
Borough of Strasburg

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June 2013 Newsletter

TREE COMMITTEE SPECIALIZES IN “SHADY DEALS”

The Strasburg Shade Tree Committee has a great deal for Borough residents: FREE TREES! Looking forward to what they hope will be their biggest planting seasons ever in Fall 2013 and in Spring 2014, the committee is working now to build a list of property owners who would like trees planted along their street frontage at no cost. Once they have a list of planting sites, the committee will communicate a planting schedule to each interested homeowner.



There are many varieties of trees available through this program; come by the Borough Office or visit the Borough website at www.strasburgboro.org to view the recommended street tree list and learn more about the trees offered. When you have selected your tree species, fill out a Street Tree Request Form (downloadable from the website) or stop in and fill one out to get on the list for up to two free trees next fall. If you need help in selecting the perfect tree(s) for your site, our knowledgeable committee members are available to answer any tree-related question or pay a visit to help you choose. You can also look through our “Street Tree Fact Sheets” booklet that contains information about and photographs of the many tree varieties available.

In addition to this push to gather tree requests for 2013 and 2014, the committee will also be planting several Borough-funded trees in the Fall 2013 season as well. Volunteers are always welcome to help dig holes and get the trees in the ground on planting days. This is a worthwhile volunteer opportunity and counts toward community service hours for high school students. It’s also a good way for those who have received a free tree to “pay it forward.”

The Shade Tree Committee is dedicated to restoring the tree-lined streets of yesteryear, in the interest not only of beautifying our town, but also providing improved air quality, environmental cooling, and stormwater control throughout the borough. The trees they provide, which must be planted within six feet of the inside edge of the sidewalk, are sizable, healthy specimens. Over the past thirteen years the Shade Tree Committee, with help from Public Works staff and willing volunteers, and funded by Borough Council and grant awards when available, has planted 160 trees along Strasburg’s streets! They also beautify our town by planting and maintaining flowerbeds and hanging baskets each summer around Center Square.



Call the Borough Office at 717-687-7732 if you would like more information about getting your free trees, volunteering to help on planting days, or learning more in general about the Shade Tree Committee’s work.

REMINDERS:



Flushing of the entire water system will be on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 and again on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 (during the day). Please don’t do laundry during these hours, as the water may be discolored.



Street Cleaning will be on Thursday and Friday, October 17 & 18, 2013 and again on Thursday and Friday, April 24 & 25, 2014. Please keep parked cars off the street starting at 7:30 a.m. on these days.

STRASBURG BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

School is out—please be mindful of the increased number of youth that will be about our community. Please practice safe driving habits and remember that **all of the Borough is a 25 MPH speed zone.**

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. This time of year there is always an increase in home improvement scams, and recent intelligence to law enforcement indicates that gypsy activity is already present in Lancaster County. Know who the service provider is before accepting a work proposal. Do not accept door-to-door solicitations of this type of activity unless the vendor has a license to solicit door-to-door within the Borough. Please check with the Police Department on any suspicious activity related to phone or mail solicitations.

There are also more and more scams, both by phone and Internet. If someone wants to pay you more than what you are asking for, IT IS A SCAM. Even if the material looks authentic, it is our advice that you do not accept it. If you have questions about these scams, please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department.

Important Phone Numbers: Emergencies: Call 911
Non-Emergencies: Call 1-800-957-2677 (Lancaster County-Wide Communications)
Strasburg Borough Police Department office: 717-687-7128

ORDINANCE REMINDERS

Residents are reminded of the following Borough Ordinances which are enforced by the Police Department. Questions regarding these ordinances should be directed to the Police Department by calling 717-687-7128 (complete copies of these ordinances are available on the Borough's website at www.strasburgboro.org by selecting "Ordinances" from the menu on the left-hand side of the home page).



CURFEW - Parents are reminded that persons under the age of 18 are restricted by a curfew Sunday through Thursday 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from midnight to 5:00 a.m. During these hours, juveniles must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The ordinance makes the *parent* responsible for this misconduct.

STREET STORAGE & DUMPSTERS - Any street storage or dumpster placement on the street requires a permit.



BURNING - Open burning is prohibited on Sundays and Mondays as well as after dark. When permitted, any burning needs to be done at least 50 feet from any structures and under the personal supervision of a responsible adult. The only materials allowed to be burned are paper, cardboard, wood, leaves, and garden refuse which are not wet, damp, or tightly compacted.

HOUSE NUMBERS - For your safety and to assist emergency services to locate you quickly, you need to have your house numbered with at least 3" high numbers placed on or around your front door.



GRASS/WEEDS - Property owners or tenants are required to keep grass and weeds less than six inches in height.

FIREWORKS - Very few fireworks are Pennsylvania-legal. As a general rule, any firework display that leaves the ground needs to be licensed or is considered to be illegal.



CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF ANIMALS (DOG BARKING) - Dogs barking for more than 10 minutes continuously or 30 minutes intermittently are considered to be in violation. The complainant cannot, by Ordinance, be anonymous and an officer must witness the dog barking. The Ordinance requires a written notice/warning of the violation before prosecution may commence. Violations of this Ordinance are punishable by a fine up to \$600.



STRASBURG FIRE COMPANY #1

Strasburg Fire Company #1 is a volunteer fire department that has served the Borough and vicinity since 1933. Its volunteers are at the beck and call of the citizens 24/7 365 days a year. In order to provide this fire and emergency service the company relies on the generous support of the community through its annual fund drive and fund-raising activities throughout the year. By the time you receive this newsletter, you will have probably received the annual fund drive letter. If you have not already responded, kindly consider donating whatever you can afford to this worthy cause. As the fire company has stated over the years:

WE NEED YOU; YOU MAY NEED US.

