

# STOCKERTOWN NEWS

**No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is as formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. ~**

President Ronald Reagan

## NOTICE TO ALL!

**This year for the first time in many years there will be no Annual Picnic at Newhart Park in August.**

**So often, people's lives are too busy, their time stretched so thin, that there's no time for things that really matter and the work falls on a few.**

**So goes the Annual Picnic. Sooner or later the "old regulars" get tired and look to pass the torch to the next generation.**

**Will the next generation please step up?**

## MEMORIAL HALL

On July 23rd of 2009, Council held a special meeting to discuss the future of Memorial Hall. Twenty-five or thirty interested folks came and passionately voiced their opinions and ideas. There were offers to clean, do repairs, donate time and materials. There were suggestions to turn over the property to a small group, lease the building to another group, form citizen groups and apply for grants, all in an effort to save Memorial Hall.

To date, there are no lessees, no buyers, and no business plans. The fuel oil tank has been removed avoiding future potential soil contamination. As the insurance renewal date approaches the building will be scheduled for an inspection and evaluation. To that end it will be necessary for Council to make a decision as to its liability and the justification to invest tax dollars in its refurbishing..

## FROM COUNCIL 2 YOU

**Thank you** for the patience and understanding you've displayed during the period we have been without a Borough Secretary. Things always change, sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse. The key is to use every opportunity your given to improve. We have made every effort to do that.

We have addressed every aspect of the accounting procedures of the Borough including payables, receivables deposits and payroll. The sewer billing program has been modified which allows us to print a more accurate and simplified quarterly statement. (Remember; your sewer usage is always billed a quarter behind. The 7/15/2010 billing is for April, May, and June sewer usage.) We have revised our job descriptions borough wide and created an Employee Handbook which clarifies

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## RAILS TO TRAILS UPDATE

As you may be aware, selected Council members and the Mayor have been working on a project to develop the major portion of the Rails-to-Trails Recreational Trail in Stockertown. The trail will run from the Bushkill Stream near the Bushkill Street bridge (now removed) north to connect to the Plainfield Recreational Trail at Rt. 191 just outside the north border of the Borough. The trail will run basically parallel to and west of Main Street along the former railroad bed. The portion of the trail currently being considered for development is the one mile segment from Center and Bushkill Streets north to Rt. 191.

We have been trying to bring this project to fruition for more than ten years, and have been denied grant monies on two previous occasions. Last year we applied for PA DCNR (Pennsylvania De-

partment of Conservation and Natural Resources) grant monies in the amount of \$100,000.00. With welcome and expert assistance from D&LNHC (Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor) personnel in preliminary design, grant writing, and multi-departmental clearance and approval activities, we were successful in our grant application. In February of this year we received confirmation of the grant award for the full \$100,000.00.

In the spring of this year, we also made application to the County of Northampton to allow us to utilize the Borough's portion of the 2001 Open Space Bond Issue (ten million dollars county-wide) for the trail development. If approved, this will provide an additional \$29,236.00 to apply to the cost of building the initial one mile segment of the trail. In June, 2010,

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# DIRECTORY

**BOROUGH MAYOR**  
Sherman Metzgar

**BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Meets 1st & 3rd**  
**Mondays at 7:30 PM**  
209 Main Street  
Amy Richard, President  
Paul Zaboy, Vice Pres.  
Cindy Hower  
Jack Fatzinger  
Rosemarie Wenzelberger  
A. Joseph Gosnell  
Carl Zito

**BOROUGH SECRETARY**  
610 759-8393

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR**  
Gary N. Asteak

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.**  
Charles Davis, Super.  
Royce Getz  
Jeff Forrer  
Paul Zaboy Jr.

**ZONING OFFICER/  
BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
John Soloe

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**  
**Meets Monthly**  
**2nd Monday 7:30 PM**  
Sean Dooley, Chairman  
A. Joseph Gosnell  
Dave Danner  
Joel Zimgone  
Vacancy

**ZONING HEARING  
BOARD As Needed**  
Morgan Schafer  
Kim Malavolta  
Lucienne Dooley

**TAX COLLECTOR**  
Connie Marakovits  
610 759-3015



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Councilor Paul Zaboy along with Sherry Acevido of D&LNHC presented our trail design and justification to the Northampton County Open Space Initiative Advisory Group for review and approval. Our project was unanimously approved by the advisory group for further review by County Council.

