



Summer brings increased activity to Mount Gretna — seasonal residents returning, visitors arriving, and daily life on our streets and pathways growing busier. The Borough takes this opportunity to share important safety information, ordinance reminders, and community guidelines.

Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

Summer brings increased pedestrian activity throughout the Borough as residents and visitors enjoy Mount Gretna's walkable streets, community events, and outdoor activities. Scooters, e-bikes, and bicycles are also increasingly common on Borough streets, creating additional interactions between riders, pedestrians, and motorists.

Please remember:

- Stop signs apply to everyone using the roadway, including bicyclists, e-bike riders, scooter riders, and motorists.
- Watch carefully for pedestrians crossing between parked vehicles.
- Slow down on narrow streets and near hills with limited visibility.
- Exercise additional caution during weekends and special events when pedestrian traffic increases.
- Bicyclists, e-bike riders, and scooter riders should be especially cautious in areas with steep hills, narrow streets, and limited visibility.

Pedestrians are encouraged to use designated crosswalks when crossing roadways, including the marked crossings at Route 117 and Carnegie Avenue and Route 117 and Princeton Avenue.

Drivers are reminded that Pennsylvania law requires vehicles to yield to pedestrians in marked crosswalks.

Noise Regulations

Cottages within the Borough are near one another, and sound from neighboring properties can become more noticeable during evening hours. Borough Code Chapter 118 prohibits loud, unnecessary, or unusual noise that disturbs others. Loud music, amplified sound, and loud voices on public streets are particularly restricted between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Seasonal Equipment Restrictions: From Memorial Day through September 15, construction activities, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and similar power equipment may be operated only between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. These activities are not permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, or national holidays during this period.

Standard household appliances such as air conditioners and fans are not subject to these restrictions.

***Mount Gretna Borough** provides municipal services including roadway maintenance, stormwater management, public safety coordination, and other services that support the community.*



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Drought Watch in Effect

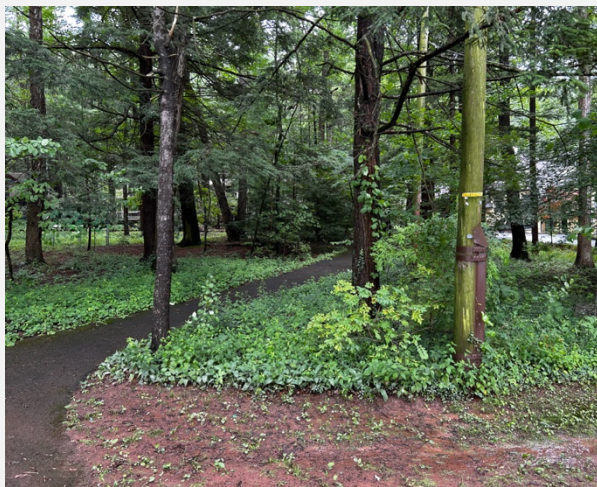
Lebanon County is currently included in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Drought Watch declaration. While no mandatory restrictions are in place, residents and visitors are encouraged to voluntarily reduce water usage by 5% to 10%.

Simple ways to conserve:

- Fix leaking toilets and dripping faucets
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only when full
- Keep showers brief and turn off the tap while brushing teeth
- Water lawns and plantings only when necessary, ideally during cooler morning or evening hours to reduce evaporation
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean decks and sidewalks

For current drought status, visit the PA [Department of Environmental Protection](#).

Where was this photo taken?



Answer: Looking south from the Chautauqua Parking lot toward PA Ave.

General Reminders

Residents and visitors are encouraged to keep the following reminders in mind:

- Please help keep intersections, hydrants, and narrow roadway areas clear for emergency vehicle access.
- Borough Code Chapter 57 requires dogs to be properly leashed and under control. Pet waste must be cleaned up promptly and disposed of properly.
- Do not place grass clippings, leaves, or debris into streets, storm drains, or roadside swales, where they can contribute to drainage problems and stormwater system blockages.
- Properly secure trash and recycling to help reduce litter and discourage wildlife.
- Trash and recycling containers should be returned from curbside areas in a timely manner following collection.
- Borough Code Chapter 76 prohibits open burning of wood and other solid fuels, including wood-burning fire pits, chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and similar devices.
- Propane and natural-gas fire tables, gas fire pits, grills, and similar approved devices are permitted when used according to manufacturer instructions.
- Mount Gretna is valued for its quiet, natural setting. Consider turning off unnecessary outdoor lighting when outdoor areas are no longer in use. Reducing excess lighting can help minimize impacts on neighbors and wildlife while preserving enjoyment of the nighttime environment.
- Borough's next large item collection is scheduled for Monday, June 8. For eligible items and collection guidelines, visit the "Residential" section of the Borough website.

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