

Stewartstown Borough News—April, May, June 2026

News from the Sewer & Water Department.....Research and plans have begun to move from *quarterly* water and sewer bills (currently billed separately) to a **monthly combined** water & sewer bill. There are a few reasons for doing this, the main one being it would give staff a better opportunity to catch leaks in the system since water meters would be read on a monthly basis rather than every 3 months. Another reason would be that it gives customers a bill that we feel may be easier to pay, being that it's for 1-month's usage compared to 3-month's usage. The third reason is simplicity! Just like your electric, gas or phone bill, you would now receive a water/sewer bill each month. Oftentimes, staff hears residents say the quarterly billing schedule is confusing or hard to remember. Even though it's been that way for YEARS, it doesn't mean it can't be changed. Staff, along with the Sewer & Water Authority have begun working with the utility billing software & other neighboring municipalities to see what changes, equipment, etc. would be required for this transition.

It takes time & planning, but our plan is to have a monthly bill schedule in place by January 2027!

If you're a Borough resident who currently gets a trash bill from us, that billing will remain quarterly. We cannot combine all 3 utilities because there are some Hopewell Township residents on our water & sewer system that do NOT get billed by the Borough for trash. Watch future newsletters for more information & updates!

Water Conservation Tips—Summer is coming! Here are some helpful tips to conserve one of our most precious resources!

- In the kitchen—When hand-washing dishes, save up to 15 gallons of water by soaking dirty dishes in the basin, then rinsing them. When using the dishwasher, run a full load to save 15 gallons/load & save on hot water costs.
- In the bathroom—Take short showers. Install a low-flow showerhead. Turn off water to brush teeth, shave & while soaping up in the shower.
- In all rooms of the house—Repair leaky faucets, inside & out. Install faucet aerators to reduce water by up to 60%.

Hopewell Area Recreation & Parks (HARP), 16 College Avenue, (717)993-2255. For more events & details on the following, please go to harp-online.org.

- **HARP's Youth Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday, April 4th at 1pm on our lower ball fields. This is a free public event with children being separated into the following age groups: 2 & under, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, and 9-12 years. Our youngest age group will start at 1pm with the older age groups to follow. Please be sure to bring a bag or basket for your child to collect eggs in. Parking is available at our lower lot next to Field 2 & 3 where the egg hunts will take place. Age group signs will be located on the field to help you find your child's age group and you can also view our map located below.
Each age group will have three prize eggs so if your child finds one please bring it to the prize table located near your group to redeem. The physical address for this event is 16 College Avenue Stewartstown, PA 17363. The event is also weather permitting so please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on the event if inclement weather is forecasted for this day.
- **HARP's Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Friday, April 10th and will start promptly at 8:30pm. This hunt is for teens ages 13-15 years old. This is a free event but preregistration is required to participate. To register, go to harp-online.org
Each registered teen will collect tokens that are placed throughout our upper field. These tokens can then be exchanged for prizes at our upper pavilion. Be sure to bring a flashlight and bag or basket to collect the tokens in. All registered participants should meet us at our large pavilion located near our playground by 8:15pm to check in.
- **HARP's 4th Annual Adult Egg Hunt!** Join us at Aviator Brew Hub on Saturday, April 11th to hunt for eggs filled with candy, cash, and prizes! To participate in the egg hunt you must register through our website or come early for day of registration. However, this event will be open to the public from 2pm-5pm to enjoy live music with food and beer available for purchase at Aviator. The egg hunt will start promptly at 3pm with check in for the event opening up at 1:45pm. Please be aware that this is an OUTDOOR event so dress accordingly. A rain date of Saturday, April 18th is provided for this event in case of bad weather. Please be sure you are also able to attend the rain date as no refunds will be offered if the event is moved to our rain date. Registration for the egg hunt will also be available on site the day of the event from 1:45-2:45pm but only cash can be accepted for the registration fee. To participate in the egg hunt, you must be 21+ only.
- **BINGO**—Our next bingo will be held on Friday, May 1st at 16 College Avenue. Doors open at 5pm; games begin at 6pm. Cash prizes awarded with a jackpot reaching \$500. Paper cards are used.
Prices for 20 regular games are—Strip of 3-\$10; Strip of 6-\$15; Strip of 9-\$20; Strip of 12-\$25
Quickie games: We play 2 "quickies" throughout the evening which cost \$1 each. They are sold in packs of 2/ \$2. During this game, the numbers are called "quickly" and the winner is the first to black out their card!
Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. *Must be 18 to play, but children are permitted to attend.

