


Stewartstown Borough Newsletter

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SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

The Stewartstown Borough Police Department is asking you to use caution while driving during the time the school buses are picking up and dropping off children . Do not pass a stopped school bus with flashing red lights from either direction.


REMINDER....The speed limit on Main Street in front of the elementary school is 15mph when the lights are flashing.

The County of York has a new non-emergency number
1-717- 840-2971 or 1-800-427-8347.

This number is only for administrative type calls, if a citizen needs a police officer to investigate an offense, no matter how small, they should call 9-1-1 , not the non-emergency number.



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. Fines for non-compliance is \$25,00 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 10 days. Each non-compliance 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 snow emergency is put into effect , the Police Dept. ,by order of the Mayor, will send a statement to channels 8,21,33 &43. (Harrisburg/York Stations) The snow emergency stays in effect until the snow has been removed from the streets. If you have any questions concerning a snow emergency, contact the Police Dept. at 993-5308.


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Special Points of Interest

Daylight Savings Time Ends Saturday, October 30th

Smoke Detectors 
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 collection crews.

The following schedule had been approved and will go into effect for the remainder of the contract with York Waste and Stewartstown Borough.

Holiday	Normal Pick Up	Amended Pick Up
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



Open Burning is allowed in November

Ordinance 2004-008, referred to as the "Open Burning" Ordinance outlines 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 November as long as you adhere to the 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 parts 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.



Do you have extra time? The Stewartstown Borough Planning Commission is looking for a new member. If you have any questions please contact the borough office at 993-2963 ext. 201.

Are you a new resident and confused about the utility billing??



The Stewartstown Borough bills for the following utilities : Water, Sewer and Trash. All of the bills cover the three months before. Your water is metered and has a base rate of \$19.35 and any additional usage above 3,000 is \$6.45 per/1,000 gallons. Your sewer is based from your water usage and has a base rate of \$68.00 with any usage above 3,000 gallon an additional \$2.12 per/1,000gallons will be charged. Your trash bill is a flat rate of \$61.00. All of the bills are quarterly and are mailed at the beginning of the month. If you do not receive a bill please call the billing clerk at 993-2963 ext. 202 or e-mail her at billing@stewartstown.org.



Do you 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. Also if you would like a response from the Borough you will need to make sure your spam blocker allows e-mail from the Borough.

Utility Billing Schedule

- January 1st / Water
 - February 1st / Sewer
 - March 1st / Trash (borough only)
 - April 1st / Water
 - May 1st / Sewer
 - June 1st / Trash (borough only)
 - July 1st / Water
 - August 1st / Sewer
 - September 1st / Trash (borough only)
 - October 1st / Water
 - November 1st / Sewer
 - December 1st / Trash (borough only)
- All bills are due upon receipt, to avoid paying 5% penalty pay within 30 days.

The Wellhead Protection Committee

was organized as part of Stewartstown Borough's Wellhead Protection Plan, sometimes known as a source water protection plan. The Committee is made up of representatives from the Stewartstown Borough Council, the Stewartstown Borough Authority, Hopewell Township Supervisors, local business, local citizens, the Borough's engineer and the hydrogeologist who prepared the Wellhead Protection Plan for Stewartstown. The committee meets to: discuss the direction and information to be included in the Wellhead Protection Plan, recommend policies for consideration by municipalities to protect groundwater sources, discuss and recommend materials to be provided to local residents to help educate them about groundwater, where it comes from and how to protect it and other programs that help protect groundwater from potential contamination. Minutes are prepared for each Committee meeting and include topics discussed, recommended actions and follow-up activities for various source water protection planning efforts.



If your utility bills automatically get paid by the bank and or other company please indicate which utility bill you are paying, to avoid getting the check returned.

The Borough Office Does Not Have a Public Notary

Updated Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy and Sewer Plant Permit

Due to the enormous costs involved to implement the Chesapeake Bay Tributary (CBT) Strategy, the Chesapeake Executive Council evaluated priority targeted areas to achieve the easiest reductions in nutrients to the Bay (i.e., total nitrogen/total phosphorus (TN/TP)). The priority was given to options that keep nutrients out of the Bay, are reliable, are politically viable, and have a continuous source of funding. One of the top six options was sewer treatment plant upgrades, partly since sewer treatment plants have a continuous funding source available by raising user rates.

The current CBT Strategy by Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is to consider a proposal whereby the sewer discharge plant discharge permit limits for TN/TP will be tied to the design capacity, rather than the more arbitrary 2010 anticipated flows. Our Authority supports this and had requested this to be considered by DEP. The DEP is taking comments on this proposal until August 25, 2006. DEP will still be relying heavily on a trading program that will require WWTPs to purchase credits from farming activities, thereby passing the costs again on to sewer plant users.

Recognizing the concerns with cleaning up the Bay, our Authority had even voluntarily proposed limits to the DEP prior to the DEP having any regulations requiring the limits. The Authority has provided repeated letters and telephone calls to DEP, Senator Waugh, and Representative Saylor, explaining our concerns and issues. However, DEP's position remains that they will not issue any sewer treatment plant discharge permits until outstanding issues with the CBT Strategy are resolved. This is based on the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate resolutions requesting DEP to further develop the CBT Strategy with input from all stakeholders to better allocate the requirements of this program.



Boooooooooooooo!
 It's soon time for the ghosts and goblins to walk the streets of Stewartstown and the surrounding township area requesting treats. Please remind your little ghost or goblin of the following safety tips..

Halloween Safety Tips:

- 1 Go Trick or Treating with a grown-up.
- 2 Visit only people you know.
- 3 Make sure your costume lets you see and hear perfectly.
- 4 Make sure your costume fits.
- 5 Wear brightly colored clothing or put glow in the dark patches or strips on your costume.
- 6 Carry a flashlight.
7. Don't eat treats until you show them to your parents.



