



Stewartstown Borough Newsletter



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Second Quarter Newsletter

Holiday Trash/Recycling Date Change for Borough Residents.

Holiday	Normal Pick Up	Amended Pick Up
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

* Calendar on the web site list trash pick up dates.*

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Borough Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 19th. 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. 22nd. 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 15th, 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 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.



Breakfast from 7:00 am—10:30 am.

On May 19th at the Stewartstown Presbyterian Church. Any questions please call 993- 6278.



Borough Street Cleaning

Wednesday, May 2nd and Thursday, May 3rd. 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 7th at 1:00 PM. Meet us at the Community Building located at 16 College Ave. at the outside stage area for instructions. Ages 12 and under only please.

Special Points of Interest

- **Join your** neighbors for Bingo Night at Eureka Fire Department. Every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- **Reminder Eureka** will soon be sending out the second mailing for "Fire" Donation Drive.
- **The Eureka Fireman's Carnival** will be coming soon. July 16th—21st.
- **It's National EMS Week**, May 19th—26th. Open house May 19th. Stewartstown
- **Fire Works** will be July 4th at 9:30 p.m. / Rain Date will be July 7th at 9:30 p.m.

Per Ordinance 1996-001 Weed & Grasses

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 1996-003**House Numbering**

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 1990- 003**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 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 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.

Per Ordinance 2001-003- West Nile

which is also known as the "Mosquito Control Ordinance" residents are not permitted to allow the collection of water areas such as: ditches, pools, ponds, streams, excavations, holes, foundations, 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. Violations of any provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a summary criminal offense and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of Twenty-Five Dollars.(\$25)

Sewer Plant Expansion Progress

The Stewartstown Borough Authority (Authority) has received the final discharge permit for the sewer treatment plant expansion. It was issued on February 16th, 2007. In the meantime, detailed plans and specifications have been prepared, and the Authority has advertised for bids on the expansion. Bids were received on January 30th, 2007. The Authority met on February 21st and approved the notice of intent to award bids for construction. The tentative timeline is:

March 5th: Stewartstown Borough Council (Council) will adopt the final financial plan.

March 19th: Council will hold a special meeting to lock in interest rates on the \$2.9 million bond issue.

March 22nd: Officials will close on a Pennvest loan of \$392,838 and grant of \$432,000.

April 24th: All monies from the bond issue will become available.

May or shortly thereafter: Construction will begin.

The Authority is pleased to have obtained grant and loan funding from Pennvest for a portion of the expansion costs. Over \$800,000 were obtained, with about half of this money being grant funding and the remainder a loan. The remainder of the cost of the sewer plant expansion will be from a combination of bank account funds planned for this expansion plus the issuance of bonds. The total cost of the project is now expected to cost around 4.5 million dollars (\$4.5M) due to the increased costs of compliance for the Chesapeake Bay Strategy limits being imposed by DEP, as well as, higher construction costs. Of this amount, a bond issue is expected to cover approximately \$2.9M.

The entire process of trying to obtain permits and funding over the last number of years has not been without a lot of effort by many folks. The 'draft' DEP permit was actually published six times over several years due to policy and staff changes at DEP, as well as, there being an approximately one-year delay in order for DEP to hash out the Chesapeake Bay policy. The Authority is very appreciative of the support from Senator Mike Waugh and Representative Stanley Saylor to obtain the Pennvest funding. In addition, the Borough is working with the Authority to obtain and support the bond financing. And, both Hopewell Township and the Borough have written letters of support for the Pennvest financing.

Finally, the total cost of the project debt will ultimately come from user fees. The Authority recently raised the fixed portion of the quarterly sewer rates from \$68 per unit to \$85 per unit in expectation of a minimum \$3M cost. In order to satisfy the requirements for the Pennvest grant and loan funding, the Authority must continue to ensure it can cover the debt. In order to do this, the Authority has decided to continue to phase in rate increases over the next few years to pay the debt service, as opposed to an immediate rate increase. The fixed portion of the quarterly sewer rate will be increased to \$95 per unit in 2008 and \$105 per unit in 2009.

