

# Stewartstown Borough Newsletter



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First Quarter Newsletter

## Notice: Increase in Sewer Rates.

The Stewartstown Borough Authority increased sewer rates at its November 15th, 2006 public meeting. The rate increase is due to higher operating costs, as well as, the increased costs for expanding the sewer treatment plant to meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Chesapeake Bay Program will require nutrient treatment and permit limits mandated by DEP for all sewer treatment plants.

The sewer rates were effective immediately, as of the November 2006 Authority meeting.

The new sewer rates for residential customers will be:

A minimum fixed charge of \$85.00 for each EDU per quarter PLUS \$2.15 per 1000 gals for all use over 3,000 gallons that quarter. For homes not connected to the public water system and with private wells, the charge will be \$85.00 plus \$42.60 per quarter.

A sampling of sewer rates (per quarter) is:

Use (gals per quarter)	Minimum fixed charge	Variable charge (\$2.15/1000 gals) for use OVER 3,000 gals	Total charge
3,000	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$85.00
6,000	\$85.00	\$6.45	\$91.45
10,000	\$85.00	\$15.05	\$100.05
14,000	\$85.00	\$23.65	\$108.65
18,000	\$85.00	\$32.25	\$117.25
20,000	\$85.00	\$36.55	\$121.55

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## It's that Time of Year!

### Snow Removal from Sidewalks

- A path at least 24 inches in width is required on each sidewalk.
- The removal of snow/ice needs to take place no later than 24 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain.
- Ordinance 2002-004.



### Tenant Registration

Ordinance 2002-011 was adopted in 2002 and requires that every owner of a dwelling unit or units submit a current list of all tenants on or before the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December of each calendar year. The Borough office, as a courtesy, sends out registration forms to all known landlords. If you have a rental unit or units and do not receive any forms, contact the Borough office at 717-99-2963 ext. 201. You can also stop in during business hours and pick up the forms. The Borough uses this information to update Per Capita Tax rosters, records on file with the Police Department in case of emergencies, and the information is provided to local churches who request the information to invite everyone to their services.



## Are you are Junior or Senior High School student interested in local government?

The Stewartstown Borough Council currently has a Junior Council Program. The Council is looking for young volunteers who live in the borough. The program is designed for young adults who want to get involved in the community. The Junior Council Person (JCP) program is an initiative to encourage civic-minded high school juniors and seniors. Selected individuals learn about municipal budgeting process, legislative actions and procedures. If you are interested please submit a letter of interest to the Borough Council, 6 N Main St, Stewartstown, PA 17363 or call 717-993-2963 ext. 201 with questions.

### STEWARTSTOWN FIRE-PROTECTION CAPABILITY IMPROVES IN LATEST EVALUATION BY INSURANCE-INDUSTRY ADVISORY FIRM

STEWARTSTOWN, Penn., November 20 — Stewartstown's fire-protection capability, as rate by an insurance industry advisory company, has improved to Class 4 from Class 5, Stewartstown Council President Christopher W. McGraw announced today.

The classification by Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO), also known as Public Protection Classification (PPC), evaluates municipalities' fire-suppression capabilities based on a variety of factors such as fire department equipment, staffing and training, the distance of individual properties from fire stations and fire hydrants, water supply, and communications.

Following a comprehensive review and analysis of these factors, ISO then assigns communities a fire-protection class that range between 1 (best) and 10 (unprotected). ISO's classifications are used by nearly all property insurance companies as a factor in setting homeowners' and commercial property insurance rates.

Insurers calculate fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties on the basis of these classifications. "Our ability to improve our fire-protection to Class 4 was positively influenced by improvements to our fire department by adding more equipment and to our water system by increasing the hydrant flow capacity," said McGraw. "Residents should contact their insurance agents to find out if the improvement would have an impact on the premiums they now pay," McGraw added. ISO contacts nearly 100 communities a day across the United States to verify and update such information as municipal and fire-district boundaries, fire hydrant and fire-station locations and existence of automatic aid to ensure that insurance companies have the latest and most accurate data to correctly classify individual locations within a community. ISO also depends on the cooperation of community officials to contact the company when towns make changes in their fire-protection capability.

ISO's database contains fire-suppression information on more than 45,000 fire departments countrywide. ISO is a leading source of information, products and services about property and liability risk. ISO provides statistical, actuarial, underwriting, claims, and related information and analyses to insurers, reinsurers, agents, insurance regulators, and other government agencies. For more information, visit the ISO website: [www.iso.com](http://www.iso.com).

### Winter Weather Advisory

During a Winter Weather Advisory which is issued by the Office of Emergency Management of York County, residents of the county are recommended to limit your automobile travel during the winter storm as much as possible.

A winter weather advisory means that periods of snow, sleet or freezing rain will cause travel difficulties. Motorists should be extra cautious and prepared for slippery roads and limited visibility. All motorists should have a winter emergency kit in their vehicle.

The kit should include:

1. A Shovel
2. Windshield ice scraper
3. Flashlight
4. Battery powered radio
5. Extra batteries
6. Water
7. Snack food
8. Extra hats and mittens
9. Blanket
10. Tow chain or rope
11. Road salt or sand
12. Booster cables
13. Emergency flares
14. A fluorescent distress flag.



