

# Strasburg Borough News

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Website: [strasburgboro.org](http://strasburgboro.org)

Spring/Summer 2026



Welcome to Strasburg Borough's Spring/Summer 2026 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.

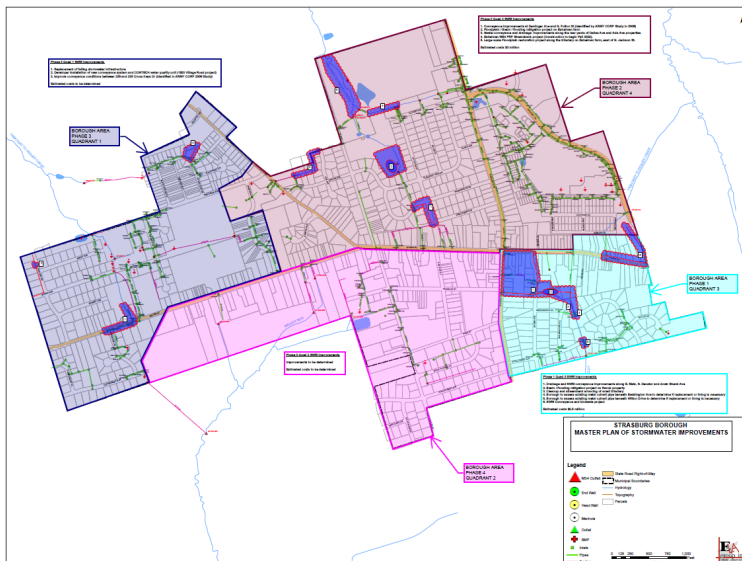


## East Main Street/South Decatur Street/Shenk Avenue Stormwater Improvements

As many of you have noticed, there is currently a lot of construction work taking place in the east end of town. This work is to complete phase one of our major stormwater infrastructure master plan. The master plan will be completed in four phases, each focusing on a different area of town. Phase One the East, Phase Two the North, Phase Three the West, and Phase Four the South. The Borough has been awarded grant funds toward the first phase of this massive project and will actively seek funds for the remaining three phases.

While we know the construction and detour are an inconvenience, it is much needed, beneficial work. Strasburg Borough was founded almost 300 years ago, long before stormwater was of any concern. The stormwater infrastructure that has been installed throughout the years is aging and inadequate to handle the amount of water flow during storms. The complete, recorded phase one plan can be found on our [website](http://strasburgboro.org).

A Strasburg Borough staff member will be onsite at all times during the project. Periodic project updates will be posted on our [website](http://strasburgboro.org) and [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/strasburgboro). If you would like to be added to our project update e-mail list please send your information to [info@strasburgboro.org](mailto:info@strasburgboro.org). If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints, please contact the Borough Manager at 717-687-7732 or [echterns@strasburgboro.org](mailto:echterns@strasburgboro.org). Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this project.



