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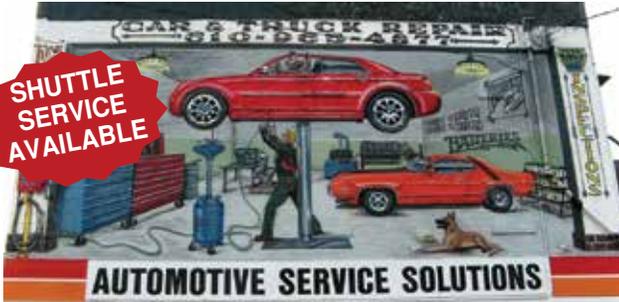
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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor

Ronald Conrad

Borough Council:

John Yerman, President

Greg Hutchison, Vice-President

Barry Bloch, Todd Rutledge

Lisa Yeager, Carl Sell, Ronald Karboski

Borough Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except on legal holidays when the meeting is held the following Tuesday.

Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA

Tax Collector:

Cynthia Hartzell, 60 S. Chestnut Street, Macungie
phone: 610-928-0394

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board and Commission meetings are held at:

Macungie Institute

510 E. Main St., Macungie, PA

Planning Commission:

Allen Crawford, Chairperson

John Yerman, Vice-Chairperson

Donna Kohut, Leslie Lapidakis

The Planning Commission meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., if an application is brought before the board.

Zoning Hearing Board:

Jeffrey Hartman, Chairman

Gregory Reinbold, Vice Chairman

Justin Huddleston, Alan Printz (alternate)

Terry Kohler (alternate)

The Zoning Hearing Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., if an application is brought to the board.

Borough Authority:

Jeffrey Stauffer, Chairman

Robert Bogert, Vice-Chairman

Todd Ritter, Carla Lundgren

The Borough Authority meets on the
2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD VACANCY AVAILABLE

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Borough Manager: John A. Brown

Assistant to the Borough Manager: Nina Solivan

Administrative Assistant: Ashley Rinker

Borough Clerk/Assistant Treasurer: Vacant

Police Department:

Sergeant Travis Kocher

Corporal Michael Mullen

Officers Todd Bernhard, Matthew Santiago

Public Works Supervisor: Tracy Smith

Waterworks Operator: Douglas G. McNair

Public Works: Michael Smith, Ryan Keiser

Macungie Institute Manager: Darlene Misselbeck

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer: Joseph Peterson

Engineer: Stan Wojciechowski, PE, Barry Isett and Associates

Solicitor: Patrick Armstrong Esq., Grim, Biehn and Thatcher

Auditor: Campbell, Rappold, Yurasits

Important Telephone Numbers

Macungie Borough Hall Office: 610-966-2503

District Justice Donna Butler: 610-967-2888

East Penn School District: 610-966-8300

Emmaus Public Library: 610-965-9284

Police, Fire or Medical Emergency: 911

Kalmbach Memorial Park: 610-965-1140

Lehigh County Courthouse: 610-782-3000

Macungie Institute-Community Center: 610-966-7830

Macungie Post Office: 610-966-3672

Macungie Memorial Park: 610-966-4289

Macungie VFW: 610-966-4949

Police Administration: 610-966-2222

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PPL Customer Service: 800-342-5775 or 484-634-4900

Tax Collector: 610-928-0394

Verizon Customer Service: 800-483-4600

Important Websites

Borough of Macungie: macungie.pa.us

Kalmbach Memorial Park: kalmbachpark.com

Macungie Historical Society: macungie.org

Macungie Memorial Park: macungiepark.com

Macungie Farmers' Market: macungiefarmersmarket.com

Macungie Institute: macungieinstitute.com

Macungie VFW: macungievets.com

A LETTER FROM THE MACUNGIE INSTITUTE COORDINATOR

Thank you for all the support shown to the Macungie Institute over the last six months! I'd like to take this opportunity to provide a brief recap.

Thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers, in March the MI was able to offer a free five-week crocheting class to the community. April we were able to host a Free Family Fun Day complete with food, kid's activities, door prizes, craft vendors, police and fire visits, and the reopening of the Macungie Historical Society Museum. This would not have been possible without the support of our event sponsors. **Thank you!** In April, we were also able to partner with a local business and Town Beautification to offer a gardening lecture to the community. May brought Tai-Chi Classes and the much sought-after Painting with the Macungie Police event. June launched our first Craft Night event, as well as a fun MI fundraiser. In July, the Macungie Institute was able to begin "Cartoon Tuesdays". This was possible thanks to several generous community members who recognized the need and reached out in support. Thanks to a group of local volunteers, we have been able to offer a monthly Book Club and monthly Fabric Arts Club to the community. A sample of upcoming events includes two community educational sessions with Lehigh Valley Health Network Cardiothoracic Surgeons: Thursday, September 22nd at 7 pm: Aortic Valve Stenosis with Dr. Nassar and Dr. Veluz and Tuesday, October 4th at 7 pm: Atrial fibrillation with Dr. Wu and Dr. Misselbeck. Refreshments provided. October 20th at 7 pm brings question-and-answer time on how to use MS Word. October 29th provides an opportunity to serve our community through a Blood Drive (appointments are required for this) here at the Macungie Institute. Please consider visiting our website and scheduling an appointment. November brings a Toys for Tots Toy Drive (all month) and a Macungie Photo Contest, a Kid's Thanksgiving Craft Project on November 19th at 10 am and an opportunity to make holiday cards for our soldiers at 10 am on November 26th. December ushers in the return of the famous Holiday Victoria Tea on the 3rd, the fun-filled Macungie Holiday on the 10th, Craft Night on December 13th at 7 pm, and a Family Ornament Making event on December 15th from 4 pm-8 pm. The events over the last six months have been made possible through the generosity of time and finances of the local people. Your support is very much appreciated! As the Macungie Institute continues to grow, I am excited to share what we have in store. If you have suggestions or are interested in partnering with the MI for an event, please feel free to contact me. Please note that events have limited availability, some require advance reservations and/or fees. Be sure to visit our website www.MacungieInstitute.com for more details. I am thankful for the opportunity to bring these events to the community and for all the support from the Borough Admin Team, Borough Council, The Friends of the MI, The MI Trustees, and the community!



