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From the desk of Council President Robert May—

As president of St. Lawrence Borough Council, I would like to greet you again and share with you news about our organization.

Mayor Michael Fritz was appointed in November of 2010 replacing Dr. Ron Ivison. Our gratitude and good wishes are extended to Dr. Ivison for his service to the community and we welcome Mayor Fritz, who previously served as Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board. We also welcome Lynn Leinbach to the Zoning Hearing Board, replacing Mayor Fritz as a member. The governing bodies of St. Lawrence are well served by the good citizens that step forward to participate, especially in volunteer positions such as the Planning Commission.

The Borough of St. Lawrence, like all municipal governments, has responsibilities to its citizens to provide ongoing services, to support culture and to provide public safety. In that regard, Council fully supports Borough traditions and programs, such as the popular Summer Playground Program. And, to insure our citizens have access to programs and services at the highest level, St. Lawrence also partners with and supports services such as Exeter Community Library, which has received many positive comments from our citizens.

The Borough is fortunate to employ the services of the Central Berks Regional Police, whose professionalism, responsiveness and level of service is keeping our community a safe place. Historically the Council has determined that by contracting with an adjoining police force rather than having our own police department is the best and most economical action. We are privileged to have committed volunteer firefighters and emergency service responders serving our Borough. We are happy to partner with our service providers for grants and new equipment whenever possible.

The Borough faces many challenges in the future as we have in the past. Numerous federal and state regulations affect the daily operation of the Borough, especially regarding the environment, such as the operation and maintenance of our stormwater collection system and its impact on water quality in Antietam Creek. The sanitary sewer collection system, which transfers waste to the Exeter Collection System for treatment at their plant, has been spotlighted recently. The sanitary sewer collection system has required upgrading to meet new environmental standards and to prevent extraneous groundwater from entering the aging piping system. By reducing the extraneous groundwater, our cost for the sanitary sewer waste treatment is reduced.

The Borough just completed two projects, one major project involving the sanitary sewer collection system and the other to upgrade street lighting owned by the Borough. The sanitary sewer collection system rehabilitation project was completed in December of 2010 with the following
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IMPORTANT DATES

April 4	Yard Waste Pick up
April 7	Trash Pick up & Borough Council Mtg 7:30 PM
April 7, 21	Recycling Pick up
April 16	Household Hazardous Waster @ Exeter Township Municipal Building 8AM - 2 PM
April 22	Good Friday—Egg Hunt (Playground) - Office Closed
April 24	Easter
April 30	Tire & Paper Shredding @ Exeter Township Municipal Building 8AM - 2 PM
May 5, 12, 19, 26	Trash pick up
May 9	Yard Waste Pick up—Please call Borough Office for pick up @610-779-1430
May 12	Spring Clean Up
May 5, 19	Recycling
May 17	Election Day
May 25	Planning Commission Mtg—7:30 PM
May 30	Memorial Day—Office Closed
June 3	Trash & Recycling
June 6	Yard Waste Pick Up
June 8	Borough Council Mtg—7:30 PM
June 9, 16, 23, 30	Trash Pick up
June 16, 30	Recycling
June 20	Playground Opens
June 22	Planning Commission Mtg—7:30 PM

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8:30 A.M.
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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.

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improvements to the system: lining of 3,565 lf of 8" sanitary sewer main, lining of 2,795 lf of 10" sanitary sewer main, lining of 2,045 lf of 12" sanitary sewer main, installing 27 cured in place point repairs and the lining of 71 sanitary sewer manholes. The lining and cured in place point repairs essentially constructs a new 30 year life pipe inside the existing old clay and concrete piping.

The street light project involved replacing two light poles and upgrading the heads to LED, resulting in a significant savings on electricity charges. In the one location, the LED light is powered by a small solar panel and battery. This improvement was more economical than the electrical conduit and wiring repair to utilize the old street light.

The Borough continually attempts to make "smart" decisions since it is always difficult to justify small municipal government with the county and state pushing towards municipal consolidation. I encourage all residents to contact Borough Manager, Allison Leinbach, with any questions or comments about any aspect of our Borough. She essentially stewards all aspects of the day to day operation of municipal government for the Borough. Her prior background in business leverages managing the finances under Council's navigation. It is her doing all the steering with help from Susan Eggert, Borough Secretary. In reality, those two managing all the tasks on a daily (sometimes nightly) basis, makes an elected official's job easier.

As always, if anyone feels that an issue needs to be directly delivered to the Council President, please contact me. I communicate best by e-mail these days, and can be reached at rjmay@aol.com.

Sincerely,
Robert J. May PE

CURBSIDE BRUSH PICKUP

The Borough will once again be offering curbside brush pickup once a month throughout the spring and summer. The brush pick up will take place the first Monday after the first full weekend of the month.

In order to have your brush picked up you must call Borough Hall at 610-779-1430 before 9 AM on Monday morning, you may leave a message on the answering machine. All debris must be in a yard waste recycle bag or bundled and tied. The bundles must be able to be handled by one person.

