

Stewartstown Borough News

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2026

Hopewell Area Recreation & Parks has a fun-filled Fall & Winter planned! 16 College Ave, Stewartstown, (717)993-2255

Email: info@harp-online.org

HARP Fall 2026 Youth Open Volleyball

These sessions are designed to introduce and develop the skills essential to the game of volleyball. Athletes can expect instruction along with lots of repetition and feedback in a positive uplifting learning environment. Ready to bump, set, and spike?! Our co-ed youth volleyball camp offers an exciting, high-energy environment for boys and girls to learn the fundamentals of volleyball. Designed for players of all skill levels, this camp blends skill-building drills with friendly competition to foster teamwork, fitness, and a love for the game. It is for athletes entering 5th through 8th grade for the current school year (26-2027) and will be held indoors at the HARP Gym located at 16 College Avenue Stewartstown. This is also a coed camp for those of all skill levels. The instructor for the camp is our Park Director, Rick Kerns. The camp will take place on Saturday mornings from 10am-11:30am and will start on October 24th. The program session will be on the following Saturdays (weather permitting) 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, & 11/14.

The registration fee is \$55 for all four sessions and includes a youth volleyball that each player will be able to keep to continue to practice the skills learned.

HARP's Road Rally Scavenger Hunt

This event is set to take place on Friday, October 30th 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! Pre-registration for this event is required and will be done through our website with a \$50 team registration fee. We are currently searching for interested local businesses to sponsor or participate in this upcoming event. If interested, please contact us for more information. Registration for this event is currently available on our website under the "Events" tab.

New York City Day Trip

Spend the day (Sunday, November 29th) strolling around New York City, enjoying the sights and sounds! 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 10/24/2026. The registration fee includes Motorcoach transportation to and from NYC. Trip may be canceled if registration minimum of 40 passengers is not reached prior to October 24 2026. 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.

6:30 AM—Depart from HARP parking lot located at 16 College Avenue.

11:00 AM—Arrive at New York City, New York

7:00pm—Depart from New York City, New York with an estimated time of arrival at HARP between 11:30 PM-12:00 AM.

For other sports & fundraising events, check out HARP's website, <https://www.harp-online.org>

****Important billing updates****

Utility online bill pay with doxo

Payments made to Stewartstown Borough using your bank account can now be done **FREE** with no convenience fee.

Payments made with a credit/debit card or Apple Pay will include a convenience fee (\$3.99 or 3.5% of the payment amount, whichever is greater).

doxo support can be reached at 1-855-791-9986. Support Agents are available from 8 AM to 8 PM EST.

Go to www.stewartstown.org to find the doxo pay link to pay your water, sewer and/or trash bill with NO fee!

Monthly Billing

After careful consideration and research, the Sewer & Water Authority will **NOT** be moving to monthly billing. The Borough will continue to bill your water, sewer & trash service on a quarterly basis. For reference—

Water bills are mailed:

January, April, July & October

Sewer bills are mailed:

February, May, August & November

Trash bills are mailed (Borough residents only):

March, June, September & December

Bills are mailed the 1st of the month and are due the 1st of the following month.

****New Casella Trash Collection** calendars are available at the Borough Office (or call to have one emailed to you)

Other important dates:

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



Santa's coming on the Fire Truck!



See next page for dates!

York County Area Agency on Aging has some volunteering opportunities available—

The York County Area Agency on Aging's volunteers improve the quality of life for our community's older adults. At the same time, many of our volunteers are older adults themselves; presently, 84% of our volunteers are aged 60 and over. Our volunteers find true purpose and joy in their service.

Volunteering is good for the mind, body, and spirit. Giving back often provides a sense of purpose and helps people find connection. The York County Area Agency on Aging has many opportunities for volunteering, but the roles we have the most need for right now are PA MEDI counselors, Ombudsman, and Judicial Center Tour Guides.

These three roles are uniquely suited to retired older adults who have flexible schedules.