Have a great day, Darlene

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Macungie Institute

Upcoming

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OCTOBER

- 10.2.22 LVHN LECTURE – ATRIAL FIBRILLATION 7:00 PM
- 10.11.22 CRAFT NIGHT – PUMPKIN WREATH 7:00 PM
- 10.20.22 UNDERSTANDING MS WORD 7:00 PM
- 10.29.22 BLOOD DRIVE 10:00 AM



NOVEMBER

- 11.1.22 TOYS FOR TOTS BEGIN
- 11.3.22 FABRIC ART CLUB 6:30 PM
- 11.3.22 BOOK CLUB 7:00 PM
- 11.8.22 CRAFT NIGHT 7:00 PM
- 11.19.22 KIDS THANKSGIVING CRAFT 10:00 AM
- 11.26.22 HOLIDAY CARDS FOR OUR SOLDIERS 10:00 AM



DECEMBER

- 12.1.22 BOOK CLUB 7:00 PM
- 12.1.22 FABRIC ART CLUB 6:30 PM
- 12.2.22 LVHN LECTURE – ATRIAL FIBRILLATION 7:00 PM
- 12.3.22 HOLIDAY VICTORIAN TEA
- 12.10.22 MACUNGIE HOLIDAY 10:00 AM
- 12.12.22 CORK ORNAMENT KEY CHAIN CLASS 6:30 PM
- 12.13.22 SOCK SNOWMAN CRAFT NIGHT 7:00 PM
- 12.15.22 FAMILY ORNAMENT-MAKING CLASS 7:00 PM

JANUARY

- 1.6.23 GILMORE GIRLS TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00 PM
- 1.10.23 CRAFT NIGHT 7:00 PM
- 1.22.23 PAINTING WITH THE POLICE



See <http://www.macungieinstitute.com/upcoming-events.html> for more details

Thank You

The Borough of Macungie would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents. The Borough would like to further request that citizens, in response, patronize these businesses first when given a choice as these businesses are saving each citizen tax dollars.

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Another summer has come and gone. I hope you and your family enjoyed everything the outdoors had to offer, from gardening, long walks through the town, outdoor barbecues, the farmers market, and the many events that were held this season at Macungie Memorial Park and Kalmbach Park.

Macungie is very lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers who spend countless hours making sure that we get to enjoy various events that are held in the borough. The town beautification committee sold butterflies to put on the poles on the main street and will soon be replacing them with scarecrows to keep our downtown looking good. Volunteers also keep the flower park looking spectacular. We also have a fully volunteer fire department made up of dedicated men and women who spend a lot of time training and drop anything that they are doing to help us at any time of the day or night. The Lower Lehigh Lions Club based in Macungie is disbanding. This great volunteer organization has contributed over half a million dollars to local charities and community projects during its 61 active years. They ran and sponsored our Halloween parade for many years. We owe a big thank you to all of our amazing volunteers.

It is an honor to serve as your mayor. As the Mayor of the Borough, my main responsibility is to oversee our Police Department. Our Police Department is in a partnership with the residents and businesses of the community to provide a safe and secure environment through the delivery of fair and impartial police services, proactive problem-solving, and increased community partnerships. Our dedicated officers, along with myself, will continue to work toward building trust, reducing crime, creating a safe environment, and enhancing the quality of life in our community. Please follow the Department's website and Facebook page for special community events with our Police Officers. A local community police force can offer services that the State Police cannot, such as automatically responding to medical emergencies and fire calls. Our officers have saved lives because they can respond quickly to all calls. I want to thank the community for the support they have shown the Police Department over the years. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The holiday season is quickly approaching, the yearly Tree Lighting will be held Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. and the ever-popular Macungie Holiday event throughout the Borough including a Christmas parade will be on December 10, 2022. We hope you will partake in these enjoyable events.

