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COPLAY NEWSLETTER

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TEMPORARY HELP WANTED

We are accepting applications for a Temporary Part-Time Office Clerk at the Coplay Borough Office, 30 hours per week. Interested individuals should be comfortable with all facets of office work including the use of computer, Microsoft Word, Excel; good organizational skills, ability to multi-task, and customer service skills essential. Complete an application at the Borough Office, Monday thru Friday from 8 am – 3 pm. Deadline to apply is Thursday, **MAY 15th**.

STREET SWEEPING MAY 17 & 18

All borough streets will be professionally swept on Thursday, **MAY 17** and Friday, **MAY 18**. All vehicles must be removed from streets on designated days, watch for **NO PARKING** signs. To aid in the process, please sweep stones from sidewalks into the street.

Thursday, MAY 17 – Front, 3rd, 5th, Cherry, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, Chestnut, Keefer, Maple, Oak, Center & Center Circle, Hokendauqua, Bridge and Poplar Streets.

Friday, MAY 18 – 2nd, 4th, 6th, Wall, 8th, 10th, 12th, Lehigh, Coplay Streets, Schreiber Ave, Saylor & Saylor Circle, Magna & Magna Circle East and West, Tapler, Margaret, Barbara, Catherine, and Bernice Drives, and Ruch Street.

TIRE DROP OFF MAY 19

The Annual Borough Tire Drop Off will be held on Saturday, **MAY 19** from 10 AM – 2 PM. This is the only tire drop off offered for the year! Residents must bring tires to the **PARKWAY** Lower Lot property (this is a change in location from last year); limit is 6 tires per household, bring proof of residency. A trailer, furnished by LaFarge, will be loaded by borough employees. We accept tires from cars, pick-up trucks and vans, but **NO** large trucks, ATVs, motorcycles or bicycles. Tires left outside are listed as a major contributor to West Nile Virus and borough ordinance prohibits accumulation of tires on properties for this reason.

IRONTON RAIL TRAIL – Next workday Saturday, **MAY 12** at 8 am Whitehall Section, meet at Trailhead – N.Ruch & Chestnut St., -Public meeting Tuesday, **MAY 15** at 7 pm at Trailhead Pavilion. Neurofibromatosis 5K Run, Saturday **MAY 19 @ 9AM**, Saylor Park 2nd Street, Coplay.

Contact information: Dale 610-405-1025

SENIOR CITIZENS – Senior Citizens' meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month; **MAY 2** and **MAY 16** at 1 PM at the Fire Building; always looking for new members!

Contact information: Dale 610-262-5464

SUBURBAN NORTH YMCA – At the Y, we believe every child has potential, and we are here to nurture that potential. For a full list of programs and registration information, contact the YMCA or visit www.snfymca.org. And, the Y offers financial assistance to qualified applicants.

Contact information: Y 610-264-5221

EVENTS

COMMITMENT TO FAMILY & COMMUNITY – Breakfast is held the 3rd Sunday of every month, **MAY 20**.

WHITEHALL-COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE - You are invited to attend our meetings the 4th Tuesday each month, **MAY 22** from 11am – 12:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 3355 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall. We offer FREE community meals the the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 4-6:30 pm all year. Next meal on Tuesday, **MAY 15** at St. Johns's United Church of Christ 575 Grape Street, Whitehall. For more information, contact Janice Stavrou 610-767-7014 or rmblood@ptd.net; Judy Ehret at judyae@ptd.net; or Shel Ehret at strumpet@ptd.net.

COPLAY MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COMMITTEE — next committee meeting will be Thursday, **MAY 3** at 6:30 pm in council chambers.

