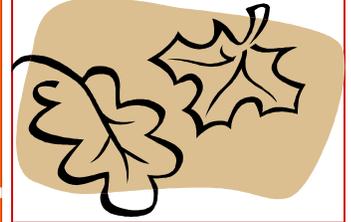


# STOCKERTOWN NEWS



## Trick or Treat

Monday  
October 31st  
6:00-8:00 PM

## Halloween Party

Sunday  
October 23rd  
2:00-4:00 PM  
Rod & Gun Club  
LeFevre Road  
Come in Your  
Costume  
Games & Re-  
freshments

## Christmas Party

Sunday  
December 11th  
Rod & Gun Club  
LeFevre Road  
4:00-7:00 PM  
Please bring a  
covered dish.  
Additional food &  
drink provided.  
Santa has gifts.

## Vote

11/08/2011

## SEWER BILL RUMORS

**Rumor:** "The sewer bills are going to double or triple!" **NOT SO!**

**Fact:** What was presented at the September 19th Council meeting, was a written report, recapping the costs associated with the various types of ammonia mitigation projects tried over the last four or five years, including the most recent chlorination/dechlorination pilot project, (which DEP rejected).

The report also listed several alternatives with corresponding estimated costs *which if implemented*, could increase the yearly sewer fees by as much as 250% to 300%.

**However**, it was already determined

that these alternative options were cost prohibitive and **would not** be considered. They were mentioned only to illustrate the fact that there was little more the Borough could do to mitigate the ammonia violations without seeking some relief from DEP. The purpose of the report was to reiterate the actions taken to eliminate ammonia and to demonstrate the need for the Borough to petition the DEP for relief through the courts to resolve the violations. It's ridiculous to assume that Council would take any action that would put such an excessive burden on its residents.

## MEMORIAL HALL RUMORS

**Rumor:** "Now there's a plan to build a *Taj Mahal* Municipal Center on the Memorial Hall footprint."

**No!** There is no such plan! It is, however, the hope and desire of current Council members that in time, and as the economy rights itself, the Borough will be able to erect a modest structure to accommodate the council chambers and office, a zoning and planning office, and the police department all under one roof. **Additionally**, there would be an area designed as a meeting hall and social activities center for Borough residents that could also double as an emergency shelter if needed. This long term goal would most definitely be predicated on the economy and funding through grants and other outside sources of income, as well as income derived from the rental of the current Municipal Hall. It's a great project to look forward to and plan for.



This fine old legend will live on in the hearts and minds of many, though in its most recent state, it was more of a discredit than a tribute to the fine men and women for whom it was dedicated.

In the end, through the generosity of Beatty Construction, a Boy Scout Camp was given pots, dishes and silverware, and a church group was given glassware, large pots and chairs.

The total cost for inspections, bid specifications, asbestos removal and demolition was \$46,765.

# 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  
Rosalie Mondello  
Chris Burmood

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR**  
Gary N. Asteak

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.**  
Charles Davis  
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 Zingone  
Kathleen Zdonowski

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

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

# MORE MISINFORMATION CLARIFIED



**Rumor:** "They bought a new truck and nobody even knew about it!"

**Fact:** The 1998 Ford dump truck was in bad need of repair and parts are unavailable through a dealer. Big thanks to the Public Works Department for their research and finding SMF (Sheet Metal Fabricators). The truck frame was sand blasted, calipers, brake and hydraulic lines, spreader controls, electrical harnesses and master cylinder were repaired or replaced. Automatic chains and a fresh coat of paint were added and the cost was \$16,004.03. This was the alternative to purchasing a new or used truck.

**Rumor:** "How much did that new police car set us back?"

**Fact:** This 2011 Ford Explorer, fully equipped, cost the Borough only \$3,825. The Borough applied for four grants to the Northampton County Gaming Commission. We were awarded two of the four: a grant of \$30,000 for a patrol car, and a grant for \$5,500 for a computer system to replace the current Police Department computer in service since 2004. Many thanks to the Chief and his department for an excellent job on the grant and the PowerPoint presentation which ultimately won the grant.

**Clarification:** The Rails to Trails project is anticipated to cost between \$200,000 to \$250,000. The Borough was awarded a DCNR grant in the amount \$100,000, and 2001 Bond Issue Funds in the amount of \$29,000. The balance of the funds must come from the Borough. However, the balance will include significant in-kind contributions in place of dollars. We have commitments from Buzzi (Hercules) for stone

and binder for the base of the trail as well as lumber from Universal Wood Products for the bollards, gates, fences and benches. The anticipated out of pocket expense from the Borough for this project is approximately \$55,000. FYI: for those who border the trail, the designated design firm and surveyors teams will be up and down the trail property in the next few months. Please remove any personal property.

**Clarification:** People have ask to place personal notices and advertisements in the Stockertown News publication, with any fees being used to offset the cost of the publication. The Stockertown News is printed in-house with the sole purpose of providing information relevant to the activities of Borough Council to the residents of Stockertown. The vast majority of residents

do not attend council meetings. If water runs from their spigot, the toilet flushes, and the garbage disappears on Monday, life is good in Stockertown. One could assume either they don't care, or they trust those whom they have elected to do the right thing. Taking nothing for granted, the newsletter brings a compilation of the important issues before Council, to you.