In July, 2010, Paul and Sherry again presented our trail design and justification to the Northampton County Open Space Initiative Committee consisting of County Council members. Our project was again approved unanimously by the committee. The next step is to acquire approval by County Council to utilize the bond monies allocation. We hope this will be simply a formality as we have garnered unanimous approval from the County-designated review group and committee. We are hoping for this approval at the July, 2010 County Council Meeting.

When the county approves the Bond Issue funds, our next step is to bid and contract for the detailed trail design. We hope to accomplish this during the late summer and fall of 2010. Actual trail construction will not occur until spring or summer of 2011

The total cost of the one mile trail development is estimated at \$204,000.00. With the \$100,000.00 combined state and federal grant and the county bond allocation of \$29,236.00, the Borough will have to provide the remaining \$75,000.00. We expect to provide these monies through direct cash outlay, in-kind services and equipment provided by the Borough, and in-kind donations of materials from several Borough businesses, specifically Hercules Cement and Universal Forest Products among possible others.

It is important to note that the PA DCNR grant as initially proposed was to be funded with state monies. After we submitted our grant request, the state decided to combine their grant monies with federal grant monies. This changed two major aspects of the grant. First, our matching funds decreased from a 100% matching level, (the Borough would be required to spend at least \$100,000.00), to a 20% matching level, (the Borough is required to supply at least \$20,000.00). This is a favorable change as the Borough is required to directly cover less of the overall cost and opened up the opportunity to request the County Bond Issue funds. Secondly, due

to federal involvement, the specifications of the trail design and construction are more stringent. This could be considered a negative as we will not be able to use our own personnel and equipment as much as initially planned. The trail must be designed and built on a level that we in the Borough do not have the expertise or background to accomplish. We will have to use not only professional design engineers (as planned), but also a professional trail construction organization (not planned).

The trail segment not being developed at this juncture is the segment from Center and Bushkill Streets south to the Bushkill Stream. The reasons for not developing this segment at this time are several. We do not have a final trail route from Center Street to the Bushkill Stream as the point of crossing the Bushkill Stream is not yet known. We have several routes in mind, but cannot determine the final one until the stream crossing point is known.

We are working with Tatamy Borough, Palmer Township and Forks Township to determine precisely where the stream crossing would occur. The stream crossing point is dependant on the route the Tatamy trail takes to the Bushkill Stream where we would connect to it. This route could pass through either Palmer and/or Forks Township jurisdictions and would require approvals from the respective townships. Additionally, the stream crossing would require approvals from various state agencies and probably the Army Corps of Engineers due to the ever-present sinkhole issues we all know and love so much.

The total completion of the full Stockertown Trail is a priority item with the County and the D&LNHC planners. The issue is the Bushkill Stream crossing. George Washington, when crossing the Delaware, did not have the many concerns we have in trying to cross the Bushkill. Little did he know the bureaucracies he was setting in motion that cold December night.

Article by Paul Zaboy

 and protects both the Employees and the Borough.

We will continue to look for ways to improve the well being of our Residents as well as the Borough's bottom line.

Amy J. Richard, Council President

## Footnotes from the Borough

- **Recycling:** Waste Management has provided us with two large dumpsters located on LaFevre Road. Co-mingle all your recyclables into either container. Please 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
- Until further notice, we will not be accepting branches at the sewer plant area. For the security of the WWTP the main gate will remain locked.
- Newhart Park is available for summer parties, reunions, and picnics. Residents can reserve the Park for a \$50.00 refundable fee. There are still available weekends through October. Contact the Borough Office for applications. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted and 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.
- **A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.**~unknown
- Because of the excessive heat and dry weather, the County has imposed a Countywide NO BURN ban. Call the County non-emergency # 610 330-2200 before considering any type of outdoor fire.
- Skateboarding is prohibited anywhere in the Borough by ordinance. Offenders will be cited. Residents should use the Nazareth Skateboard Park.
- Applications are being accepted to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Planning Commission meets every second Monday at 7:30. Submit applications to the Borough Secretary.
- **The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.** ~Gandhi
- As always, it is important to do your part by not introducing improper materials into the Borough's sewer system such as plastic items, rags, grease, dead animals, feminine products and things that should be placed on the curb for trash collection. 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

