
Borough of Strasburg

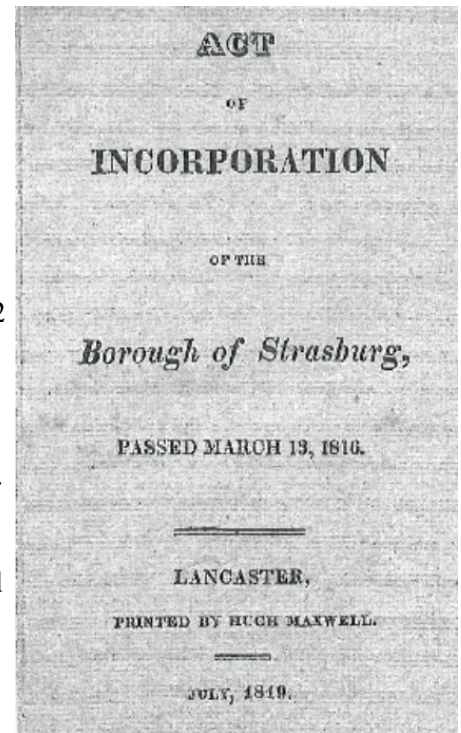
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June 2016 Newsletter

A Big Borough Birthday—200 Years Old!

The Borough of Strasburg celebrated a big bicentennial birthday in 2016. This milestone was recognized at the April 12, 2016 meeting of Borough Council, when Mayor Henry D. Miller read this statement: “As Borough Council convenes this evening, the members continue a tradition of government established 200 years ago. Strasburg was officially incorporated as a Borough by an Act of the Pennsylvania legislature on March 13, 1816. An election of burgess, assistant burgess and seven members was held on April 2 of that year, and the Strasburg Borough Council held its first meeting on Monday, April 15, 1816. By the end of that month, they had passed the Borough’s first ordinance, to have the streets surveyed and a map drafted, and a resolution to create a committee to employ a surveyor to carry out that ordinance. Their second resolution: that it be the duty of the Borough’s high constable to take up any swine running at large through any part of the Borough. And so began the arduous work of Borough government in Strasburg. Let us take a moment to recognize the foresight of those first Council members, and reflect with gratitude on the service provided by two centuries of subsequent members who have devoted themselves, and continue to devote themselves, to the leadership and well-being of our community.”



Without “U” There Is No Community

Strasburg Borough has certainly been shaped for 200 years by good municipal government, but what really makes this an especially enjoyable community in which to live and work is the ongoing effort of several volunteer organizations and groups. Inside this newsletter, you’ll find short articles about many of those groups, and information about the activities and projects they undertake to enhance Strasburg residents’ quality of life.

Most, if not all, of these organizations are in dire need of people able to serve as board members and leaders, as well as task-based volunteers willing to help at events and fund-raisers. Don’t rely on others to do this work; if you like what Strasburg has to offer, it’s your duty as a citizen to help make it happen—not only with monetary support, but just as importantly with your time as well. We encourage you to really get involved with your community. Look inside this newsletter, find an organization whose focus matches your own interests, and volunteer to help! Do you enjoy nature? Sign on to help the Strasburg Community Parks Foundation. Like reading, and think that access to books and media are an enhancement to the community? Join the library board. Interested in all things historical? Give some time to the Strasburg Heritage Society. Find it rewarding to serve others? Join Strasburg Area Sertoma or Strasburg Lions Club. Enjoy socializing with peers? Visit a Strasburg Senior Citizens meeting. There are many opportunities!

Some of these organizations are in danger of dissolving, merely for lack of leadership. Being a board member or officer usually requires no special talent or high level of experience or education; it just demands an interest in the group’s mission and a willingness to make decisions about the organization’s activities and direction. Please participate fully in your community—it can’t exist without “U.”



What's Happening in the Police Department?

Visit the Strasburg Borough Police Department's "Crimewatch Network" web site at www.StrasburgPD.org for the latest news about police activity and sign up to get alerts. You can also 'like' SBPD on its Facebook page!

Beware of "IRS" Phone Scam

It can be a scary thing to get an urgent phone call from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) telling you that your taxes are overdue and you'd better pay up quickly or risk severe penalties, but here's the thing: the IRS doesn't *make* phone calls like that. Crooks, on the other hand, **DO** make phone calls like that, and they manage to sound so convincing that they've been able to bilk millions of dollars out of law-abiding citizens who just want to make things right with Uncle Sam.



Strasburg Borough Police have been contacted by several concerned citizens who've been the target of these phone calls, wondering if they are legitimate. **NO**, they are **NOT** legitimate calls. Disregard them, and by all means **do not send money or give the caller any financial or account information**.

The IRS will not call you to demand immediate payment, nor will they call you if you owe taxes without first sending a bill in the mail. They will not demand that you pay taxes without allowing you to question or appeal the amount you owe. They won't require that you pay your taxes in a certain way, such as with a prepaid debit card, they will not ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone, and they especially won't threaten to bring in the police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying. These are, however, some of the tactics that crooks use to bully you into giving them your money.

If you don't owe taxes, or have no reason to think that you do, simply hang up on these bogus callers immediately without giving them any information. If you know for sure, or even think you might possibly owe tax money, hang up on the scammer, but call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040, where a genuine IRS agent can help you resolve the issue.

