
Stewartstown Borough

Fourth Quarter Newsletter Oct. Nov. Dec. 2005

Borough Awards New Trash Contract

Our current five year contract with Penn Waste, Inc. for trash/recycling service expires on October 31st. Borough Council advertised for bids for the collection and disposal of refuse and recyclables in August. On September 2nd the bids were opened and on September 6th Borough Council awarded its new contract to the lowest bidder which is York Waste Disposal, Inc. The contract commences November 1st and ends October 31st, 2008. The total amount of the contract is **\$673,317.00 for a three year contract**. The total amount of Penn Waste's contract awarded five years ago was **\$603,095 for a five year contract**. This is an 86% increase.

With the new contract, residents will continue to receive two pick-ups per week. On each pick-up day residents will be able to put out up to six containers/bags, weighing no more than 70 lbs each. Pick-up days will remain Tuesdays and Fridays. Recyclables will still be picked up on Tuesdays. On Fridays, residents will be allowed one bulk item. The Borough will no longer have bulk trash pick up days. What this means is that each and every Friday during the length of this contract, residents will be allowed to substitute one of the six bags/containers for one large trash item. Items can include: televisions, a mattress, a box spring, a recliner chair, etc.

Keep in mind that a mattress and a box spring are two items and can not be put out on the same Friday. There was a significant cost savings to this feature plus over the years many residents had requested this service.

Unfortunately, residents will no longer be able to enjoy the lower rate of **\$35.50 per quarter**. Your December refuse bill will increase to **\$61.00 per quarter**. The new rate is to cover the monthly invoice to York Waste Disposal which is about **\$18,703.25**.

The only reason the quarterly rate may increase over the next three years would be to cover higher costs in postage and printing of the invoice cards.

Special points of interest:

- **Daylight Savings Time Ends Saturday, October 30th** Please remember to check and/or change batteries in your smoke detectors.
- **Christmas Tree Collection** - All trees need to be placed curbside with the regular trash collection. The trees must be in plain view for the collection crews.
- **The final large trash pick up is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st.** You can put your large trash out no earlier than Friday, September 30th at noon.

Borough Office Will Close for Training

Updated utility billing and accounting software has been purchased and installed for use in the administrative office. Training will begin for utility billing in October.

The following dates are scheduled for training: Thursday, October 6th, Friday, October 7th, Wednesday, October 26th and Thursday, October 27.

Training for the accounting software will take place in November. The office will be closed on all training days. The overnight drop box will still be available for payments and phone calls will be returned at the end of each training day.

Please see insert for details on recycling. If you have any problems with trash pick up or recycling beginning November 1st please call this number: 1-800-210-9675. Please put your trash out the night before pick-up.

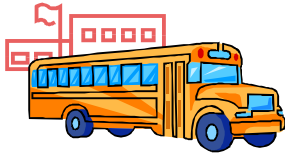
Also, with the new contract beginning November 1st, if you have any bulk item containing Freon, you must call 1-800-210-9675 to arrange for a separate pick-up. There is no extra charge for this service. Our new contractor provides a special collection for these items to prevent any environmental contamination. Do not have the Freon removed prior to the pick-up or try to do it yourself.



STEWARTSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT (717)-993-5308

Know School Bus Safety -

- You **MUST STOP** when approaching a school bus from either direction when the red lights above the windshield are flashing and the stop sign is activated from the side of the bus.
- Be prepared to stop when approaching a school bus with amber flashing lights. Be particularly watchful of children running towards the school bus.
- Watch for children coming from the front or behind the school bus.
- Observe the posted 15mph speed limit in a school zone at all times.
- Be extra careful during bad weather. Watch for children who may slip and fall into your path.



Police Department Staff:

Mayor Richard Hall
 Contact No. 993-2812
 Chief Charles Reid II
 Officer Larry Bailets
 Officer Kory Saylor
 Officer George Cunningham
 Officer Jesse Knott
 Police Sec., Mary Stanley

Need to File a Complaint?

If there is an issue or concern you would like to tell officials about, you can file a complaint with our office.