**Amazing! You hang something in your closet for awhile and it shrinks 2 sizes!**



Meet  
**Jane Mellert**  
 Jane is the newly appointed Secretary/Treasurer for the Borough. She has been a Municipal Secretary before and is looking forward to meeting the residents of Stockertown.

**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 is Confidential. Help us help you.

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

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### STOCKERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

**NON-EMERGENCY**  
 610 330-2200  
 610 759-3232, Office  
 John Soloe, Chief  
 Joseph Straka  
 Joseph Vrable  
 Molly Brown  
 Alex Soloe

# 911

### FORKS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

**NON-EMERGENCY**  
 610 330-2200  
 Charles Chapman,  
 Fire Chief  
 Timothy Weis,  
 Fire Marshall

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

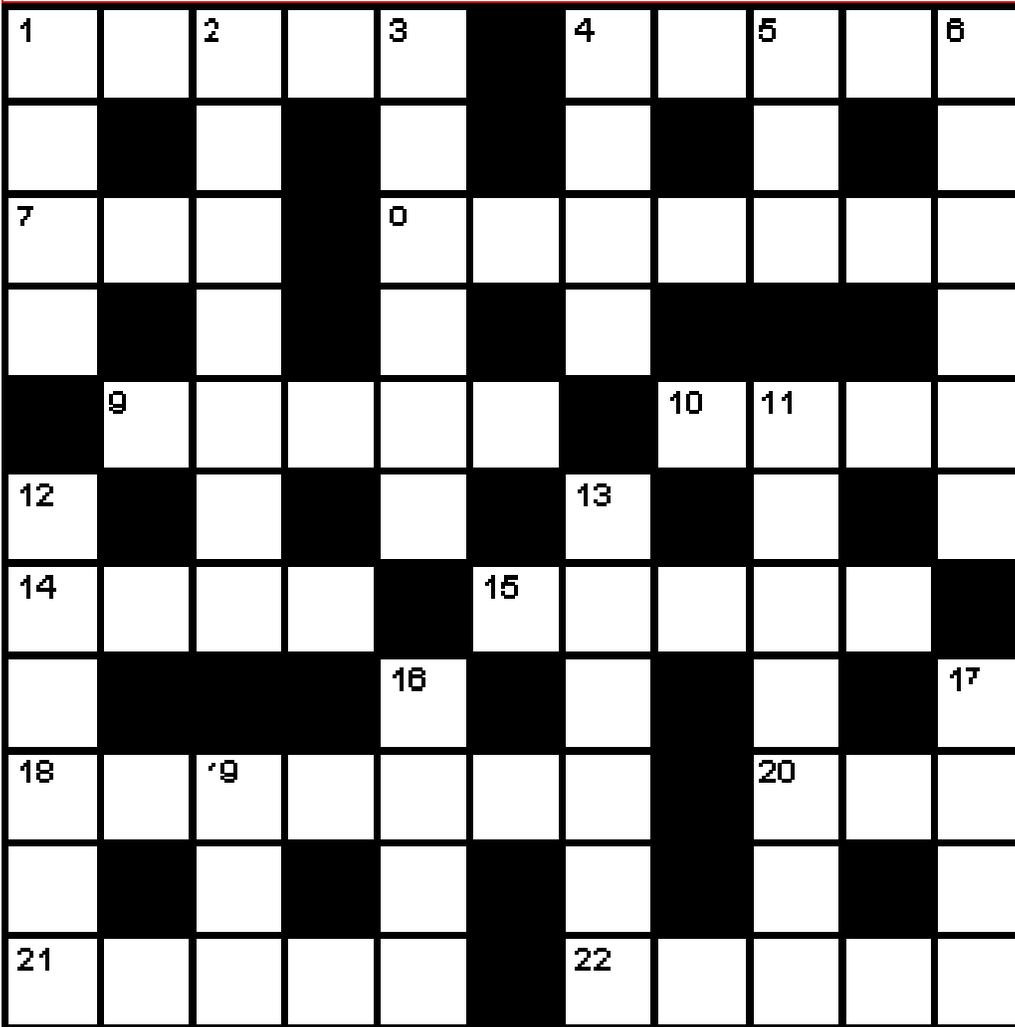
Charles Davis

**D.E.P.** 610 861-2070  
 Department of Environmental Protection

**POST OFFICE**  
 Glen Springer,  
 Postmaster  
 610 759-6278

**STOCKERTOWN YOUTH ASSOCIATION**  
 Info 610 759-4067

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



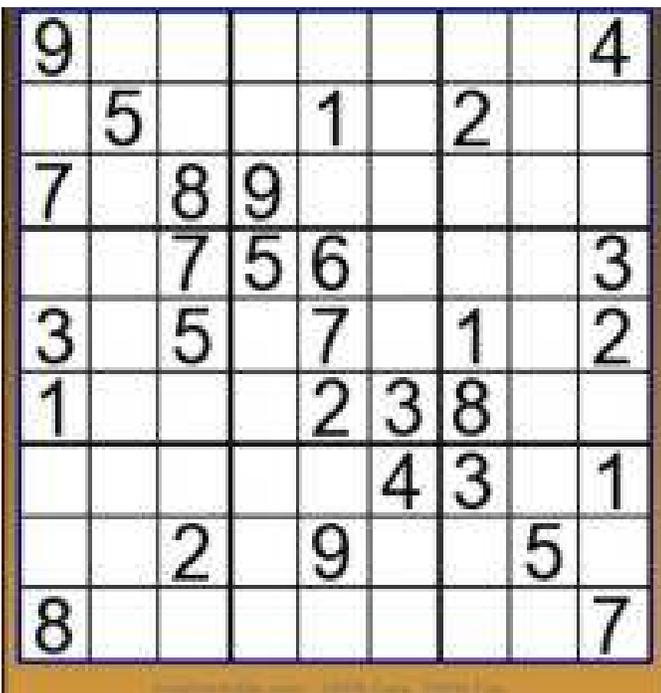
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Down

- 1. Festival (4)
- 2. Amazing (7)
