

THE BOROUGH OF WALNUTPORT

Northampton County, Pennsylvania

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Greetings from

WILLIAM TURK, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Hello Walnutport! I hope you enjoy receiving our biannual newsletters.

I wanted to remind the residents that if you have any questions or complaints you can reach out to our borough secretaries. Their contact information is listed in this newsletter or they can be reached through our website www.walnutportpa.org

Thank you and enjoy the warmer temperatures!



A NOTE FROM CHIEF PETER WAYDA

Just a reminder from your Police Department, if you happen to see any suspicious activity or anything you feel is out of the ordinary in your neighborhood please call the Walnutport Police at 610 437-5252. If we don't know about it we can't help you.

If you have an emergency or wish to report a crime in progress please dial 911.

The Police Administration number is 610 767-1134 this number is for administrative purposes only and should not be used to report crimes or suspected criminal activity.

We would also like to remind residents to lock your vehicles to avoid theft and prevent damage and please pay attention in your neighborhood to anything unusual or out of place. We like to work in conjunction with our citizens to make Walnutport a safer place to live and work.

The Police Department recently secured a medication drop-off box, this is a cooperative program sponsored through Northampton County. The drop-off box is conveniently located in the hallway of Borough Hall near the Police Department entrance. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT SYRINGES or LIQUID FORMS OF MEDICINE.**

The Walnutport Police Department and many other surrounding Police Departments in Northampton County have recently started carrying Naloxone, for those unfamiliar Naloxone is used to reverse the effects of an Opioid overdose. All Walnutport Police Officers are certified in the use of Naloxone and carry it on patrol.

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VACANCY BOARD

Looking for an interested candidate

UCC & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE APPEAL BOARD

Kevin Rex
Looking for 2 interested candidates

RECREATION BOARD

Joan Rehrig
Aaron Kromer
Donald Eckhart
Looking for 5 interested candidates

MEETING DATES

WORKSHOP MEETING is the first Thursday

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING is the second Thursday

WALNUTPORT AUTHORITY MEETING is the second Tuesday

WALNUTPORT PLANNING COMMISSION

meets the Third Thursday
only when there is something on the agenda

WALNUTPORT ZONING HEARING BOARD

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A NOTE FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ERIC STROHL

§ 219-1. Vegetative growth a nuisance under certain conditions.



No person, firm or corporation, owning or occupying any property within the Borough of Walnutport shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of 12 inches, or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor, or to conceal any filthy deposit, or to create or produce pollen. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any premises in the Borough of Walnutport in violation of any of the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of the Borough of Walnutport.

We would like to remind you that when you cut your grass, don't blow the clippings into the street. Those clippings end up building up and blocking the storm drains. Keeping the storm drains clear of debris help prevent flooding when we get a rain storm.

If you have any questions about any ordinances you can look them up on our website or stop in the borough office and one of the secretaries will be able to help you.

WALNUTPORT AUTHORITY REPORT – RONALD KUNTZ, CHAIRMAN

The Walnutport Authority now has a web page where public notices and contact information with office hours and location are listed. You can visit this site at www.walnutportauthority.org. Copies of the most recent Consumer Confidence Report (water quality report) are available on the Authority web site, in the Authority office, at Borough Hall, or by calling 610 767 7887.

A reminder on Authority billing and collection policy: All bills are mailed quarterly, and it is the responsibility of the customer to notify the Authority if they have not received a bill. The same policy stands for payments lost in the mail, as the Authority cannot exonerate customers' bills or late fees because of possible mishandling by the Postal Service. Please be sure to provide us with your phone number, either land line or cell phone so that we can get important messages to you when it becomes necessary.



The Authority and the Borough of Walnutport have received notification that they have been approved for a state grant for street reconstruction and water main replacement on 1st Avenue. The existing 6" cast iron water main will be replaced with 6" ductile iron pipe. This project is expected to begin sometime later this year with residents being notified as construction time nears.

The Authority has also applied for a grant to construct a new 6" water main to extend from Lehigh Street, near the Canal Pavilion across the canal and join the existing water main on South Canal Street. This project depends on approval of that grant. We should know if we have been approved sometime in March or April. If approved, this project will start as soon as the contract can be awarded.

