

Strasburg Borough News

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Spring/Summer 2024



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Welcome to Strasburg Borough's Spring/Summer 2024 newsletter! This is a digital publication that will be provided online or emailed to the addresses we have on file. Printed copies will also be available at the Borough Office, 145 Precision Avenue, Strasburg.



Strasburg Borough Water Infrastructure Improvement Project



As many of you are aware, Strasburg Borough Authority (SBA) undertook a major water infrastructure improvement project that began last fall. What you may not know is this project replaced the last remaining section of original watermain in our water system. **This portion of watermain was installed in the late 1800s, making it approximately 125 years old** (see picture to the left). Could you imagine the time and dedication that it must have taken to dig and lay all that pipe by hand?

SBA knows this project was a disruption and inconvenience to those who live and travel along the project route, but it was necessary. SBA strives to keep a well-maintained water system to provide clean, quality water to all its customers. The SBA water system serves approximately 1,400 households and commercial properties located in Strasburg Borough and portions of

Strasburg and Paradise Townships.

The SBA water supply consists of three wells and one spring system. The water is pumped from those sites to the water treatment plant, which is located on Reservoir Road. There, the water is treated and then dispersed to our customers through miles of water main that run through farm fields and into the Borough. The Public Works Department is responsible for the daily operations and maintenance of the water system. Some of their tasks include checking the wells, springs, and treatment plant daily (even on the weekend), water quality testing and reporting to DEP, repairing watermain and service line breaks as they occur, water system flushing, and water meter reading.

SBA members and staff work hard to keep the water system in outstanding order, appreciate your patience and understanding throughout this project, and look forward to beginning the stormwater journey with you (see page 2).



Strasburg Community Hometown Hero Program Banners Coming Soon!

Keep an eye out for the first round of banners to be hung in May before Memorial Day. Banners will remain hanging throughout the summer and into the fall. [Check the website for more information on the program.](http://strasburgboro.org)

