

Stewartstown Borough 1st Quarter Newsletter

Jan/Feb/Mar
2020

*Happy
New Year*

Mason Dixon Public Library Hours

Monday 10am-8pm
Tuesday 12pm-8pm
Wednesday 10am-8pm
Thursday 12pm-8pm
Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 9am-4pm

717-993-2404

www.yorklibraries.org



The Borough Office will be closed on.....

Wednesday, January 1st
Friday, April 10th
Monday, May 25th
Friday, July 3rd
Monday, Sept 7th
Wednesday, Nov 11th
Thursday & Friday,
November 26th & 27th
Thursday & Friday,
December 24th & 25th

Borough residents have seen a \$20/qtr increase in their trash bill as a result of increasing costs. Currently, we have a 1-year contract with Penn Waste that will expire on 10/31/2020. The contract must be put out for bid prior to expiring, but before doing so, we'd like input from our residents. Stewartstown is one of the few municipalities that offer two trash pickups/week, but in an effort to try & keep costs low, we may need a change.

What is more important to you & your family?

- Going to one trash pickup/week & possibly paying a lower trash bill (until the trash contract is bid, a guarantee of a lower rate is unknown).
- Staying with two trash pickups/week, which may result in continued increasing costs.. (again, until the trash contract is bid, a definite cost is unknown).

You may notify us of your opinion and/or concerns by:

- Emailing it to borough@stewartstown.org
- Including a short note with your utility bill when mailing to our office.

Thank you for your participation! We will continue to keep our residents' best interests in mind!

Stewartstown Borough Building Code Enforcement Officer....

Wade Portner

Stewartstown Office
717-993-2963

New Freedom Office
717-235-2337

Hours: By appointment on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please call Melissa at the Stewartstown Office for appointments.

Other bank/postal holidays:

Tuesday, January 1st
(New Year's Day)
Monday, January 20th
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)
Monday, February 17th
(President's Day)

Save postage & time by paying your water, sewer & trash bills online! To set up your online account, go to www.stewartstown.org and click on the "Online Bill Pay" link. You'll need your account number & CID number which are both located on any borough bill.

Payment with a checking or savings account is FREE; there's a \$3 fee for all credit cards. You can also sign up for e-billing and have your bills emailed to you rather than worrying about the bill getting lost in the mail. **Remember, not receiving a bill does not mean you're not responsible for it!**

We offer an ACH (Automated Clearing House) option too, where we will automatically debit your account for your monthly bill on or around the due date. It's safe & secure & you'll never pay another late fee again! Call the Borough Office to take advantage of this option!

Tis the snowy season.....after a snowfall, please clear any & all fire hydrants closest to your home. The Water Department makes its way around town to do so, but you can save them time in the event of a fire.

Other helpful info.....

- Discarded Christmas trees may be placed curbside on Fridays with regular trash.
- The beginning of the year is a good time to replace smoke detector batteries.
- Daylight Saving Time is Sunday, March 8th, 2019 (Spring forward!)

Eureka Fire Hall Upcoming Events

Bingo will resume on Friday, March 13th.

Fish Fry will be held in March 2020. (date TBA) For tickets, call Keith McFtridge at (717) 993-9436.

The first Food Truck Friday of 2020 will be held Friday, April 3rd.

A portrait fundraiser will be done again in 2020. Eureka representatives may be calling door-to-door. Any questions/concerns, contact Keith McFtridge at (717) 993-9436.

Check out www.eureka54.org for other events & information.

Attention

Landlords.....

Ordinance 1983-001 requires landlords to register their tenants with the Borough Office.

Contact our office staff with tenant name, phone number and move-in/out dates.

Windy Trash Days.....

can cause lightweight recyclables to blow around neighborhoods and leave trash scattered all over town. As a solution, we ask that on days when the wind is whipping, place the heaviest items on top of the bin or simply wait until the next recycling day. For families or individuals who recycle a lot, another bin (or two!) can be picked up at the Borough Office, free of charge!



Thank you for helping to keep our town clean!

A message from Southern Regional Police Department.....

As most of you know, there has been a dramatic increase in opioid-related deaths nationwide. Our area is not immune to this problem. In the past month, we have had 4 drug-related deaths in our area. Our officers carry Narcan and have used it to save many lives over the past few years; however, we need to do more to reduce the deaths. **Public awareness is crucial.** If you think there is drug activity in your area, please call our station or send us a message on our tip line. If you know someone who has an addiction problem, do everything you can to get them help. We also offer a drop box in our lobby for unused or expired prescription drugs which we collect and turn over to DEA for proper disposal. Our phone number is (717) 235-3944 or visit our website at srpd.us.

ORDINANCE REMINDERS.....

Snow Removal Ordinance

Snow must be cleared to create a safe path on sidewalks within **48 hours** after the snowfall. In the event that snow or ice cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to sidewalks, owner/resident shall cause enough sand or other material to be put on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe must also be made within 48 hours after the snowfall.

