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Office Hours

SUNDAY OFFICE IS CLOSED

MONDAY	10:00am-4:00pm
TUESDAY	10:00am-4:00pm
WED	10:00am-4:00pm
THUR	10:00am-4:00pm
FRIDAY	10:00am-4:00pm
SATURDAY	9:00am-12:00pm

(Every other Saturday)

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We need volunteers for the following committees, Nominating, Election and Rules & Regulation. Sign up at Pineridgecommunity.net!

Board of Directors

All residents visiting the PRCA pool must follow the posted rules. Pool attendants will give residents one warning. A second offense will result in an ejection from the pool that day. Continued abuse will result in a loss of pool privileges for the season. We had a great opening weekend. Thank you to everyone that came out to make the Memorial Day party a success. Please continue to follow the rules, so that we can have a safe and happy summer season!

The office hours will be **TEMPORARILY** reduced to 10:00am-2:00pm through Tuesday June 7th, 2022. The office will be back to a normal schedule starting **Wednesday June 8th**.

Kathi Farrelly, President

June 2022

As the summer season is upon us, please remember to notify your guest and visitors of your gate code so they may easily access the community. Our gate attendants will be happy to assist with instructions to accessing the directory and locating any resident. However, it is important that residents register and update their information with the main office. This will ensure that your guest and visitors have a seamless experience visiting our community.



Community Pool is OPEN
Pool hours: 11am to 7pm Tues to Sun
Closed Mondays for maintenance



Public Safety

Pine Ridge Community Association welcomes Legion Security to service our community, its roadway, amenities, and its members. Their presence gives us a sense of comfort knowing that someone is protecting the community. Over the past month, there's been significant drops in traffic violations thanks to their presence. Please be aware, that they are here to help, protect, and serve our community. Violations are and will be issued based upon the community rules and regulations set in place. If you need security's assistance dial **1-800-916-7501**. With Legion Security Services, we now have a 24/7 dispatch operator available to assist us.



Please observe
the posted speed
limit



Board Meeting

Saturday June 11th,
2022 @ 10am

Join us on Zoom
and Youtube Live!
More info on
PRCA Community
Portal!



Committee's Corner

Recreation would like to thank all who came and Contributed to our Memorial day event and Tricky Tray. We all had a **GREAT** time. June 20th, the kids' book club is having an outing to the Land Of Make Believe. We can all car pool to the event. The group rate admission is \$20 per child and \$13 per adult, if interested please let me know. You can contact us via email (Recreation@pineridgecommunity.net) or by calling the office at 570-588-9185.

Lisa Murray

Calendar 2022

June 3rd- Township Cleanup 7a-2p

June 11th- Board Meeting @
10am; Clubhouse

June 11th- Board of Directors Letter
of intent Deadline

June 12-Grievance begins 9:00am

June 17- Township Cleanup

June 20- Kid Book Club Outting

July 10- Grievance begins 9:00am

July 15th-Township Cleanup 7a-2p

July 16-Membership Meeting 10am

July 29- Township Cleanup 7a-2p

August 14-Grievance begins
9:00am

September 11-Grievance begins
9:00am

October 9- Grievance begins
9:00am

November 13- Grievance begins
9:00am

November 21-Membership Meet-
ing 1pm



As the Summer warms up we will see more and more children playing outside. We see kids enjoying quick games everywhere within our community. Please drive with caution. Watch for distracted kids or flying balls. Parents, please keep an eye on the children and remind them not to run into the roadway after any balls. We thank you for helping keep our community safe.

Classifieds and Advertisements

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

SCHOOLS

Bushkill Elementary	570-588-4400
Lehman Intermediate School	570-588-4410
E. Stroudsburg High School North	570-588-4420
E. Stroudsburg School District	570-424-8500

TOWNSHIP

Lehman Township Municipal Bldg.	570-588-9365
Bushkill Post Office	570-588-6514

PA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY	800-565-7292
SEPTIC - ALLSTATE SEPTIC	800-858-3111
M&S SEPTIC SERVICE	570-491-2829
DOG WARDEN - JAMES RICKERT	570-350-3589
Tax Collector - BONNIE WARGO	570-431-6588

BLOOMING GROVE STATE POLICE	911/570-226-5718
Bushkill Fire Department	570-588-7667
HOSPITAL; Lehigh Valley Hospital	570-421-4000
DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLE	800-932-4600
POCONO LOCKSMITH	570-534-4614



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Event Pictures can be found on our website, www.pineridgecommunity.net/About/PRCA Gallery. Please feel free to comment, tag, or download. If you have any images that you may consider a part of Pine Ridge, feel free to submit via email to Media@pineridgecommunity.net. We would love to feature your image in our upcoming issues.

