



# Borough of Lake City

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## Zoning and Building Permits

When is a zoning permit required? A permit is required anytime you erect, enlarge, reduce, construct, reconstruct, or structurally alter any building on your property. Applications for a zoning permit can be obtained at the borough office. The application shall contain a general description of the proposed work, its location, and its size; if required, additional information may be required by the zoning officer. Building permits and inspections may also be required. These permits are issued by Building Inspection Underwriters. Building permits are required for decks that are above 30" off the ground, have a roof, or are attached to the dwelling, require a frost-free foundation. Sheds, carports, and garages over 1,000 square feet also require a frost-free foundation. Installing any swimming pool (including inflatable) with a water depth of 24 inches or more, hot tubs, and spas (indoors and outdoors) require a permit and inspections. These structures must also meet zoning and building code setbacks and regulations.

### Borough Officials

#### Council President

Mary G. Gollmer

#### Vice President

Christopher G. Byers

#### Council Members

Ginger L. Cinti

Thomas Eberle

Paul D. Orr

Joshua J. Sturgeon

Alan J. Watkins

#### Mayor

Andrew J. Graves

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## Leaf Pick-up

Waste Management will pick up leaves only on **April 15th and May 13, 2024**, in clear, 32-gallon or less, plastic bags placed at the curb. An unlimited number 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 - Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.

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## Hydrant Flushing

The Borough will be flushing fire hydrants on April 22nd-26th 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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## 2023 Drinking Water Quality Report

The 2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report can be found at [goh2o.net/blc/ccr](http://goh2o.net/blc/ccr). If you would like a hard copy please, call the Borough Office at 814-774-2116, and a copy will be provided.

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## **Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program**

The property tax/rent rebate - provides eligible seniors with rebates of up to \$1,000.00 on their annual rent or property tax bills. Pennsylvania residents age 65 and older, widows or widowers age 50 and older, or people with permanent disabilities qualify for the program if their annual household income does not exceed \$15,000 annually. (Exclude 50% of Social Security and Railroad Retirement when calculating annual income.) Must be filed by June 30, 2024.

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## **Borough Bits**

Removal of curb lawn trees is the responsibility of the property owner. The Borough is responsible for trimming the trees. Property owners must get council permission to remove any curb lawn tree.

Burning is prohibited, with the exception of an outdoor recreational fire. Recreational fires can only burn clean, dry, and non-treated wood in a fire ring 2' or less in height and 4' in diameter.

If you have a missing pet or bicycle, please call the Borough Office at 814-774-2116, or the Police Department at 814-868-7911.

If your dog barks in excess of ten (10) minutes or intermittently for twenty (20) minutes, you may be fined. Pets are not permitted to run at large. Pet owners shall remove animal waste from public or private property immediately.

Dispose of unwanted prescription and non-prescription medications at our MedReturn, located in the Municipal Building, Monday through Friday. Remove and destroy all labels with personal information, including the prescription numbers.

Residents are not permitted to blow grass clippings, leaves, or snow into the streets. You can be held responsible for causing a road hazard.

### **Only flush human waste and toilet paper down the toilet.**

You can conveniently dispose of your household hazardous waste by calling 1-800-449-7587 or by visiting [www.wmatyourdoor.com](http://www.wmatyourdoor.com) for a collection appointment. This includes televisions, computers, and other electronics, etc.

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## **Elk Valley Garden Club**

Elk Valley Garden Club will hold their annual garden mart on May 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and May 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Girard Borough Building. The sale will be held rain or shine.

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## **Pauline's Closet**

Pauline's Closet, located at the Lake City United Methodist Church, 10087 Sampson Avenue, offers free clothing for those in need. Pauline's Closet is open the second Tuesday of the month from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Donations of clothing, bedding, etc., are always welcome.

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## Fire Tax

Borough Council levied a 1-mill fire services tax for 2024, which will generate an estimated \$109,000 annually. Council determined it was crucial to impose a fire tax with equipment prices rising and fewer volunteers to serve our community. The Revenue generated by the tax will help Lake City Fire Company purchase a new fire truck and other equipment. A new fire truck has an estimated cost of over \$900,000. The fire services tax will cost the average property owner about \$100.00 per year, based on the average home assessment of \$100,000. Please Attend the fundraising events organized by the fire company; they put a lot of time and effort into these events, and all the proceeds go toward the fire company's expenses. They need all the support they can get, for the safety of our community.

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## Tax Office

The property, per capita, and school tax collector office is located at 10029 Seeley Street, in the municipal building. Tax office hours are Wednesday's from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and additional hours are available by appointment. There will be office hours from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 17, 18, 24, 25, 29, and 30. After October 31st, the office is open by appointment only. The tax office has a mail slot for after hours payments located in the office door. All tax payments must be made by December 31 to avoid further penalties. The tax collector can be reached at 814-774-2761.

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## Common Water Leaks

**Water Softener:** Common water softener problems are a bypass valve leaking, drain line leaking, cracked rotor valve, overflow, punctured brine tank, cracked resin tank, or a hose leaking. Check for loose or damaged fittings and tighten or replace them. Inspect the control head and tank for cracks or signs of damage. Examine the bypass valve for leaks and replace if necessary. Inspect the drain line and connections for any signs of leakage. Test the system while it is bypassed to identify the source of the leak. Water softeners can also cause water pressure fluctuations in your home.

**Toilets:** Toilets that are constantly running may never spill a drop of water on the floor but may waste a tremendous amount of water simply into the sewer. Toilet leaks are often among the most expensive due to the sheer amount of water wasted. Check the toilet for leaks by removing the top of the tank and listening very closely. If you hear any hissing at all, try to locate where it is coming from. If nothing is noticeable, add some food coloring and put a couple of drops in the tank (not the bowl). Wait five minutes, and if you have coloring in the bowl, you have a leak in the flapper at the bottom of the tank that is allowing water to seep through.

**Hot Water Tanks:** Check the pressure relief valve on the hot water tank. Sometimes these valves are plumbed directly into a drain and may be leaking without your knowledge. If you can't remove the drainpipe to check for a leak, listen for a hissing sound; it may be leaking.

You can check for a leak by checking the in-house water meter. First, make sure you are not running any water. Turn off all water faucets (inside and outside), and make sure the washing machine, dishwasher, and other appliances that use water are off. Check the water meter to see if it's moving. If the meter is moving, you have a leak. If you have a digital meter, there will be a flashing symbol on the screen to indicate a leak. If it is not moving, give it two hours and check again. If you notice a change, you likely have a slower leak.

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

F - Firemen's Carnival

L - Leaf Pick-up

H - Holiday - Borough Office Closed

W - Water Bills Due