



Stewartstown Borough News
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January/February/March

Got the Winter blues? Warm up with some fun at HARP— Hopewell Area Recreation & Parks, 16 College Ave., (717) 993-2255

Indoor Adult Sports (held in Community Building Gym)

HARP will offer four co-ed adult sport nights on Sunday evenings starting January 7th from 6pm-7:30pm. It is \$15 per adult per night or you can register for all four nights at a discounted rate of \$40. The schedule of team sports for these nights will be as follows:

January 7th-Volleyball

January 14th-Dodgeball

January 21st-Basketball

January 28th- Nerf Battle

February 4th-Weather makeup date

Co-ed adult sports are a fun opportunity to meet new people while staying active in the evening.

- All equipment is supplied. We have a limited amount of Nerf Blasters (must be able to shoot normal size darts), so if you have one, bring it & we will supply the darts.
- Must be 21 years or older to participate.
- Sneakers needed for all indoor sports.
- Spectators are welcome & all levels of ability are welcome. **All levels of ability welcome.**

HARP Adult Basketball—18 years & up. (different from above program)—Thursdays, 7:30-10pm.

HARP Pre-School Hoopers Program—Pre-School Hoopers teaches the fundamentals of basketball such as dribbling, shooting, passing and other exciting skills for age 3 to 5 years of age! More importantly each child will work on life skills such as listening and following direction. This is an engaging four week children's program that is geared toward positively impacting your child's life through the game of basketball. We encourage parent participation in this program especially for those experiencing organized sport instruction for the first time, as it will help your child to feel comfortable in this unknown environment. Please be aware that we only have 6 spots available in each session, so check our website at www.harp-online.org.

HARP Pre-School Sports Program—Total Little Sports is ideal for the child who wants to try a little bit of everything! Each week we will learn some basic skills for a different sport while more importantly working on life skills such as listening and following direction. They will have the opportunity to try basketball, soccer, flag football & dodgeball over 4 different weekly sessions taking place Friday mornings in January. This is an engaging children's program that is geared toward positively impacting your child's life through sports. We encourage parent participation in this program especially for those experiencing organized sport instruction for the first time, as it will help your child to feel comfortable in this unknown environment. Please be aware that we only have 6 spots available in each session, so sign up today through our website. If you have any questions feel free to email us at infor@harp-online.org or give us a call at 717-993-2255.

Fridays from 10:00am to 10:40am at the HARP indoor gymnasium. Dates: January 5, 12, 19, and 26. Fee: \$50 HARP resident & \$55 Non-HARP resident.

Mondays from 6:00pm to 6:40pm at the HARP indoor gymnasium. Dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1. Fee: \$60 HARP resident & \$65 Non-HARP resident.

NERF Battle Program—This is an after school program developed to provide youth in our community the opportunity to play organized games with their peers outside the school setting. Many kids come home from school with a lot of energy due to being in the classroom most of the day and this program allows them to put that energy towards something they enjoy doing. Each week of the program, participants will play games involving nerf blasters with children of the same age.

The program will be held on Wednesday afternoons on February 28th March (6th, 13th, 20th & 27th) in the HARP Gymnasium. Our 6-8 year old age group will be held from 4:15pm-5:15pm and our 9-12 year old age group will run from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Participants will need to bring their own Nerf Blaster and eye safety wear (goggles or glasses) to each session. Eye safety wear is required for each to session in order to participate. Nerf darts will be provided by HARP. Pre-registration for the program is \$50 for all five sessions. Drop ins will not be permitted for this program.

Parents must pick up and drop off all participants as no transportation is provided for this program.

*A late pick up fee of \$1 per minute will be charged for any child not picked up prior to five minutes after the program's scheduled end time.

Getting around shouldn't be a challenge - whether you want to run errands, attend medical appointments, join recreational activities, or visit friends, **rabbittransit** has multiple services available to Stewartstown residents. Let us take you there!

Shared Ride/Paratransit

Unlike a scheduled bus route that only operates in one area, Shared Ride (a.k.a. Paratransit) provides consolidated trips between travel origins and destinations during limited hours and specific areas.