Remember Democracy works best when people become involved with their government and community. I wish you all good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ron Conrad
rconrad@macungie.pa.us | 484-707-7860

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY

Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of the season while they flick the switch and turn on the Holiday Lights at the Macungie Flower Park, located at Main and Race Street. For more information contact Mayor Conrad at 484-707-7860.

MACUNGIE HOLIDAY

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 10th** and join us for the Macungie Holiday! Events will take place most of the day throughout the Borough.

This year's schedule of events includes:

- **Meet Santa and Mrs. Clause**
- **Get the Grinch out of jail** at the Macungie Police Station
- **Scavenger Hunt 9:00 am until 1:00 pm** – Visit participating businesses and community organizations for a chance to win some wonderful prizes!

Special activities include Photos with Disney Princesses, Surrey Rides, food, crafts, and gifts at participating businesses and community organizations

- **Crafters at the park** - from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm
- **Parade** - begins at 2:30 pm and will travel through town.

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Incredible outcomes like this are only possible when everybody does their part. Learning CPR can be your part of helping to save a life!

Visit our website (www.macamb.org) or contact the American Heart Association or Red Cross to learn CPR! It takes a whole team effort to save a life; you can be part of that team!



Macungie Borough Emergency Notification – Contact Information Request

In the event of an emergency, the Borough of Macungie uses Swift reach Networks' "Swift911" notification service. This telephone service will notify you of an event and provide information on what to do. The Borough must have your current contact number for notification. This is a private list and will not be shared. To learn more about this important notification system and add or update your information please go to the page on the Borough's Website at, www.macungie.pa.us/Swiftreach911/mainpage.htm. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call Town Hall at 610-966-2503 to add your contact information.

Macungie TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Macungie's Town Beautification Committee is a non-profit, all-volunteer group of Borough residents who hold various fundraisers throughout the year to help support projects which enhance the quality of life in the Borough of Macungie.

PAST PROJECTS HAVE INCLUDED:

- Christmas decorations throughout the town.
- Seasonal banners along Main Street.
- The Town Clock at the Macungie Institute
- Historic Street Lights
- Scarecrows & Wooden Pumpkins along Main Street
- Photos with the Easter Bunny at the Flower Park
- Macungie Holiday events
- Macungie Souvenir Sales
- Butterfly Sales



UPCOMING FUNDRAISER EVENT:

Soup Night – October 7th, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Macungie Institute

Sip 'n' Paint – November 14th, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Out of Our Minds Studio

Photo Note Cards – Will be sold on December 10th during the Macungie Holiday

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STATE BUDGET PROVIDES ONE-TIME BOOST TO PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM



Rep. Ryan Mackenzie 134th District

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By State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Berks/Lehigh)

Eligible senior citizens and people with disabilities will see enhanced rebates through this year's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program thanks to a one-time infusion of additional funds in the 2022-23 Pennsylvania state budget.

The program benefits Pennsylvania residents age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities aged 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 annually for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

With the one-time boost in funding, the maximum standard rebate is \$1,105 for both homeowners and renters, up from the usual \$650. People who already received their checks this year will not need to take any further action; the Department of Revenue will automatically send a check for the additional funds.

For those who have not yet applied, the deadline to do so for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2021 has been extended to Dec. 31.

Claimants are encouraged to file their rebate applications online by visiting www.mypath.pa.gov. No account is required. Applicants who still wish to file a paper application form may obtain claim forms (PA-1000) and related information on the Department of Revenue's website at www.revenue.pa.gov or by contacting my district office at 610-965-9933. We will also provide free assistance with filing the forms.

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Fall 2022 – All Events are FREE and open to the public.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Community Heroes Day! Thursday, October 6th at 5:30 pm in the library parking lot. Drop by to meet local rescue responders and their vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, and more! All ages are welcome to our annual event.

Check out our STEM table, iPad tablet, and prewriting/drawing table!

MONTHLY ADULT EVENTS:

Fall Book Bingo. Adults, pick up a Bingo sheet from the library or print from home! Read books that fit the squares, then cross off the rows across, down, and diagonal. Once you are a winner, turn in your sheet to the library in person or via email to eplcollection@cliu.org and receive a small prize!

Daytime Book Group.** Tues. @ 2 PM. Some copies are available to borrow at the front desk when you RSVP.

- Oct 4 **The Silent Patient** by Alex Michaelides
- Nov 1 **The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig
- Dec 6 **From Scratch: A Memoir of Love, Sicily, and Finding home** by Tembi Locke

Crocheting Club. Wednesdays @ 6 pm. Drop in for our weekly crocheting club! All skill levels are encouraged to join in. Bring your current crochet project or get started with advice from more experienced crocheters.

Rep. Wild's Mobile Office. 2nd Thursdays @ 1-4 pm. Drop in to meet with a rep from Susan Wild's office who will be available for in-person constituent services.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group.** 2nd Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM. Presented by Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter and hosted by Devon House Senior Living, and facilitated by Laura Crossan, CDP. Register at 610- 967-1100 or email lcrossan@devonhouseseniorliving.com. Visit www.alz.org/delval to learn more about caregiver programs and resources.

