

Stewartstown Borough 1st Quarter Newsletter

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2011

SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE 2004-02

Please remember that any person who owns or occupies any building or lot of land fronting or abutting on sidewalks shall ensure that snow or sleet is removed within 24 hours after the cessation of any snow fall, sleet or freezing rain. A path must be at least 24 inches wide to allow safe passage for pedestrians and must extend the entire length of the sidewalk. In the event that snow cannot be removed, the person or owner shall cause enough sand, salt or other material to be put on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe until the snow, sleet or freezing rain can be removed.



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 department 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 snow fall.



SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 1964-03

All streets within the Borough are considered Snow Emergency Routes.

Phase I

During phase I no parking is allowed on borough streets, including state roads. All vehicles must have snow tires, all season tires, chains or cables. Any vehicles parked (or abandoned) on borough streets will be towed. All charges for towing and storage will be the responsibility of the vehicle owner.

Phase II

All vehicle traffic is prohibited from Borough streets including state roads. Violation of this phase can result in fines up to \$100.

Notifications

When a Snow Emergency is put into effect, the Police Department, by order of the Mayor, will send a statement to channels 8, 21 and 43. 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 717-993-5308.



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 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:

A shovel, ice scraper, flashlight, extra batteries, water, snack food, blanket (s), tow chain or rope, flares and road salt.

Have a safe & happy winter !

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Special Points of Interest

- Remember to check your smoke detector batteries.
- Eureka Shrimp Feed– Sunday, February 20, 2011. For tickets call Chug Gibbs at 577-4885
- Eureka Annual Fire Department Fund Drive information will be sent out in February. Please look for this important mailing and support the Fire Department. Contact Ira Walker, Jr. with any questions at 324-2940.
- Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 13th.
- First day of Spring ! Sunday, March 20th.
- Stewartstown Borough Tax Collector– Sandra Mitchell 717-993-6334
- York Waste– 1 Christmas tree per household will be accepted on Friday Trash pick-ups.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE BILLING DEPARTMENT.....occasionally our bills get lost in the mail. Please keep the schedule below, and call the Borough Office if you do not receive your utility bill by mid month.

Water Bills (get mailed out)

January 1
April 1
July 1
October 1

Sewer Bills (get mailed out)

February 1
May 1
August 1
November 1

Trash Bills (get mailed out)

March 1
June 1
September 1
December 1

All bills are mailed out on the above dates. The bills are due upon receipt. You have 30 days to pay the bill before a 5% penalty is applied to the balance. If the bill is not paid within 60 days of the mailing date, another 1% penalty is applied to the balance. If your water or sewer service is terminated for non payment, you are responsible for all reconnect and filing fees. Liens may be placed on properties for non payment of trash bills.

Stewartstown Borough Comprehensive Plan.....

is near completion. With hard work from the Planning Committee, Borough Planning Commission, C.S. Davidson, and Anne Wilko, the Plan has been forwarded to York County Planning Commission for review and will be adopted by Borough Council in the near future. Copies of the plan will be available for purchase and review after adoption. Although the Comprehensive Plan is not a legal document, it is an important document for the Borough's future growth and development.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

The York County Solid Waste Authority will hold a household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 9am to 1pm at the Authority's Management Center located at 2700 Blackbridge Road in Manchester Township.

Hopewell Area Recreation & Parks

(HARP) meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Community Building located at 16 College Avenue. All community members are welcome. If you would like to speak at a meeting, please call 993-2255 or visit their web site at <http://www.harp-online.org> for upcoming events.

The Borough Community Yard Sale.....is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st, 2011. Yard sale fees are waived for this event.

Trash & Environmental Trivia.....

- Did you know that each one of us makes 5.2 pounds of garbage a day?
- No matter where you live in York County, your combustible garbage is delivered to the York County Resource Recovery Center. The Center is a waste-to-energy facility that uses your garbage as a fuel to heat a boiler to make steam. The steam is used to operate a turbine generator to produce electricity.
- The Resource Center produces 36 to 40 megawatts of continuous electricity (every minute of every day) enough to provide electrical service to about 20,000 homes.
- Every day York County residents generate more than 2 million pounds of garbage.
- Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours.
- Our nation throws away 2.2 billion disposable razors and 25 billion styro-foam containers each year.
- By recycling a stack of newspapers 45 inches high, you save in energy the equivalent of a 12-foot pine tree.

York County Solid Waste Authority
2700 Blackbridge Road
York, Pa 17406
717-845-1066

Chief Cunningham, the Officers and staff hope your holidays were joyous and the New Year brings you and your family health & happiness.

