

# Stewartstown Borough Newsletter

April / May / June  
2002

## Springtime in Stewartstown Borough means:

### -Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, May 18th**, along with all your neighbors, host or visit all the yard sales throughout the borough. If you plan to host a yard sale, you will not need a permit for this one day. Please note there is no rain date set for this event.

As a reminder: If you plan to have a yard sale any day other than May 18th you will need to purchase a permit. Per Ordinance, a resident must purchase a permit, \$10.00 for the first yard sale and \$25.00 for the second in one calendar year. Each permit is good for two consecutive days. A fine will be assessed to residents who do not comply with this ordinance.

Why have a yard sale ordinance? The yard sale ordinance was initiated several years ago when a problem arose from perpetual yard sales. Imagine living next door to a neighbor who had a yard sale everyday, cars parking on your yard to walk next door and extra traffic on your street. You and other neighbors would be bothered especially if it was Main Street where parking is limited and traffic at times was at a stand still. Borough Council at the request of citizens enacted the yard sale ordinance which also requires a permit at a nominal fee of \$10 or \$25.

### -Large Trash Pick Up

**Saturday, June 1st**, is one of two dates set for our trash hauler Penn Waste Inc. to remove large trash items.

Please note the following items which will not be picked up by the trash collector: concrete material; mounted tires; poles over 4 feet in length; paint/stains/chemical solvents; batteries or major car parts.

Set all your items out Friday evening and the trash hauler will be out the next day to collect it. If by Sunday evening your items have not been collected call our office at 993-2963 ext. 280 and leave a message. Make sure you leave your name, address, and phone number. We will contact the hauler Monday morning and follow up with a phone call back to you.

If you miss this date, don't worry, a second date is set for Saturday, October 5th.



### -Street Cleaning

**Monday, May 13th and Tuesday, May 14th**, have been confirmed as street cleaning days in our borough. Please park your vehicles in your driveway or use other off-street parking where available during these two days.

### -Start Your Mowers



Don't forget: all weeds & grasses are not allowed to grow above six inches (6") in height.

Please see Page 2 for a complete reminder of this ordinance and other ordinances.

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### Special Points of Interest.

- Just Around the Corner is the General Primary Election - May 21st .
- Did you know that May is Senior Citizen Month? For more details contact Rosie Horton at 993-3488.
- Join your neighbors for Bingo Night at Eureka Fire Department. Every Thursday night at 7:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.
- Reminder—Eureka will soon be sending out the second mailing for "Fire" Donation Drive.

## Discontinuing Services in the Borough

Open Burning—will no longer take place within borough limits. Mayor Hall has withdrawn the two weeks a year in which residents could burn yard debris. Currently, we are under a county wide burn ban; however, once the drought ends, Stewartstown Borough will not renew its policy for open burning. Mayor Hall is taking this step as a safety precaution.

Sewer Plant Hose—will no

longer be available for individuals to wash cars or fill containers to take home to water plants.

The Department of Environmental Protection (D. E. P.) has instructed our borough to discontinue this practice. The plant discharge by permit is only "permitted" to go into the stream.

We are, however; attempting through state representatives to have this requirement eased during the drought.

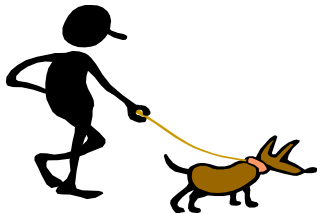


## Ordinance Reminders

All ordinances can be viewed in their entirety at the Borough Office. Copies may be purchased

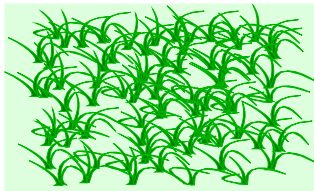


What is an Ordinance? It is a law enacted by a municipality. Our borough has many ordinances dating back 150 years.



Per Ordinance 1996-001 & 1994-003—**Weeds & Grasses:** All weeds & grasses are not allowed to grow above six inches (6") in height. In addition, the following weeds are not allowed to grow regardless of height: Marijuana, Chicory, Succory, Blue Daisy, Canadian Thistle, Multiflora Rose and Johnson Grass.

