

Summer Time Newsletter

This newsletter is presented to borough residents along with township residents who are on our public water and sewer system. Enclosed in this newsletter for our customer's review is the annual Consumer Confidence Report. Not all articles relate to all recipients of this newsletter. Please check with your municipality.

Special points of interest:

- Report Borough street lights that don't work correctly to 993-2963 ext 201
- Questions regarding the Eureka Carnival can be directed to Ira Walker Jr. at 993-2963 ext 204
- Eureka EMS Subscription Coming Soon—Please take time to read the information sent to you and mail your check/ subscription form as soon as possible.
- If you would like to volunteer with Eureka, contact Fire Chief Ira Walker Jr. at 993-2963 ext 204.

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Community Summer Events

Fireworks—Sunday, July 4th

Sponsored by the Hopewell Area Parks and Recreation Board.

Where:

Community Fairgrounds,
16 College Avenue (SR 851)



Time: 9:30 pm.

Rain Date will be: July 5th

Eureka Carnival—July 19th through July 24th

Stewartstown Fairgrounds

Featured Bands:

Dana Alexandra Mon. July 19 Family Night

Stone Broke Band Tues. July 20 Family Night

Marlin's Good Time Music Wed. July 21 Family Night

McKabe's Thurs. July 22 Family Night

Shiloh Ridge Fri. July 23

Borderline Sat. July 24 Parade 4:30pm

Food:

Hamburgers

Pit Beef

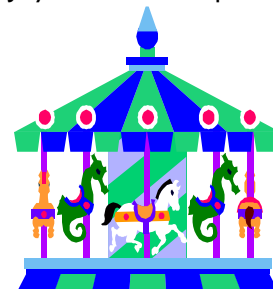
Fish & Fries

Sausage

Funnel Cakes

Ice Cream

Pizza / Hot Dogs



Eureka's Fireman's Parade will be Saturday, July 24th starting at 4:30 pm.

Games:

Nightly 50/50

Cash Bingo

Midway Games

Horse Races

Fall Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th

No yard sale permits are required for the Community Yard Sale.

A second Large Trash Collection is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd.

This may change, please see article below.

Hey, Why Didn't They Pick Up My Trash?

If you had to pick a top ten list of items that are really frustrating, chances are you would include finding your trash bags still at the curb after returning home at the end of the day. So why was it missed?

First – It's not personal.

Stewartstown Borough contracts with a trash/recycle hauler. Usually on each pick-up day, we have the same drivers/haulers, who know the borough streets and do a good job. Normally when someone is missed, it is due to a

new driver/hauler. This problem usually occurs during weeks containing a holiday. This past Memorial Day we experienced major problems: 1) a holiday and 2) large trash pick up. According to our contract specifications, unless a holiday falls on a pick-up day (Tuesday or Friday), our pick-up schedule does not change. Our contracted hauler has stated that the majority of municipal contracts they handle allow changes to their pick-up days during weeks containing a holiday.

They have requested that Borough Council amend its contract to allow for the same scheduling changes. This would mean that each week containing any of the six major holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day) that do not fall on a Saturday or Sunday would change/shift our collection days.

“2004 Water
System of the Year
Award”

Water System Nomination / Operators Certification Act

Water System Nomination.

The Stewartstown Borough Authority is pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association has nominated it for the “2004 Water System of the Year Award”. This nomination is presented to the staff and board for providing high quality water treatment and service to Authority customers. The Authority recognizes all of the Borough employees who have shown dedication, professionalism, and concern for the water system, as described in the nomination.

Operator’s Certification Act.

The Operators Certification Act (House Bill 1830) was signed on February 21, 2002 and is known as Act 11. Under the Act 11 provisions, non-transient noncommunity water systems (systems that regularly serve at least 25 of the same persons over six months during a year) are required to have a certified operator. Currently, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulates these drinking water systems, but did not previously require operators to be state-certified. This legislation also requires owners to employ certified operators to improve the performance of waste-

water collection systems. In addition to providing for suitable operation of the water or wastewater system, certified operators must meet requirements for certification/recertification, including continuing education requirements. This continuing education requirement must be met in courses approved by DEP and within the established timeframes. There is no grace period. Stewartstown Borough is pleased that it has met these requirements for some time for a certified operator in both water and wastewater and that they are already taking courses to meet their continuing education requirements.

Water Leaks are Costly and Preventable.