- PA MEDI Counselors**—PA MEDI counselors are dedicated to continuing education regarding Medicare. They counsel beneficiaries in person and via telephone to help them make sense of the sometimes confusing Medicare insurance system.
Requirements: If you are a problem solver who enjoys learning and has a flexible daytime schedule, please consider this role. Volunteers are asked to commit to two years of service and volunteer 12 to 15 hours per month (including training, meetings, and counseling).
- Ombudsman Volunteers**—Ombudsman Volunteers advocate for York County's long-term care residents in nursing homes and personal care homes. They provide a visible presence in these facilities, helping residents voice their concerns and exercise their rights.
Requirements: This role requires a 6-month to 1-year training program consisting of case studies, shadowing, internet modules, and virtual statewide training. Volunteers are asked to commit two years and at least five to six hours per month.
- Judicial Center Tour Guides**—The Judicial Center Tour Guides lead tours at the York County Courthouse for student and retiree groups. Judicial Center Tour Guides volunteer approx. 12-15 hours per month in the Fall and Spring. They provide a history of the York County Judicial Center, supervise students while they observe courtroom proceedings, and provide opportunities for students to meet the York County Sheriff's K-9 Unit.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer roles or would like more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at the York County Area Agency on Aging. **Phone:** 717-771-9610, **Email:** aging@yorkcountypa.gov

Mason Dixon Library, 250 Bailey Drive, Stewartstown, (717)993-2404 welcomes these events:

- "Literacy for Change"** is a 24-hour Day of Giving to support **all** libraries in York County, Friday, October 2nd.
- Art Exhibition and Reception** will be held Sunday, October 11th from 2-4pm featuring the art of Jim & Karen Starr.
- Third Wednesday Series** in October will be October 21st @ 6:30pm, "Managing Stress" with hypnotist Carl Birkmyer.
- Third Wednesday Series** in November will be November 18th @ 6:30pm, "Cross Roads Mill & the Wallace Women" with Judy Grove.
- Annual Grateful Bread Bake Sale** will be held Monday, November 23rd, noon-6pm. Items for sale will include baked goods for breakfast, lunch, dinner & dessert!
- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** is tentative for Saturday, December 5th @ 6pm.

Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance, 82 N. Main St., Stewartstown, (717)993-6180 announces the following events:

- **Fire Prevention Week** will be held October 4th thru October 10th, 2026. Use this yearly time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!
- **Saturday, October 24th** Eureka will host a Drug Takeback Event from 10am-2pm. Bring all expired or unwanted medications to Eureka Fire Hall to be disposed of safely and legally.
- **Sunday, November 15th** Eureka will host Yeti, Stanley, Owala & CASH Bingo! Tickets are \$40. Doors open at noon; games start at 2pm. For tickets, contact Josh at (717)855-5372
- **Saturday, December 19th**—Santa will drive through the Borough, starting @ 10am.
- **Sunday, December 20th**—Santa will drive through the Township, starting @ 10am.

Stewartstown Senior Center, 26 S. Main Street, (717)993-3488

- **Sunday, October 4th**—Designer Purse & Basket Bingo will be held at Hopewell Fish & Game, 5456 Austin Lane, Stewartstown. Doors open at 12:30pm; games begin @ 2:00pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$27 at the door. Ticket price includes 20 games & 1 Thank You game. Contact the Senior Center for tickets or with questions.
- **Community Breakfasts are planned** for Thursday, October 15th, November 19th & December 17th. Breakfast will be available from 7:00-9:00am. A goodwill offering will be accepted in lieu of a set price.
- **October 28th from 9:30-11:30am**, a Health Fair/Vaccination Clinic with Minnich's Pharmacy will be held at the Center. If interested in receiving any vaccinations, please bring your insurance/medicare cards, and Minnich's will bill your insurance company.
- **November 10th @ 10:30am** a Veteran's Day Luncheon will follow the Patriotic Melodies from "New Song". Please arrive by 10:00am.

