

STOCKERTOWN NEWS



Earth Day 4/22 And Every Day

Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money. ~Cree Indian Proverb

Memorial Day
A day to honor
and remember
those military
heroes who gave
up all their tomor-
rows so we could
have all ours.
Thank You!

Election Day
May 17th

“Memories of
Stockertown”
publication is
available at the
Borough Office

Park Reservations
are filling up.

Many Sewer Bills
are behind. Please
try to catch up so
we don't have to
take other action.

BOROUGH WEBSITE COMING SOON

Council is pleased to announce that the Borough will soon have its own website, **stockertown.org**. Our hope is that residents, perspective newcomers and businesses will be able to view a wide-ranging picture of the Borough and its many features. It's design will be simple, uncluttered and user friendly. From the website, one can access a Notice Board and a monthly calendar of events including meetings of Council, Planning Commission, and Nazareth Area Council of Governments, (NAZCOG).

There will be information about Borough Council, Public Works, Police, Fire, Emergency Management, Zoning and the Planning Commission. There will be easy access to current and past approved minutes, zoning regulations, ordinances and resolutions, park reservation information, the newsletters, and the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. A special touch that will make this website unique to Stockertown is the contribution by Jack Fatzinger of his pen and ink drawings of Stockertown. Many Thanks.

WORTH REPEATING

In consideration of the economic conditions of our country and the constraints placed on this borough, it seems logical to repeat an article from 2007, to keep our perspective.

In 1987, the State Legislature, in its infinite wisdom, declared that municipalities that did not have a Mercantile Tax provision in place by November 1988, would not be able to enact that provision at a later date. For reasons unknown, Officials of Stockertown in 1988 chose not to establish a mercantile tax, forfeiting that option forever.

What all that means to you as a resident, is quite simple. The Borough derives income for its general operating budget from several sources: franchise fees, permits, licenses, fines, impact fees from new development, rental fees, liquid fuels distribution (Act 655), interest income and taxes. The tax portion is 88% of all revenue, followed by liquid fuel distribution of 3.5%, and rental income of 2%. Interest income in 2007 was 8% of the income. Today it accounts for less than .05%.

Without the additional income from businesses within our boundaries, the residents provide most of the operating capital. No blame or animosity should be placed on the businesses of the Borough, however, as the decision of 1988 was not made by, nor included, them. They are simply benefactors of the decision. We embrace our local businesses, as they have, on their own, been quite generous.

Planning for the future needs of the Borough within the structure of its revenues is very challenging. Because of the lack of a mercantile tax, the main source of operating revenue unfairly falls directly on the residents. We are continually searching for grants and other sources of income, cutting unnecessary expenses wherever possible while still providing essential services.

LOCAL BLOOD BANKS ARE VERY LOW!
PLEASE GIVE BLOOD IF YOU CAN.
Miller Keystone Blood Center
800 223-6667



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 OFFICE
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

FOOTNOTES FROM THE BOROUGH

- ~ There is a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Planning Commission meets every second Monday at 7:30. Help shape our future. Apply at the Borough Office.
- ~ It is so important that the community do its part by not introducing improper materials into the sewer system. Nothing but toilet waste, kitchen and bath water should ever enter your sewer line! **NOT** grease, diapers, feminine products, dead animals, or cloth items. The Waste Water Treatment Plant is not a landfill, but a delicate balance of biological processes. Please help it thrive.
- ~ **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 recycling center is for Stockertown residents only to co-mingle recyclables. Please flatten cardboard, tie paper bundles and deposit in the containers provided.
- ~ We no longer accept branches to chip. Please bundle and tie all branches and put with weekly trash pick-up.
- ~ Stockertown has a **Fire and Burn Ordinance. It eliminates all open burning within the Borough limits except for recreational fires.** Prohibited fires include burning of any refuse, construction waste, hazardous material, or any trees, brush, stumps, leaves, and grass clippings. "Recreational fire" means any deliberately set fire ignited in the confines of a fire ring, chimenea, fireplace, or patio burning device and used only for recreational pleasure. All recreational fires must include a metal covering device or spark arrestor with spaces of not more than one-half (1/2") inch, over the entire surface of the containerized fire. **You must notify 911 Non-Emergency before you burn! Enjoy but be aware.**

**May is SKIN CANCER
AWARENESS Month**
Free screenings available! Call
Warren Hospital 1-908 859-6796
Easton Hospital 610 250-4404

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A	C	E	B	M	V	U	L	U	K	E	J	L	H	R
X	N	S	W	E	E	T	E	N	H	B	R	A	W	L
Y	V	I	N	M	L	C	I	T	G	O	C	S	V	I
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E	C	V	B	E	Y	C	H	S	J	R	O	H	J	D
T	R	I	A	N	G	L	E	J	A	D	O	R	E	G
C	H	N	J	E	P	E	H	A	J	K	V	E	B	A
E	N	T	E	R	B	V	A	C	A	T	E	D	N	M
T	V	E	B	A	J	E	V	T	W	A	J	U	C	J
E	Q	R	O	T	O	R	J	I	N	S	E	C	T	S
R	K	I	K	O	H	I	K	V	K	T	H	F	I	F
A	D	M	I	R	A	B	L	E	J	E	N	D	E	D

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 or which ones to take out.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

**STOCKERTOWN
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

**911
NON-EMERGENCY**
610 759-2200

**FORKS VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY**

Charles Chapman, Fire Chief
Timothy Weis, Fire Marshall

**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**
Charles Davis

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

POST OFFICE
Sally Thorpe, Postmaster
610 759-6278

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

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