All complaints must be signed by the person filing the complaint. A complaint form is available to print out from the "Current Events" section of our web page using Adobe Acrobat. You can also mail in or drop off a signed written letter explaining your complaint.

Complaints are directed to the proper committee or board. Please keep in mind that all complaints are public documents and can be reviewed by any resident of the Commonwealth.

Ordinance Reminders

Snow Removal (2002-004) Anyone who owns, leases or occupies any building lot in the borough must clear away the snow and ice from their sidewalks to allow a safe pathway within 24 hours after the cessation of snow or ice. In cases where the snow or ice cannot be removed, sand, cinders or similar material must be used to make travel reasonably safe. Fine for non-compliance is \$25.00 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 10 days. Each day is considered a separate violation.

Snow Emergency (1964-003) All streets within the borough are considered Snow Emergency Routes. The ordinance contains two phases:

Phase I: During this phase there is No Parking on all borough streets including state roads. All vehicles must have snow tires, all-season tires, chains or cables. Any cars parked or abandoned on borough streets will be in violation of the ordinance and will be towed. All charges for towing and storage will be the responsibility of the vehicle's owner.

Phase II: All vehicle traffic is prohibited from the borough roads including state roads. Violation of this phase can result in fines up to \$100.00.

Notifications: When a snow emergency is put into effect, the Police Dept. by order of the Mayor will send a statement to channels 8, 21, 33 and 43 (Harrisburg & York News Stations). The snow emergency stays in effect until the snow has been removed from the streets. If you have questions concerning a snow emergency, contact the Police Dept. at 993-5308.

Open Burning—Allowed in April and November



Ordinance 2004-008, referred to as the "Open Burning" Ordinance permits the enforcement, exceptions and penalties of when and how you can burn materials outdoors. In essence, you can burn yard debris during the month of April and the month of November as long as you adhere to the situations and conditions set forth in the ordinance. Borough Council may at any time revoke permission to open burn for such reasons as drought or adverse weather conditions. The Fire Chief is authorized to act on behalf of the Borough to permit individual requests to open burn during the specified allotted time and any special request received during the remainder of the year. If you plan to open burn you must contact the Fire Chief each day you burn. Failure to contact and receive permission from the Fire Chief will result in a violation of the ordinance. Violating any part of the ordinance shall constitute a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00. The ordinance is available in its entirety at the Borough Office. To contact the Fire Chief about open burning please call 717-993-2963 ext 220. Leave a message containing your address, phone number and the date (s) you will be burning.

**Trick or Treat Night in the Borough is Monday
October 31st 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

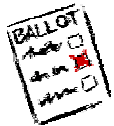


**PICK UP A FREE TRICK OR TREAT
BAG AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE.**



**Visit Santa at the borough
building from 10:00 am until
12:00 noon on Dec.
17th. Tell Santa if**

**you have been naughty or
nice. Have a cookie, a cup of
hot chocolate and take home
a free Polaroid photo of your visit.**



The General Election

Tuesday, November 8th

Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

Polls are located at the Borough Office.

Eureka Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company

- *Eureka Open House, Saturday Oct. 15th 10:00 am—6:00 pm Craft/Business Show-downstairs, Blood Drive/Fire Engine Rides upstairs. Pit Beef/Ham/Turkey will be sold. Contact Kim at 993-3800 regarding blood donations. This is a community blood drive to honor the victims of Hurricane Katrina/Rita.*
- *Santa will toss fruit & candy from Eureka's Fire Engine, Sat., Dec. 17th (Borough) and Sun. Dec. 18th (Township) starting around 10am both days.*
- *The second mailing of the Ambulance Subscription will be coming out soon. Please be sure to mail it back to Eureka as soon as possible. Remember the Fire Donation mailings will be out in Jan. 06. Please note—Some companies and/or businesses match charitable contributions. Please check with your employer to see if they do this.*
- *Eureka Basket Bingo/Oct. 28th/Doors open at 5:30 pm/ Games start at 7pm/Tickets \$12 at door.*



Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy

Pennsylvania has committed to remove the Chesapeake Bay from the Clean Water Act's list of impaired waters by 2010, by signing the Chesapeake Bay Agreement (2000) with neighboring states. This will be accomplished by applying various Best Management Practices to non-point sources like agriculture and requiring higher levels of treatment by wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) for nutrient sources. These nutrients are total nitrogen (TN) and total phosphorus (TP).

