

STOCKERTOWN NEWS

SUMMER CAUTIONS
Children and the elderly,
Water and shade for pets,
Pool safety - sunscreen,
Children playing and
Ticks and mosquitoes.

**July 4th!
God Bless
America!**

DON'T MISS IT!

BOROUGH PICNIC
The Borough Picnic, sponsored by The Stockertown Youth Association will be held at Newhart Park on Saturday, August 9, 2008, from 1:00 P.M. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held at the Stockertown Rod and Gun Club on Lefevre Road. Hot dogs, barbeque, and beverages will be provided. You're invited to bring a covered dish and/or item for the cake walk. Come enjoy a day of fun and fellowship.

YARD SALE

The Borough-wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 16th & 17th, 2007. No permit is required.

THE FIRE & BURN ORDINANCE

Council passed the Fire and Burn Ordinance on July 7th. Hand in hand with the Fire and Burning Ordinance is the Knox Box Ordinance which was passed in June.

The Fire and Burn Ordinance eliminates all open burning within the Borough limits except for recreational fires and burns. Prohibited fires and burns include burning of any refuse, construction or demolition waste, hazardous material, or any trees, brush, stumps, leaves, and grass clippings. The Ordinance does not apply to grilling or cooking food using charcoal, wood, propane, or natural gas in cooking or grilling appliances. The Ordinance does not apply to burning for the purpose of generating heat in a stove, furnace, fireplace, or other device within a building used for human or animal habitation. The Ordinance does not apply to the use of propane, acetylene, natural gas, or kerosene used in a device intended for heating, construction, or maintenance activities. "Recreational fires and burns" means any deliberately set and maintained fire or burn ignited in the confines of a campfire, a fire ring, a chimenea, a fireplace, or patio wood burning device and used for the sole purpose of recreational pleasure. All recreational fires and burns must include a metal covering device/spark arrestor with spaces of

not more than one-half (1/2") inch, over the entire surface of the containerized fire or burn. Any person intending to ignite a recreational fire or burn shall first notify the Northampton County Communications Center using the non-emergency telephone number 610 330-2200 giving your name and address. For more information or a copy of this Ordinance, please contact the Borough Office. Ask the Borough Secretary



for a magnet of emergency phone numbers.

The Knox Box Ordinance requires all new commercial

and/or industrial buildings and those which undergo remodeling in excess of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars after the effective date of this Ordinance, to provide two (2) sets of keys for entry into the building as well as all portions of the premises and two (2) sets of elevator keys if so equipped. The Master Key Knox Box will be provided by the designated Fire Department. All existing businesses within the Borough are strongly advised to participate in the Knox Box program for the protection of their establishments. For more information or a copy of this Ordinance, please contact the Borough Office.

DIRECTORY

BOROUGH MAYOR
Sherman Metzgar

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
Jack Fatzinger
A. Joseph Gosnell
BettyAnn McCammon

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

TAX COLLECTOR
Connie Marakovits
610 759-3015

Memorial Hall Update

Since the January 2008 article about "Memorial Hall" there has been varied interest in the revitalization of Memorial Hall. Some want to see it returned to the social hall it used to be and preserved for its history. Some want to see a youth center and gymnasium. There are those that envision an antique emporium or farmer's market with small shops and vendors. The imagination is endless. It is most definitely a project that will challenge the minds and emotions of this community. Council is open to all reasonable suggestions in an effort to find a direction in which to proceed with the building's future. Given the apparent condition of the structure, it has been suggested that an evaluation be done by a qualified firm with expertise in building restoration who can determine the overall scope of repair needed to bring the building into code. The firm should also be able to give reasonable accurate costs for each phase of repair and the order in which to proceed. With this information, discussions of feasibility and funding can proceed. There is little point to "guesstimating" either the condition or costs associated with its repair as no one on council is qualified

to make these determinations.

