or contact the Borough Office at 610-779-1430. All residents are reminded that by state law and Borough Ordinance that your sidewalk must be cleared within 24 hours after the snow has stopped. Please do not shovel the snow into the street as this can cause an unsafe condition. Please be aware that children walk to and from bus stops and if your sidewalk is not cleared that children may be forced to walk in the street which can be extremely dangerous especially along St. Lawrence Avenue.



ORDINANCE #386—SNOW REMOVAL

The owner, occupant or tenant of every property fronting upon or alongside of any of the streets of the Borough is required to remove all snow and ice from sidewalks in front of their property for the entire width of the sidewalk within 24 hours after said snow or ice has ceased to fall or be formed on said sidewalks.

Failure to comply with above will result in a \$25 fine for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense and \$100 for the third offense during any Winter Season. Winter season runs from Nov to Apr of the following year. Each successive 24 hour failure to remove shall constitute a separate offense punishable by a fine.

SUSAN D. EGGERT, TAX COLLECTOR
610-779-1430

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
SUSAN D. EGGERT, TAX COLLECTOR

TAX PAYMENTS MAY BE MAILED TO:
SUSAN D. EGGERT
ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH HALL
3540 ST. LAWRENCE AVE.
READING PA 19606-2372

COUNTY/BOROUGH TAXES

PAID AFTER JUNE	⇒ FLAT RATE & INTEREST & PENALTIES
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SCHOOL TAXES

PAID AFTER END OF OCT	⇒ FLAT RATE & INTEREST & PENALTIES
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School District and Per Capita taxes are mailed directly to the homeowner and not the mortgage company. Please forward the school district tax ASAP!!

TAXES DUE

All tax payments are due by December 31, 2009. All per capita payments are due by 3/31/10. If you are unable to come in during regular office hours feel free to place your payment in the locked mail box by the front entrance or call the Borough Office to make arrangements for payment.

2010 SPECIALTY RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:

April 10th - Exeter Township Municipal Building
 October 6th - First Energy Stadium

ELECTRONIC WASTE:

April 16th & 17th - Exeter Township Municipal Building
 September 24th & 25th - First Energy Stadium

PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE:

April 24th - Exeter Township Municipal Building
 October 2nd - First Energy Stadium

TIRE COLLECTION & PAPER SHREDDING:

May 1st - Exeter Township Municipal Building
 October 9th - First Energy Stadium

RECYCLING REMINDERS

RECYCLING NOW SINGLE STREAM
YOU DO NOT NEED TO SORT
ITEMS, JUST PLACE INTO
ANY CONTAINER AS LONG AS IT IS
INDELIBLY MARKED

RECYCLE or RECYCLING

[Maximum Weight of Filled Container 40 lbs]

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE
RECYCLABLE

1. NEWSPAPERS
2. NEWSPAPER INSERTS
3. MAGAZINES
4. CATALOGS
5. FLYERS
6. THIS NEWSLETTER
7. JUNK MAIL
8. TELEPHONE BOOKS
9. ENVELOPES
10. OFFICE PAPER
11. CORRUGATED BOXES
12. CORRUGATED CARDBOARD
13. CEREAL BOXES
14. GLASS BOTTLES
15. ALUMINUM CANS
16. SODA CANS
17. CAT & DOG FOOD CANS
18. STEEL CANS
19. BI-METAL CANS
20. SODA CANS
21. BEER BOTTLES
22. MILK JUGS
23. JUICE CONTAINERS
24. PLASTIC #1 & #2 (SEE TRIANGLE
ON BOTTOM OF THE CONTAINER)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RINSE
CONTAINERS AND THROW BOTTLE
LIDS AWAY

ANY QUESTIONS:
CALL BOROUGH HALL

C-L-I-P & S-A-V-E

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

2010 SCHEDULE

December 31, 2009

January 14, 28

February 11, 25

March 11, 25

April 8, 22

May 6, 20

June 3, 17

July 1, 15, 29

August 12, 26

Sept 9, 23

Oct 7, 21

Nov 4, 18

Dec 2, 16, 30

If you have any problems
or questions regarding
recycling please call the
Borough office at
610-779-1430.

RECREATION NEWS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ST. LAWRENCE EASTER EGG HUNT

FRIDAY APRIL 2 - 9:00 AM SHARP!!!!

**WHERE: ST. LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUND
SNOW, RAIN OR SHINE**

MORE DETAILS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!!!

PLAYGROUND LEADERS WANTED

Anyone interested in being a playground leader for the summer of 2010 should contact Borough Hall for an application. The minimum job requirement is a high school diploma. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Good leadership skills, knowledge of crafts and organized games is a must. Please contact Borough Hall at 610-779-1430 during regular office hours for more information.

ST. LAWRENCE RECREATION PROGRAM

For those of you who are new to the community, the Borough operates a municipal playground at 3500 Jacksonwald Avenue. During the summer, the Borough staffs the playground for a 9 week program that operates from 9 AM to Noon and from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, for children ages 6 to 16. The program includes arts and crafts, organized games, free play, special projects, outdoor movies and special event evenings. We are always looking for volunteers or those needing community service hours to assist in planning or running events, like stuffing Easter Eggs.

THE POLICE BULLET-IN

By Central Berks Regional Police

- ◆ Please obey the posted speed limits.
- ◆ It is illegal to park against traffic on a public street.
- ◆ Please be courteous to your neighbors when parking your car. Try not to take up more than one parking space.
- ◆ All vehicles must have current registration and inspection in order to park on a public street; otherwise they are considered abandoned and are subject to towing and fines.
- ◆ Going on vacation? Notify the police department, and the officers will be sure to patrol the area while you are away. Tell your neighbors to report anything suspicious immediately.
- ◆ Solicitation is prohibited without a permit. If someone knocks on your door trying to sell you windows, gutters, alarm systems, food, etc., ask them if they have a permit. If they don't, send them away and call the police immediately.
- ◆ Keep your car doors locked. Do not leave valuables in your car, and make sure items like GPS systems and MP3 players are out of sight.
- ◆ Some other services provided by the Police Department are fingerprinting, Notary seal services, passport photos, and security services. Inquire at the office.
- ◆ The Central Berks Police Department office is open from 8AM – 4PM, Monday thru Friday. Please call with questions, complaints, or non-emergency situations.

ZONING OFFICER/
BOROUGH
CODES
ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER
William C. Daniels
610-779-7364

UCC PLUMBING/
UCC MECHANICAL
INSPECTOR
Brian R. Sands
610-374-8397

EMERGENCIES
911

FIRE
911

POLICE
911

CALL BEFORE
YOU DIG
811

PLEASE FEEL
FREE TO CALL
THE BOROUGH
HALL WITH ANY
CONCERNS OR
QUESTIONS
REGARDING
RECREATION
AND/OR THE
PLAYGROUND
PROGRAM.

IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO
VOLUNTEER
AT THE
PLAYGROUND
OR FOR ANY OF
THE SPECIAL
EVENTS, PLEASE
CALL THE
BOROUGH HALL

NOTICE : Borough Council decides to retain ET Fire Department as the primary fire company. Mt. Penn Fire Company responds as secondary.