

# Stewartstown Borough Newsletter

Apr/ May / June  
2008

## Mason Dixon Public Library

The Mason Dixon Public Library is expanding its hours. Beginning March 7, 2008, the library shall open its doors two hours earlier at noon on Fridays. Operating hours will now be 10am to 8pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, noon to 8pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. 9am to 4pm on Saturdays. As in the past, the library shall continue to delay/cancel with school snow-closings and to shorten its Saturday hours during the school's summer vacation from 9am to 2 pm.



An Art exhibit by Maria Knott of Pylesville, MD opened March 7th with a reception from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please know that public is always welcome. Her work will remain on display through March 28th.



The Library's annual fundraising Event MARGARITAVILLE is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2008, At Naylor's Vineyards in Stewartstown. Tickets are available now.



## Stewartstown Lions Club

16th Annual Stewartstown Lions Club Journey for Sight 5K Run\ Walk at Naylor Wine Cellars, June 7, 2008.

Please contact 717-993-6846 (day) or 717-993-6942 (after 6:30 pm)

- Pre-entry (before 5/31/08) \$15.00
- Post-entry (after 5/31/08 ) \$16.00
- Checks may be made payable to and mailed to: Donald J. Scarborough, PO Box 369, Stewartstown, pa 17363.

### Benefits of the 5K Run and Walk

Community Projects  
Boy Scouts  
Christmas Lights  
Gift Baskets  
Sight Impaired  
Beacon Lodge / Camp for the Blind



Applications for the 5K Run and Walk may be picked up at the Borough Office located a 6 North Main Street, Suite A, Stewartstown, Pa 17363.

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## Tax Collection Dates

Tax Collection dates at the Borough Office located at 6 North Main Street, Suite A, Stewartstown, PA 17363

Wednesday, April 2nd	5pm to 6pm
Thursday, April 3rd	6pm to 7pm
Saturday, April 5th	10am to 11 am
Wednesday, April 9th	5pm to 6pm
Thursday, April 10th	6pm to 7pm
Saturday, April 12th	10am to 11am

Questions regarding taxes in the Borough may be directed to Sandra Mitchell /

Tax Collector  
717-993-6334

11 Springwood Avenue  
Stewartstown, Pa 17363



## BSA Troop 151-Stewartstown, PA

Printer Cartridge Recycling Program: Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 151.

### WHAT:

Inkjet Cartridges & Laser Toner Cartridges from copiers, printers and fax machines.

### WHERE:

You can drop off your cartridges at the Hopewell Township's monthly recycling collection held the last Saturday of each month.

## Eureka Carnival

Eureka Fire & Ambulance will have its Annual Carnival starting July 14th through July 19th.

Lots of fun & games for everyone.

The Eureka Parade will be on Saturday, July 19th at 4:30 pm.



## Special Points of Interest

- **Join your neighbors** for BINGO NIGHT at Eureka Fire Dept. Every Thursday at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.
- **Reminder** Eureka will be sending out the mailing for "Fire Donation Drive."
- **It's National EMS Week at Eureka Fire Hall** May 18th through May 24th, with an Open House on May 17th at 10:00 am. Please come join us !
- **Eureka Needs Your Help !** We need volunteers for fundraisers and BINGO. Contact Ira Walker, Jr. at 717-324-2940 if interested in volunteering.



### South Eastern Dollars for Scholars

A local Citizen's Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars provides local students with financial aid, personal encouragement and support to pursue higher levels of academic achievement.

Last year, donations to our local Dollars for Scholars Chapter presented 31 SEDS students with the scholarships totaling over \$40,000.



Consider honoring a loved one with a brick in the walkway of distinction at Kennard-Dale High School. Stop in any school office for a form or call 717-382-1492. Send in your donation today—donations are tax deductible.

### Stewartstown Historical Society

The Stewartstown Historical Society has published a pictorial book on Fawn and Hopewell Townships. The book contains over 200 pictures of businesses, churches, residents, schools, street scenes, agriculture, entertainment, and service organizations from Cross Roads, Fawn Grove, Gatchelville, New Park, Rinely, Stewartstown, and Winterstown.

Books may be obtained for a donation of \$20.00. To place an order call, 717-993-2974, 993-2104, 993-6735, or 382-6948.

### COMMUNITY YARD SALES

**Spring:** Saturday, May 17, 2008

**Fall:** Saturday, September 20, 2008



Permits are waived for this event. Please note there is no rain date for these events.

## STEWARTSTOWN BOROUGH AUTHORITY

The Stewartstown Borough Authority (Authority) is continuing progress with the construction of the sewer treatment plant expansion. The expanded sewer treatment plant construction should be completed within the next few months. Decisions related to new permit connections may not be made until DEP is satisfied with a few months of operating data for the expanded plant.

Other than the expansion of the sewer plant, this issue of the newsletter will attempt to explain the difference between an Authority and a Municipality in Pennsylvania. Though there are many different structures, this issue will focus on the Stewartstown Borough Authority.

The Authority was legally formed by the Stewartstown Borough in 1972. The reasons for forming the Authority may have been many, but, at the time, it was generally a way to more easily obtain funding for sewer and/or water plants. Currently, the Authority has a Management Agreement with the Borough. The Authority owns the sewer and water system and sets the rates. The Agreement allocates the functions of operating the sewer and water systems back to the Borough. In fact, the Authority has no employees.

In Pennsylvania, the Municipality is responsible for having an Act 537 Plan that demonstrates how the Municipality would like to plan for sewage service in that Municipality. The Borough adopted an Act 537 Plan (which included portions of Hopewell Township for which the Township is responsible). The Authority has an Agreement with the Township to provide service within that portion of their Act 537 Plan Service Area. The Act 537 Plan Service Area (in the Borough and the surrounding Township portion) was required by DEP to provide for public sewage.

