Strasburg Borough News

Phone: 717-687-7732 Website: strasburgboro.org *Fall/Winter 2026*

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Welcome to Strasburg Borough's Fall/Winter 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 Project

Strasburg Borough undertook a major stormwater infrastructure project to help alleviate water ponding and flooding in the first phase of our four phase Master Stormwater Plan. Phase one of the plan included installing stormwater infrastructure on East Main and South Decatur Streets, along with a large stormwater basin off of Shenk Avenue. The project is roughly 95% complete. We know this project impacted many residents and travelers to the area and we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding throughout the project. A more detailed project review will be available in our 2027 Spring/Summer newsletter.

Pink Patch Project 2026

SBPD is once again participating in the Pink Patch Project. For those of you who don't know, the Pink Patch Project is an innovative public awareness campaign designed to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and to support breast cancer research organizations in combating this devastating disease. Through the sales of collectible uniform patches, public safety agencies world-wide are helping to bring an end to breast cancer.

This year's SBPD pink patches are available for $10 each with proceeds being donated to the PA Breast Cancer Coalition (PBCC). Patches may be purchased for $10 each in-person at 145 Precision Avenue (rear), Strasburg, by mailing payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to SBPD, Attn: Kayla, 145 Precision Ave, Strasburg, PA 17579, or on eBay (shipping fees apply). You can also purchase previous year's pink patches for $5.00 each.

If you have any questions please contact SBPD at 717-687-7128.





Join us for the 4th Annual Strasburg Community Tree Lighting on Friday, December 4th! Free activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and are provided by local civic organizations and businesses.

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

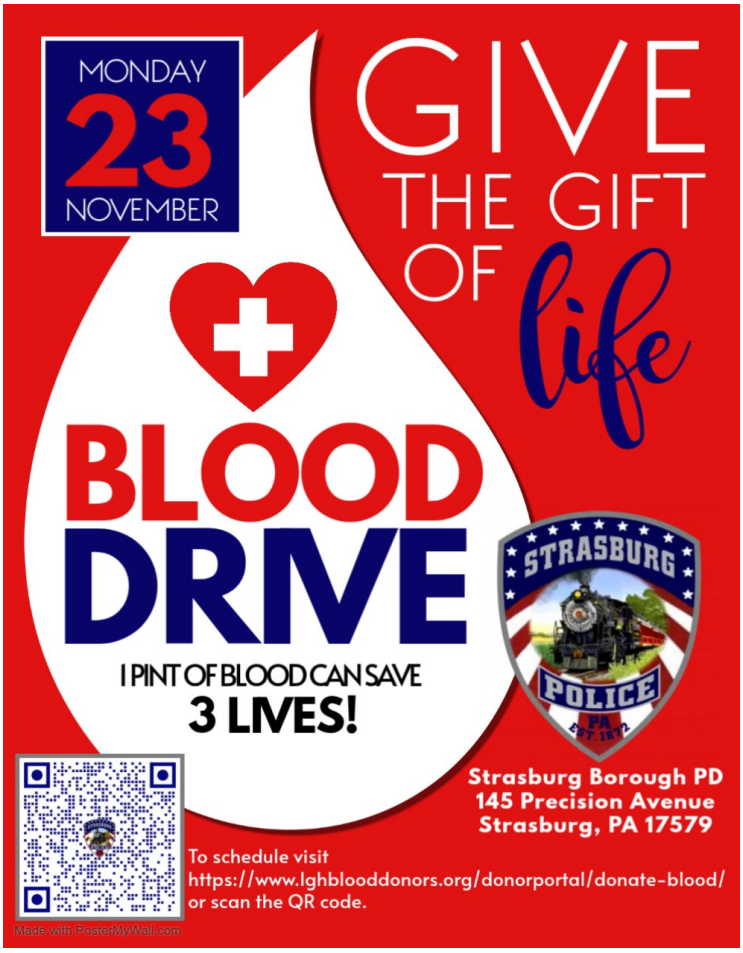
More details will be released closer to the event date. If you are interested in participating, donating, or sponsoring this event contact the Borough Office at 717-687-7732 or info@strasburgboro.org.



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/.

Currently there are a few board vacancies, two on the Historical Architectural Review Board and one on the Shade Tree Committee. If you are interested in one of the openings, please submit a Prospective Board Member Information Sheet https://strasburgboro.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Prospective-Board-Member-Information-Sheet.pdf.

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2025 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/2026/03/2025-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@safemaildelivery.net) will then be e-mailed to you so you may complete the setup process.

The most recent quarterly water and sewer bills were mailed/e-mailed Tuesday, October 6th, with a due date of November 5th.

Let's Fill the Boxes!

Toys for Tots donation boxes have been placed throughout town to collect new, unwrapped toys for this holiday season. If you are able, please consider donating at one of the following locations to help spread some holiday joy!

Benner Insurance, 310 Historic Drive
CPRS Physical Therapy, 100 Historic Drive
Ephrata National Bank, 60 Historic Drive
Fireside Tavern, 1500 Historic Drive
Hodge Podge, 14-16 East Main Street
Holiday Inn Express, 1900 Historic Drive
Meck's Produce, 1955 Beaver Valley Pike
Strasburg Dental, 222 North Decatur Street
Strasburg Boro Office or PD, 145 Precision Avenue
Strasburg- Heisler Library, 143 Precision Avenue
Sunshine Corners Daycare, 141 Precision Avenue
Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 Gap Road
Tractor Supply, 218 Hartman Bridge Road
Zimmerman's Hardware, 306 Hartman Bridge Road

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.



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.



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.

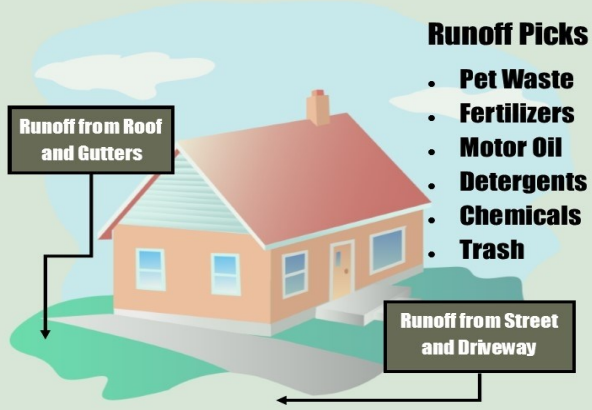
When it Rains, It Drains

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.



Runoff Picks Up:

- Pet Waste
- Fertilizers
- Motor Oil
- Detergents
- Chemicals
- Trash

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.



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

RAVE MOBILE SAFETY

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.

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 1945 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.

LCSWMA
Rethink. Recover. Renew.

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

33E 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

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
jfrice14@gmail.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.

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 (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
Mary Dresser, Vice Chair
Murl Clark
Kevin Adams
David Felpel

Planning Commission meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Strasburg Borough Authority Members

Ken Johnson, Chair
Ray Garraffa, Vice Chair
Curt Reynolds
John Mroz
Michael Wolgemuth

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
John Mroz
Robert Ham
Scott Weichler, Alt.

Zoning Hearing meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Strasburg Borough Historical Architectural Review Board Members

Ryan Weaver, Chair
Len Ferber, Vice Chair
Pete Kingsley Jr.
Lori Troiano
Eldon Stoltzfus

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
Gil Pratt, Vice Chair
Mary Dresser
H. Dale Kaufman
Curt Reynolds

Tree Committee meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.