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The 2026 St. Lawrence Borough Egg Hunt will be held on April 3, 2026



Located at 3500 Jacksonwald Ave. (Playground)

The start time is at 9:00am sharp. The Bunny will arrive at the start of the egg hunt and will be there at the end for pictures if you wish. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the egg hunt. The hunt will be separated into age categories with a special prize egg in each. You must be present to win the prize and we ask that all plastic eggs be returned to the Borough staff.

****We ask that all children stay off of the playground equipment including the swings until the conclusion of the egg hunt.****

A WALK IN THE WOODS

As many of you know and some who are new to the area, the Borough has around 240 acres of woodlands located at the top of Adams St. There are some unnamed trails but much of it is untouched woodland. Each year Council Member Warren Lubenow hosts a guided walk throughout the property. This serves as a great way to get to know the area.

On April 25, 2026 at 9:00 am Warren will be hosting this year's walk. If you are interested or have questions please reach out to the Borough at 610-779-1430 or email Warren directly at wlubenow.stlawboro@gmail.com



As a reminder, there is NO camping, overnight stays, or fires of any kind in the Borough woods. There is NO hunting unless you get a permit for archery only at the Borough office for archery season. There is NO motorized vehicles permitted on the property.

If you are found not following the rules you will be warned, asked to leave and authorities will be notified.

IF YOU PLAN ON ENJOYING THE NATURE THAT ST. LAWRENCE HAS TO OFFER ALWAYS LEAVE IT BETTER THEN YOU FOUND IT. Take out any and all belongings that you brought and pick up trash even if it is not yours. We all need to work together to be able to enjoy what nature has brought to St. Lawrence.

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Spring Cleaning Tips:

Spring is here and it's the time most of us clean up the property from the winter months. The following is a list of items to help you with the spring clean-up chores:

- Clean and check your rain gutters and downspouts. Please make sure your downspouts are not directed to an adjoining property.
- Downed limbs and brush should be disposed of.
- When mulching your flower beds, please keep your mulch at least six inches below the level of your sill plate.
- Spring is the time to check your roof. If you are not comfortable on your roof, please have the roof inspected by a licensed and insured roofing specialist.
- Spring is a great time to look over your trees and make sure they are in good shape. Any damaged tree should be inspected by an arborist, as there are several ways to address a damaged tree, other than to remove it.
- Clean-outs are very common in the spring, so please keep in mind that dumpsters and pods are not permitted within the public right-of-ways or public roads
- Please check the condition of your sidewalks and walkways. If they need to be replaced or are a tripping hazard, please have them repaired
- Please be aware that planting trees and shrubs within the limits of the public right-of-way is not permitted. As these plants grow they cause sight obstructions for your neighbors exiting their driveways.
- Please remember to call PA One-Call at {811} before you dig on your property or within the public right-of-way.
- **Your home and property is your responsibility– Cut your grass, weed your yard and flower beds.**
- **Keep your property well– kept, clean and free from trash and debris.**
- **Your house should be maintained including paint, siding, shutters, and gutters**

YARD WASTE WILL CONTINUE TO BE COLLECTED ON MONDAYS

IF YOU NEED A PICKUP PLEASE CALL THE BOROUGH NO LATER THEN 9:00 AM MONDAY MORNING

610-779-1430 You can leave a message or email Logan Wood at lwood@stlawboro.us

Bags should not exceed 25 pounds, all other debris should be bundled into a fashion that 1 person will be able to pick it up and remove it.

Yard waste– Mondays all year

Bag It, **Don't** Blow It!

When leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris are blown onto streets, sidewalks and into storm drains, it eventually will make its way to our lakes. These materials add excess nutrients to the lake and cause water quality issues.

NEVER blow leaves into streets, sidewalks, **or** storm drains

DISPOSE OF LEAVES CORRECTLY BY BAGGING, MULCHING OR COMPOSTING
DON'T RAKE OR BLOW LEAVES INTO THE STREET

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While spring is in bloom and summer approaches, having an outdoor fire is a great way to relax outside. The Borough does allow outdoor firepits, however there are rules in place that need to be followed. **Ordinance # 450** can be found on the Borough website for specific details.

Before starting any fire always be sure to check on the local Burn Ban status.

