

Borough of Strasburg

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June 2009 Newsletter

STRASBURG NIGHT AT THE BARNSTORMERS WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2009

Save the date - **Wednesday, July 22, 2009!** Come to Clipper Stadium at 7:05 p.m. to enjoy a night of baseball and neighbors as the Lancaster Barnstormers take on the Long Island Ducks and celebrate the 4th annual **"Strasburg Night"**! The pre-game events will include activities honoring Strasburg, so get ready for some laughs and familiar sights.



For more information and tickets, please call Teresa Cramer at 687-6578.



WEATHER RADIOS AND DISASTER SUPPLIES ARE IMPORTANT

According to Police Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator F. Steven Echternach, each and every home, apartment and business within Lancaster County should have a tone-alerted weather radio. These radios sit silently in your home until activated by the National Weather Service in State College. It then gives you the emergency information you need to know for any type of natural or man-made emergency.

The radios will give you warnings in the middle of the afternoon or in the middle of the night when you are sleeping. Echternach stated, "In my mind, the most important emergency supplies are 1) smoke detectors, 2) weather warning radios and 3) a multiple day supply of food and medicines."

The radios are available in department, hardware and electronics stores for between \$20.00 and 35.00. When making a purchase, make sure it is Underwriters Laboratory approved and has battery back-up. In all Lancaster County communities, this is going to be the fastest way for everyone to be notified simultaneously of a pending disaster.

As part of your disaster planning, you should also have disaster supplies in your home for a 3 to 5 day period. For a list of supplies you need, go to www.lemma.co.lancaster.pa.us and click on "Preparedness Guides" on the right side home page column. If anyone has questions on the weather radios or disaster supplies, contact Lancaster County Emergency Management at 1-800-808-5236.

ROUTE 896 RELOCATION PROJECT UPDATE



Great strides are being made on construction of the relocated Route 896. As the project progresses, some rerouting of traffic will occur. By mid-July, work will shift to the Decatur Street end of the new road, resulting in a detour of vehicles traveling to and from the businesses along Historic Drive, including the Strasburg Post Office. When this detour is in place (for an estimated two and one-half months), motorists will need to access the area by using the new road from its intersection with Gap Road (Route 741) just east of Strasburg Borough, north to McCarter Lane, then through the Heritage Strasburg neighborhood (please drive with extra caution on this residential street). Also by early to mid-July, Fairview Road will be reopened north of the new Route 896; the stub of Fairview Road between Gap Road and the new road will remain closed to through traffic.

A spokesman for PennDOT, in evaluating progress on the new road, says that some aspects are behind schedule, while others are ahead; all things considered, they anticipate the whole project will be finished on time by early November of this year, barring any unforeseen weather delays.

Living with road construction has its aggravations, but our patience now will be rewarded with improved traffic conditions once it's all done. In the meantime, please remember to show courtesy to construction workers and your fellow drivers.

STRASBURG BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department has received a \$1,000 grant from the PA Attorney General's Office through an Alcohol and Drug Prevention grant that allowed the purchase of two portable breath analyzers to be placed in their marked patrol units. A \$4,500 grant was also received in the form of a Buckle-Up PA Grant, which can only be used for targeted seat belt and speed traffic enforcement.

School is out—please be mindful of the increased number of youth that will be about our community. Please practice safe driving habits and remember that **all of the Borough is a 25 MPH speed zone.**

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. This time of year there is always an increase in home improvement scams, and recent intelligence to law enforcement indicates that gypsy activity is already present in Lancaster County. Know who the service provider is before accepting a work proposal. Do not accept door-to-door solicitations of this type of activity unless the vendor has a license to solicit door-to-door within the Borough. Please check with the Police Department on any suspicious activity related to phone or mail solicitations.

Important Phone Numbers:

Emergencies: Call 911

Non-Emergencies: Call 1-800-957-2677 (Lancaster County-Wide Communications)

Strasburg Borough Police Department office: 687-7128

ORDINANCE REMINDERS

Residents are reminded of the following Borough Ordinances which are enforced by the Police Department (complete copies of these ordinances are available on the Borough's website at www.strasburgboro.org):



CURFEW - Parents are reminded that persons under the age of 18 are restricted by a curfew Sunday through Thursday 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from midnight to 5 a.m. During these hours, juveniles must be in the accompaniment of a parent or legal guardian. The ordinance makes the *parent* responsible for this misconduct.

STREET STORAGE & DUMPSTERS - Any street storage or dumpster placement on the street requires a permit.



