

STOCKERTOWN NEWS

Time again to remember the sunscreen for the family and the flea and tick applications for the household pets.

**April 22, is
EARTH DAY**

Go to <http://www.nature.org/initiatives/climatechange/calculator/>

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before beginning to improve the world.”
ANNE FRANK

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children.

NATIVE AMERICAN
PROVERB

Earth Day is every day!

EMERGENCY SERVICES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Council is pleased to announce that the revitalization of the Emergency Services Building is nearly complete. The new facility will house the fire truck, and patrol cars, the Borough Police Department, complete with its own secured evidence room and CCTV, the Emergency Management office, a small kitchen, showers and bathrooms. We anticipate the Police Department will be moving into their new quarters in early May. Weather permitting, the last phase is to complete the sidewalks, stairs, and parking area.

Chief Falcone has requested the opportunity to hold an open house on **June 14th, 2008**, w/no rain date. He has invited Forks Fire Department, Northampton County's Mobile Command Unit, Forks Emergency Squad, Stockertown's Police Officers, and Emergency Management personnel to display their equipment and talk about their role in protecting the residents of Stockertown. Join us and show your support for our Emergency Responders. Tour the complex, and enjoy light refreshments. See you June 14th.

ENVIRONMENTALISTS, TREE HUGGERS AND NATURE LOVERS

The opportunity exists to improve portions of our preserved open space for outdoor enthusiasts as well as wildlife, trees and bird species. The Borough owns 15 acres of wooded wetland behind the Rod and Gun Club which is somewhat removed from the bustle of traffic and houses, as well as 7+ acres in and around the sewer plant. We already have a walking path along the creek at Newhart Park. There is ample space for a nature trail in sections of the wetland acreage. Individuals or groups that might be interested in helping to develop a trail

or walking path would be a wonderful thing.

There is a wide array of bird species around the sewer acreage as well as small game. The open area around the lagoons is ideal for Martins, owls and water fowl.

Good things could happen with some organization and teamwork. Give a Martin house, a small bird house, a bat house, a sapling, a butterfly bush, or a Saturday afternoon. If you are interested, please leave your name & phone number with the Borough Secretary and someone will contact you.

Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect. ~Chief Seattle, 1855

YOUR SEWER BILL EXPLAINED

DIRECTORY

BOROUGH MAYOR
Sherman Metzgar

BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meets 1st & 3rd
Mondays
7:30 PM 610 759-8393
Robin Davis, President
Amy Richard, Vice Pres.
Cindy Hower
Jack Fatzinger
Jason Martin
Susan Sklodowsky
Suzy Wentzelbeger

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
Robert Danner,
Secretary
Jack Fatzinger
Jason Martin

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

TAX COLLECTOR
Connie Marakovits

Please note there will be an additional \$50.00 added to this bill and the next two quarterly sewer bills.

Traditionally you are billed around the 15th of the first month following the past three months of sewer service.

During the year 2006, you received only three quarterly sewer billings instead of four. The quarter you are being billed for currently is actually two quarters behind your actual service instead of one.

Council unwittingly allowed a former council member, through his insistence, to handle a large portion of the Borough's finances including the sewer billing. The billing remained on schedule until the 4th quarter of 2005, which was not billed until 2/17/06. The 1st quarter of 2006 was billed on 6/16/06. The 2nd quarter of 06

was billed on 9/15/06. The third quarter of 06 was billed 1/05/07. The result of this sporadic billing is that the billing is 2 quarters behind. It's very probable that most residents never missed the 4th billing in 2006. If the toilet flushed and the sink drained, life was good. However..... In order to collect this extra quarter of revenue, we have elected to spread the \$150.00 over the remaining three quarters of 2008 by adding \$50.00 to each remaining quarter. You will be given the entire quarter to make your payment without late charges, in an effort to minimize the impact. We are sorry for the inconvenience. We have made many changes to the Borough's accounting structure in 2007 to eliminate the reoccurrence of this or other types of inaccurate accounting.

STOCKERTOWN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Most of you already know our Public Works Department Staff, but for those who don't; meet Royce Getz, longtime employee and Charles Davis our Department Supervisor.

Charlie came to the department in 2003. He was Maintenance Supervisor for 5 years at Majestic Co., and 31 years at Behr Paint. Royce retired from Beth. Steel and has been working for the Borough for more than 37 years.

These men along with additional part time employees are responsible for the care and maintenance of the Borough's property; including the parks, the Municipal Hall grounds, the sewer plant grounds, the Rod and Gun Club ball

field, all the buildings, streets, right-of-ways, stream banks, street signs, traffic lights, machinery, tools and vehicles. They plow our roads in the winter and they cut and trim our grass in the summer. They clean, they paint, they build, they repair and they

will always have lots to do. Charlie is also our sewer plant operator. He takes and records water samples 7 days a week, cleans the grinders, monitors the water intake, pond levels and a host of other activities. Their hard work and dedication is truly appreciated.



