

# Stewartstown Borough 1st Quarter Newsletter

Jan / Feb / Mar  
2017

## Hopewell Area Recreation & Parks

**HARP.....**Board Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Stewartstown Community Building starting at 7:00 pm. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, call 717-993-2255 or email [info@harp-online.org](mailto:info@harp-online.org).

**16 College Avenue  
PO Box 959  
Stewartstown, Pa 17363**

## Mason Dixon Public Library Hours

Monday 10am-8pm  
Tuesday 12pm-8pm  
Wednesday 10am-8pm  
Thursday 12pm-8pm  
Friday 10am-5pm  
Saturday 9am-4pm

717-993-2404

[www.yorklibraries.org](http://www.yorklibraries.org)



## Stewartstown Borough Building Code Enforcement Officer....

Wade Portner

Stewartstown Office  
717-993-2963

New Freedom Office  
717-235-2337

Hours: By appointment on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please call Melissa at the Stewartstown Office for appointments.

## The poinsettia .....

is a traditional flower popular around Christmastime. It's originally from Mexico and other parts of Central America, where it's known as the "flower of Holy Night." The first American ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, brought it to the states in 1829. Poinsettias also contain toxins that can be harmful to pets, so don't let your dog or cat chew on it!



## The Borough office will be closed on the following dates...

Monday, January 2nd  
Friday, April 14th  
Monday, May 29th  
Tuesday, July 4th  
Monday, Sept 4th  
Friday, Nov 10th  
Thurs Nov 23rd  
Monday, Dec 25th

**Please clear the way to your hydrant...**A safety precaution you can take is to clear the closest hydrant to your home. Although the water department makes its way around town to clear hydrants, you may save a lot of time in the event of a fire.

## Other helpful info.....

- Remember to check your smoke detector batteries.
- Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 12th.
- One Christmas tree per household may be placed at curbside on normal Friday trash collection day.

**Eureka Volunteer Fire Department** is selling a 2017 Lottery Calendar with 365 chances to win. Cost is \$25. One winner is drawn each day based on the PA 3-digit lottery drawing. Prizes range from \$25 to \$250. If interested, please call or text Josh @ 717-855-5372. Thank you for your support!

**Eureka.....**Shrimp Feed coming soon!

## Stewartstown Railroad Calendar Fundraiser...

The Stewartstown Railroad has just published its first ever official railroad photo calendar. The calendar is available at the station and is open most weekend afternoons. Railroad calendars were once popular across the United States. This is the first time published in the 132 year history of the local railroad.

Cost for the calendar is \$10.60. You may also purchase by mail by sending \$10.60 plus \$6.95 for shipping and handling for up to 4 calendars mailed to the same address. Send your request to Stewartstown Railroad Company at PO Box 155, Stewartstown, Pa 17363.

## First Energy reminds customers to remain vigilant against scams and fraud.....

Some of these scams include:

- Power shut-off scams
- Door to door solicitation
- Bogus fees for equipment

In addition to understanding how criminals target their victims, please visit the website at [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com).

First Energy employees will not contact customers to request personal information and will not demand immediate payment over the phone. Do not let anyone claiming to be a utility employee into your home unless an appointment has been scheduled and proper ID provided. First Energy offers a wide array of billing and payment options, and will never insist on a particular method of payment. Only send your payments to your First Energy utility company. If you have any doubts about the status of your account or identity of a representative, call you utility company using the number below.

**Met-Ed 1-800-545-7741**

York County– Stewartstown Borough  
2017 Tax Collection Schedule

All collections will be received at Stewartstown Borough Building, 6 North Main Street, side entrance on the following days:

Monday	April 10th	6:00 to 7:00 pm	Thursday	April 13th	6:00 to 7:00 pm
Tuesday	April 11th	3:30 to 4:30 pm	Monday	April 17th	3:30 to 4:30 pm
Wednesday	April 12th	10:00 to 11:00 am	Tuesday	April 18th	10:00 to 11:00 am

**NOTE:** If you can not make the above scheduled times, payments are to be made payable and mailed to the name and address below. When making payments, County / Borough Real Estate can not be on the same check as School Real Estate payments.

**Important:** If your account is in escrow, please submit your Real Estate Tax Notice Only, to your mortgage company. Tax Collector’s Copy portion only. DO NOT SEND both copies.

**COPIES OF TAX NOTICES ARE \$20.00.**

Thank you,  
Sandra Mitchell, Tax Collector  
PO Box 455  
Stewartstown, Pa 17363

Questions, please call 717-993-2963  
Monday through Friday 2:00 to 4:00 pm

## Go Green, Save a Tree

If every American household used eBills and online bill pay, it could reduce solid waste in U.S. landfills by more than 800,000 tons a year and help curb the release of greenhouse gases by 2.1 million tons, according to Javelin Strategy and Research. This could also save an estimated 18.5 million trees a year!

The Stewartstown Borough Customer Portal provides you with the opportunity to access your account information and activity. In addition to paying your bills online, you will be able to do the following:

- Sign up for eBills
- View or print your bills (current or previous)
- View your billing, payment, and adjustment history
- View your usage history

No more waiting for the mail. Make your life easy by receiving your bill each month online. Our e-Bill is a secure way to receive and view your bill online. By enrolling in e-Billing, you’ll conveniently receive an e-mail each month when your bill is ready for viewing online. Say goodbye to paper bills and hello to convenience and less clutter!