Do you need to reserve the building at the Recreation Center ? Please log on to www.stewartstown.org web site. Click on the Recreation Tab and then “Reserving Building”.

All Police Matters -requiring an officer to respond in person or a police report to be filed, please call 911 as all police officers are dispatched through the York County Control 911 Center. No officers will be dispatched from the police station. If you have an administrative matter you may call the Stewartstown Police Office.

Parents- Just a reminder there is a curfew for your children under 18 years of age between the hours of 11:00pm and 5:00am.

Anonymous Tip Line- Any information concerning criminal activities in the area please call the Stewartstown police hot line at 717-993-9250.

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 citation 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 Stewartstown Borough welcomes new officer James Bowser. After he graduated Red Lion High School , he enrolled at Harrisburg Area Community College for a business degree. In lieu of the business degree he opted for a career in law enforcement and enrolled in the Harrisburg Area Police Academy. After completing the Act 120 training he was hired by the Stewartstown Borough. He enjoys interaction with the community, and when he is off duty he enjoys spending time with his family and his dog.

MAY—Open Burning 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 person 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 D. Walker Jr. at 717-324-2940. Please leave a detailed message including your name, address and date you wish to burn.*

Our legislators continue to refine the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code known as the UCC. Act 157 brought changes as follows effective January 1, 2007:

- The definition of an “agricultural building” was amended to include structures used to grow mushrooms; and
- UCC appeals boards are now required to meet within 30 days of receiving an appeal involving a one- or two-family residential dwelling and must render a decision within five (5) business days of the last hearing on the application, or it will be deemed approved; and
- UCC appeals board fees are prohibited from exceeding actual costs; and
- A Building Code Official shall approve or deny applications for one- or two-family residential dwellings within five (5) business days if the construction documents have been prepared by design professionals who are licensed or registered under the laws and regulations of Pennsylvania and the application contains a certification by the Pennsylvania-licensed or registered design professional that the plans meet the applicable standards of the Uniform Construction Code and ordinance of the municipality; and
- A Building Code Official shall approve or deny occupancy permit applications for one- or two-family residential dwellings within five (5) business days after receiving the final inspection report that indicates compliance with the UCC; and
- Exempts recognized religious sects from UCC plumbing provisions that conflict with their beliefs; and
- Increases the training fee on UCC permits from \$2 to \$4. This funding will help to establish a UCC training program for contractors.



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 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.

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General Questions Ext.- 201

Recreation Board Ext.- 290
 recreation@stewartstown.org

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

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Borough Council:

Christopher McGraw—President
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 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

Police Department

Chief George Cunningham
 Officer Larry Bailets
 Officer Kory Saylor
 Officer Jesse Knott
 Officer James Bowser
 Secretary Mary Stanley

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

Codes Enforcement

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Police Department - 717-993-5308
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 www.stewartstown.org/police

Calendar of Meeting Dates

Council : April 2, May 7, June 4	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	START TIME	DATES
Meetings held— first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm	Personnel Committee	7:00 pm	April 9, May 14, June 11
	Police & Public Safety Committee	7:30 pm	
Sewer & Water Authority: April 18, May 16, June 20	Junior Council Meeting	6:30 pm	April 23, May 29, June 25
Meetings held— third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm	Public Property, Refuse, and		
	Street Lights Committee	7:00 pm	
Planning Commission: April 13, May 17, June 19	Streets, Roads, & Storm Water	7:30 pm	
Meetings held— third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm			
Zoning Hearings: April 19, May 17, June 21	Special Action/Newsletter Comm.	7:00 pm	April 16, May 21, June 18
Meetings held— third Thursday of each month <u>if needed</u>	Sewer & Water Committee	7:30 pm	



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.

