

# Stewartstown Borough Newsletter

April / May / June  
2006

## Springtime Community Events in Stewartstown Borough

### Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, May 20th.** Permits are waived for this event. Please note there is no rain date set for this event; however a second community yard sale is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 23rd. If you plan to have a yard sale any day other than these two days you will need to purchase a permit. Per Ordinance, a resident must purchase a permit, \$10.00 for the first yard sale and \$25.00 for the second in one calendar year. Each permit is good for two consecutive days. A fine will be assessed to residents who do not comply with this ordinance. All advertising must be removed 24hrs. after the event.

### Voting

**Tuesday, May 16th.** is the Municipal Primary Election. Borough resident's who are registered voters can vote at the borough building. Polls open at 7 am and close at 8pm. Remember, voting is a privilege of all U.S. Citizens.



### Large Trash Pick Up

#### For Borough Residents

Bulk Trash Pick up is every Friday in the borough. You may place one bulk item out for pick up. Freon items must have special pick up call York Waste at 1-800-210-9675. Any other questions, you can call 717-993-2963. ext. 280.



### Street Cleaning

#### Wednesday, May 3rd and Thursday, May 4th.

have been confirmed as street cleaning days in our borough. Please park your vehicles in your driveway or use other off-street parking where available during these two days.



### Community Easter Egg Hunt

Will be held on April 15th at 1:00 pm at the Community Fairgrounds.



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## IMPORTANT BOROUGH TRASH SERVICE NOTICE!!

Any feed back from our customers would be greatly appreciated regarding the following date changes. You can call 993-2963 ext. 280 or e-mail office@stewartstown.org. What we hear back will determine if we go with the following schedule change.

Please mark your trash cans & recycling bins with your address so on those windy days they can be returned.



### Possible Change / Special Pick Up Schedule for Holidays / Refuse/Recycling Contract

Holiday	Normal Pick Up	Amended Pick Up
Fourth of July 2006 Tuesday, Jul 4th	Tues. 7/4 & Fri. 7/7	Wed. 7/5 & Sat. 7/8
Labor Day 2006 Monday, Sept. 6th	Tues. 9/5 & Fri. 9/8	Wed. 9/6 & Sat. 9/8
Thanksgiving 2006 Thursday, Nov. 23rd	Tues. 11/21 & Fri. 11/24	N/A & Sat. 11/25
Christmas 2006 Monday, Dec. 25th	Tues. 12/26 & Fri. 12/29	Wed. 12/27 & Sat. 12/30
New Year's Day 2007, Monday, Jan. 1st	Tues. 1/2 & Fri. 1/5	Wed. 1/3 & Sat. 1/6
Memorial Day 2007, Monday, May 28th	Tues. 5/29 & Fri. 6/1	Wed. 5/30 & Sat. 6/2
Fourth of July 2007, Wednesday, July 4th	Tues. 7/3 & Fri. 7/6	N/A & Sat. 7/7
Labor Day 2007, Monday, Sept. 3rd	Tues. 9/4 & Fri. 9/6	Wed. 9/5 & Sat. 11/8
Thanksgiving 2007, Thursday, Nov. 22nd	Tues. 11/20 & Fri. 11/23	N/A & Sat. 11/24
Christmas 2007, Tuesday, Dec. 25th	Tues. 12/25 & Fri. 12/28	Wed. 12/26 & Sat. 12/29
New Year's Day 2008, Tuesday, Jan. 1st	Tues. 1/1 & Fri. 1/4	Wed. 1/2 & Sat. 1/5
Memorial Day 2008, Monday, May 26th	Tues. 5/27 & Fri. 5/30	Wed. 5/28 & Sat. 5/31
Fourth of July 2008, Friday, Jul 4th	Tues. 6/30 & Fri. 7/4	N/A & Sat. 7/5
Labor Day 2008, Monday, Sept 1st	Tues. 9/2 & Fri. 9/5	Wed. 9/3 & Sat. 9/6

### Special Points of

#### Interest.

- Join your neighbors for Bingo Night at Eureka Fire Hall. Every Thursday night at 7:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.
- Reminder—Don't forget to send in your "Fire" Donation Drive to Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Co.
- Reminder—Don't forget to check your smoke detectors and change those batteries.

