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## Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs News



### PTA Council Meeting

The role of a Council PTA is to bring together the individual Mt. Lebanon school district PTAs. Council PTA offers support and leadership to the individual units. Council is the umbrella organization over the other 10 independent PTAs in Mt. Lebanon. We bring one voice to all the PTAs in Mt. Lebanon. Click [HERE](#) for more information about PTA Council.

At our meeting on October 3, we accepted our 2023-2024 audit, discussed the visit from the Middle States accreditation team, heard an update from Dr. Friez, and heard fantastic updates from our District Administration and Community Partners. We were thrilled to welcome Commissioner Grella who provided us an update on the Mt. Lebanon sidewalks program and meet our new Community

Relations contact at the Mt. Lebanon Police Department, Cpl. Ty Kegarise.

[Click HERE to view the 2023-2024 PTA Council Budget.](#)

[Click HERE to view the 2023-2024 Standing Rules.](#)

The next PTA Council Meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM at Markham Elementary School

Visit our Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs website to view information about our officers, committees, meetings and budget!

Information about upcoming events and programs in our Mt. Lebanon Community can be found on the COMMUNITY FLYER page, listed on the left hand side of the webpage.

## PTA Council Webpage



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## News from our Community Partners



### Mt. Lebanon School Board

The School Board is moving forward- full steam ahead.

Thank you to Dr Davis for all his work w Middle States Accreditation.

The School Board is also very excited about the new initiatives to provide additional mental health support for Mt. Lebanon students.



## Mt. Lebanon Fire Department

Elementary fire safety lessons are well underway. There are 11 members of the fire department participating in their kids' classes this year.

As we all start to turn on the heat in our homes, don't forget to check the carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is created by burning natural gas, and this is the season to discover clogged exhaust pipes from the hot water heater and furnace that can cause CO to vent into the home. You should have a carbon monoxide detector by your bedroom—you won't wake up because one in the basement is going off. If you only have one CO detector, move it to where it will alert you when you are sleeping.

Leave sweeping starts this week. Don't park your car on the leave pile, or your car might look like this afterwards:



We are still taking applications for the next group of volunteers. If you want to give back to the community by joining the volunteer ranks (or would like someone else you live with

out of the house more often) you can learn about the training and expectations by going to: <http://mtlfd.org/recruitment/volunteer/>

We are continuing smoke alarm installations and fireplace inspections in residents' homes. You can go to [www.mtlfd.org](http://www.mtlfd.org) or call 412-343-3402 to schedule or find out more information. It's also Block Party season, so call while you can if you want a fire truck to show up at yours!



## **more Mt. Lebanon Public Library**

Thank you to the PTAs for your donations to our Love Your Library campaign. With your help, along with the Jack Buncher Foundation and the Mt. Lebanon community, the library raised over \$34,000 this month!

### [TEEN ADULT PROGRAMMING](#)

### [KIDS PROGRAMMING](#)



**Mt. Lebanon Police**  
*To protect and serve*

## **Mt. Lebanon Police Department**

Cpl. Ty Kegarise has taken over the community outreach position due to Jeff Kite's recent retirement so he will be in the classrooms going forward. This is a new role for Cpl. Kegarise, so he is open to suggestions. You'll see lots of new faces at the police department due to a number of recent retirements. Please Remember that the Hidden in Plain Sight trailer is an available tool we have for parents/ adults to help ID teen's risky behavior.



## **Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education**

MLFE is a group of community members whose purpose is to award grants to teachers for innovative programming.

Fundraising includes t-shirts, sweatshirts, stadium blankets, note cards with designs from our art teachers. MLFE used to organize the Taste of Lebo event, and they are now trying to develop something new. They met with Dr Freiz who had many new ideas. MLFE's goal is to focus on community outreach, so that the Mt. Lebanon Community knows more about what they do and the support they provide to our students and teachers. Look for them on [Facebook](#)!



## **Outreach**

Outreach will have a table at the upcoming Mt. Lebanon football game, October 6th. Make sure to stop by and chat with our executive director and program manager! Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will go to Outreach, so if you're feeling lucky, support us by purchasing a ticket!

QPR Gatekeeper training is for adults who are directly working with our youth to learn peer-to-peer language for suicide prevention. MOMS (Moms of Multiples) will be trained in QPR 11/2 at 7:30pm @ Mt. Lebanon library. If you'd like to schedule a training, please reach out to Maggie Zangara at [mzangara@outreachteen.org](mailto:mzangara@outreachteen.org) or 412-763-3715.

Mental Health Meetups at MTL Library are back in session on Mondays from 3:15-4pm until October 30th. Meetups are for students in grades 6-8 who are interested in improving their self-care and sense of self. Registration is required through the library. This is a free event and snacks are provided! There is no meetup on Monday, October 9th.

Group Counseling: Due to the increased demand for services, Outreach has created two groups to support kids and teens in the community. The first group's focus is on positive coping skills related to anxiety and depression. The second group's focus is building and implementing positive social skills. Each group is for teens aged 12-15 to learn coping skills related to anxiety and depression. The group meets weekly for one hour for 5 weeks to work on identifying positive skills to support. A group must have 3 or more individuals to begin. Visit our website to complete a referral form or contact Outreach directly with any questions.

Dial M for Mother will take place at the Crowne Plaza on January 27, 2024. This fun dinner theatre evening will be a perfect date night or girls' night out! We will be selling tickets prior to the holidays. This can also a great Teacher Gift! Cost TBD.



## **Mt. Lebanon Commissioners**

A new sidewalk policy was just passed in August with the goal of improving safe walking routes. Only 68% of Mt. Lebanon has sidewalks. At this time, new sidewalks slated for 7 new streets. The municipality addresses 600-700 sidewalk issues per year. For more information, click [HERE](#).



## **Mt. Lebanon Municipality**

The Municipality just signed a 5 year contract with Westmoreland trash. It will include curbside glass recycling but we do recommend that you continue to use the Recycling options at Kohls parking lot that we pay for or Michaels Bros because more of the glass will get recycled. We know that Waste Management pick up can be spotty if your trash is missed please either call the Municipality or go to [myLebo.mtlebanon.org](http://myLebo.mtlebanon.org) to report it. If the company is not in compliance with its contract money will be refunded to the municipality.

Budget discussion are slated for Nov and Dec.

Comprehensive Plan is wrapping up and should be able to be voted on in Dec.

Upcoming events include Halloween Parade on Washington Rd Oct 28 at 1am, Trick or Treating Oct 31 6-8pm, Veterans Day Ceremony Nov 10 at 4pm.

Just a reminder as election day nears: No signs may be put on public property.

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## **Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs**

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