The crooks who make these calls can sound very convincing; they've figured out just what to say, and how to say it, to make innocent people think they've got to pay right away. Don't fall victim to their tactics—just hang up!

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.

Reminders:



Flushing of the entire water system will be on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 and again on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 (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 13 & 14, 2016 and again on Thursday and Friday, April 13 & 14, 2017. Please keep parked cars off the street starting at 7:30 a.m. on these days.

Strasburg Borough's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program



The Clean Water Act is the federal legislation that governs stormwater management. Stormwater point discharges to waters of the U.S. are regulated using National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.

The Stormwater Phase 2 Final Rule extended coverage of the NPDES program to small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4's). Strasburg Borough is required to comply with the NPDES program as an MS4 municipality. Essentially MS4 municipalities are being required to take a more active role in inspecting and maintaining the storm sewer system. Under the NPDES stormwater program, permittees must develop a stormwater management plan that provides the details of how the community will comply with the requirements of the permit. Permits are based on a framework of six Minimum Control Measures (MCM's):

MCM 1 - Public education and outreach

MCM 2 - Public participation and involvement

MCM 3 - Illicit discharge detection and elimination

MCM 4 - Construction site runoff control

MCM 5 - Post-construction storm water management in new development and redevelopment

MCM 6 - Pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations and maintenance

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking a more active role, visiting municipalities and ensuring that an adequate MS4 program is in place and is being followed.

All residents can help make a difference.

Residents can get involved by planting trees and other vegetation. Trees intercept rainfall and help slow down and reduce runoff to the MS4 infrastructure and can reduce the amount of pollutants stormwater runoff picks up from roadways and parking lots and carries into our streams. Free street trees are available through the Borough's Shade Tree Committee and property owners are also encouraged to plant trees in the "interior" of their properties. For more information on MS4s and planting trees, please see the following online resources:

- Pennsylvania DEP: <http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/PointNonPointMgmt/StormwaterMgmt/Stormwater/Pages/>
- U.S. EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes>
- Arbor Day Foundation: <http://www.arborday.org/trees/stormwater.cfm>
- Chesapeake Stormwater Network: <http://chesapeakestormwater.net/2013.04/homeowner-bmp-guide/>

You can also assist the Borough with its requirements by monitoring or reporting stormwater discharges which occur during dry periods, typically 48 hours after rainfall. These non-rainfall discharges are referred to as illicit discharges. If you see or suspect an illicit discharge, please contact the Borough office. The Borough's website also features a link to report illicit discharges.

Additionally, private stormwater facilities (inlets, storm pipes, swales, stormwater basins, etc.) located outside the public right-of-way are to be inspected and maintained by the property owner or the Home Owners' Association. Regular inspection and maintenance of stormwater facilities is needed. To assist with inspection efforts the Borough has prepared a stormwater inspection checklist for property owners; the checklist identifies the frequency and items to be inspected. Borough staff will be following up with property owners to ensure inspection and maintenance is being completed and documented.

The Borough's website is a valuable resource where items such as the 2014 Strasburg Borough Stormwater Management Ordinance, property owner inspection checklist, and The Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater, along with other items, can be found.

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MS4 Program (Continued)

Water is an important resource and an important issue to the Borough. Residents are encouraged to get involved. Now is the time to get involved to help the Borough plan for this resource.

Other ways to get involved include:

- Keep leaves and sticks out of storm inlets before and during rain events.
- Don't dump grass or leaves in the street, swales or streams.
- Don't dump chemicals down your drain, in your yard, or in storm inlets.
- Use pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers carefully and only when needed.
- Get involved with a local organization that helps to take care of our streams and waterways, such as the Pequea Creek Watershed Association or the Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium.
- Dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) such as old computers, paints, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, old gas or oil at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's HHW facility.
- If you wash cars at home, use a low or no phosphate biodegradable car wash soap and wash the car on the lawn.
- Contact the Strasburg Shade Tree Committee to plant a street tree and/or volunteer to help plant the trees.
- Install innovative stormwater practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture stormwater and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into 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, stormwater runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.

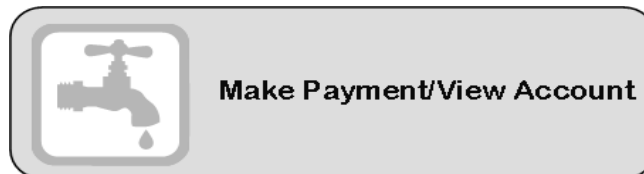


Lots of Choices for Water Customers

A welcome feature for many of our water customers has been the variety of payment options that are available. We now accept Visa, MasterCard, and electronic check payments, either online, by phone, or in person. You can also set up your account to pay automatically from your credit card or checking account. There is a small convenience fee charged to the customer for each of these options. These fees are established by our payment processor, and at present are set at \$2.99 per credit card transaction, \$0.50 per electronic check. Before you can pay by e-check, you need to sign an authorization form and provide us with a voided check.

You can now access your account details online, and do such things as check your account balance, view billing and payment history, change the way you receive your bill (via postal or e-mail, or both), set up AutoPay, and make online payments. Simply provide us with your e-mail address; once we enter it into your account, you'll receive a confirmation e-mail with instructions for getting started as an online user. This feature will only allow access to information about the specific account(s) associated with a particular e-mail address; your account info is secure from casual viewing by others.