BURNING - Open burning is prohibited on Sundays and Mondays as well as after dark. When permitted, any burning needs to be done at least 50 feet from any structures and under the personal supervision of a responsible adult.

HOUSE NUMBERS - For your safety and to assist emergency services to locate you quickly, you need to have your house numbered with at least 3" high numbers placed on or around your front door.



GRASS/WEEDS - Property owners or tenants are required to keep grass and weeds less than six inches in height.

WATER/SEWER BILLS - WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY BILL?

This is a frequently-asked question! The following schedule outlines when you can expect to receive your quarterly water/sewer bill, as well as the time frame it covers. Bills are due 30 days from the date of billing.

Water used in January, February & March is billed during the first week of April (1st Quarter)

Water used in April, May & June is billed during the first week of July (2nd Quarter)

Water used in July, August & September is billed during the first week in October (3rd Quarter)

Water used in October, November & December is billed during the second week in January (4th Quarter)

H1N1 Flu

The following information can help you provide safer care at home for sick persons during a flu pandemic.

- The main way that influenza viruses are thought to spread is from person to person in respiratory droplets of coughs and sneezes.
- This can happen when droplets from a cough or sneeze of an infected person are propelled through the air and deposited on the mouth or nose of people nearby. Influenza viruses may also be spread when a person touches respiratory droplets on another person or an object and then touches their own mouth or nose (or someone else’s mouth or nose) before washing their hands.
- People with swine flu who are cared for at home should:
 - check with their health care provider about any special care they might need if they are pregnant or have a health condition such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma, or emphysema
 - check with their health care provider about whether they should take antiviral medications
 - get plenty of rest and drink clear fluids (such as water, broth, sports drinks, electrolyte beverages for infants) to keep from being dehydrated
 - cover coughs and sneezes. Clean hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub often and especially after using tissues and after coughing or sneezing into hands.
 - avoid close contact with others – do not go to work or school while ill
 - be watchful for emergency warning signs (see below) that might indicate you need to seek medical attention

Keep Informed – Know the Resources - A defense that everyone can engage in is being informed! Below are several websites that you can access to learn more about the H1N1 Flu and other frequently asked questions.

www.health.state.pa.us www.pandemicflu.state.pa.us www.cdc.gov/swineflu

If you are interested in keeping up-to-date on these and other emergency management issues, please check our website (www.strasburgboro.org and then click on the Police Department page) where links to current Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency newsletters can be found.

Stop the spread of germs that make you and others sick!

Cover your Cough!

**Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
(and put your used tissue in the waste basket!)**

or

Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.

Clean your Hands After Coughing or Sneezing

Wash with soap and water

or

Clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner

DISPOSE AND RECYCLE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FROM YOUR HOME FREE OF CHARGE

You can dispose and recycle hazardous materials, **FREE OF CHARGE**, from your home at the only permanent, drive through, household hazardous waste facility in the United States right here in Lancaster County!

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority is located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, and is open 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

What materials does the HHW facility take for FREE?

- * Fire extinguishers
- * Floor & furniture polish
- * Pesticides, herbicides & insecticides
- * Kerosene & gasoline
- * Household batteries
- * Transmission & brake fluids, antifreeze, used motor oil & vehicle batteries
- * Mercury-containing devices – fluorescent bulbs (including compact bulbs), ballasts, thermometers & thermostats – Get a free digital thermometer when you bring in a mercury-containing device
- * Household cleaners
- * Paint, stains, turpentine, thinners & rust inhibitors
- * Adhesives
- * Photographic & pool chemicals
- * E-waste – computers, televisions and cell phones

Over 1,356,000 pounds of these materials were delivered to the HHW facility in 2008 by residents just like you!



STRASBURG FIRE COMPANY #1

As reported last year, the fire company added a 75' aerial truck to its inventory of fire equipment, receiving the apparatus in August 2008 and eventually placing it in service in November 2008 after an extensive 96 hours of truck training per fire fighter.

The 2009 35th annual mud sale was a huge success and generated the greatest amount of revenue (\$53,000) in the history of the sale. The fire company was extremely pleased with the excellent support received from the community for this event and is currently planning for the 36th annual sale February 27, 2010.

Several new members joined the fire company this year, and the company is always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in joining, please report to the fire station any Monday evening after 7 p.m. and you will receive an application as well as an explanation of the expectations required for new members.

