



**Bored this winter? Check out the fun HARP has planned! Hopewell Area Recreation & Parks, 16 College Ave., (717) 993-2255, Website: [www.harp-online.org](http://www.harp-online.org), Email: [info@harp-online.org](mailto:info@harp-online.org)**

- **Teen Open Gym Basketball-** This program is designed to allow teens (12-15 yrs old) the opportunity to improve their basketball skills while interacting with their peers. The program is available on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm, starting January 6th and will run through the last Monday in March. Two adult volunteers (with current clearances) will be on site to supervise the open gyms.
- **Indoor Adult Sports—**HARP will offer four co-ed adult sport nights on Sunday evenings starting January 5th 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 5th-Volleyball
  - ⇒ January 14th-Table Tennis
  - ⇒ January 21st-Dodgeball
  - ⇒ January 28th- Nerf Battle
  - ⇒ February 4th-Weather makeup date
- **Mommy & Me Preschool Play Dates-** This program begins on January 21st for preschool age children. This program is open to mothers/fathers/grandparents and their children (2-5 years of age). It is intended to provide preschoolers with a large open indoor climate controlled space to be a kid and interact with others of the same age during the winter months. Every Tuesday from 10am-12pm starting January 21st and ending March 25th, we will be opening our gym for free play. Play/sports equipment, games and toys will be available for the children to enjoy but also feel free to bring your own from home. Please be advised that HARP is not responsible for any lost or damaged toys that are brought from home. We also ask that our equipment and toys be treated with care when attending.
- **Open Play Days-** This program is geared toward preschool and homeschool age children (3-9 years of age). It is intended to provide this age group with a large open indoor climate controlled space to be a kid and interact with others of the same age during the winter months. Every Thursday from 10am-12pm starting January 16th and ending March 27th, we will be opening our gym for active play. Various age appropriate play equipment and toys will be available for the children to enjoy but also feel free to bring your own from home. Please be advised that HARP is not responsible for any lost or damaged toys that are brought from home. Also, parents would be responsible for any property damage that may be caused by a participant in the program. Knowing that, we ask that our equipment and toys be treated with care when attending. These play dates are not supervised by HARP, so adults attending are responsible for the behavior of the children with whom they are attending. The location for these play dates is the HARP Gym, 16 College Avenue. Families (infant siblings are welcome) residing within HARP's service area can pre-register for all 11 sessions for \$45/family and families outside our service area are \$55/family.
- **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 this session, so sign up today through our website at [www.harp-online.org](http://www.harp-online.org) . If you have any questions, feel free to email or call us at the contact information above.  
\*\*Monday session from 6:00pm to 6:35pm at the HARP indoor gymnasium. Dates: January 27 & February 3, 10, and 17. February 24th would be used for a weather makeup date. Fee: \$60 (HARP Residents), \$65 (Non-HARP Resident). Fee includes a mini basketball the child will use each week and then take home to continue working on their skills once they have completed the program.
- **Talk About Safety Seminar-** This group is a nonprofit organization that provides free seminars that will teach your children (ages 7-12 years of age) the skills they need to know to be able to avoid trouble, when possible and fight back, when necessary. This seminar is designed to educate kids about online safety. The Talk About Safety team has recently signed a Community Education Partnership agreement with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. They will be using the material from NCMEC for this seminar. HARP will be hosting the Talk About Safety free seminar on Sunday, January 26th at 4pm in the meeting room. Parents must accompany their child(ren).

**As of March 1st, 2025**, Borough residents will see a \$2.50 increase on their trash bill, from \$100/qtr. to \$102.50/qtr. We're entering our last year of the 5-year contract with Penn Waste. We apologize for any inconvenience or hardship this increase may cause. We recently received the following announcement from York County Solid Waste regarding their tipping fee increase which, unfortunately, funnels down to municipalities.

**“The York County Solid Waste Authority has approved its budget for fiscal year 2025, including a tipping fee increase to address rising costs and to fund projects for long term system stability. The tip fee for York County processible municipal solid waste at the York County Resource Recovery Center (YCRRC) for 2025 will increase to \$83 per ton in response to fiscal pressures created by rising operational costs, current and future environmental control upgrades at the YCRRC, and the YCSWA's obligation to prepare for the future and ensure York County's waste is properly managed with sustained environmental protection. With uncertainty over future local landfill capacity, YCSWA must prepare now to meet the future waste management needs for York County. Tipping fee revenues help to fund operations of the York County Resource Recovery Center, operations and maintenance of the York County Sanitary Landfill/Hopewell Area Recreation Complex, electronics recycling, household hazardous waste collection, secure drug take-back programs, public education and community outreach efforts, and other programs aimed at waste reduction and recycling.”**

Early in 2025, Borough Council will prepare to, once again, bid our trash contract. Council members are also taxpayers & rate payers in the Borough, so they will work diligently to provide residents with good service while keeping their financial well-being in mind.