Last year (May 1, 2012-April 30, 2013) the fire company received approximately \$44,000 in its annual fund-raising campaign in addition to the special picture fund drive held in December. During the past year, fire personnel responded to 182 emergency calls. Training activities are held every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. Residents interested in serving as a volunteer firefighter or corporate assistant should visit the fire station during these evenings to obtain further information.

Future fund-raising events:

2013

June 29 – 5th Saturday Breakfast 6:00-10:00 a.m.
August 31 – 5th Saturday Breakfast 6:00-10:00 a.m.
October 4 – Chicken Corn Soup Sale, Noon-4:30 p.m.
October 5 – Fall Quilt and Craft Sale, 8:30 a.m.
November 9 – Turkey Supper, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

2014

February 21 – Chicken Corn Soup Sale, Noon-4:30 p.m.
February 22 – Annual Spring Mud Sale, 8:30 a.m.
March 29 – 5th Saturday Breakfast 6:00-10:00 a.m.
May 31 – 5th Saturday Breakfast 6:00-10:00 a.m.

SENATOR LLOYD K. SMUCKER

On Wednesday, May 8, 2013, the PA Supreme Court finalized the Commonwealth's legislative redistricting plan. The plan, which goes into effect December 1, 2014, reshapes all the legislative boundaries in Pennsylvania, including the 13th Senatorial District, of which Strasburg is a part. Senator Lloyd K. Smucker has served the 13th District since 2008.

The newly redrawn 13th District includes the City of Lancaster; the townships of Bart, Colerain, Conestoga, Drumore, East Drumore, East Lampeter, Eden, Fulton, Lancaster, Leacock, Little Britain, Manheim, Manor, Martic, Paradise, Pequea, Providence, Sadsbury, Strasburg, Upper Leacock and West Lampeter; and the boroughs of Christiana, Millersville, Quarryville and Strasburg.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRYAN CUTLER'S OFFICE HAS MOVED!

In March, Cutler's office relocated to the Musser Plaza in "The Buck" at 33G Friendly Drive, Quarryville, PA 17566. There is a passageway from Musser's main lot through to the rear where the office is located, or there is parking right near the office entrance which can be accessed via Four Pines Drive. Their new phone number is 717-284-1965 and the fax number is 717-284-1968. The new office is wheelchair accessible and has ample parking.

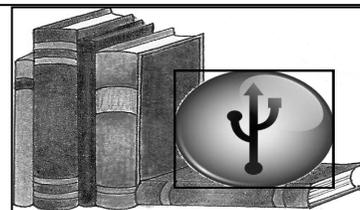
You can still expect the same great constituent service when you contact Rep. Cutler's office for assistance with your state government needs, including state forms, working with state agencies on your behalf and helping with PennDOT paperwork. An Open House will be held at the new office on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Light food and refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP your attendance to the district office.

Finally, you may have heard the Pennsylvania Supreme Court finally approved the new maps for Pennsylvania's House and Senate districts. After December 1, 2014, Strasburg Borough will move out of the 100th District, which Cutler represents, to become a part of the 43rd District.

STRASBURG-HEISLER LIBRARY

Get informed, Get Involved, Get Connected!

Phone: 717-687-8969 Website: www.strasburglibrary.org



DID YOU KNOW:

- At any one given time, 639 Strasburg-Heisler Library patrons have on average five items borrowed from the library. The median value of those items is about \$155.
- Summer Reading began on June 4 and they have 24 events planned! Register online!
- Two donors gave the library a combined \$24,000 for renovations and new computers!
- State funding from your tax contribution is less than one-third of the library's annual budget and is only \$6 per capita. This has been dropping over the last four years!
- 173 Strasburg Library patrons have an outstanding library fine of over ten dollars.
- You can download audiobooks and ebooks for free using Overdrive from the library's website.
- By using your library card, you can access dozens of databases, even those for family history and car maintenance.

IF HAVING A LIBRARY IN STRASBURG IS IMPORTANT TO YOU, THEN:

- If you have a library fine, pay it. (If you're not sure, call them!)
- Donate generously to your library.
- Contract Senator Pat Toomey's office and ask him to support libraries in PA.
- Use your library!

Library Hours:

Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sunday 1-4 p.m.

DISPOSE AND RECYCLE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FROM YOUR HOME FREE OF CHARGE

Numerous materials used in the home, garage and garden are considered household hazardous waste (HHW). They can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation and for disposal facilities. The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's (LCSWMA) HHW Facility, located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster, accepts qualifying items for **FREE** from Lancaster County residents. Operating hours are Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

What materials does the HHW facility take for FREE?

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| * Household & auto batteries | * Paint, stains, turpentine, thinners & rust inhibitors and adhesives |
| * Fire extinguishers | * Photographic & pool chemicals |
| * Household cleaners | * Automotive fluids (5 gallon container max) |
| * Pesticides & herbicides | * Kerosene, gasoline & propane |
| * Computers & monitors | * Computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer, speakers) |
| * Televisions and cell phones | * Cooking and frying oils (5 gallon container max) |
| * Floor & furniture polish | * Computers, monitors, televisions and cell phones |
| * Chemistry sets | * Lawn treatments, including herbicides & pesticides |
| * Mercury-containing items (max of 30 per month), including ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, thermometers & thermostats. | |

Important Reminders:

- * Only the items listed above are accepted at the HHW Facility. All other materials, including appliances, are considered trash and may be disposed of for a fee.
- * Empty containers, from paint and other items that previously contained liquids, are not accepted at the HHW Facility and may be disposed of as regular trash.
- * LCSWMA does not accept items from institutions, industries, or manufacturers at the HHW Facility.
- * Household batteries **SHOULD NOT** be thrown away in your trash! Either bring them to the HHW or place them in an orange battery collection bag next to your trash can for your hauler to pick up.



