

BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE

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NOTICE: DO NOT RAKE OR BLOW LEAVES ONTO ANY STREET OR SIDEWALK FOR COLLECTION – YOU WILL GET CITED - THE BOROUGH ONLY COLLECTS BAGGED LEAVES. YARD WASTE/LEAF PICKUP IS EVERY MONDAY MORNING

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR IN THE NEWSLETTER OR THE WEBSITE FOR CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE (NO PICKUP OR DAY CHANGE) - NO PICKUP OCTOBER 12; YARD WASTE VOICE MESSAGE LINE 610.779.1430 OR TEXT MESSAGE LINE 610.655.5243. The weekly curbside pickup program continues year round on a Monday (except for changes noted on the calendar), weather permitting. All yard waste, including leaves, must be bagged in paper yard waste bags, or placed in reusable yard waste bags or it will be left at the curb. You may also place small bundles of branches that can be picked up by one person without falling apart. IF YOU HAVE MORE THEN 3 BUNDLES OF BRANCHES FOR PICKUP PLEASE CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE TO ARRANGE PICKUP. **WEIGHT LIMIT FOR BAGS IS 25 POUNDS.** You must call and leave a voice message or text message, by 9 AM Monday for pickup that day. When you leave a message or text, please state the following:

Street address and number of bags and/ or bundles for pickup.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR BAGS CURBSIDE UNTIL THE MORNING OF PICKUP.



In January, Christmas trees, with ALL decorations must be removed, may be placed at the curb for pickup. DO NOT place Christmas trees or yard waste out for trash pickup, it is not part of the Borough trash contract. Please Remember that if pickup is canceled for a winter weather event (snow or ice), at the curb.



DO NOT leave it

NO BURNING OF LEAVES OR BRUSH ALLOWED IN THE BOROUGH

ORDINANCE #450 DETAILS THE HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE USE OF CHIMINEAS, FIRE PITS, ECT. PLEASE CONTACT THE BOROUGH OFFICE FOR ANY QUESTIONS. Amity Township was kind enough to donate recycling bins with lids to the Borough. If you need a new recycling container, please call the Borough and arrange a pick up. Bins are a first come first serve until they are gone.

TRICK OR TREAT

CURFEW HOURS FOR HALLOWEEN

The Borough will have a new curfew in effect from Sunday October 25, 2026 through and including Sunday November 1, 2026. The time of curfew will be between the hours 9:00 PM– 6:00AM, to include all persons under the age of 18 years not accompanied by a parent or guardian or other responsible adult, except those going to or coming from a place of employment or a bona-fide school activity.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

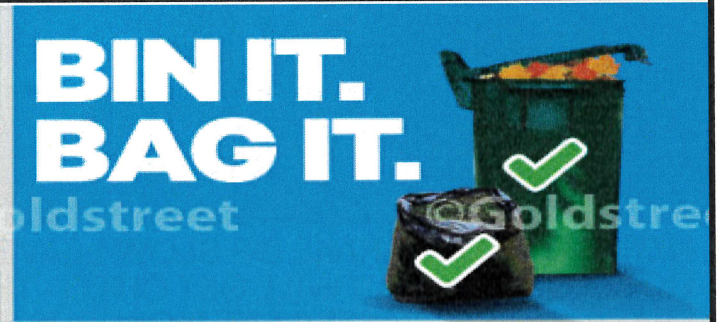
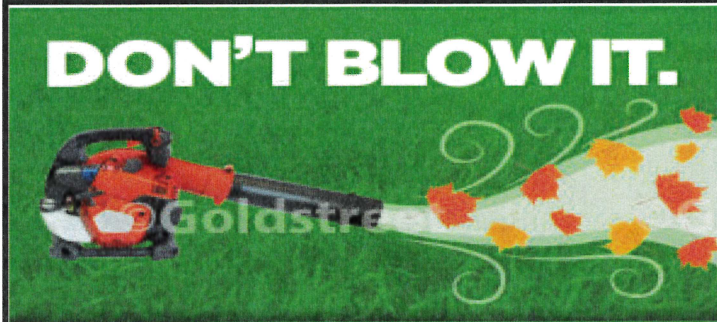
SATURDAY OCTOBER 31, 2026 5:00PM-8:00 PM

Parents or guardians must accompany their children. If you do not wish to participate and do not want trick-or-treaters at your door, please keep your porch light off.

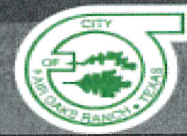
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Keep leaves and yard debris off streets.



TIPS TO KEEP WATERWAYS AND YARDS FREE AND CLEAR!

