



Stewartstown Borough News
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January/February/March

Hopewell Area Recreation & Parks, 16 College Avenue, (717)993-2255. Email: info@harp-online.org

Cash Bingo events will be held these Fridays: January 2nd, March 6th, May 1st, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th. Doors open @ 5pm; games begin @ 6pm. Call or email HARP with further questions.

HARP is excited to announce that we are now offering a beginner youth "Bucket Beats Class"! Bucket Beats is a bucket drumming program for kids ages 9-12. Your child will learn how to drum with just buckets and sticks; music shouldn't be limited to expensive instruments! They will learn the foundations of basic rhythm, musicality, and technique, all while having a blast. Over the course of the hour, children are guided through high-energy songs that help develop their rhythm, musicality, and technique.

**About the instructor*—Logan is a senior at Kennard-Dale High School and a lifelong musician. During his high school career, he has been a member of more than a dozen competitive music groups, both at the high school and college levels. Last year, Logan participated in six Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) bands. The most prestigious of these was the Pennsylvania All-State Orchestra, an honor achieved by only four percussionists in the state each year. As a percussionist, he has played dozens of different instruments, including buckets. He has also served as a mentor to dozens of students in music and other areas.

**Space is limited*, so don't wait to reserve your spot. These classes will take place in the gym of HARP's Community Building. Parents of young children are welcome to stay in the room to observe. Each class is 1 hour long with a maximum of 15 students per class. All classes will take place from 6pm to 7pm on Thursdays with one class on Wednesday the 21st. The first class scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 8th 2026.

The price for all four classes is \$40 and includes a t-shirt and sticks. Buckets will be provided by the instructor. Classes will take place on Thursday, January 8th, 15th, Wednesday 21st & Thursday 29th.

Mommy & Me Play dates- This program is open to mothers, fathers, grandparents, legal guardians and their children (2-5 years of age). It is intended to provide preschoolers with a large open indoor climate controlled space to be a kid and interact with others of the same age during the winter months. Every Tuesday from 10am-12pm starting January 27th and ending March 31st, we will be opening our gym for free play. Various age appropriate play equipment and toys will be available for the children to enjoy but also feel free to bring your own from home. Please be advised that HARP is not responsible for any lost or damaged toys that are brought from home. We also ask that our equipment and toys be treated with care when attending. These play dates are not supervised by HARP so adults attending are responsible for the behavior of the children they are attending with. The location for these play dates is HARP Gym 16 College Avenue.

For families residing within HARP's service area you can pre-register for all 10 sessions at \$37 per family or for families outside of our service area at a rate of \$45 per family.

Day of drop in fees will be as follows: HARP service area-\$5 for the 1st child and \$1 for each additional child and outside HARP service area-\$6 for the 1st child and \$1 for each additional child.

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The Stewartstown Sewer & Water Authority will put the following rate increases into effect January 1st, 2026.

2025 Water Rates

Flat rate—\$30.00 (0-3,000 gals)
\$9.31/1,000 gals (4,000-5,000 gals)
\$9.97/1,000 gals (6,000-9,000 gals)
\$10.64/1,000 gals (10,000 gals & up)

2026 Water Rates

Flat rate—\$39.00 (0-3,000 gals)
\$12.10/1,000 gallons (4,000-5,000 gals)
\$12.96/1,000 gallons (6,000-9,000 gals)
\$13.83/1,000 gallons (10,000 gals & up)

2025 Sewer Rates

Flat rate—\$115.50 (0-3,000 gals)
\$3.02/1,000 gals (4,000-5,000 gals)
\$4.23/1,000 gals (6,000-9,000 gals)
\$4.84/1,000 gals (10,000 gals & up)

2026 Sewer Rates

Flat rate—\$132.82 (0-3,000 gals)
\$3.47/1,000 gals (4,000-5,000 gals)
\$4.86/1,000 gals (6,000-9,000 gals)
\$5.56/1,000 gals (10,000 gals & up)

Stewartstown Railroad, 21 W. Pennsylvania Ave, (717)746-8123

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/16189/stewartstown-railroad>

- **January 17th-18th Volunteer Work Weekend**—Ever thought about volunteering? Now's the perfect time to jump in! We have all kinds of projects that need helping hands from track work to painting, cleaning, ticket agent & more! Come out & meet the crew and see what you might enjoy. Your time and enthusiasm make a real difference! Hope to see you there!
- **January 11th, HOTT Seat Experience**—Learn how to drive a train!
- **January 31st & February 1st**—See us at the Timonium Train Show!
- **February 7th, HOTT Seat Experience**—Learn how to drive a train!
- **February 21st, Rules Class**—This is for volunteers who want to work on the train crews.
- **February 22nd**—Annual Stockholders Meeting
- **March 8th, HOTT Seat Experience**—Learn how to drive a train!
- **March 21st, 22nd, 28th & 29th—Easter Egg Hunt Special**
- **April 25th—Western Train Robbery**—Hold tight to your wallet!
- **April 26th—New Freedom Limited Motor Cars**—Ride our Maintenance of Way (MOW) cars to New Freedom and back (age restrictions apply).