Stewartstown Railroad Company, 21 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, (717)746-4998
<https://stewartstownrailroadco.com>, has the following fun events planned:

- **Sat, April 25th**—Western Train Robbery
- **Sat, April 25th**—The Great Grain Robbery, featuring beers from Aviator Brew Hub
- **Fri & Sat, May 1st & 2nd**—Give Local 30-minute train rides for \$10
- **Sat, May 9th**—National Train Day, Caboose Experience
- **Sat, May 16th**—HOTT Seat Experience
- **Sun, May 17th**—New Freedom Motor Car Ride
- **Sun, May 31st**—HOTT Seat Experience
- **Sat, June 6th**—HOTT Seat Experience
- **Sun, June 14th**—Petting Zoo Special
- **Sat, June 20th**—Royal Island Luau with Island Princess and Ariel
- **Sat, June 27th**—New Freedom Motor Car Ride
- **Sat, July 11th**—USA'S 250th- A Patriotic Celebration

For ride information or with questions, please call the number above or check out the website above.

Stewartstown Food Pantry, 10 Church Street (garage) continues to provide food assistance to anyone experiencing food insecurity. If you are finding it difficult to pay your mortgage or rent, utility, and medical bills and still be able to feed yourself and your family, consider making a visit to the food pantry.

The pantry is open every other week on Thursday (6pm-7:30pm) and Saturday (9:30am-2pm). For more information or to make an appointment, call (717)501-6018 or email pantry@StewartstownUMC.org. The pantry is located in the garage at 10 Church St.

Upcoming distribution dates: April 9th, 11th, 23rd, & 25th. May 7th, 9th, 21st, & 23rd. June 4th, 6th, 18th & 20th.

The food pantry is supported by donations and staffed by volunteers. We also hope you will consider supporting our "Give Local York" Campaign on April 30 thru May 1st, and come see us at the Stewartstown Block Party on May 1st.

A Mystery is Hatching in Stewartstown!

Come to the Stewartstown Block Party - Friday, May 1st from 4-8pm—A family-fun event linking a Give Local York Fest, (supporting five local community nonprofits) and the Night Market at Aviator (18 S. Main St.)

Live music, food, and games will be available at both locations. Come out to support H.O.P.E, Mason-Dixon Library, SE Community Education Foundation, Friends of the Stewartstown Railroad, and Stewartstown Food Pantry in the front yard of Stewartstown United Methodist Church (26 S. Main St.).

A who-dun-it mystery game will link the two fest locations,

Come support your local community. We hope to see you there!

Mason Dixon Library, 250 Bailey Drive, (717)993-2404 announces the following events:

NEW LIBRARY HOURS—Monday & Wednesday—10am-6pm, Tuesday-12-5pm, Thursday—12-8pm, Saturday—10am-2pm, Friday & Sunday-closed. Phone: (717)993-2404.

—**Chumley's Pit Beef Sale**—Saturday, April 4th from 9:30am until sold out (in Saubel's parking lot).

—**Helicopters in Vietnam**—Wednesday, April 15th from 6pm-8pm with presenter, Buck Buchanan.

—**"Give Local York" Fundraiser**—Friday, May 1st from 4pm-8pm in the Stewartstown United Methodist Church side yard.

—**Summer Quest 2026, "Unearth a Story"** begins Monday, June 1st. Early registration for Summer Quest begins May 17th, online.

—**26th Annual Creepy, Crawly, Worm Race**—Monday, June 8th at 10:30am.

—**Phredd, the One-Man Band** will perform his songs on Wednesday, June 10th at 10:30am. Fun for all ages!