- Remove yard waste from streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveways.
- Sweep or blow grass clippings and leaves back into the yard where they provide additional nutrients to your lawn
 - Mulch leaves and use in garden beds to create a natural mulch layer



Not only does blowing leaves, debris, and grass into the street cause flooding on our roadway, it also creates the dangerous driving conditions especially for motorcycle riders.

Blowing leaves into the street causes severe traction loss, wet or dry, and can cause tires to lose traction on the road leading to an accident.

It can hide rocks, cracks in the road, and potholes (we do live in Pennsylvania!) All of these things can pose a critical safety threat to all drivers.

DON'T BLOW LEAVES IN THE STREET

- When it rains, yard waste left in the street and on sidewalks or driveways can wash into nearby storm drains.
- Leaves can clog storm drains and cause flooding
- Stormwater picks up leaves and grass and carries it to local creeks and ponds
- Grass and leaves carried by stormwater deplete oxygen as they decompose and harm aquatic life
- Grass clippings can increase nitrogen in waterways, leading to algae blooms



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WELCOME to the LIBRARY



FALL BOOK & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER
17TH 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

\$5 Bag of Books
Saturday, October 17th
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Come support the Exeter Community Library
while also finding the perfect books and baked
goods to spend your autumn with!

Learn how you can
become a Friend of the Exeter
Community Library!



4569 Prestwick Dr.
Reading, PA 19606
www.berkslibraries.org/exeter
610-406-9431



October 22, 2026

Exeter Community Library 6:30 PM 8:30 PM

Join us for an enchanting evening at the library!
Hosted by the Board of Trustees, this special
fundraiser invites our adult patrons ages 18+ to sip
on a curated selection of book-inspired mocktails,
each artfully crafted to capture the spirit of
beloved novels. Enjoy live music as the perfect
backdrop for mingling and connection, while
supporting a vital community resource. Raffle
tickets will be available for purchase, offering
chances to win great prizes while supporting the
library.

Benefits the Exeter Community Library



Tickets must be purchased in
advance.

\$30 pp

Admission includes
signature mocktails and
savory bites.



One Day Only
Wednesday, October 21, 2025
Shop 8 am - 11 pm

Donate \$5
and receive
25% off ALL DAY

100% of your donation goes
directly towards supporting
the library



Merry Mix-Up Cookie Sale

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
HOMEMADE COOKIES BY THE POUND!

HOLIDAY BOOKS, DVDs, CDs,
GAMES, AND PUZZLES FOR SALE

IMPORTANT: No donations will be accepted



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Centennial Corner :

Cyclone Rips Though St. Lawrence



What began as a crisp March morning soon transformed into something unimaginable. On March 27, 1911, just before sunset, villagers could feel the dense low-pressure storm clouds approaching. By 5:30 p.m., the sky turned ominous and black as night. Without warning, a twin-funnel cyclone swept down Neversink Mountain and across the Philadelphia Turnpike.

As it spiraled toward the village with devastating speed, it tore up several stately poplar trees that lined the turnpike. Unaware of the danger, Dr. Frank P. Lytle, his wife, and his daughter were traveling from Birdsboro in his four-door Ford touring car. The vehicle spun three times, ejecting its passengers as it was flung into the air before finally landing one hundred feet away in the Reiff Farm's field. Miraculously, there were no serious injuries.



As the storm swept down the valley, it mercifully pounded the Amos Reiff Farm, obliterating the large Swiss barn, totally demolishing the farmstead property. As the barn walls collapsed, they crushed two cows to death. The terrific force toppled outhouses and ripped the apple orchard trees from their roots as it scattered debris, farm wagons, and farm equipment in every direction, damaging at least two dozen homes and properties, many of which did not carry storm insurance.

It then proceeded directly to Delilah Long's two-story Victorian brick home, where the strength caused considerable damage. The residence survived and is situated on the curve of Brumbach Street.

Simultaneously, the wind swept eastward along Irishtown Road (now Parkview), just west of the A.J. Brumbach Woolen Mill. It destroyed five tenant mill houses; one, in particular, was occupied by Albert and Amanda Faust. As the roof was torn from their house, torrential rain drenched their furniture, bedding, and clothing, and the windows shattered. The elderly Faust's were in their kitchen cleaning dandelions when the storm struck. Suddenly, the floor gave way, sending them and the entire kitchen plummeting into the cellar. Miraculously, they were found alive beneath the debris of brick, mortar, tables, chairs, and the stove. Her head swathed in bandages and her right arm in a sling, Mrs. Faust gave her terrifying account to the Reading Eagle.