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Pine Ridge Community Association welcomes Lehman Pike Emergency Medical Services. Serving our community within Lehman Township. If you missed them at the meeting, please see a complete write up below:

The Lehman Township Board of Supervisors made the decision, after concerns were brought to their attention regarding the service they were or were not being provided with at the time, to look into starting their own 911 service. The agency that was providing 911 service lost a great number of staff, and residents were waiting for ambulances to come from the West End, Wind Gap, Stroudsburg, etc. during 911 emergencies. Residents were suffering, and they were dying as a result of the extended response time. Therefore, Lehman Pike Emergency Medical Services was built, from the ground up, and began responding to 911 emergency calls on March 9, 2022.

Lehman Pike Emergency Medical Services is a Municipally run service, considered a department of Lehman Township. LPEMS is funded, in part, by Lehman Township taxpayers, in part by County and State Funding, and in part by donations and insurance reimbursements. It is NOT a “For Profit” service.

LPEMS services all of Lehman Township, and roughly 7% of Middle Smithfield Township—residences with a “588” telephone exchange. We are dispatched out of the Pike County Communications Center, and our initial intent was to match the dispatch information of the Bushkill Volunteer Fire Department, which services both Lehman Township and a percentage of Middle Smithfield Township. Our aim was to make both service areas identical for dispatching purposes. Due to certain conflicts, we were unable to obtain the same exact area of Middle Smithfield Township as BVFD, but it is as close as possible.

All of the necessary changes in regard to calling 911 have already been made by the phone companies and the Pike County Communications Center. This means there is nothing special that residents need to do, no special phone number residents need to call, if 911 service is needed. For those residents who utilize an alarm company, may we suggest that you notify that company to change your 911 center from Monroe County to Pike County. The phone number for PCCC that alarm companies can utilize for information is 570-296-7700.

Currently, LPEMS has one advanced life support (ALS) chase vehicle and one basic life support (BLS) transport-capable ambulance. An ALS chase unit is a vehicle, in our case an SUV, which is manned by one paramedic. This vehicle will be dispatched whenever a 911 emergency is received that would require advanced emergency interventions. Our medics are capable of performing 12-lead EKGs, which can be transmitted directly to the Emergency Departments at Lehigh Valley Pocono and St. Luke’s Monroe. The ability to transmit a 12-lead EKG means that the hospital will be ready and waiting at the Emergency Entrance should a patient be suffering a heart attack and require immediate cardiac catheterization. Our medics can provide fluid, medications, and other life-saving interventions, which are all contained in our ALS chase vehicle. Our BLS transport ambulance will be dispatched whenever a 911 emergency is received, regardless of severity. If the call is minor in nature, the BLS ambulance can transport the patient to the desired emergency department. If the call requires advanced emergency interventions, the BLS transport ambulance will work in tandem with our ALS chase vehicle. Our medic and the patient will be transported to the emergency department in the BLS transport ambulance. By using an ALS chase and a BLS transport unit, we are keeping the ALS vehicle available for possible emergencies that would require advanced medical interventions. Our medic would arrive, provide the emergency care, and await the next available BLS transport ambulance, should our BLS unit already be committed on a 911 call.

Both of our units are in service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Currently, both units are stationed at the Lehman Township Municipal Building. We have also recently taken possession of a building on Wiconona

Falls Road, which is currently being made ready for use. We are awaiting possession of two new transport-capable ambulances. Initially, we were to receive the first new ambulance in August 2021 and the second in October or November 2021. However, due to chip issues, we are still not in receipt of either of those vehicles. The new projected date for the first of those new vehicles is June/July 2022. Once those vehicles are licensed with the PA Department of Health, they will be stationed at the Wiconna Falls Road building. In addition, the Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company has offered an ambulance bay and crew quarters in an as-of-yet unbuilt building on Minks Pond Road.