The Stewartstown Borough Council is responsible for appointing the members of the Authority. The seven members must be customers of the sewer and/or water system. The members are appointed for staggered five (5) year terms. The relationship between the two entities (Borough and Authority) is then as outlined in the Management Agreement, with each being a separate and distinct legal entity.

### VOTING

**Tuesday, April 22nd, is the Municipal Primary Election.** Borough residents who are registered voters can vote at the Borough Building. Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm.

#### May 15, 2007 County FACTS

51,170 voters voted on the voting machines.

547 absentee ballots were counted.

8,481 write-in votes were recorded.

14 provisional ballots were partially or fully counted



**MAY– Open Burning Month**

Stewartstown Borough Council authorizes all Open Burning with the exception of cooking and entertainment fires. **The months of May and November** are designated for Open Burning. Borough Council may revoke open burning for such reasons as drought or adverse weather conditions. The Fire Chief has been authorized by Borough Council to act as its agent to permit individual requests to open burn during the specified times and any special requests received during the remainder of the year.



**Any person requesting to open burn must contact the Fire Chief each time they wish to burn at 717-324-2940. Please leave a detailed message including your name, address and date you wish to burn.**

**Stewartstown Police Department**

The Police Department continuously receives complaints about people driving at a high rate of speed on Borough Streets. Our officers will be **Diligently Enforcing** posted speed limits throughout Stewartstown Borough.

**Just a Reminder to Borough Residents**-Due to the number of complaints received, residents parking their vehicles in the wrong direction of travel on the roadway will be issued a citation for the same.

**There will be new signs posted on Mill Street for “No Parking”**. The Stewartstown Police Department will be issuing citations to vehicles parked in violation of the NO PARKING SIGNS.



Please call the Stew. Police Departments anonymous tip line @ 993-9250 with any information to help investigations. All information is strictly confidential !

**Utility Bills—Due and Payable**

The Stewartstown Borough Authority (Authority) billing cycle for water and sewer bills and the Stewartstown Borough (Borough) billing cycle for garbage bills are quarterly. The bills are staggered so that one each: water, sewer, and garbage are presented at the beginning of each month. **Each of these bills are due and payable upon presentation.** Stewartstown Borough presents bills each month through the mailing process.

Note that the failure to receive a bill shall not exempt any Owner or consumer from the accruing of any penalties or other charges. A bill is presented (and due and payable upon presentation) at the beginning of every month for water, sewer, or garbage. It is a common misconception that bills are due in thirty (30) days. Bills are due upon presentation and will accrue a five 5% percent penalty if received after thirty (30) days.

If bills are not paid within that first thirty (30) calendar days, an additional sum of five (5%) percent of the amount due shall be added to the bill. If bills are not are not paid within sixty (60) calendar days of presentation, an additional sum of one (1%) percent of the bill shall be added.

**Example:** First of the month (any) a bill is presented through mailing.

The last day of the month or the first day of the next month, depending on the actual thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day, an additional five 5% percent penalty is applied.

The last day of the next month or the first day of the following month, depending on the actual sixtieth (60<sup>th</sup>) day, an additional one 1% percent penalty is applied. At this point, water service termination notices are presented for nonpayment of sewer or water bills.

All bills are payable to the 'Stewartstown Borough' at the Stewartstown Borough Office, 6 North Main Street, Suite A, Stewartstown PA 17363, between the hours of 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Running late? **Don't drop your payment into the mail a day or two before penalty is applied.** It usually never makes it in time. **Do drop it in our overnight drop box located along the side of the building.** No stamp is required and this can be done any time of day. We do discourage cash payments in the overnight drop box.

Have a question about your bill? Per policy: any consumer, upon receipt of bill having reason to doubt its accuracy, shall bring or mail the bill within ten (10) business days to the Borough (or Authority for water and sewer bills) for investigation. At the very least, contact our office at 717-993-2963 with any questions.

Didn't receive your bill? We would be glad to mail another one but you must let us know. After the mailing, we have no way of knowing if you received your bill. Keep in mind that, as stated above, it is your responsibility to promptly make payment on these services.

Questions regarding your utility bills may be directed to the new Billing Clerk, Stacy Myers at 717-993-2963.

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

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—Jack Schmidt  
 Planning Commission Chairperson—

Borough Staff:

Susan Grow, PHR-Borough Administrator  
 Stacy Myers-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—Shannon Hillard  
 Officer—Jesse Knott III  
 Officer- James Bowser  
 Secretary—Mary Stanley

**We're on the Web!**

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

**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**

**CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES**

**Council :** April 7 May 5 June 2  
 Meetings held— first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

**Sewer & Water Authority:** April 16 May 21 June 18  
 Meetings held— third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm

**Planning Commission:** April 15 May 20 June 17  
 Meetings held— third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

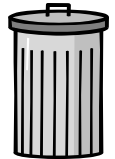
**Zoning Hearings:** April 17 May 15 June 19  
 Meetings held— third Thursday of each month if needed

**Council Workshop:** April 21 May 19 June 16  
 Meetings held— first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

If you would like to speak at a public meeting, please call the office at 717-993-2963.

**HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

Holiday	Change Date
Memorial Day <b>MAY</b>	Wednesday & Saturday <b>May 28th May 31st</b>
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<b>APRIL</b>	Trash Collection Days Every Tuesday & Friday as scheduled
<b>JUNE</b>	Trash Collection Days Every Tuesday & Friday as scheduled



**Borough Residents: Large Trash Pick-Up**  
 One large item may be placed out for pick-up on Friday with regular trash pick-up. Freon items must have special pick-up, please call 1-800-210-9675 for those items.