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Zesumme fir Leideleng

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New Life for the Former Grocery Shop



The former grocery shop in the village centre is set to begin a new chapter. With the "**Al Epicerie**" **project**, the municipality is combining the revitalisation of a central location with the creation of **affordable housing**. Particular importance was placed on ensuring that the new building blends harmoniously into the architectural character of the village.

The project provides for six studio flats. The "Al Epicerie" thus complements the municipality's other housing projects: 39 homes as part of the "Um Wäschbuer" project and six homes in Rue de la Montée. The aim is for the municipality to take responsibility itself and create a lasting supply of **affordable housing**.

The "Al Epicerie" project is being planned together with the **Ministry of Family Affairs**. As is already the case with the youth centre and youth housing, the studios are to be managed by **Inter-Actions**. They are intended for women living alone from the so-called **working-poor population** – women who are in education or employment, but whose income is not sufficient to afford a home on the private housing market.

The building is to be constructed in accordance with circular-economy principles. Materials and building components will be selected and designed so that, at the end of the building's life cycle, it can be dismantled as easily as possible and the individual components reused or recycled. The project is intended to demonstrate how **sustainable and environmentally responsible** construction can be achieved without costs getting out of hand.

Shared Space and "Um Wäschbuer" – A New Heart for the Village Centre





The **redevelopment of the village centre** is one of the largest and most important projects in the history of our municipality. With the **Shared Space**, we aim to **calm traffic**, give pedestrians more room and once again make the centre of Leudelange a place where people enjoy meeting and spending time.

The project goes far beyond simply laying a new road surface. Rue du Lavoir, Place du Lavoir, parts of Rue Eich and Place des Martyrs are being redesigned as one coherent public space. Green areas, seating, a **water feature, a fitness park**, the renaturalised Drosbech stream, a safe cycling and pedestrian link, and a flexible space for events such as the village fair are intended to breathe new life into the centre. At the same time, the municipality's existing energy centre is being converted to **geothermal energy** – an important investment in **climate protection**.

The central element of the Shared Space is the new "Um Wäschbuer" building, with 39 affordable homes, a restaurant, a pharmacy, a small supermarket and a medical centre. This creates exactly the mix we announced in our election programme: housing, local amenities, healthcare, food and drink, and public life all in one place. The building will be heated entirely by geothermal energy. Construction will begin this autumn.

This project represents a major financial and organizational challenge. The estimated total cost is around **€46.9 million**; however, government subsidies will significantly reduce the cost borne by the municipality. The objective remains clear: to create an attractive, vibrant and future-ready centre by the end of 2028.

A Lively Municipality for All



Dear residents of Leudelange,

When we took office in 2023, we had a clear objective: not merely to administer Leudelange, but to actively shape our municipality.

Many of the projects you see today are the result of years of preparatory work. Planning, approvals and tender procedures take time. What matters is that progress is being made: "**Faarwekëscht Phase II**", including the new school playground, has been completed; the **recycling park** is open; the new forestry workshop has been built; and work is under way at the "**An der Eech**" **cultural and community centre**, in the village centre and in Rue de la Montée. At the same time, we are creating **affordable housing**, new services and attractive spaces for all generations.

Above all, however, a municipality thrives through the people who meet, get involved and look out for one another. That is why we have strengthened services for **senior citizens**, **intercultural community life** and **equal opportunities**. A wide range of activities brings people together and turns a place to live into a genuine community.

In this newsletter, we present what has been implemented, decided or set in motion. Not everything has been completed yet, but the direction is clear: a **vibrant village centre, modern and sustainable infrastructure**, and a municipality in **which everyone has a place**.

We want to continue along this path **in dialogue with you**.

Lou Linster
Mayor



Senior Citizens at the Heart of the Community – Living Well and Staying

A municipality in which people can age well needs more than individual events. It needs services that combine **mobility, safety, social contact and active participation**. Since 2023, the municipality has expanded these areas step by step.

Through **Club Aktiv+ "deForum"**, senior citizens in Leudelange have access to a varied programme of activities, courses, excursions and advice. Regular opportunities for exercise, socialising and exchange have also been created in Leudelange itself: **mountain-bike tours, walks,** cultural visits and excursions, **pétanque afternoons** and intergenerational activities such as the pétanque tournament for young people and senior citizens. The "**Leidelenger Mëttesdësch**" lunch has also become a new and friendly meeting point in the village.

