

# Strasburg Borough News

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Welcome to the first edition of Strasburg Borough's redesigned newsletter! This is a digital publication that will be provided online, emailed to the email addresses we have on file, and mailed upon request. Please call the Borough Office at (717) 687-7732 or email [cdshipman@strasburgboro.org](mailto:cdshipman@strasburgboro.org) to add, change, or delete your information from our email list.

## Retirements in 2020 created some lead staff changes, and we're excited to share a little bit about our new Borough Manager and Police Chief:



### Steven Echternach, Borough Manager

F. Steven Echternach has had a long and distinguished career with Strasburg Borough, serving since 1983 in the Police Department as a patrolman, Sergeant, and Chief. He was appointed as the Borough Manager in July of 2020.

Steve has a bachelor's degree in Organization Management, is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and has his professional certification in Emergency Management. He is also an information and intelligence officer with the South-Central Terrorism Task Force and a member of the PA State Police Fusion Center.

Steve grew up in Strasburg and lives here to this day. He and his wife, Miriam, have two daughters at home, Jocelynn and Grace, along with an adult son, Howard.

In his time away from the office, Steve enjoys spending time with his family, camping, hunting, biking, and is an active member with his church.

We are lucky that Steve continues to serve the Borough and if you have any questions for him, please feel free to call or stop by the office.

### Nick Ferretti, Police Chief



Nick Ferretti was sworn in as the new Strasburg Borough Police Chief on January 12, 2021. He previously served the department as an officer since 1987 and Sergeant since 2018.

Chief Ferretti is the Evidence Custodian, Records Manager, and Firearms Instructor and received specialized training in all facets of law enforcement including leadership development.

Chief Ferretti grew up in Strasburg and lived here until 2004 when he and his family moved to Lampeter. He and his wife, Jill, have been married for 30 years and have three sons, Vince, Alex, and Luca.

Chief Ferretti volunteers as a groundskeeper for the Strasburg Jaycee Park and enjoys riding motorcycles, playing softball, fishing, and spending time with his family at their cabin in Huntingdon County.

If you have any questions for Chief Ferretti, please feel free to call or stop by the office.



### Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

We are happy to announce that, as of the writing of this newsletter, the Sertoma Club has been permitted by PennDOT to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade! We encourage you to attend and continue to follow CDC Guidelines.

**Strasburg Borough PD**  
[www.strasburgpd.org](http://www.strasburgpd.org)



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updates straight to your inbox!*

## 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](http://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** - Outdoor burning, including all types of waste, trash, and rubbish, is prohibited in Strasburg Borough, with limited exception. Cooking of food on a grill or food smoker is allowed; for other burning, check with the Police Department to see if a permit is needed.



**Fireworks** - Despite recent changes in Pennsylvania law, very few fireworks are Strasburg-legal. As a general rule, any firework display that leaves the ground needs to be licensed or is considered to be illegal. Please see the Borough website for our full Ordinance.



**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.

Grass & weeds are here again!



Please remember to keep your property properly mowed and maintained over the next few months to avoid receiving an unwanted violation notice!

Grass and weeds are not permitted to exceed six (6) inches in height, bushes should not block sidewalks, and you should not blow grass into the street.

If you need assistance with your yard, consider reaching out to a neighbor or one of the many lawn care companies in the area.



## Water Consumer Confidence Report

The Department of Environmental Protection requires us to provide this report to our customers each year. The water quality continues to be good. The entire report can be found online at <https://strasburgboro.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2020-CCR.pdf>



## Emergency Notification System

If you haven't already signed up to receive notifications, which include emergency water system notifications as well as non-emergency reminders for street sweeping and water flushing, please sign up today on the Borough's website or call the Borough Office at (717) 687-7732. You can choose to be notified by voice message, text message, e-mail, or all three, at multiple numbers and addresses.

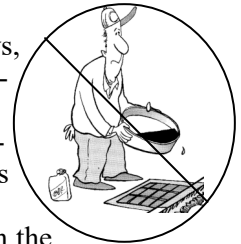
## When it Rains, it Drains

What is stormwater? Stormwater is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains, or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or low points on the sides of the streets. Collectively, the draining water is called stormwater runoff.

Stormwater becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows, or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. All of the pollutants stormwater carries along the way empty into our waters too, because stormwater does not get treated.

Strasburg Borough prevents stormwater pollution through a stormwater management program but we NEED YOUR HELP to protect this vital resource by doing the following:

- **Plant trees and other vegetation because they intercept rainfall and help reduce runoff.**
- **Keep leaves and sticks out of storm inlets before and during rain events.**
- **Don't dump or blow grass or leaves in the street, swales or streams because they travel straight into local streams where they kill aquatic life and disrupt the ecosystem.**
- **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 Boro 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.

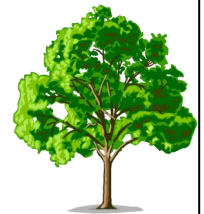


## Tree Committee

Help Strasburg Borough stay rooted in it's historic charm.