Even if you choose not to set up online access, or without logging in, you can still pay bills quickly and securely online. Simply click the green "Make Payment/View Account" box on the home page of the Borough website, and choose the "Online Payment" option.



We also have an after-hours dropbox for payments. It's located next to our front door and is emptied every week-day. It's a handy way to save postage or get a payment in before deadline!

If you'd like more information about any of these options, or need help in getting started or signed up, just give us a call at 687-7732 or stop in during regular office hours, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Outdated Medications



Do you have outdated medications cluttering up your cabinets? We can help you dispose of them properly!

The Strasburg Borough Police Department is taking part in a program sponsored by the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office to help residents get rid of expired or unwanted medications in a safe and secure manner.

Bring your unwanted items to the Strasburg Borough Office, 145 Precision Avenue, Strasburg, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If a police officer is in station when you visit, they will take medicines from you, or you may leave them with the front office staff for proper disposal.



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 strasburgboro.org by selecting "Documents" and then "Ordinances" from the menu at the top 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. Examples of street storage include trailers not connected to a vehicle, and mulch piles.



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, and leaves and garden refuse which are not wet, damp, or tightly compacted.



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.



Senator Lloyd K. Smucker

Early Intervention Services Lead to Lifelong Learning

As senators once again debate the allocation of billions of dollars in the state budget, the line-items and dollar signs frequently obscure the people behind the print-outs. Recently, at the Capitol, it was my honor to join advocates and recipients of preschool early intervention services. They remind us of the impact of education spending on every child, especially those facing enormous challenges with courage.

Each year 50,000 Pennsylvania children ages 3-5 with disabilities or developmental delays are enrolled in the Pre-school Early Intervention program. Federal law requires that Early Intervention providers find and evaluate all children who might need services and serve all children who qualify, at no cost to them. Helping young children with disabilities or developmental delays to prepare for elementary school and a lifetime of success is indeed an issue that transcends party lines. Unfortunately, mandated program costs are rising, federal funds have disappeared, and state funding has flatlined. The programs have also been impacted by increased state pension costs, demonstrating the need for pension reform, and a 9% increase in the number of services delivered.

The primary providers of Early Intervention services are Intermediate Units, along with school districts and non-profit organizations. If you and your family are interested in services, please inquire at the Lancaster IU or L-S school district, or contact my office at 717-787-6535 or lsmucker@pasen.gov on this or any other state-related issue. We would be happy to help you.

PA State of Representative Keith J. Greiner

Legislation to Curb Drunk Driving Becomes Law

Across PA, at least one person dies each day statistically as a result of DUI crashes — nearly 350 reported deaths last year — for a crime that is completely preventable. In 2014 Meredith Demko, who had just graduated from Lampeter-Strasburg High School, was killed after her vehicle was struck by a driver under the influence, about a mile from Rep. Greiner's office. Each year over 30,000 first-time DUI offenders are convicted across the state and many of those offenders go on to become repeat offenders.



This session, Rep. Greiner introduced legislation in the House that would require certain first-time DUI offenders to use an ignition interlock device installed on the steering column of a vehicle to prevent drivers under the influence of alcohol from operating the vehicle. If alcohol is detected by the device, the vehicle will not start. Ignition interlock systems are highly effective at reducing repeat offenses (by nearly 67%). Some of the twenty-five states which have already adopted ignition interlock laws are reporting a 40% reduction in DUI-related fatalities. A similar bill was introduced in the PA Senate and this life-saving legislation was overwhelmingly approved in both the House and Senate. It was recently signed by the governor to become Act 33 of 2016.

Because Rep. Greiner believes the General Assembly must take additional steps to strengthen and reform our DUI laws, he has created a joint DUI Task Force, a working group of legislators, to comprehensively review the Commonwealth's laws related to driving under the influence. He has also recently introduced legislation to increase the criminal penalties for repeat DUI offenders, which under current law is only graded as a misdemeanor, with lighter fines and/or potential jail time associated with that punishment. His proposed legislation would increase the severity of punishments for repeat DUI offenders for each additional offense. Rep. Greiner will continue to fight for additional reforms to keep our roadways safe.

His office, in the West Lampeter Township Building at 852 Village Road, Lampeter, is available to assist with any state issues you might encounter, for example, with PennDOT, Department of Revenue and Vital Records requests, including birth and death certificates, among others. Please do not hesitate to either stop by Rep. Greiner's office or call 717-464-5285.



Tree #198, West Main Street

FREE Trees for Borough Residents

As of spring 2016, the Strasburg Borough Shade Tree Committee is oh-so-close to having planted 200 trees; we're just one shy, with a total of 199 trees added to the Borough's streetscape since the program began in 2000. You can boost those numbers—not to mention enhance your home's curb appeal, cool the environment, and improve our air quality and stormwater runoff—by applying to receive up to two FREE trees of your very own.

The committee is currently taking orders from property owners who would like these FREE trees planted along their street frontage (within 6 feet of the inner sidewalk edge) at no cost. Don't hesitate to apply—it's first come, first served for these FREE trees, and quantities are limited by annual funding!