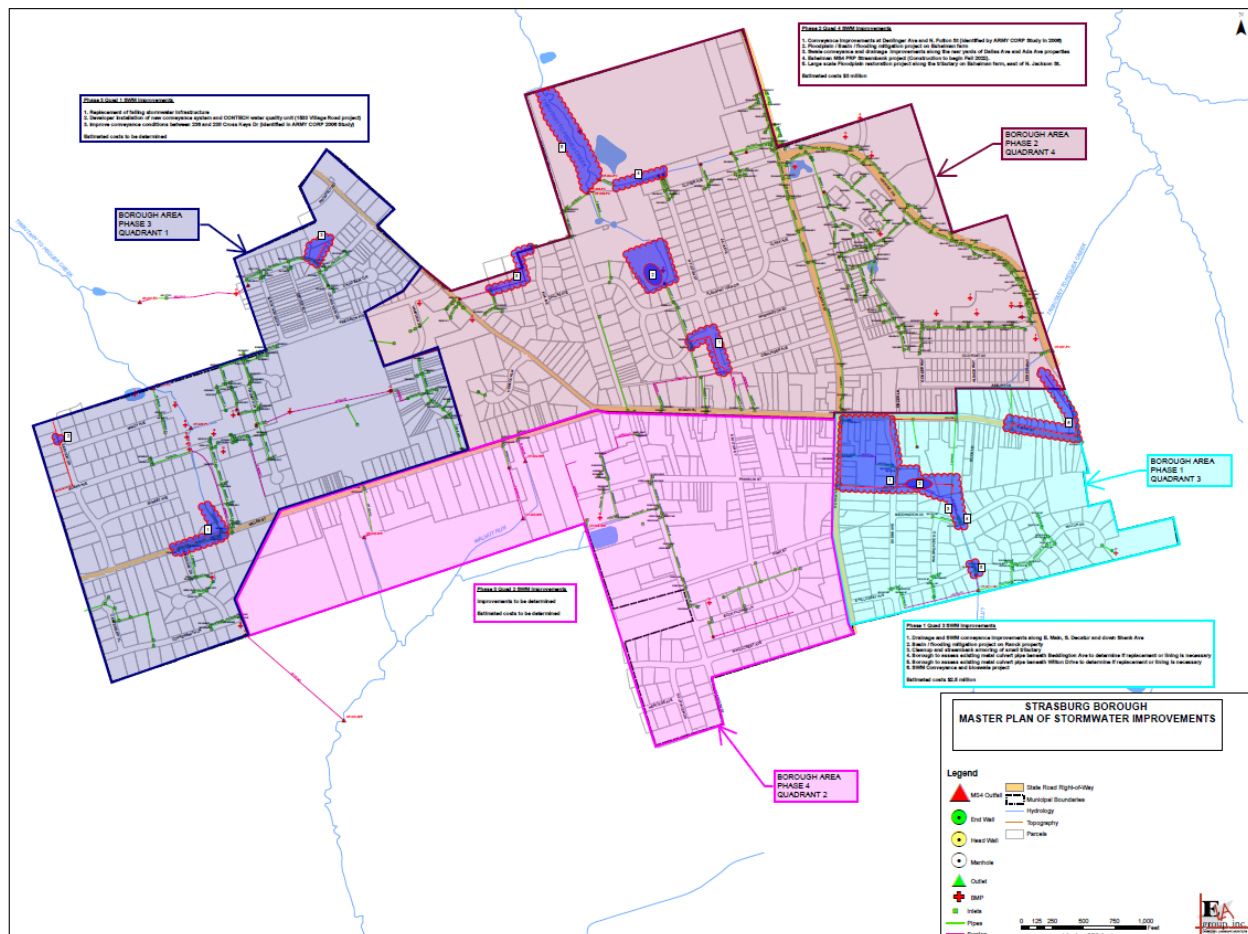
Tackling Stormwater

Strasburg Borough Authority (SBA), charged by Council with the operations and management of the water and sewer system, has recently added Stormwater to their résumé. The Articles of Incorporation for SBA were amended by Council in 2023 to assign it the task of planning, managing, and implementing stormwater.

Strasburg Borough has a wealth of history, being founded almost 300 years ago, but with that history also comes aging and inadequate stormwater infrastructure. With increased storms, flooding, and flash flooding in our area, stormwater issues have become even more prevalent. With its new charge, SBA plans to tackle major and minor stormwater issues throughout the Borough.

A master plan for the major stormwater infrastructure has been drafted and will be completed in four phases. Each phase will focus on a different area of town: Phase One the East, Phase Two the North, Phase Three the West, and Phase Four the South. Phase One plans have been engineered, and details are being finalized with work most likely to be completed by the end of 2025. Minor stormwater projects and maintenance will be completed by the Strasburg Borough Public Works Department.

The Borough has already received grant funds for a portion of the stormwater improvements and will actively seek out future grants and funding opportunities. SBA asks for time, patience, and understanding during its journey to tackle these stormwater projects and issues.





Pictured Above: Tim, Don, & Ed

National Public Works Week, May 19-25, 2024

THANK YOU to our Public Works Department for all they do to keep our community running smoothly!



The Strasburg Borough Public Works Department will be street sweeping on Wednesday & Thursday, **April 24 & 25, 2024**. Residents should avoid parking on the streets these days.

Borough Notifications (Emergency & Non-Emergency)

Please call or stop by the Borough Office to add/remove your phone number and/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, as quickly as possible.

The Strasburg Borough Public Works Department will be flushing the water system DURING THE DAY on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 AND Wednesday, April 10, 2024 beginning each day at approximately 8 a.m.

Residents should refrain from doing laundry during this time, as the water may become discolored.



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.



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

The next quarterly water/sewer bills will be mailed/e-mailed Tuesday, April 9, 2024.



2023 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 complete report can be found on our website at <https://strasburgboro.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2023-CCR.pdf>

Water System Information & Inventory

(Information on this project was also included with your January water/sewer bill.)

In addition to performing routine maintenance and upgrades to our water treatment and distribution system in 2024, we will be taking steps to identify the types of service line materials used by each of our customers and begin the process of updating our meter reading system.

