

Stewartstown Borough 1st Quarter Newsletter

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Stewartstown Borough Jr. Council Program

The Junior Council Program is an outstanding opportunity to get the youth of the Boroughs to participate in the governing process of their own communities. The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) believes that the outreach of both the community to the youth and the youth to the community is the start of building our Boroughs toward the future. Stewartstown Borough has participated in this program for over five years.

Guidelines for participation:

- Must be a high school junior or senior
- Must take an Oath of Office
- Must serve on a one to two year term to coincide with the school year
- Must attend Borough Council Meetings
- Must be seated on the Council, participating in all business
- Must observe all Borough Council Meeting Rules
- They can not vote or attend Executive Sessions.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please write a letter of interest or contact the Borough Office at 717-993-2963 for more information.

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• Fire Donation Drive-



Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company will be sending out donation forms in February to all residents in Stewartstown Borough, Hopewell Township, East Hopewell Township and Crossroads Borough. This donation is for the Fire Division of Eureka. As always Eureka thanks you for your support.

• Shrimp Feed.....

Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company will be having their annual Shrimp Feed on Sunday, February 14th. Please contact Richard Gibbs at 993-6856 for ticket information.

• Bluegrass Concert.....

On Saturday, March 6th at Eureka Fire Hall. Please contact Dave Ober at 993-0130 for further information.

• Volunteers Needed.....

For firefighting and fire police duties. Please call Ira Walker, Jr. at 324-6521 if you are interested in volunteering.

**Have A Safe & Happy
Holiday !**

Stewartstown Borough Comprehensive Plan Update.....

The planning process for the Comprehensive Plan update is underway and we are currently establishing a vision statement and series of realistic goals and objectives. Community input is an important part of this process so we have enclosed a survey. If you would like to participate, please fill out the enclosed survey and return in to the borough at 6North Main Street, Suite A, Stewartstown, Pa 17363, or by placing in the overnight box located at the side entrance of the borough building. Thank you for your participation. The next advertised meeting will be held at the borough building on Wednesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm

PLEASE.....remember to practice fire drills at home. You should know at least (2) ways out of every room of the house and have a designated meeting area for family to meet. **NEVER** re-enter a burning home for any reason.

SANTA COMING TO TOWN.....



Santa will be arriving on the fire truck through the streets of the Borough Saturday, December 19th, starting at 10:00 am. Sunday, December 20th, he will be coming through some of the outlined developments in Hopewell Township, starting again at 10:00 am.



HOPEWELL AREA RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS.....

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.



Where: Stewartstown Community Building (16 College Avenue)

Who: All community members are welcome. If you would like to be put on the agenda, please call ahead of time. 993-2255 or

<http://www.harp-online.org>



BOROUGH RESIDENTS



Ordinance 2007-05, Section 3(d)- **No trash, recyclable containers or any other container may be placed on the curb, sidewalk, street or alley until 12:00 pm (noon) time on the day before trash collection. All trash, recyclables and any other containers must be removed from the curb, sidewalk, street or alley no later than 12:00 am (midnight) the day of trash collection.**

Violation of Section 3 shall constitute a summary criminal offense and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 plus the costs of prosecution, including attorneys' 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.



Snow Removal from Sidewalks.....

Ordinance 2004-002, Section 2., requires every person who owns, leases or occupies any building or lot on sidewalks shall ensure that snow, sleet or ice is removed within 24 hours after the cessation of any snowfall, sleet or freezing rain. A path must be at least 24 inches wide to allow safe passage for pedestrians and must extend the entire length of the sidewalk.



Properties that have more than one sidewalk are required to all be cleaned. In the event that snow or ice can not be removed, the person/owner shall cause enough sand, salt or other material to be put on the sidewalk to make it reasonably safe.



KEEP YOUR HOME WARM & SAFE BY.....

- Installing smoke detectors and changing the batteries once a year.
- Install Carbon Monoxide alarms.
- Have your fireplace chimney flue inspected and cleaned each year.
- Never use your range or oven to heat your home.
- Keep portable space heaters 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- If using a kerosene heater, keep a door open to the rest of the house or open a window slightly. This will reduce the chance of carbon monoxide build up in the room.

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season !

Ordinance Reminders

Snow Emergency—(1964-03)

All streets within the Borough are considered Snow Emergency Routes. The Ordinance contains 2 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 this 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 Streets 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 Department by order of the Mayor will send a statement to channels 8, 21, 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 Department at 717-993-5308.



HOUSE NUMBERING.....Please remember to put your house number on your mailbox and/or house so that emergency responders can find your residence in a timely manner.



Clear the Way to Your Hydrant.....

