

# Borough of St Lawrence

3540 St. Lawrence Avenue  
Reading PA 19606-2372

CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGES TO  
THE BOROUGH TRASH SERVICE

OCCUPANT  
2 ADAMS ST  
READING PA 19606

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STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
READING, PA  
PERMIT No. 718

# ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR  
BOROUGH CHILDREN**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 -8:30 PM

NO CHARGE

ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH HALL

SANTA, FOOD, GIFTS, GAMES & PICTURES

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

FROM  
The Mayor,  
Borough Council and  
The Borough Staff

## CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

CALL BORO HALL FOR PICKUP  
BY THE MORNING OF THE 4th & 9th  
WEATHER PERMITTING

## TRASH REMINDER DECEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>

TRASH LIMIT DOUBLES  
6 - 30 GALLON CONTAINERS  
WRAPPING PAPER IS RECYCLABLE

## TRASH CHANGES FOR 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ WEEKLY RECYCLING PICKUP
  - ◆ UNLIMITED RECYCLING PICKUP
  - ◆ 3 - 32 GALLON TRASH CONTAINERS
  - ◆ ONE BULK ITEM PER WEEK
  - ◆ NO SPRING CLEAN-UP
  - ◆ CARDBOARD FLATTENED
- SEE WASTE MANAGEMENT ARTICLE

## RECYCLING STICKERS NOW AVAILABLE FOR MARKING CONTAINERS

RESIDENTS MAY USE ANY LIDDED  
CONTAINER FOR RECYCLABLES SO LONG AS  
THE WEIGHT OF THE CONTAINER AND  
RECYCLABLES DOES NOT  
EXCEED 40 POUNDS AND THE CONTAINERS  
ARE MARKED RECYCLING.  
STOP IN OR CALL FOR DELIVERY

## IMPORTANT DATES

November 24, 25	OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING
December 8	Borough Council Meeting - 7:30 PM
December 26	OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS
January 2	OFFICE CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S DAY
January 3	Borough Council Reorganization Meeting - 7:30 PM Borough Council Meeting - Immediately following Reorganization Meeting
January 4 & 9	Christmas Tree Collection - Call Boro Hall for pickup
January 16	OFFICE CLOSED - MILK DAY
January 25	Planning Commission - 7:30 PM
February 9	Borough Council Meeting - 7:30 PM
February 20	OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENT'S DAY
February 22	Planning Commission - 7:30 PM
March 8	Borough Council Meeting - 7:30 PM
March 28	Planning Commission - 7:30 PM
April 6	OFFICE CLOSED - GOOD FRIDAY

## NOTICE

STARTING JANUARY 5, 2012  
RECYCLING AND TRASH PICKUP -  
WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS



# CENTRAL BERKS REGIONAL POLICE

## SAFETY TIPS & REMINDERS



# SAFETY AROUND SNOW PLOWS

**Distance** – Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Don't tailgate or try to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.

**Vision** – A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. If you cannot see the plow's side mirrors, the driver cannot see you. Stay two to three car lengths behind the plow and watch for sudden stops or turns.

**Ice & Snow ... Take It Slow** – Snowplows travel well below the posted speed limit. Be patient. Try not to pass the plow.

**Beware of Snow Clouds** – Snowplows often create clouds as they clear the roads. These snow clouds can reduce your ability to see.

# ICE & SNOW - TAKE IT SLOW

**First Snow or Ice** – Drivers usually aren't prepared for winter driving and forget to take it slow. Remember to drive well below the posted speed limit and leave plenty of room between vehicles.

**Black Ice** – Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery and dangerous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas. All are hot spots for black ice.

**Limited Visibility** – Stay attentive and reduce your speed. Know what's going on around you.

## HEADLIGHT/WINDSHIELD WIPER LAW

This law, which went into effect Jan. 28, 2007, requires motorists to turn on their headlights anytime their vehicles wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to weather conditions. Daytime running lights are not enough. Your tail lights must be illuminated as well. Motorists who do not comply with the law may face a fine of \$25, but with fees and other associated costs, the penalty would approach \$100.

## SNOW/ICE REMOVAL STATE LAW FOR VEHICLES

Under this law, which went into effect July 10, 2006, motorists will face severe fines if snow or ice that falls from their vehicle causes injury or death to other motorists or pedestrians. When snow or ice is dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury, the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice came is subject to a fine of \$200 to \$1,000 for each offense. PennDOT urges motorists to remove all ice and snow from their vehicles before traveling.

## SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

BOROUGH COUNCIL ADOPTED ORDINANCE #408 DECLARING THE FOLLOWING ROADS OR PORTIONS OF ROADS AS SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES:

- ◆ ST LAWRENCE AVE - ENTIRE LENGTH
- ◆ OLEY TURNPIKE RD - ENTIRE LENGTH
- ◆ ADAMS STREET: BOTH SIDES
- ◆ JACKSONWALD AVE FROM CHESTNUT TO GANSTER: THE EVEN NUMBER (SOUTH) SIDE
- ◆ GANSTER ST: BOTH SIDES
- ◆ STONER AVE FROM ADAMS TO CHESTNUT: ODD NUMBER (NORTH) SIDE
- ◆ ELM ST.: EVEN NUMBER (WEST) SIDE
- ◆ PATTON ST.: WALNUT TO BROWN BOTH SIDE
- ◆ PATTON ST: BROWN TO ELM: EVEN NUMBER (SOUTH) SIDE
- ◆ AROUND THE CIRCLE ON JACKSONWALD AVE

The Snow Emergency Route declaration requires all vehicles to:

- ⇒ have either snow tires or chains
- ⇒ for all parked vehicles to be moved off the roadway or they will be towed.

For an Emergency to be declared, the National Weather Service would declare a major snow or ice event and the Borough would then declare the Emergency. Emergency declarations will be announced on the Radio, the Borough Website and television. If you have any questions please contact Borough Hall .

## PLAYGROUND PROGRAM SUMMER 2011

From bombardment (dodge ball) to arts and crafts, the 2011 Summer program at the St. Lawrence Playground was again a success. This past summer, for the first time in years, two male playground leaders joined our staff. Thanks to Stephen Wickert and Derrek Rhoads. More children registered to attend the playground this year and attendance was up.

Though it was a very hot summer, the fun never ceased. Regular water games and a few water balloon battles were included in the schedule, along with a visit from the Mt. Penn Fire Company. The kids absolutely loved getting hosed down and touring the fire engine. Traditional games were enjoyed as well: badminton, volleyball, horseshoes and 4-square to name a few. Arts & crafts projects produced: bracelets, necklaces, bookmarks, piggy banks and a host of other items.

This past summer was a blast for the leaders as well as the kids. Katie, Stephen, Derrek and Brittany are looking forward to another great season.

See you for the Summer 2012 Program.



## EGG HUNT PLANNED

FRIDAY APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>

ST. LAWRENCE PLAYGROUND

Weather permitting...

See next newsletter for details.

## FALL FESTIVAL CANCELLED

DUE TO THE SNOWSTORM OCTOBER 29TH, THE FESTIVAL WAS CANCELLED.

WE WILL TRY AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

# BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

3540 St. Lawrence Ave.  
Reading PA 19606  
Telephone: 610-779-1430  
Fax: 610-779-9148  
Email: stlawrence.boro@verizon.net  
Website: www.stlawrenceboro.com

An answering machine is available when we are closed or on the other line. Please leave a message and we will return your call at our first opportunity.

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Friday  
8:30 AM - Noon

Closed on All Legal Holidays

## EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

Non Emergency - 610-655-4911

**SEWER EMERGENCY:** DURING OFFICE HOURS CALL BOROUGH HALL

AFTER HOURS CALL ALLISON LEINBACH @ HOME OR CELL

### Borough Officials - Appointed

#### Manager/Treasurer/Asst. Codes & Zoning Officer

Allison Leinbach Office: 610-779-1430  
Home: 610-779-0112 Cell: 610-207-8469

#### Secretary/Asst. Codes & Zoning Officer

Susan Eggert 610-779-1430

#### Codes & Zoning Officer

Bill Daniels Cell: 610-763-3544

#### Borough Engineer/ Asst. Codes & Zoning Officer

Pamela Stevens, PE - SDE 610-916-8500

#### Borough Solicitor

Joan London, Esq. - Kozloff Stoudt 610-670-2552

#### UCC Building Codes Inspectors

Systems Design Engineering, Inc (SDE) 610-916-8500

#### Sewer Engineer

Kevin Conrad - SSM Group 610-621-2000

#### Central Berks Regional Police

Anthony Garipoli, Chief Office: 610-779-1100

#### Emergency Management Coordinator

Robert J. May, PE 610-370-1236

### Borough Appointed Board/Commission

#### Planning Commission

James Lewars, Chairman  
Warren Lubenow, Vice- Chairman  
Barry Bixler  
James Simmons  
Greg Zawilla

#### Zoning Hearing Board

Dave Smith, Chairman  
Dorothy Jurasinski  
Lynn Leinbach

### Borough Officials - Elected

#### Mayor

Michael C Fritz 610-370-0733

#### Borough Council

Robert J. May, President 610-370-1236  
rjmay@aol.com  
David W. Eggert, VP 610-779-6855  
Mike Bennethum 610-779-9645  
Joan Eshelman 610-779-7543  
Warren Lubenow 610-779-3632  
Jim Simmons 610-779-7612  
Cary G. Whitman 610-779-0442

#### Constable

Bart Ganster

#### Tax Collector

Susan D. Eggert 610-779-1430

### SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exeter Township SD Admin 610-779-0700

### DISTRICT JUDGE COURT 23-2-03

Hon. Phyllis J. Kowalski 610-779-5137  
10 Fairlane Rd Fax: 610-779-4681  
Reading PA 19606