All Shared Ride trips require a reservation. If you would like same-day service, you must make your reservation by 1:30 p.m. Otherwise, reservations must be made no later than 12:00 p.m. the business day before your ride. Reservations may be made two weeks in advance. For trips on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, reservations must be submitted by 12 p.m. the Friday before. Visit www.rabbittransit.org > Shared Ride > Reservations to schedule a reservation.

When making a reservation for Shared Ride, it's essential to plan accordingly since the service accommodates other passengers' travel plans. Riders are grouped together based on their travel time and location(s). Travel times may be shorter or longer, depending on the total number of riders at the time. While ride times may vary, Shared Ride is a reliable and safe transportation option that can give you peace of mind when accessing life-sustaining services.

If Shared Ride sounds like a fit for you, the first step is to submit an application to the program you'd like to participate in. Shared Ride programs vary from Senior Shared Ride to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP), ADA Complementary Paratransit Program (ADA), or Paratransit Full Fare. Riders in select programs may be eligible for free fares. Easily apply online by visiting www.rabbittransit.org > Shared Ride > How to apply. For additional questions about Shared Ride services, call 1-800-632-9063.

rabbitEXPRESS

Planning a day out in the city, or need a ride to work? rabbittransit's commuter service, rabbitEXPRESS, operates multiple round trips on weekdays between York and Harrisburg; York and Northern Maryland; and Gettysburg and Harrisburg. Catch the Route 83S bus to York or Maryland at the [Shrewsbury Park & Ride](#), located on Elm Drive in Shrewsbury Township. It's only a short drive from Stewartstown! Regular fares range between \$3.50 and \$5 one-way. Visit www.rabbittransit.org/rabbitEXPRESS/ for more information.

Save money, save gas, and help your community do the same! If you're looking for a job, rabbittransit is hiring! Visit rabbittransit.org/jobs to view open positions in the area.



Stewartstown Food Pantry, a ministry of Stewartstown UMC, is open every other week to offer food assistance to anyone who needs it. Neighbors who come to the pantry will have the opportunity to select shelf-stable groceries, as well as frozen meats and vegetables, bakery and dairy items, and fresh produce when available. Walk-ins are welcome, however, appointments are encouraged and can be made by emailing pantry@stewartstownumc.org or by calling 717-501-6018 and leaving a message.

Upcoming Food Distribution Dates: January 6th & 20th, February 3rd & 17th, March 2nd, 16th & 30th.
Hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm

The Stewartstown Food Pantry is very thankful for the generosity shown by our community throughout the holiday season. Thank you to everyone who donated to our appeal mailing and to the numerous food collections that were held.

Stewartstown Senior Center, 26 S. Main Street, (717)993-3488 has the following activities planned:

- **Community Breakfast**—January 18th, February 15th, March 21st, from 7am-9am. Open to the public, \$10/person.
- **Veterans Service Officer**—January 19th, February 15th, March 15th. The officer would be at the center on these dates to help veterans with submitting paperwork for benefits.
- **Basket Bingo**—January 21st, 2024 at Hopewell Fish & Game. Doors open at 12:30pm; games begin at 2pm.

Senior Center hours—Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm; Friday, 9am-1pm

As of March 1st, 2024, Borough residents will see a \$2 increase on their trash bill, from \$98/qtr. to \$100/qtr. We're entering our 4th year of the 5-year contract with Penn Waste.

Garbage collectors receive many complaints, but over the past couple years, Penn Waste has experienced many personnel issues. It's a tough job and many of their staff is temporary help because they can't find hard workers willing to do the job day in & day out. Should you have a problem with a Penn Waste driver/collector, please notify the Borough Office, as we've found the Supervisor very receptive & willing to solve any issues that may arise.

The Borough staff & Penn Waste thank you for your understanding!

In case you missed the letter that was mailed early December, Stewartstown Sewer & Water Authority will put the following rate increase into effect January 1st, 2024.