ORDINANCE - 813

Please be aware of our Ordinance – 813 as the grass cutting season begins. “No person shall place, throw or dump any grass, grass clippings, weeds or any vegetation whatsoever upon any sidewalk, curb, gutter, street or alley in the Borough.” This means you are not allowed to blow grass clippings into the street, either with your mower or a blower, as clippings run into our storm water

COPLAY REC & WELFARE ASSN FOOD BANK – available to borough residents with proof of residency, open 2nd Tuesday of each month, **MAY 8** from 8:30 - 10 am in the municipal building. The Food Bank is so grateful for the continued support and donations they receive. Right now they are in need of Peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit & fruit cups, cereal, spaghetti sauce, and tea/coffee. Donations can be dropped off at the borough office during business hours, Monday thru Friday from 8 to 4:30 pm.

Contact information: Jodi 610-262-0928

COPLAY SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Consider helping Coplay kids defray some higher education expenses. To assist a Coplay kid planning to attend college, university, technical school or police academy, send a check to CSFC, 41 N. 8th St. Coplay, PA 18037.

Contact information: Bill 610-751-2745; billleiner@aol.com

COPLAY SPORTS – visit our website at www.coplaysports.org or email the address below. Next meeting Wednesday, **MAY 9** at 8:30 PM at the Fieldhouse.

Contact information: email coplaysportsteams@gmail.com

COPLAY TOWN WATCH – Join us for our meeting Wednesday, **MAY 16** at 7 pm in council chambers.

Contact information: Kim 484-935-1836 k.d.fitz13@gmail.com;

EXPLORER POST 101 – Our mission, to promote 14 -21 year olds, interest in the hobby of model railroading. We are starting an Explorer Club for youth ages 12-14, visit us any Thursday night from 7 – 9 pm. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30 PM on the 2nd floor of the Coplay Municipal building.

Contact information: Dick 610-965-2598
Mike 610-440-1875

FERAL CAT COMMITTEE – The FCC is a committee of Coplay Town Watch, it is not a Coplay Borough government committee and is an active organization of the Coplay Town Watch. The FCC has experienced a rash of cats needing spay-neutering services in the last month. If you have a house cat (or dog), be part of the solution, have your animal spayed or neutered. The committee is seeking volunteer drivers. Next meeting Sunday, **MAY 20** at 2 PM at Samuel Owens Restaurant. Consider joining this unique group.

Contact information: Kim 484-935-1836

If you do not receive a response from the Feral Cat Committee, you may also contact The Sanctuary at Haafsville, 484-788-8062.

FROM THE DESK OF

Mayor Dean Molitoris

Many of us are looking forward to a fun-filled 3-day weekend near the end of May. I am, of course, referring to the upcoming Memorial Day holiday weekend. Did you know that Memorial Day started out in the 1860's as Decoration Day? People from all over the U.S. observe this day by visiting cemeteries and/or holding parades in honor of the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. In Coplay, members of the Stanley W. Reinhard Jr. American Legion Post 426 will lead visitations to area memorials and cemeteries as a means of showing well-deserved respect for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation. So while you're enjoying the unofficial start of summer, please take a moment to be thankful for and remember these fallen heroes.

Contact me at 484-239-1611 or coplaymayor@gmail.com

COUNCIL/BOROUGH NEWS

Borough Office will be closed on **MAY 25th**. Will re-open on **MAY 29**.

Council Workshop meeting will be Tuesday, **MAY 1** at 7pm;
Council Meeting Tuesday, **MAY 8** at 7pm.

COPLAY LIBRARY – Library Board meets Thursday, **MAY 10** at 7 PM in council chambers. Story Time & Crafts with Miss Veronica Thursdays, **MAY 3, 10, 24 & 31** @ 11 am. Basket Social Preview **MAY 4-19**, tickets will be on sale at Library. Basket Social, **MAY 19** 4-7pm at St.Peters Church. Free blood pressure screening by Cetronia Ambulance, Wednesday, **MAY 23**, 1pm-3pm. Library closed Saturday, **MAY 26** & Monday, **MAY 28**.

