

Stewartstown Borough Newsletter

April / May / June
2005

Springtime Community Events in Stewartstown Borough

-Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 21st. Permits are waived for this event. Please note there is no rain date set for this event; however a second community yard sale is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 25th. If you plan to have a yard sale any day other than these two days 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.

-Voting - Tuesday, May 17th, is the Municipal Primary Election. Borough resident's who are registered voters can vote at the borough building. Polls open at 7 am and close at 8pm. Remember, voting is a privilege of all U.S. Citizens.



- Large Trash Pick Up

Saturday, June 4th, is one of two dates set for our trash hauler to remove large trash items. The other date is Oct. 2nd. 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.



-Street Cleaning

Wednesday, April 27th and Thursday, April 28th, 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.



Stewartstown Borough Authority 2004 Progress Report

The Authority reports on the following progress for 2004:

- Passed a resolution changing sewer rates from the current flat rate to a rate based on sewer use. This is revenue neutral, meaning rates were calculated to keep the revenue to the Authority the same.
- Nominated by the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association for the "2004 Water System of the Year Award". This nomination was presented to the staff and board for providing high quality water treatment and service to Authority customers.
- Received and replied to comments by DEP on the permit application for the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) expansion. Comments were received in May 2004 and November 2004. Following the issuance of construction permits by DEP, detailed plans and specifications for bidding the construction will occur.
- Began working with the Borough to obtain financing for the

WWTP expansion. The payments on the loan or bond issue will be paid through Authority sewer revenues.

The Authority continued to work with Hopewell Township to resolve differences in the Act 537 plan implementation. The Act 537 plan is a DEP required plan of municipalities (the Borough and Hopewell Township). It must describe the method of future sewer service within the planning area to ensure that residences with failed septic tank systems can be provided sewer. Hopewell Township chose to use the Stewartstown Borough Authority to provide sewage and water services to those residences near Stewartstown. The Authority, Borough, and Township have recently agreed to execute an Agreement to facilitate the Act 537 plan implementation.

In 2005, the Authority is planning the following: that the WWTP expansion construction permit will be issued by DEP; a new vehicle will be purchased through the City of Harrisburg piggyback program; mixing systems for the water towers will be bid; and the water towers will be provided recoating and repairs.

Finally, some water/sewer tips for 2005:

- Try to flush your water heater every 6 months to improve efficiency and your water heater lifespan.
- Try not to dump any grease products down the drain, even if you have a garbage disposal.
- Never dump antifreeze or other household chemicals down the drain.

Water Main Flushing will take place this spring. Look for our advertisement in the local York Newspaper.

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Special Points of

Interest.

- Join your neighbors for Bingo Night at Eureka Fire Department. Every Thursday night at 7:00pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.
- Reminder—Don't forget to send in your "Fire" Donation Drive to Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Co.
- Reminder—Don't forget to check your smoke detectors and change those batteries.

Per Ordinance 2004-001:


 Borough residents are permitted to have two (2) yard sales per household in a calendar year. The maximum duration of a yard sale is two (2) consecutive days. The yard sale must be held within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of a yard sale permit. Permits for yard sales can be purchased at the Borough Office. If you can not get to the office during business hours, send in \$10.00 for your first yard sale or \$25.00 for your second yard sale along with your name and address. We will mail you back a permit.



You also have the responsibility to remove any and all signs promoting yard sales or special events from the Borough right of way. All signs fliers, posters and bulletins must be removed within three (3) days after the event was to be held. Penalties are provided for violation of any part of the Ordinance.

Ordinance Reminders

All ordinances can be viewed in their entirety at the Borough Office. Copies may be purchased. Some ordinances can be viewed on our web site.

 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 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.



Per Ordinance 1990-003

Abandoned Vehicles: Abandoned vehicles are considered a nuisance in Stewartstown and violation of the nuisance ordinance is considered a criminal offense. 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 and contrast in color with the house so emergency personnel can easily find and identify the location.

Per Ordinance 2001-003 which is also known as the "Mosquito Control Ordinance", residents are not permitted to allow the collection of water in areas such as: ditches, pools, ponds, streams, excavations, holes, fountains, cisterns, tanks, shallow wells, barrels, troughs, urns, cans, boxes, bottles, tubs, buckets, miscellaneous junk, receptacles of any kind or other containers or devices that may hold water. Violations of this ordinance can be enforced by the Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator or the Police Dept. Corrective actions can include removing the standing water or treating the water with pellets of larvae insecticide. Violation of any provision of this ordinance shall constitute a summary criminal offense and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25).



 **Water Remote (located outside)**

There still seems to be some confusion about water meters and outside remotes. Almost every house has both an inside water meter and an outside remote.

- The water meter, which is located inside of your home, usually in the basement, records the actual amount of water which has been used.
- The remote is located on the outside of your home and was installed so that our employees can read your meter without having to actually go into your home. Most of the remotes are computerized which eliminates discrepancies in recording water usage.

We are currently replacing the older remotes which have numbers instead of computer chips. All customers are billed based on the amount of water used which passes through the inside water meter. The amount is then recorded on the outside remote and read by our employees.

If you have a question about the location of the meter or remote or need to be shown how to read the equipment, please call our office and we will be happy to give you the necessary information.

Marsha England, Chairperson Sewer & Water Committee.

 **Water Meter (located inside)**

New / Proposed Ordinances

Borough Council has advertised to pass an amended Nuisance Ordinance which prohibits nuisances of all types either previously stated in an Ordinance plus several new items.