LANCASTER COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

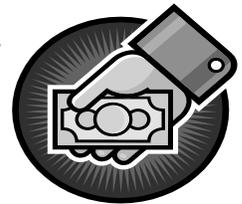


The Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority offers 0% interest loans to low to moderate income homeowners who reside in Lancaster County outside the Lancaster City limits. **Loans are for addressing hazardous situations within the home. Loans are not for cosmetic work.** Applicants can receive up to \$24,999 in home repairs made by a qualified contractor. A lien is placed on the homeowner's property and no monthly payments are required. Loans are not due until the home is sold, the deed transferred, or if the home is no longer the owners' primary residence. Interested homeowners may call the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Lancaster at 717-394-0793, extension 226. Applications may also be found online at www.lchra.com.

Strasburg Restoration & Preservation, Inc. (SRPI) Exterior Home Repair Program

The exterior home repair program of Strasburg Restoration & Preservation (SRPI) has been made possible by a \$50,000 grant from the Lancaster County Commissioners. All residences in the Borough built before World War II are eligible, including rental units. All homes within the historic district of the Borough must submit plans and receive approval from the Strasburg Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) and the Borough Council before funding.

The loan program has an interest rate of 2% simple interest, with no requirement for a borrower match of funds loaned. Half of the funds will be disbursed upon loan approval. The maximum loan amount is \$7,500, the maximum loan duration is 7 years, and all work must be completed within 12 months.



Since the beginning of 2010, eight new loans have been approved, and they are expecting new submissions. The total loan amount outstanding currently is \$30,000, less repair principal and interest.

Informational brochures may be obtained from the Borough Office, and new applications are reviewed on a continual basis.

For additional information and loan applications, write to Loan Committee, Strasburg Restoration & Preservation, Inc., 28 E. Main St., Strasburg, PA 17579 or contact any of the Loan Committee Members:

Jim Kiscaden (687-6238)
Larry Shurr (687-6524)

Tom Lainhoff (687-8816)
Dave Young (687-6143)

Bill Lyons (687-7369)

WATER/SEWER BILLS - WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY BILL?

This is a frequently-asked question! The following schedule outlines when you can expect to receive your quarterly water/sewer bill, as well as the time frame it covers. Bills are due 30 days from the date of billing.

Water used in January, February & March is billed during the first week of April (1st Quarter)

Water used in April, May & June is billed during the first week of July (2nd Quarter)

Water used in July, August & September is billed during the first week in October (3rd Quarter)

Water used in October, November & December is billed during the second week in January (4th Quarter)

BUDGET

To view the 2013 Strasburg Borough Budget, please visit the Borough's website at www.strasburgboro.org or stop by the Borough Office.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Strasburg Borough Planning Commission meets the first Monday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. Five members comprise the committee.



STRASBURG COMMUNITY PARKS FOUNDATION

The development and maintenance of the Strasburg Community Park is made possible through the donation of time and monies from community residents, our local municipalities, and service organizations, as well as generous benefactors.



Rentals: Call Lynda, 717-687-6408 for rental fees and availability.

Park Pavilion: Includes kitchen facility, restroom, tables (6' diameter) and chairs to accommodate up to 60 people.

Open Air Amphitheater: Perfect location for plays, concerts, or special events.

Memorials: Call Barb, 717-687-5662 for memorial purchase details.

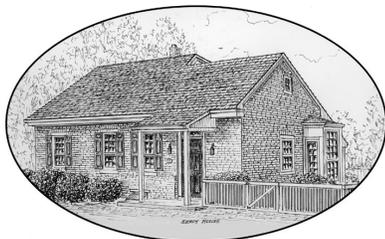
Memorial Trees and Benches: Large specimen tree or weather-resistant bench with bronze plaque.

Giving Tree Memorial Leaf: Small bronze leaf attached to our Giving Tree.

Park Board: We are currently looking for Borough residents to fill open positions on the board. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Strasburg Borough Office. Please consider serving. Attend a meeting!

Volunteer Work Days: Maintenance and cleanup is the last Saturday of the month, April through November, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Tree planting events are held in November. Everyone is welcome. Please mark your calendar!

STRASBURG HERITAGE SOCIETY



The Strasburg Heritage Society was chartered in 1972 and is dedicated to promoting the preservation, restoration, and appreciation of our community's cultural and historical heritage. The Society owns and is currently restoring the 1790 Shroy House at 122 South Decatur Street. They also own two adjacent properties: 124 South Decatur Street, another Shroy family home built c. 1887, and the 1804 Methodist Meeting House at 126-128 South Decatur Street which will one day become part of the Strasburg Heritage Center museum complex.

The Society invites the public to attend its monthly program series, held on the third Monday of each month from September to May (except for December) at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 South Decatur Street. The programs, which are free to members and are \$3.00 for non-members, feature speakers on a variety of historical topics.

The Secret Gardens of Strasburg is held the fourth weekend in June. This annual garden tour has become a delightful tradition for garden lovers and all who enjoy the beauty of nature. Visitors explore local gardens and the Shroy House. Free refreshments are served.

Strasburg Heritage Day, an outdoor antique and craft fair, is always held the first Saturday after Labor Day behind the Shroy House at 122 South Decatur Street. Now in its 42nd year, Heritage Day features great food, entertainment, craft demonstrations and quality exhibits. There is no admission charge.

The Holiday Home Tour is held on the first Saturday in December. Tour homes range from historic to new in Strasburg. Wreaths and arrangements are for sale. A craft market will provide holiday shopping opportunities as well.

For more information about the activities and publications of the Strasburg Heritage Society, or to inquire about membership, visit the website www.strasburgheritatesociety.org, write to P.O. Box 81, Strasburg, PA 17579, or call 717-687-3535.

