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How to display and Respect THE AMERICAN FLAG

It has been 230 years since the Continental Congress first met in Philadelphia to adopt a flag for our nation. It was a banner of 13 alternating red and white stripes and one star in a blue field. Since then only the constellation of stars has changed from 13 to 50. However, the flag still signifies liberty, justice and freedom for all and reminds us of the greatness of our American heritage. These same principles have always led families and institutes to proudly display the flag on numerous occasions throughout the year.

WHEN TO FLY A FLAG The flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset on all days weather permitted and on the following days: New Year's Day, Inauguration Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Constitution Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, Election Day, state and local holidays, and your state's birthday of admission to the Union in Pennsylvania, that date is December 12th.

DISPLAYING THE FLAG INDOORS When the flag is displayed on a flagpole, it should always be accorded the place of honor, positioned to its own right. Therefore, place it to the right of the speaker or staging area or sanctuary. Other flags should be to the left. If the flag is in front of an assembly, it should be at the right of the first row of the audience. Other flags should be to the left of the audience. The American flag should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states, localities or societies are grouped and displayed from staffs. If one other flag is used with the US flag and the staffs are crossed, the nation's flag is placed on the flag's own right with its staff in front of the other flag's. If it's against a wall, vertically or horizontally, the blue field or union should be at the top and to the observer's left and centered on the wall.

DISPLAYING THE FLAG OUTDOORS When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window, or a building, the union should be at peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff. When displayed from the same flagpole with another flag of a state, community, society or scout unit, the American flag must always be at the top.

When the flag is suspended over a street, it should be hung vertically, with the union to the north or east. If it's suspended over a sidewalk, the union should be farthest from the building.

When flown with the national banner of other countries each flag must be displayed from a separate pole of the same height and each flag should be about the same size. In the time of peace, international custom forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation.

THE FLAG IN MOURNING The American flag is flown at half staff to indicate national mourning but only by order or proclamation of the President. On Memorial Day, the flag is displayed at half staff until noon and at full staff from noon until sunset. When it covers a casket, the flag should be placed with the union at the head and over the left shoulder. It should not be lowered onto the ground.

PARADING AND SALUTING THE FLAG When carried in a procession, flags should be on the right of marchers, or if other flags are carried, the US flag may be centered in front of the others or carried to their right. Also, when the flag is carried in a procession, and when it is hoisted or lowered, all persons should face the flag, stand at attention and salute.

STANDARDS OF REPECT The Flag Code also contains instructions on how the flag is not to be used. They include: 1) Never dipping it to any person or thing. 2) Don't use it as a drapery, covering or any decoration in general. 3) Never use it for advertising signs and it should not be attached to the staff. The flag should not be embroidered or printed with any articles intended to be discarded after temporary use. 4) Don't use the flag as part of a costume or athletic uniform. 5) Never place it or attach it to any mark, insignia, letter, word, number or drawing of any kind. 6) Never use it as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying or delivering of anything.

FOLDING THE FLAG When the flag is lowered, it should not touch the ground. It should be folded neatly and ceremoniously. First, fold it lengthwise in halves, then lengthwise in quarters, with the blue field on the outside. Finally, while one person holds it by the blue field, another makes a triangular fold on the opposite end and continue to fold in the opposite end and continue to fold it in triangles until the flag resembles a cocked hat with the blue field showing.

DISPOSING OF THE FLAG The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary. When it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.

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Special Points of Interest

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 4th



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.

Election Day, will be November 6th at 6 N Main St. for Borough Residents.



Veterans Day, November 11th



**Remembering our Veterans
November 11th**

On this day we celebrate those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, let us reflect on their lives and be mindful of all those who have served and the debt we owe them for their service. Those we honor would want it no other way..



Shop at Giant and earn money for your school

Giants proud to again be able to offer parents and other supporters the opportunity to assist your school in fulfilling its educational needs through our A+ BONUSBUCKS Program. This year's program will run from October 5, 2007 - April 3, 2008. Each time a supporter shops using their GIANT BONUS CARD, your school will earn A+ BONUSBUCKS which converts into cash each month. Last year top schools earned over \$12,000 and many schools earned \$1,000 or more. With a little effort on your school's part, great award opportunities are easy!

Giant Bonus Card holders may support your local school (s) (up to three) to benefit from A+ BONUSBUCKS Program by choosing the "Designate Schools" link from the menu on this page or by completing a Designation Card at your participating Giant Customer Service Desk. Then every time you shop with your card between October 5, 07—April 3, 08 your designated school (s) will earn A+ BONUSBUCKS which are converted to cash and credited to your school's account. To ensure that your school earns proper A+ BONUSBUCKS credit schools must (RE) REGISTER and supporters must (RE)DESIGNATE. Remember, even if you designated a school last year, you MUST re-designate this year. This simple effort is the only step necessary for your school to begin earning your points!

Fire Chiefs Notes....