Keeping track of your water usage is important. You can save money and conserve water by checking for leaks and keeping an eye on your water meter vs. your water remote. Checking for leaks is vital because you may not be able to hear water leaking from your toilet or water heater. To check your toilet, add a few drops of dye/food coloring into the tank and leave it set for 15 min. If the dye/food coloring shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.

Any color of dye/food coloring is ok to use; however, avoid using yellow for obvious reasons. When leaving your home for an extended period of time, turn off your water supply to the house. This is done by locating the shut off valve located near the water meter in your basement. Take the time to compare readings from past water bills to make sure your usage hasn’t changed dramatically. You can watch your usage by viewing the reading on the water meter. Approximately 55 gal. per day is used on

each individual. A family of four would then use approx. 200 gal. per day. Also, please remember that meter readers need access to both the meter in the basement and the remote reader on the exterior. Please trim any weeds or bushes that may interfere. Contact our office with questions or concerns at 717-993-2963 ext 204.

We would be glad to help with locating your meter/remote and detecting any possible leaks.



**Don’t throw money
down the toilet.
Check for leaks.**

**A simple dye test
can save you
money and help
conserve a pre-
cious resource.**



Hey, Why Didn’t They Pick Up My Trash? (continued from Page 1)

For example: Memorial Day falls on a Monday – that week our collection days would be Wednesday and Saturday;

Thanksgiving Day falls on a Thursday – pick-up day would be Saturday.

The contractor/hauler would use Saturday and Sunday to catch up on collections during weeks containing a holiday so the following week would be back on a normal schedule.

The other problem is Large Trash Pick-up. Our contracted hauler has stated that the majority of municipal contracts they handle have eliminated large/bulk trash pick up dates. Instead residents are allowed to put out one large/bulk trash item each week. For Stewartstown Borough that day would be Friday. Instead of allowing six bags or containers to be placed at the curb, each resident would be able to substitute one bag or container for one large/bulk trash item.

Borough Council is considering these amendments during the month of July.

If you would like to have input on this issue you can send an e-mail to office@stewartstown.org or write a note/letter to the borough and send it by mail to:

Stewartstown Borough, 6 N. Main Street, Suite A, Stewartstown PA 17363

or drop it off to our office staff. If you can’t make to the office during the day, we have an overnight drop box located on the side of the building.

Please put all of your correspondence on this issue to the attention of: Refuse Committee.

Borough Council’s goal is to provide this service to its residents at a reasonable price and prevent as many problems as possible. Until our contract expires the quarterly cost will remain the same. The current contract expires November 2005. The quarterly bill you pay is based on the contract price. With the previous contract, the quarterly service cost was \$27.50.

The current contract raised quarterly fees to \$35.50. The requested changes have not been voted on by Borough Council. Therefore, until further notice our collection days will remain the same.

New Ordinances

Since our last newsletter the following Ordinances have been passed by Borough Council:

2004-002—Providing for the removal of ice and snow from sidewalks and buildings, specifying the requirements of the snow emergency plan Phase 1 & 2 and providing for penalties. This Ordinance replaces Ordinance No. 1996-007 and 2002-004.

2004-003—Enacting rules and procedures for parades on Borough streets. All Ordinances are available at the Borough Office.

Proposed Open Burning Ordinance

Borough Council has plans to adopt an Ordinance at the August 2nd Council meeting. This Ordinance will allow residents to open burn during the months of April and November. It will also address prohibited burning, permitted fires, and penalties for any violation of this ordinance. A draft ordinance is available for review at the office.



Stewartstown Borough Police Department



Officer George Cunningham was hired on June 1st 2004.

George grew up in Eastern Baltimore County Maryland and graduated from Patapsco Senior High School in 1972. He now resides in Harford County Maryland with his wife Nancy of 25 years. George brings with him over 25 years of law enforcement experience, professionalism, integrity and a superior work ethic as well as a commitment to excellence. He is a retired law enforcement officer from Baltimore City Maryland. He has attended several law enforcement classes through out his career and continues his training to date. George has received several commendations, letters and officer of the year awards during his career. He is honored to be a member of Stewartstown's Police Dept. and looks forward to serving our citizens.

Police Depart. Staff

Chief Charles Reid

Officers:

Larry Bailets

George Cunningham

David Brown

Secretary

Mary Stanley

Police Dept. Phone:

717-993-5308

Emergency—911



Reminder: 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.

