

STOCKERTOWN NEWS

**It's a privilege and
your duty to vote
on election day,
NOV. 2nd !**

“Memories of Stockertown”

The Centennial Committee has finished their publication “Memories of Stockertown” filled with pictures and rich history. The 274 page book will be published in mid October, and will be available for sale shortly after at a cost of \$20.00 each. The books can be purchased at Borough Hall at a time to be posted. The net proceeds will be returned to the Centennial Fund for projects in the Parks and Playgrounds.

MEMORIAL HALL MEETING

Council will be addressing the former Social Hall at their regularly scheduled meeting on **October 18th at 7:30 PM.** The Hall has been the topic of many Newsletter articles and discussions always laced with controversy and emotion. Memorial Hall dates back to 1947, when a portion of the existing structure was erected to honor veterans of World War II. Over time the former fire house was built next door and ownership of the property was transferred to the Fire Company, Liberty Hose. The usage eventually declined to a bingo hall laden with debt. The Borough negotiated with the Fire Company to purchase the property from foreclosure. The Hall has been vacant since December of 2006. In its current state, Memorial Hall is contaminated with mold; the roof leaks; the boiler needs to be replaced; the water pipes need to be replaced throughout the building; the bathrooms need to be upgraded to ADA compliance. The entire kitchen will need to be gutted and redone with new coolers, ovens, vents and cabinets. Ceiling tiles need to be replaced, and the tile flooring is asbestos and must be removed and replaced. Windows are the metal casing type, and the exterior is anything but appealing. Depending on its use, an elevator may be required, or a kitchen may not be relevant. The question is how to fund any intended use. The options are many, but none will be without significant cost. Estimates for interior renovations conservatively range from \$350,000 to \$700,000 depending on its eventual use. The exterior facade will likely be in excess of \$100,000. Estimates to raze the building, remove debris, and fill the foundation to grade are in excess of \$50,000 with additional costs for removal of the asbestos materials. The property was appraised first by Belon Appraisal Group, of Easton, valuing the building “as-is” at \$125,000. The land if vacant was valued at \$85,000. This report was based solely on the comparative sales

approach as there were no similar sales within the last three years in the area. The second appraisal from Coldwell Banker Heritage Real Estate, of Bethlehem valued the Hall “as-is” at \$200,000 and no value was offered on the land if vacant. The current cost to insure the structure is between \$1,600 and \$2,000. On October 23, 2009 there was a special meeting to discuss Memorial Hall. Approximately 25 people attended with a slide show presentation of the building’s interior and exterior. There were offers to help clean up inside, offers to repair doors and gutters, offers to buy the building for a dollar to remove Borough liability, and someone suggested they knew of grants to fund repairs. To date, 15 months later, no one has come forward with a financial plan, a usage plan, or evidence of an association formed for the purpose of funding or revitalizing Memorial Hall. One resident at the meeting summed it up succinctly, “*...You will never get the Memorial Hall back, what you had before!...No matter what you do,....it was let go...and now, all of a sudden you want to rebuild it, take all this money...you have people losing their jobs, losing their homes...and you're worried about Memorial Hall. Where will all the money come from?*” Memorial Hall is the property of the Borough of Stockertown, and renovation could be funded from the Borough’s Investment account or a bond could be floated for the project. **Is there a desire to use tax dollars for a project of this magnitude? Will it benefit the majority of the residents? How long will it take to get a return on the investment?** Its future use must be determined. We encourage all civil participation. By Amy Richard

The SYA is hosting a Halloween Party at the Stockertown Rod and Gun Club Sun. October 24th from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. Come in costume. Prizes and treats provided.