Creative Writing Group.** 3rd Wednesdays @ 1 PM. Join us for an in-person creative writing group with Pat Johnson, a long-time creative writer. The group welcomes those who want to write creatively for fun and/or publication. All are welcome.



Find Your Ancestors.** 3rd Wednesdays @ 5 PM. Sign up in advance for a 30- minute appointment with Chris to get in-person assistance uncovering your family tree and insight using Ancestry.com.

Memoir Writing Group.** 4th Tuesdays @ 1 PM. Join author Jerry Waxler and others on a ZOOM videoconference to write about your life.

Coloring Club. 4th Mondays @ 6:30 PM. Explore your creative side, reduce stress, and bring your own. Everyone is welcome.

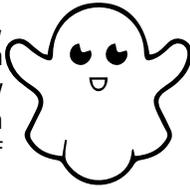
SPECIAL ADULT EVENTS:

Community Art Swap. Saturday, October 8th @ 1 pm. Help us divert materials from landfills while encouraging environmentally friendly creation! Bring new or gently used art and craft materials to the library and swap them for something new.

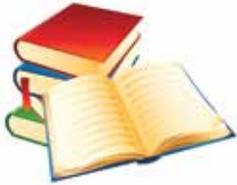


How Native Americans Saved Football. Monday, October 10th @ 6 pm. A representative from Native American Heritage Programs will talk about Native Americans' influence on the history of football.

Ghost hunting NJ & NYC. Monday, October 17th @ 6 pm. Journey through the spooky side of New Jersey and New York City in this presentation by L'Aura Hladik Hoffman, founder, and director of the New Jersey Ghost Hunters Society. L'Aura is the author of Ghosts of the Poconos, Ghost hunting: New Jersey, and Ghost hunting: New York City. Books will be available for sale and signing.



MONTHLY FAMILY, KID & TEEN EVENTS:



Storytime! October through December weekly Wednesdays @10:30 AM. Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us with their adults for stories, singing, crafts, and fun!

Facebook Writing Prompts. 1st Thursdays @ 7 PM. Join us on Facebook for a new prompt every 15 minutes – write about each one or save them for later, share your work, or keep it private. The choices are yours in this all-ages event.

Block Party. 1st Saturdays @ 11 AM from October through December. For all little builders of preschool and elementary ages and their caretakers. Miss Sue will open the block cabinet in the children's wing, and we will make amazing things together.

Teen Writers Group.** 2nd Thursdays @ 6 PM. Join Miss Sue to write from new prompts and talk about the process of writing – reading aloud is not required!

Teen Anime. 3rd Tuesdays @ 6 pm. Anime films and OAVs for discerning teens!

Books 'n' Barks*. 4th Thursdays @ 6:30 PM. Books 'n' Barks is back! Read to the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs – no registration needed – bring your books or choose one from the library.

SPECIAL FAMILY, KID & TEEN EVENTS

** Please send Adult Event RSVPs to Lauri by email to epcollection@cliu.org or call 610-965- 9284 x210 and send Kids & Teens Event RSVPs to Miss Sue by email to epkids@cliu.org.



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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

MACUNGIE HALLOWEEN PARADE

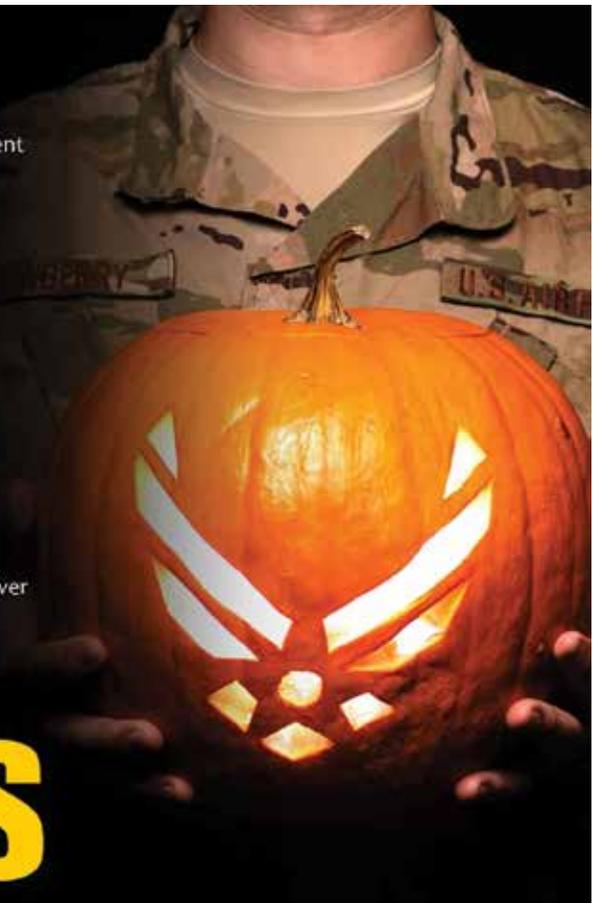
The Macungie Halloween Parade will be coordinated by the Macungie Memorial Park, it will be Saturday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Main and Buttonwood Street. NO RAIN DATE. The parade starts forming at 6:00 p.m. at the Eyer Middle School parking lot (5616 Buckeye Rd, Macungie) and the Shoemaker School parking lot (4068 N. Fairview St. Macungie). Registration forms are available online, please reach out to macungiememorialparkevents@gmail.com. Donations can be mailed to Macungie Memorial Park (P.O. Box 193 50 N. Poplar St. Macungie, PA 18062). There will be a Halloween Festival at the park from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Entertainment and activities for the children will be provided and the parade will go through the park around 7:15.