Having EMS service in our own Township means quicker response times. Faster life-saving interventions provided to our residents. It means that residents can rest a bit easier knowing that help is truly “right around the corner”. Just as a point of interest, the majority of the staff at LPEMS are actually residents of Lehman Township itself. So, we are helping our residents in more ways than one; providing 911 emergency service, and providing employment right here at home to name just two.

As stated earlier, LPEMS is partially funded by the Lehman Township taxpayers. Therefore, there will be no subscription program in place. LPEMS, as all EMS agencies, will bill a patient’s insurance company for a 911 call. For Lehman Township residents, whatever the insurance reimbursement is, that amount shall be considered payment in full. For those persons who are not full-time Lehman Township residents, the balance after insurance reimbursement will be the responsibility of the patient or their legal guardian. The reason for this is that only full-time Lehman Township residents are paying for the 911 service. Middle Smithfield Township has not yet offered to contribute to the service.

I know there have been questions about which hospital destinations LPEMS will transport patients to. We would be remiss if we did not point out that the two closest facilities, by far, which are Lehigh Valley Pocono and St. Luke’s Monroe, have multiple accreditations. LVP is a Level 2 Trauma Center, and both LVP and SLP are Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Centers, which means they are capable of immediate surgical/medicinal interventions for those persons having heart attacks or other cardiac issues, and Comprehensive Stroke Centers. For these reasons alone, LPEMS recommends transport to either LVP or SLM but we will also transport patients to Newton Medical Center in NJ or BonSecours Community Hospital in Port Jervis, NY, IF the patient is stable enough to be transported to those hospitals and that is their desire. Both Newton and BonSecours must transfer seriously ill patients to other facilities, as they do not have all of the specialty capabilities. So that is something to be aware of. Also, traveling so far out of our immediate area means that we are leaving our other residents vulnerable should they also require 911 emergency medical services.

I would like to touch on something; the Lehman Township Board of Supervisors have given LPEMS staff permission to travel as far as the Wawa in Middle Smithfield Township in order to get food, beverages, or fuel if needed. We do have some wonderful establishments in Lehman Township where staff can get food and drinks, but there are no gas stations in Lehman Township, and there are no establishments that are open 24 hours a day. Our staff IS open 24 hours a day.

In the near future, LPEMS has plans to provide Community Services such as car seat inspections, blood pressure booths, and other EMS and Safety related services. As these services become available, we will be sure to post the information for our residents. Currently, information regarding Emergency Services can be found on Facebook at Lehman Township Emergency Services or on Lehman Township’s website at www.lehmantownship.com.

Finally, EMS is a very expensive service. Insurance companies do not pay 100% of ambulance bills. Equipment is very expensive and must be replaced and/or updated on a regular basis. If you know anything about EMS, especially about EMS in this area, you know that those who work in EMS give up their time, their families, their holidays, and their social lives for those who need emergency medical assistance in our community. And you also may know that wages for these people, who give so much of themselves, is deplorable. That is one reason that many of those in EMS work at multiple agencies, just to make ends meet. Lehman Township has vowed to provide the EMS staff with a livable wage, where they do not have to work at multiple agencies. They offer benefits, paid time off. They offer their staff that chance to actually have time with their families and friends; to have a social life in addition to EMS. Most of the funds we receive from the County and State level are earmarked specifically for EMS salaries. Therefore, if anyone feels they would like, at any time, to make a donation to LPEMS, they may do so. They may make a donation in the name of Lehman Township, or they may make a donation in the name of LPEMS. We have state of the art equipment, and we wish to continue to provide our residents with the best emergency medical services possible, with the best equipment possible, at all times.

If anyone has any questions, we would be happy to address them at this time. Also, if anyone wishes to take a look at our vehicles, they are outside at this time, and we would be more than happy to give you a quick tour.

We appreciate you allowing us this time to explain a bit about LPEMS. We are honored to be Lehman Township's Emergency Medical Services team.

CONGRATULATIONS

You are moving to a new and exciting chapter in your life. We wish you all the very best for the future that lies ahead. Congratulations on your Graduation.

-From Pine Ridge Community Association.



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