Per Ordinance 1990-003



**Abandoned Vehicles:** Abandoned vehicles are considered a nuisance in Stewartstown and violation of the nuisance ordinance is considered a criminal offence. A vehicle is considered abandoned if it does not have a current license plate, safety inspection sticker and a certificate of insurance. In addition, a vehicle that does not have an engine or cannot move on its own power can be considered an abandoned vehicle.

Per Ordinance 1996-003

**-House Numbers:** Borough residents are required to have house numbers on homes. House numbers must be at least three inches (3") in height so emergency personnel can easily find and identify the location.



Per Ordinance 2001-005—**Animal Defecation (Pooper Scooper):** It is the duty of the owner of any animal traversing upon public or private property other than property owned by the animal's owner to immediately remove any feces left behind by such animal. The feces is required to be carried away for disposal in a toilet or placed in a non-leaking container for deposit in a trash can or litter receptacle.

## New Ordinances

Ordinance 2002-001—**One-Way Street**— A one-way street has been established on East Pennsylvania Avenue from Main Street to Heather Drive in the eastward direction of travel. Once the street signs are posted it will be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle on any one-way street other than in the direction established for traffic. Please look for the one-way signs to be installed.



## West Nile Virus—How Much Do You Know?



What is West Nile Encephalitis? It is an inflammation of the brain caused by the West Nile Virus which is transmitted by mosquitoes.

During the summer months, mosquitoes are as common as backyard barbecues and swimming pools. Knowledge about mosquito biology and habitat can help to control these pests. Many things can be done to reduce your chance of being bitten by a mosquito:

- Get rid of any standing water in your backyard such as toys, tin cans, containers, ceramic pots, or used tires.



- turn over plastic swimming/wading pools or wheel barrows when not in use.

- Do not allow water to stagnate in bird-baths.

- Make sure windows and screens are "bug tight". Use fluorescent lights outdoors instead of incandescent lights.

To find out more about West Nile Encephalitis, West Nile Virus and how to limit your exposure to mosquitoes, contact the **Pennsylvania Department of Health** at 1-877-PA-HEALTH (877-724-3258) or [www.westnile.state.pa.us/](http://www.westnile.state.pa.us/)

Other resources include:

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm)

**Penn State Pesticide Education Program:** [www.pested.psu.edu/spWestNile.html/](http://www.pested.psu.edu/spWestNile.html/)

**Mosquitoes and Mosquito Repellents:** [www.acponline.org/journals/annals/01jun98/mosquito.htm](http://www.acponline.org/journals/annals/01jun98/mosquito.htm)

Also, proper chemical pellets for rain barrels can be purchased at relatively low cost from nurseries or hardware stores.

Our office also has an informational handout available at no charge.



## Stewartstown Police Department - The Inside Story

**Police Department Staff**  
 Mayor Richard Hall—Chief Charles Reid II  
 Officer Shawn Packard—Officer Larry Bailets  
 Officer Charles Dunn  
 Police Secretary, Mary Stanley

Two new officers were sworn in to active duty in January.

Officer Larry Bailets, Sr. joined the department as a School resource Officer for the South Eastern School District. He's a veteran law enforcement officer with thirty-four years of prior experience, which most recently has been with the North Hopewell Township Police Department where he served as Chief of Police until that department was disbanded in May of last year. Officer Bailets is a life long resident of York County and a graduate of Millersville University where he earned a Bachelors of Science degree in English. He later attended Temple University and earned a Master's degree in Educational and Public Administration as well as certifica-

tion as a secondary school principal. During his professional career, Officer Bailets spent sixteen years with the Dallastown Area School District as a teacher and high school administrator and fifteen years with the York County District Attorney's Office. He is married to Alicia, they have two children and live on a small farm in northern York county.

Officer Charles S. Dunn joined the department taking the place of Officer Utter. He was born and raised in Glen Burnie, Maryland. In 1988 he moved to Adams County with his parents and twin brother. There he attended Biglerville High School. It was there he became interested in law enforcement and met his wife, Nicole. Officer Dunn attended the Bradley Academy for the Visual

Arts in York PA. He graduated from the 80th Police Academy last November.

Currently our Police Department has one Police Chief and three officers. Stewartstown Borough Police Department services the borough, South Eastern School District, Cross Roads Borough and Winterstown Borough.