Snow Emergency Ordinance

All streets within the Borough are considered Snow Emergency routes. During Phase I, there is no parking on all borough streets, including state roads. During Phase II, **all traffic** is prohibited on all borough streets and state roads.

In the event of a Snow Emergency for Stewartstown Borough, a call will go out to residents using our automatic phone system, in addition to being reported on TV Channels 8, 21 and 43. To be sure your phone number (or email) is added to our automatic phone system, see the Code Red information below or call the Borough Office with questions.

Code RED... Stewartstown Borough provides critical notifications to its residents through CodeRED. By signing up, you will be contacted in the event of water main breaks, boil water notices, etc., that affect your area.

Sign up by clicking on the [HERE](#) in the Code Red section of the Borough website. Your information is confidential and will only be used for community notifications.

Senior Living Help is an organization that provides senior living assistance to the elderly. Senior Living Help assists Pennsylvania senior citizens, their family members and caregivers in finding appropriate senior living and care facilities. Many elderly adults are no longer able to be cared for at home, so finding a senior living facility with caring & loving staff becomes necessary. For more information about this **free service**, visit their website at: <https://www.seniorlivinghelp.org/assisted-living/pennsylvania/>

Volunteers are still needed on the Stewartstown Borough Planning Commission & Zoning Hearing Board. You must be a Borough resident to serve. Meeting schedule is on the back of the newsletter. If interested, call or email the Borough Office.

Hopewell Area Recreation Program (HARP) holds their Board Meetings the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Stewartstown Community Building, starting at 7:00 pm. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, call 717-993-2255 or email info@harp-



Borough bill mailing schedule:

| WATER BILLS | SEWER BILLS | TRASH BILLS |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| January | February | March |
| April | May | June |
| July | August | September |
| October | November | December |

Bills are mailed the first of each month and are due the first of the following month before accruing a penalty.

Recycling Crisis—Penn Waste continues to stress the importance of recycling restrictions. **How can you help?** Many items making their way into our recycling bins are simply NOT recyclable; they're **trash**.

Please sort your discarded materials and be vigilant about what you're recycling. These types of items are NOT recyclable:

Plastic bags (the kind from the grocery store), packaging material (bubble wrap, Styrofoam packing peanuts, plastic or foam packaging inserts), gift wrapping paper, aluminum foil and/or foil serving trays, medical waste, light bulbs, plastic hangers, Christmas lights and extension cords, any type of clothing, linens, food or liquid. Educate yourself on other items Penn Waste can recycle by going to www.recyclomorepa.com and remember this phrase, **"When in doubt, throw it out!"**

Electronic Recycling—York County Solid Waste Authority's Residential Electronics Recycling Program is **free** and open to York County residents ONLY on the following dates and times:

Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm

Saturday from 8am to noon

The drop off facility is located at the York County Resource Recovery Center, 2651 Blackbridge Road, York, PA. (717) 845-1066.

Accepted items: computers, monitors, televisions, networking devices, printing devices, audio and video devices, communication devices, lab and measurement devices, telecommunication devices, power supplies, microwaves, peripherals, wire and cabling.

Not accepted: Fossil fuels, infectious and biological waste, any media contaminated with oil, any liquid, chemicals, oils, powders, any equipment that contains chemicals, freon or radioactive components, smoke detectors.

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Stewartstown, PA 17363

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Utility Billing Ext. 1020
OR billing@stewartstown.org

Recreation Board 993-2255
OR <http://www.harp-online.org>

Missed Trash/General Questions Ext. 1010
Emergency Water/Sewer Ext. 1040

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Borough Council:
Gordon Wisnom, Sr.—President
Kenton Kurtz—Vice President
Roy Burkins, Mike Ellinger, Polly Kreiss, Bill
Gemmill, Donna Bloom &
Mayor Robert Herzberger

Authority Chair-Guy Hook
Zoning Hearing Board Chair-Doug Plasterer
Planning Commission Chair—Pam Almony

Borough Staff:
Melissa Matthews-Secretary
Stacy Myers- Treasurer
Ira Walker, Jr.— Sewer & Water Supervisor
Sewer & Water Department-
Tracy Baldwin, Vince Catalano, Logan Wise &
Anthony Lewis

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Southern Regional Police Dept.
47 East High Street
New Freedom, Pa 17349
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Phone: 717-993-2963
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Email: borough@stewartstown.org
Sewer/Water: swdept@stewartstown.org



Calendar of Meeting Dates.....

Council Meetings

are held the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

January 6th February 3rd March 2nd

Sewer & Water Authority Meetings

are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

January 15th February 19th March 18th

Planning Commission Meetings (as needed)

are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

January 21st February 18th March 17th

Zoning Hearing Meetings

are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm (as needed)

January 16th February 20th March 19th

Helpful Phone Numbers...

Armstrong Cable— 1-800-572-1038

Columbia Gas— 1-888-460-4332

District Magistrate— 993-6466

Driver's License Center— 993-3842

Hopewell Township— 993-2027

Met-Ed— 1-888-544-4877 Power outages

Met-Ed— 1-800-545-7741 All Other

Post Office— 993-6288



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