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/programs-and-services/community-outreach-and-development/wildfire/burn-bans>

A few things to remember:

- The fire **MUST** be contained in a small open fire receptacle, no more than three (3) feet in diameter or length and 2 feet in height
- **MUST** be no less than ten (10) feet from a house, structure, inhabited area, roadway, utility, tree, or any other combustible material
- **MUST** have a fire cover, or spark arrestor, to minimize the risk of fire hazards by containing sparks
- Only clean-burning fuel such as wood, logs, twigs, or charcoal may be used
- An adult, 18 years of age or older **MUST** be within 15 feet of the open fire at all times
- Have a hose, or water source, or fire extinguisher near by at all times
- At no time may a fire be under trees or any structure, temporary or permanent



TO REPORT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT THAT ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENT OF CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH CALL THE DEP 24/7. **ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE : 1-800-541-2050**

LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

SIDEWALK CONNECTIVITY PROJECT



In 2025, the Borough applied for the Multimodal Grant, referred to as the sidewalk connectivity grant—a project discussed for years, awaiting the perfect opportunity to move forward. Our priority was ensuring that the application would not place any additional burden on Borough taxpayers. We were awarded \$1.2 million of the \$1.5 million we requested. This funding will allow us to install sidewalks and curbing along St. Lawrence Ave., stretching from AutoZone to

the Antietam Valley Shopping Center and connecting with existing sidewalks at Prospect and St. Lawrence Ave. and continue to the Liberty Tap Room. This improvement will provide safe passage for pedestrians, especially those relying on public transportation, to reach the shopping center, post office, and destinations along St. Lawrence Ave. safely. St. Lawrence is a unique area nestled between Exeter and Mt. Penn, yet it has never truly been walkable. This project will finally link the Borough to both Mt. Penn and Exeter, creating a safer, more connected community. As the project moves forward, we will do everything we can to not disrupt the travel way along St. Lawrence Ave. and will have updates sent out through Savvy Citizen and the Borough website to keep you informed.

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Centennial Corner : The Incredible History of St. Lawrence



A LEGACY OF SERVICE

Formally known as Esterly (St. Lawrence) was established in 1927. By the 1930s, records indicate that we had our own police department, initially led by a chief who answered calls from his home, responded in his own vehicle, and used a red bubble light on the car roof. We have come a long way from our humble beginnings.

This year, after 40 years of dedicated service in law enforcement,

Central Berks Regional Police Chief Ray Serafin has announced his retirement.



Ray's career was committed to this community. Having grown up in Pennside and graduated from Central Catholic High School and Shippensburg College, he subsequently attended the Philadelphia Police Academy. In 1986, he began his career as a part-time, then full-time officer with the Lower Alsace Police Department.

By 1993, Ray contributed to the establishment of a Regional Police Department, which subsequently extended its jurisdiction to encompass Oley and St. Lawrence and accepting the diversity of each community.

On January 27, 2026, dozens of citizens, family, and friends packed the Mt. Penn Borough Hall to honor and celebrate his career, a testament to his dedication, pride, and honor. Ray provided strong leadership and support to his police force, thereby fostering unity within the force.

Borough Hall was filled with applause as local leaders honored Chief Serafin. State Representative Jacklyn Rusnock, Senator Judy Schwank, and representatives from other organizations attended. He received official recognition citations from Pennsylvania, which characterized him as a visionary leader who modernized the regional department. Serafin is credited with establishing awareness for "National Night Out," and his department was among the first to adopt it. Serafin also contributed his efforts to the Berks County Emergency Response Team and the Berks County Detective Team, which helped him enhance his capabilities.

Serafin has interesting stories to share and will deeply miss the camaraderie of his officers, staff, and the people he served. He plans to spend time with family and devote much of it to golfing. We wish him the best of luck in his next chapter.

On this same evening, the torch was passed to Sergeant Justin Johnson, who will be assuming the role of Central Berks Regional Police Chief. Johnson has been with CBRP for 25 years, and he is well-versed in the community. He is also familiar with the wide range of factors pertinent to his service. Johnson respectfully assumes this role, committed to building upon the strong legacy, strengthening community relationships, maintaining transparency, ensuring community safety, and encouraging a stronger neighborhood presence. Positive opportunities lie ahead, and the future looks bright.