- Reminder...be vigilant about your surroundings while at home, work and recreation. Due to economic times there has been an increase in muggings in and around the Borough.
- Keep Cars Locked....at all times while parked. Keep all valuables out of sight.
- Remember to keep houses locked and garage doors closed...officers conduct safety checks and if necessary, residents will be woken up to lock areas found unsecure.
- Reminder...do to the number of complaints, residents parking their vehicles in the wrong direction of travel on the roadway, will be issued a citation.
- During inclement weather...use caution while driving and walking. Tune into WGAL for snow emergency plans. Remember to keep sidewalks clear for safe travel.
- Please...drive the posted speed limit. Officers conduct speed enforcement daily and citations will be issued.
- Help protect your identity...by retrieving mail from your mail boxes immediately or as soon as you get home. Area mailboxes have been reported being damaged, mail being opened and discarded.

PLEASE CALL THE STEWARTSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ANONYMOUS TIP LINE AT 717-993-9250 FOR ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE THAT WILL HELP WITH POLICE INVESTIGATIONS. ALL INFORMATION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

HAPPY NEW YEAR....Did you know that the day celebrated as New Year on Modern America was not always January 1st. The celebration of New Year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. The New Year began with the first new moon after the first day of spring. The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth and blossoming. January 1st on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance, it is purely arbitrary. Romans continued to celebrate new year in late March, but in 153 BC, the Roman Senate declared January 1 to be the beginning of the New Year.

The True Meaning behind Valentine's Day....Despite the cost of beautiful roses, expensive dinners and candy, Valentine's Day is an occasion to prove your eternal love to your sweetheart. Or is it not? Valentine was imprisoned under Claudia II for his Christian beliefs, and while in jail, he restored the sight of his jailers' blind daughter through his faith and love for her. Before his execution, on February 14th, AD, Valentine sent her a note signed "From Your Valentine". This phrase became the everlasting symbol of friendship, affection and sharing with others. In 1537, Henry VIII established February 14th as St. Valentine's day by Royal Charter, but wasn't until printing techniques that the exchange of illustrated paper began to develop as we know it today.



Automated Phone System



By now, most residents are familiar with the "One Call Now" system that the sewer & water department implements from time to time. In an effort to save **time and money** that is necessary when mailing **several** (150-200) delinquent notices, our billing department will use this system to send a reminder. Occasionally, those residents who pay on time will be included in that list because it's such a massive database.

When you receive a call from the Borough office, **please listen to the entire message.** If it doesn't pertain to you, please disregard it. In case of an emergency, (boil water advisory, water main leak, etc), our Sewer & Water Department will be implementing this system also. **You'll want to hear the entire message! We appreciate your patience** as we try to update and improve this system in an effort to provide our residents with safe drinking water and quality service. Thank you!

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

Return Service Requested

Utility Billing billing@stewartstown.org
General E-mails borough@stewartstown.org
General Questions &
Missed Trash 717-993-2963 ext 101
Emergency Sewer &
Water 717-993-2963 ext 114
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Borough Council

Mayor– Bonner Smith
Marsha England– President
Mildred Pomraning-Vice-President
Christopher Reed, Gordon Wisnom,
Frank Paules, Theresa Geroux, William Gemmill, Jr.

Borough Staff:

Melissa Matthews– Secretary
Stacy Myers-Treasurer
Ira Walker, Jr.– Sewer & Water Supervisor
Tracy Baldwin– Sewer Operator
Wayne Bush– Sewer Department
Tommy Shaull– Water Department

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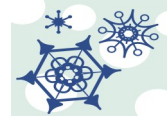
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Officer-Kory Saylor
Officer-Shannon Hilliard
Officer-James Bowser
Officer-Jeffry Carey
Officer-Christopher Mason
Secretary-Mary Stanley

Authority Chairperson-Guy Hook
Zoning Hearing Chairperson-
Civil Service Chairperson-Jack Schmidt
Planning Commission Vice-Chair– Pam Almony

We're on the Web!
www.stewartstown.org
www.stewartstown.org/police

Phone: 717-993-2963
Fax: 717-993-2131
Police Department - 717-993-5308
Email: records@stewartstown.org

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
STEWARTSTOWN PA
17363



CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES

Council	Jan 3	Feb 7	Mar 7
1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm			
Council Workshop	Jan 17	Feb 21	Mar 21
3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm			
Planning Commission	Jan 18	Feb 15	Mar 15
3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm			
Sewer & Water Authority	Jan 19	Feb 16	Mar 16
3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm			
Jr. Council			
Last Sunday of each month			



TRASH COLLECTION

There will be **NO DELAY** in trash service during the weeks of Christmas and New Years. York Waste will operate on a normal Monday thru Friday pick up schedule during both Christmas and New Year Holidays. Collection days will not change. Please follow your regular collection procedures.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS !