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A Message from your Supervisors:

As we approach the new year, we hope everyone is doing well and are in good health. 2023 has been difficult thanks to the rising cost of everyone’s day to day needs. Even though the township also faces increased costs, we have not reduced any of the services we provide our residents and plan to continue them into the future. As a result of successfully receiving grants and good fiscal management, cost saving equipment has been added to the Road Department and a building addition has been completed on our Police Department. This expansion has resulted in a more efficient and productive police department.

We hope in 2024, mother nature will be kinder to our road department so they won’t be burdened with so many storm cleanups and our police won’t be stretched thin due to continued threats at the school district. Words can’t describe how lucky and thankful we are to have such a great group of dedicated employees. Our job as supervisors is made easier thanks to every one of them. As we say goodbye to 2023 and look forward to a better 2024, on behalf of all of us at Lehman Township, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year.

Dave, Doug and Ray

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

**Recycling >>>**

## Thank you for Recycling with us!

We have to take a moment to thank our residents for another successful year of recycling. Recyclables are coming in clean and rinsed and ready to be recycled. We have been able to identify illegal dumping with our enhanced camera systems, as well as having our attendant Buddy checking vehicles and what is being put in the bins. We thank Luzerne County for their grant opportunities to provide special events for our residents! Please watch our website and Facebook page for these event dates. If you ever have a question about what you can and cannot recycle, you can always find the answers on our website as well as in our monthly ads in the Back Mountain Community News.

Many of our neighboring community members have also decided to recycling with us. We continue to be thankful for everyone’s participation in recycling. Its only together that we can make this world a little cleaner.

## police department >>>

## Accreditation

In early 2021, Chief Mark Liparela applied to the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association for Police Department Accreditation.

Over the last couple years, the police department Policy Manual, Code of Conduct, and General Orders & Procedures were completely re-written and re-approved by Chief Liparela. A strong commitment was made by the Lehman Township Board of Supervisors and Chief Liparela to become an accredited police agency.

In September 2023, Officer Wade Curtis was hired part time to perform all accreditation tasks and completely manage the department's accreditation. Officer Curtis recently retired honorably from the Kingston Township Police Department after more than 30 years of service to Kingston Township. Officer Curtis was their accreditation manager as well. By hiring Officer Curtis, it shows the public how committed the Lehman Township Board of Supervisors and Chief Liparela are to a professional, progressive, and well-trained police department.

The goal is to be finished with accreditation between December 2024 and February 2025.

## events >>>



You can read more about the importance and benefits of becoming an Accredited Law Enforcement Agency at the following website: [www.pachiefs.org/pcpa-accreditation-program](http://www.pachiefs.org/pcpa-accreditation-program)

## road department >>>



The Road Department is waiting for delivery of our new freightliner plow truck, similar to the one pictured above. This truck has also been equipped to tow heavy equipment such as our paver and roller.

Crack sealing was one on several roads in Oak Hill, as well as 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Briar Crest and Boyles Road. This was accomplished at a savings of about \$20,000.00 over previous years with the use of our own road crew and crack sealing machine. The crack sealing machine was purchased last year with an LSA Grant.

The Township has submitted a grant for a smaller 2.5-ton dump truck with plow to replace our aging 2013 Dodge dump truck.

The dirt and gravel road grant of \$17,000.00 for the resurfacing of Ide Road with driving aggregate has been completed.

Road repairs and crack sealing will remain ongoing as the weather permits.

## zoning office >>

Hello, Lehman Township! Just a few reminders from Christine Pope in the Zoning Office.

Keep in mind that no building, structure or sign shall be erected, constructed, moved, added or enlarged, nor shall any land, structure or building be put to any use without first obtaining a zoning permit. Check out the Lehman Township Zoning Ordinance for more details.

Also, it is important for property owners to know and understand their duties and responsibilities concerning the maintenance and appearance of exterior premises within the Township. You can check out the Lehman Township Property Maintenance Ordinance.

If you have any zoning questions or concerns, please contact Christine Pope, Lehman Township Zoning Officer, via phone (570-675-8224) or email ([zoning@lehmantwp.com](mailto:zoning@lehmantwp.com)).