Trick-or-Treat NIGHT

BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE

Sunday, October 31st, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.

Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.

Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

SAFETY TIPS

Borough of Macungie Police Department News

With the increase in vehicle thefts in our neighborhood and surrounding communities, we urge YOU to be proactive when protecting your second most expensive investment...YOUR VEHICLE!!! With the colder weather approaching, many will be tempted to start their vehicles and leave them unattended while they warm up. Please be cautious and limit the amount of time your car is unattended. Do your part in helping the Borough's Police Department combat vehicle thefts in the area and safeguard your property. Make sure your vehicle doors are locked at all times, spare keys are not left in the vehicle and ALL valuables are removed from your vehicle while unattended.



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

REPORT CRIMINAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY. FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, CONTACT OUR NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER AT 610-966-2222. DO NOT GET PERSONALLY INVOLVED OR CONFRONT THE SUSPECT(S). BE A GOOD WITNESS. DO NOT BECOME A VICTIM.

Preventing Package Thefts This Holiday Season!



- Do not leave anything in your car when you are shopping – Car prowlers target parking lots.
- Sign up for delivery alerts from the shipper- if you aren't home during delivery, message a neighbor next door to have them take the package back to their place until you get home.
- Require a signature for all your deliveries- if there's no one home to sign for the package, it won't be left at your home.
- Be neighborly- if you see a package sitting on a neighbor's doorstep, reach out and ask if they would like you to hold it until they are home.
- Workplace- Consider having your packages delivered to your place of employment.

Holiday Crime Prevention

- Lock your doors and windows. Don't openly display your Christmas Tree and gifts.
- Don't advertise that you are away from home. Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges.
- Stay alert to your surroundings, shop before it gets dark, park in well-lit areas, and shop with a friend. Lock your packages and gifts in the trunk of your car.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Be extra careful with wallets and purses. Beware of strangers who may approach you for any reason.

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While we're in critical need of blood right now, blood donations are needed year-round. Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs lifesaving blood. Many patients who have major surgeries will need a blood transfusion. Additionally, blood transfusions are used for patients who have serious injuries from car crashes or natural disasters, and people with illnesses that cause anemia, like leukemia or kidney disease. The demand for blood has increased 5-25 percent across the country compared to this time in 2019 for a variety of reasons.

You can help to ease the strain on the nation's blood supply, and save lives, by becoming a blood donor. Donating blood is quick, safe, and easy. Blood donors of all types are needed to ensure the supply is available when needed. If you're able, consider consistently donating blood throughout the year. Visit www.giveapint.org to schedule an appointment now!

** The Macungie Institute is holding a blood drive, on October Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 10 AM – 3 PM. Spots are filling up quickly. Visit www.macungieinstitute.com to book your appointment**



Don't miss Macungie Minstrelaires Show "Singing is Out of This World!"

The Macungie Minstrelaires will return to Lower Macungie Middle School on Friday, October 28, November 4, Saturday, October 29, and November 5. Friday evening shows are at 8:00 pm and Saturday shows at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 484-294-0609. Pre-ordered tickets will be held at the door and can be paid on pickup. Adults -\$15, Seniors (62+) \$12, Students (K-12) \$10.

As a sneak preview about the show itself.....

From an early age, we hear songs such as "You are My Sunshine" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" introducing us to the heavenly bodies in our solar system. Whether you are four, one-hundred four, or somewhere in between, this show contains songs that you know from throughout your life! "Singing is Out of This World" will have you tapping your toes along to some old favorites and introduce you to some beautiful new songs about the sun, moon, stars, earth, and maybe even some visitors from outer space! There will be Hee Haw type comedy and a skit to tickle your funny bone. Always a show stealer, our Minstrelaire Kids will be cute as ever as they warm your heart with song.

See you all there for a great family show with something for everyone!

FLOWER PARK

We hope all of you enjoyed the Macungie Flower Park this summer. Thank you to Macungie Borough Council for their support of the Flower Park again this year. And thank you, too, for providing a new and improved sprinkling system for the park complete with sensors to shut off the sprinkling when rain is falling.

Thank you to the many volunteers who have unselfishly donated many hours of their time to make the Flower Park a shining jewel of the borough once again. If anyone would like to volunteer to help at the Flower Park, please call the borough office at 610-966-2503.

We still have some beautiful Macungie Flower Park calendars for sale done by photographer Scott Herring. The 18-month calendars can be purchased for \$12.00 at the Macungie Institute on Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The calendars begin in July 2022 and continue through December 2023. These make wonderful gifts.