Therefore, Council would like to hear from you the resident and taxpayer. **Please take the time to consider and respond to the following questions:**

1. Have you had any social experience at Memorial Hall, such as a party or dining, or are you unfamiliar with it?
2. Are you in favor of a professional evaluation to determine the condition of Memorial Hall and costs associated with its restoration?
3. What are your thoughts and visions for the future use of Memorial Hall?
4. What suggestions do you have for funding of possible restoration?
5. Do you favor no action be taken toward restoring Memorial Hall?

For your convenience we have included a questionnaire. Place your comments in the suggestion box at the Borough Office. You may also e-mail your comments - stockboro@rcn.com. Your name is not necessary, but it would be helpful for our responses.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a preliminary poll to share your thoughts and ideas for Memorial Hall.



A large **THANK YOU** to Cub Scout Pack 34 of Pen Argyl, for giving their time and energy. They built 20 bird houses for the Borough to place around the ponds at the sewer plant and elsewhere. They also planted 16 evergreen saplings at the end of the Municipal parking lot. Every bird house is occupied. Rent must be cheap.

Beneficial Summer Fruits

Watermelon: 90% water <50 calories/cup
Rich in beta-carotene, lycopene and C.

Kiwi: More C than an orange.

Blueberries, Strawberries, Raspberries:
Rich in flavonoids, antioxidants and leutin.

Mangos: Potassium, iron, E and C.

Cherries: A good diuretic with potassium.

SOMETHING FOR YOU

We have a suggestion box in the vestibule by the Secretary's window. Please feel free to offer your comments and suggestions, criticisms and praise as you see fit. You do not need to sign your name although it would offer us a chance to respond to your concerns. No profanities please.

Footnotes from the Borough

- The Borough held an Open House on June 14th to celebrate the completion of the Emergency Services Facility located at 301 State Street. Residents had an opportunity to tour the building and meet our police officers and some of the personnel from Forks Fire, Forks EMS, Suburban Rescue, and Northampton County's 911 Mobil Command Unit. The Borough provided coffee, donuts, hot-dogs and sodas for everyone. The PA Freemasons provided materials for the Child Identification Program (CHIP) fingerprinting more than 40 children.
- Until further notice, we will not be accepting branches at the sewer plant area. Our PW Department is busy with summer projects and does not have the time or manpower to handle the quantity of brush being dropped off there. We hope to resume this service as time permits. Notification will be posted on the gate.
- The Borough is accepting applications for part time employment for the Public Works Department. For information please contact the Borough office.
- The Borough recently acquired a Ford F250 4x4 crew cab diesel by a vote of 7-0. Other Council decisions included a 6-1 vote in favor of the Fire Burn Ordinance; a vote of 7-0 to purchase a John Deer Skid Loader; a vote of 7-0 in favor of the Knox Box Ordinance; and a vote of 5-1 appointing Paul Zaboy to the council seat vacated by Jason Martin in June. Two vacant seats on the Planning Commission were filled in June.
- Please be reminded there is no parking within Newhart Park. There is access for the handicap patrons and to load and unload only. Other patrons should park across the bridge away from the playground and where the soil is firm.
- Skateboarding is prohibited anywhere in the Borough of Stockertown by ordinance. Offenders will be cited.
- As always, be remind the community must do its part by not introducing improper materials into the waste water system such as plastic items, rags, wood, grease, and other items too numerous to mention. Also 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.

The only thing that stands between a man and what he wants from life is often merely the will to try it and the faith to believe that it is possible. ~R. DeVos



HE WHO NEVER MAKES MISTAKES, PROBABLY NEVER DID ANYTHING THAT'S WORTHY. ~FORTUNE COOKIE

EMERGENCY NEEDS

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

An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind. ~Mohandas Gandhi

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

STOCKERTOWN EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY OPEN HOUSE - JUNE 14, 2008

On behalf of Borough Council, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the Emergency Responders and PA Freemasons who gave of their time and resources to attend our Open House. Our goal was to show residents and neighbors our new facility and give everyone an opportunity to meet those special individuals who risk their lives to protect us. Sincere thanks to all. Bless You! AJR



When you gamble with safety, you bet your life ~ Unknown