The U.S. EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revision requires us to identify all lead service lines by October 16, 2024. We need your help to comply with this **federal requirement**. We're asking water customers to verify the material of the customer-owned portion of their water service line for the inventory and provide your water meter serial number (if there is one) for the meter reading system update. The service line is the pipe that connects your home or building to the water main in the street (see image below). Service lines may be made of lead, copper, galvanized metal, or plastic. The water meter is usually located just after the service line enters your home, most likely in a basement, utility closet, or garage.

Please e-mail your information to info@strasburgboro.org. **Please use your street address for the subject of the message and attach a clear photo of your service line and a clear photo of your water meter serial number.** You will receive follow-up instructions if you verify that you have a lead or galvanized service line. Please submit your information as soon as possible. If you need assistance or have questions, please call the office at 717-687-7732.

Thank you to all residents that have already provided the required information!

WATER SERVICE LINE EXAMPLES

LEAD



Dull, silver-gray
Easily scratched
Not magnetic

GALVANIZED



Dull, silver-gray
Not easily scratched
Magnetic

COPPER



Color of a Penny
Rigid

PLASTIC



White
Rigid
Joined with Clamps




SAVE THE DATE!
AUGUST 6, 2024
 STRASBURG JAYCEE PARK
 from 6-9 P.M.
 Interested in participating or
 donating to NNO?
 Contact the Strasburg Borough PD.

TUESDAY
23
 APRIL


**GIVE
 THE GIFT
 OF** *life*

**BLOOD
 DRIVE**


I PINT OF BLOOD CAN SAVE
3 LIVES!



Strasburg Borough PD
 145 Precision Avenue
 Strasburg, PA 17579



To schedule visit:
<https://www.lghblooddonors.org/donorportal/donate-blood/>
 or scan the QR code.



• DISPOSE OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS •
SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME

**Doing some spring cleaning?
 Don't forget the medicine cabinet!**

The Strasburg Borough PD is a permanent drop off location to help residents dispose of expired or unwanted medications, in a safe and secure manner.

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 PD, 145 Precision Avenue Rear, Monday through Friday 7:30am to 4:00pm. Please call 717-687-7128 with any questions.

ORDINANCE REMINDERS

- **Grass & Weeds** - Grass and weeds are not permitted to exceed six (6) inches in height, bushes should not block sidewalks, and grass may not be blown 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.

What is an ordinance?

A local ordinance is a law issued by a local government such as a municipality, county, parish, prefecture, or the like.



To view Strasburg Borough's complete ordinance visit <https://ecode360.com/ST2465>



Annual Strasburg Memorial Day Parade & Memorial Service
sponsored by the Strasburg Area Sertoma Club.

Monday, May 27, 2024



It's garage/yard sale season!

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!



Swimming Pool Reminders

All pools (including spas, hot tubs, and "bladder" or storable pools) 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.



Planning a spring/summer project and not sure if you need a permit?

Call the Borough Office, explain your project, and a Borough representative will be glad to answer your questions.



Be Informed, Be Prepared, Be Involved!

[Ready.pa.gov](https://www.ready.pa.gov) is a great resource to help get you, your family, and your pets prepared for an emergency, big or small.

Every month Ready PA also publishes a digital newsletter highlighting preparedness and readiness news for residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. You can sign up to receive the Ready PA monthly newsletter straight to your inbox by visiting <https://www.ready.pa.gov/Pages/Subscribe.aspx>.

Recycling right doesn't have to be hard.

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	4 GLASS JARS & BOTTLES
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All other items, such as those below, do not belong in your recycling bin.

It's okay to throw **everything else** away. It will be turned into energy.

Lancaster County has an advanced waste-to-energy process that converts these materials into renewable energy, powering local homes and businesses and helping to reduce our reliance on non-renewable sources of energy. So, when in doubt, throw it out.

Visit recyclerrightlanaster.org for more tips.

RECYCLE RIGHT Lancaster
Powered by LCOMMA

Boards & Committees



Strasburg Borough encourages all residents to come to our public board and commission meetings. Meetings are scheduled monthly, but may be canceled if there are no agenda items for that month. Meeting dates and cancelations are posted on our website calendar.