Practical support has also been expanded to help people remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible. In addition to small handyman jobs, gardening work can now be arranged through ProActif for **17 € per hour**. The **Ruffbus** improves mobility for people without their own car. Since 2025, the municipality has covered the full installation costs of the various **telealarm products**.

At the same time, we do not want to plan for senior citizens, but **with them**. Through a broad **survey of their needs** and expectations, the municipality is specifically asking about experiences with the **Ruffbus**, the swimming pool, Meals on Wheels and feelings of safety. The responses will help **improve existing services** and set new priorities where they are genuinely needed in everyday life.

The Leudelange Ruffbus – Staying Mobile Without your own Car



The **Ruffbus** had been a long-standing demand of Zesumme fir Leideleng. On **2 October 2023**, the municipal service finally began operating. It is aimed at people who cannot or do not always want to rely on their own car and **complements regular public transport**.

Residents of Leudelange can use the electric Ruffbus from Monday to Friday, and since April the service has also been free of charge. Children aged twelve and over may use it under their parents' responsibility. The service covers addresses within the municipality as well as selected destinations in the surrounding area, including shops, hospitals, the Rehazenter rehabilitation centre, the swimming pool, sports facilities and Club Aktiv+ "deForum" in Bettembourg. With around 120 journeys per month, the service is now used on a regular basis.

The new Forestry Workshop – a Modern Base for our Forests



Sustainable management of our forests requires not only expertise and committed staff, but also the right infrastructure. Together with the partner municipalities of **Dippach** and **Reckange-sur-Mess**, Leudelange has created a **modern workshop** for our forestry workers on the site of the **former container park**. This was even more important because the forestry workers had previously been based in the workshops at **Place du Lavoir**, which had to make way for the construction of the "Um Wäschbuer" building.

The building provides space for vehicles, machinery and materials, as well as functional rooms for the forestry workers. This **improves working conditions** and allows materials to be stored properly. Operating and vehicle costs are **shared between the participating municipalities** – a fairer and more economical solution than the previous arrangement, under which Leudelange bore most of the costs alone. Above all, the forestry facility is an **investment in the future of our forests**.

A Canopy for the Pétanque Court – More Shade, More Comfort



The pétanque court is a **popular meeting place** for sport and community life. The **new canopy** makes the facility more comfortable and allows it to be used more flexibly in sunshine or light rain.

This creates better conditions for **training, friendly games** and **tournaments**. The project responds to a **concrete need expressed by the local club** and will further enhance the pétanque court.









Building Intercultural Community Life Together

Leudelange is home to people with many different languages, nationalities and life stories. **This diversity is a strength** – provided we create opportunities for people to get to know one another, exchange ideas and **take an active part in community life**.

That is why we have steadily expanded the range of intercultural events. The very first **Easter egg hunt** for children was already a great success. The **Marche Gourmande** brings residents together in a friendly atmosphere. At the **Welcome Day**, both new and long-standing residents of Leudelange can get to know local clubs, municipal services and opportunities to get involved. The new Citizen's guide complements this initiative and gives new residents in particular a concise overview of the municipality, its services and local life. The **cooking workshops** also combine culinary discoveries with direct, personal exchanges between cultures.

Citizen workshops, such as the one devoted to languages, make it possible to incorporate residents' needs and ideas into municipal policy. The **Pact for Intercultural Living Together** provides a coherent framework for these activities. The aim is not to organise isolated symbolic actions, but to pursue a lasting policy of participation and social cohesion.

Brasserie, Music Room and Club kitchen – Many New Features at An der Eech



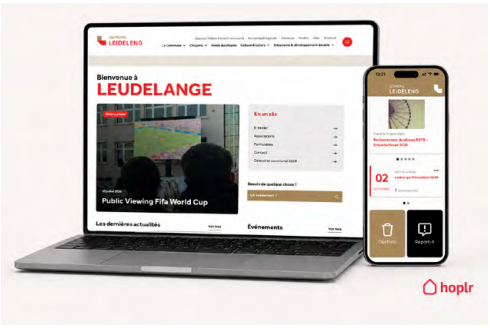
The "**An der Eech**" **cultural and community centre** is a key venue for village life. The current renovation is upgrading the building in functional, technical and atmospheric terms. We **want gastronomy, culture and community life** to reinforce one another.