We are presently in our annual fund drive mailing and appreciate the outstanding local financial support received from our answering area. Last year we received \$43,187 in contributions from property owners and residents. In addition to providing volunteer fire/rescue/EMS services to the community 365 days a year, 24 hours per day, the company also assists the police department with parade traffic control, special event spectator control, public service requests, and prepares dinner meals for the Strasburg Lions Club two times a month.

Future fund raising events:

2009

August 29 – Breakfast 6-10 a.m.
October 2 – Chicken Corn Soup Sale, Noon – 4 p.m.
October 3 – Fall Quilt and Craft Sale, 8:30 a.m.
October 31 – Breakfast 6-10 a.m.
November 14 – Family Style Turkey Supper, 3-7 p.m.

2010

January 30 – Breakfast 6-10 a.m.
February 26 – Chicken Corn Soup Sale, Noon – 4 p.m.
February 27 – 36th Annual Mud Sale, 8:30 a.m.
May 29 – Breakfast 6-10 a.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE STRASBURG-HEISLER LIBRARY?

The library has a brand-new look to its website, www.strasburglibrary.org due to the generosity of everyone who attended and donated to the annual Spring Fling at the Fireside Tavern in March. Our goal was to make our website not only eye-catching, but easier to navigate.

Now you can view current activities right off the *Home Page*. By clicking on the *Programs and Events* button, you can get details about our upcoming events, such as the dates, times, and age appropriateness of the programs. The very popular *New Arrivals* page contains a listing of all the newest books for adults, picture books for children, audio books, and DVDs. This list is updated as new materials come into the library. *Teens* have their own page with book lists and more! With a click of a mouse, you can open your own *Account* online. You can *Search the Catalog*, reserve an item, and view a list of all the materials you've checked out from the library. You can even place rating stars to indicate what you liked or didn't like. It's really easy!

Library Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday 1-4 p.m.



Everything you need to know about the *Summer Reading* program is a click away on its own navigation button. Get all the details about craft classes, video gaming nights, magicians, authors, musicians, when the reptiles will visit, and more!!! These special events are also listed on our *Calendar*. Please remember to call or stop in the library to register for these events since space is limited.

The *Homepage* also contains a number of quick links to *The Health Information Network*, *World Book Online*, *Tumblebooks* - interactive reading for children, and *Live Homework Help*. Please send us an e-mail and tell us what you think of our new website - our e-mail address is linked from the website too! Just click on *Contact Us*.

THE POWERHOUSE YOUTH CENTER

The Powerhouse Youth Center exists as a cooperative effort of the community of faith to provide a safe, nurturing and inclusive setting where teenage students (grades 6-12) can grow by connecting spiritually, socially and intellectually.

The Powerhouse opened in Fall 2008 and is continuing to grow. As the youth center grows the board is planning to implement some changes in order to attract even more students. Below is the schedule for the summer months. Please note these days and hours.

The youth center will be open Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. for all middle school students. There is a café, computer room, basketball court, pool table, ping pong table, foosball, a Wii, plus so much more! Come and hang out with your friends!

High Voltage is on Friday nights from 7-10 p.m. for all high school students. This is a time when high school students can come and relax in a safe environment. There is a summer full of activities such as Battle of the Bands, volleyball tournaments, movie nights, coffee houses, etc.

Thank you for your support of the youth center so far. Your generous donations and your support of the youth center have been appreciated very much. We, however, continue to ask for your financial support along with volunteers and prayer partners.

Please contact the Powerhouse Youth Center for more information or with any questions. Also check back often, especially for the new programs and new hours for Fall 2009!

The Powerhouse Youth Center, P.O. Box 72, Strasburg, PA 17579

Phone: 717-288-2005

E-mail: Strasburg.PowerHouse@gmail.com

STRASBURG COMMUNITY PARKS FOUNDATION



The **2009 ALL DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL IN THE PARK AMPHITHEATER** was a wonderful community event made possible by the generous support of the Paul R. Strubel VFW Post 8710 as well as local businesses and residents. This fundraising event featured eight live musical acts, crafts and food. The entertainment ran from noon to 8:00 p.m. The crowd was wowed by all of the tremendously talented musicians. With the one-time, all day admission of \$5.00, it was dubbed the “bargain of the summer.”

Ground breaking for the **NEW PARK PAVILION** was held Thursday, June 4, 2009. Construction should be completed by the end of June. Stop by and watch the post and beam structure being assembled.

Memorial trees and memorial benches are still available. Call Barb Rathbone-Frank for more details, 687-5662.

Park Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Office.

