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>>> CITY OF LOCK HAVEN <<</td>NEWSLETTER



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CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30 pm

GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY CHIEFS! DEPARTMENT NEWS BUDGET SEASON COMMUNITY & PLANNING MURALS! COMMUNITY CORNER

& MORE!

BUILDING HOURS 20 E Church St | Lock Haven, PA 17745



GETTING TO KNOW... Tyler wooding

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Nov 18 at 7 pm Nov 25 at 7 pm Dec 2 at 7 pm

AGENDA & MINUTES

Available on our website

>>> WHAT IS YOUR TITLE?

Fire Chief

>>> WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU WISH RESIDENTS KNEW MORE ABOUT THE POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENT?

Even though Lock Haven does have career firefighters, the majority of the Fire Department are volunteers. These volunteers save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. I would encourage residents to stop by the fire station in their neighborhood and ask about volunteering. There are many volunteer positions available that don't involve running into burning buildings such as EMS, scene support, traffic control, water rescue, etc. We provide all the equipment and training.

>>> HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THIS FIELD?

21 years, 10 years with the City of Lock Haven

>>> FAVORITE THING TO DO WHEN NOT WORKING?

I'm an avid scuba diver that enjoys diving lakes in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, and coastal waters in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine. My stepson, Noah, has recently become a certified scuba diver and I hope to share these underwater adventures with him.

>>> TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

After serving in the U.S. Air Force, I moved back to the area and married my wife Kourtney. In our free time, we enjoy traveling and being outdoors.

>>> COOLEST PLACE YOU TRAVELED?

I would say Ireland. It's very calm and laid back which fits my temperament well

DEPARTMENT NEWS

LHPD NOW HIRING

>>> COME BUILD A BETTER CITY WITH US!

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must be a U.S. or naturalized citizen; graduated from high school or equivalent; physically, medically, and psychologically fit for performance of police duties; good moral character; licensed motor vehicle operator, minimum age of 21. Candidates that have not been through the police academy will have the academy paid for and will earn \$20.04 per hour while in the academy

A written Civil Service examination and physical performance testing will be administered in Lock Haven on January 25, 2025.

LIVE AND WORK INCENTIVE

The City of Lock Haven is a pilot participant in the Live and Work Clinton County Relocation Program that offers financial incentives to individuals and families relocating to Clinton County for employment.



BENEFITS

- \$57,820 starting with Act 120
- \$20.04 per hour while in the academy (if needed)
- Health insurance starts date of hire
- 96 hours of sick time,
 - 128 hours of vacation time,
 - 48 hours of holiday time,

32 hours of personal time in the first full year of employment

 \$900 uniform allowance

LOCK HAVEN CITY POLICE

20 E. Church St Lock Haven, PA 17745

570-893-5901

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Contact us at: hiring@lockhavenpa.gov

APPLICATION DEADLINE JANUARY 17, 2025 TEST DATE: January 25, 2025

DEPARTMENT NEWS CODE ENFORCEMENT >>> FORECLOSURE & VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRY

The City of Lock Haven has partnered with Hera Property Registry, LLC to administer its foreclosure and vacant property registration program.

> In order to comply with the Ordinance, all Mortgagees/Trustees must register online via <u>Hera Property Registry</u> and pay a registration fee.

> > Hera's Customer Support: ≡⊠ vpro@heraregistry.com **(** 321) 234-5303

<u>CLICK HERE TO READ</u> <u>THE ORDINANCE!</u>

<u>VISIT OUR</u> CIVIL SPACE

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Subscribe to our Civil Space page for notifications and stay up to date on all our current projects in the city!



REMINDERS FOR RESIDENTS BAN

COUNTY BURN BAN IN EFFECT

Clinton County is currently in High Wild Fire Danger. Please do not burn!

Important Reminders:



No outdoor burning-all fires and open flames strongly discouraged



Be vigilant with anything that could cause a spark.





>>> REMINDER FOR RESIDENTS WHEN WE ARE <u>NOT</u> IN A BURN BAN:



Although recreational fires are permitted in City limits, the burning of leaves and rubbish is not.



Further information related to recreational fires and outdoor burning can be found in City ordinance 340-11 and Chapter 307 of the Pennsylvania Fire Code.

IT'S BUDGET SEASON!

Every year, the City Manager provides a detailed budget to City Council for their approval. This year, the budget hearings will follow this schedule:

- Nov 4 Request for funding from non-profit community groups
- Nov 18 Presentation of the budget w/ discussion about administration, the comprehensive plan, and community development
- Nov 25 Public Safety
- Dec 2 Public Works
- Dec 9 Public Works (cont.)
- Dec 16 Adoption

>>> WHY DO WE NEED A BUDGET?

The annual budget supports the priorities of our community by supporting the services that the city provides for our residents and guests, and also in support of the hard-working employees who answer the call of public service.

Whether plowing the streets while the rest of us sleep, ensuring wastewater is treated, clean water comes out when you turn on your faucet, taking steps to ensure the safety of our community, or answering your call with a respectful voice, the city's employees make the services possible we all have come to expect and appreciate.