Effective October 1, 2006 the Stewartstown Borough Passed a Tobacco-Free Work Environment Policy for all employees, borough owned vehicles, customers, and visitors in order to provide a clean, healthy, productive and safe environment for all.

### Shrimp Feed

Eureka Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Co. will be having a shrimp feed on Sunday, February 18th. Contact Richard Gibbs 993-6856.

### Fire Donation Drive

Eureka Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Co. will be sending out donations forms in February to all residents in Stewartstown Borough, Hopewell Township, East Hopewell Township and Crossroad Borough. This donation is for the Fire Division of Eureka. As always Eureka thanks you for your generous support.

### Having problems with a stray dog or cat?



Contact the 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 the Red Lion Animal Rescue at 717-244-9749.

Please remember to have your pets spayed and/or neutered.

**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 PA 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.



### Stewartstown Borough Tax Collector New Mailing Address

Sandra Mitchell  
P.O. Box 455  
Stewartstown, Pa 17363

Please remember if you need a police officer call 911. Only call 993-5308 for administrative issues.

Thank you, Chief Cunningham

### Clear the Way to Your Hydrant.

A safety precaution you can take is to clear the way to the fire hydrant closest to your home. Although the Water Dept. makes its way around to clear the hydrants, you may save a lot of time in the event of a fire by keeping it clear after each snowfall.



### Curb Side Recycling

To help keep cost down for borough trash service please take part in our recycling program. The Borough applies for a recycling grant each year and the money the borough receives is based on the recycling we collect. If you cannot get to the borough office before 3pm, please call 993-2963 ext. 201 and we can make special arrangements to drop a recycling bin off.



### ATV's Snowmobiles and Cars Don't Mix

ATV and snowmobiles owner/operators should be aware of and heed the following Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code Regulations:

#### Section 7711.1 Registration of snowmobile and ATV

Unless you are operating your snowmobile or ATV on your property, the snowmobile and / or ATV must be registered with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and display a registration plate.

#### Section 7721 Operation on streets and highways

It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile or ATV on any street or highway. When Mayor Hall declares a Snow Emergency, it is done so to clear the streets of snow. Said Snow Emergency in no way grants you permission to operate your ATV or snowmobile on streets, highways or alleys of Stewartstown.

#### Section 7725 Operation by persons under the age of sixteen

No person under the age of 16 shall operate a snowmobile or ATV in the Commonwealth unless they are under direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older, or, under the direct supervision of a certified safety instructor ,or, on land owned or leased by a parent or legal guardian, or, hold a safety certificate issued by the Commonwealth, another state or Province of Canada.

#### Section 7726 Operation in safe manner

Snowmobile and ATV operators and their passengers must wear a securely fastened helmet of a type and design approved by the PA Department of Transportation.

#### Section 7729 Liability of owner for negligence

As the owner of a Snowmobile or ATV, you are liable and responsible for any death or injury to person or damage to property resulting from negligence in the use or operation of such snowmobile or ATV.

#### Section 7730 Liability Insurance

Any Snowmobile or ATV for which registration is required under this chapter must have liability insurance coverage issued by an insurance carrier authorized to do business in this Commonwealth.

Fines and costs for violating the above sections range from \$25.00 to more than \$300.00. Snowmobiles and ATV operators and owners will be prosecuted.

-Contact the Stewartstown Police Department , 993-5308 for additional information.



**Stewartstown Borough  
6 N. Main Street, Suite A  
Stewartstown, PA 17363**

Phone: 717-993-2963  
Fax: 717-993-2131  
Police Department - 717-993-5308  
Email: [office@stewartstown.org](mailto:office@stewartstown.org)

**BULK RATE  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
STEWARTSTOWN PA 17363  
PERMIT NO. 26**

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  
Tommy Shaull—Asst. Sewer Operator

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

**We're on the Web!**

[www.stewartstown.org](http://www.stewartstown.org)

[www.stewartstown.org/police](http://www.stewartstown.org/police)

**Code Enforcement Officer**

**Jonathan Snyder**


**13081 High Point Rd**

**Felton, Pa 17322**

**717-246-8246 / Linda**

## Calendar of Meeting Dates



<b>Council :</b> Jan 2 Feb. 5 Mar. 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	Jan, 8 Feb , 12 Mar. 12
	<b>Police &amp; Public Safety Committee</b>	7:30 pm	
<b>Sewer &amp; Water Authority:</b> Jan . 17 Feb. 21 Mar. 21	<b>Junior Council Meeting</b>	6:30 pm	Jan .22 Feb. 26 Mar. 26
Meetings held— third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm	<b>Public Property, Refuse, and</b>		
<b>Planning Commission:</b> Jan. 16 Feb 20 Mar. 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> Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar. 15	<b>Special Action/Newsletter Comm.</b>	7:00 pm	Jan. 15 Feb. 19 Mar. 19
Meetings held— third Thursday of each month <u>if needed</u>	<b>Sewer &amp; Water Committee</b>	7:30 pm	
 <p><b>BINGO NIGHT IN STEWARTSTOWN.....</b> Bingo comes to Stewartstown every Thursday night until December 14th , Then will re open it's doors March 1st. at Eureka Fire &amp; 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> 