Volunteer Work Days at the Park on Precision Avenue: Last Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m., April through November. Volunteers are needed to do maintenance in the park such as mulching trees. Wear work clothing and gloves. For more information, contact Barb Rathbone-Frank at 687-5662.

STRASBURG HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Strasburg Heritage Society was chartered in 1972 and is dedicated to promoting the preservation, restoration and appreciation of our community’s cultural and historical heritage. The Society owns and is currently funding major restoration of the 1790 Shroy House at 122 South Decatur Street. They also own two adjacent properties: 124 South Decatur Street, another Shroy family home built c. 1887 which currently serves as The Strasburg Museum and Society headquarters, and the 1804 Methodist Meeting House at 126-128 South Decatur Street which will one day become part of the Strasburg Heritage Center museum complex. Tour the museum for local historic products and events and see the restoration being done at the Shroy House.

The Society invites the public to attend its monthly program series, held on the third Monday of each month from September to May (except for December) at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 South Decatur Street. The free programs feature speakers on a variety of historical topics.

For those interested in Strasburg’s historic buildings, a free brochure outlining a self-guided walking tour of the historic district is available at the Strasburg Borough Office, the Strasburg Museum, at many local shops, or by sending a self-addressed stamped business-size envelope to the Society’s mailing address (see below). Guided walking tours are available by reservation on Saturdays by calling 824-5159.

The 12th “Secret Gardens of Strasburg” garden tour to benefit the Society is scheduled for June 27 & 28 from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Sunday, rain or shine. Tickets are \$10 in advance from selected Center Square shops, at the Strasburg Weekly News office at 140 West Main Street, or \$12 day of tour.

Strasburg Heritage Day, an outdoor antique and craft fair with more than 80 exhibitors, is always held the first Saturday after Labor Day. Now in its 39th year, Heritage Day features great food, entertainment, craft demonstrations and quality exhibits. There is no admission charge. Each year a handmade Lancaster County quilt is raffled; “opportunities” are being sold now!

The Society has published two very popular books. The *Strasburg Heritage Cookbook* contains many local recipes with old photos of the town and sketches of old cooking utensils, and is available for purchase either by contacting the Society or through several local shops and businesses. *Our Strasburg Heritage—A Photographic Record* is a 160-page album of photos, documents and anecdotes of the town and its people.

For more information about the activities and publications of the Strasburg Heritage Society, or to inquire about membership visit the Web site www.strasburgheritagepa.org, or write to P.O. Box 81, Strasburg, PA 17579.



STRASBURG AREA SERTOMA CLUB

The Strasburg Area Sertoma Club is part of Sertoma International. Sertoma means SERVICE TO Mankind. The primary focus of our Sertoma Club is to raise funds to support the development and maintenance of the Strasburg Community Park. Over the past 9 years, Strasburg Sertomans have donated over \$60,000 to the Strasburg Community Parks Foundation. In addition, Sertoma Club members have donated many hours planting native trees and performing landscape maintenance in the park at monthly workdays. Like many other Sertoma Clubs, the Strasburg Sertomans help raise funds that benefit programs for persons with speech and hearing disorders. Annually the club provides a scholarship to a college-bound Lampeter-Strasburg student with a communicative disorder and/or who is preparing for a career in helping persons with speech or hearing problems.

Meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Fireside Tavern at the Historic Strasburg Inn. The meetings feature a specially priced dinner, guest speakers and business meeting. All are invited to join with other Strasburg area friends and neighbors who enjoy doing community service and having fun with others. For more information about the club, to make a reservation to attend a meeting, or to become a member, please contact the club's president, Cindy Baker, at 687-8027.

Upcoming Volunteer Projects and Fundraisers for Summer-Fall 2009:

Chicken Barbeque – Saturday, July 18, Wesley United Methodist Church, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2010 Strasburg Area Sertoma Club Calendar Sale Begins in September 2009 – The 2010 calendar features photographs of homes and scenes in our lovely town taken by local photographers. This special project is supported by many local businesses. Calendars are available at the Borough Office, local shops, or from any Sertoma member. Contact Ann Schein at 687-8494 for details.

Tree Planting at the Strasburg Community Park – Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Volunteers with wheelbarrows, shovels and work gloves are needed to help Strasburg Sertoma Club members plant native trees and shrubs in the park. Contact Barb Frank at 687-5662 for details.

STRASBURG LIONS CLUB

The Strasburg Lions Club is an active service club chartered in 1932 and celebrating its 77th anniversary in 2009. The Club has more than 60 members and welcomes men and women from the community to join this international service club.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at the Strasburg Fire Station. The Club provides financial support to local, national and international Lions projects, with emphasis on helping the vision-impaired and the prevention of blindness.