IT'S BUDGET SEASON!

>>> HOW ARE TAX DOLLARS DIVIDED?

The most frequent question when it comes to taxes, is how the city spends the tax dollars it receives. The largest single department in the City's General fund is the Police Department. While Public Safety (Police, Fire, Codes Enforcement) represent 51% of the total expenditures of the General Fund, the police are the bulk of that effort. Public Works make up about 26% of total expenditures of tax dollars. The largest of these efforts is the care and maintenance of streets, including paving, lighting, traffic signals, signs, and painting, and stormwater management. Last year alone, winter maintenance alone cost the city 3 cents of every tax dollar paid. The levee and other minor public property make up 8 cents of every tax dollar paid. Because the airport doesn't generate enough revenue to cover all its own expenses, the General Fund covers the balance of those costs, which is about 2 cents of every tax dollar paid to the city.

5 cents out of every tax dollar support Community Development including recreation, parks, and the support of KCSD's summer parks programs, and another 2 cents supports the Economic Development including the administration of millions of dollars in grants to the city. Keeping everything running is the expense for government administration, including Council, the City Manager, and Finance, which is a combined 12 cents of every tax dollar, 7 cents of which supports the clerks who both receive funds and pay the bills.



CITY PLANNING



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The City of Lock Haven was awarded a WalkWorks grant to develop an Active Transportation Plan. This plan will include connections for people walking, biking, using wheelchairs and using transit including a connection to the BEVT through the city. Having a completed plan like this will help prioritize Lock Haven's for future funding for priorities recognized in this plan.

A steering committee was formed to help guide the creation of the plan, offer input, and be ambassadors for active transportation in our community. The committee held their first meeting on November 1 and will continue to meet monthly until the adoption of the plan in September 2025. The planning process will include a public survey and community meetings to gather input from all members of the community.

ANYONE WANTING TO SHARE THEIR INPUT ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY OF LOCK HAVEN IS WELCOME TO CONTACT ABBEY ROBERTS, PLANNER & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR AT AROBERTS@LOCKHAVENPA.GOV OR 570-893-5903.

Stay up to date on the planning process on the City's Civil Space under the Active Transportation Efforts Project page.

PARKS & REC

ACTIVE ARTS CORRIDOR

Last month, the City of Lock Haven partnered with Dripped on the Road, a traveling mural residency, to paint 4 murals along the future spot of the Active Arts Corridor.

5 talented mural artists painted beautiful murals at the Roxy Theater, the Ross Library, the Haven Wash Station, and M& J Supply.

Funding for the murals was made possible by the PA Council of the Arts, the Clinton County Visitor's Bureau, and the City of Lock Haven

Stay tuned for more beautiful murals and information on the development of the Active Arts Corridor!

CITY HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS



>>> LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

The City Leaf collection will be taking place November 11-27 following the street sweeper pick up.



>>> WALK WITH COUNCIL

This is a great opportunity for one on one talks with our City Council members! We will meet at the Piper Harmon Playground for a walk through the neighborhood at 9:00 a.m.!





>>> TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Downtown Lock Haven is excited to bring you the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Mark your calendar for this special community tradition and enjoy the sounds of the season by <u>Millbrook</u> <u>Playhouse</u> and local vocalist and musician, <u>Sheila Carroll Music</u>!



>>> SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Shop Small on November 30! Be sure to support Downtown businesses, and small businesses all over Clinton County on Small Business Saturday! There will be tons of deals and activities all down Main Street and throughout the City!

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

for the City of Lock Haven Leaves will be collected from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Nov 12 through Nov 27**

Residents are requested to sweep their leaves into the streets on the day before their street is scheduled for sweeping For those unable to sweep leaves onto the street, bagged leaves will be picked up on Monday & Tuesday November 18 & 19, and Monday & Tuesday November 25 & 26.

Bags must be placed at the curbside for pick-up the night before. Bags must weigh no more than 50 pounds.



Sunset Pines leaf pick-up is from November 25 through November 27



Residents are requested to have their leaves onto the shoulder of the road the day before.



RANGER ROUND-UP

>>> MONTHLY VIDEOS ABOUT YOUR CITY!

Every month, Ranger Kasey and Ranger Abbey team up to teach our city's "Little Rangers" all about the City of Lock Haven. Join them on their adventure as they visit museums, tour the Waste Water Treatment Plant, or teach about levee systems!

Do you have a topic you want to see the Rangers explore? Contact the Ranger Hotline at 570.893.5900!



Visit our YouTube to see the latest Ranger Video!





COMMUNITY CORNER

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UPCOMING Downtown Events

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR HAVEN HOLIDAYS! Community events, kids activities, music, and more!

NOV 24 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

NOV 30 Haven Holidays Parade

NOV 30 SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY DEC 13 ROBB ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY CONCERT

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

ARE INVITED TO THE

TRIANGLE PARK, DOWNTOWN LOCK HAVEN NOVEMBER 24TH 2024 SUNDAY AT 6:30PM

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ENJOY SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY MILLBROOK PLAYHOUSE & SHEILA CARROLL

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