## Footnotes from the Borough

- Borough Council is currently working on the 2012 budget. Along with reoccurring expenses like wages, postage and supplies, electric, fuel oil and gasoline, other items being considered are a new chipper, Rails to Trails construction, the pavilion at Newhart Park, office computers, and road resurfacing.
- Leaf pick-up will resume weekdays starting November 1st through December 2nd, weather permitting. Please place leaves at the curb. PLEASE do not include branches, limbs, stones, or other solid matter in your leaf piles as such items will damage the equipment. Place these out for trash collection.
- Until further notice, we will not be accepting branches at the sewer plant area.
- There are still Stockertown Memory books for sale in the Boro Office for \$20.
- The website [stockertown.org](http://stockertown.org) is up and running, though only partially. It is anticipated to fully completed by Thanksgiving.
- As we all prepare to drain our swimming pools, please remember, by ordinance, "It is unlawful to discharge ground water, sump pump water or pool water into the Borough sewer system."
- As winter approaches please remember you have 24 hours in which to clear your sidewalks after a snowfall. 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 who will not be as tolerant of obstructions as they plow, and they may not make multiple passes.
- Adopt a fire hydrant near your home. Take five minutes and shovel around it. It could save precious time for an Emergency 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 has included Stockertown in their yearly campaign. Your donation helps fund training and purchase equipment which helps protect you.
- Thanks to all who have headed the pleas to treat the WWTP with care. There are still those who do not. **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 garbage disposal, but a delicate balance of biological processes. Please help!

## 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  
 Nathan Correll  
 Kendall Collins

# 911

### FORKS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
 Charles Davis

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

**POST OFFICE**  
 Postmaster  
 610 759-6278

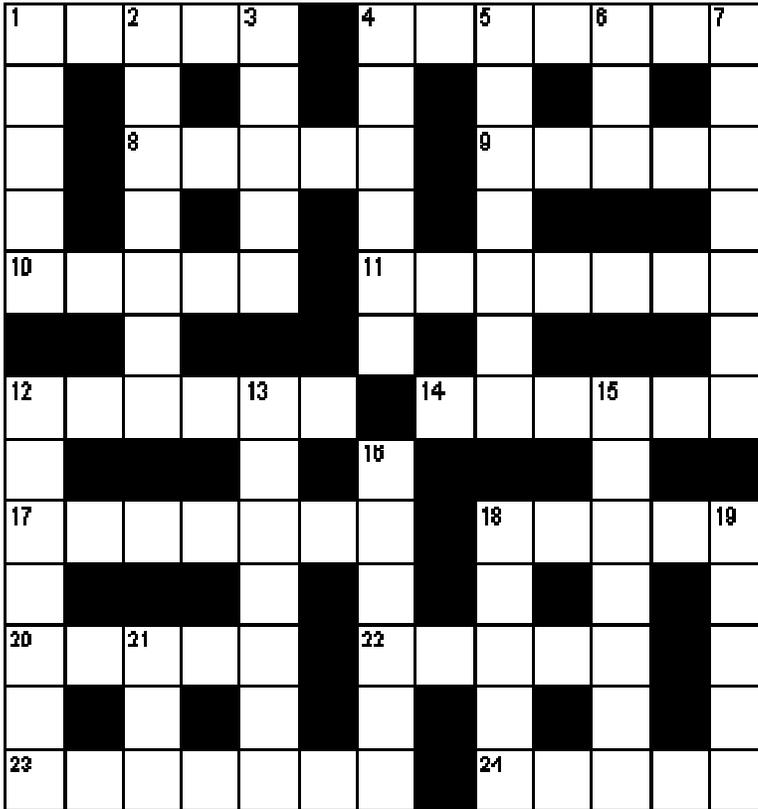
**STOCKERTOWN YOUTH ASSOCIATION**  
 Info 610 759-4067

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

For a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity, is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle ~ Winston Churchill

"Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work, and give to those who are not."

In this crossword there are two clues for each word.  
Can you work out which is true and which is false?



Across

1. Star / Planet (5)
4. Alert / Unwitting (7)
8. Discovers / Misplaces (5)
9. Piece of poetry / Piece of cake (5)
10. Tardy / Ahead of time (5)
11. Nine-sided shape / Square (7)
12. River / Street (6)
14. Dog house / Stable (6)
17. Fruit / Vegetable (7)
18. Headwear / Footwear (5)
20. Angry / Happy (5)
22. Lift / Lower (5)
23. Young / Old (7)
24. Comfortable / Spooky (5)

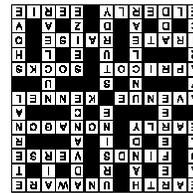
Down

1. Fish / Bird (5)
2. Player / Umpire (7)
3. Useful / Useless (5)
4. Relating to bears / Relating to cats (6)
5. Go forward / Retreat (7)
6. Atmosphere / Water (3)
7. Fleeting / Everlasting (7)
12. Generosity / Greed (7)
13. Ill-defined / Well-defined (7)
15. Type of power / Type of song (7)
16. Flimsy / Hardy (6)
18. Capture / Release (5)
19. Push / Pull (5)
21. Append / Deduct (3)

S V A M P I R E Z O M B I E B  
L N R E T N A L O K C A J Y O  
U B C B N G R A V E Y A R D E  
O G A K C O F F I N D A W N M  
H O N C T I T N K R C F E A U  
G B D I N O I E A S U G R C T  
W L L T N K M C L L A W E Y S  
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T N M M K L T M S R K B O E C  
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APPLES  
BATS  
BLACK CAT  
BROOMSTICK  
CANDLE  
CANDY  
CEMETERY  
COFFIN  
COSTUME  
DRACULA  
FRIGHTENING  
FULL MOON  
GHOSTS  
GHOULS  
GOBLINS  
GRAVEYARD  
JACK O LANTERN  
MASK  
MUMMY  
NIGHT

PUMPKIN  
SCARECROW  
SCARY  
SCREAM  
SKELETON  
SKULL  
SPIDERS  
TOMBSTONE  
VAMPIRE  
WEREWOLF  
WITCHES  
ZOMBIE



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DAYS



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

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