**FREE** street trees are available, provided & planted by the Strasburg Borough Shade Tree Committee, to keep our community beautiful!

For more information, including recently revised requirements, visit [strasburgboro.org](http://strasburgboro.org).



*Next Tree Planting - Fall of 2021*



## Do I Need a Permit?

The best answer to this question is to call the Borough Office at (717) 687-7732, explain your project, and a Borough representative will answer your question. Generally speaking, a Zoning Permit is needed for projects including, but not limited to: additions, fences, sheds, driveway widening

and pools (including "bladder" pools). A Building Permit is needed for any project that involves electric, plumbing or structural changes.

## Budget

To view the 2021 Strasburg Borough Budget, please visit the Borough's website at [www.strasburgboro.org](http://www.strasburgboro.org) or stop by the Borough Office.

## **Community Organizations**

Listed below are names and contact information for our local organizations for you to check with them directly regarding upcoming events and schedules. We encourage you to continue supporting and consider joining our local organizations - they are always looking for new members and volunteers!



### **Strasburg Fire Company #1**

203 Franklin Street, PO Box 64, Strasburg PA 17579 Dial 911 for Emergencies  
Non-emergencies (717) 687-7232  
Website: [www.strasburgfire.com](http://www.strasburgfire.com) Facebook: Strasburg Fire Company #1



### **Lancaster EMS Association (LEMSA)**

20 Lancaster Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579 Dial 911 for Emergencies  
Non-emergencies (717) 481-4841, Billing/subscription info (717) 872-4688  
Website: [www.lemsa.com](http://www.lemsa.com) Facebook: Lancaster EMS



### **Strasburg-Heisler Library**

143 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579  
Phone: (717) 687-8969 Email: [staff@strasburglibrary.org](mailto:staff@strasburglibrary.org)

### **Lampeter Strasburg Area Woman's Club**

Contact President Elaine Benner at (717) 464-9071 or  
email: [etbennerjr@comcast.net](mailto:etbennerjr@comcast.net)

### **Lancaster County Art Association**

149 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579  
Phone: (717) 687-7061  
Website: [www.lcaaonline.org](http://www.lcaaonline.org)

### **Scout House Association**

109-A South Jackson Street, Strasburg PA 17579  
Contact Bruce Ryder (717) 687-8984

### **Strasburg Area Sertoma Club**

Contact Lynda Houck (717) 687-6408 or  
email: [houchkl@att.net](mailto:houchkl@att.net)



### **Strasburg Heritage Society**

P.O. Box 81, Strasburg, PA 17579  
Phone: (717) 687-3534  
Email: [strasburgheritatesociety@gmail.com](mailto:strasburgheritatesociety@gmail.com)  
Website: [Strasburgheritatesociety.org](http://Strasburgheritatesociety.org)  
Facebook: Strasburg Heritage Society



### **Strasburg Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.)**

9A East Main Street, Strasburg PA 17579  
Contact Jim Rice (717) 687-0819 or Noble Grand  
Brian Barr (717) 687-8970



### **Strasburg Lions Club**

P.O. Box 281, Strasburg PA 17579  
Website: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
Contact Jim Rice (717) 575-7462 or  
[jim@strasburgrailroad.com](mailto:jim@strasburgrailroad.com)



### **Strasburg Scouts**

Boy Scouts, Troop 56 (ages 11-18)  
Contact Bob Holmberg (717) 687-4213

### **Strasburg Sportsmen's Association**

316 Weaver Road, Strasburg PA 17579  
Phone: (717) 687-6921

### **Strasburg Senior Citizens Club (for our age 50+ friends)**

Open to Strasburg and surrounding area community  
members. Contact Bill Geier (717) 687-9072



## FREE Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

Lancaster County residents may drop off household hazardous waste materials for **FREE** at LCSWMA's drive-through HHW Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster. For more information on the hours and what can be disposed, please visit their website at [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) or call (717) 397-9968.



## Local Legislators

### Senator Scott Martin - 13th Senatorial District



We are happy to announce that Senator Martin now has an office at 135 East Main Street, Suite 1-A here in Strasburg! His office can also be reached by Phone: (717) 397-1309  
Email: [smartin@pasen.gov](mailto:smartin@pasen.gov), or Website: [www.SenatorScottMartinPA.com](http://www.SenatorScottMartinPA.com)  
Facebook: [SenatorScottMartinPA](https://www.facebook.com/SenatorScottMartinPA), Twitter: [@SenatorMartinPA](https://twitter.com/SenatorMartinPA)

### Representative Keith J. Greiner - 43rd Legislative District

Lampeter physical address: 852 Village Rd, Lancaster PA 17602, Phone: (717) 464-5285  
Lampeter mailing address: PO Box 268, Lampeter, PA 17537  
Email: [kgreiner@pahousegop.com](mailto:kgreiner@pahousegop.com), Website: [www.RepGreiner.com](http://www.RepGreiner.com), Facebook: [RepGreiner](https://www.facebook.com/RepGreiner)