Many people are pleasantly surprised to learn that the FREE trees aren't just dropped off at their house; far from it! The committee schedules planting days in spring and fall to actually plant and mulch the trees. Homeowners receive—ABSOLUTELY FREE—sizable, healthy trees properly planted and off to a good growing start...a service that could cost \$200 or more were you to hire a landscaper or nursery.

There are many varieties of FREE trees available through this program; visit the Borough website at www.strasburgboro.org/boards-and-commission/tree-committee to view the recommended street tree list, or come by the Borough Office to look through our "Street Tree Fact Sheets" booklet that contains information about and photographs of the many tree varieties offered FOR FREE. When you have selected your FREE 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. If you need help selecting the perfect FREE tree(s) for your home, our knowledgeable committee members are happy to meet with you on-site and help you choose a suitable species.

In addition to planting FREE trees, the members also plant and maintain flowerbeds and hanging baskets each summer around the Borough's Center Square, helping make our town center a lovely place to stroll or visit the shops.

Call the Borough Office today at 717-687-7732 if you would like to sign up for your FREE trees, or to learn more in general about the Shade Tree Committee's work.

And remember, at NO CHARGE, a free tree is an unbeatable deal!

A Testimonial from a Happy Tree Customer

After the Strasburg Borough Shade Tree Committee's most recent tree planting day in April 2016, we received this lovely note from a very satisfied "customer." If this doesn't convince you to sign up for your free trees, we can't imagine what would!

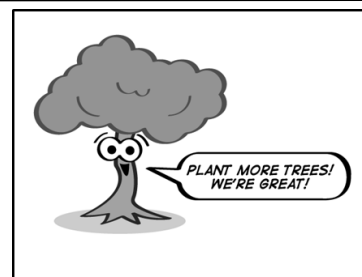
Dear Friends of the Street Tree Program,

We received your kind thank you note about the tree you planted in our front yard.

We were amazed to find your information in the Welcome Wagon packet after we arrived at our new address in Strasburg. We were surprised at the generous offer, and we decided to give it a try. We received your phone call indicating you had accepted our request and informing us that folks would arrive to assess our situation. Sure enough, two kind gentlemen came and told us we indeed could receive a tree. They told us what to expect and gave us a time schedule. Everything turned out as you indicated. The most kind people came to do all the work.

The tree is thriving; we are very pleased. Thank you all for your labor of love. We already have shared this info with others, and will continue to do so. We are delighted to be in Strasburg!

*With deep appreciation,
Janet & Phil Cherry*



FREE Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste



Did you know, the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) received 77,685 customer visits at its Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility last year? In fact, Lancaster County residents recycled 2,699,219 pounds of electronic waste at the facility. This one-of-a-kind, drive-through facility accepts more than just televisions and computers. Once these materials are collected and consolidated, LCSWMA contracts with recycling companies and a green-certified hazardous waste processing company to safely dispose of the waste in a way that protects the environment. By utilizing the HHW Facility, residents are keeping household hazardous materials out of the waste stream, thus helping to build a more sustainable future for our community.

Residents of Lancaster County may drop off qualifying materials for **FREE** at LCSWMA's drive-through HHW Facility, located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster. Operating hours are Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Learn more at www.lcswma.org or by calling 717-397-9968.

What materials does the HHW facility take for FREE?

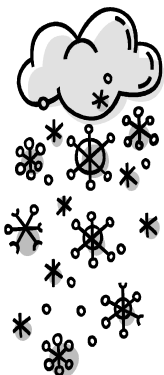
- * Adhesives
- * Automotive fluids (max. 5 gals. per container)
- * Batteries: automotive and household
- * Chemistry sets
- * Cooking and frying oils (max. 5 gals. per container)
- * Electronic waste or "e-waste" (see below)
- * Fire extinguishers
- * Floor and furniture polish
- * Fuel: kerosene, gasoline and propane
- * Household cleaners
- * Lawn treatments: herbicides and pesticides
- * Mercury-containing items (30 max per month):
(ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers)
- * Paint, rust inhibitors, stains, turpentine and thinners
- * Photographic and pool chemicals

The following **e-waste** items are accepted for FREE at the HHW Facility (max. 10 items per customer, per day):

- * Cameras: photo and video
- * Cell phones and smart phones
- * Cell phone peripherals: chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpieces, air cards, clips, cases
- * Computers: desktop and laptop
- * Computer peripherals: keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers
- * DVD and VCR players
- * e-Readers that browse the internet
- * Monitors
- * MP3 players and iPods
- * PDA's
- * Portable electronic video game players/consoles
- * Stereos and peripherals: CD players, turntables, amplifiers, speakers (no wooden materials)
- * Televisions

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.



As most residents are aware, you have 24 hours after snowfall cessation to remove snow and ice from your sidewalks, clearing 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 sanitary sewer. If you have yours connected into the sewer, please disconnect immediately!



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. To date, over \$92,000 of loans have been made to residents. All residences in the Borough built before World War II are eligible, including rental units. Only 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 1.5% simple interest, with no requirement for a borrower match of funds loaned. The application is very simple and requires no personal financial information. The only requirement is a detailed estimate by a professional contractor or material supplier if the work is being done by the owner. The maximum loan amount is \$7,500, the maximum loan duration is 7 years, and all work must be completed within 12 months.

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



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, Strasburg Fire Company, the Scout House, Strasburg Jaycee Park, Strasburg Area Woman's Club and places flags at the Strasburg Cemetery for Memorial Day.

