



# Stewartstown Summer Time Borough Newsletter



July/ Aug. / Sept.  
2007

## Summer Community Events in Stewartstown Borough

### 2nd Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, September 23rd**, Permits are waived for this event. Please note there is no rain date set for this event. If you plan to have a yard sale any day other than this day 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. All advertising must be removed 24hrs. after the event. Do not nail or staple advertising signs to utility poles.



### West Nile Encephalitis is caused by the West Nile Virus...



During the summer months, mosquitoes are as common as backyard barbecues and swimming pools. Unfortunately, they bring with them not only the discomfort of the occasional bite, but also the possibility of transmitting humans and animal diseases. Knowledge about mosquito biology and habitat can help us better control these pests. As an individual homeowner you can play a significant role in this process. You can do many things to reduce your chance of being bitten by a mosquito. Mosquitoes are small, primitive flies that breed in standing water. During their life they pass through four distinct stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult. The entire process for some species can take place in as short a time as 7 to 10 days.

How can I control mosquito breeding sites??

- Dispose of anything outside that can hold water such as broken toys, tin cans, containers, ceramic pots and tires.
- Drill holes in bottoms of recycling containers left outdoors.
- Clean clogged roof gutters every year.
- Turn over plastic swimming /wading pools and wheel barrels when not in use.
- Do not allow water to stagnate in birdbaths, ornamental pools, water gardens, and swimming pools or their covers. Ornamental pools can be aerated or stocked with fish, and swimming pools should be cleaned and chlorinated when not in use.
- Empty accumulated water from boats and cargo trailers.
- Alter landscaping of your property to eliminate standing water.

### Eureka's Fireman Carnival July 16th - 21st

#### Band List

Monday—  
Tuesday— Leg Horn  
Wednesday— Set Free— Gospel Bluegrass  
Thursday—One Lane Bridge  
Friday—Shiloh Bridge  
Saturday—Borderline /  
Fireman's Parade @ 4:00 pm



**Monday through Thursday—Family Night**

#### MEAL DEALS

**Tuesdays**—Hot Chicken Sandwiches w/ apple sauce and beverage for \$5.00.

**Thursdays**— Ham and Green beans w/ potatoes. Roll and Butter for \$5.00.

Bring the family out early and enjoy "The Family Meal Deal". We will start serving at 5:30 p.m. You can sit and eat in the community building.

**Stewartstown Borough Tax Collector will be at the Borough Office located at 6 N Main St. The following dates.**

Thursday, Aug 17th 5:30-6:30 pm  
Friday, Aug 18th 10:00 –11:00 am  
Monday, Aug 21st 10:00- 11:00 am  
Thursday, Aug 24th 5:30–6:30 pm  
Friday, Aug 25th 10:00—11:00 am  
Monday, Aug 28th 5:30— 6:30 pm

**The office staff does not take any tax payments**



**Fire Works will be held on July 4th at 9:30 pm.** located at the Recreation Center, 16 College Ave. Come out and enjoy the festive display. There will be live music and also the concession stand will be open for food and refreshments.

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**Questions** regarding the Eureka Carnival can be directed to Ira Walker Jr. at 993-2963 ext. 204

**Report Borough** Street Lights that don't work correctly to 993-2963 ext.201.

**If you would** like to volunteer with Eureka, contact Fire Chief Ira Walker Jr. at 993-2963 ext 204.

**Eureka EMS Subscription Coming Soon**— Please take time to read the information sent to you and return check/subscription form as soon as possible. Call Brad Ream , EMS Manager with any questions. 993-6826.

#### Special Points of Interest.

- Join your neighbors for Bingo Night at Eureka Fire Hall. 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.

