

# Strasburg Borough News

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Fall/Winter 2023

Welcome to Strasburg Borough's Fall/Winter 2023 newsletter! This is a digital publication that is provided online or emailed to the addresses we have on file. Printed copies will also be available at the Borough Office, 145 Precision Avenue.

We look forward to upcoming events and wish all our residents, family, and friends Happy Holidays!

A poster for the 2023 Strasburg Community Tree Lighting. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and stars. The text reads: "Strasburg Community Tree Lighting", "Celebrate The Holidays With Us!", "Co-hosted by Lancaster-Strasburg Area Woman's Club, Strasburg Heritage Society, & Strasburg Borough", "Friday, December 1st 6:30-8 p.m.", "Santa arriving on the Fire Truck", "Hot Cocoa & Cookies", "Caroling", "Kids' Activities & More!", "Strasburg Borough Municipal Building", "145 Precision Avenue, Strasburg, PA 17579".

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## 2023 Strasburg Community Tree Lighting, a New Twist on a Historic Holiday Tradition

Many of us who have grown up in or near Strasburg have fond memories of Christmas on the Square. It is a tradition that has taken place for more years than most of us are probably aware (see below picture from 1940!). While the specifics of the event have changed throughout the years, the purpose has not. This event has been and will continue to be an event to celebrate the holiday season with our family, friends, and community.

This year's event will feature the lighting of a newly-planted and decorated 12' Fraser fir tree centered in the front lawn of the Strasburg Borough Municipal Building at 145 Precision Avenue. The location may be different, but this festive tree lighting will include some of the same traditions as in the past. Santa Claus will still be arriving on the fire truck, there will be caroling, and of course, hot cocoa & cookies. With the additional room at this location, the event can expand to include new additions such as a food truck for those who would like to purchase dinner and kids' activity stations.

The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 1st, with the tree lighting anticipated at 7 p.m. There will be time afterwards to enjoy the activities as well as visit the Lancaster County Art Association and Strasburg-Heisler Library. We hope to see you there!



## Strasburg Community Hometown Hero Program



Strasburg Borough is proud to offer the community an opportunity to honor a past or present Strasburg-area member of the Armed Forces with a Hometown Hero street banner.

Banners will be 24" x 48" and include a picture of the service member, name, rank, and branch of service. Banners will be hung for 2 seasons (a season is May-October) and then retired and returned to the sponsor. The cost to sponsor a banner is \$250. This cost helps cover the manufacturing of the banner and mounting kit. Any excess funds will be reserved in our civic celebrations account to support community activities. No taxpayer dollars will fund the banners.

Space is limited to roughly 40 banners per round, this program operates on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to accommodate the most families, the Borough reserves the right to limit the number of applications per family, per round. Applications received that cannot be accommodated in the current round will be kept and placed on a waiting list for the next available round.

More information and the application can be found on the borough website, [strasburgboro.org](http://strasburgboro.org).

**The first round will open Wednesday, November 1, 2023.**



**Election Day - Tuesday, November 7, 2023**



This is a Municipal Election. There are no federal or state offices on the ballot.



**Do I Need a Permit?**

The best answer to this question is to call the Borough Office, explain your project, and a Borough representative will answer your questions.

**Ordinance Reminders**

Residents are reminded of these Borough Ordinances that 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://ecode360.com/ST2465>)

**Snow Shoveling/Blowing** - 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/shovel snow into the travel lane of any roadway.** If you're cited for violating the ordinance, the fine is \$300.

**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.

**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. Violations of this Ordinance are punishable by a fine up to \$600.

**Boards & Committees**



be a voice in your community

Although there are no current board vacancies, we encourage anyone interested in a future opening to submit a [Prospective Board Member Information Sheet](#) for the

JUST FOCUS ON THE **BIG 4!** PLACE **ONLY** THESE ITEMS IN YOUR BIN.

1  CORRUGATED CARDBOARD ↓ Flattened	2  PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS WITH NECKS ↓ Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed	3  METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS ↓ Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed	4  GLASS JARS & BOTTLES ↓ Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed
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Did you know recycling earns the Borough money??  
Last year's recycling grant was \$1160.  
Let's keep recycling right!

**A SINGLE DIG-IN CAN BE A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH**

It can be tempting to skip the 811 process, but it's never worth putting lives at risk.