Macungie 2022-2023 Calendar of Events - Memorial Park



2022

October 2: Friends of the Macungie Institute Bingo 12 pm



October 6-7: Montgomery County Kennel Club Show

October 8-9: Hatboro County Kennel Club Show

October 15: Cruise Night – Vehicles start arriving around 1 pm

October 16: Crafter Event by the Gazebo

October 22: Forks of the Delaware Bottle Collectors Show

October 22: Crafter Event by the Gazebo

November 12: 3rd Welcome Fall Vendor and Craft Fair



November 24: Happy Thanksgiving!

December 3: Beer Collector's Show

December 4: Peaceable Kingdome Vendor Event

December 10: Macungie Holiday

2023

March 11 and 12: American Cavy Breeders Show
<https://www.acbaonline.com/>

March 18: Brewery Collectors Club of America Show
<https://www.bcca.com/>

April 2: Easter Festival

April 18: Cruise Night

May 13: Outdoor Flea Market

May 20: Cruise Night

June 3: Rock and Mineral Collector Show

June 4: GM On Display Show

June 16, 17: Antique Truck Club Show

June 24: Cruise Night

July 4: 4th of July Celebration Event

July 15: Cruise Night

August 4, 5, 6: Das Awkscht Fescht Antique and Classic Car Show

August 13: Mustang Club Show

August 19: Cruise Night

August 25, 26, 27: Wheels of Time Street Rod Show

September 9: Cruise Night

September 10: Corvette Club Show

September 14, 15, 16, 17: Lehigh Valley/Berks/Pocono Dog Clubs Shows

September 23, 24: Lehigh Valley Fiber Festival Event

September 30: Rock and Mineral Collector Show

October 5, 6, 8: Montgomery and Hatboro County Dog Clubs Shows

October 21: Cruise Night

December 2: Brewery Collectors Club of America Show

December 9: Macungie Holiday

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Volunteer Opportunities

The Borough of Macungie loves its volunteers. If you would like to be a part of the process and volunteer for your community, we encourage you to explore the many opportunities the Borough has to offer.

Macungie Memorial Park is always looking for volunteers to work the concession stands and gates during cruise nights and car shows. Interested in volunteering at the park? Call 610-966-4289.



Macungie Beautification is always looking for volunteers. Interested in volunteering? Call 610-966-7830

The Borough is looking for volunteers to maintain the bump-outs on Main Street. If you would like to adopt a bump out, please call Town Hall, at 610-966-2503.

HEALTH & SAFETY OF RENTAL UNITS

Approximately 700 of the 1,650 homes located in the Borough of Macungie are Rental Units. All rental units are required to participate in the Residential Rental Property Program which **PROTECTS** the tenant's **SAFETY** as well as the public's **SAFETY**. If you believe your unit is **UNINHABITABLE** or you have **CONCERNS**, please report them to your landlord or the Borough Zoning/Code Officer at 610-966-2503 **IMMEDIATELY**.



Examples of **UNSAFE** living conditions include but are not limited to:

- Lack of essential utilities – hot/cold water, electricity, heating, etc.
- Structural Issues – Leaky roof, sagging ceiling, wall damage, etc.
- Rodent or pest infestation – Roaches, rats, bed bugs, etc.
- Potential Hazards – Lead-based paint, asbestos, mold, etc.
- Ignoring state and local health building codes – smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, etc.
- Lack of adequate security – repair locks on doors, ensure windows can't be easily opened, etc.



Mold exposure can cause:

- allergies
- upper respiratory infections
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A few reminders from the ZONING OFFICER



1. Keeping farm animals is prohibited in the Borough of Macungie

(§ 118-15 MACUNGIE CODE § 118-19118:1203-15-2007§ 118-15 (Animals))

2. Residential rental property inspection program

The purpose of this Program is to **protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens and to encourage owners to maintain and improve the quality of rental housing within the Borough.** All owners of the Residential Rental Unit(s) must register the unit(s) with the Code Enforcement Officer and pay the established registration fee. Upon registration of the Residential Rental Unit(s), the Borough will issue a Rental Occupancy License to the Owner, which will remain effective until the Borough performs the Rental Occupancy License Inspection. Each Residential Rental Unit that is registered with the Borough and secures a Rental Occupancy License shall undergo and pass a Rental Occupancy License Inspection within five (5) years from the issuance of the Rental Occupancy License. The Residential Rental Property Ordinance and Checklist, Residential Rental License Application, and the Information Update form are available on the Borough's website at www.macungie.pa.us or Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie.

3. Sewer Lateral Video Inspection Ordinance

As part of the Borough's Sewer Rehabilitation Program, Macungie Borough Council, at their August 6, 2018, meeting, adopted Resolution 2018-02 requiring sewer lateral video inspections. The purpose of the video inspection is to locate any inflow and infiltration into the private building sewer and its connection to the lateral; to make sure there are no holes or damage to the private building sewer and its connection to the lateral; to ensure there are no prohibited discharges into the private building sewer; and, to verify that all clean-outs and/or vents are properly capped and not damaged.