The Veterans Honor Roll sits on the grounds in front of Massasoit Hall. For more information regarding the I.O.O.F., please contact either Jim Rice at 717-687-0819 or Douglas Eaby at 717-786-7810. Persons interested in joining are welcome.



Upcoming Paving Projects

The street that is scheduled to be paved in 2016 is Wilton Drive (from Shenk Avenue to Stonington Way).

Strasburg Fire Company #1



Strasburg Fire Company #1 is an all-volunteer fire department that has served the Borough and vicinity since 1933. Its volunteers provide fire, rescue, fire police, emergency and public services. During the past year, fire personnel responded to 196 incidents.

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. Earlier this year the company solicited funds for a new pumper to replace its 1982 Seagrave pumper with a new pumper in 2021. Over 400 residents responded to this request giving \$31,000. The company anticipates purchasing this equipment without the need to borrow funds.

By the time you receive this newsletter, you will have probably received our annual **OPERATING FUND DRIVE LETTER**. If you have not already responded, kindly consider donating whatever you can afford to help us fund our annual \$165,000 operating budget. As the fire company has stated over the years: **WE NEED YOU; YOU MAY NEED US**.

Last year, the fire company received approximately \$42,000 in this annual drive and we anticipate reaching that goal again this year with your help.

Training activities are held every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. Residents interested in serving as a volunteer fire-fighter or corporate assistant should visit the fire station during these evenings to obtain further information or log onto our website at www.strasburgfire.com.

Future fund-raising events:

2016

July 30 – 5th Saturday Breakfast 6-10 a.m.
September 9 – Chicken Corn Soup Sale, 11 a.m. -7 p.m.
September 10 – Fall Quilt Sale, 8:30 a.m.
October 29 – 5th Saturday Breakfast 6-10 a.m.
November 12 – Turkey Supper, 3-7 p.m.

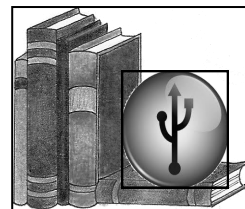
2017

February 24 – Chicken Corn Soup Sale, 11a.m. -7 p.m.
February 25 – Annual Mud Sale, 8 a.m.
April 29 – 5th Saturday Breakfast 6-10 a.m.

Strasburg-Heisler Library

Did you know that:

- with **your library** card, you have access to thousands of digital books and audiobooks to download to your own device? Download the Overdrive app to get started.
- **your library** receives newly released DVDs every week, including the most popular for-free TV series such as *Game of Thrones* and *Breaking Bad*?
- **your library** has free wifi allowing you to quickly download your favorites onto your own device.
- **your library** offers one-on-one computer help? Just call to schedule an appointment.
- **your library** depends on 30% of its budget coming from local fundraising? Donate today!
- **your library** receives over 30 popular magazines every month, such as *Real Simple*, *Motor Trend*, *Wired*, *Consumer Reports*, *Parents*, *This Old House*, and *Cooking Light*?
- **your library** offers hundreds of free classes, workshops and events every year for people of all ages, not just for kids. Check the website under the Events tab.
- **your library** has what you are looking for, even if you don't know it yet!



717-687-8969

www.strasburglibrary.org

143 Precision Ave, Strasburg PA 17579

Strasburg Area Sertoma Club



The Strasburg Area **SERVICE TO MANKIND** Club supports many community projects, organizations and events, such as:

- * Programs that assist persons with communicative disorders (hard of hearing, deaf and/or speech disorders) and promote hearing health.
- * 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.
- * Strasburg Community Park
- * Strasburg Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service
- * Strasburg-Heisler Library
- * Strasburg Pool
- * The Clinic for Special Children
- * Victory House for Veterans in Lancaster City

Dinner meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month and dessert meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month September through June, beginning at 6:15 p.m. For more information about the Club, to attend a meeting, or to become a member, contact Lynda Houck at 717-687-6408 or houckl@att.net. Contact Brian Barr at 717-371-6111 to request a flag be flown for six months at Center Square in honor or memory of a veteran.

Strasburg Community Parks Foundation

The development and maintenance of the Strasburg Community Park, located along Precision Avenue, is made possible through the donation of time and monies from community residents, our local municipalities, and service organizations, as well as generous benefactors. The Park offers visitors opportunities to hike, view native wildflowers, trees, shrubs and wildlife, and seek solitude in this natural oasis.



Concerts: Join us for the 2016 concert season and see our new stage!

July 30: Across the Tracks and Summit Hill Bluegrass Band

August 6: The Good Fat and Corty Byron

August 20: Fire in the Glen

Rental Contact: Lynda Houck at 717-687-6408 - facilities, fees and reservations.

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

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

Memorials: Barbara Rathbone-Frank at 717-687-5662 for memorial donation options.

Memorial Trees and Benches: Large specimen trees or weather-resistant wooden benches with bronze plaque.

Giving Tree Memorial Leaf: Small metallic colored leaf attached to the Giving Tree at the Pavilion.

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 Opportunities: Park maintenance work days are held throughout the Summer. Tree planting events are held in November. Everyone is welcome. Check the website or Facebook page for more information.

Visit our Facebook page at "Strasburg Park" or our website at www.strasburgpark.org.