## Ordinance Reminders

All ordinances can be viewed in their entirety at the Borough Office. Copies may be purchased. Some ordinances can be viewed on our web site.

### Borough Appoints New Junior Council Member



Ian Grow of Stewartstown is a junior at Kennard Dale High School. His hobbies include Tennis, Paint Ball and cooking on the grill. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is on the Honor Roll. In his spare time he works at Wendy's.

His future plans are to attend Penn State and major in Engineering.



Per Ordinance 2005-004

### Weeds & Grasses:

All weeds & grasses are not allowed to grow above six inches (6") in height. In addition, the following weeds are not allowed to grow regardless of height: Marijuana, Chicory, Succory, Blue Daisy, Canadian Thistle, Multiflora Rose and Johnson Grass.



Per Ordinance 2005-004

### Abandoned Vehicles:

Abandoned vehicles are considered a nuisance in Stewartstown and violation of the nuisance ordinance is considered a criminal offense. A vehicle is considered abandoned if it does not have a current license plate, safety inspection sticker and a certificate of insurance. In addition, a vehicle that does not have an engine or cannot move on its own power can be considered an abandoned vehicle.

Per

Ordinance 1996-006



### House

### Numbers:

Borough residents are required to have house numbers on homes. House numbers must be at least three inches (3") in height and contrast in color with the house so emergency personnel can easily find and identify the location.

Per Ordinance 2001-003 which is also known as the "Mosquito Control Ordinance", residents are not permitted to allow the collection of water in areas such as: ditches, pools, ponds, streams, excavations, holes, fountains, cisterns, tanks, shallow wells, barrels, troughs, urns, cans, boxes, bottles, tubs, buckets, miscellaneous junk, receptacles of any kind or other containers or devices that may hold water. Violations of this ordinance can be enforced by the Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator or the Police Dept. Corrective actions can include removing the standing water or treating the water with pellets of larvae insecticide. Violation of any provision of this ordinance shall constitute a summary criminal offense and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25).



## Stewartstown Borough Authority Sewer Plant Permit and PENNVEST Grant

The Stewartstown Borough Authority 'draft' discharge permit for the wastewater treatment plant was published on December 31, 2005. The Authority had thirty (30) days to provide comments on this 'draft' permit. The Authority provided comments with respect to concerns about the nitrogen and phosphorus permit caps that were in the 'draft' permit, which were a part of the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. The permit limits provided by DEP were not consistent with what was provided in their 'draft' guidance on calculating these limits and will cause even more expensive construction requirements, as growth expands in this area, to meet the limits.

In addition, based on Resolutions by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate, the DEP has been requested to further develop the Chesapeake Bay Strategy with input from *all* stakeholders to better allocate the costly requirements of this program.

With respect to this permit, our representative (Representative Stanley Saylor) contacted our Authority about Pennvest grants available, with a deadline of February 1, 2006 for application. Our Authority has met this deadline for application with a request for over \$825,000 in grant application (i.e., the limit on the amount we may request due to the fact that the Pennvest limited funding in only to a direct tie-in to Chesapeake Bay requirements). The total cost of the plant expansion is expected to be between \$2.5M and \$2.9M. This program (through Act 218 of 2004) is supposed to be a grant program with *no* affordability criteria. However, based on conversations with Pennvest, the median income of our area will play a role in prioritizing the funding by Pennvest AND grants will likely only be provided in combination with loans. Pennvest explanations for this were that they have over \$400M in requests for funding, with only \$50M in allocated funds.

In any case, we are pleased that Representative Saylor's office, the Hope-well Township Board of Supervisor's, and the Stewartstown Borough Council have all written letters on the sewer customer's behalf, supporting this grant application for our growing area. We will await news of the results of the Pennvest meeting, March 22, 2006.

