

Strasburg Borough News

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Fall/Winter 2024



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Welcome to Strasburg Borough's Fall/Winter 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.



Are You Ready PA?

September is National Preparedness Month

When we think of emergencies, we think of major disasters and "big" events, but emergencies can happen to anyone, anytime, and even a small one can cause chaos for you, your family, & your pets. What can you do to prevent this... MAKE A PLAN TODAY!

Visit <https://www.ready.gov/plan> for suggestions and resources to help make a plan that will suit your family and their needs in case of an emergency, big or small.

Upcoming October Events

October 1st—Strasburg Community National Night Out, Strasburg Jaycee Park from 5-8 p.m.

October 24th —Annual Strasburg Halloween Parade, sponsored by the Lions Club, begins at 7 p.m.

October 31st—Trick-or-Treat, rain or shine, from 6-8 p.m.

Penn Medicine LGH Blood Drive, Strasburg Borough Police Station from 2-7 p.m.

General Election Day Tuesday, November 5, 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 or visit [Lancaster County Voter Registration & Board of Elections](#).

Strasburg Borough Authority Water & Sewer Rate Structure Simplification and Rate Increase

The Strasburg Borough Authority (SBA) is charged with the operation of our water and sanitary sewer systems. Over the last year SBA and borough staff have been reviewing, researching, and evaluating the current water & sewer rate schedule structure and charges.

Our current rate schedule is 5 pages long, and includes 5 different customer categories. It's just confusing! At the September 19, 2024 SBA meeting, members voted to simplify the current rate schedule structure to one page with one customer category. SBA also corrected the 5,000 gallon minimum usage charge (\$33.06) to match the base charge of the 5,100 gallon and over users (\$36.37). This allows all customers to be billed the same way and pay the same rates based on their individual water usage.

Now to the part nobody wants to hear, SBA also made the difficult decision to raise water & sewer rates by 10%. This difficult decision was made after reviewing maintenance and operations costs and evaluating future system needs and infrastructure upgrades to continue to provide our customers with excellent water quality and safe transmission of sanitary sewer. Water rates have not been raised in over ten years (October 1, 2013) and sewer rates have not been raised in 5 years (October 1, 2019). As we all know, costs have continued to grow and that is no different for the maintenance and operations of the SBA water & sanitary sewer systems.

To provide perspective, a minimum water and sewer user (under 5,000 gallons) quarterly charge would see an increase from \$97.31 to \$110.69. SBA's average water and sewer user (11,000 gallons) quarterly charge would see an increase from \$214.91 to \$236.43. The new rate schedule structure and charges go into affect October 1, 2024. To view the new rate schedule, visit <https://strasburgboro.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/SBA-Water-Sewer-Fire-Service-Rates-Effective-October-1-2024.pdf>

What is Illicit Discharge?



Illicit discharge is any non-stormwater material that enters a storm drain, pipe, or ditch. Illicit discharges are illegal and can be harmful to the environment and human health. If you see an illicit discharge please report it to the borough office immediately.

ATTENTION Auto Pay Customers

Due to a recent change in our billing system you will need to update your auto pay information. If you do not log into your account to update information, your next bill will not automatically draw from your bank account/ credit card.

Water & Sewer Customer Portal

Get access to your water & sewer account customer portal. Benefits include viewing current and past billing information, checking your usage, paying bills, or scheduling automatic payments. Online bill pay option include eCheck or credit card. To gain access to your account, call the borough office and provide your e-mail address or e-mail the information to info@strasburgboro.org. A setup link will then be e-mailed to you.

The next quarterly water/sewer bills will be mailed/e-mailed Tuesday, October 8, 2024.



National Law Enforcement Day January 9, 2025

THANK YOU to our Police Department for all they do to keep our community safe!

2024 Pink Patch Project Campaign

The Strasburg Police Officers' Association will be participating in the 2024 Pink Patch Campaign. The most recent pink patch features Strasburg's historic trolley on Main Street and is available for \$10 each. 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!



Subscribe today to receive community information & updates straight to your inbox!
www.strasburgpd.org

Borough Ordinance Reminders

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.

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.

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.

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.



Do you have expired or unwanted medication?

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 for disposal. Please call 717-687-7128 with any questions.





Celebrating 100 years!

WEST LAMPETER COMMUNITY FAIR

Rooted in Agriculture and Community since 1924

Special Events Sept. 22-24 & Exhibit Area & Tents Open Sept. 25-27



Strasburg Halloween Parade
 October 24th, 7 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat
 October 31st, 6-8 p.m.

Holiday Street Pole Banners

Our Hometown Hero Banners will be coming down for the winter, and the holiday banners will be going up.

If you are interested in sponsoring a holiday banner, please contact the Borough Office.




Strasburg Community

Tree Lighting

Celebrate The Holidays With Us!