**York Union Rescue Mission**

Want to thank you for all your generous donations during the year especially after the community yard sale. The following is guideline for items that you would like to drop off. **Questions call 717-845-7662**

**Clothing:** Any and all types of clothing are acceptable. It must be bagged or boxed.

**Shoes:** All types are acceptable. Please no holes, rips or excessive wear.

**Furniture:** No ripped, stained or missing pieces.

**Bedding:** Any size, no stains.

**Car Seats:** Nothing older than 5 years.

**Baby Furniture:** Legal and safe.

**Sporting Goods:** Only good usable items. Please no broken items.

**Dishes:** Only complete sets of dishes

**Plastic ware:** Only Tupperware or Rubbermaid.

**Cups or Mugs:** No company logos.

**Pots and Pans:** No burnt or peeled coating on pans.

**Baskets:** Only usable baskets.

**Knick Knacks:** Nothing that is chipped, cracked or broken.

**Appliances:** Please only working appliances

**Puzzle, Games or Toys:** Complete only.

**Hardware:** All usable tools accepted. Please no loose nuts, bolts, screws, nails and ect.

**Books:** No Romance Novels, No Magazines, No Readers Digest, National Geographic, No Text Books. We will accept children's books, biographies, autobiographies, cookbooks and Christian books and older books prior to 1960.

**Jewelry:** Please put all jewelry in small clear plastic bags.

**Water Leaks are MORE Costly now than ever and preventable.**

Keeping track of your water usage is more important now than ever before. Your sewer bill is calculated on the amount of water your household uses per quarter. Therefore, a water leak will not only cause a higher water bill but will also cause a higher sewer bill. 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 red dye/food coloring into the tank and leave it set for 15 minutes. If the dye/food coloring shows up in the bowl, you have a leak. When leaving your home for an extended period of time, turn off your water supply to the house. This is done 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 by each individual. A family of four would then use approx. 200 gal. per day. Meter readers need access to both the meter in the basement and the remote reader on the house exterior. Please keep weeds or bushes trimmed around our equipment. Keep your dog far enough away from remote meter locations so that our employees can work safely. Contact our office with questions or concerns at 993-2963 ext.204. We will be glad to help with locating your meter/remote and/or detecting any possible leaks.

**Reminder to Borough Residents with Dogs**

Ordinance No. 2005-4—An Ordinance of the borough of Stewartstown, York County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, prohibiting nuisances of all type, junk material, abandoned or junked motor vehicles, dangerous buildings, certain vegetative growth and noise and prescribing penalties for violations thereof



## Section 2: Definitions

B. "Animal Disturbance" - any noise from one or more household pets that is loud or harsh and interferes with and deprives any person from peace, quiet, rest or sleep. An animal disturbance shall include but not limited to continual barking, howling, screeching, yelping and baying.

## Section 8: Noise as a Nuisance

A. Animal Noise: It shall be unlawful and violation of this Ordinance to be the owner of any dog or other household pet which barks or makes any Animal Disturbance which results in a Nuisance as defined in section 1 of this Ordinance. Each twenty-four hour period represents a separate violation of this Ordinance.

I. Nuisance shall be presumed by the proof of a conditional Animal Disturbance for two periods, each of which are in excess of fifteen (15) minutes, both of which occurs within twenty-four (24) hours of each other. In the event an owner has one or more dogs or other household pets, it shall not be necessary to determine a specific dog or household pet as the cause of this Nuisance, but shall be sufficient to prove that the animal nuisance emanated from a dog or household pet belonging to the owner or permitted to remain around his premises.

C. Violations and Penalties: Any Owner in violations of any of the provisions of the Section 8, shall be guilty of a summary offense and upon conviction thereof before the District Magistrate, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of no less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars and no more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, plus the costs of prosecution, including reasonable attorney's fees, and in default of the payment of such fine and costs shall be imprisoned in the York County Prison for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

**Posting Signs On Utility Poles / "A person may be guilty of a summary offense if she/he drives metal fasteners into a public utility pole."**

The 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 she/he 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 be come 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.

**Sewer Plant Construction Update.**

The Stewartstown Borough Authority (Authority) is continuing progress with beginning the construction of the sewer treatment plant expansion. The PennVest loan/grant closing was delayed to correspond more closely with the \$2.9 million bond issue. The bond issue closing occurred on April 24<sup>th</sup> with the PennVest closing proceeding shortly thereafter. A PennVest required pre-construction meeting occurred on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The cost of the project based on the accepted bids is:

\$3,810,400 for general construction work, \$478,000 for electrical construction work; \$32,477 for the building permit fee; \$147,289 for engineering work through bidding; and \$81,711 estimated for engineering work during construction. The total cost is \$4,549,877.