**Curbside pick up will be on the following Mondays:
April 4, May 9, June 6, July 11 and August 8**

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

St. Lawrence Woman's Club is offering a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior. Please stop in Borough Hall for an application. **Deadline to submit application is April 10.**

Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs is also sponsoring a \$1000 scholarship to a college freshman. Last year a Borough resident won the scholarship. Please stop in Borough Hall for the application. **Deadline to submit application is May 6.**

SPRING RECYCLING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE BERKS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THESE EVENTS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE BERKS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OFFICE @ 610-478-6362 OR VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT www.co.berks.pa.us/swa

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

WHERE: Exeter Township Municipal Building
WHEN: April 16, 2011
TIME: 8:00 AM—2:00 PM (Rain or Shine)

WHAT: Materials that will be accepted include Oil paints, turpentine, varnishes, weed killer, pesticides, pool chemicals, herbicides, antifreeze, gasoline, transmission oil, motor oil, solvents, disinfectants, photographic chemicals, driveway sealants, rug/oven/drain cleaner and floor/furniture polish.

TIRE RECYCLING

WHERE: Exeter Township Municipal Building
WHEN: April 30, 2011
TIME: 8:00 AM—2:00 PM (Rain or Shine)

FEES: Standard Tire \$ 2.00/tire & Standard Tire on Rims \$ 3.00/tire
WHAT: Standard passenger and light truck tires measuring between twenty(20) inches and thirty-three (33) inches in diameter and a width between six (6) inches and thirteen (13) inches. Tires shall be free of dirt, mud, debris, water and foreign objects. Tires must not be deformed and must have the normal geometry of a typical tire.

CASH OR CHECKS ONLY. CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: BCSWA

PAPER SHREDDING

WHERE: Exeter Township Municipal Building
WHEN: April 30, 2011
TIME: 8:00 AM—2:00 PM (Rain or Shine)

WHAT: 10 BOXES PER VEHICLE MAXIMUM (No need to remove binder covers or staples)

PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION

WHERE: Exeter Township Municipal Building
WHEN: May 7, 2011

TIME: 8:00 AM—2:00 PM (Rain or Shine)

WHO: HOUSEHOLDS ONLY (no businesses)

WHAT: Unwanted and expired medications, both prescription and over-the-counter in the following forms: tablet, liquid, ointment, inhaler, powder and patch. Medications should remain in their original containers with labels attached. Personal information should be crossed out (i.e. name), but information about the medication should be legible. No sharps, syringes, beauty products, etc. For additional information go to the Solid Waste Authority's website listed above.

TRASH INFORMATION

EAGLE DISPOSAL
717-355-9560

**WEEKLY TRASH PICK UP ON THURSDAY
LIMIT OF 3 30-GALLON CONTAINERS**

**RECYCLING EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
RECYCLING - UNLIMITED**

SPRING CLEAN UP MAY 12TH

**EXCESSIVE QUANTITIES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP
AND MUST BE REMOVED BY THE HOMEOWNER
WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE PICKUP.**

BULK LIST FOR SPRING CLEAN UP:

- ◆ NO APPLICANCES
- ◆ NO FREON ITEMS
- ◆ NO TIRES
- ◆ NO BATTERIES
- ◆ NO RIDING MOWERS
- ◆ PUSH MOWERS ARE OK BUT MAY NOT HAVE OIL OR GAS
- ◆ NO CONCRETE
- ◆ WOOD MUST BE IN 4FT LENGTHS AND TIED—LIMIT 6 BUNDLES
- ◆ CARPET MUST BE CUT IN 4FT LENGTHS AND TIED. LIMIT ONE ROOM OF CARPET
- ◆ NO PROPANE TANKS
- ◆ NOTHING OVER 50 POUNDS
- ◆ NO AUTO PARTS
- ◆ NO LONG METAL POLES OVER 4 FT

TWO MEN HAVE TO BE ABLE TO LIFT

ELECTION DAY

Election Day is Tuesday May 17th. The polls open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM. There is parking available in the rear. There is an elevator on the bottom floor for your convenience. Voter registration forms are available at Borough Hall. Stop in during regular office hours to pick one up.

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

2011 SCHEDULE

2011 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

April 7, 21

May 5, 19

June 3, 16

July 14, 28

Aug 11, 25

Sept 9, 22

Oct 6, 20

Nov 3, 17

Dec 1, 15, 29

2011 Trash Collection Changes

Memorial Day Week Friday June 3

Fourth of July Week Friday July 8

Labor Day Week Friday Sept 9

Thanksgiving Week Friday Nov 25

Spring Clean up—May 12

Curbside Brush Pickup

April 4

May 9

June 6

July 11

August 8

If you have any questions please call

Borough Hall 610-779-1430

County Recycling Events

@ Exeter Twp Municipal Bldg 8 AM - 2 PM

April 16: Household Hazardous Waste

April 30: Tires & Paper Shredding

May 7: Pharmaceuticals

RECYCLING REMINDERS

SINGLE STREAM - NO SORTING
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. CAT & DOG FOOD CANS
16. STEEL, ALUMINUM & BI-METAL CANS
17. MILK JUGS
18. JUICE CONTAINERS
19. ALL NUMBERED PLASTIC
20. ALUMINIUM FOIL/PIE PANS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RINSE

