

# Borough of Lake City

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## Lake City Volunteer Fire Company

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Lake City Fire Company and Lake City Borough Council held a meeting regarding funding for the Fire Company. I would like to mention that Lake City Fire Company is not on the verge of closing our doors, we can meet all our operational financial obligations. However, we are lacking the ability to save money in a timely manner for capital purchase such as a new fire engine, ambulance, major building expenses, etc.

Collectively, we talked about several options on how the Borough could help the Fire Company, but every option has their own unique challenges. The options include additional funds in the borough budget, imposing a fire tax, or low interest loans, but none was the end all solution.

Currently, the Fire Company's fleet includes 1986 and 1994 fire engines. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the life expectancy of a fire engine is 10-15 years, after 20 years there is no value to refurbishment (making upgrades to the vehicle), and 25 years and older should be retired. Currently our fleet is 36 and 28 years old respectively.

Our current yearly fund drive equates to about 32% of the residents and businesses donating to the Fire Company to support its operations. This means only ONE THIRD of the community pays for the service that 100% of the residents receive; not fair to anyone that finds it in their hearts to donate to the Fire Company on a yearly basis. If everyone would donate, this discussion would not be occurring. We are trying to explore all options and see what is best for the Borough, the Fire Company, the residents and businesses of Lake City Borough.

If a fire tax was to be imposed by the Borough, say .65 mil, which equates to \$65 per year on a \$100,000 property, (or \$5.50 per month) would the residents of Lake City Borough be willing to support this needed funding for the Fire Company?

There will be an open meeting for the community on October 24, 2022 at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Lake City Fire Company, 2232 Rice Avenue, Lake City PA 16423. All are welcome to this meeting.

### **Borough Officials**

#### **Council President**

Mary G. Gollmer

#### **Vice President**

Christopher G. Byers

#### **Council Members**

Ginger L. Cinti

Thomas Eberle

Raymond H. Fisher II

Jenny L. Potter

Alan Watkins

#### **Mayor**

Andrew J. Graves

Council Meetings are open to the public and are held on the second and/or fourth Monday of every month, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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## Hydrant Flushing

The Borough will be flushing fire hydrants the week of October 24th weather permitting. You may experience high or low water pressure and discolored water. The discoloration should clear within a few minutes of running the water. If problems with the water clarity persist, contact the borough office. It is not recommended to do laundry on those days.

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## Snowmobiles

Snowmobile operation begins on Nov. 1, 2021 until April 1, 2022. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Snowmobiles are not permitted on Routes 5 or 18, Main Street, Martin Avenue, Middle Road, South Lake Street or Smith Street. Continuous snowmobile riding or racing is not permitted on any street. All snowmobiles must meet the parameters of the Pennsylvania Snowmobile Act and can not be modified or unmuffled. Please respect private property.

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## Winter

Winter parking takes effect on November 15, 2021 thru March 31, 2022. Parking is absolutely prohibited on any street in the borough during those months between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Parking is prohibited on Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 am. This Ordinance is designed to keep streets free of vehicles so that snow plows can clear the snow from the streets without obstructions.

The streets are to be kept clear of leaves, snow and other yard debris. **Residents are not permitted to blow leaves, or snow, into the streets.** Sidewalks and fire hydrants must be kept clear of snow and ice.

Contrary to popular belief, our plow drivers do not, intentionally, put more snow in your driveway than your neighbor's. It's all about location. Any snow that builds up on the plow blade is, naturally, deposited at the first opening. If you are the first driveway after the plow turns a corner, you are going to get a lot more snow. We also, don't plow the end of your driveway in on purpose. Again, the snow will go into the first available opening, no matter what we do. If you don't want your driveway plowed in, you can clear an area at least 15 feet wide, and a couple of feet deep, to the right side of your driveway (as you face it from the road). This will allow a plow blade full of snow to be deposited before it reaches your driveway.

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## Household Hazardous Waste

You can conveniently dispose of your Household Hazardous Waste by calling 1-800-449-7587 or go to [www.wmatyourdoor.com](http://www.wmatyourdoor.com) for collection appointment. Allowable items include; automotive products, paint products, household cleaners, flammable & combustible products, garden chemicals, batteries, fluorescent tubes, TV's, computers and electronics. Unacceptable items include; medications, biological waste, tires, fire extinguishers, ammunition, explosives, construction waste, asbestos, radioactive waste, pressurized cylinders, and E-Cigarettes.

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## Fire Company

Lake City Fire Company will be hosting their Annual Turkey and Handgun Raffle on November 11, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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## Don't Forget

**TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

**TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

**CHANGE YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES**

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## Halloween

The traditional Halloween will be observed on **October 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Only houses that display their outside lights are participating. The fire siren will signal the start and finish of Trick or Treat.

The Safe Trick or Treat, along with parade will be hosted this year by the Girard/Lake City Chamber of Commerce, and the A.F. Dobler Hose Fire Company. The event will be held **Saturday, October 29, 2022, at the A.F. Dobler Hose Fire Hall on Walnut Street in Girard.** The parade and costume judging will begin during daylight hours (5:30 p.m.) and the party will then move into the fire hall.

Thank you to all of our local businesses, community members, and volunteers, who continue to contribute to this annual event.

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## Leaf Pick-up

Waste Management will pick-up leaves on **October 10th, October 24th, November 7th and November 21st, 2022.** Waste Management will collect leaves **only**, in clear 32 gallon or less, plastic bags placed at the curb. An unlimited amount of bags may be placed at the curb.

The Millcreek Township Compost and Recycling Center on Millfair Road in Millcreek Township will also take leaves, shrubbery, brush, non-food garden residue and tree trimmings. They **do not accept** grass, sod, dirt or anything with a large root system attached, food, garden residue, bamboo or corn stalks. Their hours of operation are as follows: Monday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday & Saturday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday - Noon to 5 p.m. April 1 through early December.

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## Property Tax/Rent Rebate

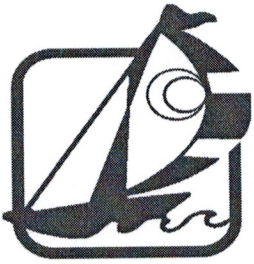
The deadline for senior citizens and Pennsylvanians with disabilities to apply for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2021 has been extended to Dec. 31.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older, widows, widowers age 50 and older, and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 annually for homeowners and \$15,000 annual for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

The maximum standard rebate for homeowners is \$650, but supplemental rebates for certain qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Department of Revenue automatically calculates supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners.

Claimants are encouraged to file their rebate applications online by visiting [www.mypath.pa.gov](http://www.mypath.pa.gov). No account is required. Applicants who still wish to file a paper application form may obtain Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim forms (PA-1000) and related information on the Department of Revenue's website at [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov). The easiest way to check the status of your rebate is to use the Where's My Rebate? Tool. To check on the status of your claim, you will need your social security number, claim year and date of birth.

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C - Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

D - Standard Time Begins

E - Election Day

H - Holiday - Borough Office Closed  
 W - Water Bills Due

L - Waste Management Leaf Pick-up

TT - Trick or Treat