**811**

SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS. EVERY DIG. EVERY TIME.

Rechargeable batteries are causing fires

**Keep all batteries out of trash and recycling**

SafeBatteryDisposal.com

**LCSWMA**

**Borough Notifications (Emergency & Non-Emergency)**

Our previous notification system, Swift911™, is no longer in use and your information has been transferred to our new system, Rave Mobile Safety. Please call or stop by the Borough Office to add/remove your phone number or e-mail address from our notification list. Examples of notifications you will receive are street sweeping, water flushing, and water/snow emergency notices. This system is used to get information to as many of our residents as possible, and as quickly as possible.





### 2023 Pink Patch Project Campaign

The Strasburg Police Officers' Association unveiled its 2023 pink patch this fall featuring Strasburg's historic trolley on Main Street.

The new patch embraces the historic charm of Strasburg and is available for \$10 each. All proceeds will go to PA Breast Cancer Coalition.

Also available for purchase are the regular, retired, and previous years' pink shoulder patches. These patches are \$5 each and support our local students through a Lampeter-Strasburg High School Scholarship.

Patches may be purchased at the Strasburg Borough Office, Strasburg Borough Police Station, select local retailers, or on eBay. Thank you for your support!

### Holiday Shopping Tips

The holiday shopping season will soon be upon us. It can be fun, but it can also be stressful, strenuous, and even dangerous. Whether you are shopping in-person or from the comfort of your home, take some time to review these tips to keep you and your newly purchased gifts safe.

- Avoid carrying cash. You may want to limit your credit card spending—however, if you lose your credit card, it can be replaced. Cash cannot.
- Use credit cards instead of debit cards. Security protections are different.
- Don't carry more weight than you can handle.
- If shopping in-person, try to take a shopping buddy along who can help you carry your purchases, and stay alert of your surroundings and any suspicious characters.
- When entering the parking lot, scan the area for anyone loitering, even during daylight hours.
- If shopping alone and you decide to drop purchases off at your car before continuing to shop, scan the area for anyone watching you put your purchases in your vehicle before going back into the store. If someone nearby seems suspicious, move your vehicle to a different parking lot to avoid a potential break-in and theft.
- If you feel like you're being watched or followed, immediately go back into the store or shopping center and look for a security guard. Request an escort to your vehicle.
- Have your car keys ready in your hand to avoid fumbling for them at your vehicle.
- Pay attention to vehicles parked directly next to yours. Is anyone in the vehicle? Is that person next to the driver's side of your vehicle? If you feel uncomfortable, go back inside and request an escort to your vehicle. Trust your instincts.



- If shopping online, be sure the website you're on is secured by looking for the lock symbol to the left of the URL.
- Avoid online purchases that are "too good to be true"—they usually are. Do some research on the vendor before committing to a purchase.



**Strasburg Borough PD will be assisting with the collection of new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots toy drive. Drop boxes will be at the following locations the month of November.**

- Benner Insurance, 310 Historic Drive
- CPRS Physical Therapy, 100 Historic Drive
- Ephrata National Bank, 60 Historic Drive
- Fireside Tavern, 1500 Historic Drive
- Hodge Podge, 14-16 East Main Street
- Holiday Inn Express, 1900 Historic Drive
- Meck's Produce, 1955 Beaver Valley Pike
- Strasburg Dental, 222 North Decatur Street
- Strasburg Borough Municipal Office or PD
- Strasburg-Heisler Library, 143 Precision Avenue
- Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 Gap Road
- Sunshine Corners Daycare, 141 Precision Avenue
- Zimmerman's Ace Hardware, 306 Hartman Bridge Road

Drop off your expired or unwanted medications at the Strasburg Borough Police Department, 145 Precision Avenue (rear). Medications should be emptied into an **unmarked Ziplock-style baggy** with no personal information. If you have any questions please call 717-687-7128.



