

STOCKERTOWN NEWS



Event Calendar

Trick or Treat

October 31st
Friday
6:00-8:00 PM

Halloween Party

October 26th
Sunday
2:00-4:00 PM
Rod & Gun Club
LeFevre Road
Come in Your
Costume
Games & Re-
freshments

Borough Christmas Party

Sunday
December 14th
Tree Lighting
and Caroling
Bushkill St. Park
5:00 PM

Fellowship Meal
Rod & Gun Club
LeFevre Road
6:00 PM

Please bring a
covered dish.
Additional food &
drink provided.
Santa may have
gifts for you if
you've been
good.

VOTE 11/04/08

THE POST OFFICE ISSUE

There are rumors that the Post Office will be closing and your address could be changed. There is also confusion about Saturday operations. These are the facts:

There are no plans to close the Stockertown Post Office. Each address is entitled to one form of postal delivery, (home delivery or post box). Ten years ago we were all paying a yearly fee for our post office boxes based on the size.

Our box fees were then dropped because a directive was misinterpreted, which we profited from for that time period. That directive provides free box rent only if the Post Office does not provide delivery. Ultimately, it was discovered that Stockertown as well as many other small towns offering post box services were receiving free box rent and now the Post Office is attempting to correct their policy.

These are your options:

You can continue mail delivery to your current post box as before, but you will be billed a yearly fee for your post box. In this scenario everything about your address will remain the same. Your other option is to apply to the Post Office for home delivery. If the Post Office determines they can provide home delivery to your address, you will be required to change your mailing address to an Easton address. If home delivery is not available to your address, you will

receive free box rental and your address will remain the same.

However, if you apply for home delivery on the hopes of getting free box rental because you think there will be no home delivery available to your address, you may be disappointed, as they anticipate the ability to provide home delivery to most of Stockertown if requested. Once you apply and the post office determines that they will provide home delivery, your address will be changed to a bottom line Easton address. **You should not apply for home delivery if you are not prepared to assume an Easton address.**

Another issue causing confusion involves Saturday hours. The Post Office lobby and window will be open during the normal Saturday hours as always, unless it is a Saturday before a Monday which is a designated holiday. In that case, the window may be closed on Saturday. However, mail will be delivered to Stockertown, sorted and placed in boxes. The lobby hours will remain the same. You will be able to retrieve your mail. The only change is the window may be closed. You will not be able to purchase stamps or mail packages, etc. **In short**, we incorrectly received free box rent for ten years. Now we must pay for our boxes or change to home delivery. The choice is yours.

DIRECTORY

BOROUGH MAYOR
Sherman Metzger

BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meets 1st & 3rd
Mondays at 7:30 PM
209 Main Street
Robin Davis, President
Amy Richard, Vice Pres.
Cindy Hower
Jack Fatzinger
Susan Sklodowsky
Rosemarie Wenzelbeger
Paul Zaboy

BOROUGH SECRETARY
Donna Frey
610 759-8393

BOROUGH SOLICITOR
Gary N. Asteak

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.
Charles Davis
Royce Getz

**ZONING OFFICER/
BUILDING INSPECTOR**
John Soloe

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**
Meets Monthly
2nd Monday 7:30 PM
Sean Dooley, Chairman
Dave Danner, Secretary
Joseph Gold
A. Joseph Gosnell
BettyAnn McCammon

**ZONING HEARING
BOARD** As Needed
Kim Malavolta,
Chairman
Morgan Schafer
Eric Wenzelberger

TAX COLLECTOR
Connie Marakovits
610 759-3015

Our ALS & BLS Providers

There have been many articles about Forks Emergency Squad questioning their ability to provide services to the area. The indications are that Forks EMS is still experiencing financial difficulties. Prior to July of 2008, Forks EMS partnered with Suburban Rescue to provide BLS (Basic Life Support) and ALS (Advanced Life Support). Conditions between Forks and Suburban deteriorated and their contract was broken. Forks EMS then sought the help of Nazareth Ambulance Corp and by Mutual Aid Agreements, jointly provided ALS and BLS services to Stockertown. [Nazareth Ambulance Corps has 3 ALS units, 1 BLS unit, 4 transport units and 43 employees. They have been in operation for more than 25 years.]