The monies used to pay for this project will be: \$393,334 from a PennVest grant; \$434,216 from a PennVest loan; \$2,789,665 from a bond issue after issuance and legal fees; and \$932,662 from Authority assets. The debt payments for the PennVest loan will be approximately \$26,000 per year and the debt payments for the bond issue will be approximately \$216,000 per year. The total debt service is then approximately \$242,000 per year and will come from user fees. The Authority raised the fixed portion of the quarterly sewer rates from \$68 per unit to \$85 per unit in 2007. The fixed portion of the quarterly sewer rate will be increased to \$95 per unit in 2008 and \$105 per unit in 2009.



## NEW BOROUGH ORDINANCES

### 2007-05 “Trash & Refuse Ordinances”

An Ordinance prohibiting the accumulations of garbage, rubbish and refuse, regulating the disposal of garbage, rubbish and refuse, the manner of disposal, the fees, fines associated with providing of the service and actions for unpaid fees and fines for providing of the services.

#### Sections 1: Definitions

**REFUSE:** - Shall mean items not specifically included as Garbage and Rubbish. The includes but is not limited to the following:

- Old Tires , Broken windows/panels, Doors, damaged doors ,Empty paint cans, Broken toys, Broken appliances, Rusted toys and appliances, Broken ladders, Dry rotted wood/boards, Metal swings, Wooden fence posts ,Tree trimming, bush trimming, Plastic containers that are left open and able to trap water, Old or empty swimming pool

#### Section 2: Accumulations and Disposal.

A. No person shall hereafter accumulate or allow to be accumulated any trash upon public or private property within the Borough for longer than (7) seven calendar days.

B. No person shall hereafter dispose of any trash upon public or private property within the borough except the same will be collected and disposed of by an authorized collector as defined in this Ordinance.

#### Section 3: Collection Practices.

A. Trash cans, recyclable containers and trash bags may not be stored within (5) feet of the street side of the curb, along any street. On any streets or alley with no curbing, the distance is (5) feet from the cartway.

B. No trash, recyclable containers or any other containers may be placed on the sidewalk, curb, near the cartway or along the public street or alley right-of-way until 12:00 (noon) pre-vailling time on the day before a day of collection. All trash, recyclable and containers must be removed from the sidewalk, curb along the public street, or alley right-of-way no later than 12:00 (am) on the day following collection. Any containers located within 5 feet of the street edge of the curb, or on a street or alley without (within 5 feet of the cartway ) shall be deemed to be in violation of this Ordinance.

C. Each Dwelling Unit shall label or mark with permanent marker their house number and include the apartment number where applicable on all trash receptacles and recycling bins.

#### Section 4: Violations and Penalties.

A. Violations of Section 3 of the Ordinance shall constitute a summary criminal offense and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 plus the costs of prosecution., including reasonable attorney’s fees, and in addition, a default thereof shall be punishable by imprisonment in the County Prison for a period of not more than (30) thirty days.

### 2007-06 “Tenant Registration Ordinances”

An Ordinance requiring dwelling unit owner to submit a tenant registration form within 14 days whenever there is a change in tenants, and provide a separate mailbox for each apartment or unit of a multi-tenant dwelling.

#### Sections 1: Definitions.

**TENANT/OCCUPANT**—Any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation and other legal entity that is renting or leasing or has use of a property./building or lot of land even if no rent or other consideration has been paid.

**DWELLING UNIT**– This includes a building, group of buildings or buildings with multiple tenants that can share a single physical building (single family home), duplex unit (two homes sharing a common wall and property line) with each considered a separate dwelling unit for purposes of this ordinance. Multi-tenant buildings would include apartments located within a single building/residence. Each apartment is considered a separate dwelling unit.

**LANDLORD**– Is defined as the recorded owner, as indicated by the records in the Office of the recorder of deeds in and for York County , PA of any real estate located in the borough of Stewartstown, which real estate is being utilized as the residence of one or more shall include an individual, sole proprietorship, partnerships, associations and corporations.

#### Sections 2: Responsibilities of the Landlord.

A. Within 14 days after a Tenant has moved into a Landlord’s premises, the Landlord shall inform the Stewartstown Borough office of the change. Registration must be on the Borough Tenant Registration Card , Original Tenant Form or via the online registration form available via the borough’s website.

