

Strasburg Borough News

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Fall/Winter 2025



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Welcome to Strasburg Borough's Fall/Winter 2025 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.



3rd Annual Strasburg Community Tree Lighting

Join us for the 3rd Annual Strasburg Community Tree Lighting on Friday, December 5th! Free activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and are provided by our local civic organizations and businesses. There will be free hot dogs, hot chocolate, cookies, and other treats. Other food and drink options available for purchase from some of our favorite local food vendors.

In conjunction with this event, the Strasburg Borough Police Department will be collecting new toy donations for the Toys for Tots Program. A donation is not required to attend the event, but would be greatly appreciate if you are able.

More details will be released closer to the event date. If you are interested in participating, donating, or sponsoring this event there is still time! Contact the Borough Office at 717-687-7732 or info@strasburgboro.org.

Strasburg Community
Tree Lighting
Celebrate The Holidays With Us!
Friday, December 5th
Activities Begin @ 5:30 p.m.
Tree Lighting Program @ 6:30 p.m.
Santa arrives on the Fire Truck
Hot Cocoa & Cookies
Caroling
Activities & More!
Strasburg Borough Municipal Building
145 Precision Avenue, Strasburg, PA 17579
TOYS FOR TOTS

Does your organization have an upcoming community event?

Let us know and we can add the event to the new Community Calendar on our website, <https://strasburgboro.org/events/>. Information may be e-mailed to info@strasburgboro.org.

*If you are holding a public event in Strasburg Borough a Special Event Permit from the police department is required. There is typically no fee for this permit. The application may be found at <https://lancaster.crimewatchpa.com/strasburgpd/11416/content/special-event-permit-application>

Strasburg Community Seasonal Banner Program

The Strasburg Community Hometown Hero Banners will come down for the winter mid-November, and the seasonal/holiday banners will go up.

If you are interested in sponsoring a seasonal banner, please complete the application and submit it, along with your payment, to the Borough Office no later than October 10th. For more information and to view banner options visit <https://strasburgboro.org/strasburg-community-seasonal-banner-sponsorship-program/>.

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, and 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.

Strasburg Borough Authority Water & Sewer Rate Increase

The Strasburg Borough Authority (SBA) is charged with the operation of our water and sanitary sewer systems. After careful review, SBA made the difficult decision to raise water & sewer rates by 5%, effective October 1, 2025 (you will not see the increase until the January 2026 bill). 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.

To provide perspective, a **minimum** (under 5,000 gallons) water and sewer user's quarterly bill will increase from \$110.69 to \$116.22. SBA's **average** (11,000 gallons) water and sewer user's quarterly bill will increase from \$236.43 to \$248.25. To view the rate schedule, visit <https://strasburgboro.org/departments/water-sewer/>.



2024 Drinking Water Quality Report

PA Department of Environmental Protection 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/2025/03/2024-CCR.pdf>.

Water and Sewer Customer Online Account Portal

Strasburg Borough customers can get access to create a water and sewer customer online account. Benefits include viewing current and past billing information, checking your usage, paying bills, or scheduling automatic payments. Online bill payment options currently include eCheck and credit card.

To create an online account, call the borough office and provide your e-mail address or e-mail the information to info@strasburgboro.org. A link (from noreply@safemailedelivery.net) will then be e-mailed to you so you may complete the setup process.

**The next quarterly water and sewer bills will be mailed/e-mailed
Tuesday, October 7, 2025.**



The Strasburg Borough Police Department would like to thank the following organizations for their donations to Strasburg Community National Night Out!

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| CPRS | Strasburg Dental Group |
| Fashion Cents | Strasburg Jaycee Park |
| Fireside Tavern | Strasburg Lions Club |
| Hodge Podge | Strasburg Masonry |
| Meck's Produce | Strasburg Scooters |
| Metzler Mower | Strasburg Sportsman's Association |
| Peaceful Valley Furniture | Trevis Nickel CPA |
| Sight and Sound | The Fry Shack |
| Speckled Hen | Zimmermans Hardware |



Keep an eye out for the donation bins throughout town when the time comes and help Strasburg Borough PD spread holiday joy, love, and generosity!