The brasserie is getting a **new, modern concept** and a new identity. The new main entrance is located by the access ramp, while the existing entrance will remain in use. The kitchen is being moved from the basement to the ground floor, and an opening between the **new kitchen** and the brasserie will make the **restaurant** operation more open and lively. The terrace has also been redesigned in conjunction with the Shared Space. **In November**, the new **Brasserie Eech** will open its doors and, we hope, become a popular meeting place in the heart of Leudelange.

At the same time, the **rehearsal room of the Leidelenger Musek is being enlarged**. This is a direct response to the development of the Leudelange music association, whose rehearsal room has long been too small. Its **strong youth programme** and the growing number of musicians deserve suitable facilities.

Local clubs have not been forgotten either: **a kitchen is being created in the event hall** for use during their events, complete with suitable storage, refrigeration and washing-up areas.

New Website, New App and Hoplr



A modern municipality needs to communicate quickly, clearly and through the right channels. In our election programme, we therefore announced a **new, more user-friendly website** and a **municipal app**. **Both projects** have since been implemented.

The new website makes it quicker to find the most important information – from forms, regulations and municipal services to decisions of the municipal council. A clear structure and consistent updating make information easier to access. An **AI chatbot** will soon be added: residents will be able to ask it questions about the municipality and **receive an immediate, relevant answer** based on the information available on the website.

The new municipal app brings notices, events, news and practical information directly to smartphones. For important announcements, the municipality can reach residents through **push notifications**. The "**Report-it**" **button** also makes it quick and easy to report problems in public spaces – for example, a broken streetlight or damage to a pavement.

The **Hoplr neighbourhood platform** was introduced as an additional service. It allows people to exchange information, **offer or request help**, lend items and launch **local initiatives**. We are delighted that this new platform has been so well received and is being actively used.

Equal rights. Equal opportunities.

Equal opportunities are not a secondary issue for us. We want everyone in Leudelange to be respected, to feel safe and to have the **same opportunities** – regardless of gender, sexual orientation, origin, age or disability.

The **MEGA Plus agreement** with the Ministry for Gender Equality and Diversity provides a firm framework for this work. This year, Leudelange received the award for **best municipal practice** in the field of equal opportunities **for the second time** – national recognition of our municipality's commitment.

The **municipal action plan** for equal opportunities is based on the 39 articles of the European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life, which Leudelange signed in 2024. The plan comprises **141 concrete measures**, for which responsibilities, priorities and, where possible, a timetable have been defined. Certain actions are repeated regularly in order to achieve a lasting impact.

This commitment is made visible through numerous initiatives and **regular conferences** that provide information, raise awareness and promote open discussion of social issues and equal opportunities. These include megaLab for young people, International Women's Day and International Men's Day, the promotion of women's sport, **Orange Week** against violence towards women, and film evenings on diversity and tolerance. The "**Les rues au féminin**" initiative also gives women greater visibility in public spaces. In 2026, the first street in Leudelange to be named after a woman was inaugurated: **Rue Hélène Entenich-Wivenes**.

We will continue this work consistently.









Planting, Learning and Enjoying Together in the Community Garden





Zesumme fir Leideleng brought the idea of a community garden into the political debate several years ago. In our **2023 election programme**, we promised to make a plot of land available to interested residents to be cultivated collectively. The new **community garden** was **officially inaugurated** in 2025.

The garden is much more than a series of planting beds. People of different ages and backgrounds meet here, share knowledge and work on a **common project**. **Organic gardening**, **composting** and environmentally responsible water use can all be experienced in practice.

The community garden therefore combines three objectives: it strengthens neighbourhood ties, shares knowledge about sustainable gardening and creates a small habitat for plants and animals.

Nature Pact Achievements – More Space for Nature and Biodiversity

For us, the **Nature Pact** is not a certificate to hang on the wall, but a **programme of action**. Since the municipality joined the pact, measures have been developed to **protect biodiversity in practical ways** and enhance nature both within the built-up area and in the open countryside.