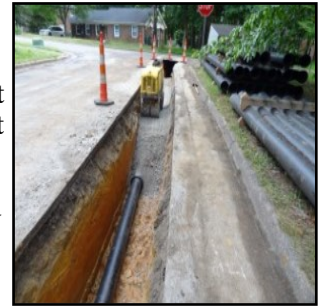


### Memorial Tree Plaques

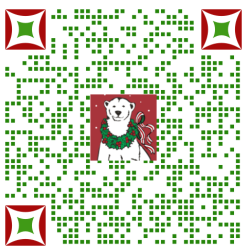
Strasburg Borough recently installed brass memorial plaques for dedicated trees that line the Borough front lawn. The trees were planted in remembrance of Diana Hallman, Mike Sollenberger, Donald Bachman, and Harold Wiker, who passed while serving the Borough.

A plaque was also placed to identify the Honey Locust Gettysburg Witness-Tree descendant that was donated by Shull's Tree Service.

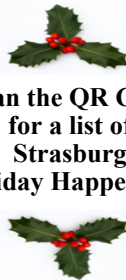
Strasburg Borough Authority's East Main & South Decatur Street watermain replacement project is underway. There will be no road closures, but there may be minor traffic interruptions.



**Holiday Banners Coming Soon**  
Interested in sponsoring a banner?  
Call the Borough office.



Scan the QR Code  
for a list of  
Strasburg  
Holiday Happenings



Strasburg Borough Authority is responsible for the water and sanitary sewer system, and now also stormwater. In the coming months they will begin tackling the Borough's stormwater issues that have been many years in the making. There are large projects that will be done in phases, and there are smaller projects that will be done by our Public Works Department. We are excited to start the stormwater journey and hope to ease Borough flooding issues.

### Shoveling/Snow Blowing Tip:

To avoid shoveling/snow blowing your driveway more than once after a storm, follow these tips:

- Wait until after your street has been plowed to shovel the end of your driveway closest to the street.
- When clearing the entrance to your driveway, shovel snow into a pile to the right of the driveway when facing the street and create a small, clear pocket to the left of the driveway for crews to leave snow during plowing.

**If a snow emergency is declared, all vehicles must be removed from snow emergency routes until the emergency is lifted.** Streets signs are posted on those roads designated as snow emergency routes. When a snow emergency is declared, it is done with your safety in mind. In order to make sure emergency vehicles can reach people in need, the snow emergency routes must be cleared of parked cars, and vehicles on the roadways need snow tires or chains.



**Don't forget to "Fall Back" Sunday, November 5, 2023.**

Change your clock,



**CHANGE** your batteries

*Think that little drip can't be costing you much... **THINK AGAIN!***



Drips and leaks can add up fast when it comes to your quarterly water/sewer bill!

Avoid unnecessary usage and high bills by taking a few minutes to inspect your homes faucets, pipes, hoses, and toilets for leaks. This [drip calculator](#) can show you how much water your tiny leak may add up to.



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



All residential 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. Contact Tony D'Alessandro at, 717-672-1887, for more information.

**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 [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) or call 717-397-9968.



**Local Legislators**



**Senator Scott Martin  
13th Senatorial District**

135 East Main Street, Suite 1-A  
Strasburg, PA 17579  
Phone: 717-397-1309  
Email: [smartin@pasen.gov](mailto:smartin@pasen.gov)  
[www.SenatorScottMartinPA.com](http://www.SenatorScottMartinPA.com)



**Representative Bryan Cutler  
100th Legislative District**

33 East Friendly Drive  
Quarryville, PA 17566  
Phone: 717-284-1965  
Email: [bcutler@pahousegop.com](mailto:bcutler@pahousegop.com)  
[www.repcutler.com](http://www.repcutler.com)

**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  
Lynda Houck 717-687-6408 or email [StrasburgCommunityPark@gmail.com](mailto:StrasburgCommunityPark@gmail.com)  
**Rentals, memorials, educational programs, and volunteer opportunities**

**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: [Strasburg.Pool@gmail.com](mailto:Strasburg.Pool@gmail.com), Facebook: Strasburg Pool

**Tinney Pavilion**

The pavilion, located at 133 Funk Street, is available for rent from May to September.  
Reservations may be made by calling the Borough Office at 717-687-7732.





**YMCA Lampeter-Strasburg**


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

## Community Organizations

Listed below are names and contact information for our local organizations. Please contact 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!