Water

**Flat rate--\$27.50 (0-3,000 gallons)
\$8.47/1,000 gals(4,000-5,000 gals)
\$9.07/1,000 gals (6,000-9,000 gals)
\$9.68/1,000 gals(10,000 gals & up)

Sewer

**Flat rate—\$115.50 (0-3,000 gals)
\$3.02/1,000 gals(4,000-5,000 gals)
\$4.23/1,000 gals (6,000-9,000 gals)
\$4.84/1,000 gals (10,000 gals & up)

****The flat rate will remain the same for both water & sewer.**

****Those customers ONLY on our sewer system will pay \$193.60/qtr. (from \$176/qtr.)**

Why is the sewer bill so much higher than the water bill? We hear that question a lot, and offer the following explanation.

Short answer. It is a lot easier (and cheaper) to add a couple of chemicals to water than it is to take out the huge variety of stuff in human waste and other stuff in wastewater that we cannot legally discharge into a stream.

A kitchen analogy. It is easy to add a 1/8 teaspoon of sugar to a gallon of water. It is extremely hard to remove a raw scrambled egg mixed in a gallon of water along with a teaspoon of cloves and pepper, a tablespoon of sand, sugar and salt. The cloves float, the sand sinks and they are easy to remove. Just imagine how hard it would be to get rid of the rest!

Longer answer. For drinking water, we start with clean water and add chlorine to kill disease causing organisms until it reaches the tap and phosphates to prevent corrosion of pipes. That is quick, relatively cheap and relatively easy. Sewage is loaded with bacteria, viruses, proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins, oils, medicines, caffeine, cleaning chemicals, minerals and solid matter. The stuff that settles or floats is relatively easy to get rid of. The proteins carbs and oils are broken down and eaten by bacteria and protozoans (bugs) that also incorporate some vitamins and minerals. By alternatively feeding and starving bugs with and without air, we can get them to release some minerals (Nitrogen) to the atmosphere, we can add chemicals to tie up phosphates minerals. We then let the bugs settle, squeeze as much water out of them as we can, then kill and pasturize the bugs for land disposal. We remove something like 99.9% of the stuff that was in the sewage. The water that is left is clean enough to put into a stream but we treat it with UV light to kill the disease-causing organisms. Unfortunately, we still discharge things that are hard to remove, a tiny bit of plant nutrients, caffeine, birth control hormones and other medicines.

The Sewer & Water Authority holds monthly meetings that are open to public attendance. The board is expected to have retirements in upcoming years, so please consider serving.

When winter weather hits, please keep these important Ordinances in mind:

2016-01—Snow Removal Ordinance

This Ordinance requires snow & ice to be removed within **48 hours** after the cessation of snow, sleet or freezing rain. The violation for this offense has increased from \$15 to \$50 (per this Ordinance)

And from Eureka Fire Department

Please keep snow cleared away from fire hydrants after a snow event. We ask that the snow be cleared 3' around the hydrant to allow the Fire Department quick & easy access in case of an emergency.

Mason Dixon Library—250 Bailey Dr., (717) 993-2404. Library hours are as follows:

Mondays & Wednesdays, 10am-8pm, Tuesday & Thursdays, 12pm-8pm, Fridays 10am-2pm, Saturdays 10am-5pm.

Preschool Story Time with craft will continue into the new year on Mondays from 10:30am-11am.

Baby Time Story Time/Born to Read will continue on Thursdays from 10:30am-11am.

Afternoon Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

The Shelf Indulgents meet the first Thursday of each month at 6pm.

March 16th—National Pi Day, beginning at 10am in the Community Room with the sale of both dessert & savory pies. Event goes until sold out.

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Other informational items:

Tax Collection—Dates for in-person tax collection will be held at the Borough Office on—

Thursday, March 14th from 3pm-4:30pm.

Thursday, April 4th from 9am-10:30am.

Borough Council Meetings, 7pm.

—Tuesday, January 2nd, Monday, February 5th, Monday, March 4th

Sewer & Water Authority Meeting, 7pm.

—Wednesday, January 17th, Wednesday, February 21st, Wednesday, March 20th

Borough Office will be closed—

Monday, January 1st, 2024 (New Year's Day), Friday, March 29th, 2024 (Good Friday)

Trash collection this quarter—

New Year's holiday schedule—Wednesday & Saturday, Jan. 3rd & Jan. 6th.

**Your Christmas tree can be sat out as a large item with regular trash any Friday.