Each year the Club holds fundraisers such as our Spring and Fall sub sandwich sales, Pancake Day, Lions Mints, and car parking at the Strasburg Rail Road events. In the past 12 months, the Club has donated more than \$12,000 to District, International and local programs including more than \$6,000 to local community programs such as the Scout House, Brownies, Little League Baseball, The Strasburg Power House, Strasburg Playground, Lampeter-Strasburg Recreation Commission and scholarships to L-S students. Please contact any Lions Club member or call 397-4549 for more information about membership.



REMINDERS:

Flushing of the entire water system will be on Wednesday and Thursday, October 7 & 8, starting at 11:00 p.m. Please don't do laundry during these hours, as the water may be discolored.

Street Cleaning will be on Thursday and Friday, October 22 & 23. Please keep parked cars off the street starting at 7:30 a.m. on these days.

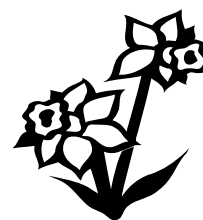
STRASBURG AREA WOMAN'S CLUB

The Strasburg Area Woman's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Pennsylvania Women's Clubs, was founded in 1965. The objective of this organization is to provide an opportunity for women to work together for the benefit of family and community and to support the Federation of Women's Clubs. The club motto is "Forward together through friendship and service."

The current membership has met this objective through many service projects including: making valentines and small boxes of candy which are delivered to veterans, making and delivering fruit baskets to those in need of a bit of cheer, selling daffodils for the American Cancer Society, and other community activities.

Through hard work and dedication of club members, together with the support of the community, the club has very successful fundraisers, the Spring Tea, L-S Soup Cook Off, Idol, and others. As a result, they have been able to give several scholarships to L-S graduates, provide "Christmas on the Square," and support other community activities and organizations.

The club also annually recognizes both a club member and a community member for their volunteer service. This year's recipients were Sylvia Hagy, Club Woman and Dorothy Mayhew, Community Woman. The club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month August through May, at the First Presbyterian Church in Strasburg at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining may contact Carolyn Groff, 398 Fairview Rd., Ronks PA 17572, or call 717-413-3733.



LANCASTER COUNTY HERITAGE PROGRAM WELCOMES YOUR INVOLVEMENT



Lancaster County is known for its Amish and Plain Sect communities, but local residents know that the county has a lot more to offer. Today, visitors are looking for destinations that take pride in their heritage. That's the idea behind heritage tourism. By raising awareness of authentic resources, heritage tourism builds community pride and encourages investment in preservation.

Fifteen years ago, the Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC) recognized the benefits that heritage tourism could have for the county, and worked with local partners to develop the Lancaster County Heritage program. This effort highlighted resources that authentically reflect the county's heritage. For many years, however, the program was put on hold as LCPC helped to create the Lancaster-York Heritage Region, an organization that focuses on preserving and promoting the heritage of Lancaster and York Counties.

In 2008, LCPC launched a "new and improved" Lancaster County Heritage program featuring new publications and a wider range of resource types. The program's focus was also broadened to include natural resources.

To make the program a success, LCPC staff and the program's Advisory Council encourage you to get involved! Resources designated in the past have been "grandfathered" into the program for the next two years, but the program is seeking new applicants. Eligible resources include historic places, museums, natural areas, lodging and dining facilities, tours, handcrafted products, and many others.

The program requires that participating resources meet criteria for authenticity, interpretation, and visitor readiness. To be designated, resources follow a process that begins with an application to LCPC staff, continues with Advisory Council review, and concludes with official designation by the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

For more information about the program, please visit the program's website, www.lancastercountyheritage.com, or contact LCPC staff person Kip Van Blarcom at 299-8333 or kvanblarcom@co.lancaster.pa.us.

**LANCASTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES ASSOCIATION**



Did you ever consider becoming an Emergency Medical Technician?

The EMT Program is a didactic, four-month course, which is held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. There are also three full weekends involved with the program, during which time the students pursue additional certifications in emergency vehicle operations, hazardous materials operations, and EMTs assisting with advanced life support. Since we began the program as a cooperative venture between Lancaster EMS and Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences, our graduating classes have consistently scored above average on their final written State test. We also boast a 100% pass rate on the State practical examinations for graduating EMTs.

