

# Stewartstown Borough News

## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

### Let's talk trash.....

At their August 4th meeting, Borough Council awarded the new trash & recycling contract to Casella Mid-Atlantic, LLC. Casella, originally a New England company is now moving South, having recently purchased Tiger Trash and some other smaller companies. Their representative said they will most likely service Stewartstown Borough from its Manchester, PA location.

The borough's 5-year contract with Penn Waste will end on October 31st and Casella will begin a 26-month contract (+ a 3-year option to extend). This decision did **not** come easily. There were many emails & meetings of our Refuse Committee and staff in an effort to create a contract that takes the cost to our residents as well as service into consideration.

There were 3 bidders on our trash & recycling collection contract; Penn Waste, Casella and ESC Waste Services. The bid specifications offered a one pick-up/week option as well as a two pick-up/week option, and at terms of 26 months with a 3-year extension and a 5-year contract term. Of note, Republic Services picked up a bid packet, but submitted a "No Bid" letter to the committee.

Both Penn Waste and Casella bid the one collection/week and two collections/week at both contract term lengths, while ESC Waste only bid one collection/week at both contract term lengths.

Refuse Committee & Council member David Elwell explained,

***The 26-month option allows flexibility to potentially enter into an intergovernmental agreement with neighboring municipalities for future trash services at the end of 2027, if Council sees that as a benefit. He noted, there will be a cost increase to the current price of \$102.50/quarter even if we "downgrade" to one collection/week. To stay at the current twice/week collection, cost will increase approx. \$18.53/household per quarter (or \$6.18/month) in the initial year. To go to one collection/week, the price will increase \$9.05/household per quarter (or \$3.02/month) in the initial year. In the current 5-year contract with Penn Waste, the Borough saw a 5% increase per year. Mr. Elwell said Casella offered the lowest price for all bidding options, at only a 2.7% increase over 5 years.***

As there was still a cost increase to decrease our collection frequency to one pickup/week, Borough Council opted to remain at the two pickups/week that residents have relied on over the past 5 years. Recycling will continue to be collected on Tuesdays, along with trash. Regular trash will continue to be collected on Fridays as well as 1 bulk item each week.

Casella is very anxious to begin servicing Stewartstown Borough and its residents as of November 1st, 2025. Residents will see the increased trash bill of **\$121.03/quarter beginning December 1st, 2025**. Again, this is an increase of \$6.18/month to each household.

Unfortunately, increased costs for trash disposal at the landfill and incinerators, as well as gasoline, personnel and truck repair/service are not coming down. We look forward to working with Casella and believe they will provide great customer service to the Borough & its residents.

**\*\*Note**, Penn Waste will be collecting the blue & yellow recycle carts that were part of our contract with them. A pickup schedule is unknown at this time, but will be relayed to residents via the Borough's robocall system.

Casella's contract includes recycle carts and those will be distributed, most likely in October.

**Trick or Treat** in the Borough will be Friday, October 31st from 6-8pm. If traveling through town & neighboring streets, please drive safely during this time.

### Eureka Fire Company events

- **Fire Prevention Week** is October 5th thru the 11th. **\*\*This** is a great time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors!
  - **All You Can Eat Breakfasts are planned**—Sat, October 11th, November 15th & December 13th from 8-10am at 82 N. Main Street. Prices: 3yrs & younger are free, 4yrs-12yrs— are \$7, 13yrs & up are \$13 Benefits Eureka Auxiliary.
  - **Craft & Vendor Show**—Sat, November 29th from 8am-2pm Vendor spaces (8x10) are available for \$25 and include 1 table & 2 chairs. Setup no earlier than 7am; cleanup by 3pm. Food will be available to purchase from Eureka Auxiliary. Questions? Please call (717)309-3824 or email bspurlock50@aol.com
  - **Santa on the Fire Truck**  
**\*\*Sat**, December 20th—Borough  
**\*\*Sun**, December 21st—Township
- ### Mason Dixon Library events
- **"Literacy for Change"** is a 24-Hour Day of Giving to support **all** libraries in York County and will be held on Oct.10, 2025.
  - **October's "Third Wednesday Series"** of community programming will be "Creating Habitat for Butterflies" with Deb Carmen. This Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> program will start at 6:00pm instead of 6:30pm to allow for questions. Program is 6-8pm.
  - **Visit us at Stewartstown Fall Fest** on Sat, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> for games and prizes. Raffle tickets for a 4-pack of tickets to "Laser Taylor Swift" at York Learning Center Planetarium will be for sale.
  - **Our Annual Grateful Bread Sale** will be held Mon, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> from noon-6pm. We'll be selling freshly made breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert items.