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

York County Solid Waste Authority will hold its second FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event on Saturday, October 17th from 9 am-1 pm. There is no fee for York County residents, but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. This event will be held in the area behind YCSWA's Recycling Drop-Off Center at 2685 Blackthorne Ct., York, 17406. The Borough Office can provide a list of acceptable & unacceptable items for this event. For other questions, call YCSWA at (717)845-1066.

Stewartstown Food Pantry, 10 Church Street garage is available to provide food assistance to those in need. Appointments are strongly encouraged for distributions on Thursdays (6pm-7:30pm) and Saturdays (9:30am-2pm). To make an appointment or with questions, email pantry@stewartstownumc.org or call 717-501-6018.

See distribution dates below. A \$5 donation to support the pantry can get you a 25% off Boscov's Shopping Pass good on October 21st.

—**October**—8th, 10th, 22nd & 24th (Also visit our table at Fall Fest on October 10th!)

—**November**—5th, 7th, 19th & 21st (Thanksgiving distribution will be held on November 19th & 21st)

—**December**—3rd, 5th, 17th & 19th

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

October

- **3rd, 4th, 10th & 11th**—Pumpkin Patch Special! Everyone who rides receives a pumpkin. Ride times are 10am, 12:45pm, and 2:45pm. Prices: Adults-\$19, Seniors (65+)-\$18, Children (ages 2-12)-\$17, under age 2 ride free.
- **24th**—HOTT Seat Experience! Learn how to run a real Locomotive! Cost is \$277.34/person

November

- **7th**—Fall Foliage Limited—This event sells out quickly so get your tickets soon! Ride times are 11am, 1:15pm, and 2:30pm. Prices: Adults-\$16, Seniors (65+)-\$15, Children (ages 2-12)-\$14, under age 2 ride free.
- **8th**—New Freedom Motor Car—Take our maintenance-of-way cars to New Freedom and back. Ride time is 11am, price is \$29. No one under 10yrs will be admitted.
- **28th & 29th**—The Candy Cane Express—Ride the rails with Santa! Ride times are 10am, 12:45pm and 2:30pm. Prices: Adults-\$19, Seniors (65+)-\$18, Children (ages 2-12)-\$17, under age 2 ride free.

December

- **5th, 6th and 20th**—The Candy Cane Express—Ride the rails with Santa! Ride times are 10am, 12:45pm and 2:30pm. Prices: Adults-\$19, Seniors (65+)-\$18, Children (ages 2-12)-\$17, under age 2 ride free. Evening trains will ride December 5th and 20th at 6pm.
- **12th, 13th and 19th**—The Grinch Storybook Limited presented by The Friends of Stewartstown Railroad. Ride with "the Mean Green One" and enjoy the reading of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". Ride times are 10am, 12:45pm and 2:30pm. Prices: Adults-\$25, Seniors (65+)-\$23, Children (ages 2-12)-\$20, under age 2 ride free.

****Our holiday train rides sell out fast! Tickets go on sale October 1st @ 9am.** We will be serving hot chocolate and cookies in the Gift Shop during all Holiday Train rides.

To buy tickets, go to—<https://stewartstownrailroadco.com/events1/> or call (717)746-4998

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Borough Office will be closed—

- Veterans Day—Wednesday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving holiday—Thursday & Friday, November 26th & 27th
- Christmas holiday—Thursday & Friday, December 24th & 25th
- New Year's Day—Friday, January 1st

Trash collection this quarter—

- Thanksgiving holiday—no change
- Christmas holiday—Tuesday & Saturday, December 22nd & December 26th, 2026
- New Year's holiday—Tuesday & Saturday, December 29th & January 2nd, 2027

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

Council meetings this quarter—6:30 pm (Mondays)

—October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th

Authority meetings this quarter—6:30 pm (Wednesdays)

—October 21st, November 18th, December 16th

****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.**