

STOCKERTOWN NEWS

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

God Bless America!

With heat indexes over 100 degrees remember to check on your elderly neighbors. Keep the sun screen and plenty of liquids handy for the kids. Provide shade and plenty of water for your pets and don't take them in the car with you.

This summer there seem to be more snakes than usual, especially around watery areas, and as always the ever present tick population, so be aware.

Stockertown Memory Books are still available in the Borough Office.

Enjoy your summer.
Stay cool!

YOUR TAX DOLLARS IN THE TOILET

Here is a unique opportunity to show how some of your tax dollars are being spent and why. The Borough just paid **\$78,990** to have sludge removed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). Sludge is the residual matter that does not break down during the biological process. As it settles from the liquid it accumulates to form a mat of solid material on the pond floor.

Sludge in part, is composed of all those items that are mentioned in every Newsletter where you as residents are repeatedly begged not to wash down your sinks and flush down your toilets. Most notably grease, feminine products, and flushable wipes. "Flushable" only means it will pass through your pipes. It does not mean it will deteriorate in a biological WWTP plant.

As the second phase of this project, proposals are being sought for the removal and replacement of the sand in the sand filter, which is also affected by sludge that remains in the liquid which ends up in the sand filter causing it to bind and clog. Both of these removal processes are only done by a few specialized companies and require strict DEP regulation and permitting which escalates the cost. The proposed cost for sand removal and replacement is **\$162,000**. While this is all part of WWTP maintenance, the less improper matter such as grease, wipes, feminine products, diapers, and rags that enter the WWTP, the less sludge will accumulate and need to be removed. The Borough pays **\$77,099** a year for trash removal. Please use it for your household and personal trash.

SOME PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Borough Council has asked the **SYA** (Stockertown Youth Association) to consider funding one or both of the two replacement bleachers at the ball field located on LeFevre Road, noting that their origin in the late 1950's centered completely around baseball and the youth in Stockertown. It would seem a fitting tribute to the many who participated in the youth teams, as well as improving an asset to Borough property. The cost of two sets of aluminum bleachers with shipping similar in size to the existing bleachers which are 30+ years old is \$7,360. The SYA to date has not made a decision on funding one or both bleachers.

The Borough is applying for grant dollars for borough wide security devices as well as an LED illuminated community sign.

Under a separate grant emergency management is applying for a siren as a means to warn residents of pending weather or other hazardous conditions.

The Chrin signalization project is underway and will soon cause havoc like you've never seen at the intersection of Main and Industrial Blvd. Try to focus on the end result which will presumably, through multiple traffic lights, ease the flows of traffic through town. Practice patience and leave earlier.

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BOROUGH MAYOR
Sherman Metzgar

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Mondays at 7:30 PM
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Footnotes from the Borough

* **Newhart Park** is available for summer parties, reunions, and picnics. Residents can reserve the Park for \$25.00 and a \$50.00 refundable fee. The park is available through October. Contact the Borough Office for reservations. 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.

* Remember, it is unlawful to discharge ground water, pool or sump pump water into the Borough's sewer system.

* We no longer accept ANY branches or yard waste at the WWTP. Please bundle and tie all branches and put with weekly trash pick-up. Violators will be prosecuted.

* Stockertown has a **Fire and Burn Ordinance. It eliminates all open burning within the Borough limits except for recreational fires.** "Recreational fire" means any deliberately set fire ignited in the confines of a fire ring, chiminea, 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.** Prohibited fires include burning of any refuse, construction waste, hazardous material, or trees, brush, stumps, leaves, and grass clippings. With the excessive heat and dry weather, the County, from time to time imposes a countywide NO BURN ban. Call the County non-emergency at 610 330-2200 before considering any recreational burn.

* Just as with shoveling sidewalks in the winter, residents are responsible for removing the weeds on their sidewalks in the summer.

* Skateboarding is prohibited anywhere in the Borough by Ordinance. Residents may use the Nazareth Skateboard Park located at the Nazareth Pool and Park on North Broad Street.

* The Police Department is equipped to temporarily contain a lost pet until its owner can be located - **if your pet will allow an officer to capture it.** This may save the pet from being taken to the SPCA, the Borough from paying the drop-off fee, and the owner from paying the fee to retrieve their pet from the SPCA. Please have identification tags on your pets, (cats and dogs), and make every effort to protect and contain them. All pets should be on a leash when on Borough or Public property. **If your pet should defecate on public property you are responsible to clean it up immediately and dispose of it in a trash receptacle, or be fined.**

* The Borough is accepting applications for part time employment for the Public Works Department. For information and an application please contact the Borough office.

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,
Chief
Timothy Weis, Marshall

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Alex Soloe

D.E.P. 610 861-2070 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

POST OFFICE

610 759-6278

STOCKERTOWN YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Info 610 759-4067

STOCKERTOWN ROD AND GUN CLUB

Info & Memberships
610 759-9255

The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, someone else always does.