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strasburg Fire Company #1</b></p> <p>203 Franklin Street, PO Box 64, Strasburg PA 17579 <span style="float: right;">Dial 911 for Emergencies</span>                  Non-emergencies 717-687-7232                  Website: <a href="http://www.strasburgfire.com">www.strasburgfire.com</a> Facebook: Strasburg Fire Company #1</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lancaster EMS Association (LEMSA)</b></p> <p>20 Lancaster Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579 <span style="float: right;">Dial 911 for Emergencies</span>                  Non-emergencies 717-481-4841, Billing/subscription info 717-872-4688                  Website: <a href="http://www.lemsa.com">www.lemsa.com</a> Facebook: Lancaster EMS</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strasburg-Heisler Library</b></p> <p>143 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579                  Phone: 717-687-8969 Email: <a href="mailto:staff@strasburglibrary.org">staff@strasburglibrary.org</a>                  Website: <a href="http://www.strasburglibrary.org">www.strasburglibrary.org</a> Facebook: Strasburg-Heisler Library</p>
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<p><b>Lampeter Strasburg Area Woman's Club</b>                  Email: <a href="mailto:lswomansclub@gmail.com">lswomansclub@gmail.com</a>                  Facebook: Lampeter-Strasburg Area Woman's Club</p>
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<p><b>Lancaster County Art Association</b>                  149 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579                  Phone: 717-687-7061                  Website: <a href="http://www.lcaaonline.org">www.lcaaonline.org</a>                  Facebook: Lancaster County Art Association</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Scout House Association</b></p> <p>109-A South Jackson Street, Strasburg PA 17579                  Contact Bruce Ryder 717-687-8984</p>
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<p><b>Strasburg Area Sertoma Club</b>                  Contact Lynda Houck 717-687-6408 or                  email: <a href="mailto:houckl@att.net">houckl@att.net</a></p>	
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<p><b>Strasburg Heritage Society</b>                  P.O. Box 81, Strasburg, PA 17579                  Phone: 717-687-3534                  Email: <a href="mailto:strasburgheritagesociety@gmail.com">strasburgheritagesociety@gmail.com</a>                  Website: <a href="http://strasburgheritagesociety.org">strasburgheritagesociety.org</a>                  Facebook: Strasburg Heritage Society</p>	
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<p><b>Strasburg Independent Order of Odd Fellows</b></p>	
<p>9A East Main Street, Strasburg PA 17579                  Contact Jim Rice 717-575-7462 or Noble Grand                  Brian Barr 717-687-8970</p>	

<p><b>Strasburg Lions Club</b>                  P.O. Box 281, Strasburg PA 17579                  Website: <a href="http://www.lionsclubs.org">www.lionsclubs.org</a>                  Contact Jim Rice 717-575-7462 or  <a href="mailto:jim@strasburgrailroad.com">jim@strasburgrailroad.com</a>                  Facebook: Strasburg Lions Club</p>	 <i>ordinary people amazing things</i>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strasburg Scouts</b></p> <p>Boy Scouts, Troop 56 (ages 11-18)                  Contact Bob Holmberg 717-687-4213                  Cub Scout, Pack 19                  Contact Nate Lyons 717-682-0615</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strasburg Sportsmen's Association</b></p> <p>316 Weaver Road, Strasburg PA 17579                  Phone: 717-687-6921                  Facebook: Strasburg Sportsman Association</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Strasburg Senior Citizens Club (for our age 50+ friends)</b></p> <p>Open to Strasburg and surrounding area community members. Contact Joyce Patzer 717-993-7258</p>
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# Borough of Strasburg

145 Precision Avenue  
Strasburg, PA 17579

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

## Strasburg Borough on the web - [strasburgboro.org](http://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 (2025)  
Ray Garraffa, Vice President (2023)  
James F. Rice, Pro Tem (2023)  
Robert Bennethum (2025)

Dave Carson (2025)  
David Felpel (2023)  
Sandy Clark (2023)  
Bruce L. Ryder, Mayor (2025)



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 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 Zoning Hearing Board Members

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

Zoning Hearing meets the third Monday of  
each month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Strasburg Borough Historical Architectural Review Board Members

Ryan Weaver, Chair                      Lori Troiano  
Len Ferber, Vice Chair                  Steve VanOrmer  
Tom Lainhoff                                  Eldon Stoltzfus  
Pete Kingsley Jr.

Historical Architectural Review Board meets the  
first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Strasburg Borough Civil Service Commission Members

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

Civil Service meets the first Monday of  
each month at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.