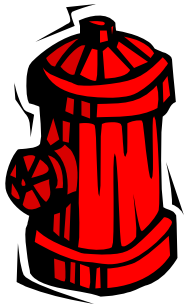


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# Stewartstown Borough Newsletter



## Eureka Volunteer Fire Co. – Annual Fund Raiser

Every day the 60+ volunteers of the Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Co. are asked to put their lives on hold to help someone in the community. Whether the siren sounds for the fire engines or for the ambulance, these volunteers stop what they are doing, leave their families regardless of the hour and head out to help someone who is in need.

Fortunately for the rest of us living in Stewartstown we have such folks who are willing to risk their lives to help their neighbors. These folks have given up their weekends to attend the many training seminars that are mandatory before they can ever put on Firefighters and EMS gear. But because of their commitment and the fact that Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Co. has been a part of Stewartstown since 1906, many of us tend to take them for granted.

It is important that we don't forget that even though it is a volunteer fire company there are still day to day expenses that have to be paid. In fact the annual expenses are well over \$200,000/year. Each month the bills for gasoline, low interest loans to finance the fire engines, electricity/water/heat etc for the fire house, plus all of the small equipment expenses must be paid.

Since our property taxes **do not** pay for fire protection unlike fire companies in other areas, our local fire company is only able to pay their bills through donations by residents. It is important to note that these donations are tax deductible. When you write out your check you can choose to help out Eureka or help out Uncle Sam. I don't know about you but I don't see Uncle Sam in town helping people as much as I see the volunteers at Eureka.

In addition to accepting donations which are vital to Eureka, they also hold Bingo every Thursday night at 7:00 PM, Fish Fry days on March 18th & September 22nd are the most popular event in town. The annual Stewartstown Carnival & Parade is sponsored by Eureka and helps generate a significant part of the moneys necessary to operate the fire company.

In the next few weeks watch your mail for our Fund Drive Mailing.

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## Volunteer Fire Company saves Tax Payer's Money

Did you know that insurance companies rate the cost of insurance based upon how close a fire company is to your home, whether there are fire hydrants nearby, and if the fire company has volunteer or paid fire fighters? Eureka is rated between #6 and #7 which is pretty good for a rural fire company. Most rural fire companies are rated #9 & #10.

In addition, if our taxes had to pay for fire protection, your local tax bill would be 2-3x times higher. You have to consider that every volunteer saves us \$35,000 in salaries and benefits so the savings can really add up.

## Notes from Council President



During the past month, most of us have experienced a time of gift sharing. We are given a great gift of a new year full of empty pages. Your borough council will continue to do their best in making, careful decisions which affect us all. We always have to mind that you chose us to represent you. In retrospect, I offer this gift, courtesy of John Green Whittier, "Somehow, not only for Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you" Have a Great 2001!

## Notes from the Mayor—Snow Removal

### Snow Removal Ordinance:



The borough has a snow removal ordinance which requires that every person who owns, leases or occupies any building lot in the borough must clear away the snow & ice from their sidewalks to allow a safe pathway within (24) hours after the cessation of snow or ice. In cases where the snow or ice cannot be removed enough sand, cinder or similar material must be used to make travel reasonably safe. When possible the snow/ice should be removed. **The fine for failure to obey the snow removal ordinance will not exceed \$25.00 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed (10) days. Each day is considered a separate violation.** To find out more about snow emergency plans please watch channels 8, 21, 33 & 43 (Harrisburg & York Local News).

## Snow Emergency Routes / Phase 1 & Phase 2

**SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES:** Residents should be reminded that all roads located within the Stewartstown Borough area are considered Snow Emergency Routes.

**Phase 1—SNOW EMERGENCY:** During this phase there is "No Parking" on all borough roads including state roads and streets. In addition all vehicles must have snow tires, all season tires, chains or cables. Any cars left or abandoned in violation of the Phase 1 can and will be towed. All charges for towing & storage will be the responsibility of the vehicles owner.

**Phase 2—SNOW EMERGENCY:** All vehicle traffic is prohibited from the borough roads including state roads and streets. Violations of Phase 2 can result in fines up to \$100.

**Notifications:** To find out more about snow emergency plans please watch channel 8, 21, 33 & 43 (Harrisburg & York Local News).



## Stewartstown Historical Society—Flag Sale

### Sunday 2-4PM

The Stewartstown Historical Society has created a special Sesquicentennial flag to help celebrate our town's 150th Anniversary. This special, one time only, 36"x28" royal blue flag can be purchased for \$25.00.



Flags can be purchased at the Historical Society on Sundays or at the Borough Offices during the week from 9AM—3PM.. The Historical Society is located at 6 N. Main Street (the old Subway Shop) and next to the Borough Offices.