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 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 Cathy Lynch at 717-464-3281.

For Those Who are 50 and Above... Meet the Strasburg Senior Citizens Club

The Strasburg Senior Citizens Club (for our age 50+ friends) 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 Strasburg Fire Hall, 203 Franklin Street, which is handicapped-friendly. The meetings usually begin at 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. Senior Citizens provides an opportunity for men and women to get out, meet, and socialize with their community friends.

The Club has community projects to support families in need in the local area. You do not have to live in Strasburg to become a member. Any surrounding community persons are welcome anytime. For more information, contact Bill Geier at 717-687-9072.

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.



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

- * Turkey raffle - November 10, 2016
- * 12 gauge block shoot (beginning at 10 a.m.) - January 1, 2017
- * 12 gauge block shoots (beginning at 12 p.m.) - January 28, February 25 and March 25, 2017
- * Children's fishing derby - May 6, 2017 (9-11 a.m.)
- * Ham party - April 6, 2017 (5-9 p.m.)

For more information, the Association's phone number is 717-687-6921. Regular meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 316 Weaver Road, Strasburg.

Lancaster Emergency Medical Services Association



Prescription Opioid Overdose

By Jerry Schramm, Lancaster EMS

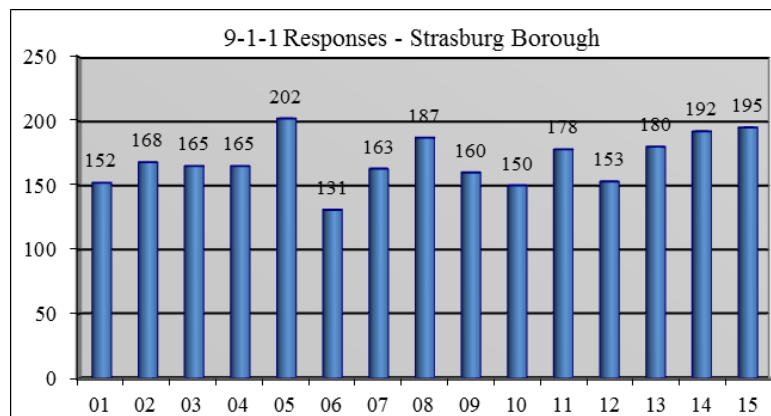
When a person mentions ‘drug overdose’ the average person quickly associates the cause as a heroin overdose. However, in many cases that might not be true. For greater than the last decade, people have been using opioid pain relievers, such as oxycodone and hydrocodone, to treat muscle injuries, arthritis, chronic pain, and a number of other ailments. Over time the number of those using these medications has grown and so has the number of people who abuse them—intentionally and unintentionally.

Despite a large number of people abusing prescribed opioid pain relievers illegally, there is a segment that is prescribed these medications but do not realize the potency and inadvertent overdose risks. Taking an extra dose of a prescribed opioid or taking the medication by mistake can have devastating results. Additionally, children are at risk of gaining access to a parent’s or grandparent’s medications and accidentally overdosing.

Understanding the signs and symptoms a person may exhibit if they overdose can be vital to saving their life. When a person takes an overdose of a prescription opioid medication one of the first symptoms seen is usually sluggish or an uncoordinated appearance. They will appear as if they were drunk. Their speech may be slurred and they may be sleepy. Depending on the amount they have taken the person may gradually slip into unconsciousness. Their breathing may slow and eventually stop. Without intervention the person will deteriorate into cardiac arrest.

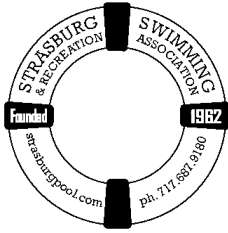
Prescription opioid medications are dangerous if not used appropriately. Understanding the risks, keeping them out of the reach of children, carefully assuring that they are taken as prescribed and learning how to recognize the signs and symptoms of someone who is experiencing an overdose, is important. If you encounter a victim of an overdose, call 9-1-1 immediately. Your quick action could save their life.

Lancaster EMS offers a “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. We also offer 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.



Lancaster EMS is nationally accredited (since 2005), the only accredited ambulance service in Lancaster County, and only one of six accredited services in Pennsylvania. Please ‘like us’ on Facebook...where we share Company news and events.

Strasburg Swimming and Recreation Association



A non-profit, membership-only pool, the Strasburg Swimming and Recreation Association, founded in 1962, has provided the community with a cool place for family, friends, and neighbors to gather during the hot summer months.

In 2016, Take A Bite Out Of The Heat and join the Strasburg Pool! Come Dive Into Fun... literally! Plunge from our boards into the 9-foot deep end, swim to our 3-foot shallow end, and then hop out and get a treat at our snack bar. The snack bar is open every day until 30 minutes before the pool closes.

Go from the snack bar to your towel, the deck, or the picnic tables in the shade by our volleyball court. The little ones (ages 5 and below) have a baby pool, and they can even play in the sand at our "Beach." For the big kids (ages 6 to 96), we have checkerboard tables on our deck, horseshoe pits outside of our fence, a basketball net. And for all of you with mobile devices or who need computer access to work by the pool, we have Wi-Fi!

The hours for the 2016 season are from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. (on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday), 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Sunday), and 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, when we hold our Late Night Swims. Tuesday nights will feature live music from The Good Fat, and Fridays will feature Trivia Night, hosted by Benjamin Pontz and David P. Griffith.