Strasburg Borough Boards and Commissions include: Council, Authority, Planning, Zoning, HARB, Tree, & Civil Service. These boards and commissions are made up of resident volunteers who donate their time to keep the Borough running

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

General Primary Election Day Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Polls open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

The Borough of Strasburg is divided into two voting wards. To find out which ward you are in please see the [Borough Voting Ward Map](#).

If you are in the 1st Ward, you will vote at the First Presbyterian Church located at 101 South Decatur Street. If you are in the 3rd Ward, you will vote at the Strasburg Fire Company located at 203 Franklin Street.

If you have any questions please call the Borough Office.

Not registered to vote? Contact the Voter Registration Office at 717-299-8293

The Strasburg Borough Shade Tree Committee is accepting applications for their fall planting!

Borough residents are eligible for up to two free trees that will be planted by the Committee and volunteers. See the Borough website for [program requirements, the recommended tree list, and the application](#).

Completed applications may be returned to the Borough Office or e-mailed to info@strasburgboro.org.

Strasburg Borough Shade Tree Committee



It's not about what it is, it's about what it can become.

Dr. Seuss, The Lorax



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 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
www.SenatorScottMartinPA.com



Representative Bryan Cutler 100th Legislative District

33 East Friendly Drive
Quarryville, PA 17566

Phone: 717-284-1965

Email: bcutler@pahousegop.com
www.repcutler.com

Parks and Recreation

Strasburg Community Parks Foundation

The park is located at 151 Precision Avenue, Strasburg

Website: www.strasburgpark.org, Facebook: Strasburg Community Park
Lynda Houck 717-687-6408 or email 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

Strasburg Senior Softball Squad (60+)

Contact Dave Zerbe at dzerbe@comcast.net



Strasburg Swimming and Recreation Association

Website: www.strasburgpool.com, Phone: 717-687-9180

Email: 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

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!



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 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 Facebook: Lancaster EMS



Strasburg-Heisler Library
Get Informed. Get Involved. Get Connected.

Strasburg-Heisler Library

143 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579

Phone: 717-687-8969

Email: staff@strasburglibrary.org

Website: www.strasburglibrary.org

Facebook: Strasburg-Heisler Library

Lampeter Strasburg Area Woman's Club

Email: lswomansclub@gmail.com

Facebook: Lampeter-Strasburg Area Woman's Club

Lancaster County Art Association

149 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579

Phone: 717-687-7061

Website: www.lcaaonline.org

Facebook: Lancaster County Art Association

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: houckl@att.net



Strasburg Heritage Society

P.O. Box 81, Strasburg, PA 17579

Phone: 717-687-3534

Email: strasburgheritagesociety@gmail.com

Website: strasburgheritagesociety.org

Facebook: Strasburg Heritage Society



Strasburg Independent Order of Odd Fellows



9A East Main Street, Strasburg PA 17579

Contact Jim Rice 717-575-7462 or Noble Grand

Brian Barr 717-687-8970

Strasburg Lions Club

P.O. Box 281, Strasburg PA 17579

Website: www.lionsclubs.org

Contact Jim Rice 717-575-7462 or

jim@strasburgrailroad.com

Facebook: Strasburg Lions Club



Strasburg Scouts

Boy Scouts, Troop 56 (ages 11-18)

Contact Bob Holmberg 717-687-4213

Cub Scout, Pack 19

Contact Nate Lyons 717-682-0615

Strasburg Sportsmen's Association

316 Weaver Road, Strasburg PA 17579

Phone: 717-687-6921

Facebook: Strasburg Sportsman Association

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

Open to Strasburg and surrounding area community members. Contact Joyce Patzer 717-993-7258

Borough of Strasburg

145 Precision Avenue
Strasburg, PA 17579

Regular Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Summer Office Hours (Memorial Day-Labor Day): Monday-Thursday 7a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Strasburg Borough on the web - strasburgboro.org and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/strasburgboro)

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 (2027)
James F. Rice, Pro Tem (2027)
Bradley Book (2027)

Dave Carson (2025)
Sandra Clark (2027)
David Felpel (2025)
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
Robert Ham
John Mroz

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

J.R. Johnson, Chair
John Imhof, Vice Chair
Dave Carson

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.