Eureka Volunteer Fire Company, 82 N. Main Street, (717) 993-6180 is planning the following events & reminders:

- **Have you mailed in your donation yet?** Eureka relies heavily on the generosity of residents living in the municipalities they serve.
- **April 10th**—Bingo (doors open at 5PM/games begin at 6:45PM)
- **April 11th**—Eureka Auxiliary Breakfast (8AM-10AM)
- **May 8th**—Bingo (doors open at 5PM/games begin at 6:45PM)
- **May 9th**—Eureka Auxiliary Breakfast (8AM-10AM)
- **May 16th**—Pit Sandwich Sale in conjunction with Community Yard Sale Day (10AM-2PM or sold out)
- **June 12th**—Bingo (doors open at 5PM/games begin at 6:45PM)
- **June 13th**—Eureka Auxiliary Breakfast (8AM-10AM)
- **July 13-18th**—Eureka Carnival, 16 College Avenue. Parade thru town on Saturday, July 18th @ 4:30PM.

AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

www.eureka54.org

****RECRUITING A NEW SQUAD OF FIREFIGHTERS!** SYC Fire Camp will be held July 27th-31st from 9am-3pm daily at 21 W. Forrest Ave., Shrewsbury. Cost is \$100 for the week which will include a field trip to the 911 Call Center & Fire School, basic CPR certification, search & rescue maze & more! Lunch each day & safety equipment provided. Call (717)235-4476 with questions. Apply online no later than July 10th at www.shrewsburyfire.com.

Find Toby in PA is hosting a **free microchip clinic for owned cats and dogs**, and is excited to offer this as a resource that supports families and strengthens community animal welfare across the county. Microchipping is a quick and effective way to help lost pets get home safely, and providing this service at **no cost** helps make it accessible to more households.

The event will be held Saturday, April 18th from 10am-2pm at 1405 Williams Rd., York, PA 17402. Online registration opened March 7th. Pre-registration is **STRONGLY** recommended. Walk-ins will be accepted, but only as the schedule allows.

****PLEASE NOTE**, a current Rabies certificate is required, cats **must** be in a secure carrier and dogs **must** be leashed!

Pre-register at <https://bit.ly/4cbvoY3>

York County Solid Waste Authority's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event —Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 from 9am-1pm at the YCSWA's Recycle Drop-Off area located at 2685 Blackthorne Ct., York,.

This event is for York County **residents only**, no businesses, and is **free of charge**, but does **require participants to preregister**. You may get registration information by visiting www.ycswa.com/services/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste or by calling (717)845-1066.

NEW E-waste drop off site, right here in Stewartstown! Electronics can now be dropped off at 3750 Stewartstown Rd. (site of the Stewartstown Wastewater Treatment Plant), **Tuesdays & Thursdays only from 8am-2pm**.

Bring any amount of e-waste to have it recycled for FREE! ****Your security matters!** All devices with data will be safely wiped & destroyed!

Electronics accepted: TV's & monitors, computer desktops, laptops, servers, batteries, wires, fire extinguishers, smartphones, radios, VCRs, routers & switches, cameras, printers & scanners, small appliances, CDs & floppy disks, keyboards & mice, telephones, stereo systems, cables, plugs & hard drives.

Items NOT accepted: fluorescent light bulbs, large appliances (stoves, washing machines, etc.) or any hazardous materials including paint & liquids.

Please place your items in wooden box outside. Large items may be sat beside the box.

****Call or text (717)817-1877 with any questions.**

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Other informational items:

An alternate member for the Zoning Hearing Board is needed! The Zoning Hearing Board meets the 3rd Thursday of each month (7pm), when necessary to take action on Variance and/or Special Exception requests. Alternate must be a Borough resident and will serve when/if a Board member cannot attend (or must recuse himself from voting). If interested in serving, email borough@stewartstown.org

Tax Collection—In-person tax collection will be held at the Borough Office—Thursday, April 2nd, 9am-10:30am.

Borough Yard Sale—Saturday, May 16th (no permit is necessary on this day)

Borough Council Meetings, 6:30pm., 1st Monday of each month

—Monday, April 6th, May 4th & June 1st

Sewer & Water Authority Meeting, 6:30pm., 3rd Wednesday of each month

—Wednesday, April 15th, May 20th & June 17th

Borough Office will be closed—

Friday, April 3rd (Good Friday holiday)

Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day holiday)

Holiday (delayed) trash collection this quarter—

Memorial Day—Wednesday, May 27th & Saturday, May 30th

****Casella Waste is now offering front-load containers (2CY to 8CY) for businesses/commercial spaces for both trash and recycling. Please call Jon Yinger for a quote, (717)577-4247.**