

Seasonal Blessings to each and every person on the WATCH team. We have all had an amazingly unusual journey in the last nine months, yet we persevere, and find new ways to deliver kindness, humor and joy. As you read this bulletin, you can easily see just how much is being done in our community to provide comfort and joy, in spite of obstacles. Holidays are better when people focus on caring for others.

FOR YOUR HOLIDAY CALENDAR

CrossPointe Church free virtual monthly dinner will be Friday, December 18, from 5 to 6pm. More information will be forthcoming. Thank you CrossPointe for providing meals all year long.

THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Many of you generously contributed to the Lions Club summer fundraiser. THANK YOU!!! Because of your generosity, the Lions Club will be able to deliver about 80 food baskets to folks in our community for the holidays. If you know of someone in need, please let Joanne Dodaro know. rdodaro@neo.rr.com. The Lions Club offers help and support to the community and its organizations all year long.

NOT TOO LATE TO SEND A GIFT AND PROVIDE A DONATION TO LIONS CLUB

If you missed the Lions Club Wreath Sale, you can STILL go online and order live wreaths, table arrangements, decorated tabletop trees, etc. Every order provides a donation of \$8 to Lions. Below is the website. Use code CHIPPEWOH001, when you place the order. Items are shipping now- and you can send a gift to someone far away, too!

<https://www.holidaywreathshop.com/>

Lafayette Township Fire Department

Fellow Township and Village Residents,

This year has posed great challenges not only for our communities, but for our nation, and the world. As much as we long for some sort of normalcy during these ever-trying times, we are up against an invisible enemy that is difficult to contain. As your local fire department, we strive to be here when you need us and will continue to do so no matter what we are faced with. The COVID-19 Pandemic has changed many things. It has changed the way we respond, the way we train, the way we communicate, and even the way we interact with our community members.

Many of you are familiar with our annual Visit from Santa event that we have conducted seamlessly and consistently for the past 31 years in December. This is by far our most favorite time of year and we look forward to this event each Christmas time. With that being said, we are enacting the following changes to this year's event:

We are eliminating gift delivery this year. Therefore, both gift collection dates are canceled.

We will not go door to door.

Santa and fire department personnel will remain in or near the fire apparatus and will slow down and stop only to wave to your children.

We will not enter anybody's home.

We will wear masks.

Although appreciated, we will not accept any offers of food or drink from our residents.

We know this year has been a tough one for everybody and we look forward to the day when your children are able to sit on Santa's lap again.

A MISSING POLAR BEAR

Chippy, our beloved Polar Bear, has turned up missing. There are reports that he has gone into hibernation, since COVID rules indicate staying at home is safer. Therefore, in keeping with Safety Guidelines, the Lions Club regretfully has had to cancel the annual Polar Bear Jump. However, the hunt for Chippy continues, and a new and exciting event for everyone to enjoy VIRTUALLY will be coming soon! Stay tuned!!!