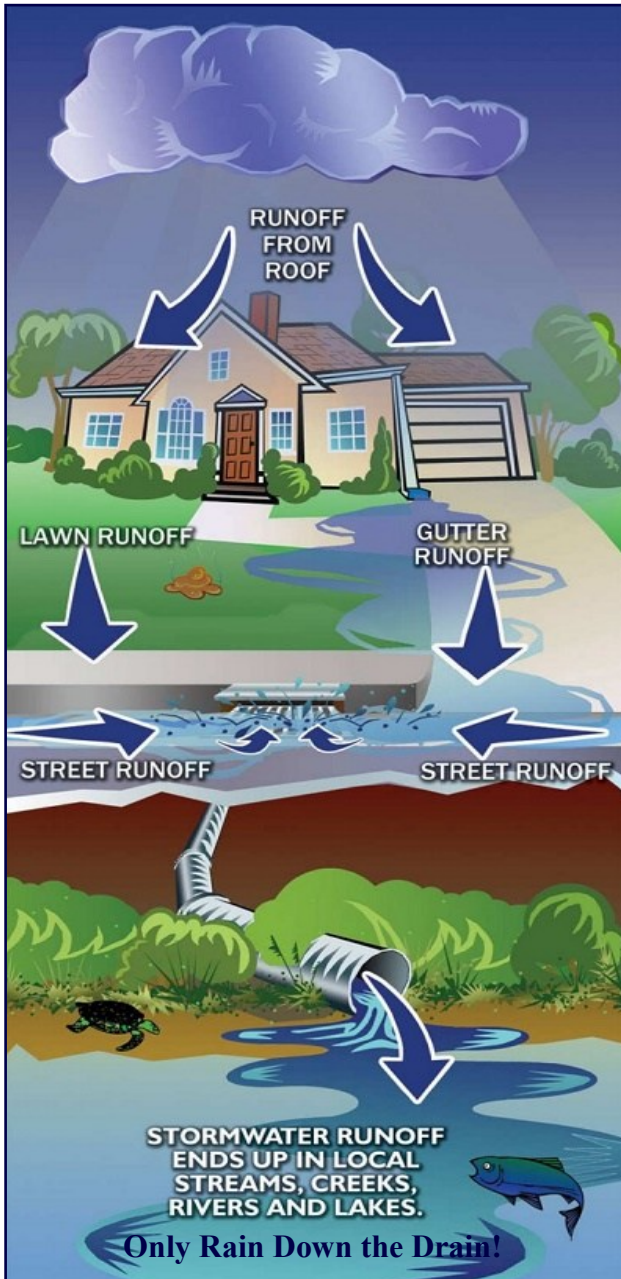
### **\*\*East Main Street Detour Information\*\***

This is a local traffic only detour, which means **no through traffic**. If you are not going to a home or business located on East Main Street, you must use the detour. Violators may be ticketed.

- All East Main Street residents will have access to their homes at all times.
- Traffic may use the street if they are frequenting one of the East Main Street businesses.
- School buses and trash haulers will be permitted to use the street for their normal routes.
- **There is no through traffic!**

**Please exercise caution and patience when traveling in the detour area for your safety and for the safety of those working!**

**Borough Administrative Office Summer Hours  
Memorial Day - Labor Day, Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.**



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.

**\*\*\* REMINDERS \*\*\***

**DON'T BLOW IT!**

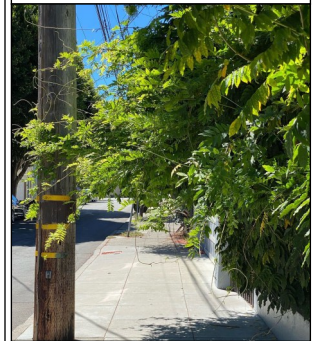
Please help keep our streets, sidewalks, and storm drains clear of grass clippings and yard debris.



Please keep your trash and recycling receptacles by your home until the night before your pickup, and promptly remove them from the curb once they have been emptied.

**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.



**Please keep your sidewalks clear!**

Trim any low hanging tree limbs or other overgrown vegetation so people may safely use the sidewalks.

Spring street sweeping and water system flushing dates will be announced once they are scheduled.

Watch our website and Facebook page or sign up for our notification list.

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

Please call the Borough Office to add/remove your phone number/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 next quarterly water/sewer bills will be mailed/e-mailed April 14, 2026.**



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
CHICKEN  
**BBQ**  
FUNDRAISER  
FRIDAY, MAY 29TH  
MORE INFORMATION TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON


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DISPOSE OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS -  
**SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME**

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.

**Strasburg Borough PD**  
on the web  
[www.strasburgpd.org](http://www.strasburgpd.org)  
*Subscribe today to receive  
community updates straight  
to your inbox!*

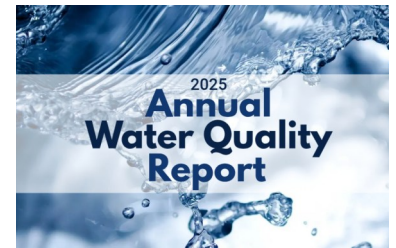


**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
**NNO**  
2026  
POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**AUGUST 4, 2026**  
STRASBURG JAYCEE  
PARK from 6-9 P.M.  
Interested in participating or donating  
to NNO? Contact the Strasburg  
Borough Police Department.