Royce Getz

Charles Davis

FOOTNOTES FROM THE BOROUGH

- Recycling: Waste Management has provided us with two large dumpsters instead of the array of smaller containers. You may now co-mingle all your recyclables into either container. Please remember to flatten all boxes and cardboard and tie paper bundles.
- U.S. consumers and industry dispose of enough aluminum to rebuild the commercial air fleet every three months; enough iron and steel to continuously supply all automakers; enough glass to fill New York's World Trade Center every two weeks. ~Environmental Defense Fund 1990
- Effective 1-01-08 cash will not be accepted at the Borough Office. When making payment for permits or services please use check or money order.
- Council is finalizing a new burning ordinance for public comment. Its purpose is to address air quality and fire safety without imposing too many restraints upon the public.
- To poke in a wood fire is more solid enjoyment than almost anything else in the world. ~Charles Dudley Warner.
- As always, it is important to remind the community to do its part by not introducing improper materials into the waste water system such as plastic items, rags, wood, grease, dead animals, and a whole list of things that would boggle the mind. It is unlawful to discharge ground water, pool or sump pump water into the Borough's sewer system. Anyone found in violation will be prosecuted.
- Life is like a sewer.....what you get out of it depends on what you put into it. Tom Lehrer, 1928
- The new Public Works/Emergency Management truck is expected to arrive by April 21st.
- Surveying and marking the Rails to Trails corridor through town is anticipated to begin in June. Council would remind all property owners along the Rails-to-Trails corridor to check their deeds, as some owners may incorrectly assume that they own more land adjacent to the trail than they actually do. Additionally, please don't dump branches, grass, mulch and debris in the railroad bed/Rails-to Trails corridor, or you will be cited.
- April 22nd, 2008 Pennsylvania Primary election.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

STOCKERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NON-EMERGENCY
 610 759-3232
 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 MAN-
 AGEMENT
 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
 Richard Tobias
 610 759-9255

BOX ELDER BUGS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE WORLD, OR SO IT SEEMS. BRILLO OR WINDEX BRAND CLEANER SPRAYED DIRECTLY ON THE CLUSTER KILLS MANY. NOT MUCH WORKS ON THE STINK BUGS!

May is SKIN CANCER AWARENESS Month
 Free screenings available by appointment.
 call

Warren Hospital 1-908 859-6796

Easton Hospital 610 250-4404

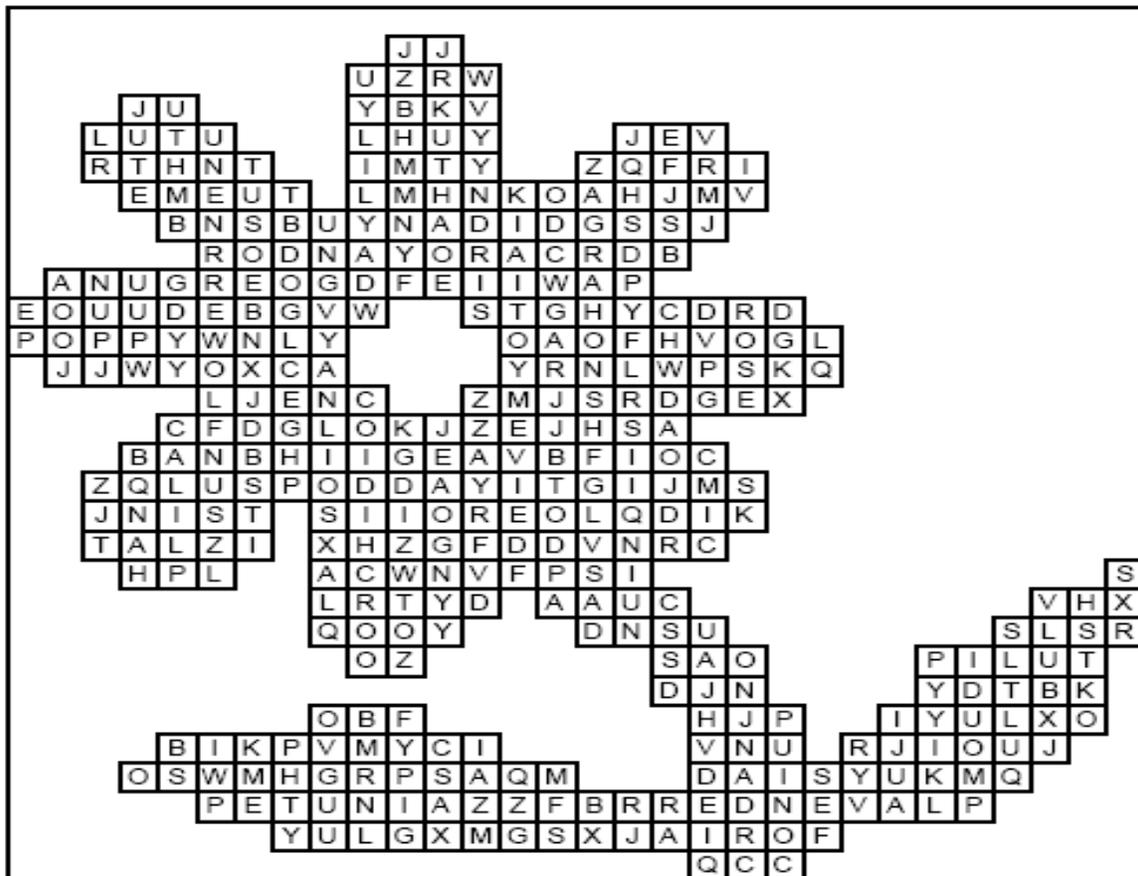
St Luke's Hospital 1-866 610-6161

EMERGENCY NEEDS

Any borough resident with special needs of any type that could be compromised during emergency conditions such as power outages or flooding, please contact the Borough Secretary at 610 759-8393 with your name and address so we can add you to our emergency response list. Info Confidential. Help us help you.

**THINKING IS LIKE LOVING AND DYING;
 EACH OF US MUST DO IT FOR OURSELF.**

Flowers



BLACKEYED SUSAN
LILAC
SUNFLOWER
CARNATION
MARIGOLD

GERBER
ROSE
TULIP
ORCHID
POPPY

PETUNIA
DAY LILY
DAFFODIL
HYACINTH
SNAPDRAGON

DAISY
MOSS ROSE
IRIS
LAVENDER

CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANY OF THESE?

ANSWERS →

CLOCKWISE: AMARYLLIS PETAL, MIXED BROWN RICES, CEORPPIA MOTH CATERPILLAR