Under this ordinance, a sewer lateral must be video inspected and if necessary, repaired or replaced:

- Before any sale, transfer, and/or other conveyance of any property connected to the Macungie Borough's Sewer System.
- Before a change in use of any property connected to the Macungie Borough's Sewer System from residential use to commercial use.
- Upon notice from the Borough that the Borough intends to repair, replace, and/or rehabilitate the Borough's Sewer line.
- At the time the Borough performs rehabilitation and/or replacement work on the Borough's sewer line to which the property's sewer is connected.

All deficiencies and violations discovered by the inspections shall be corrected within thirty (30) days of discovery or before settlement on the sale/and or transfer of the property or before a change in use from residential to commercial. A copy of the required Sewer Lateral Inspection Report, completed and signed by the Licensed Master Plumber, and a copy of the video shall be provided to the Borough upon completion of the video. For more information or questions regarding the sewer lateral video inspection, please contact the Borough office at 610-966-2503. A copy of the Sewer Lateral Video Inspection Report is available on the Borough website at www.macungie.pa.us

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WHAT IS THIS CHARGE ON MY UTILITY BILL?? SEWER DEBT SERVICE

All properties connected to the Borough's sewer system shall be assessed a fixed sewer system rehabilitation and capital improvement fee of \$64.50 per quarter per billing unit to fund the sewer system rehabilitation and capital improvements, inflow, and infiltration ("I&I") remediation, and the debt service associated therewith. Below is some informative information that may be helpful for you to better understand.

Ordinance No. 2016-10

An ordinance of the Borough of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, amending sections 274-26.A., B and E. and section 274-40 of the code of ordinances of the Borough of Macungie by amending and establishing fees for sewer service, sewer system improvements ad surcharges for certain waste and further amending the connection charge.



What are inflow and infiltration?

Inflow and infiltration are defined as groundwater and stormwater that enters a sewer system. Collection systems can be damaged when they are forced to transport more flow than they are designed to handle. Increased effluent also raises costs for wastewater treatment facilities, because of harmless stormwater and groundwater mix with sewage. In many cases, inflow, and infiltration (I&I) account for up to 45% of the annual flow to treatment plants.

Exceeding the capacity of the collection system can result in the discharge of untreated wastewater into the environment. This discharge may come from collection system components or from a treatment system that can't treat the water. Infiltration can also cause pipe structure failures due to erosion of soil support, and ground subsidence due to erosion of underground soil.

What is the difference between inflow and infiltration?

Infiltration occurs when groundwater seeps into sewer pipes through cracks, leaky pipe joints, and/or deteriorated manholes.

Inflow is stormwater that enters the sewer system through rain leaders, basement sump pumps, or foundation drains illegally connected to the sewer. Together, inflow and infiltration place a burden on collection systems and wastewater treatment facilities.

Christmas Tree Collection

The Public Works Crew will be collecting Christmas trees on the following Mondays:

January 2nd and 9th

Do not place the trees in plastic bags. All ornaments, lights and tinsel must be removed from the tree, otherwise it will be left at the curb. The Public Works Crew will take these trees to the Emmaus Compost Center for recycling.

Any trees not meeting the recycling requirements will be collected by the Borough Refuse Hauler and taken to the landfill.



FALL 2022 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The Borough has contracted with EMI for leaf collection in 2022. There will be no change in the collection procedure. Leaves will be collected curbside during the following weeks:

November 14th

November 21st

November 28th

December 5th

(The work schedule can change due to weather)



DO NOT MIX GRASS CLIPPINGS, GARDEN WASTE, TREES OR SHRUB TRIMMINGS IN WITH THE LEAVES.

Leaf piles with these items in them will NOT be picked up.

These items will damage the leaf vacuum, causing delays to the schedule.

Leaves should be at the curb before 7:00 AM and will be picked up when the contractor passes through. The contractor will not make special trips to pick up leaves placed at the curb after they have picked up leaves in an area. They will have to wait until the contractor makes their next round.

The Borough encourages you to bring your leaves to the newly expanded fenced area at the Borough Garage off of S. Church Street. You can drop off leaves any day/any time.

Also, you can use your 2022 Yard Waste Pass to take leaves to the Emmaus Yard Waste Site.

BOROUGH HALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Borough Office and the Macungie Institute will be closed on the following days for the Holiday season:

Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th

Christmas Holiday: Friday, December 23rd, and Monday, December 26th

New Year's Day: Monday, January 2nd

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THE LOWER LEHIGH LIONS CLUB, BASED IN MACUNGIE, IS DISBANDING.

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As stated in the club's farewell newsletter, "Due to an aging club, deaths, and many health issues by members, we have been short-handed for our major projects. ... It was with much sadness [that] the leadership of our club realized that we could no longer effectively perform our prime objective of serving the community."

And serve they have, contributing over half a million dollars to local charities and community projects during their 61 active years. A few of the major projects sponsored by the Lower Lehigh Lions are the biannual flea market, the Macungie Halloween Parade, and the Helping Hands project.

The Lions pitched in and organized a massive flea market in Macungie Memorial Park each spring and fall. For the most recent event spaces were provided for 300 vendors. Always a popular activity, the flea market has never required fewer than 200 spaces. Betsy Kresge, who took over from Ron Bechtel, the most recent Lion to spearhead this project. The flea market provided a portion of the funds used to support local programs and charities.