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| <p>DIRECTORY</p> | <p>Footnotes from the Borough</p> | <p>EMERGENCY SERVICES</p> |
| <p>BOROUGH MAYOR Sherman Metzgar</p> <p>BOROUGH COUNCIL Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:30 PM 209 Main Street Amy Richard, Pres. Paul Zaboy, V. Pres. Cindy Hower Jack Fatzinger Rose Wenzelberger A. Joseph Gosnell Carl Zito</p> <p>BOROUGH OFFICE 610 759-8393</p> <p>BOROUGH SOLICITOR Gary N. Asteak</p> <p>PUBLIC WORKS Charles Davis, Super. Royce Getz Jeff Forrer Paul Zaboy Jr.</p> <p>ZONING OFFICER John Soloe</p> <p>PLANNING COMMISSION Meets Monthly 2nd Monday 7:30 PM Sean Dooley, Chairman A. Joseph Gosnell Dave Danner Joel Zingone Vacancy</p> <p>ZONING HEARING BOARD As Needed Morgan Schafer Kim Malavolta Lucienne Dooley</p> <p>TAX COLLECTOR Connie Marakovits 610 759-3015</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough Council is currently working on the 2011 budget. In addition to expenses like wages, postage and supplies, electric, and fuel oil, other items being considered are WWTP expenses associated with the pilot project to mitigate ammonia, a website design, updates to the Police Dept's communication and investigative equipment and a chipper and pipe finder for Public Works. We take this process seriously and are committed to looking at every line item individually and assessing its validity in an effort to provide the essential services first and then the extra amenities the taxpayer is accustomed to, while keeping within the current tax structure. Because of the economy, our anticipated interest income will be significantly lower as well as income from the Borough's EIT, transfer tax and (unpaid) property taxes, all of which comprise the operating capital for the Borough. • Please note this change: NEW non-emergency number 610 759-2200. Do not use the number on the 911 magnets (610 330-2200). • Leaf pick-up will resume on weekdays starting November 1st and end on November 30th depending on the weather. PLEASE do not include branches, limbs, stones, or other solid matter in your leaf piles as such items will damage the equipment. • Branches will no longer be accepted at any location until further notice. • Remember it is unlawful to push or shovel snow from your property onto a public street in the Borough. • It would be helpful for snowplowing if residents living on Dogwood Lane, Old Easton Road, Lincoln Avenue and other streets without curbs, would place reflectors along your property edge to help guide the plows. • Residents of Long's Development and others who park on public streets, please remove your cars from the roadway during a snow storm so the plows can clean the whole street and avoid damage to vehicles. It may become necessary to hire outside contractors and they will not be as tolerant of obstructions as they plow, and they may not make multiple passes. • You have 24 hours in which to clear your sidewalks after a snowfall. • Adopt a fire hydrant. If you live near a hydrant, please take five minutes and shovel around it. It could save precious time for a Squad or Fireman.. • Nazareth Ambulance Corp is our Emergency Service provider. When you receive and respond to their membership request, you are helping defer training and operational costs as well as lowering your cost for service. • Forks Volunteer Fire Co is our Fire Protection provider and they have included Stockertown in their yearly campaign. Your donation helps fund training and purchase equipment which helps protect you. • Nothing but toilet waste, kitchen and bath water should enter your sewer line. NOT diapers, feminine products, cloth, or grease. The sewer plant is not a landfill, but a delicate balance of biological processes. Please help! | <p>STOCKERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>NON-EMERGENCY 610 759-2200 610 759-3232, Office John Soloe, Chief Joseph Straka Joseph Vrable Molly Brown Alex Soloe</p> <p>911</p> <p>FORKS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY</p> <p>NON-EMERGENCY 610 759-2200 Charles Chapman, Chief Timothy Weis, Marshall</p> <p>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Charles Davis</p> <p>D.E.P. 610 861-2070</p> <p>POST OFFICE Glen Springer, Postmaster 610 759-6278</p> <p>STOCKERTOWN YOUTH ASSOC. Info 610 759-4067</p> <p>STOCKERTOWN ROD AND GUN Info & Memberships 610 759-9255</p> |

October is Brest Cancer Awareness Month: Know the Symptoms and What to Do

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| 1. New lump in the breast or under armpit. | 6. Breast pain or any change in size or shape. |
| 2. Thickening or swelling of part of the breast. | 7. Get regular mammograms and do self-examines. |
| 3. Irritation or dimpling of the breast skin. | 8. Control weight, exercise, and alcohol consumption. |
| 4. Redness or flaky skin in the nipple area. | 9. Learn risks/benefits of Hormone Replacement |
| 5. Nipple discharge other than breast milk. | 10. Know family history. Men also get breast cancer. |

“Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work, and give to those who are not.”
~Thomas Jefferson