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

~Written by: Mayor Corrie Crupi - Zana



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TAX COLLECTOR HOURS

Taxes can be paid in person by check or credit card. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Mail checks with a self addressed stamped envelope to receive a stamped receipt.

135 N Prospect St. Reading ,PA 19606

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

9 AM– 11 AM

IF YOU WISH TO PAY IN PERSON AND CANNOT MAKE THOSE HOURS CALL SUSAN EGGERT, TAX COLLECTOR, TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT 484-901-8519

TAXES DUE:

COUNTY AND BOROUGH

March—April

EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT

July—August



Drop payments off in the locked box by the front door.



RETIRED FLAG DROP OFF

Any flags that need to be retired can be dropped off at the Municipal Building. There is a drop box located at the front left corner of the building.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America (P.O.S. of A.) Camp #230 will collect them and be burned during a special ceremony.

St. Lawrence Borough Residents, Savvy Citizen® is now available!



St. Lawrence Borough would like to introduce Savvy Citizen. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system for Apple and Android users that will enable the borough to send information about important news and events directly to residents' mobile devices. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the smartphone app, visiting the website below or scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.



For more info:

[SavvyCitizenApp.com](https://www.savvycitizenapp.com)

Sign up and become a savvy citizen!



SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Summer is right around the corner, which means that the Borough playground program will be coming up. This is a free program for all the kids in the area to get together every day to enjoy the weather and outdoor activities. The Borough provides daily staffed activities Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM and will reopen in the evening from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Tentative dates for this year are June 8,2026—August 7,2026. Planned events will be in the next newsletter and posted on the website.

Each child MUST be registered to participate. You can visit the Parks and Recreation page on the Borough website (stlawboro.us) to fill out a form or scan the QR Code which will direct you to the form. **Any child 6 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult while the child is there.** As a reminder it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and the child to know the rules and stay up to date with any weather that could affect the program.

The Borough does not charge for this program; however, some arts and crafts as well as the concession stand will have a small cost associated.



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The Friends of the Exeter Community Library



SATURDAY, APRIL 18th
8:00AM - 12:00PM

New or gently used donations for the yard sale will be accepted from APRIL 15th thru APRIL 17th

(not accepting clothing)

Stop by to purchase gently used home goods, games, toys, and more. All proceeds benefit the Exeter Community Library.



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



It's always a good time to read!

UPDATED HOURS OF OPERATION
 EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026

MONDAY: 10AM - 7PM
TUESDAY: 10AM - 7PM
WEDNESDAY: 10AM - 5 PM
THURSDAY: 10AM - 5PM
FRIDAY: 10AM - 5PM
SATURDAY: 8AM - 3PM
SUNDAY: CLOSED



Please contact the library for questions.

Please print or use a mailing label. Make check out to "Friends of the Exeter Library."

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Basic Membership.....\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor.....\$50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contributor\$15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Friend.....\$100 or more	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patron\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Business/Organization.....\$25 or more	<input type="checkbox"/>

I can also help in this way:

Bake or provide refreshments
 Help at Book & Bake Sale
 Help at a fundraiser

Join the Friends of the Exeter Community Library and you will enjoy helping the library in many different ways! We greatly appreciate all your support and are excited to welcome you to the Friends! Event information can be found on the Friends tab of the Exeter Community Library website.



VOTE HERE

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

IN PERSON VOTING IS AT ST. LAWRENCE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
135 N PROSPECT ST READING PA 19606
POLLS WILL BE OPEN 7:00 AM-8:00 PM

St. Lawrence Woman's Club will be selling soup, sandwiches, and baked goods



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

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

Sandwiches: \$11.00

Quart of soup: \$10.00

Baked goods: Varies



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Date	Holiday	Color Code
Jan 1 & Jan 2	New Year's Day	Yellow
Jan 19	Martin Luther King Jr.	Red
Feb 16	Presidents Day	Green
May 25	Memorial Day	Purple
Jun 19	Juneteenth	Orange
Jul 4	Independ. Day	
Sep 7	Labor Day	
Oct 12	Columbus Day	
Nov 11	Veterans Day	
Nov 26 & Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day	
Dec 25	Christmas	
May 19 & Nov 4	Election	