## Calendar of Events / Meetings:



### Borough Council Meetings – 7:30PM

Jan 2 / Feb 5 / Mar 5 / Apr 2 / May 7 / Jun 4 / Jul 2 / Aug 6 / Sep 4 / Oct 1 / Nov 5 / Dec 3

### Personnel / Police, Pub. Safety & Emergency Mgmt Committee – 7:00PM/7:30PM

Jan 8 / Feb 12 / Mar 12 / Apr 9 / May 14 / Jun 11 / Jul 9 / Aug 13 / Sep 10 / Oct 8 / Nov 12 / Dec 10

### Special Action / Sewer & Water Committee - 7:00PM/7:30PM

Jan 15 / Feb 19 / Mar 19 / Apr 16 / May 21 / Jun 18 / Jul 16 / Aug 20 / Sep 17 / Oct 15 / Nov 19 / Dec 17

### Public Property, Trash, Street Lights / Streets, Road, Storm Water - 7:00PM/7:30PM

Jan 22 / Feb 26 / Mar 26 / Apr 23 / May 29 / Jun 25 / Jul 16 / Aug 27 / Sep 24 / Oct 22 / Nov 26

### Planning Commission - 7:30PM

Jan 16 / Feb 20 / Mar 20 / Apr 17 / May 15 / Jun 19 / Jul 17 / Aug 21 / Sep 18 / Oct 16 / Nov 20 / Dec 18

### Zoning Hearing Board - 7:00PM (as needed)

Jan 18 / Feb 15 / Mar 15 / Apr 19 / May 17 / Jun 21 / Jul 19 / Aug 16 / Sep 20 / Oct 18 / Nov 15 / Dec 20

### Sewer/Water Authority Meeting - 7:30PM

Jan 24 / Feb 28 / Mar 28 / Apr 25 / May 23 / Jun 27 / Jul 25 / Aug 22 / Sep 26 / Oct 24 / Nov 28 / Dec 26

**Location:** All meetings are held in the meeting room of the Stewartstown Borough Office Building located at 6 N. Main Street. (next to AllFirst Bank)

**Note:** Please contact the borough office 2-3 days prior to a meeting if you would like to speak at a meeting. There are time limits for speakers; however, additional time may be granted if needed.

**Disability:** If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend any of the scheduled meetings and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate in the proceedings, please contact the borough office at 717-993-2963 to discuss how the council may best accommodate your needs.

## Stewartstown Borough Government Intent to Serve Application:

Would you be interested in serving your community. Please place a "X" mark next to those areas that you would be interested in serving:

- Borough Council: \_\_\_\_\_
- Planning Commission: \_\_\_\_\_
- Zoning Hearing Board: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sewer/Water Authority: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hopewell Area Recreation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Emergency Management: \_\_\_\_\_
- Civil Service Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like additional information about the various positions please contact the borough office at 993-2963.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send applications to the Borough Office.

## Council Members & Office Staff:

Wilberetta Gibbs – President, Guy Hook – Vice-President, Jeff Bruening, Louisa Jordan, Richard Nixon, Frank Paules, Mildred Pomraning and Mayor Richard Hall

- Borough Office Manager: Susan Grow
- Billing Clerk: Kelli Waltemire
- Office Clerk: Melissa Matthews
- Authority Chairman: Jeff Grow (Acting Chair)
- Zoning Officer: E. Michael Lee, Codes Enforcement
- Director of Public Works: Robert Hunt
- Chief of Police: Charles Reid II
- Animal Control Officer: Lorrie Bosley

## Are you new to Stewartstown?

If you are a new resident in Stewartstown and renting an apartment or individual house we ask that you contact the Borough Office (993-2963) so that we may update our records.

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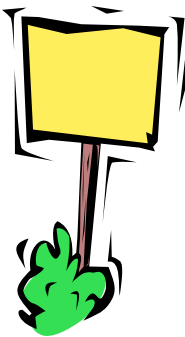
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### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

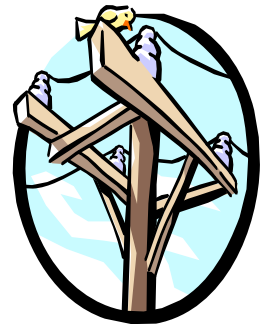
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## Signs, Signs Everywhere there are Signs..



While it would seem that everyone has put their Yard Sale, Birthday or House for Sale sign up on a utility pole lately, it should be noted that it is against Pennsylvania Law to post signs or outdoor advertising on any utility pole. It does not matter if you use tape, string, nails or staples. Basically if your sign is on a pole it is against the law.

In Stewartstown, residents are also required to remove these signs within 24 hours after the event. Fines up to \$50.00 per sign can be charged for signs left standing 24 hours after the event



## Vandalism on the Rise in Stewartstown

Over the past couple of weeks, reports of vandalism have increased to an alarming level. While I am sure we all agree that something should be done, now is your chance. It is important to note that only when a concerned resident contacts the police with information, can new leads be investigated. Without your help, we cannot help you. If you have any information about vandalism in the area you can contact our Police Department at 993-5308. All callers can remain anonymous.