A NOTE FROM OUR SANITATION COMMITTEE - PATRICE HUNSICKER

We hope the transition to our new waste hauler, Tamaqua Transfer & Recycling has been a smooth one. We appreciate everyone's patience and hope that the service has been to your expectations. If you have any question or concerns please contact the borough secretaries at 610-767-1322. Copies of the 2017 recycling/garbage schedule can be picked up at the borough office or viewed at our website or Facebook page. Thank you.

TIRES IN GARBAGE

We were informed by the new garbage hauler, Tamaqua Transfer that they are not allowed to pick up tires with regular garbage or with the recycling. So we can up with a solution. They will not pick your tires curbside. We will be holding 2 events a year for collection of these tires. These events will coincide with our e-recycling events. The first event will be Wednesday May 17, 2017 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm in the borough hall parking lot. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the borough secretaries or Tamaqua Transfer.



A NOTE FROM THE DIAMOND FIRE COMPANY

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Diamond Fire Company is to respond in a safe manner to all reported emergencies in the Borough of Walnutport and other neighboring communities requesting such assistance to help the citizens deal with natural and man-made emergencies using available resources at all times having the utmost regard for the safety of fire personnel of the company and to work to the best of its abilities to limit the loss of life, the environment and property.



WE NEED YOU!

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- **Firefighting Operations:** Explore the exciting world of firefighting and receive the training to do it safely. As a firefighter, you will do the work necessary to advance the hose line, to perform search and rescue, and to position ladders strategically.
- **Rescue Operations:** As part of Rescue Operations, you will respond to specialized calls, including automobile accidents, carbon monoxide alarms, medical emergencies and rescue calls.
- **Fire Police Operations:** Fire police assist in traffic management and crowd control, and provide general assistance at emergency scenes.
- **Social Functions:** If firefighting is not for you, assist with the many functions held at the fire company during the year that include fish dinners, flea markets, drawings, etc.



**Be part of the tradition.
Be part of the family.
Be part of the community.
BE A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER!**

For more information call 610-767-9629
(leave a message if no answer)
Or stop by the Fire Station any Wednesday evening

WALNUTPORT RECREATION BOARD



Walnutport Borough Council reenacted the Recreation Board in 2011. Unfortunately we do not have enough volunteers to fill the board. If you are a registered voter and resident of the Borough of Walnutport we are asking you to help support the community and volunteer your time to our recreation board. You can send letters of interest to the borough office.

If you haven't heard, Walnutport Borough Council has signed an agreement to join the Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority. In joining we are hoping to be able to bring more events/activities to you as a resident of the Northern Lehigh area. If you want more information on the Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority you can check out their website at www.northernlehighrec.org.

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COMING EVENTS

- June 10th: 71st Anniversary with fireworks at intermission
- Sept 2nd & 3rd: 14th Annual Dusk til Dawn Marathon



UCC & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE APPEAL BOARD

If you have experience and knowledge in the UCC (building code) or International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) we need to sit on our appeal board. This board only meets when their UCC permit is denied or if they are sent a violation of the IPMC. Please send a letter of interest to the borough office.

PAVILION RENTAL

If you are looking for a place to hold your family reunion or a graduation party you could rent the pavilion at our Recreation Center at 215 Lincoln Avenue. There is \$100.00 security deposit due when you sign the agreement. The date will be help once we receive the signed agreement and security deposit. The rental fee of \$125.00 is due 2 weeks before your rental date. The pavilion rental includes the use of the handicapped accessible restrooms and the kitchen area. The security deposit will be returned to you once the pavilion is cleaned and inspected and there is no damages. For more information or to rent the pavilion stop by the borough office and the secretaries will be able to help you.



VACANCY BOARD

Are you a registered voter? So you live in the Borough of Walnutport? If you said yes to both of those questions you qualify to be on the Vacancy Board. What is the Vacancy Board? What do they do? You would be responsible to find someone to fill a vacancy on borough council. That means if someone resigns from council, you would reach out to the residents in town and help find someone to fill that seat...or you could put in for that vacant seat. You can send letters of interest to the borough office.

A NOTE FROM THE WALNUTPORT CANAL ASSOCIATION, INC.



