

Stewartstown Borough

Fourth Quarter Newsletter Oct. Nov. Dec. 2004

Changes in Sewer Rates

For several months, the Authority has been discussing the feasibility of changing sewer rates from the current flat rate of \$92 per EDU (term similar to dwelling) to a combination flat rate plus variable rate, while keeping sewer revenue the same.

At the September 15, 2004 public Authority meeting, the Authority passed a resolution changing the sewer rate structure. The flat rate portion of the revised sewer rate was based on the fixed costs to the Authority (e.g., salaries and other fixed costs that exist regardless of sewer flow).

The variable rate portion was based on the costs to the Authority that depend on how much sewer is treated (i.e., based on the flow).

The change in the rates will go into effect as follows:

(1) the month of December 2004 will be pro-rated and be billed as one month of the current flat rate of \$92 per quarter, or will be \$30.66 per EDU for that month.

This bill will be sent on February 1st, 2005.

(2) the new rates will go into effect beginning January 1st, 2005. So, the sewer bill for the months of January, February, and March will be mailed on May 1st, 2005 and based on the flat rate portion plus the water meter readings for these months.

The new sewer rates for residential customers will be:

\$68.00 for each EDU per quarter (which will include the first 3,000 gals of sewer use measured by your water meter) plus \$2.12/1000 gals for all use over 3,000 gals that quarter.

For homes not connected to the public water system and with private wells, the charge will be \$68.00 plus \$42.00 per quarter. However, these owner's may opt to purchase a water meter from the Authority, to be installed by the customer, at a cost of \$245.00. They may then be billed using the water meter readings.

Special points of interest:

- **Daylight Savings Time Ends Saturday, October 31th** Please remember to check and/or change batteries in your smoke detectors.
- **Christmas Tree Collection** - All trees need to be placed curbside with the regular trash collection. The trees must be in plain view for the collection crews.
- **Fire Prevention Week**—October 3rd to 9th Open House at Eureka is Saturday, October 9th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- **Second large trash pick up is Saturday, October 2nd.** You can put your large trash out no earlier than Friday, October 1st at noon.

Need to File a Complaint?

If there is an issue or concern you would like to tell officials about you can file a complaint with our office. All complaints must be signed by the person filing the complaint. A complaint form is available to print out from the "Current Events" section of our web page using Adobe Acrobat. You can also mail in or drop off a signed written letter explaining your complaint. Complaints are directed to the proper committee or board.

A Sampling of Sewer Rates is:

Use (gals/quarter)	Rate (\$/quarter)
3,000	\$68.00
6,000	\$74.36
10,000	\$82.84
14,000	\$91.32
18,000	\$99.80
20,000	104.04

West Pennsylvania Street Project

The W. Penn Street project for 2004 included base repair of identified weak spots in the street pavement between George Street and the Fypon entrance, adjustment of four manhole tops, application of a bituminous leveling course and the installation of a new bitumi-

nous surface course. In the process of installing the new surface course a rolled curb was added along the south side of the street to keep water off the adjoining properties and on the street where it can be collected by existing inlets. The new surface was also shaped near several existing inlets to improve the collection of

stormwater.

The total cost of the project was \$17,106.94 which was paid out of the Borough's Liquid Fuels Fund. The Borough receives Liquid Fuel Funds from the state from taxes paid at the fuel pumps. Borough Council is considering re-paving Fulton and Ovelton in 2005.

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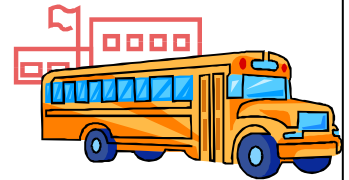
STEWARTSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT (717)-993-5308 **MAYOR RICHARD R. HALL** **CHIEF CHARLES REID II**

Stewartstown Borough Police Department welcomes Officer Kory Saylor. Officer Saylor is 27 years old and has been married to his wife Rebecca, for one year. He grew up in the small town of Yorkana and graduated from Eastern York High School in 1996. He went to Thaddeus Steven’s College of Tech. for metal fabrication. He also served in the United States Air Force. His interests are hunting, fishing and other sports. He recently graduated from H.A.C.C. Police Academy and is looking forward to serving our community.

