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SPRING 2020

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Spring Clean Up will be the week of April 20, 2020

All items **MUST** be curbside by April 20th at 6:00 a.m.
Only **ONE** collection sweep of the Township will be made
(There will be NO return trips)

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.

Please keep piles away from obstructions such as poles, mailboxes, cars, etc.
The Yard waste facility is available for those who miss the collection.

Our Highway Department appreciates your cooperation in this process! Thank you!

To purchase a **Yard Waste Access Card**, just stop by the Township Office any time during our regular office hours. The fee is \$45. The card is good for the calendar year.

Address Signs are available for ordering at the Township. The cost is \$20 per sign. Stop by the Township Office to obtain a copy of the order form. Payment is due at time of ordering.

Please contact the North Lebanon Township Office at 717-273-7132 for questions pertaining to any of the following:

- ◇ Driveway Permits
- ◇ On-Lot Sewage Management Program
- ◇ Public Sewer Permits
- ◇ Park Pavilion Rentals
- ◇ Recycling Containers
- ◇ Street Excavation Permits
- ◇ Tree Dedications—We still have trees available
- ◇ Yard Waste Access Cards

For Solicitation Permits contact the North Lebanon Township Police Department at 717-273-8141.

For inquires regarding: Zoning Permits, Building/Demolition Permits, Right-of-Way Distances/Measurements and On-lot Sewage Permits – Please contact the Lebanon County Planning Department at 717-228-4444 for an appointment and directions if needed.

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!

On-Lot Sewage Management Program

The North Lebanon Township Sewage Management Ordinance requires that every property owner who has an onlot sewage disposal system have their treatment/septic tank(s) pumped once every three (3) years within the year the municipality is due. North Lebanon Township is due again in 2020. North Lebanon Township enforces the management program through the Township Office. Please mail all report forms to North Lebanon Township and make all checks payable to **North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority**. You can find frequently asked questions and some of our forms on our website at www.northlebanontwppa.gov.

→ Notices will be sent out in the spring on approximately April 6th to all North Lebanon Township residents with on-lot systems.

→ You will have approximately 5 months for compliance with a due date of August 31st.

→ You must use a registered pumper/hauler from the list you receive with the mailing.

→ Currently, there is a thirty dollar (\$30) administrative fee per lot, payable to **North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority**. This fee is required for maintaining the sewage management report form records and administering the Sewage Management Program Ordinance.

→ Anyone desiring exemption from the assigned pumping cycle must request an exemption form from the North Lebanon Township Office. The Township will provide written documentation as to whether the exemption request has been approved or denied.

Ways to Qualify for an Exemption from the Current Pumping Cycle

1. Have a qualified inspector evaluate the depth of the solids and scum in the tank. If the total depth of both solids and scum is less than 1/3 full, you would qualify for an exemption. The proper paperwork and fee must accompany this request.
2. If you had your tank pumped within the last year, you can submit the report form and the fee and we will accept that pumping.
3. If you had your sewage system newly built or repaired within the last year you may qualify for an exemption. You must submit a copy of the approved sewage permit and final inspection along with the exemption request form and the administration fee. We will review the request and determine if the type of repair qualifies for an exemption.

Sewer Billing Due Dates

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 on 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 Tuesday, March 10th. If you are paying in person you will need to be in our office by 4:00 pm on 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. You may also pay your bill online using the sewer payment portal located on our website's home page (www.northlebanontwppa.gov). Any payments made online must be paid by midnight on March 10th to be considered "on time".

Any incorrect deliveries of sewer bills is the responsibility of the Postal Service, not the Township. This also applies to undeliverable bills. If you haven't received your bill a few days after the mailing date (listed above), we suggest you call the Township Office (717-273-7132) for your balance to avoid any late charges or penalties. The staff is always willing to provide you any information you may need. It is the policy of the North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority to NOT waive penalties or late charges. Please be sure your payment is in our office by the close of business on the due date to avoid late charges and 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 free service, please contact Molly at the Township Office.

Public Involvement and MS4

Why Is Public Participation and Involvement Necessary?

The EPA believes that the public can provide valuable input and assistance to a regulated small MS4's municipal stormwater management program. An active and involved community is crucial to the success of a stormwater management program. If you have a private stormwater facility on your property, be sure to perform the routine maintenance. Regular maintenance helps to prevent bigger problems in the future. Learn what an illicit discharge is and when to report it.

What is an Illicit Discharge?

An illicit discharge is an unlawful act of disposing, dumping, spilling, emitting, or other discharge of any substance other than stormwater into the stormwater drainage system. The stormwater drainage system includes streets, ditches, catch basins, yard inlets, lakes, and streams.

Illicit discharges cause water pollution by sending pollutants right into creeks, streams, ponds, and lakes. Be sure you know what illicit discharges are so you can help prevent water pollution and keep our streams clean!

Help prevent water pollution. Call the Township (717-273-7132) to report an illicit discharge or any type of water pollution in our streams or stormwater inlets. In case of emergencies, call 911.