STRASBURG AREA SERTOMA CLUB



The Strasburg Area **SER**vice **TO Mankind** Club supports many community projects, organizations and events, such as:

- 1) Programs that assist persons with communicative disorders (hard of hearing, deaf and/or speech disorders) and promote hearing health.
- 2) Scholarships to L-S High School graduating seniors who are pursuing higher education in the field of audiology or speech therapy or who have/had a hearing or speech deficit.
- 3) Strasburg Community Park
- 4) Strasburg Farmers Market–Buy Fresh, Buy Local!
- 5) Strasburg Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service
- 6) Strasburg Heisler Library
- 7) Strasburg Pool
- 8) Clinic for Special Children

Dinner meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month, September through June, beginning at 6:15 p.m. at the Fireside Tavern. For more information about the club, to make a reservation to attend a meeting, or to become a member, please contact Lynda Houck at 717-687-6408 or houckl@att.net.

What's up for Summer-Fall 2013:

Farmers Market on the Borough Lawn –Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., May through September. Residents can purchase locally grown produce, meats, cheese and eggs, as well as fresh baked goods, plants, flowers and seasonal crafts. Visit our website at www.strasburgfarmmarket.com and be sure to “like” us on Facebook.

2014 Strasburg Area Sertoma Calendars will be available in September – The 2014 calendar will feature local scenes, local business sponsors and local events. Calendars are available at the Borough Office or from any Sertoma member. For more info, to become a sponsor, or bulk purchase of calendars contact Ann Schein at 717-687-0570 or apschein@aol.com.

THE POWERHOUSE YOUTH CENTER



The Powerhouse Youth Center opened in Fall 2008 and is continuing to grow. The Youth Center is now located at the Jaycee Park, 218B Miller Street (in the barn), and exists as a cooperative effort of the community of faith to provide a safe, nurturing, and inclusive setting where teenage students (grades 7-12) can grow intensively by connecting spiritually and socially. There is a café, computer room, basketball court, pool table, ping pong table, foosball, and a nice lounge with large screen TV/Wii, plus so much more! Come and hang out with your friends!

Grades 9-12 meet on Friday nights from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Grades 6-8 meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the school year and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. over the summer. This is a time when students can come and relax in a safe environment. There is a summer full of activities such as Summer Bash, volleyball tournaments, movie nights, coffee houses, etc.



Thank you for your support of the Youth Center so far. Your generous donations and support of the Youth Center have been appreciated very much, through breakfast fundraisers, support of local churches, and community donations. They, however, continue to ask for your financial support along with volunteers and prayers. For more information, contact the Powerhouse Youth Center at P.O. Box 72, Strasburg, PA 17579, phone 717-288-2005, or visit their website at www.strasburgph.com.

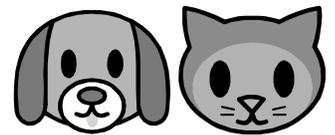
STRASBURG AREA WOMAN'S CLUB

The Strasburg Area Woman's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Pennsylvania Women's Clubs, was founded in 1965. The objective of this organization is to provide an opportunity for women to work together for the benefit of family and community and to support the Federation of Women's Clubs. The club motto is "Forward together through friendship and service."

The current membership has met this objective through many service projects including making valentines and small boxes of candy which are delivered to veterans, making and delivering fruit baskets to those in need of a bit of cheer, and other community activities.

Through hard work and dedication of club members, together with the support of the community, the club has very successful fundraisers: the Spring Tea, L-S Soup Cook Off, Idol, and others. As a result, they have been able to give four scholarships to L-S graduates, provide "Christmas on the Square," and support other community activities and organizations.

The President's project for 2013/2014 is providing food and toys to our "furry friends" at the Humane League of Lancaster County.



The club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month August through May, at the First Presbyterian Church in Strasburg at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining may contact Mary DaLauro at 717-687-8970.

STRASBURG SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Strasburg Senior Citizens Club (for our age 50+ friends) was organized about 1966 for the purpose of entertainment, fellowship, knowledge and travel. Since that time, the group has been meeting on the third Wednesday of each month except July and December. During Lent, the meeting is on Tuesday. A June picnic and a December Christmas party are scheduled. Most meetings are held in the Community Room at the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, 101 South Decatur Street, which is handicap-friendly. The meetings usually begin at 12:00 or 1:00 p.m. and include a program, snacks or "covered dish," entertainment, and games. There have been singers, speakers, television personalities, travelogues, musical groups and the like. This provides a reason for local retirees to get out, meet, and socialize with their community friends. Yearly dues are minimal. For more information, contact Lois Yost at 717-687-6006.

Day and multi-day trips are planned, scheduled and carried out regularly. Tours are open to friends and neighbors— you do not have to be a club member to go along on a bus trip! For more information regarding these trips or for reservations, contact Shirley Morgan at 610-283-2360. Some of the upcoming trips include:

Thursday, August 1, 2013 - Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre Thursday, October 17, 2013 - Penn's Peak
Thursday, November 21, 2013 - Christmas in Hershey and Antique Auto Museum of Hershey



STRASBURG INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS (I.O.O.F.)

The Strasburg I.O.O.F. is located at 9 East Main Street, Center Square, Strasburg and has been a local fraternal organization since the mid 1800s. The organization donates to Lampeter-Strasburg scholarships, sponsors the Pearl Harbor Day ceremony on December 9 at 12:30 p.m., and the lighting of the tree in the Square.