Trick or Treat Night is Tuesday October 31st from 6pm- 8pm.

Don't forget to pick up your free trick or treat bag at the borough office.

Santa' Coming to Town.....

The Borough Employees will once again create a winter wonderland in the large meeting room of the borough building. Children of all ages can visit Santa from 12:00 pm—2:00 pm at 6 N. Main Street on Saturday , December 16th. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available. Poloroid photos will also be taken at no charge. This event is open to everyone. You do not have to be a borough resident to visit Santa.



If you miss Santa on the 16th you will be able to see him on Eureka's fire truck Saturday, Dec 23rd in the borough from 10am-4pm or Sunday, Dec 24th in the township from 10am—4-pm.



The Recreation Board consists of ten members from the following municipalities: Hopewell Township, Stewartstown Borough, East Hopewell Township, and the Borough of Cross Roads. Each municipality has three representatives except for Cross Roads Borough which has one. Each appointed member volunteers to serve a three-year term. Members are appointed by their respective municipality.

Chairman: Jeff Bruening (SB)
 Vice-President: Kevin Thomas (SB)
 Secretary: Charlie Fleischmann (EHT)
 Treasurer: Ruth Long (HT)

Board Members:
 Richard Gibbs (HT), Andy Gibbs (CRB), Robert Holmes (SB)
 Sue Swartz (EHT), Al Stone (EHT), Gerry Lucas (HT)



The Board acts as the governing body of the local recreational facilities including: the community center; batting cages; playground; sports fields; tennis and basketball courts; concession building; scout house; and pavilion.

The Board is responsible for the maintenance, rules, and improvement of these facilities. It also authorizes different organizations and groups to use the athletic fields and community building. Currently the scheduling is handled by the recreation board. Contact 717-993-2963 x290 or via e-mail recreation@stewartstown.org.



Funding is provided by the municipalities that support the Rec. Board. Based on population, each municipality provides an annual amount from its tax base. Other funding comes from recreational fees paid by developers. These fees are paid to the municipalities for the housing developments in the area and the money is then passed directly on to the Rec. Board. Organizations such as the VFW, the American Legion, the Stewartstown Lion's Club and the Athletic Association also provide financial support as do many other local organizations and businesses.

Facility Improvement Plans

One of the main goals of the Board is the improvement and expansion of the existing facilities.

Completed Project List

- 2004 - New playground equipment at Camelot Court Ball field
- 2004 - Begin fertilization, aeration of the fields program to improve the fields
- 2005 - Walking Trail paved and expanded
- 2005 - Paved the upper parking lot near the Community Building
- 2005 - Installed lights at Camelot Court Parking
- 2006 - Replaced the park benches in the playground
- 2006 - Installed Barbeque Grills near the pavilion
- 2006 - Resurfaced the floor in the concession stand
- 2006 - Replace/upgrade playground equipment, install new see-saw
- 2006 - Upgraded outdoor lighting on batting barn/concession stand/community building
- 2006 - Replaced the window shelves/ledges at the concession stand

2006 Upcoming Projects:

- Painting of the fences around the facility
- Painting of the wood poles around the property
- Replacing the siding on the Scout building with the assistance of Home Depot/ Shrewsbury
- Replace the basketball rims/nets @ Camelot Court
- Repair the tennis court cracks, fix low spots and resurface

2007 Upcoming Projects:

- Pave the Camelot Court parking lot
- Relocate lower baseball field #3 to resolve a water drainage/sunlight problem



Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Co.

Chief's Notes ..A very special thank you for your support during our annual carnival and parade. We look forward to seeing you again next year July 16th - 21st , 2007

*EMS Subscription due now . Please call 993-6180 if you need one.

*Crab Feast will be Sept 9th . Please call 993-6180 for ticket info.

*Fire Prevention Week—Oct 8th —14th

* Open House Sat . Oct 14th from 8:00 am—1:00 pm

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Email: office@stewartstown.org

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Utility Billing Ext.- 202 billing@stewartstown.org

General Questions Ext.- 201

Recreation Board Ext.- 290
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
Tommy Shaul-Asst. Sewer Operator



Police Officers

Chief—George Cunningham
Officer—Kory Saylor
Officer—Larry Baillets Sr.
Officer—Jesse Knott III
Secretary—Mary Stanley

We're on the Web!

www.stewartstown.org

www.stewartstown.org/police

Calendar of Meeting Dates			
Council : Oct. 2 Nov. 6 Dec. 4	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	START TIME	DATES
Meetings held— first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm	Personnel Committee	7:00 pm	Oct , 9 Nov , 13 Dec. 11
	Police & Public Safety Committee	7:30 pm	
Sewer & Water Authority: Oct . 18 Nov. 21 Dec. 20	Junior Council Meeting	6:30 pm	Oct .16 Nov. 20, Dec. 18
Meetings held— third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm	Public Property, Refuse, and		
Planning Commission: Oct. 17 Nov. 21 Dec. 19	Street Lights Committee	7:00 pm	
Meetings held— third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm	Streets, Roads, & Storm Water	7:30 pm	
Zoning Hearings: Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21	Special Action/Newsletter Comm.	7:00 pm	Oct. 23 Nov. 27 Dec. 26
Meetings held— third Thursday of each month <u>if needed</u>	Sewer & Water Committee	7:30 pm	
 <p>BINGO NIGHT IN STEWARTSTOWN.....</p> <p>Bingo comes to Stewartstown every Thursday night at Eureka Fire & Ambulance Banquet Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm and numbers get called at 7:00p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p> 