CONTAINERS AND THROW BOTTLE LIDS AWAY

ANY QUESTIONS:

CALL BOROUGH HALL

SPRING STREET SWEEPING

THURSDAY APRIL 28th &
FRIDAY APRIL 29th

The annual Spring Borough Street Sweeping will take place on Thursday April 29 and Friday April 29, with one side of the street being done one day and the other side being done the next day. The streets which are normally parked full of cars will be posted, otherwise the streets will not be posted. Your cooperation in removing your car (s) from the street would be greatly appreciated. This does not affect the State Roads: Oley Turnpike Road and St. Lawrence Avenue. If you have any questions please contact Borough Hall.

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 Exeter Library

ST. LAWRENCE COMMUNITY GARDENS

With March comes thoughts of growing and gardening. Plots will again be available to those in the community who wish to garden at the playground. Please call Marianne Lubenow at 610-779-3632 for more information.

ZONING PERMITS REQUIRED

No building or structure, except temporary fences such as snow fences and fences around construction sites, shall be erected, constructed, assembled, extended, reconstructed, replaced, demolished, converted, moved, added to or structurally altered, nor shall land, buildings and structures be put to any use or have their use changed, without a permit therefore issued by the Zoning Officer. Zoning Permit is required for Timber Harvesting. Zoning permits are needed for Home Occupations, No-Impact Home based Businesses, major planting, sheds, pools, new commercial tenants, any construction, etc. The permits assists Borough staff in determining if any other permits are needed prior to your project starting. State mandated construction rules (including plumbing and electrical) require permits and inspections for certain projects. If obtained after the fact, work may be required to be redone to meet code requirements. Zoning Permit applications are available on the website AND ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO FILE.

TAKE A HIKE

Come join Councilman Warren Lubenow on April 16th for a guided hike of the St. Lawrence Water Shed property. The hike will begin at the playground located on Jacksonwald Avenue and proceed up Adams Street at 9 AM and will last approx. 2 hours. The Borough owns approx. 250 acres of woodland which once provided residents with great tasting water but now is a beautiful place to hike.

If you would like to join or would like more information please contact Borough Hall.

BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

8:30 AM TO 2:30 PM

&

FRIDAY

8:30 AM TO 12:00 PM

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

ON ALL LEGAL HOLIDAYS

April 22—Good Friday

May 17—Election Day

May 30—Memorial Day

July 4—Independence Day

BERKS EIT TAX FORMS

Local income tax return forms are available at Borough Hall. Please stop in the office during regular office hours and pick one up.

EXETER MAY DAYS

MAY 20TH & MAY 21ST

3:00 PM—10:00 PM

THERE WILL BE FIRE WORKS ON

MAY 21ST AT 9:00 PM

PLANNING TO DIG? CALL 8 - 1 - 1

In Pennsylvania homeowners and contractors are required by law to contact PA One Call, by dialing 8-1-1 at least three business days before beginning any digging or excavation project.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.pa1call.com

EASTER EGG HUNT

ST. LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUND

3500 BLOCK JACKSONWALD AVENUE

FRIDAY APRIL 22 @ 9:00 AM—SHARP - RAIN, SNOW OR SHINE

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Friday, April 22. The hunt begins at 9:00 AM sharp. The hunt starts when the Easter Bunny arrives courtesy of the Mt. Penn Fire Company on their fire truck. Refreshments and beverages will be provided.

CANDY DONATIONS

All donations will be accepted and appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at Borough Hall during regular office hours thru April 20th. If you are purchasing candy for donation please be sure that it is individually wrapped candy. The candy will be used to stuff plastic eggs for the hunt.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

If you need community service hours why not come to the egg hunt and help to lay out the eggs and assist with the start of the egg hunt. Call Borough Hall for more details on this fun way to earn a few hours of service.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

The Summer Program will run from Monday June 20th through Friday August 12th on the municipal playground. Registration is required to participate in the summer program. Registration packets will be available at Borough Hall and on the Borough website starting June 1st.

Staffed playground hours will be 9 AM to 12 PM and 6 PM to 9 PM. During the staffed hours, the leaders will provide arts & crafts; organized play; free play; tournaments and team sports. There is no fee to attend the playground program.

Along with the regular activities there are special events and specialty arts & crafts projects that will run in both the morning and evening sessions that may have a cost associated with them, typically the charge is between 50¢ and \$2.00. Special events include carnival games (stuffed animal prizes) with a charge and movie night with no charge. Specialty arts & crafts projects include ceramic banks, sand art bottles and tie dye. The charges help offset the cost of providing the special activities.

In addition to all the activities, we have a concession stand where drinks and treats can be purchased. For more information please call the Borough Hall at 610-779-1430.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.