

# STOCKERTOWN NEWS

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## APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE & ANIMAL ABUSE MONTH

**We think we're being kind by taking our pets shopping with us. We're just going to be a minute. Then we find a sale, or meet a friend and 10 minutes later, at 75° outside, with the windows half open, your car interior can reach 103°, and in 20 minutes it's 120°. Children and pets can suffer irreparable brain damage after a very short time in these conditions.**

**PLEASE  
Don't leave your  
Children or pets  
in the car!**

## “Spring has sprung”....finally!

Spring brings “everyone” outside. Children become prime targets for abduction from streets and parks when left unattended. Stockertown is located within minutes of three major interstate highways making an abductor's escape route more difficult to follow. Be vigilant! Be aware!

Our parks are open and available to all residents for parties and picnics through October. Call the Boro office for reservations.

As the weather warms and grilling season approaches remember **open fires are prohibited** in the Borough. Recreational fires are permitted only if the fire pit or receptacle is covered by a spark arrester. Refer to the Fire Burn Ordinance available on the web site or at the Boro office.

This winter has been extremely hard on roads and alleys. Public Works is busy working to repair and replace the deteriorated road surfaces. Some areas are beyond the department's capabilities and will require an outside contractor. Please be patient.

Public Works will be cleaning cinders from Boro streets in early May, date to be announced. Please sweep cinders from sidewalks to the street for clean-up. This clean up will require equipment rental and will be a **one time event only**.

The Boro is providing a one time pick-up of branches and limbs. The pick-up date will be **Thursday, May 1st**, or rain date of May 2nd. Place branches on the curb by 7:00 am Thursday. Do not tie branches. No rocks, soil, or other debris will be removed.

It's time to check your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries. Alarms of both types can be purchased at your local hardware, Wal-Mart, Lowes or Home Depot and could save your family's life.

If you or someone you know has special needs of any type such as oxygen dependency, wheel chair needs, blindness, or hearing impairment, please notify the Boro Secretary to add them to our emergency help list. **All calls are anonymous and confidential**. Our goal is to be able to provide safety and comfort to our residents with special needs in the event of any emergency. The Boro Hall and EMS Facility buildings are equipped as a shelters when needed.

## DIRECTORY

**BOROUGH MAYOR**  
Charles Davis

**BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays  
209 Main Street 7:30 PM  
Amy Richard, President  
Kathleen Zdonowski,  
Vice President  
Cindy Hower  
Rosemarie Wenzelberger  
A. Joseph Gosnell  
Robin Davis  
Carl Zito

**BOROUGH OFFICE**  
610 759-8393  
Anita Caughy  
Chris Burmood

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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.**  
Carl Hennings  
Jeff Forrer  
Todd Lichtenwalner  
Wade Robinson

**ZONING OFFICER/  
BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
John Soloe

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Meets Monthly  
2nd Monday 7:30 PM  
Sean Dooley, Chairman  
Kathleen Zdonowski  
A. Joseph Gosnell  
Joel Zingone

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

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

A GUIDE TO CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS WWW.READY.GOV (IS-22) is FEMA's most comprehensive source on individual, family and community preparedness. The guide has been revised to provide the public with the most current and up-to-date emergency disaster preparedness information available.

THE CHILDHELP NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE **1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)** WWW.CHILDHELP.COM, is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse. Serving the United States, its territories, and Canada, the Hotline is staffed **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** with professional crisis counselors who, through interpreters, can provide assistance in 170 languages. The Hotline offers crisis intervention, information, literature, and referrals to thousands of emergency, social service, and support resources. **All calls are anonymous and confidential.**

WWW.HUMANESOCIETY.ORG  
**Animal cruelty is a crime in every state in the US.** If you witness or know about animal abuse, animal neglect or animal fighting, report it to your state or local police department. 610 759-3232. You should also contact your animal control agency, the SPCA and Humane Society. If it's an emergency, call 911.

### What Constitutes Cruelty

**Neglect** – denying an animal adequate food, water, shelter (a dog house) medical care (has apparent injuries that have not been treated), clean area or an animal chained in a yard.

**Violence** – deliberately torturing, beating, mutilating an animal.

**Crime** - Most acts of violence or negligence to animals are punishable by law.

**Vulnerable children and defenseless animals depend on all of us to protect them.**

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### STOCKERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

**NON-EMERGENCY**  
610 330-2200  
610 759-3232, Office  
John Soloe, Chief  
Joseph Straka  
Joseph Vrabel  
Eric Schwab  
Miroslav Djindjiev  
Keith Snyder  
Amal Brown  
Alex Soloe  
Adam Shimer

## 911

### FORKS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
Alex Soloe

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

**POST OFFICE**  
Postmaster  
610 759-6278

**S.Y.A.**  
Info 610 759-4067

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

One can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he gives up.