

STOCKERTOWN NEWS

KIDS AND PETS

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

From Your Police Department

We will be targeting abandoned vehicles, weeds, and open fires.

Please comply with the Borough Ordinances.

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What you do for others and the world remains and is immortal.

Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

Never forget that only dead fish swim with the stream.

RAILS TO TRAILS PROJECT

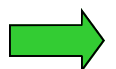
Rails-To-Trails is a nationwide project utilizing in part, abandoned railroad corridors and right-of-ways by transforming them into a network of public use greenway trails connecting communities, and recreational facilities, providing healthy exercise options and environmental preservation. Our piece of the project will eventually connect Stockertown to the Borough of Tatamy on the South side of the Borough and Plainfield Township on the North side of the Borough. Stockertown's Rails To Trails project is spearheaded by Councilor Paul Zaboy and Mayor Sherman Metzgar, who with the help of Sheri Acevedo of Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and State Park, and members of URDC (Urban Research and Development Corporation), DCNR (the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources), are in the process of applying for a match grant from DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) to assist with the cost of construction of the section of trail from the Christmas Tree Park on the corner of Bushkill and Center Streets northward to the junction of Sullivan Trail beside M & T Performance Automotive. If they are

successful and the grant is approved it could cover as much as one half of the costs of that portion of the project.

There are several optional plans being considered as routes for the remaining portion of the trail from the Christmas Tree Park southward to the Borough of Tatamy. That section of the trail will present many challenges including the crossing of the Little Bushkill Creek, sidestepping sinkholes, and crossing the still active portion of the Southern Norfolk Railroad tracks.

A large debt of gratitude is owed to Councilor Zaboy and Mayor Metzgar for the hours of meetings and research without compensation, all necessary to the grant writing process. Another thank you goes to Mayor Metzgar and Charles Davis, Public Works, for procuring significant donations of materials from two of our local businesses.

MANY THANKS to UNIVERSAL WOOD PRODUCTS for their commitment of contribution of posts and rails and other wood products, and to HERCULES CEMENT, (Buzzi Unicem USA), for their commitment of contribution of the various stone products



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Mondays at 7:30 PM
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Dave Danner
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Memorial Hall Update

Council has hired Code Master Inspection Services from Allentown, PA to inspect and evaluate the overall structural condition as well as the condition of associated equipment and building systems as they pertain to the 2000 International Property Maintenance Code. The findings are as follows: The building was constructed in 1948. Recent improvements include a roof-top HVAC system (5-7 years), an electrical switchgear panel (apparently new), and a drop ceiling in the lower level. All other existing systems, equipment, flooring and finishes appear considerably older if not original to the building. The following items would be the minimum standard to address

code violations, assuming the proposed use were to remain the same. *Remove and replace the existing roof to include gutters and down spouts. *Repair and replace all paved areas and provide for storm water upgrades and lighting. *Remove and repaint building exterior and parge coat. *Replace metal door and install handrails. *Replace water heater supplying kitchen. *Provide fire suppression system and filters for kitchen hood. *Replace heating system. *Electrical receptacles must be GFCI protected. *The underside of stairs must be protected with one-hour rated construction. *All plumbing fixtures
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needed to construct and border this section of Rails-to-Trails. The significance of these two commitments from Universal Wood and Hercules Cement are valued in the thousands of dollars of savings to the Borough.

STEEL BUILDING

Council has voted to purchase a pre-engineered building like the one pictured below. The building will be erected at the wastewater treatment facility within the fenced enclosure, and will be used to house seasonal equipment, trucks, rollers and the track loader which are now parked outside and ex-

posed to the weather. Bid specifications are being prepared for its erection which will include a full concrete floor and a bathroom/shower facility within the building. A big **THANK YOU** to **Denny Einfalt and Einfalt Recycling and Salvage** for the use of their equipment and drivers to unload the 6000 pound pallets of materials from the carrier for us.