The Veterans Concert in the Square will be held on July 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. (rain location is Strasburg Fire Company on Franklin Street). The Veterans Honor Roll sits on the grounds in front of Massasoit Hall. For more information regarding the I.O.O.F., please contact Don Bachman at 717-687-7849. Persons interested in joining are welcome. Members were honored at our annual banquet this Spring: Robert L. Bell as a 55 year member, John F. Koch as a 65 year member and John Rineer, William H. Rineer, David S. Herr and Jerre L. Groff as 60 year members.

In recognition of veterans, future flags can be purchased to be flown in the Square for six months. For more information, contact Don Bachman at 717-687-7849.

LANCASTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION



Hydration and Health: Edward Crawford, EMT, Lancaster EMS

The Lancaster County 9-1-1 Center dispatches emergency medical personnel throughout the year for patients that seem dehydrated... are not eating or drinking well and haven't 'felt good' for "days." That's a 9-1-1 call that we respond to frequently at Lancaster EMS. Whether it is in Strasburg Borough, or across Lancaster County, Lancaster EMS Paramedics and EMTs will surely need to assist someone with IV fluids and a trip to the local hospital for further hydration and testing!

This year, 2013, is designated the "International Year of Water Cooperation," proclaimed by the United Nations in December of 2010. The focus is basic human need for water and for good water management across the globe. We sometimes take it for granted that when we turn on our faucets we will be rewarded with a cool glass of the life-sustaining liquid. Even though water here is readily available, given our busy schedules we sometimes forget to drink enough of it to keep us healthy. That is especially important when the weather changes to greet the warm spring and hot summer seasons! Sometimes we just don't feel thirsty and don't realize that we have been sweating in the sun. Dehydration doesn't always make you "parched" for a drink. But our bodies know when we are not hydrated adequately. It might surprise you to see that the amount of water we require is fairly high, even in the colder months. A calculator to show approximately how much you should be drinking can be found at: <http://www.csgnetwork.com/humanh2owater.html>.

Dehydration can be a very serious threat to our health and can cause more than just a dry mouth. It can lead to dry airways, low blood pressure, lightheadedness, cramps in our extremities and a rapid heart rate. If not remedied with the timely intake of **water**, severe dehydration can lead to kidney, liver and brain damage. Damaged brain cells can result in confusion, unconsciousness or even coma. Water is probably your best bet to stay hydrated. It's calorie-free, caffeine-free, inexpensive and readily available. Sodas, teas, coffees or juices do have water in them, but all the other ingredients don't do much to help.

Safety tip: Remember how good it felt to take an ice cold drink out of your garden hose when you were a kid? It turns out that "studies" *now* find we shouldn't drink out of hoses because of stagnant water and dangerous contaminants. Instead, keep a refillable bottle of water with you throughout the day. It will be good for your body, and it will make you feel refreshed and ready to go!

Lancaster EMS is excited to announce our "New Parent Program" for expectant mothers. This two-hour (in-home) program covers infant safe sleep, safe cribs, infant CPR, 'shaken baby syndrome,' seizures, and much more. Learn more about our new program at: www.lemsa.com or by emailing us at: communityparamedics@lemsa.com. Lancaster EMS offers monthly CPR training at our Millersville location. To learn more please go to: <http://www.lemsa.com/learn-CPR.asp> or call us at: 717-481-4841, x234.



Tornado Safety information, written by the Storm Prediction Center, is available on the Borough's website at www.strasburgboro.org.



UPCOMING PAVING PROJECTS

The streets that are scheduled to be paved in 2013 are Julia Avenue from Clover to Pleasant View and Pleasant View Drive from Clover to Clark.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

If you haven't already signed up to receive notifications, including emergency water system notifications, please sign up today on the Borough's website or by calling the Borough Office at 717-687-7732. Please remember to update your information if you change phone numbers or e-mail addresses!



SATELLITE DISHES

If you are thinking about installing a satellite dish and you live in the Historic District, the Zoning Ordinance only allows those dishes to be placed in the rear yard.

STRASBURG'S SENIOR SOFTBALL SQUAD



Strasburg is again represented in the Lancaster County Senior Modified Softball League. Strasburg has had a team in the league for several years. The team is sponsored by the Strasburg Willow Street Baseball Softball Association. All players must be 60 years old or reach age 60 during the calendar year in which they first play. Albert Herr has faithfully continued to manage the team for many years. There are 15 teams in two divisions, with the Strasburg team playing 20 games in the regular season. The team plays 10 home games at the Jaycee Park in Strasburg on the field closest to the pavilion. At the end of the season, teams with the best percentage win record will participate in playoffs to determine the county champion.

Annually, the team has representatives that play in an All-Star Game. The league donates a portion of the funds raised at the event to the Challenger Little League program (approximately \$2,000 each year). The Challenger program, which has been in existence in Lancaster County for the past 20 years, was formed to provide opportunities for children with physical and mental disabilities to compete in sports activities. The league has nearly 175 children participating in its programs throughout the county. A "buddy" system is utilized so that each player can enjoy participation in hitting, batting, and base running. Buddies help the Challenger players who require assistance. The Challengers generally will play a game before the Senior All-Star Game. The All-Star Game is generally held in June at Garrett Park in Willow Street.

Come out and support the senior squad as they continue their season. Remaining home games for 2013 are July 10, 22 and 31. Games begin at 6 p.m. If you have any questions about the Lancaster County Senior Modified Softball League or are interested in participating on a team, contact Ron Bowman at 717-687-6637.

STRASBURG SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The new and annual memberships for joining the Strasburg Sportsmen's Association are due between June and August of each year. Some activities for members include a fall members picnic in September, Sunday morning breakfasts, and use of the pistol and rifle range. The club members assist in stocking trout in the Beaver Creek, help place flags at the Strasburg Cemetery, and donate to the local fire companies.