As the path climbed the hill toward Oley (St. Law Ave.) it's progress resulted in the demolition of a frame barn built by store owner Charles H. Adams. Across the street, the new roof on the John Lutz furniture warehouse was ripped off and flung down the street, carrying upholstered couches and chairs with it and destroying the inventory.

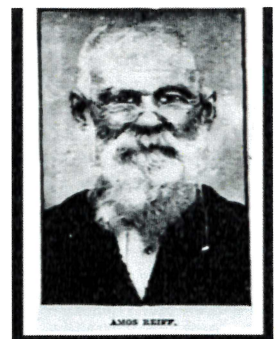
As quickly as it arrived, it turned towards Jacksonwald, proceeding to damage the hotel's shed and blow out windows at the Schwarzwald Union Church onto Stonersville.

Headlines read: "One of the most destructive cyclones in the history of Berks," "A day that will forever be etched into the collective memory of the community."

Appreciation to George M. Meiser, IX, Chris Papadakis, and Richard G. Adams and Charles J. Adams.

Stay tuned for more short story installments of the Centennial Corner.

~Written by: Mayor Corrie Crupi - Zana



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REGISTERED VOTERS THAT LIVE IN THE
BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE VOTE AT
THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT
135 N. PROSPECT ST. READING PA 19606
VOTING HOURS ARE: 7:00 AM—8: 00 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Last day to REGISTER to vote in the November electionOctober 19

Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballotOctober 27

Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots
(must be received by 8:00 P.M.) November 3

GENERAL ELECTIONNovember 3

Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots
(submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 2) ..November 10



St. Lawrence Woman's Club will be selling
soup, sandwiches, dumplings and apple crisp

Supplies are limited the day of election. Preordering is preferred.

Please preorder by contacting Martha Wentzel at 610-780-6384

Sandwiches \$11.00 Apple Dumpling \$6.00 Apple Crisp \$6.00 Quart of Soup \$11.00

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September 2026						
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December 2026						
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Borough Office Closed :

Oct 12	Columbus Day
Nov 3	Election Day
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Day
Dec 25	Christmas

	Yard Waste Collection
	Office Closed
	Council Meeting
	Planning Commission
	Trash Collection

TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINING 2026 YEAR

Sep 2026							Oct 2026						
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BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

135 N PROSPECT ST.
Reading PA 19606-1407
Telephone: 610-779-1430
Fax: 610-779-9148
Email: manager@stlawboro.us

Website: <https://stlawboro.us>

An answering machine is available when we are closed, away from our desks or on the other line. Please leave a message and we will return your call at our first opportunity.

Office Hours:
Monday –Thursday
8:30: AM-2:30 PM
Friday
8:30 AM—Noon

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

County 911 Dispatch

Non Emergency - 610-655-4911

To report any incident which adversely affects the health and safety or the environment of the citizens of the Commonwealth:

DEP 24/7/365 ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY REPONSE - 1-800-541-2050

To report any discharge to the storm drain system, sanitary sewer system or waterways that is not the result of hydrant flushing, fire fighting or a rain event:

SANITARY SEWER EMERGENCY OR ILLICIT DISCHARGE: CALL BOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING OR AFTER HOURS CALL DERREK RHOADS OR ALLISON LEINBACH

Borough Officials - Appointed

Manager/Treasurer/Zoning & Codes Officer
Derrek Rhoads Office: 610-779-1430
drhoads@stlawboro.us Cell: 484-577-9981

Borough Secretary
Amanda Muso Office: 610-779-1430
Parks & Recreation Director
Susan Eggert Office: 610-779-1430

**YARD WASTE PICKUP TEXT MESSAGE
OR VOICE MESSAGE**

Cell: 610-655-5243
Phone: 610-779-1430

Borough Engineer/Asst. - Codes & Zoning Officer
Pamela Stevens, PE - Systems Design Eng.
610-916-8500

Borough Solicitor
Joan London, Esq. - Kozloff Stoudt
610-670-2552

UCC Building Codes Inspectors
State Inspection Authority, Inc.
610-450-4600

Sewer Engineer
Kevin Conrad - SSM Group 610-621-2000

Central Berks Regional Police
Justin Johnson, Chief Office: 610-779-1100

Emergency Management Coordinator
David W. Eggert 484-797-5615

2026 Borough Elected Officials

Mayor

Corrie Zana
Czana.stlawboro@gmail.com

Borough Council

Robert J. May, President 610-370-1236
rjmay@aol.com
David W. Eggert, VP 484-797-5615
degert.stlawboro@gmail.com
Mike Bennethum 610-779-9645
Mbennethum.stlawboro@gmail.com
Michael Fritz 610-587-9794
mfriz.stlawboro@gmail.com
Steven Geibel 610-370-5361
sgeibel.stlawboro@gmail.com
Warren Lubenow 610-779-3632
wlubenow.stlawboro@gmail.com
Gregory Zawilla 610-370-1519
gzawilla.stlawboro@gmail.com