### STRAY/ABUSED ANIMALS

Animal Rescue League 610-373-8830  
After Hours Lost/Found 610-373-6064

### UTILITIES

**Mt. Penn Water 610-779-4900**  
**They also handle sewer billing for the Borough.**  
PA American Water 1-800-565-7292  
Met-Ed (Electric) 1-800-545-7741  
UGI (Gas) 610-375-4441  
Service Electric (Cable) 610-582-5317

**2011 SCHEDULE**

**EAGLE DISPOSAL**

**717-355-9560**

**RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

**Dec 1, 15, 29**

**Trash Collection Changes**

**Thanksgiving Week Friday Nov 25**

**Double Trash Pickup December 29**

If you have any questions please call

Borough Hall 610-779-1430

**CURBSIDE BRUSH/LEAF PICKUP**

**Every Monday  
Through December 12**

In order to have your brush/leaves 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 brush or leaves must be in a yard waste recycle bag (paper) or brush may be bundled and tied. The bundles must be able to be handled by one person. You may only place vegetative material out for pickup.

ANYONE WHO PLACES ANYTHING OTHER THAN VEGETATIVE MATERIAL IN A YARD WASTE BAG OR BUNDLE WILL NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE FOR PICKUP.

Residents may take their vegetative material to the Trout Run Brush Depository. A key card, available at Borough Hall, is required for access.

**TROUT RUN BRUSH**

**DEPOSITORY REMINDER**

KEY CARDS ARE REQUIRED FOR ACCESS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT BOROUGH HALL.

**2012 Berks County**

**Pharmaceutical Collection  
& Paper Shredding**

**April 28, 2012**

Exeter Township Municipal Bldg.

**October 13, 2012**

FirstEnergy Stadium

(Rt. 61, Reading)

**8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**2012 Berks County**

**Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection**

**April 21, 2012**

Exeter Township Municipal Bldg.

**October 20, 2012**

FirstEnergy Stadium

(Rt. 61, Reading)

**8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING CENTER**

1316 HILLTOP RD., LEESPORT

**OPEN EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY**

8 AM - NOON

**ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED:**

Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Keyboards, Modems, Printers, Radios, Stereos, Televisions, VCRs, Fax Machines, Copiers, Telephones, Answering Machines, Microwaves, Fluorescent bulbs, Air Conditioners and Dehumidifiers (no refrigerators or freezers), All items that plug in or run on batteries.

**FEE SCHEDULE: may change**

**All Electronic Items \$1.00 each**

**(except TV's)**

**TV's (20" and smaller) \$5.00 each**

**TV's (20" and larger) \$10.00 each**

**Batteries Free of Charge**



# Waste Management Trash and Recycling Collection

Effective January 1, 2012 Waste Management will be the new contracted Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling collector for St Lawrence Borough. We hope the following information will facilitate a smooth transition and answer any questions that may arise with the change of your waste collection company. We look forward to providing the Solid Waste and Recycling services to the residents of St. Lawrence Borough.

## General Information

- Up to 3 – 32 gallon trash containers will be collected each collection.
- Residential Solid Waste and Recycling will continue to be collected on Thursdays.
- 1 bulk item will be collected on the same day as your scheduled waste collection.
- Yard Waste/Christmas Trees – Yard Waste and Christmas tree collections are not part of the contract and will not be collected.
- Local Contact Telephone Number: 610-367-1324

Waste Management recognizes the following Holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. In the event one of these holidays falls on a Friday or weekend, no change will be made to the Thursday collection schedule. Holidays that occur between Monday – Thursday will result in collection of Municipal Waste and Recycling on Friday of that week.

## Preparing Trash and Recycling for Collection

- Please have all items curbside no later than 6am on your scheduled collection day.
- Acceptable items for recycling include
  - Corrugated paper
  - Mixed paper
  - Clear and colored glass container
  - Aluminum containers, steel containers and bimetal containers
  - Plastic containers marked #1 thru #7
  - Cardboard – Please insure all cardboard fits in provided container
- Bulk Waste – Please have all bulk items curbside no later than 6 am on your scheduled collection day. The following items WILL NOT be collected as bulk waste:
  - Tires and tire rims
  - Items containing refrigerants (refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, dehumidifiers, etc) will not be collected unless tagged with a certification sticker that all refrigerant has been removed.
  - Materials classified as Hazardous Waste (paint in liquid form, paint thinners, anti-freeze, items containing fuel or motor oil, gas cylinders, etc
  - Paint Cans – Paint cans which contain dried paint can be placed in your trash receptacles.



# 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 later 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, they are plowed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). If you see an unsafe condition on these roads please report this to PennDOT Berks Maintenance Office 610-929-0766.

On Borough Roads, if you see an unsafe condition that needs attention 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 #386 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 and is against the law.** 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 the sidewalk 24 hours after said snow or ice has ceased to fall. 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. Each successive 24 hour failure to remove shall constitute a separate offense punishable by a fine. Full text of the Ordinance is available on the borough website @ [www.stlawrenceboro.com](http://www.stlawrenceboro.com)