The Walnutport Canal Association, an all-volunteer organization, maintains and improves the Walnutport section of the Lehigh Canal. Several events are planned for this year. A Canal Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 22. The Spring Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 7. On Sunday, June 25 and Monday, June 26, the Association will again host participants in the Lehigh River Sojourn. Be sure to look for the Candy Wheel stand at the Walnutport Playground Carnival the week of July 11 – 15. The Canal Festival Weekend, Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15 will feature the Towpath Trot and Kayak Race on Saturday and the Festival on Sunday. Plan to attend these events to support the Canal Association. Volunteers are always needed to make these events successful. To volunteer for any of these events, email the Association at wca1@ptd.net or contact Jeanne at 484-201-1732. Memberships in the Association are available

at \$10 for individuals, \$20 for family and \$40 for corporate. To join the Association, mail a check payable to Walnutport Canal Association, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088.

For more information on the Association, check out our website at www.walnutportcanalassociation.tripod.com and our Facebook page.

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In addition to covering emergency calls, we also do standbys for Northwestern Lehigh and Northern Lehigh School districts for their football games and other sporting events as requested. We also do standbys for churches, bike races, marathons/5K's, and any other event that requires the presence of an ambulance.

The NOVA Auxiliary helps support the ambulance service by catering weddings, parties, and corporate events. The Auxiliary also hosts many events throughout the year. Upcoming events include a Chicken BBQ in July held at our main building, 2375 Levans Rd., Coplay, a shoefly pie sale in September, an apple dumpling sale in October, and the Thanksgiving sale, which includes Filling, Bacon Dressing, and Nut Breads in November. If you are interested in any of these events, please call 610-262-7749 for information or to place an order.

This year we are holding our first Community Health Festival. Please join us on Wednesday, August 16th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at our main building. Area health providers will be offering free health screenings and vendors will be present displaying healthy lifestyles products. There will be free giveaways, a basket raffle and the NOVA Auxiliary will have lunch items available to purchase. Admission is free. *Have a safe and enjoyable summer!!*

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A NOTE FROM THE WALNUTPORT PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION'S TREASURER BOB TRESKOT

The Walnutport Playground Association once again had a successful year in 2016. We supported both girls' softball teams and boy's baseball teams. It currently costs the playground approximately \$150 per player for the season. The annual Carnival is our main fund raiser which allows us to keep the cost of sign-ups down. The 2016 Carnival's bottom line was improved due to changing of activities that were run at the Carnival; however, we are looking forward to a better year in 2017. The Carnival will run from Tuesday, July 11 thru Saturday, July 15 with a fireworks display on Friday Evening, July 14. There are many costs associated with running our programs; therefore, we are encouraging anyone to attend our monthly meetings (first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Playground Building and during the winter we meet in the Borough Conference Room), ask all the questions you want and perhaps bring new ideas to our Board.

The Playground also gives back to the community every year with the following activities. An Easter Egg Hunt for children 0 to 10 years of age, with many lucky eggs, great prizes and the appearance of the Easter Bunny. This year the Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday April 15 at 1 PM. We also will do our annual Easter Flower Sale on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15 in the Pavilion. We also sponsor a local Phillies Home Run Derby for boys and girls from anywhere in the area. A month or two later the Regionals for the Home Run Derby is hosted by the Walnutport Playground. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated. We also do a fund raiser for Dream Come True where all money raised is donated to the Dream Come True Foundation. It is an exciting and entertaining night where the boy's team plays against the girl's team. Let's plan for a successful 2017 Season!! The 2016 Fund Raiser managed to raise \$5,000.00 was presented to the Dream Come True Foundation at Penn's Peak. Please volunteer some time!!

Lifeguard Training

This Course is designed to teach the skills and knowledge needed to prevent, recognize, and respond to aquatic emergencies. Come have fun, earn money & build your resume with us this summer!

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday May 25th / 5:00 - 9:00pm

Friday May 26th / 5:00 - 9:00pm

Saturday May 27th / 11:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday May 28th / 9:00am - 6:00pm

Rain Date Tuesday May 30th

Resident Fee:

New Student: \$250.00

Re-certification \$150.00

Non Resident Fee

New Student \$275.00

Re-certification \$175.00



Swim Lessons

Lessons are offered during the last three weeks of July at the Northern Lehigh Swimming Pool. Check our website for more info.