- 3. Second sign of the zodiac (6)
- 4. Location (4)
- 5. Type of tree (3)
- 6. Subtract (6)
- 11. Security device (7)
- 12. Recluse (6)
- 13. Part of the eye (6)
- 16. Discover (4)
- 17. Not in action (4)
- 19. Short sleep (3)

Across

- 1. Banquet (5)
- 4. Velocity (5)
- 7. Golfing accessory (3)
- 8. Wild (7)
- 9. Fake (5)
- 10. Long narrative poem (4)
- 14. Fencing sword (4)
- 15. Temperamental (5)
- 18. Large imposing house (7)
- 20. Peculiar (3)
- 21. Lukewarm (5)
- 22. Part of the leg (5)



Too much zucchini-Try Zucchini Slaw

- 6 med. zucchini - grated
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 lrg. carrot - grated
- 1 med. red bell pepper - julienned
- 1 sm. onion - minced
- 2 Tbls. fresh parsley - chopped
- 2 Tbls. fresh dill weed - chopped
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise - lowfat okay
- 2 Tbls. dijon mustard
- 2 Tbls. red wine vinegar
- 1 Tbls. honey
- 1 tsp. prepared horseradish
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- Place zucchini in bowl and add carrot, red pepper, onion and celery; toss well. Sprinkle with parsley and dill.
- Combine mayonnaise, mustard, vinegar, oil, honey, horseradish and pepper; stir into zucchini mixture.
- Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary.

**Nature provides a free lunch, but only if we control our appetites.**