Examples of Illicit Discharges

- ◇ Paint or any other substance being poured into or near the storm drainage system
- ◇ Changing oil or antifreeze over or near a storm structure
- ◇ Washing vehicles where the runoff could drain into the storm drainage system
- ◇ Washing dumpster pads and allowing the runoff to drain into the storm drainage system
- ◇ Placing lawn clippings or other yard waste into a stormwater drainage system
- ◇ Leaving spilled contaminants (such as oil or gasoline) on pavement which would allow it to wash into the stormwater system during a subsequent rain event

What Information Should Be Given When Reporting a Suspected Illicit Discharge?

What time did you see the discharge? It is important that illicit discharges are reported immediately so the person(s) responsible can be found and the discharge can be cleaned up and corrected as soon as possible. We want to respond as quickly as possible to prevent pollution to our environment.

Where did you see the discharge? We'll need an address, intersection, business name, or landmark to help us quickly find the illicit discharge.

What do you think the discharge is? Was it a paint spill, oil spill, sewer leak, or some another type of illicit discharge?

What is your name and best contact information? This information is kept confidential and is only used if the Township requires additional information.

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.



TREE DEDICATION



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

Looking to promote your business? Benches and disc golf sponsorships are also available.



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

2020 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau will begin the 2020 census this Spring. The goal is to count everyone once and only once.

We are asking all residents to **please complete the census questionnaire**. It is very important to us as the census data collected helps distribute federal and state dollars to your local municipality. These dollars help support your local roads, bridges, emergency services, schools, senior centers, hospitals and the economic development. The number of residents per area also help to apportion the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

New for this census will be an online response option. The Bureau is also providing their field workers (who will have proper ID) with handheld devices for collecting the census data.

It is important for you to know your responses are confidential and may only be used to produce statistical data. The Census Bureau cannot publicly release an individual's response in any way that could identify them, their business, organization, or institution.

Know that you will not be asked for SS numbers, bank account or credit card numbers.

If you are interested in helping out, their Recruitment Hotline number is 1-855-562-2020.

Protect Your Personal, Financial Data

It's tax season and the state Department of Revenue has outlined several tips to help protect yourself from identity thieves:

- Shop at websites where the web address begins "https" – the "s" is for secure communications.
- Don't shop on unsecured public Wi-Fi in malls or hotels, where thieves can tap in.
- Secure your home Wi-Fi with a password.
- Use security software for computers and mobile phones; keep it updated.
- Protect your personal information; don't hand it out to just anyone.
- Use strong and unique passwords for your accounts.
- Use two-factor authentication whenever possible.
- Back up your files on computers and mobile phones.

You should also be on the lookout for "phishing" scams in your email. Identity thieves sometimes pose as companies or government agencies you know, such as the IRS or state Department of Revenue. Other phishing emails may tell an urgent story to trick you into opening a link or attachment that ultimately adds a virus or spyware onto your computer.

Finally, the IRS or Department of Revenue will never call to demand a tax payment on a gift card.

If you are a victim of identity theft or discover a fraudulent Pennsylvania personal income tax return was filed using your identity, please contact the Department of Revenue's Fraud Detection and Analysis Unit at 717-772-9297 or RA-RVPITFRAUD@pa.gov.

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:

- **Quarry Road** (from Grace Ave to Twp line)
- **Old Ebenezer Road** (E & W side of Route 72)
- **Poplar Lane** (W of Greenwood Drive 850')
- **N 8th Avenue** (from 7th Street to Marcon 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!



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Cedar Crest students — Are you in need of a Senior Project?

Eagle Scouts & Youth Groups — Are you looking for a community project?

Consider choosing one of our parks to pursue as 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.

MOWING

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.**

CONSIDER RECYCLING

It takes many years for everyday items to decompose. Landfills across the country are starting to fill up. Do your part and RECYCLE!

⇒ **These recyclable items are mandated by Act 101 and Township Ordinance**

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR TRASH TO DECOMPOSE

- Paper Towel – 2 to 4 weeks
- Banana Peel – 3 to 4 weeks
- Paper Bag – 1 month
- ⇒ **Newspaper – 1.5 months**
- Apple Core – 2 months
- ⇒ **Cardboard – 2 months**
- Cotton Glove – 3 months
- Orange peels – 6 months
- ⇒ **Glass – 4000 years to 1 million years**
- Wool Sock – 1 to 5 years
- Milk Carton – 5 years
- Cigarette Butt – 10 to 12 years
- Leather shoes – 25 to 40 years
- Tinned Steel Can – 50 years
- Foamed Plastic Cup – 50 years
- Rubber-Boot Sole – 50 to 80 years
- ⇒ **Aluminum can – 200 to 500 years**

IT TAKES MANY MORE YEARS FOR PLASTIC TRASH TO DECOMPOSE

- ⇒ Plastic container – 50 to 80 years
- ⇒ **Plastic Bottle – 450 years**
- Disposable Diapers – 550 years
- Mono-filament Fishing Line – 600 years
- Plastic Bag — 200 to 1000 years

Remember - Recycle Clean, Recycle Right!

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 (50th Anniversary)

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!

2020 OFFICE CLOSINGS
Good Friday - April 10th
Primary Election Day - April 28th
Memorial Day - May 25th

Primary Election Day is April 28th. 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

SMOKE FREE!!! Wed. Night Bingo—doors open at 4:45p.m. Bingo starts at 6:45p.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!!!