**Sign up today by going to <https://stewartstown.authoritypay.com> and click on “Set Up Online Access. You will need your account number and CID number, which are both located on your Borough bills.**

**Code RED...** Stewartstown Borough provides critical notifications to its members through CodeRED. By signing up, you will be contacted in the event of water main breaks, boil water notices, etc., that affect your area. Sign up by clicking on the [HERE](#) in the Code Red section of the Borough website. Your information is confidential and will only be used for community notifications.

### Winter Weather Advisory

During a winter weather advisory, which is issued by the Office of Emergency Management of York County, residents are recommended to limit automobile travel during the storms as much as possible. A Winter Weather Advisory means that periods of snow, sleet or freezing rain will cause travel difficulties. Motorists should be extra cautious and prepared for slippery roads and limited visibility. All motorists should have a winter emergency kit in their vehicle.

The kit should include:

A shovel, ice scraper, flashlight, extra batteries, water, snack food, blanket (s), rope or tow chain, flairs and road salt.

**IMPORTANT !!!!** Stewartstown Borough is requesting customers to NOT flush wipes down the toilet. Baby wipes, floor-cleaning wipes, other disposable wipes, even “flushable” wipes and feminine hygiene items all can cause major headaches and costs in a sewer system. These products can particularly cause pumps to clog and sewage to back-up. The costs of clogging pumps or even upgrading of pumps are ultimately a sewage customer cost. In addition to wipes and “flushable” wipes, customers are again requested to not dispose of fats, oils and grease down household drains and plumbing. These materials should be collected and disposed of with regular trash.

Stewartstown Borough Treatment Plant

swdept@stewartstown.org

717-993-6463



### ORDINANCE REMINDERS.....

#### Snow removal Ordinance

Snow must be cleared to create a safe path on sidewalks within 24 hours after the snowfall.



Poplar Springs HOA had a meeting on Sunday November 6th, 2016. officers were appointed. The directors distribution address is:

**Poplar-springs-hoa-directors@googlegroups.com**

#### Snow Emergency Ordinance

All streets within the Borough are considered Snow Emergency Routes. During Phase I, there is no parking on all borough streets including state roads. During Phase II, all traffic is prohibited on all borough streets and state roads. Snow emergencies can be found on channels 8, 21 and 43. Any questions may be directed to the Southern Regional Police Department at 717-235-3944.

#### A REMINDER OF OUR NUISANCE ORDINANCE

#2010-04, Section 6F, prohibits “animal defecation on public property and private property”. Even though the summer months have ended, lots of us still walk our pets around town. PLEASE be respectful of others and clean up after your pet! No one wants to have an unexpected “surprise” on their shoes!! This Ordinance can be read in its entirety on our website. Thank you!

#### Billing Information.....Dates the utility bills get mailed out

WATER BILLS	SEWER BILLS	TRASH BILLS
January 1	February 1	March 1
April 1	May 1	June 1
July 1	August 1	September 1
October 1	November 1	December 1



### HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

#### New Year's

Wednesday, Jan 4th & Saturday, Jan 7th



1 large item may be placed out for pick-up on Fridays with regular trash. Please call 1-717-767-4456 for items containing Freon

**Stewartstown Borough...**was incorporated in 1851.

Borough Population...2,089

Borough Roads... 10 miles

State roads...2.5 miles

Borough Size... .84 square miles

#### According to legend, we will have a cold winter if:

- Animals have thicker coats of hair or fur.
- Squirrels build their nests low in trees and gather nuts early.
- Ants build their mounds higher.
- Larger numbers of spiders are seen in the fall.
- Birds are seen migrating early and huddle on the ground.



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

**We're on the Web!**  
**www.stewartstown.org**  
**www.srpd.us**

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

Utility Billing            [billing@stewartstown.org](mailto:billing@stewartstown.org)  
General Questions            Ext.- 101  
Recreation Board            993-2255  
<http://www.harp-online.org>  
Missed Trash Service            Ext.- 101  
Emergency Water/Sewer            Ext.- 114

Phone: 717-993-2963  
Fax: 717-993-2131  
Police Department - 717-235-3944  
Email: [borough@stewartstown.org](mailto:borough@stewartstown.org)  
Sewer/Water: [swdept@stewartstown.org](mailto:swdept@stewartstown.org)



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

**Borough Council:**  
Gordon Wisnom, Sr.—President  
Bill Gemmill—Vice President  
Roy Burkins, Mike Ellinger, Polly Kreiss,  
Kenton Kurtz, Donna Bloom &  
Mayor Robert Herzberger

Authority Chair-Guy Hook  
Zoning Hearing Board Chair-Doug Plasterer  
Planning Commission Chair—Pam Almony

**Borough Staff:**  
Melissa Matthews-Secretary  
Stacy Myers- Treasurer  
Ira Walker, Jr.— Sewer & Water Supervisor  
Sewer & Water Department-  
Tracy Baldwin, Wayne Bush & Anthony Lewis

**Police Department:**  
Southern Regional Police Dept.  
47 East High Street  
New Freedom, Pa 17349  
Phone 717-235-3944  
Fax 717-235-1609  
[www.srpd.us](http://www.srpd.us)

### **Calendar of Meeting Dates.....**

**Council Meetings**— are held the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

January 3rd                      February 6th                      March 6th

**Sewer & Water Authority Meetings**— are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

January 18th                      February 15th                      March 15th

**Planning Commission Meetings**— are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

January 17th                      February 21st                      March 21st

**Zoning Hearing Meetings**— are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm (as needed)