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Apr/May/June 2020

Penn Waste continues to stress the importance of recycling restrictions. **How can you help?**

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.

Remember this phrase, "When in doubt, throw it out!"

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



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.

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

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

Eureka Fire Hall Upcoming Events

Bingo has resumed on Friday, March 20th and is held the 2nd Friday of every month after March. — **CANCELLED FOR APRIL!**

The first Food Truck Friday of 2020 will be held Friday, April 3rd. —**CANCELLED!!**

The portrait fundraiser is still going on! Eureka representatives may be calling door-to-door. Any questions/concerns, contact Keith McFatridge at (717) 993-9436.

Watch for details on the 2020 Fireman's Carnival (July 13th-18th) in the next quarterly newsletter!

Delayed trash schedule—

Memorial Day week

Wednesday, May 27th Saturday, May 30th

Trash collection will **not** be affected by the Good Friday/Easter holiday!

Hopewell Area Recreation & Parks upcoming events.....

- Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 4th @ 1:00p.m. for ages 12 & under will be held at the lower fields (Fields 2 & 3)—CANCELLED!
- July Fireworks—Saturday, July 4th beginning @ approximately 9:30p.m. Concessions (music, food, etc.,) can be enjoyed before the fireworks.
- Adult co-ed volleyball opened on March 1st for a 4-month term (\$30) and will switch to a 3-month term in mid-June for \$20. These prices are for residents of HARP municipalities (Stewartstown Boro, Hopewell Twp, Crossroads Boro, East Hopewell Twp)
- June 22-26, 2020—Animal Camp to be held 8:30am-noon—Registration & pricing to be announced soon!

News from the HARP Board......

- When walking your dog on HARP grounds, **please** keep them on a leash & clean up after them!
- Watch the website, www.harp-online.org, for news about summer day camp signups.
- Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month @ 7:00p.m. and are held in the Stewartstown Community Building. To be put on the agenda, please call (717) 993-2255.

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'Tis the season for being outside and enjoying nicer weather! If you have pets and walk them in town or at the Hopewell Area Fairgrounds, please be courteous and keep them on a leash at all times and clean up after them! We want everyone to enjoy the playground facilities, but some may have a fear of dogs. And no one is a fan of stepping in dog p**p! This is outlined in our Nuisance Ordinance 2010-4, Section 6 and violators of the Ordinance can be fined! Thank you for your courtesy & understanding!



The Borough's Spring Yard Sale will be held **Saturday, May 16th.** No permit is required this day & there are no set hours for the day's event.



May is Open Burning month

Stewartstown Borough Council authorizes "Open Burning" during the months of May & November. (Outdoor cooking and/or entertainment fires are permitted all year). Any person requesting to open burn must contact Asst. Fire Chief, Ira Walker, Jr. at (717) 324-6521 each time they wish to do so. Please leave a detailed message including your name, address and date(s) you wish to burn.



Stewartstown Senior Center Spring events—PLEASE CALL THE CENTER TO CONFIRM THESE EVENTS ARE STILL ON SCHEDULE!

- Wednesday, April 22nd—a 4-hr Driver Refresher Course will be held through AARP
- Friday, May 15th—Alan DeValerio, a former White House butler, will speak on his experiences at the White House.
- Wednesday, May 27th—bus trip to Peddler's Village for shopping, lunch & a "Golden Girls Murder Mystery Show"
- Friday, June 5th—York County Agency on Aging will be at the Center to distribute food vouchers to those who qualify.
- Tuesday, August 4th—bus trip to Washington, DC for a luncheon boat cruise aboard the ship "Odyssey"

Any questions on these or other Center events, please call (717) 993-3488.

Real Estate taxes—

- —ALL "in person" TAX COLLECTION DATES/TIMES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS BELOW FOR MAILING DIRECTLY TO THE TAX COLLECTOR.
- —If you need a stamped receipt, you must include BOTH portions of your bill with your payment, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- —Please be sure your check includes the correct amount due, correct date & signature.
- —Checks must be made payable to "Stewartstown Borough Tax Collector". Checks without this wording will be returned.

Mail to:

Sandra G. Mitchell, Tax Collector

PO Box 455

Stewartstown, PA 17363

Questions? Please call (717)993-6334, Monday-Friday, 2-4 p.m.

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 <u>HERE</u> in the Code Red section of the Borough website. Your information is confidential and will only be used for community notifications.

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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!

The Sewer Treatment Plant reminds us **never** to flush wipes or feminine hygiene products down the toilet. Baby wipes, floor cleaning wipes & even those wipes claiming to be "flushable" can cause major headaches and costs to a sewer system.

In addition to wipes, customers are asked not to dispose of fats, oils & grease by way of household drains & plumbing.

All the above items and waste should be disposed of with regular trash.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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. **Non-receipt of a bill does not justify nonpayment.**

Borough residents have seen a \$20/qtr increase in their trash bill as a result of increasing costs. There's still time to hear input from our residents before our current contract expires on 10/31/2020.

What is more important to you & your family?

- Going to one trash pickup/week & possibly paying a lower trash bill (Please note—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!

News from York County Commissioners......

Another mosquito season approaches, and York County Mosquito Surveillance Program has sent us updates on some recent changes to their program. In addition to mosquito collection & control, they will also be conducting tick surveillance within the county that will consist of collection & testing of ticks for known pathogens. These collections will be performed at state & county parks from April thru October.

2019 saw a significant reduction in the instances of West Nile Virus with 27 mosquitoes testing positive in 9 municipalities. In contract, 2018 resulted in 458 mosquitos testing positive for West Nile Virus among 33 municipalities.

As always, the fight against mosquito populations and virus activity can be best controlled by individual residents. Eliminating areas of standing water, swimming pool maintenance, gutter maintenance, regular rinsing of bird baths, aeration of garden ponds, and elimination or turning over containers or other items that hold water are all effective measures of mosquito control.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

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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:
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Gemmill, Donna Bloom &
Mayor Robert Herzberger

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Calendar of Meeting Dates......

Council Meetings

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

April 6th—CANCELLED May 4th June 1st

Sewer & Water Authority Meetings

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

April 15th—TBD May 20th June 17th

Planning Commission Meetings (as needed)

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

April 21st May 19th June 16th

Zoning Hearing Meetings

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

April 16st May 21st June 18th

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