In addition to the activities for the members, the following activities are open to the public:

- * Ham raffle before Easter
- * Turkey raffle in November
- * 12 gauge block shoots on the last Saturdays of December, January, February and March
- * A children's fishing derby the first Saturday in May
- * Pavilion available for rent

For more information, the phone number to the Association is 717-687-6921. Regular meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 316 Weaver Road, Strasburg.

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Did you know that the history of Strasburg reaches back into 1733? Homes on Miller Street, East and West Main Street and the first two blocks of South Decatur Street are located in the Historic District. These homes and structures contain rich historic architectural features which have been preserved as a result of the contributions of many individuals over the centuries. Current owners of these properties are part of the history and the future of our town. Property owners, with the assistance of HARB members, are guardians of a rich heritage until such time as it is passed on to new owners, who will then assume the guardianship of that heritage.

These historic features are preserved by having a Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) review any improvements to these homes or structures which can be seen from the street in order to maintain the standards for the unique homes in the District. HARB review is not required if they are repainting the same color. Applications must be submitted to the Borough Office 10 days in advance of the meeting, which is normally held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. if there are items on the agenda. The Strasburg Historic Architectural Review Board, established in 1970, continues to work on maintaining architectural standards for the Historic District. The District is recognized by the U.S. Department of Interior's National Register of Historic Places, the State of Pennsylvania, and became a Certified Local Government in 2008.

SPEND YOUR SUMMER AT THE YMCA!

Don't let your good health and wellness go on vacation this summer! The Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA has programs and activities to keep you and your family active and healthy.

YMCA MEMBERSHIP: Summer is a great time to start a new health and wellness routine! There is no annual contract with a Y membership, and short-term membership options are available to meet your summer schedule. *The Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA participates in the Healthways Silver Sneakers program.*

OUTDOOR POOL: Relax and take in the sun at the Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA outdoor pool. Teen, adult and family memberships as well as daily pool passes available. Outdoor pool membership is open to the public, with special pricing plans for Y members and L-S residents.

SUMMER DAY CAMP: YMCA summer day camp provides a full-day camp program for children who have completed kindergarten through age 12 from June 10-August 23. Drop off begins at 7:00 a.m. and pick-up runs until 6:00 p.m. Your children will enjoy a summer of swimming, field trips, arts and crafts, sports and exciting new adventures.

YOUTH SPORTS: From toddlers to teens, Y youth sports programs build skills, self-confidence, physical fitness and teamwork all while incorporating the Y's core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

British Soccer Camps: July 22-26 and August 12-16. For ages 4-14.

Baton: Tuesdays in July (July 9–July 30). For ages 3-18.

Volleyball Camp: July 29–August 1. For children who will be entering grades 3-8.

Little Spikers (volleyball): Tuesdays in July (July 16-August 20)

3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament: Saturday, August 3 for ages 7-9 and 10-12.

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS: Y swim lessons are available for youth of any skill level. The next swim lesson session runs July 8-July 28. Registration ends July 11.

YMCA DUATHLON: The Y's annual duathlon will be held on September 7 at Speedwell Forge Recreation Area. This USAT-sanctioned event is comprised of a 5K Run/40K Bike/5K Run and is open to teams or individual participants. Proceeds benefit the Y's financial scholarship program.

Please visit www.lancasterymca.org for more information on these Y programs, events and membership. Program registration available at the Y Welcome Desk.

Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA / 800 Village Road / 717-464-4000



UNITED STATES FLAG ETIQUETTE

Some commonly asked questions



The main rule of flag etiquette is to treat all flags with respect and common sense.

The Stars and Stripes takes precedence over all flags when flown within the United States. It should not be flown lower than another flag nor should it be smaller than another flag flown with it.

When should the flag be saluted? The flag should be saluted when the flag is raised, lowered, or carried by on parade; when the Pledge of Allegiance is recited; and when the national anthem is played (unless the flag is not present).

What is the correct manner to salute the flag? All present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute at the first note of the Anthem and retain this position until the last note. Public Law No. 110-181 changes section 9 of title 4, permitting members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform to render the military salute.

Is it proper to fly the United States Flag at night? The Flag Code states that it is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. Proper illumination is a light specifically placed to illuminate the flag (preferred) or having a light source sufficient to illuminate the flag so it is recognizable as such by the casual observer.

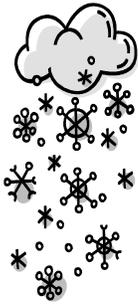
When should I replace my flag? When a flag is no longer of dignified appearance and cannot be repaired, it should be properly destroyed. Strasburg's Scouts have flag retirement ceremonies twice per year and you can drop off your flags at the Borough Office to be included in that ceremony.

PREVENT STORM WATER POLLUTION

Here are some important things you can do:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint; never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system, and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community.
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak, to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during time of dry weather—a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess—in a backyard or at the park—storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.





As most residents are aware, you have 24 hours after snowfall cessation to remove snow and ice from your sidewalks, cleaning a path at least 30 inches wide. Please also note that the Borough Ordinance **prohibits the blowing or shoveling of snow into the travel lane of any roadway.**

If you are cited, violating this ordinance brings a fine of \$300 or up to 90 days in jail for each day the violation exists.

*****NOTICE*****

It is illegal to have your sump pump or downspouts connected into the sewer. If you have yours connected into the sewer, please disconnect immediately!

STRASBURG SWIMMING AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION



Since it was founded in 1962, the Strasburg Swimming and Recreation Association has provided the community with a cool place for family, friends, and neighbors to gather during the hot summer months. It features a swimming pool with two diving boards, a wading pool, a sandy play area, grass volleyball court, snack bar, and more! County residents are invited to join for the season individually, as a couple, or a family.

The pool is open throughout the summer, Mondays and Wednesdays through Saturdays from noon to 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays from noon to 10:00 p.m., and on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Members are also invited to bring guests for the day for \$5 each; books of 10 guest passes can be purchased for \$35.