**Hopewell Area Recreation & Parks has a fun-filled Fall & Winter planned!****16 College Ave, Stewartstown, (717)993-2255, [info@harp-online.org](mailto:info@harp-online.org)**

- **HARP's Preschool Sports Program-** This program 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 directions. They will have the opportunity to try soccer, flag football, dodgeball and basketball over 5 different weekly session taking place Wednesday evenings in October from 6pm to 6:40pm at the HARP indoor gymnasium. 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 at [www.harp-online.org](http://www.harp-online.org).  
Dates: October 1, 8, 15, & 22. Fee: \$65 HARP Resident & \$70 Non-HARP Resident.
- **HARP's Road Rally Scavenger Hunt-** -This event is set to take place on Friday, October 24th with the starting location at Aviator Brew Hub, located at 18 S. Main Street Stewartstown. Teams of no more than 5 people will compete in this fun and entertaining event for cash prizes. Each team will be given a list of items to collect, pictures to take or other various tasks that will award your team a set amount of points for completing. The team that earns the most amount of points in this time-limited event will be the winner. This event is great for families, friends and even a group of co workers. Registration for this event is required and now available through our website under the "Events" tab. A \$50 team registration fee is required. We are currently searching for interested local businesses to sponsor or participate in this upcoming event. If interested, please contact us for more information.
- **New York City Day Trip-** Spend the day (Sunday, November 30th) strolling around New York City and enjoy the sights and sounds of this fabulous city. Go shopping, take in an afternoon show, or enjoy the winter activities, which include ice skating or the Rockefeller Christmas tree. Registration fee for this trip is \$95 per person for residents and \$105 per person for non-residents with a deadline for registration & payment of October 25th. The registration fee includes Motorcoach transportation to and from event. Trip may be canceled if registration minimum of 40 passengers is not reached prior to October 25th. Full refunds would be issued minus the credit card processing fee. Please make checks payable to HARP. All proceeds from this trip will benefit future HARP programming and events. Trip timeline:
  - 6:30am—Depart from HARP Parking Lot located at 16 College Avenue, Stewartstown.
  - 11:00am—Arrive at New York City, New York
  - 7:00pm—Departing from New York City, New York with an estimated time of arrival at HARP between 11:30pm & 12:00am.

**Ride into Fall & Winter with Stewartstown Railroad—21 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, (717)746-8123**

October 4th, 5th, 11th &amp; 12th—Pumpkin Patch Express

October 18th—Villains Express with the Witch Sisters

October 25th—Halloween Costume Special! Family-friendly train ride!

November 1st—Fall Foliage Special

November 2nd—New Freedom Fall Limited (Motorcars)

November 8th—Ice Princess Special

November 16th—HOTT- Hands On The Throttle Experience. Learn to drive a real train!

November 13th, 20th &amp; 21st—Evening Candy Cane Express

November 29th &amp; 30th—Candy Cane Express—Ride the rails with Santa!

December 13th, 20th, &amp; 21st— Candy Cane Express—Ride the rails with Santa!

December 6th, 7th &amp; 14th—The Grinch Storybook Limited

December 6th—Evening Grinch Storybook Limited

To see ride descriptions or to buy tickets, go to—

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/16189/stewartstown-railroad>For more information, visit their website at [www.stewartstownrailroadco.com](http://www.stewartstownrailroadco.com) or call (717)746-4998

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

**Upcoming Food Distribution Dates: October 9, 11, 23, & 25, November 6, 8, 20, & 22, & December 4, 6, 18, & 20.**

Fall is a time of many food drives and appeals. We have been seeing less availability to receive meats, dairy, and canned goods from the USDA, which makes these community donations crucial. Please know that your support is greatly appreciated! November 20 & 22 will be our Thanksgiving distribution, where we make sure the pantry is stocked with items to make a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. A community food drive will be held to help gather these items. Please watch for more details on social media. Together, we can ensure that know one in our community is hungry this holiday season!

