

BOROUGH OF HARVEYS LAKE

VOLUME 21

www.harveyslakepa.us

2014

LUZERNE COUNTY
PO BOX 60
4875 Memorial Hwy
Harveys Lake, PA 18618
(570) 639-2113 Fax (570) 639-3063

Mayor
Clarence Hogan
Council President
Michell'e Boice
Vice-President
Thomas Kehler

Council Members
Daniel F. Blaine
Bill Hilburt
Ed Kelly
Carole J. Samson
Amy Williams



2014 HOMECOMING WEEKEND

August 1ST, 2ND & 3RD

Harveys Lake Beach Club Pole 187

Friday night - Dinner dance 7 pm—11 pm with A Live Band and dancing on the beach at pole 187

Saturday - Kid's Day with the Harveys Lake Fire Department. Also, Craft & Vendor Show, Anything Floats, Car Show, Cancer Walk and a Chicken Bar B Q by the Harveys Lake and Kunkle Fire Depts.

Sunday - Craft & Vendor Show with plenty of free parking. All vendors welcome. Also a Kayak Race.

Fireman's Parade on Sunday all floats and participants are welcome. Wing eating contest, Commemorative Post Card and Kiss The Fish.

The light decorating contest, Harveys Lake Reflections will also be held all weekend.

Visit www.harveyslakeRC.com

for a full agenda



Harveys Lake Community Yard Sale Held the same weekend as Homecoming this year!

August 1ST, 2ND & 3RD

Sign up at the Borough Office to be on the map. The map will be available on July 29th Stop by the office to pick one up.

The Annual USPS Food Drive to benefit Pastor's Food Pantry in Noxen, PA.

Carrier Pick Up at Your Mailbox May 10th

You can Help! It's Easy:

- Put some non-perishable food items in a bag and place it by your mailbox
- Your letter carrier will pick it up and deliver it to the Noxen Food Pantry!



The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

has a wonderful website filled with information on Boating, Safety Courses, Life Jacket regulations, and laws associated with boating.

Be sure to log on and check it out! Remember, Ignorance is no excuse for breaking the law!

http://www.fish.state.pa.us/regs_boat.htm



UGI Survey for Residents

Residents that are interested in having UGI consider extending the gas line around the lake and near their homes are urged to go to www.ugi.com/getgas and click on the "I'm Interested" button and fill out their information. This will put it into their data base where people are interested and allow them to evaluate the interest around the lake.



Please keep doors on your homes and vehicles locked at all times. If you see any suspicious activity call 911

Clean water is important to us. It provides us with drinking water, a place for recreation, and supports habitat for wildlife.



Harveys Lake Borough continues to have a public education program on storm water management because of its effect on water quality. **Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt**, traveling over land and eventually draining into a system of conveyances. This system is referred to as a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). By definition an MS4 is a system of conveyances that include catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, pipes, tunnels, or storm drains that discharge into waters of the United States. An MS4 moves water away from an area to a local water body.

Polluted storm water runoff can have the following adverse effects:

1. Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow.
2. Bacteria can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards.
3. Plastic bags, six pack rings, bottles, and other debris washed into water bodies can disable aquatic life such as ducks, fish, turtle, and birds.
4. Household hazardous wastes such as insecticides, pesticides, paint solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish or ingesting polluted water.
5. Polluted stormwater can affect drinking water, which can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.
6. Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer when it rains.

When left uncontrolled, this can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife, and aquatic life habitats; a loss in aesthetic value; and threats to public health due to contaminated food, drinking water supplies, and recreational waterways.

Ways to prevent storm water pollution are as follows:

1. Never pour any hazardous substance such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint down any part of the storm sewer system.
2. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly to prevent excess runoff.
3. Never dump automotive fluids into storm drains.
4. Correct motor vehicle leaks (vehicles drip fluids such as oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, and brake fluid).
5. When walking your pet, pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.
6. Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots especially around storm drains to avoid having it wash into the storm sewer system.

**USE PHOSPHORUS-FREE LAWN FERTILIZER
IT'S THE LAW!**

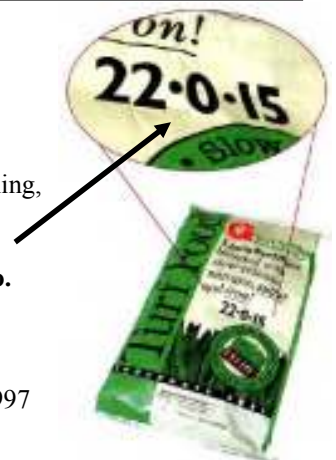
Most lawns in Pennsylvania do not need additional phosphorus for health growth. When you use fertilizer containing phosphorus for your lawn, the rain can wash it into streams and Harveys Lake.

Fertilizer in water can create excess algae, plant growth and green scum that: Interfere with boating and swimming, harm fish populations and degrade drinking water quality.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE USING PHOSPHOURS-FREE FERTILIZER? Look for the zero.

Check the fertilizer bag for a set of three numbers; they represent the percentage of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. The number in the middle should be a "0".

Phosphorus runoff poses a threat to water quality. Therefore, Harveys Lake Borough passed an ordinance in 1997 and amended it in 2003 that prohibit the use of Phosphorus in Lawn Fertilizers.



BOROUGH CLEAN-UP DAY

MAY 5, 2014



Harveys Lake Borough is having a One Day Borough Wide Clean Up

Everything must be placed at the curb for pick up.

Stickers will need to be purchased and placed on the following objects:

- \$3.00 for batteries and propane tanks.
- \$10.00 for each Major Appliance
- No Tires will be picked up at this time.