Due to training for new SPARK computer system the following hours are as follows; Wednesday, **MAY 9**- Hours 10 am-1pm & 3pm-7pm, Tuesday, **MAY 15** the library will be closed and Thursday, **MAY 17** the library will open 12pm – 7pm.

For more information about the library and our events, contact us at 610-262-7351 or coplaypl@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook, Twitter or the web-site.

TRASH/RECYCLING/YARD WASTE/METAL – Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, garbage pickup is pushed back one day the week of **May 28** - Monday is collected Tuesday and Tuesday is collected Wednesday. We can no longer collect recycling in bags unless it is clear plastic bags as there has been garbage placed out on recycling collection days. **Metal** collection Thursday, **MAY 17**(no need to call). **Yard Waste** is picked up **FRIDAY. GARBAGE CANS** in excess of 35 gallons will **NOT** be collected. You must call borough office at 610-262-6088 to schedule pick up of larger items (sofas, mattresses, etc.) on regularly scheduled garbage days, limit of two per year at no charge. **ELECTRONICS** – the Borough will no longer pick up electronics.

COPLAY POLICE — received 211 calls in MARCH 2018. Arrests: DUI arrest – 1, Retail Theft-1, Cited for Dogs running at large-2. Traffic – 13, Written Warnings – 4, Parking Tickets – 49.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS INFO

COPLAY 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE – Next meeting will be **MAY 17 @ 7pm** in council chambers.

Sesquicentennial Parade – scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019 beginning at 1 pm. Theme will be of a historical tone. The Parade Committee is asking all individuals, organizations, and churches for ideas, preferences, and other input you feel would make this event memorable.

Contact information: Sandy 610-262-6088

COPLAY AMERICAN LEGION POST 426 – Did you know...if you fly an American Flag at your home and are replacing it because it is worn, there is an old mailbox to the front of our Post to dispose of worn flags properly.

Contact Information: Larry 610-262-4133

COPLAY ATHLETIC CLUB – Gym is located on the 2nd floor of the Coplay Municipal Building; meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month in the gym (no meetings in summer or during holidays). Please place gym renewals in an envelope with your name on it in the slot of the gym door, it goes to a locked box that is checked by board members. If you need to mail it, contact Kim Rader 610-657-2477. **T-Shirts** to pay for referees for the 150th Anniversary Basketball Tournament are on sale at the club.

Contact Information: Randy 610-440-2313
Brad 610-739-5733 (new members)

COPLAY COMMUNITY DAYS – Monday, **MAY 21** at 7 pm in council chambers will be our first meeting to discuss the 2018 event. All participating residents, businesses and organizations should send a representative.

Contact information: Steve 610-703-8487

COPLAY DEMOCRATIC CLUB – the CDC has voter registration forms. Consider joining one of the oldest, most successful Democratic Associations in the Valley. Annual dues \$2.

Contact information: Bill 610-751-2745; billleiner@aol.com

COPLAY GARDEN CLUB – Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, **MAY 31**, at 7 pm at St. John's Lutheran, South 3rd Street. Hint: Don't use garden soil as potting soil in containers. Its quality and texture is variable; it may drain poorly or be too loose and drain too quickly. It is also more likely to contain diseases, weed seeds and insects.

Contact information: Jane 610-261-1243

COPLAY LIONS CLUB – Join us at our next scheduled meeting, Monday **MAY 7 and MAY 21** at 7:15 PM at the Coplay Saengerbund, S. 5th St. All are welcome as we work together to help our neighbors.

Contact information: Al Thomas 610-262-1463

COPLAY NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH – our Mission Statement: Personal and Family Safety & Neighborhood and Community Security. We assist those in need, regardless of race, creed, color or religion. Meetings temporarily on hold, follow future announcements at www.coplayfirst.blogspot.com. Effective PA State Police Crime Deterrent 8 1/2" x 11" laminated Coplay Crime Watch/McGruff Window signs available at no charge.