Posting Signs On Utility Poles

Pennsylvania State Law prohibits the use of metal fasteners to secure signs of any kind on utility poles. A person may be guilty of a summary offense if he/she drives nails, tacks, or any metal or hard substance to or into any public utility pole. Advertisements, signs, announcements, etc. should NOT be posted on utility poles at any time. Nails, staples or other metal fasteners used to attach signs to the poles can be hazardous to our workers who must climb these poles to repair or maintain the equipment. After a period of time the metal fasteners rust off and become sharp objects that may puncture holes in the protective equipment worn by the linemen which may cause serious injury or death. If you want to attach any sign or advertisement, make sure you secure it with tape or string. Also, once your event is over, remove your sign so it does not become trash along our streets.

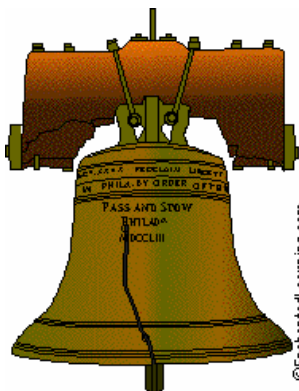
"A person may be guilty of a summary offense if he/she drives metal fasteners into a public utility pole."



Title 18 Crimes and Offences—§ 6905. Nails and other hard substances attached to utility poles.

(a) Offense defined.—A person is guilty of a summary offense if he drives a nail or tack or attaches any metal or hard substance to or into any pole of any public utility pole line.

Pennsylvania Trivia



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The Liberty Bell is a huge bronze bell that symbolizes freedom in the United States of America. This historic bell is located in Philadelphia. The bell was originally cast in 1752 in London, England. It was commissioned as a bell for the Pennsylvania State House (now called Independence Hall).

The Crack: The bell first cracked during a test ringing. After cracking, the bell was recast twice in 1753 in Philadelphia by John Pass and John Stow (the old bell was broken up and melted down, more copper was added to the metal alloy to make it less brittle, and the bell was re-cast). The restored bell was probably rung at the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia (on July 8, 1776). It rang to announce many important events in early American history, including Presidential elections and deaths. The bell cracked again on July 8, 1835, while being rung at the funeral of John Marshall, the fourth Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The crack's dimensions are 24.5 inches long by 1/2 inch wide.

Inscriptions on the Bell: Across the top of the bell is the inscription, "PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF LEV. XXV X." Under this reads, "BY ORDER OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA [sic] FOR THE STATE HOUSE IN PHILAD^A." Lower on the bell are the inscriptions, "PASS AND STOW," the last names of the founders who cast the bell (John Pass and John Stow). Beneath this is "PHILAD^A," short for Philadelphia. The lowest inscription is the Roman numerals MDCCLIII (1753), the year the bell was re-cast.

Stewartstown Borough July/August/September 2004

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Utility Billing Ext.- 202
Sewer/Water Emergency Ext.- 204
Recreation Board Ext.- 290
Missed Trash Service Ext.- 280
Emergency Management Ext.- 285

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

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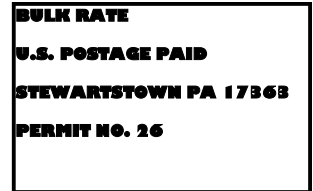
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Wayne Bush—Asst. Sewer Operator
Tommy Shaull—Asst. Sewer Operator



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Calendar of Meeting Dates



Meetings:	Dates:	Times:	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	START TIME	DATES
Council *(Tues.)	Jul. 6*, Aug. 2, Sep. 7*	First Monday of each month at	Personnel Committee	7:00 pm	Jul. 12, Aug. 9, Sep. 8 2nd Monday of the month
Sewer & Water Authority	Jul. 21, Aug. 18, Sep. 15	Third Wednesday of each month at	Police & Public Safety Committee ,	7:30 pm	Jul. 12, Aug. 9, Sep. 8 2nd Monday of the month
Planning Commission	Jul. 20, Aug. 17, Sep. 21	Third Tuesday of each month at	Junior Council Meeting	6:30 pm	None Scheduled over the summer months
Zoning Hearings	Jul. 15, Aug. 19, Sep. 16 as needed	Third Thursday of each month if	Public Property, Refuse, and Street Lights,	7:00 pm	Jul. 19, Aug. 16, Sep. 20 3rd Monday of the month
			Streets, Roads, & Storm Water	7:30 pm	Jul. 19, Aug. 16, Sep. 20 3rd Monday of the month
			Special Action/Rec. Board	7:00 pm	Jul. 26, Aug. 23, Sep. 27 4th Monday of the month
			Sewer & Water	7:30 pm	Jul. 26, Aug. 23, Sep. 27 4th Monday of the month

All meetings are held at the Borough Building 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 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.