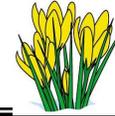


# LORAIN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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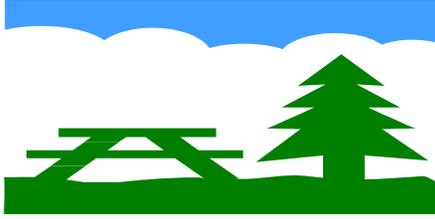


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## LORAIN BOROUGH PARK



New chains for the swings have been ordered and ready to install. As soon as the weather breaks we will be removing all of the old mulch around the playground and installing new mulch for this summer season. Also new drainage will be installed to keep the playground dry. During this time the playground will be closed for this renovation. If you would like to **volunteer** to help with this renovation, please send an email to [lorainborough@hotmail.com](mailto:lorainborough@hotmail.com) or call 814-535-7074 and leave a message. We will contact you when we are ready to start the work.

Those who rent the park this year will have Free Wi-Fi. The weekend dates for rentals are filling up fast, so call today if you want to rent the park grounds. Park clean up will start in April to get ready for this up coming summer season. Remember NO PETS are permitted to be on the park grounds!!

Gary Hoffman  
Borough Councilman and Park Commissioner

### \*\*\*\*\*REMINDER ABOUT DOGS\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*

State Law requires that all dogs be kept **on a leash or behind a fence** at **ALL** times, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. This is an on going issue through out the borough. There are time where people are properly walking their dogs on a leash when residents dogs that are not leashed or fenced are running on to the street after those people. This is unacceptable and will be enforced heavily this year. If you are one of these folks I would advise you correct your actions and re-educate yourself with state laws. If you have a neighbor that doesn't leash or chain their dogs in their yard please notify the Lorain Borough Council or the Stonycreek Township Police Department.

Dogs running loose even in your own yard with out a fence, excessively barking and relieving themselves on other people's property is considered a nuisance and will be addressed in accordance with Ordinance #226 along with the state regulations on dog leashing. If you are out walking your dog, please remember to clean up any mess it may leave behind. We encourage all residents to report all nuisances and leash law violations to the Lorain Borough Council or contact the Stonycreek Township Police Department through the Cambria County non-emergency number 814-472-2100. Do your part to keep the neighborhood clean and keep you neighbors happy!

### Streets, Lights and Safety

This year Lorain Borough purchased a street sweeper in order to better keep stones and debris off of the roadways. We will have a full blown street cleaning to remove all of the salt and anti-skid from winter coming up here in April. If you live on Oakland Ave or have a sidewalk on your property, it is your responsibility to clean the stones from these walkways. Please sweep all debris from these walkways onto the street so that we can clean it up. We will be implementing a street cleaning ordinance once we get a better feel for what will work best for street cleaning times and days. During the month of April this will be trial and error, however we will be planning to clean the streets every two weeks or as necessary post-storm. During street cleaning there will be parking restrictions for those who park on the street.

Also in April we will be having the 75 yards of old guide rail on Penrod St. removed and replaced to better enhance the safety on that road around the curve. The old I-beam and cable is outdated and has been hit several times and needs to be replaced. Green Acres will be the contractors doing this work so you will see them working in that area.

We will also be going around doing some basic maintenance of the roads to include hot patch, painting curbs on no parking areas, repainting police lines on the roads and addressing any drainage issues that resident may have to include cleaning all of the culverts in the borough. If you have an issue with the roads or drainage, please contact the borough office or attend a borough council meeting to address your concerns.

We will be having a spring clean up this year again but will be doing it differently than we did in the past. A lot of residents are interested in this service but we had to stop a while back as people took advantage of this service and others dumped their waste in the dumpsters that were at the borough building. This year we will be charging a \$35.00 fee and the collection will be curbside by the contracted garbage company. They will receive a list of who is participating in this and will pick up accordingly. Remember everything that can be bagged must be. We are not collecting any electronics or appliances, you will need to contact the solid waste authority to get rid of those items. You can fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and send back to the borough office with your payment to participate.

We are still looking to hire at least two part-time employees for the road crew. If you or someone you know is interested pay is \$10.00/hr. Please submit your resume to the council or come to the next council meeting on 4/19/17 and express your interest.

Michael Hammers  
Councilman and Road Commissioner

## Property Owners of Lorain Borough

### Sewage Line Repair/Replacement Project

The total cost will be around 6 Million Dollars, with over 3 Million of that being loans. This loan may cost the borough a payment of around \$12,000.00/mo for 30 years. Now you ask where will that money come from? Your sewage rental bill that you pay Lorain borough \$30.00 quarterly will go up and can be \$30.00 or more per month in order to recoup the loan costs. If this does not generate enough money to make these payment, the council will be required to raise taxes in order to cover these costs and offset the amount we have to borrow.

This sewage project is something we do not want to do but is forced upon us by the PA Department of Environmental Protection and the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority. Your sewage line must be pressure tested which is not required by the DEP but is by the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority. I for one am totally against this test because it is known to create leaks in a line that did not leak before.

Also we have a large list of residents that have not paid their sewage bill to Lorain Borough. We will be turning their water off in the near future. Please pay your past due balances to avoid this inconvenience and the turn on fees. I know that people that are on a fixed income and have a problem paying their bills will have a lot of trouble paying the higher sewer bills of the future. I don't know if there are any programs by the government to help you with your bills, but if I find out any information I will pass it along.

I think its time for you the property owner to come to the borough meetings and ask questions. Get involved it's your borough and money! Your questions, concerns and input is important to us.

We will be having sewage meetings in May for borough citizens, dates and locations will be announced.

Gary Hoffman  
Councilman and Park Commissioner

### 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.

### *Complement, Concern, Complaint, Comment.*

The monthly Council Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of every month at 4:00 PM. Lorain Borough Council highly recommends that citizens take part in their community and are welcomed to attend the next meeting if you have concerns, complaints or comments.

### 2017 Spring Clean Up Participation Permit Application

**May 22-23, 2017**

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

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

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00

**NOTES:** Items must be curbside by 4:30 AM the first day of pickup. This permit entitles you to up to 1 ton of waste.

**NOT INCLUDED IN PICK-UP**

Air Conditioners, Televisions, computer monitors, electronics, tires, paint cans, construction, demolition, auto parts, hazardous materials, batteries, major appliances.

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

### 2017-18 Burn Permit Application

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

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 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 Fire Department may revoke my permit if I am in violation of any part of Ordinance #247 without a refund of my permit fee. This permit is good for one year from the issue date.



Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the application and fee to the Lorain Borough Municipal Building at: 503 Green Valley Street Johnstown PA 15902