As of Friday, October 18th, because of new developments with Forks EMS, Stockertown has dropped Forks EMS and designated Nazareth Ambulance Corp as their ALS and BLS provider.

Forks EMS has sent their annual subscription forms to residents of Stockertown for 2009. If you have a paid subscription to Forks EMS it means that Forks EMS would have accepted whatever your insurance carrier will allow as payment in full for an emergency call. **NOW** it will be honored by Nazareth Ambulance Corp by virtue of the Mutual Aid Agreements. If you normally subscribe to EMS services but have had some reservations, you should await further notification from Nazareth EMS as to their subscription process.

Attention Landlords and Tenants

Landlords are required by ordinance to report new tenant information within ten days of their move in or move out. Also, please be reminded that tenants are required to obtain a permit to move into the Borough as well as moving around within or out of the Borough. The fee is \$5.00 per household per move, and provides the Borough with an accurate listing of all residents for 911 and emergency purposes as well as others. Both landlords and tenants must comply.

Memorial Hall Update

Estimates are being sought for the repairs to the roof of Memorial Hall and will be completed as soon as possible. The response to our questionnaire survey regarding the use and refurbishing of the Hall was disappointing with less than twenty returned questionnaires. Forms will remain in the foyer by the secretary's window for anyone who would still like to share their comments. The responses varied from comments like, "I'd like to see it restored to what it used to be" to the other end of the spectrum, "If the price tag is too high, tear it down". Thoughts on how to fund its reconstruction included coin tosses, raffles, volunteers, ticket speeders, lease to someone for 99 years and let them fix it, government grant, a new mortgage and/or a tax increase.

Nothing Changes

More than thirty-five years ago great minds shared the same concerns for the world and its peoples as they do today.

"As we watch the sun go down, evening after evening, through the smog across the poisoned waters of our native earth, we must ask ourselves seriously whether we really wish some future universal historian on another planet to say about us: "With all their genius and with all their skill, they ran out of foresight and air and food and water and ideas," or, "They went on playing politics until their world collapsed around them." ~U Thant, Secretary General of United Nations. 1961-1971 Speech of 1970

Footnotes from the Borough

- Borough Council is currently working on the 2009 budget. Along with reoccurring expenses like wages, postage and supplies, electric, fuel oil and gasoline, other items being considered are bathrooms at the sewer plant and garage, a copier for the Police Dept., rails to trails construction, enhancing the bridge and pavilion at Newhart Park, repairs to Memorial Hall, and road resurfacing.
- Council decisions include a 5-2 vote in favor of No Parking on the 400 block of Main Street which completes the gap prohibiting parking anywhere on Main St. and provides a safer easier passage of traffic. at the intersection of Route 191.
- Leaf pick-up will start November 3rd and go through November 28th. Please place leaves at the curb. Do not include brush, garden vegetation, limbs, or rocks to avoid damage to equipment. Place these out for trash collection.
- Until further notice, we will not be accepting branches at the sewer plant area. Notification will be posted on the gate when conditions change.
- Skateboarding is prohibited anywhere in the Borough of Stockertown by ordinance. Offenders will be cited.
- Thanks to all who have heeded the pleas to treat our sewer plant with care. Please remember, the sewer plant is not a garbage disposal. It does not accept cloth, diapers, feminine products and grease without consequences.
- As we all prepare to drain our swimming pools, please remember, by ordinance, "It is unlawful to discharge ground water, sump pump water or pool water into the Borough sewer system." More serious consequences."
- New.....The sidewalks and railings are installed at the Police Department. There is a yellow "Call Box" outside the main door which provides a method for residents to contact an on duty police officer for NON EMERGENCY situations. The call box is linked by radio directly to the duty officer and Borough Secretary. To activate the box, simply push the button to connect,
- For an emergency, please call 911

"There comes a point in your life when you realize who matters, who never did, who won't anymore... and who always will. So, don't worry about people from your past, there's a reason why they didn't make it to your future." ~unknown

LIFE ISN'T ABOUT WAITING FOR THE STORM TO PASS, IT'S ABOUT LEARNING TO DANCE IN THE RAIN!