Members can bring guests at a daily rate of \$7 per person; books of ten guest passes are also available to members for \$50!

The Strasburg Pool is also a great location for your outdoor party. Local businesses are encouraged to support the pool through special advertising opportunities. Details regarding memberships, hours, parties, and advertising are available at www.strasburgpool.com, or by calling the facility at 717-687-9180. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat. Check us out online for details about more fun events! So this summer, Take A Bite Out Of The Heat at the Strasburg Pool!

Strasburg 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 been a part of the team for many years and is now assisted by Lee Reynolds in managing the team. There are 14 teams in three divisions, with the Strasburg team playing 19 games in the regular season. The team plays 9 home games at the Jaycee Park in Strasburg on the field closest to the pavilion. At the end of the season, there are playoffs to determine the county champion.

Annually, the team has representatives that play in an All-Star Game. The league donates a large 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 over 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 2016 All-Star Game was held on June 24 at Garrett Park in Willow Street.

Come out and support the senior squad as they continue their season. Remaining home games for 2016 are July 13 and 18. 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 Lee Reynolds at 717-690-2844.

Historical Architectural Review Board

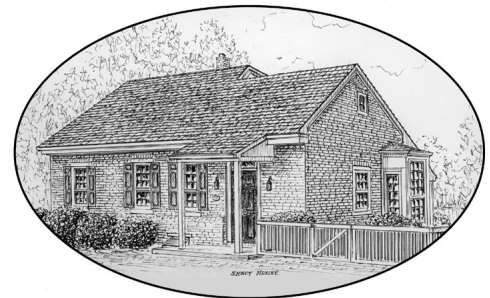
Did you know that the history of Strasburg reaches back into 1733? Homes on Miller Street, East and West Main Street and the first two blocks of South Decatur Street are located in the Historic District. These homes and structures contain rich historic architectural features which have been preserved 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. 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 and the State of Pennsylvania; Strasburg became a Certified Local Government in 2008.

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 now a bi-annual event starting in 2016 and is held the third weekend in June. This 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.

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

Workshops are held throughout the year. Participants learn traditional hand crafts, ranging from rug braiding to scherenschnitte. Annual raffles include a handmade quilt and a six-course colonial dinner prepared on an open hearth in a restored 18th century Strasburg home.

For more information about the activities and publications of the Strasburg Heritage Society, or to inquire about membership, 'like' the Heritage Society on Facebook, write to P.O. Box 81, Strasburg, PA 17579, call 717-687-3534, send email to strasburgheritagesociety@gmail.com, or visit the website at www.strasburgheritagesociety.org.

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!

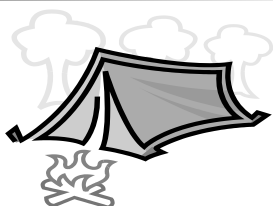
Cub Scout Pack 19

Cub Scout Pack 19 has been providing activities for elementary age boys in the Strasburg area for many years. Cub scouting is for boys entering first through fifth grade. We are fortunate to be able to meet in our own Scout House, located by the Strasburg pool. We hold Den (grade level) meetings weekly to have fun learning a variety of skills including problem solving, respecting our family, friends, and environment, community service, and camping/ outdoor skills. We also hold two fundraisers per year, Popcorn and Pork Barbeque, which allows us to keep cost low for our scouts.

Strasburg Pack 19 is a small, friendly, and family-oriented pack. Boys are able to join any time during the year. Siblings are welcome at all pack events and are invited to join in our activities. Parent involvement is also highly encouraged. (A parent is required to join his/her child at any camping event. First through third grade parents also attend regular meetings/ activities with their cub.)



For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/strasburgcubscoutspack19/>. If you have additional questions, please email Chad Cauler at pack19cubscouts@gmail.com, or call 717-725-2406. We hope you consider joining the fun!



Boy Scout Troop 56

Boy Scout Troop 56 meets every Monday night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Scout House on South Jackson Street. Membership in the Boy Scouts is open to boys from ages 11 to 18. In addition to the many campouts, many service hours can also be earned. Stop in and check it out!

Registered Trash Haulers



Beginning April 1, 2004, Strasburg Borough Council adopted a Refuse & Recycling Ordinance No. 2004-1 for Residential Trash Collection, which requires all trash haulers in Strasburg Borough to become licensed. There is no fee to the haulers for the license, just annual completion of an application. However, the haulers must offer recycling to their customers.

The current registered haulers in Strasburg Borough are:

Cauler Container, Phone: 717-806-0991

Eagle Disposal, Phone: 717-355-9560

Republic Services, Phone: 1-800-210-9675

Econ Refuse Service, Phone: 1-866-636-3266

Lebanon Farms, Phone: 1-800-533-5356

Waste Management, Phone: 1-800-822-4709

Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA Summer Fun!

Don't let this summer pass you by. At the Lampeter-Strasburg Y, you'll find a summer full of fun and healthy activities for the whole family. Take a tour to learn about all the Y has to offer, or visit its website at lancastrymca.org.



Here's what you can do at the Y during the summer of 2016:

Intermediate Basketball Camp (Ages 8-12): City Center, July 18-21, 2016, 1-3 p.m.