Tax Collector

Susan D. Eggert 484-901-8519
taxcollector.stlawboro@gmail.com

Borough Appointed Boards/Commission

Planning Commission

Warren Lubenow, Chairman
Joseph Ravert, Vice- Chairman
Robert Gaston
James Lewars
Andrea Heintz George

Zoning Hearing Board

Dave Smith, Chairman
Kristen Livingood
Tracy Whitman

Local Municipal Governments

Amity Township (610)689-6000
Exeter Township (610)779-5660
Lower Alsace Township (610)779-6400
Mt. Penn Borough (610)779-5151

Animal Shelter

Safety Net Sanctuary 610-944-8099

School District

Exeter Township SD Admin 610-779-0700
Exeter Twp Sr High School 610-779-3060
Exeter Twp Jr High School 610-779-3320
Reiffon School 610-779-7640
Jacksonwald Elementary 610-779-1820
Owatinn Creek 610-406-4580

District Judge Court 23-2-03

Hon. Sandra L Fegley 610-779-5137
6112 Perkiomen Ave Fax: 610-779-4681
Birdsboro PA 19508
Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Utilities

Mt. Penn Water 610-779-4900
They also handle sewer billing for the Borough.
AVMA 610-779-0150
PA American Water 1-800-565-7292
Met-Ed (Electric) 1-800-545-7741
UGI (Gas) 610-375-4441
Service Electric (Cable) 610-582-5317
PA ONE CALL (Call before you dig) 811
J. P. Mascaro 1-800-334-3403

Legislators

STATE- PA House District 126

Rep. Jacklyn Rusnock
District Office
4933 Kutztown Road 610 - 921-8921
Temple, PA 19560-1569 Fax: 610 - 921-9369
Capitol Office
4F East Wing 717 - 783-3290
PO Box 202126
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2126

Senate District 11

Senator Judith Schwank
Capitol Office
Senate Box 203011 717 - 787-8925
457 Main Capitol BLDG FAX: 717 - 772-0578
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3011
District Office
210 George Street 610 - 929-2151
Suite 201 FAX: 610 - 929-2576
Reading, PA 1960

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US House District 6

Rep. Chrissy Houlahan
Washington DC Office (202)225-4315
1727 Longworth HOB
Washington DC 20515

Reading District Office
201 Penn St. STE 201 (610)295-0815
Reading PA 19601

US Senate

Sen. Dave McCormick
Washington DC Office (202)224-6324
SD-B40C Dirksen Senate Office Bldg
Washington DC 20510

Lehigh Valley Office
840 W Hamilton St. STE 301 (610)782-9470
Allentown PA 18101

Sen. John Fetterman
Washington DC Office
142 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510
202-224-4254
Harrisburg Office
320 Market St STE 475E
Harrisburg PA 17101
717-782-3951

Libraries

Exeter Community (610)406-9431
Reading Public Library-Main (610)655-6350
Reading Public Library-SE Branch (610)655-6362

County Government Office

Services Center (General) (610)478-6100
Aging (610)478-6500
Assessment (610)478-6262
Berks Heim (610)376-4841
CareerLink (610)988-1300
Children & Youth Service (610)478-6700
Clerk of Courts (610)478-6550
Commissioners (610)478-6136
Domestic Relations (610)478-2900
Election Services (610)478-6490
Emergency Services (610)374-4800
Human Services (610)478-6194
Parks & Recreation (610)372-8939
Prothonotary (610)478-6970
Public Defender (610)478-6650
Recorder of Deeds (610)478-3380
Register of Wills (610)478-6600
Sheriff (610)478-6240
Tax Claim (610)478-6625
Treasurer (610)478-6640
Veterans Affairs (610)378-5601

State Government

Autism Services 1(866)539-7689
COMPASS/Benefits Helpline 1(800)692-7462
Berks Cty Assistance Office 1(866)215-3912
Childline 1(800)932-0313
CHIP Helpline 1(800)986-5437
Consumer Protection 1(800)441-2555
DHS HELPLINE 1(800)692-7462
Disability Services 1(800)753-8827
Elder Abuse 1(800)490-8505
Healthy Baby 1(800)986-2229
Healthy Kids 1(800)986-5437
Lead Information Line 1(800)440-5323
Welfare Fraud Tipline 1(844)347-8477