Co-hosted by Lampeter-Strasburg Area Woman's Club, Strasburg Heritage Society, & Strasburg Borough

Friday, December 6th

Activities Begin @ 5:30 p.m.
 Tree Lighting Program @ 6:30 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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What You Can & **CAN'T** Flush

The only three things you can safely flush down the toilet into the sewer system are the three P's—pee, poop, and (toilet) paper. Nothing else. Remember, wipes clog pipes, even if it says "flushable"—it's not! Sewer backups into your home, business, or neighborhood are not only gross, they can be hazardous to your health and expensive to clean up. So what you flush does matter. Flushing the wrong things down your toilet can:

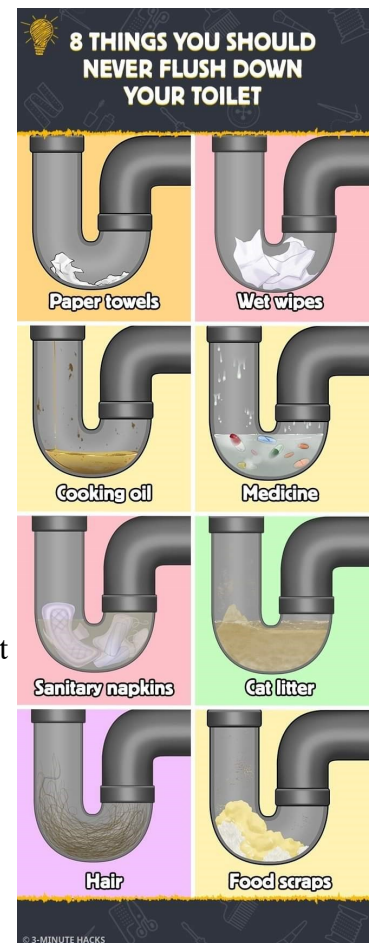
- Clog your toilet or pipes and cause a sewage backup into your home or building.
- Cause sewer blockages that result in sewage flowing into a street or the environment.
- Harm people, fish, or wildlife.
- Damage the sewer system and wastewater treatment plant.

Never flush the following items down the toilet or pour them down a drain because they can block sewer pipes and cause sewer backups to your home or the street.

- Baby wipes or other types of wipes—even if labeled or marketed as “flushable”
- Paper towels
- Mini or maxi pads, panty liners, or any sanitary napkin
- Tampons and tampon applicators
- Disposable diapers
- Fats, oils, or grease from cooking
- Bandages and bandage wrappings
- Condoms
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Dental floss and dental picks
- Disposable gloves
- Facial tissue
- Face masks
- Pet poop in a plastic bag
- Cat litter—even if labeled or marketed as “flushable”

Never flush unused medications or other chemicals down the toilet or pour them down a drain. These items can't be treated and pass through the treatment system and into our rivers:

- Contact lenses
- Medications
- Automotive fluids
- Fertilizers, weed killers, and other yard chemicals
- Paint, solvents, sealants, and thinners
- Poisons and hazardous waste



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>

When it Rains, It Drains

Understand Stormwater Runoff & Water Contamination

When it rains, surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent storm water runoff from naturally soaking into the ground.

The first inch of rainfall is responsible for the bulk of the pollutants in stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff carries pollutants into your waterways.



10 Things You Can do to Prevent Water Contamination

1. **Recycle your used motor oil and other auto fluids.**
2. **Fix oil, radiator and transmission leaks in your car.**
3. **Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or in the trash.**
4. **Wash your car in the grass or at a car wash that utilizes a water reclamation system.**
5. **Dispose of hazardous home chemicals, unused medications and oil based paint products at your local hazardous waste site.**
6. **Use pesticides and other lawn chemicals sparingly**
7. **Pick up and properly dispose of leaves and grass clippings.**
8. **Install a rain garden, use a rain barrel and reduce impervious surfaces around your home.**
9. **Plant trees and plants that serve as natural filters.**
10. **Always use a trash can to dispose of waste and recycle reusable materials.**

Recycling right doesn't have to be hard.



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

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| 1

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD
<i>Flattened</i> | 2

PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS WITH NECKS
<i>Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed</i> | 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 recyclerrightlancaster.org for more tips.



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BUILDING PERMITS

Planning a new project and not sure if you need a permit?

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

Borough Notifications

Contact 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.

November 3, 2024

This is a great time to replace your smoke detector batteries too!





Street Sweeping
October 9 & 10*

Water System Flushing
October 16 & 17*

*Dates are subject to change.



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

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.





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!

	<p style="text-align: center;">Strasburg Fire Company #1</p> <p>203 Franklin Street, PO Box 64, Strasburg PA 17579 Non-emergencies 717-687-7232 Website: www.strasburgfire.com Facebook: Strasburg Fire Company #1</p>	<p>Dial 911 for Emergencies</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Lancaster EMS Association (LEMSA)</p> <p>20 Lancaster Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579 Non-emergencies 717-481-4841, Billing/subscription info 717-872-4688 Website: www.lemsa.com Facebook: Lancaster EMS</p>	<p>Dial 911 for Emergencies</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Strasburg-Heisler Library</p> <p>143 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579 Phone: 717-687-8969 Website: www.strasburglibrary.org</p>	<p>Email: staff@strasburglibrary.org Facebook: Strasburg-Heisler Library</p>
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<p>Lampeter Strasburg Area Woman's Club Email: lswomansclub@gmail.com Facebook: Lampeter-Strasburg Area Woman's Club</p>


<p>Lancaster County Art Association 149 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579 Phone: 717-687-7061 Website: www.lcaaonline.org Facebook: Lancaster County Art Association</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Scout House Association</p> <p>109-A South Jackson Street, Strasburg PA 17579 Contact Bruce Ryder 717-687-8984</p>

<p>Strasburg Area Sertoma Club Contact Lynda Houck 717-687-6408 or email: houckl@att.net</p>	
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<p>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</p>	
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<p>Strasburg Independent Order of Odd Fellows</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>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</p>	 <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">ordinary people amazing things</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Strasburg Scouts</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>

<p style="text-align: center;">Strasburg Sportsmen's Association</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;">Strasburg Senior Citizens Club (for our age 50+ friends)</p> <p>Open to Strasburg and surrounding area community members. Contact Joyce Patzer 717-993-7258</p>

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
Scott Weichler, Alt.

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.