NOTICE

As we prepare for winter with the possibility of power outages and heavy snow and ice, we ask that any Borough resident with special needs please contact the Borough Secretary at 610 759-8393 with your name and address so we can add you to our Emergency Response List.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

STOCKERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NON-EMERGENCY
610 330-2200
610 759-3232, Office
Ralph Falcone, Chief
John Soloe, Asst. Chief
Steven Horvath
Joseph Straka
Kerri Tollinger
Joseph Vrable
Molly Brown

911

FORKS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

NON-EMERGENCY
610 330-2200
Bryan Weis, Fire Chief
Chuck Gallagher,
Deputy Fire Chief
Timothy Weis,
Fire Marshall

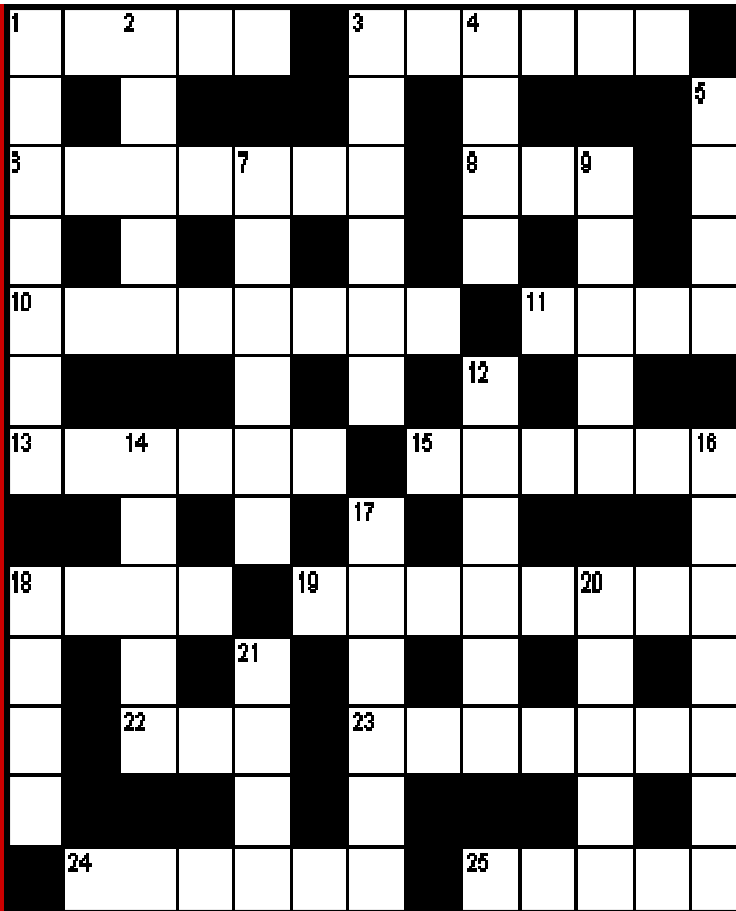
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
Charles Davis

DEP (DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION)
610 861-2070

POST OFFICE
Glen Springer,
Postmaster
610 759-6278

STOCKERTOWN ROD AND GUN CLUB
Info & Memberships
610 759-9255

Have A Safe and Healthy New Year



Word Search - This puzzle is a combination word search and crossword. There are no clues or two-letter words. Just reveal the hidden words by blocking out the incorrect letters. The completed pattern will be symmetrical. Use this fact to help you decide which letters to leave in and leave out. Enjoy



Across

1. Fruit (5)
3. Retail food seller (6)
6. Italian rice (7)
8. Consume (5)
10. Type of lobster (8)
11. Used to season and preserve food (4)
13. Sampled (6)
15. Pestle and ___ (6)
18. Aromatic leaves (4)
19. Thick syrup (8)
22. Cereal grass (3)
23. Pear-shaped tropical fruit (7)
24. Type of cake (6)
25. Very thin pancake (5)



Down

1. Downy fruit (7)
2. Shaped and dried dough (5)
3. Game bird (6)
4. Kitchen appliance (4)
5. Open pastry with fruit filling (4)
7. Sticky candy (6)
9. Heated bread (5)
12. Edible tuber (6)
14. Sweetener (5)
16. Cooked meat or fish coated in egg and breadcrumbs and fried (7)
17. Thick soup (6)
18. Cook slowly in liquid (4)
20. Large edible ray (5)
21. Vegetable (4)

.....AND TO ALL
A GOOD NIGHT.

When someone shares something of value with you and you benefit from it, you have a moral obligation to share it with others.