## New / Proposed Ordinances

The following Ordinances includes:

**Ordinance # 2006-001**– Amending Ordinance #1972-6 , establishing an exemption to the per capita tax. The following persons shall be exempted from payment of the per capita tax levied by Stewartstown Borough and the Tax collector for the Borough shall be exonerated from the collection of the per capita tax from said person:

- A . Persons who shall be under eighteen (18) years of age on Jan. 1st of the tax year.
- B. Single persons whose total gross income from all sources amounts to Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) Dollars or less during the tax year.
- C. Married persons whose total gross income from all sources amount to less than Twenty-Four (\$24,000.00) Dollars during the taxing year.

**Come out and support Junior Council during the yard sale May 20th.**

**Enjoy a BBQ Sandwich at 6 N Main St. All proceeds go towards The Big Brother & Big Sister Foundation.**



## Hopewell Recreation & Parks / Youth Baseball



Help your local baseball league win up to \$25,000 by purchasing specially marked packages of Wisk. Each label is worth 10, 20 or 30 points depending on the size package. As you collect the "Win a Dream Field" labels, please apply the labels to a piece of paper or index card and drop them off at the borough's side entrance/night drop box as you collect them.

You can track our progress at [www.wiskpoints.com](http://www.wiskpoints.com). If you have any questions about this program you can send an e-mail message to [recreation@stewartstown.org](mailto:recreation@stewartstown.org).



### Skateboarding Prohibited

The Police Department wants to remind residents of Ordinance No. 2003-002 which prohibits the use of skateboards on public sidewalks, streets, **posted commercial property** and other designated areas in the borough of Stewartstown. Officers will begin issuing citations to violators with a \$25 fine **plus** any other Court costs. Please discuss this ordinance with your children since no warnings will be issued.

## The Month of May is Open Burn Month

Stewartstown Borough Council only authorizes open burning with the exception of cooking and entertainment fires for a period of time designated by Borough Council to be the month of May and the month of November of each year. Borough Council may at any time revoke permission to open burn for such reasons as drought conditions or adverse weather conditions. Borough Council authorizes the Fire Chief to act as its agent to permit on individual requests to open burn during the specified allotted time for open burning and any special request received during the remainder of the year. The Fire Chief may refuse any and all requests due to adverse weather conditions such as high winds or a long period of dry weather.

Any persons requesting to open burn **must** contact the Fire Chief **each** time such persons wish to open burn during the designated period authorized by Borough Council. Failure to contact and receive permission to open burn from the Fire Chief will result in a violation of this Ordinance 2004-008 and will be subject to penalties and fines as outlined in the Ordinance. To request permission to open burn contact Fire Chief Ira Walker Jr. at 717-993-2963 ext 204. Please leave a detailed message including your name, address and date you wish to burn.

Per Ordinance 2001-005—

**Animal Defecation (Pooper Scooper):** It is the duty of the owner of any animal traversing upon public or private property other than property owned by the animal's owner to immediately remove any feces left behind by such animal. The feces is required to be carried away for disposal in a toilet or placed in a non-leaking container for deposit in a trash can or litter receptacle.



### Animal Control Service

**Contacting the Animal Control Officer:** To report a stray animal you should contact the Borough's Animal Control Officer, Terry Hemler/ACS 717-235-6213. If you think your animal may have been picked up by the Animal Control Officer please call Terry Hemler or the Red Lion Animal Rescue League 717-244-9747.



**Identification Tags:** All dogs, cats and other common household pets are now required to wear an identification tag indicating the owners name, address and phone number. In addition, as required by Pennsylvania State law, all dogs must be wearing a valid dog license and rabies vaccination tag. All cats must be wearing a current and valid rabies tag. Without these identification tags, our Animal Control Officer may not be able to return your pet to you. The Animal Control officers, when contacted, will have the authority to seize any animal that is not properly tagged and found to be running at large.

### Curb Side Recycling



Things to know: Borough residents have curb side recycling service. It is part of your trash removal service every Tuesday. A separate trash truck will be around to pick up recycling. You do not need to sort your recyclables. If you do not have a recycling bin, stop by our office and we will provide one for you. If you can not make it to our office during business hours, please let us know and we can bring one to you. **What can be recycled?** Aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic bottles and containers with a #1 or #2 indicated on them, newspapers, all clear green or brown glass bottles, and brown folded cardboard.

