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Keeping you connected to your community

in Lehman

Summer,
2019

did you know >>>

Recycling Center.

We opened our recycling center in 2012 and it has been a true blessing to our residents and extended community members alike to utilize recycling services for such a low cost.

Unfortunately, in recent years we have seen an incredible increase in trash and unrecyclable materials being placed into our bins. With state and nationwide changes happening with recycling programs, we can no longer take the chance of our hauler not taking our bins or having to take them to the landfill due to contamination. We have met and discussed options with them and have implemented set hours with an attendant to ensure all rules and regulations of our center are being followed.

Our hours of operation are:

Monday: 7am-1pm

Wednesday: 1pm-7pm

Friday: 7am-1pm

**2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month:
10am-2pm**

Please note, our property has multiple security cameras and all trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

elected officials >>>

A message from your Supervisors.

Over the past few years we have seen many new faces attending our meetings, asking questions and voicing comments and concerns. We're pleased to have residents participating. Our job as supervisors is to listen to our residents' concerns and work to find a viable solution. We strive to work as your voice. Our residents ultimately rule our democracy and together we can continue to work to create a community we all are proud to reside in and enjoy.

As your local elected officials, we often set the precedent for political decisions made on the state and even the federal level. Our residents talk to us, we talk to our state representatives, they talk to federal representatives. Without concerns being brought up to your local officials, many issues and concerns would never be heard. No doubt, local voices may take a while to be heard by the federal government, however, we can be heard. Local change can absolutely bring issues to national levels by creating conversations around topics of importance.

With residents becoming more involved, we hope to see the continued increase of attendance at our meetings. As always, we welcome and value your opinions, comments, concerns and praises.

Township Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm unless otherwise advertised.

24/7/365 coverage

As our community and population continues to grow, traffic increases with more and more events coming to Penn State University/Wilkes-Barre Campus and the Lake-Lehman High School. The population is increasing as new homes are being built and new families are moving into the area. Due to the aforementioned, the demand for police services has also increased. We have observed higher call volume, and an increase in traffic crashes and crime which have resulted in a small-town police department's resources being pushed to the limit.

Many years ago, the LTPD operated with a staff of 4 full time officers and several part time officers. We had a D.A.R.E. program at the Lake-Lehman School District which was always successful. As those officers retired, it became increasingly difficult to fund additional full-time officers due to rising costs of equipment, benefits, and the everyday functionality of a full-time police department. The township had no choice but to eliminate its night shift patrol – taking the force to only two (2) full time officers and 2 steady patrol shifts. Our coverage continued 7 days per week as a part time department. We had 4 patrol cars and several part time officers that worked on the police force as a second job. LTPD was left with two (2) full time officers until November of 2012 when an additional full-time officer was hired to cover shifts while the Sergeant was on a leave for medical reasons. The Pennsylvania State Police provided services during third shift (overnight) for many years.

In January of 2013, the police department started to track and monitor 3rd shift calls electronically through Luzerne County 911. We began to see that the Pennsylvania State Police were handling more calls in Lehman Township for true emergencies. If the call was not an emergency, the call was placed “on hold” until the morning and the dayshift officer would then respond. Data of these calls during the overnight hours were kept and LTPD continued to track them every year. In October of 2014, the police department approached the township supervisors with this data. The supervisors listened, and immediately requested third shift coverage on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. In October of 2015, the police approached the township supervisors again with additional data and reports from the 3rd shift officers. Seeing the success and having increased demands from residents, township supervisors agreed, without question, that Lehman Township needed full time police services again. Therefore, on January 1, 2016, Lehman Township began providing 24/7/365 coverage to the residents of Lehman Township.

Throughout the past 6-8 years, the entire law enforcement profession has suffered a rapid decline in applicants and new people wanting to join law enforcement. It has been increasingly difficult to find part time officers that want to work nights, weekends, and holidays. The full-time officers began working an excessive amount of overtime without having days off. The Lehman Township Supervisors met with the police department and agreed we needed a full-time department to keep up with the increased demands of everyday police services.

In January of 2019, three (3) new police officers were hired at full time status, bringing the staff to 6 full time officers and 6 part time officers.

With a Grant received through North Central Highway Safety Network we received funding for “Aggressive Driving Enforcement”, “Buckle Up PA” driving enforcement programs.

You will see us out and about the Summer making sure drivers in our township are driving safe and buckled up. PennDOT advises that wearing a seat belt increases your chances of surviving a crash by up to 60%.



road department >>>

Out and about, rain or shine

The Road Department's job is never done. Rain or shine, they are out maintaining Lehman's almost 50 miles of roadway. Between sweeping cinders, anti-skid and debris from the winter months in order to meet the MS4 requirements, our department has replaced multiple Stormwater pipes, brush cut the entire township, patched and paved many areas of concern and have had to perform many tree clean ups from the horrible storms we've had. Our crew recently patched and paved major problem areas on Old Route 115 to get by this year in anticipation of the full resurfacing and paving in 2020.

We have been approved by the Luzerne County Conservation District for two projects. A \$90,000 pipe replacement project on Meeker Road and a \$25,000 for a Dirt and Gravel Road Driving Surface Aggregate (DSA) on Church Road. Grant applications for DSA Crossin, Trojan and Swamp Roads are awaiting the 2019 round of funding and should be approved in July for \$25,000 each.

