

# Strasburg Borough News

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Website: [www.strasburgboro.org](http://www.strasburgboro.org)

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Welcome to the Fall edition of Strasburg Borough's 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.

## When Do I Need a Permit?



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, structural changes, or any project involving a commercial property including commercial tenant changes.

A Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) Permit is needed for any changes to the exterior of a property that is visible from the street on Miller Street, East and West Main Streets, or the first two blocks of South Decatur Street.

**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 questions.**

## Speed Display Sign

A speed display sign has recently been making its way around town. This device monitors speed from traffic traveling in both directions and is an effective traffic calming device designed to slow down speeding motorists by alerting them of their speed.

The police department has received many positive compliments in regards to the speed display sign and will continue to circulate it around town.



## Volunteers Wanted!

Strasburg Borough is looking for a few good people who are interested in serving their community on various boards and committees. If interested, please complete the **Prospective Board Member Information Sheet** found on our website at <https://strasburgboro.org/boards-and-commission/vacancies-and-appointments/>

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



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## BUDGET



## 2022 Preliminary Budget

The Strasburg Borough 2022 Preliminary Budget is open for inspection and available for review on our website at <https://strasburgboro.org/boards-and-commission/budgets/>

## 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 <https://strasburgboro.org/documents/ordinances/>)



### Snow Shoveling

\* You have 24 hours after snowfall stops to remove snow and ice from your sidewalks, clearing a path at least 30 inches wide.

\* **It is prohibited to blow or shovel snow into the travel lane of any roadway.**

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



**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.



**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.



**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.



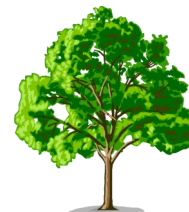
**Curfew** - Parents are reminded that persons under the age of 18 are restricted by a curfew Sunday through Thursday 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from midnight to 5:00 a.m. During these hours, juveniles must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The ordinance makes the *parent*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

## Tree Committee

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

For more information, including recently revised requirements, visit <https://strasburgboro.org/boards-and-commission/tree-committee/>

*Next Tree Planting - Spring of 2022*



## 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.

## Water Conservation Ideas That Protect Our Watersheds

### How can I reduce my water usage in...?

#### The Bathroom

- Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes. Purchasing a low-flow toilet can reduce indoor water use by 20%.
- Avoid unnecessary flushing. Dispose of tissues, insects, and similar waste in the trash rather than the toilet.
- Save 2 gallons of water a day by turning off the tap while brushing your teeth, washing your face, or shaving.
- Use an ultra low-flow version water efficient showerhead, which can save up to 200 gallons per month.
- Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Use the minimum amount of water needed for a bath and fill the tub only 1/3 full.



#### The Laundry

- Save 1,000 gallons a month by adjusting the washing machine according to your load size - full loads are best.
- Look for water saving washing machines. Horizontal loading machines use less water.

#### The Kitchen

- Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run to get a cool glass of water.
- Defrost frozen food and meat overnight in the refrigerator or in your microwave instead of running under water.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water. Quickly rinse under a slow stream of water from the faucet. Use the dirty water to run your sink disposal if necessary.
- Purchase dishwashers with water and energy star saving options and do not pre-rinse dishes prior to loading in the dishwasher. Run the dishwasher when you have a full load.

#### Other areas of the House

- Verify that your home is leak free. Many homes have hidden water leaks. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at the rate of one drop per second, you can expect to waste 2,700 gallons per year.



#### Outdoor Activities

- Don't overwater your lawn. Lawns generally only need watering every 5-7 days in the summer and should be watered during the morning hours when temperatures and wind speed are the lowest to reduce evaporation. A hearty rain eliminates the need for watering for as long as two weeks.
- Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. Your garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours. Use a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn the water off. Remember, the amount of water used by a sprinkler in one hour is equal to the daily water needs of a family of four.
- Keep your lawn mower blade at least three inches high. A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system, and holds soil moisture better than closely-clipped lawns.
- Avoid over fertilizing your lawn. The application of fertilizers increases the need for water and is a source of water pollution.
- Mulch helps to retain moisture in the soil and helps control weeds that compete with plants for water.
- Avoid hosing down your driveway or sidewalk; use a broom instead and save hundreds of gallons of water.
- Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water. If you wash your own car, park it on the grass, use a bucket with soapy water, turn off the water while soaping, and use a hose with a pressure nozzle to decrease rinsing time.



Source: [epa.gov/watersense](http://epa.gov/watersense)

## 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 [houlckl@att.net](mailto:houlckl@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 is available for rent from May to September 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.lancasteryymca.org](http://www.lancasteryymca.org)



## 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.



### Food Bank

The Food Bank at First Presbyterian Strasburg is open to families and individuals who have insufficient resources to meet their nutritional needs, with particular emphasis on persons in Southeastern Lancaster County. For more information call 717-687-7030.

### Outdated Medications

The Strasburg Borough Police Department is part of 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.



### 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.



## **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 Felpel (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  
Murl Clark

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.