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# Strasburg Borough News

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Spring/Summer 2023

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Welcome to Strasburg Borough's Spring 2023 newsletter! This is a digital publication that will be provided online, emailed to the addresses we have on file, and available at the Borough Office. Please call the Borough Office at 717-687-7732 to add, change, or delete your information from our email list.



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## Strasburg Community National Night Out



Join the Strasburg Borough Police, other emergency service providers, and local civic organizations on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at Strasburg Jaycee Park for our first Strasburg Community National Night Out Event!

National Night Out is a free event meant to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

This event would not be possible without the generous donations, volunteers, and support received

from our local businesses and organizations. This will be an evening of free food (hot dogs, french fries, chips, popcorn, and of course, ICE CREAM!), kids activities (bounce house, petting zoo, crafts, games, emergency service vehicles, and more), and the night will end with an amazing fireworks display!

If your organization is interested in participating or donating please contact us.

We look forward to seeing Strasburg friends and neighbors we know, and meeting those who we don't, at this community event!

Subscribe today to receive community information & updates!

[www.strasburgpd.org](http://www.strasburgpd.org)



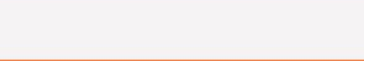
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## National Public Works Week, May 21-27, 2023

Please join Strasburg Borough in saying a big **THANK YOU** to our Public Works Department (Ed, Tim, & Don) for all they do for our community!

They are, often unmentioned, first responders and essential workers who keep our community running strong all year long by maintaining our streets, water and sewer systems, and many other tasks that most of us don't even think of because they are doing their job, and doing it well. If you see them out and about this week give them a wave or say thank you to show your appreciation!

**PUBLIC WORKS**



**FIRST RESPONDER**



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## 2022 Drinking Water Quality Report

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires us to provide an Annual Drinking Water Quality Report to our customers. Our water quality continues to be good. The entire report can be found online at <https://strasburgboro.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2022-CCR.pdf>

### May 24, 2023, Charles “Charlie” Book Day!

Mayor Bruce Ryder issued a proclamation at the Strasburg Borough Council meeting on March 14, 2023 to celebrate a Strasburg Community treasure, Charles “Charlie” Book.

Charlie is a life-long Strasburg resident and was recognized for his many years of service volunteering with the Strasburg Playground Association, starting in 1946 when he was just 14 years old. For those of you not familiar with the Strasburg Playground Association, it is a volunteer organization that maintains the ball fields and Tinney Pavilion



(available for rent May-Sept.) located at 133 South Fulton Street. Charlie has been instrumental in the upkeep and improvement of the property over the years including lining the property with trees, adding a second ball field, installing benches for spectators, restrooms, and the brick pavilion. May 24, 2023 was chosen as Charles “Charlie” Book Day to coincide with his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Many thanks to Charlie and all the other Strasburg Playground Association volunteers for their years of service to our community!

### Garage & Yard Sales

Summer is here, and so are garage/yard sales. While garage/yard sales are permitted there are some rules:

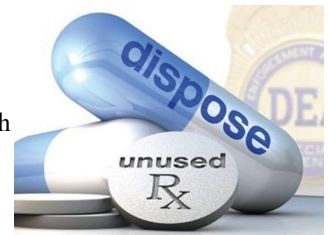


1. No garage/yard sale shall be conducted for a period longer than two consecutive days, **and only two garage/yard sales are permitted per property each year.**
2. Garage/yard sales may offer personal possessions for sale; no import or stocking of inventory is permitted.
3. No garage/yard sale is permitted 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!**

**Old medications cluttering your cabinets?** The Strasburg Borough Police Department is a permanent drop off location to help residents dispose of expired or unwanted medications, in a safe and secure manner.

Please empty contents of unwanted medication bottles into **unmarked Ziplock-style baggies** with no personal information on them. Items may then be brought to the Strasburg Borough Police Department, 145 Precision Avenue, Monday through Friday 7:30am to 4:00pm. If you have any questions, please call 717-687-7128.



Keep our community beautiful with **FREE** street trees provided and planted by the Strasburg Borough Shade Tree Committee!

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



### 2023 Budget

Strasburg Borough’s 2023 Budget is available to view at <https://strasburgboro.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-Final-Budget-Summary-for-website.pdf>

### 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 our information to as many of our residents as possible, and as quickly as possible.



## Bike Safety Tips

Children will be riding bikes more often once school is out. For their safety and those around them, please review some basic bike safety tips to avoid any unnecessary injuries.

- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike (or anything with wheels).
- Wear bright colors or reflective clothing to make sure you are seen.
- Ride in the direction of traffic.
- **Obey traffic laws - Stop at all stop signs and stop lights (until green).**
- Don't call or text while riding and keep at least one ear free from headphones.
- If you have to ride at night, make sure you have a headlight and taillight.
- Yield to pedestrians, they have the right-of-way.
- Watch out for potholes, glass, and gravel.



**MAY IS «BIKE»  
»MONTH»**

## 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 Borough to keep on file.



## 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 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://ecode360.com/ST2465>)



**Grass & Weeds** - 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.



**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.



### Eshelman Run Streambank Stabilization MS4 Project

The [Eshelman Run Streambank Stabilization MS4 Project](#) was completed in November 2022. This project restored approximately 417 linear feet of streambank, reduced the sediment load, and created a native riparian buffer.



Strasburg Borough is in the planning stages of future stormwater/MS4 projects to address our municipality's stormwater infrastructure. Our historic town was incorporated in 1733, many years before there were any stormwater regulations, leaving our town with numerous "problem" areas. We are currently in the process of organizing a Stormwater Authority to pursue and manage these much needed projects.

For ideas on how you can help reduce stormwater runoff on your own property check out this [Penn State Extension article, Slow the Flow: Reduce Stormwater on Your Property.](#)



*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, & toilets for leaks. This [drip calculator](#) can show you how much water your tiny leak may really be adding up to.



### Swimming Pool Reminders



All pools (including spas, hot tubs, and "bladder" or storable pools which are available at local department stores) which have a filtration system require zoning approval and a building permit/inspections. These permits/inspections are to your benefit as a property owner to insure the safety of anyone on your property. If you have any questions about your project, please contact the Borough Office.

### How Much Water Do You Use?

#### drops2gallons



The water that flows into storm drains is not treated or filtered for pollutants. This untreated water eventually flows into our streams, rivers, bays and eventually to the ocean. Help keep pollutants such as oil, soap, chemicals, dirt, grass clippings and other debris from clogging and polluting our waterways.



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



Any time you are going to dig, you should call the Pennsylvania One-Call System to make sure there are no underground utilities where you are going to be working. **If you do not call and you damage a line, the underground utilities can impose a fine.**



**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!

	<b>Strasburg Fire Company #1</b> 203 Franklin Street, PO Box 64, Strasburg PA 17579 Non-emergencies 717-687-7232 Website: <a href="http://www.strasburgfire.com">www.strasburgfire.com</a> Facebook: Strasburg Fire Company #1	Dial 911 for Emergencies
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	<b>Lancaster EMS Association (LEMSA)</b> 20 Lancaster Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579 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	Dial 911 for Emergencies
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	<b>Strasburg-Heisler Library</b> 143 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579 Phone: 717-687-8969 Website: <a href="http://www.strasburglibrary.org">www.strasburglibrary.org</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:staff@strasburglibrary.org">staff@strasburglibrary.org</a> Facebook: Strasburg-Heisler Library
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<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
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<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
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<b>Scout House Association</b> 109-A South Jackson Street, Strasburg PA 17579 Contact Bruce Ryder 717-687-8984
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<b>Strasburg Area Sertoma Club</b> Contact Lynda Houck 717-687-6408 or email: <a href="mailto:houckl@att.net">houckl@att.net</a>	
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<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	
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<b>Strasburg Independent Order of Odd Fellows</b> 
9A East Main Street, Strasburg PA 17579 Contact Jim Rice 717-575-7462 or Noble Grand Brian Barr 717-687-8970

<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	 <i>ordinary people amazing things</i>
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<b>Strasburg Scouts</b> Boy Scouts, Troop 56 (ages 11-18) Contact Bob Holmberg 717-687-4213 Cub Scout, Pack 19 Contact Nate Lyons 717-682-0615
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<b>Strasburg Sportsmen's Association</b> 316 Weaver Road, Strasburg PA 17579 Phone: 717-687-6921 Facebook: Strasburg Sportsman Association
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<b>Strasburg Senior Citizens Club (for our age 50+ friends)</b> Open to Strasburg and surrounding area community members. Contact Joyce Patzer 717-993-7258
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# Borough of Strasburg

145 Precision Avenue  
Strasburg, PA 17579

Regular Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm  
Summer Office Hours (5/29-9/8): M-Th 7am-4pm, Fri. 7am-1pm

## 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)  
H. Dale Spaulding (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 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 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 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

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 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.