We recently finished the Dirt and Gravel Road projects held over from last year due to weather. Those projects were on Cornell, Croop, Deer Park and Salt Roads.

The Road Department will be working with Pocono Spray Patch, who were the low bidder this year, for crack sealing. Work will begin sometime in July, weather permitting.

We obtained a \$155,000 grant last year from the Office of Community Development to pave Sando Terrace, Pearl Street and Lake View Street. American Asphalt was the successful bidder on this project and work should start soon.

Zoning Office >>>

Ordinance Reminders



we're expecting >>>



We were successful in the purchase of a new plow truck and are eagerly expecting its arrival. As a member of the Pennsylvania Co-STARS program, we are able to purchase vehicles and related equipment at the same price that the state pays. After investigating the cost to replace our oldest vehicle in service (a 2007 plow truck), we have purchased a 2019 Freightliner SD108 (a replica of the truck shown above) and are expecting delivery before the New Year.

There are emergencies that happen on our roadways. Missing stop signs are a great example.

If you see a road hazard that could cause injury or harm, please call 911.

Please be aware that Lehman Township does not permit open burning of leaves, trash or any other items within the township. We do however permit confined burning – this means burning within a confined space like a burn barrel.

We would also like to remind residents that grass must be groomed to no more than nine (9) inches. All lawns must be cared for and it is the owner's responsibility to maintain.

Sign posting in Lehman must meet specific regulations and are NOT permitted on any Township Roads. Signs are prohibited in any zoning district that (a) is located in such a position which endangers vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic by obscuring the sight distance; (b) signs that may be confused with traffic signs; (c) any sign located in or extending into a public right-of-way, including any sidewalk areas; and (d) signs on mobile stands which can be moved from place to place. Additionally, permits are required of any sign which exceeds eight (8) square feet. Real Estate and subdivision/land development signs shall be exempt.

Please contact the Zoning Office should you have any questions.

Great News for the Lake-Silkworth Fire Department

The Township was unsuccessful in being awarded the full amount applied for in a grant over two years ago. It seemed that Lake Silkworth Fire Department was not going to get their new building. Thanks to the hard work of Supervisor Doug Ide finding another grant through Luzerne County, today marks a milestone.

After being in service for over 76 years the Lake Silkworth Fire Department will get a new modern state of art building this year. On behalf of the residents of Lehman Township, thank you for your service and enjoy your new facility.



Compost Center

Composting is available for Lehman residents at DAMA's composting site located on State Route 118 in Lehman Township. Proof of residency is required.

Rules for composting:

- All visitors must stop at the office to check in for drop-off or pick-up of material;
- No contractors and/or commercial landscapers, no construction debris, no plastics, no metal, no lawn furniture, no rocks or stone, no stumps, no painted, stained or pressure treated wood. Please "Keep It Green";
- Only clean leaf and yard waste. Remember this material will be applied to fellow resident's home and gardens.
- No branches or logs with a diameter over twelve (12) inches.

You're continued support greatly keeps the costs down, materials clean and the program operating property for years to come. 2019 Summer Hours of operation. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10am - 7pm; Saturday: 10am-3pm; Sunday: noon-3pm. Hours are subject to change depending on operation's needs, weather, holidays, storm events, darkness, etc.



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Electronics Recycling Event

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY!!!

Dallas Township, Dallas Borough, Kingston Township, & Lehman Township

D.A.M.A Compost Facility

3337 State Route 118 Dallas, Pa 18612

Saturday, August 10th, 2019 - 10:00am-2:00pm

\$20.00 Per Vehicle to Participate (Includes 1 TV under 42")

Must Show Proof of Residency

Items included in your participation fee:

- Desktop & Laptop Computers
- Keyboards & Mice
- Printers/Fax Machines
- Cables & Cords
- Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries
- Calculators & Adding Machines
- UPS Battery Backups
- DVD Players & VCR's
- Gaming Systems
- String Christmas Lights
- Microwaves & Small Appliances
- Telephones & Cell Phones*
- Audio Visual Equipment
- Toner & Ink Cartridges

*Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries

Items Requiring an Additional one time Fee: \$5.00 / Item
Limit per household: 1 Additional Televisions under 42" OR 1 Television over 42", in Wooden Cabinet or Projection TV \$10.00.

- CRT Monitors
- LCD Monitors
- Console Stereos (in cabinet)
- Floor Copiers
- Dehumidifiers*

Maximum 2 Television Limit!

****Cash or Checks ONLY****

****Please Make Checks Payable to Dallas Area Municipal Authority or DAMA****
****TV'S MUST BE COMPLETE, NO BROKEN TV'S ACCEPTED****



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* All Refrigerant items & dehumidifiers must have Freon removed.*

Dallas Area Municipal Authority welcomes the residents to join the fight against hunger with us. We ask you to consider donating Non-Perishable food items. Anything you can donate will make a difference and will be delivered to a local church.

We are excited to again partner with Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Kingston Township this year to bring our residents an Electronic Recycling Event. Please read the flier for what is and is not acceptable.

DAMA will be holding a food drive - we encourage those who attend to please bring a non-perishable donation.

Call us at **570-674-7788**

or check our website
www.lehmanpa.com