Call the Borough at 570-639-3300
For More Information

2014 KIDS FISHING DERBY

Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion Post 967

Harveys Lake, PA

June 21, 2014

9:00 am to 12:30 PM



- **Free Registration**
- **Free Hot Dogs and Soda**

Award Presentation at 1:00 PM at the American Legion Post 967

Call Fishing Chairman John at 570-639-2899

2014 Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Co. Dance at the Irem Country Club Saturday, July 19, 2014 7:00PM to 12 Midnight



Tom Slick and the Grease Slappers
&
amRadio

Donation cost is \$25.00 per ticket and includes free beer, soda, pizza and hot dogs. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets may be purchased at Hoss' Garden Hut,
Memorial Highway, Dallas ;
Joe Nardones, 570-829-3603;
or Bob Vosik 570-256-7236
or by calling Ed Kelly 639-1398 or 639-1919

Come and join the fun!



NOTE FROM THE ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer reminds all residents, doing **any work or renovations** to their homes require a Zoning Permit. For more information, contact the zoning officer at (570) 639-3302.

Grass Ordinance Reminder

The Borough Code in Harveys Lake requires that property owners maintain their property, including:

"...shall remove, trim or cut grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises..."

"...The height of such vegetation can not exceed 12-inches..."

"...Any person who shall violate any provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof for each violation, be subject to a fine of up to \$100, plus costs of prosecution. Each day shall be a separate offense..."

See General Code chapter 6 for full ordinance

Water Well Tests and Q&A Session Offered

A comprehensive package of drinking water tests will be offered once again this summer at a deeply discounted price to Harveys Lake residents by the Harveys Lake EAC. The tests will be conducted on **Saturday morning, July 12** by Brian Oram, a professional geologist and water well expert who has run the testing programs here at Harveys Lake for many years.

The cost of this year's water well test package will remain at \$95 (compared to a retail value of more than \$225). Residents' water will be tested for Alkalinity (Total as CaCO₃), Chloride, Fluoride, Hardness, Nitrate as N, Orthophosphate, pH (Standard Units), Sulfate, Total Dissolved Solids, Turbidity (Turbidity Units), Total Coliform with e. coli check, Aluminum, Arsenic, Barium, Cadmium, Calcium, Chromium, Copper, Iron, Lead, Magnesium, Manganese, Mercury, Nickel, Potassium, Selenium, Silica, Silver, Sodium and Zinc.

Participants can pick up water sampling kits at the Harveys Lake Borough Building beginning June 30. Water samples must be dropped off between 10am and noon on July 12 at the Borough Building's meeting room, where scientists will perform certain tests immediately. Confidential final test results will be mailed to participants directly from the Water Research Center within two weeks of the testing date. Payment in full for the testing is due on July 12.

Interested residents should register with Denise, at 570-639-1042.

Residents can learn more about legal baseline testing and find competitive pricing at http://harveyslakepa.us/eac/well_testing.htm.



Harveys Lake Earth Day Cleanup

Sunday, April 27, 2014

1:00 - 5:00 pm

Location: Community-wide (*specific locations to be determined upon registration*)

Come out to celebrate Earth Day and participate in a roadside clean-up of our local neighborhood.

Join the Harveys Lake Environmental Advisory Council in a community effort to pick up litter around the lake...what a fun and rewarding way to celebrate Earth Day!

**Contact Megan to sign up or for more information
570-814-9230**

Contact Info:

Phone:

570-639-2113

Fax:

570-639-3063

HLBoro@gmail.com

Monday—Friday

7:00 AM—3:30 PM

Secretary
Susan Sutton

Road Dept.
George Hogan
Jesse Saylor

Zoning
Maureen
Oremus

Chief of Police
Charles Musial

Patrolmen
Scott Baker
Harold Cain
Steve Forgues
Gina Kotowski
Jared Kittle
Corey Pavinski
Jerome Leedock
Kenneth Kugler
Brian Gasper

All members of the Borough Council reviewed and approved the contents for circulation.

Floating Wetland Islands Coming to Harveys Lake

Harveys Lake will be home to five floating wetland islands (FWI) in the coming months. FWI are becoming more common in ponds and lakes as a best management practice for reducing high nutrient concentrations in water that otherwise lead to algal blooms and degrade water quality. Last year, two FWI were installed in the lake at Frances Slocum State Park.

Harveys Lake is Pennsylvania's largest natural lake by volume and provides habitat for a wide range of aquatic plants and animals, including several fish species and migrating birds and waterfowl.

Too much nutrient, primarily phosphorous from fertilizers and storm water run-off can ultimately diminish sunlight penetration and reduce oxygen concentration in the water and stress aquatic life. For over 20 years, Harveys Lake has benefited from several grant initiatives that have improved water quality. In 2003, a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analysis conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) quantified the need for a 230 pound per year phosphorus reduction load. To date, through completed and planned storm water projects, TMDL-based phosphorous reduction will be approximately 74%

achieved. FWI can help Harveys Lake reach 100% of TMDL reduction in phosphorous.

A floating wetland island is a manufactured raft that floats on the

water's surface and houses native wetland plants. These floating wetlands have plant, soil and root interactions similar to a natural wetland and provide homes to beneficial water-cleaning microorganisms. Floating wetland islands reduce phosphorous in water by nutrient uptake that sustains the FWI plants. The five FWI in Harveys Lake will be anchored and located in no-wake zones near the shore (see map).

Help will be needed for planting and installing the islands. Call the Borough Office to sign up and be notified when the installation will occur so you can join in the Project! 570-639-3300