Contact information: Frank 610-262-0802

COPLAY PARK & RECREATION BOARD – next meeting on Wednesday, **MAY 23** at 7 PM in Council Chambers.

Contact information: Steve 610-703-8487

COPLAY RECREATION & WELFARE ASSN – Our next meeting is Wednesday, **MAY 2** at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.

Contact information: Rick 610-261-0566

Convalescent equipment, such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, and canes, is available if needed for one day, an outing over the weekend, or for however long is necessary; contact Carol at the number below, requests require 48 hours notice to organize.

Convalescent Equipment: Carol 610-262-1571

SPRING CLEAN UP FROM PPL UTILITIES

Spring cleaning: Ditch your inefficient fridge or freezer. That old fridge in your garage or basement could be costing you an extra \$150 a year in electricity. Through PPL's energy-efficiency programs, you get free pick-up of your old, working refrigerator or freezer, and a \$35 check. As an added bonus, if you recycle an old room air conditioner or dehumidifier at the same time, you'll receive another \$10. The refrigerator or freezer must be in working condition and between 10 and 30 cubic feet in size and be clean, empty and defrosted. Visit ppllectric.com/recycle for more program details.

Recycling your old appliance is good for the environment. Under PPL's appliance recycling program, up to 95 percent of your appliance's components are used in new products and don't end up in a landfill.

Visit ppllectric.com/recycle or call 1-877-486-9204 to schedule your free pick-up today.

Lehigh Valley Dog Licenses & Rabies Vaccination To Be Checked In May

State dog wardens plan to come to the Lehigh Valley in May to check for current licenses and rabies shots during a week-long canvass. Lehigh and Northampton County are on the state's list for the door-to-door checks the week of May 1-4th. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$6.50, and \$8.50 for other dogs. Older adults and persons with disabilities may purchase a license for \$4.50 for spayed or neutered dogs, and \$6.50 for others.

All dogs and non-feral cats three months of age and older must be vaccinated against rabies. Booster vaccinations must be administered periodically to maintain lifelong immunity. Violators may be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 plus court cost.

Dog license can be purchased online at padoglicense.com (there is a \$2 convenience fee). For Lehigh County, annual licenses are no longer sold at the Lehigh County Government Center in Allentown. Pet Supplies Plus, 2433 MacArthur Road Whitehall does issue licenses for Lehigh County.

STORMWATER MATTERS . .

Spring and summer are just around the corner, so it's time to start thinking about getting our lawns ready. In doing so, many add fertilizers and nutrients to harvest a lush green landscape capable of withstanding the Summer temperatures and dry conditions. So what does lawn care have to do with stormwater? A lot! What fertilizers and nutrients your lawn does not absorb are washed away during a rain event. The excess fertilizer and nutrients wash to stormdrains and end up in the Lehigh River. Excess nutrients in surface waters can harm aquatic life and habitat, cause algal blooms, and affect human health. Remember stormwater is NOT treated before it reaches our water supplies.

Here are some basic tips for mowing your lawn

Do not cut your lawn too short. Keep it cut to a minimum of 3-4 inches. Mowing too short destabilizes your lawn and can cause erosion and bare spots.

Do not blow or sweep grass clippings into the street or storm drains.

Mow high and leave grass clippings on the lawn. It helps improve the lawn's health and quality, and you're less likely to need fertilizer.

If you fertilize in the spring, wait until after your 3rd lawn mowing of the season. And always check the weather forecast before applying anything to your yard!

If you prefer, bag your grass clippings and place bags at the back of the curb for pick up on Fridays (April-September).

Please remember:

Stormdrains lead directly to local waters. No filters. No treatment. Pollutants that enter stormdrains wind up in the water we drink, fish, and swim.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

The Borough of Coplay has established a Facebook page to notify residents of upcoming borough events, alerts, public notices and emergencies happening in our town. [*Like us Today*](#)