You may pre-register at the Northern Lehigh Rec office at any time or in person at the pool on Wed. JUNE 7th or Thursday June 8th from 6:00-8:00 PM

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE IN BY JUNE 30!!

Tai Chi

TUESDAYS

Northern Lehigh

Middle School Gymnasium

7:00—8:00PM

Spring Session

Every Tuesday April 4 - May 23

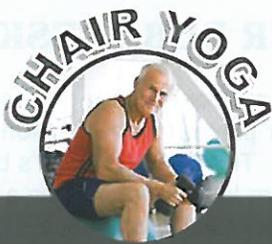
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\$35.00 - Pre-registration

\$6.00 per class drop in fee

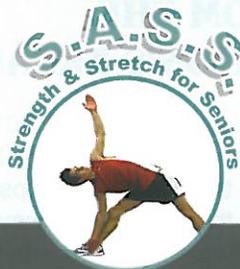


Tai chi is a noncompetitive martial art known for its health benefits. As an exercise, it comprises gentle physical exercise and stretching with mindfulness. It has been shown to improve balance control, flexibility, and to reduce the risk of falls.



Chair Yoga is for EVERY BODY.
The exercises in this class are performed while sitting in a chair!

Price: Drop-in fee \$5.00
Where: St. Johns Lutheran
When: Tuesdays
10:00am - 11:00am



Join us for this adult group fitness class and discover your new favorite way to get into shape, stay fit and have fun!

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When: Mondays and Fridays
10:00am - 11:00am



Whether you are brand new to yoga or a yoga master, this weekly class is for you!

Price: Drop-in fee \$7.00
Where: Peter's Elementary
When: Thursdays
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Price: Call for pricing info
Where: Diamond Fire Company
When: Mondays
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Price: Call for pricing info
Where: St. John's Lutheran
When: Wednesdays
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**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**

Bus Trip! **June 18, 2017**

Celebrate the big day for dads with the entire family at the Phillies game! Bus Departs from Northern Lehigh Middle School at 10:30am. 1:35pm Game time!

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COMMUNITY EVENT **MOVIE IN THE PARK**



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2017 Summer Rec Program

Summer is right around the corner, mark your calendars for The Northern Lehigh Summer Rec Program! For pricing information and other updates please check our website. Join your friends and the amazing Summer Recreation staff for a fun filled camp you will never forget!

Where: Slatington Elementary

When: Monday thru Friday
June 19 - August 4
9:00am - 1:00pm

Ages 7 - 13 yrs/old
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Dreams by Desha

A Nature Photo Walk

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4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Items that can be recycled FREE of charge are listed below:

- ♻ Desktop & Laptop Computers
- ♻ Keyboards & Mice
- ♻ Printers/Fax Machines
- ♻ Cables & Cords
- ♻ Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries
- ♻ Calculators & Adding Machines
- ♻ UPS Battery Backups
- ♻ Toner & Ink Cartridges
- ♻ Audio Visual Equipment
- ♻ Telephones & Cell Phones*
- ♻ DVD Players & VCR's
- ♻ Gaming Systems
- ♻ String Christmas Lights
- ♻ Microwaves & Small Appliances
- ♻ Metal Items
- ♻ Exercise Equipment (Metal)
- ♻ Car Batteries (sealed lead acid)
- ♻ Bed Frames & Rain spouting
- ♻ Filing Cabinets

*Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries

Additional Items that can be recycled with a Fee:

- ♻ Washers & Dryers-\$20.00
- ♻ Dishwashers-\$20.00
- ♻ CRT Monitors - \$15.00 (Tube Type)
- ♻ LCD Monitors- \$10.00
- ♻ Televisions under 40" - \$35.00 ALL Types
- ♻ TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection, Over 40") \$55.00
- ♻ Air Conditioners - \$25.00
- ♻ Dehumidifiers - \$25.00
- ♻ Refrigerators - \$30.00
- ♻ Floor Freezers - \$30.00
- ♻ Ranges (Stoves)-\$20.00
- ♻ Floor Copiers-\$20.00
- ♻ Console Stereos (in cabinet) \$35.00

Destruction Services for a Fee:

- ♻ Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - **\$10** per drive, Includes a Certificate of Destruction
- ♻ Document Destruction (offsite) - **\$10** per standard paper size box, Includes a Certificate of Destruction

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