The capital cost of this program has been estimated for Pennsylvania to be roughly two times the entire annual budget for the budgeted funding by the state for all of its environmental programs. Due to this extremely high estimated cost, the Chesapeake Bay Commission has conducted a study to identify priorities to target to try to meet the goals given the limited funding available. Priority was given to options that will keep nutrients out of the Bay, are reliable, politically viable, and have a source of financing over time. The number one targeted priority was WWTP upgrades, since these are considered the most

sure-fire way to reduce pollutants to the Bay and there is a continuing source of financing....WWTPs can simply raise user fees.

The Stewartstown Borough Authority is currently in the process of obtaining a discharge permit and construction permit for an upgraded WWTP. The DEP will require the Authority to take a 2010 cap load on TN and TP discharged from the WWTP. This cap load will then require further and further reduction in removal of TN and TP as WWTP flows increase beyond 2010.

The treatment plant process planned for the WWTP expansion is capable of TN and TP removal. However, at some point in the future, the cost to remove these nutrients could become expensive (for any WWTP design), depending on how much WWTPs are required to reduce TN and TP. There have been no answers to what the final reduction of TN and TP will be required, and it is always possible that this strategy may not work by 2010 to meet Pennsylvania's committed goal. In addition, there have been no sources of funding available in Pennsylvania.

The source of this information was the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA), of which the Authority is a member. PMAA has advised that citizens be made aware that this is coming and that there could be rate increases due to this program. The PMAA is also trying to work with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the DEP to work out other viable options, particularly State funding for WWTPs, but has made limited progress to date. The Authority has looked into the WWTP expansion upgrade and the process should be able to meet our needs into the near future for TN and TP removal. This will most likely involve additional operational costs. However, no one can say for sure what the final removal of TN/TP will be required by WWTPs, hence no one can tell at this point, what the final total cost will be to WWTPs. Further removal of TN/TP could involve additional capital equipment and associated costs. At this point, the Authority is working with DEP to get the required permits so that construction of the WWTP expansion may begin. The Authority has not discussed rate increases at this time, but it is likely that most WWTPs will be raising rates at some point in the future to meet the goals of this program.

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Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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 Guy Hook—Vice President
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 Zoning Hearing Board Chairperson-Bonner Smith
 Civil Service Commission Chairperson—
 Planning Commission Chairperson—Lona Full

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 Michael Smithson- Asst. Water Operator
 Tracy Baldwin-Sewer Operator
 Wayne Bush-Asst. Sewer Operator
 Tommy Shaull—Asst. Sewer Operator

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M E E T I N G D A T E S	OCTOBER 	NOVEMBER 	DECEMBER 
	3RD MON. COUNCIL	7TH MON. COUNCIL	5TH MON. COUNCIL
	20TH TUES. PLANNING COMM.	15TH TUES. PLANNING COMM.	20TH TUES. PLANNING COMM.
	21ST WED. AUTHORITY	16TH WED. AUTHORITY	21ST WED. AUTHORITY
	Above meetings begin at 7:30 pm		
	COMMITTEE MEETINGS:		
	12TH PERSONNEL 7:00PM POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY 7:30PM	14TH PERSONNEL 7:00PM POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY 7:30PM	12TH PERSONNEL 7:00PM POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY 7:30PM
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	26TH SPECIAL ACTION RECREATION 7:00 PM SEWER /WATER 7:30 PM	28TH SPECIAL ACTION RECREATION 7:00 PM SEWER /WATER 7:30 PM	26TH SPECIAL ACTION RECREATION 7:00 PM SEWER /WATER 7:30 PM