The Police Dept. has the supervision of Mayor Richard Hall. Mayor Hall lives on Charles Avenue in Stewartstown Borough and can be reached at his residence if any one has concerns regarding the Police Department.



## Curb Side Recycling Service



Borough residents have curb side recycling service. It is part of your trash removal service. Every Tuesday morning place your filled recycling bin out with your regular trash containers and a separate trash truck will be around to pick it up. You do not need to sort your recyclables, however; it is asked that you put all your newspaper in a bag or tie the bundle together with a string. If you do not have a green recycling bin, stop by our office and we will provide one for you. If you can not make it to our office during business hours, please let us know and we can drop one off at your home during the day.

**What can be recycled?** Aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic bottles and containers with a #1 or #2 indicated on them, newspapers, all clear green or brown glass bottles, and brown cardboard.

**What cannot be recycled?** Cereal boxes, salad/deli trays, TV dinner trays, pie plates or food tubes.

The best thing about recycling next to saving the environment is that the more you recycle the more grant money the borough receives which helps to keep the cost of your trash removal down.

## Animal Control Service



Stewartstown Borough for the 2002 Calendar year has contracted with a new Animal Control Officer and we are expecting that this change will provide an improved level of service to the community.

**Contacting the Animal Control Officer:** To report a stray animal you should contact the Borough's new Animal Control Officer, Terry Hemler/ACS 717-235-6213. If you think your animal may have been picked up by the Animal Control Officer please call Terry Hemler or the Red Lion Animal Rescue League 717-244-9747.

**Identification Tags:** All dogs, cats and other common household pets are now required to wear an identification tag indicating the owners name, address and phone number. In addition, as

required by Pennsylvania State law, all dogs must be wearing a valid dog license and rabies vaccination tag. All cats must be wearing a current and valid rabies tag. Without these identification tags our Animal Control Officer may not be able to return your pet to you.

It is important to note that many times the stray animal you see in your yard is not really a stray but someone's pet that has wandered off the owners property without their knowledge. The new ordinance now allows for fines to be issued

if an owner allows their pets to stray off their property and onto the property of others. The Animal Control officers when contacted will have the authority to seize any animal that is not properly tagged and found to be running at large.



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General Questions Ext.- 201  
Recreation Board Ext.- 290  
Missed Trash Service Ext.- 280

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

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Jeff Bruening, and Mildred Pomraning

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Steve Mummert—Asst. Water Operator  
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**[www.stewartstown.org](http://www.stewartstown.org)**  
**[www.stewartstown.org/police](http://www.stewartstown.org/police)**

## Calendar of Meeting Dates



| <b>Council :</b> Apr. 1, May 6, Jun. 3                       | <b>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b>                   | <b>START TIME</b> | <b>DATES</b>             |
|--|---|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Meetings held— first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm         | <b>Personnel Committee</b>                  | 7:00 pm           | Apr. 8, May 13, Jun. 10  |
|  | <b>Police &amp; Public Safety Committee</b> | 7:30 pm           |                          |
| <b>Sewer &amp; Water Authority:</b> Apr. 17, May 15, Jun. 19 | <b>Junior Council Meeting</b>               | 6:30 pm           | Apr. 15 May 20, Jun. 17  |
| Meetings held— first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm      | <b>Public Property, Refuse, and</b>         |                   |                          |
| <b>Planning Commission:</b> Apr. 16, May 21, Jun. 18         | <b>Street Lights, Committee</b>             | 7:00 pm           |                          |
| Meetings held— third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm        | <b>Streets, Roads, &amp; Storm Water</b>    | 7:30 pm           |                          |
| <b>Zoning Hearings:</b> Apr. 18, May 16, Jun. 20             | <b>Special Action/Newsletter Comm.</b>      | 7:00 pm           | Apr. 22, May 28, Jun. 24 |
| Meetings held— third Thursday of each month if needed        | <b>Sewer &amp; Water Committee</b>          | 7:30 pm           |                          |



All meetings are held at the Borough Hall Building located at 6 N. Main Street in Stewartstown. Meeting dates and times can also be found on our web page. All meetings are open to the public. If you wish to speak at a meeting, call ahead of time to be placed on the agenda. If you leave a message, make sure you provide your name, address and phone number in case we need to contact you if a meeting is canceled or we need further information. Also indicate the issues you wish to discuss.