For more detail about events, please visit the website above.

When winter weather hits, please keep these important Ordinances in mind:

2016-01—Snow Removal Ordinance

This Ordinance requires snow & ice to be removed within **48 hours** after the cessation of snow, sleet or freezing rain. The violation for this offense has increased from \$15 to \$50 (per this Ordinance)

And from Eureka Fire Department—

Please keep snow cleared away from fire hydrants after a snow event. We ask that the snow be cleared 3' around the hydrant to allow the Fire Department quick & easy access in case of an emergency.

Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance, 82 N. Main Street, (717)993-6180 announces the upcoming events for the new year:

- **2026 Donation Drive** will begin in January. Watch your mail for the notices and please consider donating to your local volunteer Fire Company who do so much for our community!
- **Eureka Auxiliary Breakfasts** will be held January 10th, February 14th & March 7th. Please call the number above or check Eureka's Facebook page for more details such as prices, times, etc.
- **Fish Fry** will be held Saturday, March 14th.
- **Friday Night Bingo** will start again on Friday, March 20th. Doors open @ 5pm with Early Bird games beginning @ 6:45pm. Food will be available for purchase.



Hopewell Area Recreation & Parks continued:

HARP's WINTER/SPRING '26 NFL Flag Football

Participants in HARP's NFL Flag Football League will have fun while being physically active and will gain knowledge of the sport. Young athletes will learn every position on the field as well as football fundamentals. This league is open to Boys & Girls, ages 5-15. The registration fee is \$97.00 and includes a NFL Flag Football performance reversible jersey and an NFL Flag Football belt and two flags. The price will increase to \$110.00 after January 31st. The registration deadline for the league is Monday, February 9th 2026, so please be sure to register as soon as you can.

Again this season, each player will have the opportunity to play in their age groups PRO BOWL (players voted for by coaches) at the end of the season as well as compete in their age groups end of season playoffs for an individual championship ring. The PRO BOWL Games will take place under the lights here at HARP on a Sunday evening at the end of the season. These PRO BOWL games will provide the opportunity for our best players in each age group to put their skills to the test against the best players from another NFL Flag Football League.

Registration will open December 5, 2025.

All games will be played on Sunday afternoons. The first week of games will take place on Sunday, March 1st (weather permitting).

The league will include four (4) guaranteed regular season games and one game guaranteed in a single elimination playoff. **(Except our 5-7 year old age group, who will have 5 regular season games)**-Regular season games will begin on Sunday, March 1, 2026 Please note that no games will be played on Sunday, April 5, 2026 (EASTER).

Sunday, March 29th will be used as a makeup date. If no makeup date is needed then playoffs would begin on this date or be pushed back to begin on Sunday, April 12th.

-Game start times will be from 1pm-3pm.

-Teams will play 5v5 or 6v6 depending on the age group and amount of players attending the game for each team. Coaches must agree prior to start of game.

-Games are 2 x 20 minute halves with a 1-minute halftime.

-ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR MOUTHGUARDS

Volunteers NEEDED!

Volunteer Coaches- Need clearances (state police, child abuse, and FBI fingerprint) on file with HARP before first practice. Guaranteed your child will be on your team for the season and you will receive an NFL Flag licensed jersey.

Referees-Must be at least 16 years of age, training is provided, pays \$11 per game

More upcoming HARP events can be found on their website: www.harp-online.org

Stewartstown Food Pantry, a ministry of Stewartstown UMC, 10 Church Street (rear)

Stewartstown Food Pantry is open every other week on Thursdays and Saturdays to offer food assistance to anyone who needs it. The pantry opens at 6PM every other Thursday. Saturday hours are 9:30 AM -1:30 PM. Appointments are strongly encouraged for Thursday and Saturday distributions and can be made by emailing pantry@stewartstownumc.org or calling 717-501-6018 and leaving a message.

Upcoming Food Distribution Dates: January 15, 17, 29, & 31; February 12, 14, 26, & 28; March 12, 14, 26, & 28

Thank you to everyone who supported our food pantry's holiday food drives and annual appeal. Your generosity helped us keep food on the table for many neighbors. We wish you all a hunger-free new year!

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Other informational items:

Borough Council Meetings, 6:30pm (new time!)

—Monday, January 5th, Monday, February 2nd, Monday, March 2nd

Sewer & Water Authority Meeting, 6:30pm (new time!)

—Wednesday, January 21st, Wednesday, February 18th, Wednesday, March 18th

Borough Office will be closed—

Thursday, January 1st, 2026 (New Year's Day)

Trash collection this quarter—

New Year's holiday schedule—Tuesday & Saturday, December 31st & January 3rd

**Your Christmas tree can be sat out as a large item with regular trash any Friday. (A complete collection schedule can be emailed to you or picked up in the Borough Office).

Zoning Hearing Board seeks an alternate to attend Zoning Hearings and act as a voting member in the event of a tie vote or to fill in if one of the 3 other Board members cannot attend. Zoning Hearings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 7pm only on an as-needed basis. Alternate must be a Borough resident. Email borough@stewartstown.org, if interested.