Along with the additional certifications, our program sets itself apart by offering 40 hours of clinical time in Lancaster General Hospital's emergency room and on the Lancaster EMS ambulances, though our students routinely schedule additional shifts. The students' clinical time is spent with skilled and experienced preceptors. In the classroom, students are taught by seasoned EMS instructors, some with more than 30 years of EMS experience! At the completion of the program, we know that our graduates are proficient, professional, and talented pre-hospital clinicians.

We will begin a new class in September. Many students will enter the classroom with the same uneasy, yet excited, feeling about their chosen careers in EMS. With the support and leadership of our instructors and preceptors, we will once again guide them "safely" through the program, with the goal of, once again, graduating stellar pre-hospital providers.

The public expects that all ambulance crews deliver the highest quality of pre-hospital care. If you are ready to become part of a high quality team, please contact Program Director Vickie Horan at (717) 481-4841 ext. 33 or visit the Lancaster General College website (www.LancasterGeneralCollege.edu). The next EMT class starts on September 3, 2009 and the next Paramedic Program begins on January 11, 2010.

NEW L-S YMCA RECREATION CENTER OPENS

More than 300 people attended the grand opening of the new \$9.5 million Lampeter-Strasburg YMCA on Friday, May 22 in Village Park in Lampeter. The event also honored the hundreds of businesses and community members who donated a total of \$2.5 million toward the project.

The 38,000 square foot facility includes a large gymnasium for basketball and volleyball, indoor and outdoor pools, fitness rooms, and a workout room with more than 50 pieces of equipment, including treadmills and stationary bikes. The facility also features a childwatch area where parents can have their children looked after while they work out, and a community room. The "I-Zone," a room designed for youth fitness, incorporates video games such as "Dance Dance Revolution" and "Wii Fit" to get younger people interested in a more active lifestyle.

The L-S YMCA is a joint effort of the Lampeter-Strasburg Recreation Commission, Strasburg Borough, Strasburg and West Lampeter townships, the Lampeter-Strasburg School District, and the Lancaster Family YMCA. The L-S YMCA offers a variety of group fitness classes, swim lessons, youth sports and fitness programs, along with existing L-S Rec Commission programs.

Opportunities remain for businesses and residents to contribute toward the building campaign; pledges are welcomed, and can be paid over a five-year period.

To become a member of the L-S YMCA, visit the facility at 800 Village Road (Route 741) in Lampeter, or call 464-4000 for more information. Membership fees are discounted for residents of the Lampeter-Strasburg School District.

The L-S YMCA is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The outdoor pool is open daily from noon to 8 p.m.

Borough of Strasburg

2009 Budget

REVENUES

Real Estate Taxes	\$402,779
Act 511 Taxes	\$392,443
Cable TV Franchise	\$30,000
Local Police Fines	\$16,200
Interest & Rent	\$2,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$23,941
Charges for Services	\$98,100
Contracted Snow Removal	\$3,868
Sewer System Revenues	\$525,021
Water System Revenues	\$502,009
Miscellaneous Income	\$6,425
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,002,986
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$53,933
TOTAL REVENUES & BALANCES	\$2,056,919

EXPENSES

General Government	\$310,177
Engineering	\$16,500
Municipal Building	\$37,401
Police Department	\$444,299
Fire & Ambulance	\$74,713
Housing/Code Enforcement	\$22,000
Planning and Zoning	\$45,550
Public Works Department	\$256,224
Sewer System	\$329,400
Street & Highway Maint.	\$850
Street & Traffic Lights	\$47,380
Water System	\$253,750
Civic Organizations	\$30,860
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$51,723
Insurance & Taxes	\$35,300
Debt Service	\$24,000
Misc. Personnel Costs	\$7,140
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,987,267
ENDING BALANCES	\$69,652
TOTAL EXPENSES & BALANCES	\$2,056,919

GARAGE & YARD SALES

Summer is here, and so are garage and yard sales. While garage and yard sales are permitted in any zoning district in the Borough, there are some rules:

1. No garage/yard sale shall be conducted for a period longer than two consecutive days and only two garage/yard sales are permitted each year per property.
2. Garage/yard sales may offer personal possessions for sale; no import or stocking of inventory is permitted.
3. Only one (1) four (4) square foot sign is permitted to advertise the garage/yard sale. The sign must be located on the property where the sale is taking place and must be removed promptly upon completion of the sale.
4. No garage/yard sale is permitted to be conducted within the street right-of-way.