The Strasburg Pool is also a great location for your outdoor party with special group rates! Plus, local businesses are invited to support the pool through special advertising opportunities. Details on memberships, hours, parties, and advertising are available at www.strasburgpool.com or call the pool during operating hours at 717-687-9180. Join the fun at the Strasburg Pool!

LANCASTER COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION

The Lancaster County Art Association (LCAA) is the oldest visual arts organization in Lancaster County. Founded in 1936, the LCAA celebrated its 75th anniversary two years ago. Throughout the years, the LCAA has provided a location for artists and the public to engage in the arts through exhibits, education and special events. Located at 149 Precision Avenue in Strasburg, it has recently opened a new satellite location in downtown Lancaster at 112 West Orange Street.



The LCAA invites the community to view their exciting schedule of exhibits, which are free to the public. Featured shows include membership exhibits, solo shows, an invitational exhibit and holiday art sale. The National Juried Exhibition in June & July features juried artists from across the United States, and is the only national juried show in Lancaster County.

Those interested in developing their artistic skills can enroll in one of many art classes and workshops. Classes in painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, pottery and other media are taught by talented instructors who are also well regarded award-winning artists in their field. The Pink Flamingos Art Club for children meets after school on Thursdays, and several art camps are scheduled throughout the summer for the younger artist. Classes for adults with physical or cognitive disabilities are held the second Tuesday of the month.

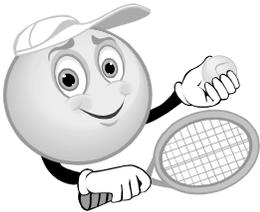
For information on exhibits, classes, or membership, please call 717-687-7061 or visit the website at lcaonline.org. Regular hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

STRASBURG JAYCEE PARK

The mission of Strasburg Jaycee Park, in partnership with the greater Strasburg community, is to preserve and enhance the Park, providing recreational activities in a safe, clean and inviting environment for people of all ages in present and future generations. The Park has been serving the public for over 36 years and continues to be a valuable asset to its neighboring communities.



We encourage the public to take advantage of this outstanding resource. The Park's recreational facilities, covering nearly 12 acres, include three baseball fields, three basketball courts, two volleyball courts, two tennis courts, and a playground. The Park also has a large meeting/activity room with capacity for 50-60 people and a pavilion complete with 21 picnic tables for group outings.



The Park, though privately owned by Strasburg Jaycee Park, Inc., is a non-profit corporation and therefore depends on fundraisers and public donations to finance the maintenance and continuous improvements to its property and various recreational facilities. The Park also relies on volunteers to keep the grounds clean and maintain its beautiful landscaping. The Park's Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends and neighbors who have been so generous through the years in helping us to achieve our mission.

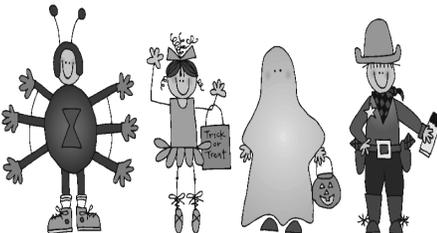
Inquiries regarding reservations for the facilities should be directed to Lynn Underhill at 717-687-6082.

STRASBURG LIONS CLUB

The Strasburg Lions Club is an active service club chartered in 1932. The Club has more than 50 members and welcomes men and women from the community to join this international service club. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at the Strasburg Fire Station.



The Club provides financial support to local, national and international Lions projects, with emphasis on helping the vision-impaired and the prevention of blindness. The Club sponsors the annual Strasburg Halloween Parade and also donates to local programs including the Scout House, Brownies, Boy Scouts, Strasburg Library, Little League Baseball, Strasburg Powerhouse, Strasburg Playground, and scholarships to L-S students.



Each year the Club holds fundraisers such as their Spring and Fall sub sandwich sales, Pancake Day, and car parking at the Strasburg Rail Road events. Please contact any Lions Club member or call 717-687-0819 for more information about membership.

WANTED: Volunteers for future vacancies on town boards and commissions.

Please contact the Borough Office at 717-687-7732 to be put on a list for consideration for HARB, Shade Tree, Planning, Zoning and Borough Authority openings. Application forms are available. Your pay is the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to our wonderful community.

You can also check the Borough's website for current vacancies.

2012 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

PWSID #: 7360118 NAME: Strasburg Borough Municipal Water Authority

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, ó hable con alguien que lo entienda. (This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate it for you, or speak with someone who understands it.)

WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION:

This report shows our water quality and what it means. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Lisa M. Boyd, Borough Manager, at 717-687-7732. We want you to be informed about your water supply. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Authority meetings. They are held the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m.

SOURCE(S) OF WATER:

Our water sources are: Fisher Well, King Well, Rohrer Well, Old Springs, New Springs, and Mowrer Springs, located in Strasburg, Eden and Paradise Townships.

A *Source Water Assessment* of our source(s) was completed by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (Pa. DEP). Overall, our source(s) have little risk of significant contamination. Complete reports were distributed to municipalities, water suppliers, local planning agencies and PADEP offices. Copies of the complete report are available for review at the Pa. DEP South Central Regional Office, Records Management Unit at (717) 705-4732.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the *Safe Drinking Water Hotline* (800-426-4791).

MONITORING YOUR WATER:

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The following tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2012. The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data is from prior years in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The date has been noted on the sampling results table.