Know School Bus Safety - Drive Smart and Safe

- You **MUST STOP** when approaching a school bus from either direction when the red lights above the windshield are flashing and the stop sign is activated from the side of the bus.
- Be prepared to stop when approaching a school bus with amber flashing lights. Be particularly watchful of children running towards the school bus.
- Watch for children coming from the front or behind the school bus.
- Observe the posted 15mph speed limit in a school zone at all times.
- Be extra careful during bad weather. Watch for children who may slip and fall into your path.

Police Department Staff:
 Mayor Richard Hall—993-2812
 Chief Charles Reid II
 Officer Larry Bailets
 Officer Kory Saylor
 Officer George Cunningham
 Police Secretary Mary Stanley



Ordinance Reminders



Snow Removal (2002-004)
 Anyone who owns, leases or occupies any building lot in the borough must clear away the snow and 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, sand, cinder or similar material must be used to make travel reasonably safe. Fine for non-compliance is \$25.00 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 10 days. Each day is considered a separate violation.

Snow Emergency (1964-003) All streets within the borough are considered Snow Emergency Routes. The ordinance contains two phases:



1. During this phase there is No Parking on all borough streets including state roads. All vehicles must have snow tires, all-season tires, chains or cables. Any cars parked or abandoned on borough streets will be in violation of the ordinance and will be towed. All charges for towing and storage will be the responsibility of the vehicle’s owner.

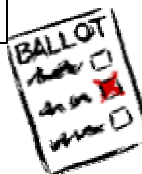
2. All vehicle traffic is prohibited from the borough roads including state roads. Violation of this phase can result in fines up to \$100.00.

Notifications: When a snow emergency is put into effect, the Police Dept. by order of the Mayor will send a statement to channels 8, 21, 33 and 43 (Harrisburg & York News Stations). The snow emergency stays in effect until the snow has been removed from the streets. If you have questions concerning a snow emergency, contact the Police Dept. at 993-5308.

Open Burning—Once Again, Available in the Borough



Ordinance 2004-008, referred to as the “Open Burning” Ordinance permits the enforcement, exceptions and penalties of when and how you can burn materials outdoors and was adopted by council on August 2nd. In essence, you can burn yard debris during the month of April and the month of November as long as you adhere to the situations and conditions set forth in the ordinance. Borough Council may at any time revoke permission to open burn for such reasons as drought or adverse weather conditions. The Fire Chief is authorized to act on behalf of the Borough to permit individual requests to open burn during the specified allotted time and any special request received during the remainder of the year. If you plan to open burn you must contact the Fire Chief each day you burn. Failure to contact and receive permission from the Fire Chief will result in a violation of the ordinance. Violating any part of the ordinance shall constitute a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00. The ordinance is available in its entirety at the Borough Office. To contact the Fire Chief about open burning please call 717-993-2963 ext 220. Leave a message containing your address, phone number and the date(s) you will be burning.



Don’t forget!

The General Election.
Tuesday, November 2nd
 Polls open at
7:00 am and
 close at **8:00 pm.**



HOLIDAY EVENTS

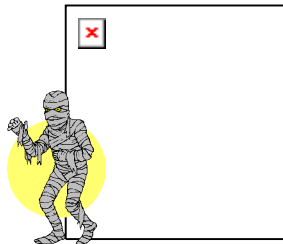
Trick or Treat Night in the Borough is Saturday October 30th 6:00 pm to 8:00



PICK UP A FREE METALLIC TRICK OR TREAT BAG AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE.

Walk through the Haunted Castle on Trick or Treat Night. Visit the Mummy, who may want to have you for a bite. Hurry through the dark spooky corridor to get to the graveyard. There more spooks will greet you to give you your reward.

The Haunted Castle will be open from 6pm until 8pm on Saturday, Oct. 30th at the Borough Building—6 N. Main Street.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS CONTACT THE BOROUGH OFFICE AT 993-2963

Everyone,
any age, is
welcome!



Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at the borough building from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon on Dec. 11th. Tell Santa if you have been naughty or nice. Have a cookie, a cup of hot chocolate and take home a free Polaroid photo of your visit.



Eureka Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company



Santa will toss fruit & candy from Eureka's Fire Engine, Sat., Dec. 18th (Borough) and Sun. Dec. 19th (Township) starting around 10am both days.