**Are you interested in leading a new Daisy troop for Kindergarten girls?** Town & Country Girl Scouts would love to hear from you! Volunteers are needed to get a new troop started in the Stewartstown area. Please reach out to Kim Henry at [dkmooneyhan@msn.com](mailto:dkmooneyhan@msn.com) for more information on how you can make a difference in the community. If you have a girl in first grade (and up) who is interested in Girl Scouts, feel free to reach out for help with placement in a local troop.

**Stewartstown Senior Center, 14 College Avenue (inside Stewartstown Presbyterian Church) has the following activities lined up:**

- October 5, 2025 is our Basket & Designer Bag Bingo, held at Hopewell Fish & Game, 5456 Austin Lane, Stewartstown. The cost is \$25 per ticket in advance and \$27 at the door. The doors will open at 12:30pm and the games will begin at 2:00pm.
- October 11, 2025—We will be at HARP Fall Fest selling soft pretzels, whoopie pies, and crafts (which will be made by our seniors).
- October 29, 2025—We will be taking a members-only bus trip to The Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, 510 Centerville Road, Lancaster to see "A Chorus Line". The cost of this trip is \$87.00 per person (due at time of sign up) and includes roundtrip transportation via Rabbit Transit. The bus will leave the center at 10:00am.
- October 31, 2025 is our Halloween Party beginning @ 10am. Please come in costume if you'd like! We will be playing games. Contact us to sign up, so we can have a head count.
- Also on October 31, our Veteran's Services Officer will be here and appointments will be available. Please contact the center to make an appointment with the VSO. \*\*We are waiting on additional dates for November & December, as he typically comes the 4th Friday of the month but those fall on holidays in those two months.
- November (close to Veteran's Day) we will be scheduling a special Veteran's Lunch for our veterans in the community. We haven't decided on the date yet, but everyone can check our website, Facebook page, or the Delta Star for more information and the actual date and time.
- December 24, 2025 is our Christmas Party beginning @ 10am. We will have Christmas-themed games to play.

For questions on any of the above, please call the center at (717)993-2388.

**York County now has new electronics recycling locations!**

Reworld and Goodwill Keystone Area have joined forces to provide free electronic waste recycling locations in central and southeastern Pennsylvania. This program utilizes Goodwill's network of stores and donation centers as designated collection points for residential electronics. Reworld then takes the electronics and responsibly recycles them. Reworld is a proven provider of e-waste recycling, recovery and environmentally responsible disposal, having recycled more than 135 million pounds of e-waste. York County residents can take advantage of this service at the following Goodwill locations:

- 965 Loucks Road, York
- 1120 Roosevelt Ave, York
- 450 Eisenhower Drive, Hanover
- 535 S. Main Street Market Square Center, Shrewsbury

Free electronics recycling is also available at the York County Resource Recovery Center, as well as Fairfield Township and Penn Township Recycling Centers. For additional information, visit [www.ycswa.com/services/recycling/electronics/](http://www.ycswa.com/services/recycling/electronics/)

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Stewartstown, PA 17363**

**Our website has a whole new  
look!**

**[www.stewartstown.org](http://www.stewartstown.org)**

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

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Phone: (717)993-2963**

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**Borough Office will be closed—**

- Veterans Day—Tuesday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving holiday—Thursday & Friday, November 27th & 28th
- Christmas holiday—Wednesday & Thursday, December 24th & 25th
- New Year's Day—Thursday, January 1st

**Trash collection this quarter—**

- Thanksgiving holiday—Tuesday & Saturday, November 25th & 29th
- Christmas holiday—Tuesday & Saturday, December 23rd & 27th
- New Year's holiday—Tuesday, December 30th & Saturday, January 3rd, 2026

\*\*Christmas trees can be sat out as a large trash item.

**Council meetings this quarter—7:00pm (Mondays)**

—October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st

**Authority meetings this quarter—7:00pm. (Wednesdays)**

—October 15th, November 19th, December 17th

\*\*Anyone wishing to speak at meetings must call the Borough Office by the Friday morning before (for Council) and Tuesday morning before (for Authority) to be placed on the agenda.