Basketball Camp (Ages 5-9): Lampeter-Strasburg, July 18-21, 2016, 1-3 p.m.

Challenger Soccer Camp (Ages 4-16): Lampeter-Strasburg, July 18-22, 2016, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Basketball Camp (Ages 5-9): YMCA at New Holland, July 18-21, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Introduction to Baseball (Ages 4-7): YMCA at New Holland, August 1-4, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Challenger Soccer Camp (Ages 4-16): Lampeter-Strasburg, August 8-12, 2016, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Field Hockey Camp (Ages 6-14): Lampeter-Strasburg, August 15-18, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Little Dribblers Camp (Ages 3-6): Lampeter-Strasburg, August 22-25, 2016, 1-3 p.m.

Soccer Camp (Ages 5-9): YMCA at New Holland, August 22-25, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Program registration available online and at the Y Welcome Desk.

Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA / 800 Village Road, Lancaster PA 17602 / 717-464-4000 / www.lancastrymca.org

Lancaster County Art Association



The Lancaster County Art Association (LCAA) is located at 149 Precision Avenue in Strasburg and is the oldest visual arts organization in Lancaster County. The LCAA was founded in 1936 and has continued to provide a location for artists and the public to engage in the arts through exhibits, education and special events.

The LCAA invites the community to view its 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 lcaaonline.org. Regular hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 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 40 years and continues to be a valuable asset to its neighboring communities. Come visit the new updated playground!



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, 501-c3 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.

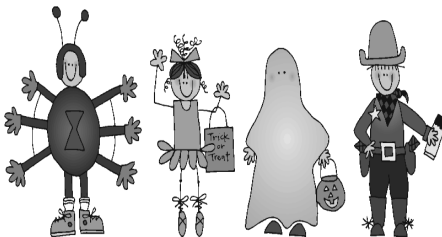
To make a reservation, email Melissa Groff at mgroff@strasburgjayceepark.com. Call 717-687-8162 with questions about reservations.

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 Company.



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 Playground, and scholarships to L-S students.



Each year the Club holds fundraisers such as their Spring and Fall sub sandwich sales, annual breakfast buffet, 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.

Budget

To view the 2016 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.



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 of October (3rd Quarter)

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

Exact due dates are printed on your bill and posted on the website each quarter.

We would like to thank these community members who volunteer their time to serve on the following Boards and Committees:



Planning Commission

Ken Johnson, Chair
Bob Marshall, Vice Chair
Dominick Di Bella
Mary Dresser
Shelby Nauman

Borough Authority

Harold Wiker, Chair
Ken Johnson, Vice Chair
Ray Reeder, Treasurer
Tim Buko
Ray Garraffa

Civil Service Commission

Ray Garraffa, Chair
Clarence Lefever, Vice-Chair
Jeff See, Secretary

Zoning Hearing Board

John Imhof, Chair
Keith Kauffman, Vice Chair
Ryan Hair
Robert Ham
Shane Kuhns, Alternate
Maureen Wagner

Historic Architectural Review Board

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Len Ferber, Vice Chair
Beth Gunnion
Dale Kaufman
Chris Lainhoff
David Measel
Steve VanOrmer

Tree Committee

Brad Botchlet, Chair
Gil Pratt, Vice Chair
Mary Dresser
Dale Kaufman
Curt Reynolds

Youth Aid Panel

Holly Miller, Chair
Mary DaLauro, Secretary
Monica Coffey
Alyson Dreer
Alice Eisenhooth
John Faltin
Carol Fish
Tom Fish



Pennsylvania One-Call System CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! 1-800-242-1776

Please remember, any time you are going to dig you should call the Pennsylvania One-Call System to make sure there are no underground wires. If you do not call and you damage a line, the underground utilities can impose a fine.

2015 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 Wednesday of each month at 8 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, 2015. 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.

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	120	100 - 120	ppb	2015	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
FLUORIDE	2000	2000	120	100-120	ppb	2015	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
CHLORINE (Distribution)	4.0	4.0	1.06	1.03 – 1.06	ppm	Dec. 2015	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
NITRATE	10	10	7.8	3.1 – 7.8	ppm	2015	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
HALOACETIC ACIDS (FIVE)	60	N/A	6.7	3.8 – 6.7	ppb	2015	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
TRIHALO METHANES	80	N/A	43.9	15.6 – 43.9	ppb	2015	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
RADIUM 226	5	0	1.18*	0 – 1.35	pCi/L	2011/15	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
RADIUM 228	5	0	2.01*	0 – 3.33	pCi/L	2011/15	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
GROSS ALPHA	15	0	4.53*	0 – 5.86	pCi/L	2011/15	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

* Average highest level over years tested.

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 2013	15	0	0	ppb	0	N	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper 2013	1.3	1.3	0.19	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	0.93	0.93 – 1.16	ppm	08/04/2015	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Chlorine EP-102 (Old Spring)	0.70	0.95	0.95 – 1.23	ppm	08/29/2015	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Chlorine EP-103 (New Spring)	0.70	1.0	1.0 – 1.17	ppm	01/03/2015	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	0	0	N	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.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION (continued):

- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, 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 the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and DEP prescribe 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 did not violate any drinking water standard during 2015.

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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.

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

Borough Authority normally meets the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

Tree Committee normally meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to attend!

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permit applications and meeting schedules!