## 2025 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/2026/03/2025-CCR.pdf>



## 2026 Real Estate Tax Bills

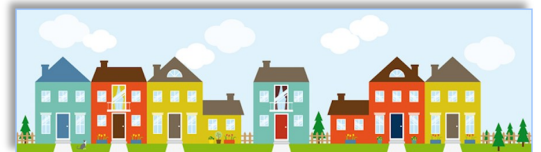
You should have received your 2026 County & Municipal Real Estate Tax Bill in the mail. Due to our borough population and PA Borough Code rules, the Strasburg Borough Office is no longer mailing bills or collecting tax payments; the Lancaster County Treasurer is now assuming those responsibilities.

What that means for you: Strasburg Borough can no longer take tax payments or provide you with a receipt for your payment. Please see your bill for payment options (also listed below). If you have any questions regarding your bill, you will need to contact the Lancaster County Treasurer's Office at 717-299-8222.

### Tax Bill Payment Options:

- Pay in person at any Fulton Bank in Lancaster County. You must take your entire tax bill to the Fulton Bank Branch for the teller to successfully process your payment.
- Pay online using eCheck, Debit or Credit Card: visit <https://www.lancastercountypa.gov/2686/Pay-County-Tax-Bill-Online>
- Pay by mail by sending your check with the remittance copy using the return envelope provided (postage required). Checks should be made payable to Lancaster County Treasurer.

A receipt for your 2026 payment may be accessed by going to <https://lancasterpa.devnetwedge.com> and entering your parcel/account number and selecting "Print Tax Info".



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.

There are currently two Historical Architectural Review Board vacancies, which must be filled by a property owner who lives in the Historic District. We encourage anyone interested in these openings or future openings to submit a [Prospective Board Member Information Sheet](#) to the Borough to keep on file.

## Boards & Committees



be a voice in your community

Recycling right doesn't have to be hard.

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

<b>1</b>  CORRUGATED CARDBOARD Flattened	<b>2</b>  PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS WITH NECKS Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed	<b>3</b>  METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS	<b>4</b>  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](http://recyclerrightlancaster.org) for more tips.

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### Door-to-Door Solicitation

Any person/business wishing to solicit door-to-door in Strasburg Borough must obtain a permit from the police department.

If someone comes to your property, they should have a laminated permit card with their information on it and Chief Ferretti's signature. **If they do not have a permit card please report them to SBPD immediately.**

### 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.

## It's Garage/Yard Sale Season!

Garage/yard sales are permitted but 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 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.



### **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 from 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>

## The Strasburg Borough Shade Tree Committee is accepting applications!

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

Completed applications may be returned to the Borough Office or e-mailed to [info@strasburgboro.org](mailto: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*



## Annual Strasburg Memorial Day Parade & Memorial Service

The parade, sponsored by the Strasburg Area Sertoma Club, starts at the west end of Miller Street and travels down West and East Main Streets. Following the parade there will be a Memorial Service at the Strasburg Cemetery. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be cancelled, and the service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg.

**Monday, May 25, 2026**

## Strasburg Community Hometown Hero Banner Program

Our Hometown Hero Banners will be making their third debut before the Memorial Day Parade. The banners will remain hanging throughout summer and into fall until we switch to our holiday & seasonal banners.

If you are interested in purchasing a banner for this year, there are still a few spots left. Applications are due by March 31, 2026. For more information visit our [website](#).



## Water Conservation Tips

Water shouldn't be wasted – it is too valuable!

The following tips can save thousands of gallons of water and your wallet.

### IN THE BATHROOM...

**Check your toilet for leaks.** Leaks occur when the toilet is out of adjustment or when parts are worn, so it is important to check periodically. *You can pickup free leak detection tablets at the Strasburg Borough Office.* Most toilet repairs are relatively simple and inexpensive.

**Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.** Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue, or other small bit of trash, you waste five to seven gallons of water. It's also a good way to cause an unwanted sewer backup.

**Take shorter showers.** Long, hot showers can waste five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash, and rinse off.

**Install low-flow shower heads and faucets.**

**Take baths.** A bath in a partially filled tub uses less water than all but the shortest showers.

**Turn off the water while you brush your teeth.**

**Check faucets and pipes for leaks.** Even the smallest drip can waste twenty or more gallons a day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds or even thousands of gallons a day!

### IN THE KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY...

**Use your dishwasher only for full loads.**

**Use your washing machine only for full loads.**

**If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running.**

**Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables.**

**Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator.**

**Check faucets and pipes for leaks.**



### IN THE GARDEN...

**Water during the cool parts of the day.** Early morning generally is better than dusk since it helps prevent growth of fungus.

**Don't water the sidewalk.** Position your sprinklers so water lands on the garden, not on paved areas. Also avoid watering on windy days.

**Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.** Many beautiful trees and plants thrive with far less watering than other species.

**Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants.** Mulch will slow evaporation of moisture and discourage weed growth also.

**Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and walks.**

**Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings.** Leaks outside the house may not seem as bad since they're not as visible. But they can be just as wasteful as leaks inside. Check frequently and keep them drip-free.

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



This [drip calculator](#) can show you how much water your "tiny" leak may be adding up to.

## How Much Water Do You Use?

### drops2gallons





### Strasburg Restoration & Preservation Program (SRP) 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 7-year, \$7,500 maximum loan as funds are available. All work must be completed within 12 months. Contact the Borough Office 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

33E 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 Park

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!




**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](http://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](http://www.lemsa.com) Facebook: [Lancaster EMS](#)



**Strasburg-Heisler Library**

143 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA 17579  
 Phone: 717-687-8969 Email: [staff@strasburglibrary.org](mailto:staff@strasburglibrary.org)  
 Website: [www.strasburglibrary.org](http://www.strasburglibrary.org) Facebook: [Strasburg-Heisler Library](#)

**Lampeter Strasburg Area Woman's Club**  
 Email: [lswomansclub@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:houckl@att.net)





**Strasburg Area Scouts**




**Boy Scout Troop 56**  
 Contact Bob Holmberg 717-687-4213

**Cub Scout Pack 19**  
 Contact Nate Lyons 717-682-0615


**Girl Scouts**  
 Email: [hansherrsum@gmail.com](mailto:hansherrsum@gmail.com)

**Strasburg Independent Order of Odd Fellows**


9A East Main Street, Strasburg PA 17579



**Strasburg Lions Club**  
 P.O. Box 281, Strasburg PA 17579  
 Website: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
 Contact Jim Rice 717-575-7462 or  
[jfrice14@gmail.com](mailto:jfrice14@gmail.com)  
 Facebook: [Strasburg Lions Club](#)



**Strasburg Heritage Society**  
 P.O. Box 81, Strasburg, PA 17579  
 Phone: 717-687-3534  
 Email: [strasburgheritatesociety@gmail.com](mailto:strasburgheritatesociety@gmail.com)  
 Website: [strasburgheritatesociety.org](http://strasburgheritatesociety.org)  
 Facebook: [Strasburg Heritage Society](#)



**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)  
 Contact Jill Boivert 717-239-1530



# Borough of Strasburg

145 Precision Avenue, Strasburg, PA 17579  
717-687-7732, [info@strasburgboro.org](mailto:info@strasburgboro.org)

Regular Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Summer Office Hours (Memorial Day-Labor Day): Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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 (2029)  
Ray Garraffa, Vice President (2027)  
James F. Rice, Pro Tem (2027)  
Bradley Book (2027)

Dave Carson (2029)  
Sandra Clark (2027)  
David Felpel (2029)  
Bruce L. Ryder, Mayor (2029)



Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

#### Strasburg Borough Planning Commission Members

Ken Johnson, Chair                      Kevin Adams  
Mary Dresser, 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

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                  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.