In cooperation with **SICONA, wildflower meadows** and nature-friendly green spaces have been created, new ponds and habitats have been planned, and the maintenance of municipal land has been adapted to the needs of plants and animals. **Wild-bee hotels, sand habitats** and other small structures throughout the municipality make biodiversity visible and tangible.

Nature is also being taken into account more systematically in new construction projects. **Checklists for nature-friendly neighbourhoods, less soil sealing** and **more greenery** are tools through which the municipality can achieve a long-term impact.

The municipality's commitment was rewarded in 2025: we received **silver certification** from the Ministry of the Environment, along with further important subsidies that will enable us to implement additional nature-conservation projects.





Redevelopment of Rue de la Montée and Construction of Affordable Housing

The redevelopment of Rue de la Montée was a **clear commitment in our election programme**. Work has been under way **since the end of 2025**. Before construction began, **three meetings** were held at which residents were able to express their wishes and needs, which were then incorporated into the project.

Alongside the road itself, the **sewer system** and **utility networks are being modernised**. The design is intended to **improve safety, reduce speeds** and better meet the needs of pedestrians. Traffic-calming measures are also being implemented in Rue du Cimetière, Rue de Luxembourg and Al Strooss as part of these works.

Municipal housing construction is progressing alongside this road project. **Six affordable homes** are planned on the plots at **17–21 Rue de la Montée** and will be rented out by the municipality.

Both projects are scheduled for completion in 2028. This project shows how we bring infrastructure, mobility and housing policy together: a modern street, renewed utility networks, greater safety and new affordable homes.

More Recycling Options – New Recycling Park and Access to STEP



In our election programme, we promised to create a new local recycling facility in Leudelange while also giving our municipality access to a large recycling centre. Both parts of this commitment have now been delivered.

The new **local recycling park** in the "Am Bann" business zone **opened in 2025**. Households in Leudelange have access via a card system. The facility has been designed so that the containers are easy to reach by private car. Green waste, glass, paper and cardboard can be disposed of there conveniently and safely.

Because a local facility can never provide the full range of services offered by a large recycling centre, Leudelange has also joined the **intermunicipal STEP syndicate**. The STEP recycling park in Bettembourg is around a ten- to fifteen-minute drive from Leudelange. **More than 70 different types of waste** can be dropped off there. Paper, glass, metals, electrical appliances, wood, oil, textiles, batteries and many other materials can all be disposed of properly. Use of the facility is financed through the waste collection fee.

Thank You, Nathalie! – A Farewell from the Municipal Council



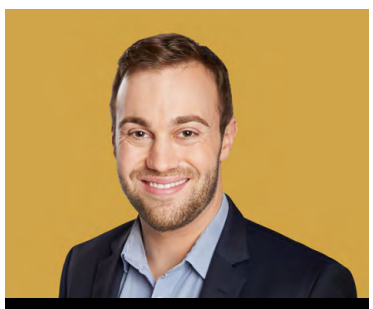
At the last municipal council meeting, **Nathalie Entringer** resigned from her position as a municipal councillor, as she has left Leudelange and moved to another municipality. For our team, this personal decision means saying goodbye to a **committed, capable and solidary colleague**.

Nathalie has contributed to municipal politics with considerable expertise and determination. One particular focus of her work was the **Nature Pact**. In this area, she advocated concrete measures to promote **biodiversity**, a more nature-friendly design of public spaces and the consistent implementation of these objectives.

In 2025, Nathalie served as an **alderwoman for two months**. Even during this short period, she demonstrated the **commitment, precision and calm** with which she handled her responsibilities. Her work was always driven by the desire to find practical and effective solutions for the residents of Leudelange.

Dear Nathalie, we would like to **thank you very warmly** for **your work, your loyalty and your energy**. We are sorry to see you leave, but we wish you and your family all the very best for this new chapter in your lives.

Your Representatives on the Leudelange College of Mayor and Aldermen and Municipal Council



Lou Linster
Mayor



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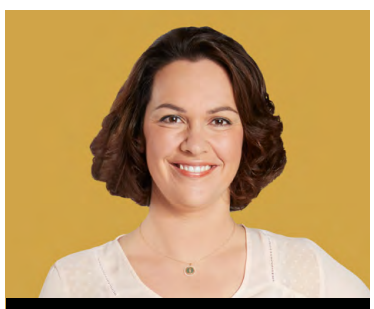
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