Solar Speed Signs Installed

This summer, the Strasburg Borough PD installed solar speed signs at the entrances of town to help slow traffic. Municipal police departments are not permitted to use radar guns to enforce speed, and due to the required sight distance, have a hard time enforcing it on our main streets. We have already seen an improvement in traffic through town.



Borough Ordinance Reminders

Grass and 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 and 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.

Door-to-Door Solicitation

Anyone going door to door within Borough limits to sell or market goods and/or services, or asking for donations, must first be approved by the police department and issued a solicitation license.

If someone knocks on your door but is unable to show you their Borough-issued solicitation license, or if they refuse to leave when asked, do not hesitate to call police dispatch at 911 or 717-664-1180 to report them.

Do you have expired or unwanted medication?

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

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



Strasburg Playground Association's Tinney Pavilion Rental

A great location for your next family reunion, birthday party, or other gathering! The Tinney Pavilion offers plenty of shade, parking, and space to host your event. Not only is the pavilion a great space to rent, but the rental income is used by the Association to maintain the property and ballfields that our community has enjoyed for many years. The Pavilion is located at 133 South Fulton Street, Strasburg.



The pavilion has 23 tables, a sink, and outlets. There are also 2 charcoal grills, bathrooms, volleyball equipment, baseball diamond (if not being used by a registered team), and trash cans.

Reservations may be made through the Strasburg Borough Office, 145 Precision Avenue, Strasburg or by calling 717-687-7732. The rental fee is \$100.00 (cash only) for the whole day (7 a.m.-10 p.m.).



Exhibit Area & Tents Open Sept. 24-26, 2025



Strasburg Halloween Parade
October 30th at 7 p.m.

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

Public meetings

Strasburg Borough would like to encourage all residents to attend any or all public meetings to stay informed on Borough business. Most meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held at the Strasburg Borough Municipal Building, 145 Precision Avenue. The complete meeting schedule can be found on our website at <https://strasburgboro.org/boards-and-commission/meeting-schedules/>.

General Election Day Tuesday, November 4, 2025 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](#).

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.



*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 and 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 be costing you.

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.

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.



Notification of fall street sweeping and water system flushing will be made through our Rave alert system and posted on our website and Facebook once dates are scheduled.



Borough Notifications

Contact the Borough Office to add or remove your phone number and/or e-mail address from our notification list.

Examples of notifications you will receive are street sweeping dates, water flushing dates, and water/snow emergency notices. You may send your information to info@strasburgboro.org or call us at 717-687-7732.



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. Street signs are posted on the roads designated as snow emergency routes. 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. When a snow emergency is declared, it is done with everyone's safety in mind.





Strasburg Restoration and Preservation 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. All work must be completed within 12 months. Contact the Borough Office at 717-687-7732 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 Non-emergencies 717-687-7232 Website: www.strasburgfire.com Facebook: Strasburg Fire Company #1	Dial 911 for Emergencies
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	Lancaster EMS Association (LEMSA) 20 Lancaster Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579 Non-emergencies 717-481-4841, Billing/subscription info 717-872-4688 Website: www.lemsa.com Facebook: Lancaster EMS	Dial 911 for Emergencies
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	Strasburg-Heisler Library 143 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579 Phone: 717-687-8969 Website: www.strasburglibrary.org	Email: staff@strasburglibrary.org Facebook: Strasburg-Heisler Library
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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	
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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	
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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 jfrice14@gmail.com Facebook: Strasburg Lions Club	 <i>ordinary people amazing things</i>
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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.

Strasburg Borough on the web - strasburgboro.org and [Facebook](#)

Don't forget to check the Borough's website for items such as agendas, approved minutes, permit applications, meeting schedules, and community events. 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.