## Parks and Recreation

### Strasburg Community Parks Foundation

The park is located at 151 Precision Avenue, Strasburg  
Website: [www.strasburgpark.org](http://www.strasburgpark.org), Facebook: [Strasburg Community Park](https://www.facebook.com/StrasburgCommunityPark)  
**Rentals:** Lynda Houck (717) 687-6408 or email [houckl@att.net](mailto:houckl@att.net)

**Memorials, educational programs, and volunteer opportunities:** Barbara Rathbone-Frank (717) 572-6830.

### Strasburg Jaycee Park

The park is located at 218B Miller Street, Strasburg.  
Pavilion and barn can be rented through the park's website at [www.strasburgjayceepark.com](http://www.strasburgjayceepark.com)

### Strasburg Senior Softball Squad (60+)

Contact Dave Zerbe at [dzerbe@comcast.net](mailto:dzerbe@comcast.net)



### Strasburg Swimming and Recreation Association

Website: [www.strasburgpool.com](http://www.strasburgpool.com), Phone: (717) 687-9180  
Email: [StrasburgPool@gmail.com](mailto:StrasburgPool@gmail.com), Facebook: [Strasburg Pool](https://www.facebook.com/StrasburgPool)

### Tinney Pavilion

The pavilion is located at 133 Funk Street and can be rented by calling the Borough Office at (717) 687-7732.



### YMCA Lampeter-Strasburg

800 Village Road, Lancaster PA 17602, Phone: (717) 464-4000  
Website: [www.lancasterymca.org](http://www.lancasterymca.org)



### Reminders:

Future street cleaning and flushing notices will be sent out through our automated phone system, Swift 911. Please subscribe by clicking on the link at the bottom of our webpage [www.strasburgboro.org](http://www.strasburgboro.org), or call the Office at (717) 687-7732.

### 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.



### 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 per property each year.**
2. Garage/yard sales may offer personal possessions for sale; no import or stocking of inventory is permitted.
3. 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!**



### Financial Assistance Resources

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

All residences and commercial properties in the Borough built before World War II are eligible for a 1.5% simple interest loan for a 7-year, \$7,500 maximum loan and all work must be completed within 12 months. Informational brochures may be obtained from the Borough Office or by calling Tony D'Alessandro at (717) 672-1887.

### 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 is transferred, or if the home is no longer the owner's primary residence. Interested homeowners may call the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Lancaster at (717) 394-0793, extension 3.

### Homeowner Assistance Program

Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority's Homeowner Assistance Program assists Borough homeowners with mandated installation, replacement, or repair of sidewalks, and sewer laterals and waterlines. In order to qualify for financial assistance homeowners must meet income and other eligibility criteria. Financial assistance is provided in the form of a grant which covers up to 50% of the project cost, with a maximum of \$3,500. Contact the Redevelopment Authority at (717) 394-0793 for more information.

## **Borough of Strasburg**

145 Precision Avenue

Strasburg, PA 17579

Phone: (717) 687-7732

Regular Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

### **Strasburg Borough on the web - [www.strasburgboro.org](http://www.strasburgboro.org)**

Don't forget to check the Borough's website for items such as agendas, approved minutes, permit applications and meeting schedules. Residents are encouraged to attend meetings!

**Thank you to the following volunteers who serve on our Boards and Committees:**

### **Strasburg Borough Council Members**



Michael Chiodo, President (2021)  
Ray Garraffa, Vice President (2023)  
James F. Rice, Pro Tem (2023)  
Robert Bennethum (2021)

Dave Carson (2021)  
David Dunn (2021)  
H. Dale Spaulding (2023)  
Bruce L. Ryder, Mayor (2021)



Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Strasburg Borough Planning Commission Members**

Ken Johnson, Chair                      Mary Dresser  
Bob Marshall, Vice Chair          David Felpel  
Dominick Di Bella

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

#### **Strasburg Borough Zoning Hearing Board Members**

Keith Kauffman, Chair  
Maureen Wagner, Vice Chair  
David Esh  
Beth Gunnion  
Robert Ham  
John Mroz, Alternate

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

#### **Strasburg Borough Civil Service Commission Members**

H. Dale Spaulding, Chair  
J.R. Johnson, Vice Chair  
John Imhof

#### **Strasburg Borough Authority Members**

Ken Johnson, Chair                      John Mroz  
Ray Garraffa, Vice Chair          Michael Wolgemuth  
Ray Reeder, Treasurer

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

#### **Strasburg Borough Historical Architectural Review Board Members**

Tom Lainhoff, Chair                      Lori Troiano  
Len Ferber, Vice Chair                  Steve VanOrmer  
H. Dale Kaufman                          Ryan Weaver  
Chris Lainhoff

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

#### **Strasburg Borough Tree Committee Members**

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

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