B. The registration form will require the name and address of the Tenant (s), date of change (move in date), complete mailing address / apartment number is required and a name/ contact information of the landlord.

C. Within 14 days after any Tenant vacates a Landlord’s premises the Landlord shall notify the Stewartstown Borough office of the change, utilizing one of the two official methods provide. (online– application, mail– in postcard)

D. Each apartment or unit in a multi-unit dwelling shall have a separate mailbox provided for each apartment or unit where the Tenant does **NOT** have a valid mailing address.

**Sections 3: Current Tenants.** The Borough may request that the landlord(s) verify the current Tenant list or submit a complete and updated list of Tenants for a single or multiple properties. If the Borough requests an updated list , no fines or citations will be issued if discrepancies are found.

#### Sections 4: Penalties.

A. Any person , partnership, association, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty in the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), which penalty may be collected by suit or summary proceeding brought in the name of the borough before the District Justice.

B. Exemption. Any Landlord who shall be cited for a violation of this Ordinance and who shall pay a fee in the amount of \$50.00 within ten (10) days after the time of the notice either in person or may place payment (check /money order) enclosed within the envelope provided in the overnight drop box installed along the alley side (Free Street) entrance of the municipal building and he/she will not be subject to further prosecution, fines or costs associated therewith.

C. Repeated offenses of this Ordinance and payment of the exemption fee will be used in court to show a pattern of non-compliance.

**Section 5: Enforcement.** The Mayor of Stewartstown and the Borough of Stewartstown’s current police force are hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Borough, This also includes the Zoning Enforcement Officer, their authorized employees , their agents or any company/person hired to provided enforcement services.

**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.**



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Police Department - 993-5308 (Administrative  
Questions Only)

Email: [office@stewartstown.org](mailto:office@stewartstown.org)

Utility Billing Ext.- 202  
[billing@stewartstown.org](mailto:billing@stewartstown.org)

General Questions Ext.- 201

Recreation Board 993-2255  
[recreation@stewartstown.org](mailto:recreation@stewartstown.org)

Missed Trash Service Ext.- 280  
Emergency Water/Sewer Ext.- 204

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

**Borough Council:**

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Marsha England—Vice President  
Christopher Reed, Gordon Wisnom,  
Jeff Bruening, Frank Paules and Mildred Pomraning

Mayor Richard Hall  
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Zoning Hearing Board Chairperson-Bonner Smith  
Planning Commission Chairperson—Lona Full

**Borough Staff:**

Susan Grow, PHR -Borough Administrator  
Kelli Landis-Billing Clerk  
Melissa Matthews-Asst. Secretary  
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Ira Walker Jr.- Water Operator  
Michael Smithson—Assistant Water Operator  
Tracy Baldwin-Sewer Operator  
Wayne Bush-Asst. Sewer Operator  
Tommy Shaull-Asst. Sewer Operator

**Police Staff:**

George Cunningham— Chief  
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Larry Bailets— Officer  
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## Calendar of Meeting Dates



	<b><u>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u></b>	<b><u>START TIME</u></b>	<b><u>DATES</u></b>
<b>Council :</b> July. 2 , Aug 6 , Sept. 4 , Meetings held— first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm	<b>Personnel Committee</b> <b>Police &amp; Public Safety Committee</b>	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	July. 9 Aug 13 Sept. 10
<b>Sewer &amp; Water Authority:</b> July 18, Aug. 15 Sept. 19 Meetings held— third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm	<b>Junior Council Meeting</b> <b>Public Property, Refuse, and</b>	6:30 pm	July. 23 Aug. 27 Sept. 24
<b>Planning Commission:</b> July 24, Aug. 21 Sept. 18 Meetings held— third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm	<b>Street Lights Committee</b> <b>Streets, Roads, &amp; Storm Water</b>	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	
<b>Zoning Hearings:</b> Meetings held— third Thursday of each month <b><u>if needed</u></b>	<b>Special Action/Newsletter Comm.</b> <b>Sewer &amp; Water Committee</b>	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	July. 16 Aug. 20 Sept..24
<b>Hopewell Recreation &amp; Parks Meetings:</b> July 11 Aug 8 , Sept. 12 Meetings held— second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Community Building.	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. 		