- 1) Thanks for your support at our carnival in July. It was a big success. We look forward to seeing you next year July 14th-19th, 2008.
- 2) When was the last time you practiced evacuating your residence?

Take the time to educate and practice exiting your residence in case of an emergency. You should know at least 2 ways out of your residence. Remember to have a meeting place once outside. Any questions or concerns please call me at 717-324-6521. Sincerely, Chief Ira D. Walker Jr.

ATVs , Snowmobiles and Cars Don't Mix

ATV and Snowmobile owner/operators should be aware of and heed the following Pennsylvania Vehicle regulations.

Sections 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 highway

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 the streets , highways or alleys of Stewartstown.

Sections 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 the 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 Pennsylvania 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 a 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 form \$25.00 to more than \$300.00. Snowmobile and ATV operators and owners will be prosecuted.

For additional information concerning the safe operation of snowmobiles and ATVs, contact the Stewartstown Police Department, 993-5308.

Breakfast

7 am—10 am

Sat. Sept. 22nd

Stewartstown

Presbyterian Church ,

14 College Avenue

Menu— Omelets , Sausage, Pancakes, Sandwiches, Coffee and Juices

Materials not to put down the drain

The Stewartstown Borough Authority requests customers to avoid the disposal of certain materials into sinks and toilets. These materials include fats, oil and grease, as well as, unused pharmaceuticals and prescription medications. Disposal of fats, oils and grease into household drains can result in these depositing in solid forms in the public sewer system mains and pump stations. These deposits restrict pipeline capacities, cause backups, and or result in large floating masses that are difficult to remove. In addition, these materials can also cause the same problems in household drains.

Pharmaceuticals and prescription medications likewise should also not be disposed of into the sewer system. Pharmaceuticals and prescription medications cannot be removed by normal wastewater treatment processes and pass through the treatment plant into the receiving stream. These materials some known as endocrine disrupting compounds, in very small concentrations, may adversely affect aquatic life.

Stewartstown Police Department Officers

Would like to invite the public to an **open forum on October 16, 2007** beginning at **7:00 pm**. We are very concerned/interested with the safety of our immediate town as well as surrounding areas and would appreciate hearing the public's present/future concerns. Please show support for your community and help us make Stewartstown a safe and enjoyable area to work and raise your family. The public forum will be held at the following location:

Eureka Volunteer

Fire Department

82 N Main Street,

Stewartstown PA

Tuesday, October 16th, 2007 - 7:00pm

Booooooooooooo!



It's soon time for the ghosts and goblins to walk the streets of Stewartstown and the surrounding township area requesting treats. Please re-

mind 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 Wednesday, October 31st from 7pm- 9pm.

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

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 15 mph when the lights are flashing.

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. 204. Leave a message containing your address ,

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 **10:00am—12:00 pm** at 6 N. Main Street on Saturday, December 15th. 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 15th you will be able to see him on Eureka's fire truck Saturday, Dec 22nd in the borough from 10am-4pm or Sunday, Dec 23rd in the township from 10am- 4pm.



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 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.

York County Department of Parks and Recreation will host Christmas Magic—Festival of Lights at Rocky Ridge County Park Admission: Adults—\$7.00– Children 4-12 yrs \$5.00 Seniors—\$6.00 Children under 4– free

Use this buy one get one free coupon– 12/2-12/8

Opening Date: November 23rd

Ending Date : December 31st

HOURS M-F 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM—Sat & Sun 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

THIS EVENT WILL NOT BE OPEN DEC. 24th & 25th any questions

call 717-840-7440

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Utility Billing Ext.- 202
billing@stewartstown.org

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 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—Jack Schmidt
 Planning Commission Chairperson—Lona Full

Borough Staff:

Susan Grow, PHR -Borough Administrator
 Kelli Landis-Billing Clerk
 Melissa Matthews-Asst. Secretary
 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—Jesse Knott III
 Officer—James Bowser
 Secretary—Mary Stanley


We're on the Web!

www.stewartstown.org

www.stewartstown.org/police

Calendar of Meeting Dates



Council : Oct. 1 Nov. 5 Dec. 3	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	START TIME	DATES
Meetings held— first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm	Personnel Committee	7:00 pm	Oct. 8 Nov. 12 Dec. 10
	Police & Public Safety Committee	7:30 pm	
Sewer & Water Authority: Oct. 17 Nov. 21 Dec. 19	Junior Council Meeting	6:30 pm	Oct. 22 Nov. 26 Dec. 24
Meetings held— third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm	Public Property, Refuse, and		
Planning Commission: Oct. 16 Nov. 20 Dec. 18	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. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20	Special Action/Newsletter Comm.	7:00 pm	Oct. 15 Nov. 19 Dec. 17
Meetings held— third Thursday of each month <u>if needed</u>	Sewer & Water Committee	7:30 pm	
 <p>BINGO NIGHT IN STEWARTSTOWN..... 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> 