A safety precaution you can take is to clear the way to the fire hydrant closest to your home. Although the water department makes its way around to clear hydrants, you may save a lot of time in the event of a fire by keeping it clear after each snowfall.



HAVE YOU HEARD.....

FITNESS PASSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH GOLD'S GYM
FOR THE CITIZENS OF HOPEWELL AREA
RECREATION AND PARKS (HARP)

- WHAT:** Fitness Pass– 12 Fitness classes of your choice, including group exercise, cycling (limited availability), and boxing for only \$25 !
- WHERE:** Gold's Gym in Shrewsbury (985 Far Hills Road)
- WHEN:** Beginning January 1, 2010
- WHO:** Any resident of a HARP Municipality * age 14 and over *
- HOW:** 1st, stop by your respective municipal building to pick up a signed residency verification form. 2nd. go to Gold's Gym to purchase your pass.

ALSO.....

RECEIVE A FREE FITNESS ASSESSMENT WHEN YOU PURCHASE YOUR FIRST PASS !
SPECIAL PRICING AVAILABLE ON FULL MEMBERSHIPS !

- HARP MUNICIPALITIES...Hopewell Township (993-2027), East Hopewell Township (993-6529), Stewartstown Borough (993-2963), and Crossroads Borough (993-6529). Not sure which municipality you live in ? Check your tax bill or call your landlord.
- Minors must have a legal guardian present to purchase a pass
- PLEASE NOTE....Cycling classes are first come, first served. Should a shortage of bikes occur, preference is given to full members of Gold's Gym.

LOG ONTO WWW.GOLDSGYM.COM OR CALL 235-5535 FOR A CURRENT LIST OF CLASSES.

From Billing Department.....occasionally our bills get lost in the mail. Please keep the schedule below, and call the Borough office if you don't receive your bill by mid-month.

Utility Billing Schedule

Water	Sewer	Trash (Borough Residents)
January 1	February 1	March 1
April 1	May 1	June 1
July 1	August 1	September 1
October 1	November 1	December 1

All bills are mailed on the above date. They are due upon request. You have 30 days to pay it before a 5% penalty is applied. If a utility bill is not paid within 60 days of the mailing date, another 1% penalty is applied. Should your water/sewer service be terminated (after 75 days from mailing date) for non-payment, you will be responsible for all reconnect and filing fees.

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

Return Service Requested

Utility Billing billing@stewartstown.org
General Questions Ext 101
http://www.harp-online.org 717-993-2255
Missed Trash Service Ext 101
Emergency Water/Sewer Ext 114
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Borough Council

Marsha England– President
Mildred Pomraning-Vice-President
Christopher Reed, Gordon Wisnom,
Frank Paules, Theresa Geroux, Richard
Shoemaker III, and Mayor-Richard R. Hall

Authority Chairperson-Guy Hook
Zoning Hearing Chairperson-Bonner Smith
Civil Service Chairperson-Jack Schmidt
Planning Commission Chairperson-Earl Long

Borough Staff:

Melissa Matthews– Sec./Treasurer
Stacy Myers-Billing Clerk / Asst. Sec./Treasurer
Ira Walker, Jr.– Sewer & Water Supervisor
Tracy Baldwin– Sewer Operator
Wayne Bush– Sewer Department
Tommy Shaull– Water Department

Police Officers:

Chief-George Cunningham
Officer-Kory Saylor
Officer-Shannon Hilliard
Officer-James Bowser
Officer-Jeffry Carey
Secretary-Mary Stanley

We're on the Web!
www.stewartstown.org
www.stewartstown.org/police

Phone: 717-993-2963
Fax: 717-993-2131
Police Department - 717-993-5308
Email: office@stewartstown.org

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
STEWARTSTOWN PA 17363
PERMIT NO. 26

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Amended Pick-up Dates</u>
New Year's Day	Tuesday and Saturday Dec. 29th Jan. 2nd

Borough Residents: Large Trash Pick-Up
One large item may be placed out for pick-up on Friday with regular trash pick-up. Freon items must have special pick-up, please call 1-800-210-9675 for those items.

- **Remember to bring your trash and recycling containers in before midnight the day of collection.**



*Farewell and Thank You to a
Stewartstown Icon.....*
*After nearly three decades of serving as
Mayor of Stewartstown Borough, Richard
Hall will leave office on December 31, 2009.
We would like to thank him for all the time
and dedication he has devoted to our town
and its residents. We wish him and his
family well. If you see Retired Mayor Rich-
ard Hall around town, please join us in ex-
tending your appreciation for his service.
Mr. Bonner Smith will be sworn in as
Mayor of Stewartstown Borough on Mon-
day, January 4, 2010 at the meeting of Bor-
ough Council, 7:00p.m.*