

# LORAIN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

503 Green Valley Street  
Johnstown, PA 15902

SPRING 2012

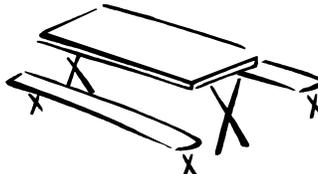
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## Reserve a Venue for Your Next Big Event

Lorain Borough Park is reserving dates for the 2012 Park Rental Season, and the calendar is filling up quickly! Rental prices are for the entire park, less the baseball field; the rates are as follows:

Monday through Friday—\$150  
Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday—\$275  
Tap and Cooler rental—\$50 per day  
Refundable deposit on each rental—\$75  
Please contact Michelle using the above information.



The primary election will be held on April 24, 2012. You can cast your ballot at the Borough Building located at 503 Green Valley

## Attention Residents

Be on the lookout for suspicious activity in the neighborhood. Crime of all kinds is on the rise and you can do your part to keep your friends and family safe.



If you see any out of the ordinary activity in your area, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.

## A Letter from the Mayor



Spring is just around the corner; that means the grass is starting to grow! Remember to keep your grass cut and keep your entire property free of debris. Lorain Borough Council sent a number of Nuisance Ordinance and Property Maintenance violation letters last year, and will continue to do so this year to those property owners that have violations existing on their property. Lorain Borough Council doesn't like to send these letters; unfortunately, sometimes they are necessary in order to keep the neighborhood looking good. In addition to high grass and debris in the yard, having an abandoned (uninspected, unregistered) vehicle on your property is also a violation of the Nuisance Ordinance and Property Maintenance Code. It is permissible to store an unregistered, uninspected vehicle in a garage or building ONLY; however, it is not permissible to simply put a cover on the vehicle and let it sit outside on your property or on the public street. In addition to cars, motorcycles, trailers, boats, and any other "vehicle" that requires a registration and/or inspection must follow the same guidelines.

In closing, just a reminder to not drink and drive and to obey the speed limit, not just in Lorain Borough, but EVERYWHERE you go! See you in the neighborhood!

~Mayor George Randolph

## An Update from Lorain Borough Engineer—Ken Mesko

### Stormwater management – NPDES Permit Update

Lorain Borough has been mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to participate in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II program. The purpose of the NPDES program is to eliminate pollution caused by stormwater runoff. The Borough is required to address six minimum control measures developed by the EPA and the DEP, which are part of the Federal and State laws. Two of the minimum control measures involve the residents of the Borough and are Public Education and Public Participation. Please do not rake leaves, grass clippings, etc. into drainage ditches, road berms or toward stormwater inlets. Also, do not direct lawn mower discharge toward the streets. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated. Additional information will be included with future newsletters. The NPDES permit program is entering its second renewal phase and will be a responsibility of the Borough for years to come. If a Borough resident sees anything that looks like a stormwater problem or has a complaint please contact a member of Council to report the issue. All complaints and problems will be promptly investigated and corrected as council is mandated by this permit program to do so.



### SEWER RENTAL CHARGE BILLING CHANGE

Starting in July 2012, Johnstown Regional Sewage will no longer be billing the \$10.00 monthly rental fee for sewage maintenance on their monthly bills.

Be on the look out for a separate bill for this charge. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Borough office at (814) 535-7074.

Be aware that bills at least 30 days delinquent are subject to water service shut-off.

### ANIMAL CONTROL

In recent months we have had a number of calls come in addressing animal control and what we, as a Borough, can do about it.

Please be advised that the local Police Department cannot handle cat control. To curb the amount of stray cats there are a few options. 1) Don't feed the cats. They will eventually find other places to look for food. 2) The City's Animal Control force can lease live traps to capture the cats and they can then be sent to the Humane Society. Delivering a stray cat is free of charge.

If you feel that your safety is in danger with a stray dog, call the non-emergency number 800-281-1680. If there is simply a non-threatening dog on the loose, try to find a way to get it to the Humane Society. Avoid calling the Police if you are not threatened by the animal.

Never feed or try to capture a wild animal. If you see a wild animal behaving suspiciously, call the non-emergency number 800-281-1680.



## Monthly Council Meeting

Do you have any questions or concerns about Lorain Borough? One Council Member cannot make a decision; therefore voice your concern to all of Council at one of the Regular Monthly Council Meetings held the second Wednesday of every month beginning at 7 PM. The meetings are held at the Borough Building at the above address.

## 2012 Burn Permit Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount:                     \$10                     Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must follow the regulations on burning outlined in Ordinance #247 as it relates to burning within Lorain Borough. I understand that obtaining a permit only allows for me to burn a recreational fire (one that may be cooked over) not to burn garbage and other hazardous materials. I also understand that, Lorain Borough or the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department may revoke my permit if I am in violation of any part of Ordinance #247 without a refund of my permit fee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTE:** Each time before you burn, you MUST contact the Fire Department at 814-266-5600

## Spring Clean Up Participation Permit Application

### **SPRING CLEAN UP—May 22 & 23 , 2012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount:                     \$10                    

**NOTES**

- all items must be curbside by 6 am
- each household is allowed 1 bulk item
- 200 lb average of boxed, bagged, or bundled
- NOT INCLUDED IN PICK-UP**
- tires, paint cans, construction, demolition,
- auto parts, hazardous materials, batteries
- Refrigerators, Freezers, and Air Conditioners**
- will be taken ONLY IF tagged that FREON is removed

**ALL APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 18, 2012... NO EXCEPTIONS**

### **Accepting \$100 Donations for Park Benches**

Lorain Borough Council is still accepting \$100 donations for park benches to be placed near the playground. Each \$100 donation allows for a personalized inscription in the back rest of the bench. Great for business advertisement, remembrance of a loved one, or for your family's name. Please mail donations along with your personalized inscription to 503 Green Valley Street, Johnstown, PA 15902. All inscriptions are subject to approval by Lorain Borough Council.



### **Road Report**

As you may already be aware, Lorain Borough employees have been hard at work cleaning the streets from the winter debris; the employees will keep the streets clean through out the summer along with normal lawn and weed maintenance along the Borough roads. Also, you may have seen that the bridge on Highland Drive is closed. This bridge is closed not only to vehicle traffic, but also to foot traffic. Please do not allow your children to ride their bicycles or play on or near the bridge because it is very unsafe. Lorain Borough Council does plan on making the necessary repairs, however they are costly and cannot be made right away. The bridge will remain closed until further notice.



### **REMINDER**

Please keep your dog(s) on a leash or behind a fence at all times. If you are out walking your dog, please remember to clean up any mess it may leave behind. Do your part to keep the neighborhood clean!



Finally, if you see someone littering, please report them (names or license plate number) to the police using the non-emergency phone number 800-281-1680.