**What cannot be recycled?** Cereal boxes, salad/deli trays, TV dinner trays, pie plates or food tubes.

The best thing about recycling next to saving the environment is that the more you recycle the more grant money the borough receives which helps to keep the cost of your trash removal down.

### Tax Information

Stewartstown Borough has an elected Tax Collector. You will receive tax bills for the borough tax, county tax, and school tax from our elected Tax Collector. The taxes are then processed and sent to the proper taxing authority, i.e. borough taxes will be sent to our borough office and county tax will be sent to York County, etc.

If you have not received any information regarding Real Estate and Per Capita taxes contact our Tax Collector. Her name is Sandra Mitchell and her home telephone number is 993-6334. All taxes should be mailed to her at 11 Springwood Avenue.



**RECYCLING FACT: PA'S RECYCLING INDUSTRY -A \$23.4 BILLION INDUSTRY EMPLOYING MORE THAN 81,000 PEOPLE HAS BECOME A DRIVING FORCE IN PA'S ECONOMY GENERATING \$18.4 BILLION IN ANNUAL SALES AND CONTRIBUTING \$305 MILLION IN STATE TAXES.**

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Email: [office@stewartstown.org](mailto:office@stewartstown.org)

Utility Billing Ext.- 202  
[billing@stewartstown.org](mailto:billing@stewartstown.org)

General Questions Ext.- 201

Recreation Board Ext.- 290  
[recreation@stewartstown.org](mailto:recreation@stewartstown.org)

Missed Trash Service Ext.- 280  
Emergency Water/Sewer Ext.- 204

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

Borough Council:

Christopher McGraw—President  
Marsha England—Vice President  
Christopher Reed, Gordon Wisnom,  
Jeff Bruening, Frank Paules and Mildred Pomraning

Mayor Richard Hall



Authority Chairperson-Jeff Grow  
Zoning Hearing Board Chairperson-Bonner Smith  
Civil Service Commission Chairperson—Harry Lytle  
Planning Commission Chairperson—Lona Full

Borough Staff:

Susan Grow-Borough Administrator  
Kelli Landis-Billing Clerk  
Melissa Matthews-Asst. Secretary  
Robert Hunt-Director of Public Works  
Ira Walker Jr.- Water Operator  
Michael Smithson—Assistant Water Operator  
Tracy Baldwin-Sewer Operator  
Wayne Bush-Asst. Sewer Operator  
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<b>Calendar of Meeting Dates</b>			
<b>Council</b> : Apr. 3, May 1, Jun. 5	<b>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>DATES</b>
Meetings held— first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm	<b>Personnel Committee</b>	7:00 pm	Apr. 10, May 8, Jun. 12
	<b>Police &amp; Public Safety Committee</b>	7:30 pm	
<b>Sewer &amp; Water Authority:</b> Apr. 19, May 17, Jun. 21	<b>Junior Council Meeting</b>	6:30 pm	Apr. 17 May 15, Jun. 19
Meetings held— third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm	<b>Public Property, Refuse, and</b>		
<b>Planning Commission:</b> Apr. 18, May 16, Jun. 20	<b>Street Lights Committee</b>	7:00 pm	
Meetings held— third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm	<b>Streets, Roads, &amp; Storm Water</b>	7:30 pm	
<b>Zoning Hearings:</b>	<b>Special Action/Newsletter Comm.</b>	7:00 pm	Apr. 24, May 22, Jun. 26
Meetings held— third Thursday of each month <u>if needed</u>	<b>Sewer &amp; Water Committee</b>	7:30 pm	
 <b>Eureka's Carnival will be coming soon... July 17th – 22nd.</b>	All meetings are held at the Borough Hall Building located at 6 N. Main Street in Stewartstown. Meeting dates and times can also be found on our web page. All meetings are open to the public. If you wish to speak at a meeting, call ahead of time to be placed on the agenda. If you leave a message, make sure you provide your name, address and phone number in case we need to contact you if a meeting is canceled or we need further information. Also indicate the issues you wish to discuss.		
<b>Opens at 4:30 pm. Rides, games, excellent music , food and fun. Come out and support your local fire company. Any questions contact Chief Ira Walker Jr. at 717-324-2940.</b>	