**Stewartstown Food Pantry, a ministry of Stewartstown UMC, 10 Church Street (rear)**

Stewartstown Food Pantry, a ministry of Stewartstown UMC, is open every other week on Thursdays and Saturdays to offer food assistance to anyone who needs it. The pantry opens at 6PM every other Thursday. Saturday hours are 9:30 AM -1:30 PM. Appointments are strongly encouraged on Saturdays and can be made by emailing [pantry@stewartstownumc.org](mailto:pantry@stewartstownumc.org) or calling 717-501-6018 and leaving a message.

**Upcoming Food Distribution Dates:** January 16, 18, & 30; February 1, 13,15, & 27; March 1, 13, 15, 27, & 29.

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. We wish you a hunger-free new year!

**Eureka Volunteer Fire Company, 82 N. Main Street, (717)993-6180** will hold the following events:

- Fish Fry is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th @ 4:00pm.
- Bingo will resume on Friday, March 14th. Doors open @ 5:00pm.
- Bingo will continue the 2nd Friday of each month.

**Eureka offers these helpful reminders to keep you & your family safe:**

- Smoke detectors save lives! Please take the time to ensure yours has new batteries & is working properly.
- A portable fire extinguisher can save lives & property by putting out a small fire until the fire department arrives, but small extinguishers have limitations. They should only be used for small, contained fires & those that are not spreading or growing.
- There's nothing like the cozy feeling of a warm fire burning in the fireplace, but please take precautions before doing so. Having your fireplace/chimney cleaned regularly will keep those fires burning safely.

**\*\*Please remember your first responders when planning your 2025 budget. Donations may be mailed to Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company, Inc., PO Box 457, Stewartstown, PA 17363-0457. Please mark them for either "Fire Division" or "EMS Division". Thank you for your support!**

**The Stewartstown Sewer & Water Authority will put the following rate increase into effect January 1st, 2025.**

**2024 Water Rates**

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)

**2025 Water Rates**

Flat rate—\$30.00 (0-3,000 gals)  
\$9.31/1,000 gals(4,000-5,000 gals)  
\$9.97/1,000 gals (6,000-9,000 gals)  
\$10.64/1,000 gals (10,000 gals & up)

**\*\*Sewer rates will remain the same for 2025!\*\***

**Stewartstown Railroad, 21 W. Pennsylvania Ave, (717)746-8123**

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/16189/stewartstown-railroad>

Their full schedule of 2025 events will be planned in January, but mark your calendars now to remember their season opener as of March 20th (hello Spring!). Events to be held on April 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th & 19th.

For more details, times & pricing, visit the website listed above in January.

**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.**

Winter library events include:

- The "Third Wednesday" series of community programming will resume on Wednesday, January 15th @ 6:30pm. Jay McGinnis will present a program about the relationship between art and time called "Representations of Time".
- Wednesday, February 19th @ 6:30pm, Master Gardener George Geoghan will teach about starting seeds indoors.
- Wednesday, March 19th @ 6:30pm, Debbie Mancusco, from our local Fiber Arts Museum, will teach needle felting.
- Saturday, March 15th—Annual pie sale fundraiser will be held to celebrate National Pi Day, from 10am until sold out.
- Every Monday, from 10:30-11:00am, Preschool Storytime will be held.
- Every Thursday, from 10:30-11:00am, Baby Storytime will be held.

For more information on any of these events or with other questions, please call the number above.

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

- Thursday, January 16th, from 6:30-9am, Public Breakfast, \$10/person
- February Sub Sale—order must be in by Friday, February 7th with sub delivery on Wednesday, February 19th. Please call the Center for more information.
- Thursday, March 20th, from 6:30-9am, Public Breakfast, \$10/person.

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Jason Roberts, Chairman

**Zoning Hearing Board**

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**Other informational items:**

**In-person tax collection** will be held at the Borough Office on these two dates ONLY: Thursday, March 6th from 3:00-4:30pm and Thursday, April 3rd from 9:00-10:30am.

**Borough Council Meetings, 7pm.**

—Monday, January 6th, Monday, February 3rd, Monday, March 3rd

**Sewer & Water Authority Meeting, 7pm.**

—Wednesday, January 15th, Wednesday, February 19th, Wednesday, March 19th

**Borough Office will be closed—**

Wednesday, January 1st, 2024 (New Year's Day)

**Trash collection this quarter—**

New Year's holiday schedule—Tuesday & Saturday, December 31st & January 4th

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