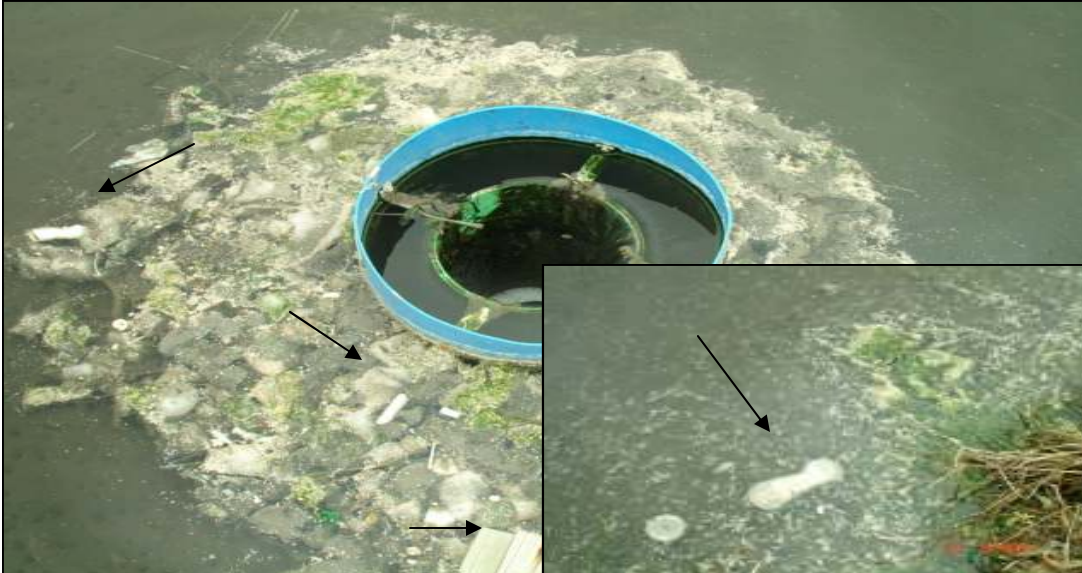


Footnotes from the Borough

As spring arrives 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.
- There are NO open fires permitted within the Borough boundaries. The only permitted fires are those classified as recreational burns and are subject to the Fire Burn Ordinance.

As always, residents must do their part by not introducing improper materials into the waste water system such as plastic items, rags, wood, **grease, feminine products**, and other items. It is unlawful to discharge ground water, pool or sump pump water into the Borough's sewer system. Below is a picture of the baffle drain from pond 1 where all the solids reside. The drain carries the liquids into pond 2. There should be **nothing** floating around this drain. Items like woven baby wipes, tampons, and panty liners such as those in the pictures, do not biodegrade in this system. Grease severely inhibits the process also and must be cleaned from the influent chamber by a third party contractor. Despite the many pleas, residents continue to put feminine products, disposable baby and kitchen wipes, and grease into the sewer instead of disposing of them with household trash. If any of the items in the picture look familiar to you, they're probably yours, and you are contributing to future problems and/or the demise of the waste water treatment plant.



Proposed Crosswalks and Pedestrian Bicycle Paths

Borough Planning Commission has proposed a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle accessibility plan in an effort to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety and Borough wide connectivity. Plans will be posted in the Borough Hall as of April 24th. Residents are invited to discuss and make comments on the plan at the Borough Council meeting on May 18th. Adoption of the plan is a prerequisite for submitting a proposal to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to establish multiple crosswalks along Main Street.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

STOCKERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NON-EMERGENCY
610 330-2200
610 759-3232, Office
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Steven Horvath
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Molly Brown

911

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610 330-2200
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Timothy Weis,
Fire Marshall

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Charles Davis

D.E.P. 610 861-2070
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Glen Springer,
Postmaster
610 759-6278

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



Happy Mother's Day



Memorial Hall continued from page 2.....must be properly connected to either a public sewer or an approved private sewage system. The facility is currently served by a private sewage system, the status of which is unknown. Recommendations highly suggested: *window replacement throughout. *Add a vestibule to the front entrance. *Replace flooring and ceiling tiles as they may contain asbestos. *None of the bathrooms are ADA compliant and should be upgraded/replaced to compliance. *The UCC (Uniform Construction Code) requires this building to be sprinklered since the occupant load exceeds 100 persons, and this is a recommendation. * The front entrance ramp is not ADA compliant and should be replaced. It is noteworthy that no attempt was made to evaluate the environmental condition of the property or possible health hazards present inside. There were obvious environmental concerns to include mold, the underground oil tank, and private septic system adjacent to the creek and should be addressed by certified profession-

als. The kitchen renovations will fall under the regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Food Safety. The final disclaimer reads as follows, "This report describing the physical condition of the property as visible at the time of inspection should not be construed as to guarantee or warrant, nor is it intended as a recommendation of procedure for building improvements. It is possible that unforeseen defects may exist in the building structure and/or associated equipment and thus, this report does not in any way predict future performance of the building and associated equipment." The next step would be to determine the exact use for the facility. The second step will be to determine projected costs associated with that use. The third step will be to secure financing or funding for those projected costs. The fourth and final step will be to develop a business plan that will sustain the operation and maintenance of the facility. Your comments and ideas are welcome and can be left with the Borough Secretary.

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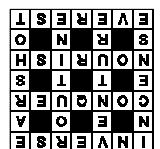
Across:

- 1, Communication
- 5, Wrack
- 6, Stir up
- 7, Wander

Down:

- 1, Condiment
- 2, Frugal
- 3, Norm
- 4, Perpetual

Happy Earth Day



Happy Father's Day

