

STOCKERTOWN NEWS

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STOCKERTOWN SIGNS 33 MONTH CONTRACT WITH FORKS FIRE CO.

The Fire Committee of Borough Council has negotiated a 33 month contract with Forks Township Fire Department to provide fire/rescue protection to the Borough of Stockertown for an annual cost of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000). Stockertown will also transfer all of their State provided Fireman's Relief funds to Forks. The contract will run from April 2, 2007 through the first re-organizational meeting of January 2010.

Forks Fire currently has an active trained membership of sixty-two volunteers, six fire/rescue vehicles, and is located 3.8 miles from the center of Stockertown. They are a municipally funded fire co.

The Borough's Fire House will be designated as a "Reserve Sub-Station" of Forks Township for ISO Insurance purposes. This will insure the same rating for residential insurance policies.

The Borough's Engine 5112 will be serviced, certified, and re-designated as Engine 2514



to conform to Forks Fire's call numbers. It will be housed primarily in Stockertown and will be incorporated into routine fire drills and training sessions and operated by Forks Fire personnel. The unit will serve as a reserve engine to Forks and an auxiliary response engine to the Forks and Stockertown response area.

The decision to choose Forks Township Fire Department was predicated on their professionalism and training, as well as their response time. Forks Fire has been providing

fire/rescue service to the Borough through Mutual Aid, since November of 2006, when Council voted 7-0 to remove Liberty Hose Fire Company as the designated fire protection provider, citing a multitude of infractions including the breach of their lease agreement.

The Fire Budget for 2007 is Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000), [up \$3,000 from 2006] and will be applied to the contract and the maintenance of the fire house and fire Engine 5112.

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Don't miss it!

Egg Decorating

**Rod & Gun Club—Friday
March 30th 7:00 PM**

Egg Hunt

**Newhart Park—Saturday
March 31st 1:00 PM
Rain Date—Sunday
April 1st 1:00 PM
For Information Call:
Suzy Wenzelberger
610 759-4067**

Coach Needed

We are looking for a coach to start a baseball or soccer team. If you are interested in coaching or would like to help in some way, call Sherman Metzgar 610 759-4557

PLANS FOR FIRE HOUSE TO BECOME FACILITY FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Plans are being considered to convert the former fire house into an emergency services facility, capable of supporting the Fire House Sub-Station, the Police Department and an Emergency Management area. The hope is to create enough workable space to

house the fire truck, and the police cars in the bay area. There will be areas for the Police department, and Emergency Management which will be shared with Forks Fire personnel in the event of an emergency. There is common kitchen and bathroom space.

Bid specifications will be advertised in the near future to repair/replace the leaking roof. That cost will be factored into the projected costs for the planned modifications and repairs to determine what can feasibly be done this year.

DIRECTORY

BOROUGH MAYOR
Sherman Metzgar

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

BOROUGH SECRETARY
Donna Frey

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
Jason Martin, Chairman
Robert Danner,
Secretary
Jack Fatzinger
Charles Davis

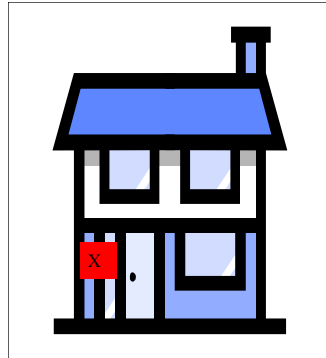
**ZONING HEARING
BOARD As Needed**
Kim Malavolta, Chairman
Morgan Schafer
Eric Wentzelberger

TAX COLLECTOR
Connie Marakovits
610 759-3015

BOROUGH OFFICE
610 759-8393

REFLECTIVE HOUSE NUMBERING COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE.

On February 2nd 2004, Stockertown Borough passed an ordinance regarding the



Please take the time to address this issue. It could save your life.

placement of address numbers on homes for the purpose of accurate and easy identification by emergency personnel.

While many of you have done a great job of tastefully and creatively placing your house numbers in a variety of locations on your premise, many of the numbers blend into the landscape. Many of the numbers are white on a white house, or gold on a gold plate, which makes them difficult or impossible to read after dark.

We urge each resident to take

a few minutes to view their house numbers, taking into consideration those conditions mentioned above as well as the immediate purpose of their placement. In addition to your current location, we strongly suggest a replacement or second placement of house numbers.

The optimal location is eye level on the door jam or immediate area near the door, adjacent to the street of designation. They should be a minimum of three inches in height and reflective.

FIRE CONTRACT WITH FORKS

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Residents of Stockertown who wish to volunteer for fire-fighting or fire police, are welcome to apply to the Forks Township Fire Department. Applicants will be subject to all Forks Township Fire Department membership standards and procedures, and held to the same requirements of

service as a Forks Regional Public Safety Provider.

The station is located at 1606 Sullivan Trail. For information call 610 330-2200. or visit their web site at forksfire.com.

In the past, the Borough fire company was called to help with pumping out flooded basements during heavy rain

storms. If you have a flood condition, and need help pumping water, the Borough Road Department will now assist residents with their water removal as time permits.

Look for info in the next newsletter regarding burning in the Borough. Currently there is no open fire burning allowed in the Borough. Any fire pit, burning barrel, or Chiminea, must have a wire spark arrester covering the top.