The second mailing of the Ambulance Subscription will be coming out soon. Please be sure to mail it back to Eureka as soon as possible. Remember the Fire Donation mailings will be out in Jan. 05..



Eureka Basket Bingo/Oct. 29th/Doors open at 5:30 pm/Games start at 7pm/Tickets \$12 at door. Please note—Some companies and/or businesses match charitable contributions. Please check with your employer to see if they do this.

Potential Safety Hazard—Cesspools & Dry Wells

Prior to the establishment of a sewage treatment plant here in Stewartstown in 1974, most of the older homes in town used cesspools or dry wells. A hole approximately 8x8x8 feet was dug in the back yard, usually between 30 and 50 feet from the back of the house. A pipe was laid from the house to the hole to carry the sewage. The hole was then lined with bricks and a cap of concrete or wood was laid on top. Some have actually been found with old automobiles in them instead of brick linings. Dirt was then filled in over the top, usually about 10 or 12 inches thick. Over time, meaning 30+ years, the cap could weaken or collapse, leaving just the dirt. The area usually sinks a little to form a "dip" in your yard. If you notice such a dip, further investigation may be necessary to determine whether or not action may be warranted. Two were discovered in the backyard of Councilman Guy Hook who lives at 37 N. Main. The two areas were found when Councilman Hook excavated to install a swimming pool. Councilman Hook's next door neighbor just recently fell through a collapsed cesspool. The neighbor noticed a dip in his yard and when he stepped on the spot, his foot went through, making a hole big enough for a small child to fall completely through. Several truck loads of dirt were needed to fill in this cavity. If you suspect such a potential safety hazard in your yard, call a plumber to see if there is evidence of a pipe from the house to the area in question.



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Utility Billing Ext.- 202
 General Questions Ext.- 201
 Recreation Board Ext.- 290
 Missed Trash Service Ext.- 280

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

Borough Council:
 Wilberetta Gibbs—President
 Guy Hook—Vice President
 Frank Paules, Richard Nixon, Marsha England,
 Jeff Bruening, and Mildred Pomraning

Mayor Richard R. Hall
 Authority Chairperson-Jeff Grow
 Zoning Hearing Board Chairperson-Bonner Smith
 Civil Service Commission Chairperson—Harry Lytle
 Planning Commission Chairperson—Lona Full

Borough Staff:
 Susan Grow—Borough Administrator
 Kelli Waltemire-Billing Clerk
 Melissa Matthews-Asst. Secretary
 Robert Hunt-Director of Public Works
 Ira Walker Jr.— Asst. Director of Public Works
 Michael Smithson- Asst. Water Operator
 Tracy Baldwin-Sewer Operator
 Wayne Bush-Asst. Sewer Operator
 Tommy Shaull—Asst. Sewer Operator

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M E E T I N G D A T E S	OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
	4TH MON. COUNCIL	1ST MON. COUNCIL	6TH MON. COUNCIL			
	19TH TUES. PLANNING COMM.	16TH TUES. PLANNING COMM.	21STH TUES. PLANNING COMM.			
	20TH WED. AUTHORITY	17TH WED. AUTHORITY	15TH WED. AUTHORITY			
	Above meetings begin at 7:30 pm					
	COMMITTEE MEETINGS:					
	11TH PERSONNEL 7:00PM POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY 7:30PM	8TH PERSONNEL 7:00PM POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY 7:30PM	13TH PERSONNEL 7:00PM POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY 7:30PM			
	18TH PUBLIC PROPERTY REFUSE 7:00 PM STREETS/ROADS STORM WATER 7:30 PM	15TH PUBLIC PROPERTY REFUSE 7:00 PM STREETS/ROADS STORM WATER 7:30 PM	20TH PUBLIC PROPERTY REFUSE 7:00 PM STREETS/ROADS STORM WATER 7:30 PM			
	25TH SPECIAL ACTION RECREATION 7:00 PM SEWER /WATER 7:30 PM	22TH SPECIAL ACTION RECREATION 7:00 PM SEWER /WATER 7:30 PM	27TH SPECIAL ACTION RECREATION 7:00 PM SEWER /WATER 7:30 PM			