The Macungie Halloween Parade is an annual celebration into which the Lions poured hours of effort. Kudos to parade organizer Dave Briggs and all the Lions who provided the community with a smoothly run night of entertainment and fun.



Bechtel initiated the Helping Hands project. Working with the East Penn School District, the Lions made Thanksgiving and Christmas more joyful for 25 families each holiday. The Lions provided each designated family with a gift card for \$125 from Weis Markets. Some of the money for this service was raised by Lions who volunteered to work at IronPigs concession



stands. In return, the IronPigs donated all the money earned to the club, between \$5,000 and \$7,000 each year. To close out this project, the club intends to distribute approximately \$8,000 and once more give local families happier holidays. The Lower Lehigh Lions worked tirelessly to raise money because the members were, as stated by Lion Bud Godshalk, " ... very intent on giving back to the community." As well as the services previously described, the Lower Lehigh Lions have given financial support to numerous organizations as varied and necessary as Sights for Hope, the Macungie Fire Department, Macungie Memorial Park, Lehigh Carbon Community College Soup Kitchen, and Leader Dog. The members recently gathered for the club's final family picnic in Macungie Memorial Park. A number of the members stated their intention to take some time off; a few will immediately join other Lions Clubs in the area, and all will remain active in some area of community

involvement. Although a few groups have expressed interest in picking up specific Lower Lehigh Lions Club projects, such as the Macungie Halloween Parade, Lions contributions to the community will be sorely missed. As with many volunteer groups, the Lower Lehigh Lions have never lacked enthusiasm or commitment. What is lacking is a crop of younger folks willing to freely volunteer their time and talents to maintain existing programs and develop new ones.



Farewell & Thank You!

SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND CLEANUP TIPS

It is ILLEGAL to blow or shovel your snow into the street (this is a Pennsylvania State Law), or onto another person's property.

Sidewalks:

Snow and ice accumulation must be removed from all sidewalks abutting the street within 24 hours after the snow has ceased to fall or the ice has formed. If the sidewalk has not been cleared, the property owners will be cited. Do not shovel snow onto the street. This makes for unsafe road conditions and it is illegal.

Handicapped Ramps

If you have a handicapped ramp in your sidewalk, you are responsible for maintaining that ramp free of ice and snow so it is accessible by pedestrians. The same rule applies to handicapped ramps that applies to sidewalk. Your assistance and cooperation is appreciated.

When a Snow Emergency is declared:

The Mayor may declare a snow emergency and ice emergency within the Borough of Macungie. Information on the existence of the emergency will be given through the following television and radio stations:

Television: WFMZ - Channel 69

Radio: B104-FM 104 FM
WLEV 100.7 FM
CAT Country 96.1 FM
WAEB 790 AM
OLDIES 1470 AM
WZZO 95 FM

In addition to those announcements, the Borough will be utilizing the SwiftReach 911 phone notification system to notify residents on snow emergency routes. If you want to receive the phone notification, it is very important your contact information is up to date and accurate.

Snow Emergencies are also posted on the Borough's website at www.macungie.pa.us and on the Borough's Facebook page www.Facebook.com/MacungieBorough.

Snow Emergency Routes:

Upon a snow or ice emergency being declared, all vehicles must be removed from the following snow emergency routes:

- Cedar Street (north side), from Church Street to Spring Street
- Church Street (east side), from Main Street to the South Borough Line
- Lea Street (east side), from Main Street to Cotton Street
- Locust Street (north side), from Church Street to the West Borough Line
- Main Street (north and south sides), from Borough line to Borough line
- Poplar Street (west side), from Main Street to Hickory Street

Designated Parking Areas:

During a declared snow and ice emergency only, parking will be provided for residents at the following locations:

- Borough Hall Parking Lot
- Macungie Institute Parking Lot
- Flower Park Parking Lot

Safety Concerns:

- Keep children away from the street and Borough equipment during snow removal.
- Tunneling and/or playing near the street is very dangerous. Remove all objects such as trash receptacles from in or near the street to avoid property damage during snow removal.
- Vehicles driving on a snow emergency route must be equipped with snow tires or equivalent tires or with tire chains.

Snow Removal Guidelines:

Wait to clear your sidewalks and driveway until after the snow has stopped and the Borough has plowed at least one pass to widen the street.

The snow plows may make more than one pass to widen the street, therefore, to protect your driveway from being blocked, clear the snow along the road a distance of approximately 10 feet in the direction that the snow plow will approach your driveway. All of the snow you remove from this cleared area before your driveway and from the driveway itself should be piled to the right of your driveway. This will give the snow plow a place to dump most of the snow without all of it ending up in front of your driveway.

Eliminate snow piles at the driveway entrance whenever possible. High accumulations of snow will obstruct the visibility of motorists exiting your driveway and hinder the ability of on-coming motorists to see you pulling out of your driveway.

Do not shovel, blow or plow snow out onto the roads at any time. This creates a hazardous driving condition for all vehicles and is a violation of the Borough Code & PA State Law. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



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