DEFINITIONS:

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Minimum Residual Disinfectant Level (MinRDL) - The minimum level of residual disinfectant required at the entry point to the distribution system.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Mrem/year = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

pCi/L = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

DETECTED SAMPLE RESULTS:

Chemical Contaminants								
Contaminant	MCL in CCR Units	MCLG	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
BARIUM	2000	2000	150	99 - 150	ppb	2012	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
CHLORINE (Distribution)	4.0	4.0	1.1	1 - 1.1	ppm	Sept 2012	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
BROMATE	10	0	5.5	0 - 5.5	ppb	2012	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
NITRATE	10	10	8.6	2.6 - 8.6	ppm	2012	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
HALOACETIC ACIDS (FIVE)	60	N/A	1.6	0 - 1.6	ppb	2010	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
TRIHALOMETHANES	80	N/A	2.9	0 - 2.9	ppb	2010	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
RADIUM 226	5**	0	1.35	0 - 1.35	pCi/L	2011	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
RADIUM 228	5**	0	3.33	0 - 3.33	pCi/L	2011	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
GROSS ALPHA	15	0	5.86	0 - 5.86	pCi/L	2011	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
GROSS BETA	N/A	N/A	6.36	N/A	pCi/L	2010	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

**The MCL for Radium 226 & 228 combined is 5 pCi/L

Lead and Copper							
Contaminant	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	90th Percentile Value	Units	# of Sites Above AL of Total Sites	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Lead	15	0	2	ppb	0	N	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper	1.3	1.3	0.6	ppm	0	N	Corrosion of household plumbing.

Entry Point Disinfectant Residual							
Contaminant	Minimum Disinfectant Residual	Lowest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Chlorine EP-101 (Water Plant)	0.40	0.9	0.9 – 1.6	ppm	01/15/2012	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Chlorine EP-102 (Old Spring)	0.70	0.9	0.9 – 1.5	ppm	06/09/2012	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Chlorine EP-103 (New Spring)	0.70	0.9	1 – 1.5	ppm	01/10/2012	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Microbial						
Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Highest # or % of Positive Samples	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination	
Total Coliform Bacteria	For systems that collect <40 samples/month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 1 positive monthly sample 	0	1	N	Naturally present in the environment.	
Fecal Coliform Bacteria or E. coli		0	1	Y	Human and animal fecal waste.	

HEALTH EFFECTS:

About Nitrate: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your healthcare provider.

Information about Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Strasburg Borough Authority is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and DEP prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA and DEP regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's *Safe Drinking Water Hotline* (800-426-4791).

Violations

Our water system violated a drinking water standard during 2012. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations. *We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 2012 all the required testing was not done and therefore we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.*

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during 2012, how often we are supposed to sample for this/these contaminant(s), and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were or will be taken.

Contaminant	Required Sampling Frequency	Number of Samples Taken	When samples should have been taken	When samples will be or were taken
Distribution Chlorine	Daily	Daily	April 2012	April 2012 Reported Late
Nitrate EP-101 & 103	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Nitrite EP-101 & 103	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
All Below were Missed at EP-102 & 103				
Carbofuran	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
2,4-D	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
1,2-Dichlorobenze	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Xylenes	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Dichloromethane	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Dichlorobenze	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Para- Dichlorobenze	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
1,1,Dichloroethylene	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
1,2-Dichloroethane	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Carbon Tetrachloride	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
1,2-Dichloropropane	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Trichloroethylene	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Tetrachloroethylene	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Chlorobenzene	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Benzene	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Toluene	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Ethylbenzene	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013
Styrene	One Sample/Quarter	1 st ,2 nd ,4 th quarters	Missed 3 rd quarter	Quarterly 2013

What happened? What is being done?

Although our test results are consistently below acceptable levels, we inadvertently missed having the drinking water tested for the listed contaminants and we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. The tests were done in 2012 & 2013 with no violations.

On August 30, 2012, one of our 3 monthly bacteria samples tested positive for Total Coliform and E. coli bacteria. At that time, we issued a “Boil Water” notice, increased our disinfectant levels, and continued having the water tested. Later test results showed no E. coli present and the boil water restriction was discontinued. Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effect, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

GARAGE & YARD SALES

Summer is here, and so are garage and yard sales. While garage and yard sales are permitted in any zoning district in the Borough, there are some rules:

1. No garage/yard sale shall be conducted for a period longer than two consecutive days, **and only two garage/yard sales are permitted each year per property.**
2. Garage/yard sales may offer personal possessions for sale; no import or stocking of inventory is permitted.
3. Only one (1) four (4) square foot sign is permitted to advertise the garage/yard sale. The sign must be located on the property where the sale is taking place and must be removed promptly upon completion of the sale.
4. No garage/yard sale is permitted to be conducted within the street right-of-way.

**Please remember to
remove any garage/
yard sale signs
IMMEDIATELY
at the end of your sale!**



SWIMMING POOLS



All pools, including spas and hot tubs which have a filtration system, require zoning approval, a building permit, and inspections. This **includes** the “bladder” or storable pools which are available at local department stores where the top ring is inflated with air and the pool is then filled with water. A fence is required if the sides of any above-ground pool are not 48 inches or more from finished grade. A fence may not be required if the above-ground pool’s sides are over 48 inches but lockable or removable steps are required. All cords and plug-connected pool pumps must be connected to a receptacle which is protected with a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter. Other electrical, fence and gate stipulations may apply to your particular situation. You may pick up a free **Code Compliance Swimming Pool Information Guide** at the Borough Office during normal business hours. Have a safe summer!

Strasburg Borough Council Members

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Brian Barnhart, Vice President (2013)

Donald Bachman, Pro Tem (2015)

Cynthia Baker (2013)

Michael Chiodo (2013)

Ray Garraffa (2015)

Jim McCullough (2015)

Henry D. Miller, Mayor (2013)

Council normally meets the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission normally meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board normally meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Historic Architectural Review Board normally meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Borough Authority normally meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Tree Committee normally meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to attend!

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