MEET JASON MARTIN



Jason Martin applied for, and was selected by the Borough Council in January to fill a vacated seat for a term of one year to expire on December 31, 2007. He has lived in the Borough for five years. He is married and has three young children. Jason works as a correction officer in New Jersey. He is currently serving his third year on the planning commission and is its chairman. He plans to con-

tinue working with the planning commission to develop a comprehensive plan for the Borough.

NOTICE

Stockertown is currently advertising for part time labor for the Public Works Department mornings and/or afternoons. Must be 21 years of age or older. Application can be made at Borough Hall.

ABOUT YOUR SEWER

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING BUT TOILET WASTE, KITCHEN & BATH WATER SHOULD EVER ENTER THE SEWER SYSTEM!

In our Lagoon System, waste water (WW) from your home flows through underground pipes to the sewer plant on Winonna Street. It enters the influent chamber (pit) and goes to a grinder. **It is here that towels, diapers, feminine products, dead animals, rocks, clothes, grease and food items** also encounter the grinder, halting the process until the operator can free the debris from the grinder. As the process continues, the WW is pumped into the first of three lagoons (ponds) where live "Bio-Bugs", added to the water daily, set to work eating the waste and ammonium nitrate,

breaking down the waste in the liquid. The WW flows from there into the second lagoon where it rests or "settles out" the solid matter. Here is where the towels, feminine products, clothing, rocks and other matter settle to the bottom of the lagoon only to become sludge or Biosolids. The grease will float on top of the lagoon, robbing the water of diffused oxygen and sticking to aerators and pipes. The WW is pumped to the third lagoon where it is oxygenated by underwater bubble diffusers like those in a fish tank. This process replenishes the oxygen and aids removal of toxic nitrogen. From there it is pumped onto a sand filter, which drains into a spillway which passes under an ultra-violet light and out into the Little Bushkill Creek as potable water. The Lagoon System works

well in warmer climates, but our winter temperatures chill the WW killing the Bio-Bugs, which in turn causes ammonia levels to raise above accepted levels. There is a delicate balance to maintain.

When foreign matter enters the WW system the balance is altered in many ways. The by-product of these non-sewer items, sludge, also needs to be removed from the lagoon more frequently by special haulers at a very high expense to the Borough. When hot tub or pool water full of chlorine, or surges of sump pump water after a storm, is dumped into the WW system, it destroys the Bio-Bugs and again, the balance. **The sewer is not a kitchen garbage disposal. It does not accept clothing, diapers, feminine products and grease with out serious consequences. PLEASE!** Also, by Ordinance: "It is unlawful to discharge ground water, pool or sump pump water into the Borough's sewer system." Thank You.

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

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
Rental Information & Memberships
Richard Tobias
610 759-9255**

BUS STOP ON OLD EASTON ROAD CHANGED

After many months of controversy and the persistence of Borough Council, the Transportation Department of Nazareth School District has agreed to change the bus stop on Old Easton Road. Transportation Director, Marge Grube, visited the stop on two consecutive days to evaluate

safety conditions and complaints. To everyone's delight, Ms Grube agreed to issued the following statement to the Borough and all families affected by the change:

"Beginning on Monday, March 26, 2007 your present bus stop at the Corner of Main and Old Easton Road

will be moved to the Corner of Main and Hillside Ave. The pick up and drop off times will remain the same so please have your child/children at the new bus stop at the appropriate time.

Since we are moving this stop, I also ask that you do not park on Old Easton Road but confine all parking to Hillside Ave."

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Question: We would like to have a family reunion this summer. How can we rent the park?

Answer: There is no rental fee for Borough Residents to use Newhart Park . There is a \$50.00 rental fee for non-residents. Reservation must be made by calling the Borough Secretary, Donna Frey at 610-759-8393. The park includes a pavilion, volleyball court, restrooms, running water, electric, charcoal grills,

handicap parking, and a children's play area. A small clean-up fee may be assessed. Park rules and regulations can be obtained from the Borough Secretary .

Question: I have just moved to Stockertown. Is there re-cycling here?

Answer: We have a voluntary recycling program in the Borough. Residents should sort their recyclables and deposit them in the proper containers located at the Borough Garage

on Lefevre Road. There are containers for Cardboard, Commingled (Metal, Glass, and Plastic), and Newspaper only.

If you have questions for council or have suggestions or concerns for the good of the community, please e-mail stock-boro@rcn.com or send your question to Borough Newsletter, P.O. Box 174, Stockertown, PA 18083

FRIENDSHIP WORD SEARCH

Happy Easter * Happy Passover

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 COMPANIONS
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 FUN

GIFT
 GIRFRIEND
 GOOD
 HELP
 LAUGHTER
 LEND
 LIKENESS
 LOYALTY
 PAL
 PRANKS
 SAVE
 SHARE

TALK
 TEMPER
 TIMES
 VACATION

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not get bent out of shape!

MOM'S SURVIVAL TIPS

1. Don't sweat your every mistake or faux pas. They make up for the things you got away with that nobody knows about.
2. Avoid marrying anyone who deliberately flushes the toilet when you're taking a shower.
3. When someone tells you that what he's about to say is "for your own good," expect the worst.
4. You children may leave home, but their stuff will be in your attic and basement forever.
5. If someone says "I know what I mean, but I just can't put it into words," he doesn't know what he means.
6. Two people cannot operate a TV remote control in the same room at the same time.
8. Don't waste time trying to be your own best friend. You can't pat yourself on the back, and it's unsatisfying to cry on your own shoulder. Find a real friend instead.
9. Don't take life too seriously, no one gets out alive.
10. Be true unto thine self.