The following proposed Ordinance includes:

- General Nuisances
- Storage of Certain Motor Vehicles Prohibited
- Vegetative Growth a Nuisance Under Certain Conditions
- Dangerous Buildings
- Trash as a Nuisance
- Skateboards as a Nuisance
- Pets
- Noise as a Nuisance
- Penalties for each violation are assessed as required under PA R.Crim.P. No. 454 of fines no less than \$100.00 and no more than \$300.00 per violation. Default of payment of such fines will requirement imprisonment of not more than ten days.

Borough Council will hold a special Council Meeting on Monday, April 11th to adopt this Ordinance. The meeting will take place at the Borough building and begin at 6:30 pm. All meetings are open to the public.



Stewartstown Police Department

Stewartstown Borough Police Department welcomes a new officer. Jesse Knott recently joined the Stewartstown Police Department. Originally from Worcester, MA, Jesse joins the Department with 3 years of experience gained while working for Howard County Police Department and the University of Maryland College Park Police Department. Jesse has a BA in Criminal Justice from Saint Anselm College. Jesse and his wife Sara reside in the York area with their two dogs, Butch and Diva.

Police Department Staff

Chief Charles Reid II
 Officer Larry Bailets
 Officer George Cunningham
 Officer Kory Saylor
 Officer Jesse Knott III
 Police Secretary, Mary Stanley

Skateboarding Prohibited

The Police Department wants to remind residents of Ordinance No. 2003-002 which prohibits the use of skateboards on public sidewalks, streets, **posted commercial property** and other designated areas in the borough of Stewartstown. Officers will begin issuing citations to violators with a \$25 fine **plus** any other Court costs. Please discuss this ordinance with your children since no warnings will be issued.



May—Open Burning Permitted

Stewartstown Borough Council only authorizes open burning with the exception of cooking and entertainment fires for a period of time designated by Borough Council to be the month of May and the month of November of each year. Borough Council may at any time revoke permission to open burn for such reasons as drought conditions or adverse weather conditions. Borough Council authorizes the Fire Chief to act as its agent to permit on individual requests to open burn during the specified allotted time for open burning and any special request received during the remainder of the year. The Fire Chief may refuse any and all requests due to adverse weather conditions such as high winds or a long period of dry weather.



Any persons requesting to open burn **must** contact the Fire Chief **each** time such persons wish to open burn during the designated period authorized by Borough Council. Failure to contact and receive permission to open burn from the Fire Chief will result in a violation of this Ordinance 2004-008 and will be subject to penalties and fines as outlined in the Ordinance. To request permission to open burn contact Fire Chief Ira Walker Jr. at 717-993-2963 ext 204. Please leave a detailed message including your name, address and date you wish to burn.



Animal Control Service

Contacting the Animal Control Officer: To report a stray animal you should contact the Borough's 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. 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.

Curb Side Recycling



Things to know: Borough residents have curb side recycling service. It is part of your trash removal service every Tuesday. A separate trash truck will be around to pick up recycling. You do not need to sort your recyclables. If you do not have a 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 bring one to you. **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 folded 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.

Tax Information

Stewartstown Borough has an elected Tax Collector. You will receive tax bills for the borough tax, county tax, and school tax from our elected Tax Collector. The taxes are then processed and sent to the proper taxing authority, i.e. borough taxes will be sent to our borough office and county tax will be sent to York County, etc.

If you have not received any information regarding Real Estate and Per Capita taxes contact our Tax Collector. Her name is Sandra Mitchell and her home telephone number is 993-6334. All taxes should be mailed to her at 11 Springwood Avenue.



RECYCLING FACT: PA'S RECYCLING INDUSTRY -A \$23.4 BILLION INDUSTRY EMPLOYING MORE THAN 81,000 PEOPLE HAS BECOME A DRIVING FORCE IN PA'S ECONOMY GENERATING \$18.4 BILLION IN ANNUAL SALES AND CONTRIBUTING \$305 MILLION IN STATE TAXES.

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Utility Billing	Ext.- 202
General Questions	Ext.- 201
Recreation Board	Ext.- 290
Missed Trash Service	Ext.- 280
Emergency Water/Sewer	Ext.- 204

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

Borough Council:

Wilberetta Gibbs—President
Guy Hook—Vice President
Frank Paules, Christopher McGraw, Marsha England,
Jeff Bruening, and Mildred Pomraning

Mayor Richard 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
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Melissa Matthews-Asst. Secretary
Robert Hunt-Director of Public Works
Ira Walker Jr.- Assistant Director of Public Works
Michael Smithson—Assistant Water Operator
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Tommy Shaull-Asst. Sewer Operator

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Calendar of Meeting Dates



Council : Apr. 4, May 2, Jun. 6	COMMITTEE MEETINGS	START TIME	DATES
Meetings held— first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm	Personnel Committee	7:00 pm	Apr. 11, May 9, Jun. 13
	Police & Public Safety Committee	7:30 pm	
Sewer & Water Authority: Apr. 20, May 18, Jun. 15	Junior Council Meeting	6:30 pm	Apr. 18 May 16, Jun. 20
Meetings held— third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm	Public Property, Refuse, and Street Lights Committee	7:00 pm	
Planning Commission: Apr. 19, May 17, Jun. 21	Streets, Roads, & Storm Water	7:30 pm	
Meetings held— third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm	Special Action/Newsletter Comm.	7:00 pm	Apr. 25, May 23, Jun. 27
Zoning Hearings:	Sewer & Water Committee	7:30 pm	
Meetings held— third Thursday of each month <u>if needed</u>			



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.