**Please remember to
remove any garage/
yard sale signs
IMMEDIATELY
at the end of your sale!**

SWIMMING POOLS



All pools, including spas and hot tubs which have a filtration system, require zoning approval, a building permit, and inspections. This **includes** the “bladder” or storable pools which are available at local department stores where the top ring is inflated with air and the pool is then filled with water. A fence is required if the sides of any above-ground pool are not 48 inches or more from finished grade. A fence may not be required if the above-ground pool’s sides are over 48 inches but lockable or removable steps are required. All cords and plug-connected pool pumps must be connected to a receptacle which is protected with a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter. Other electrical, fence and gate stipulations may apply to your particular situation. You may pick up a free **Code Compliance Swimming Pool Information Guide** at the Borough Office during normal business hours. Have a safe summer!



HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Did you know that the history of Strasburg reaches back into 1733? Homes on Miller Street, East and West Main Street and the first two blocks of South Decatur Street are located in the Historic District. These homes and structures contain rich historic architectural features which have been preserved as a result of the contributions of many individuals over the centuries. Current owners of these properties are part of the history and the future of our town. Property owners, with the assistance of HARB members, are guardians of a rich heritage until such time as it is passed on to new owners, who will then assume the guardianship of that heritage.

These historic features are preserved by having a Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) review any improvements to these homes or structures which can be seen from the street in order to maintain the standards for the unique homes in the District. HARB review is not required if they are repainting the same color. Applications must be submitted to the Borough Office 10 days in advance of the meeting, which is normally held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:15 p.m. if there are items on the agenda. The Strasburg Historic Architectural Review Board, established in 1970, continues to work on maintaining architectural standards for the Historic District. The District is recognized by the U.S. Department of Interior’s National Register of Historic Places, the State of Pennsylvania, and became a Certified Local Government in 2008.

SATELLITE DISHES

If you are thinking about installing a satellite dish and you live in the Historic District, the Zoning Ordinance only allows those dishes to be placed in the rear yard.

PLANNING COMMISSION

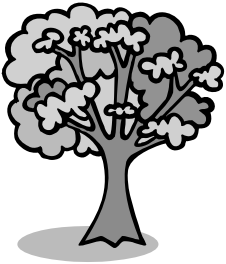
Strasburg Borough Planning Commission meets the first Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m.

Five members comprise the committee. We have begun the process of a major re-write to update the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Please feel free to come and join us as we go through this process.



SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

The Strasburg Shade Tree Committee planted colorful beds and hanging baskets in the square and will be maintaining the plantings throughout the summer. We are also actively planning for the fall tree planting. For a donation of only \$25 per tree – a fraction of the cost of a tree from a nursery – Strasburg residents can acquire up to two trees per property. Planting locations must be within six feet of the sidewalk to qualify. We’re currently recruiting volunteers for the fall planting. This is a worthwhile volunteer opportunity and counts toward community service hours for high school students. Please contact the Borough office at 687-7732 or visit the website at www.strasburgboro.org for more information about tree availability and planting.



As always, tree committee members are happy to answer any tree or planting-related questions. We wish all of Strasburg a safe and shady summer.

WANTED: Volunteers for future vacancies on town boards and commissions.

Please contact the Borough Office at 687-7732 to be put on a list for consideration for HARB, Shade Tree, Planning, Zoning and Borough Authority openings. Application forms are available. Your pay is the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to our wonderful community. You can also check the Borough’s website for current vacancies.

Strasburg Restoration & Preservation, Inc. (SRPI) Exterior Home Repair Program



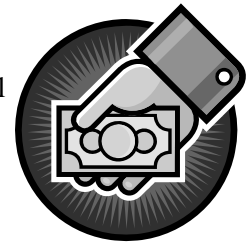
Strasburg Restoration and Preservation is pleased to announce the completion of the first loan under the Urban Enhancement grant from the Lancaster County Commissioners available to Strasburg Borough residents residing in pre-World War II homes. Beth Johnson of East Main Street was the first applicant for a loan to repair the roof of her home. The loan was approved and the work has been completed.

Under the Urban Enhancement grant, all loans are for exterior repairs. The program has been improved for homeowners with an increased maximum loan of \$7,500 and the loan can be repaid over a period not to exceed seven years.

Other elements of the loan program remain unchanged. Interest is charged at the rate of prime minus 1% and all loans that are awarded must be matched by at least 50% by the homeowner. If the homeowner decides to perform some of the restoration work, that can be used toward the homeowner's match.

Funds are released when the work is completed and the invoice(s) submitted and the work must be completed within 12 months of the loan approval.

The Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority also has a lending program available to county residents, and home owners are encouraged to research this funding as well. SRP will also assist with this application process if requested and these funds will be considered all or part of the applicant's matching funds.



All repair work must be completed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for rehabilitation of historic buildings. Also, homes within the historic district of the Borough must submit plans and receive approval from the Strasburg Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) and the Borough Council before funding.

Informational brochures may be obtained from the Borough Office, Strasburg-Heisler Library, local church offices, local banks, Strasburg Masonry Supply and Zimmerman's Hardware.

For additional information and loan application, write to SRP, 55 East Main Street, Strasburg PA 17579 or contact any of the Loan Committee Members:

Jim Kiscaden (687-6238)

Tom Lainhoff (687-8816)

Bill Lyons (687-7369)

Larry Shurr (687-6524)

Dave Young (687-6143)

LANCASTER COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

The Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority offers 0% interest loans to low to moderate income homeowners who reside in Lancaster County outside the Lancaster City limits. **Loans are for addressing hazardous situations within the home. Loans are not for cosmetic work.** Applicants can receive up to \$24,999 in home repairs made by a qualified contractor. A lien is placed on the homeowner's property and no monthly payments are required. Loans are not due until the home is sold or the deed transferred. Eligibility is based on income, credit, and available equity.

Grants are also available for lead-based paint abatement and historic preservation for homeowners who go through the Home Repair Program.

Interested homeowners may call the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Lancaster at (717) 394-0793, extension 226.

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Spanish (Español)

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber. Tradúscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Item 1: Water System Information

The Strasburg Borough Authority is pleased to present the tenth issue of our Annual Customer Information Report. This report is designed to provide information about water quality and services delivered to you over the past year. Our constant goal is to provide a dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. Last year we conducted over 350 water tests, and we are proud to report that the tap water met all EPA and state drinking water health standards. We did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Strasburg's community water system was initiated in 1897. Water sources are the Fisher, King, and Rohrer Wells and the Old, New, and Mowrer Springs, located in Strasburg, Eden and Paradise Townships. The wells draw from the Conestoga Formation Aquifer. After the water comes out of the wells and springs, it is treated with ozone, chlorine, soda ash and polyphosphates. The reservoir is an inground 500,000 gallon covered reinforced concrete reservoir constructed in 1957. All sources flow to the reservoir and receive treatment upon discharge prior to entering the transmission main leading to the distribution system. The distribution system, totaling approximately 14 miles of pipe, consists of a network of ductile iron and cast iron pipe ranging in diameter from 4 to 12 inches. A total of 110 fire hydrants are placed throughout the system.

The Strasburg Borough Authority Water System Improvement Plan includes improving water mains and services, installation of new fire hydrants, construction of a second reservoir, and modifications to the treatment facilities. The Authority is currently finalizing the replacement of the 8" service line with a 10" line at the east end of town from the Borough/Township line to the Reservoir. The line is being replaced due to its age-110 years old-and its condition which caused residents to have rusty/discolored water. Three certified water system operators are on staff. The Borough Authority meets the first Thursday of each month at 8 a.m. in the Borough of Strasburg Office located at 145 Precision Avenue. For additional information concerning meetings or this report, please contact Lisa M. Boyd, Borough Manager, at 687-7732 or 687-7358. For additional information concerning the Borough's water system, please contact Paul Miller, Public Works Director, at the above numbers.

Item 2: Important Health Information

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with immune system disorders, some elderly persons, and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

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All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constants that are naturally occurring or man-made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791, or online at www.epa.gov/OGWDW.

Item 3: Definitions

Nitrate: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. (MCLs are set at very stringent levels for health effects. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effects.)

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter

ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter

pCi/l: picocuries per liter (measure of radiation)

Item 4: Water Quality Data

The table listed on the following page lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2008 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water posed a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 - December 31, 2008. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

We at the Borough of Strasburg work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and the future of our children.

WATER QUALITY TABLE

Year Tested	Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Highest Level Detected	Unit Measurement	Range	MCLG	MCL	Source of Contamination
All Sources								
2008	Nitrate	N	9.5	ppm	0-9.5	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
2003	Alpha Radiation Emitters	N	1.35	pCi/l	One sample	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
2003	Combined Uranium	N	.283	ppb	—	—	—	Erosion of natural deposits
2003	Combined Radium	N	1.29	pCi/l	—	—	30	Erosion of natural deposits
2007	Haloacetic Acids (Five)	N	0	ppb	0	0	60 ppb	Bi-product of chlorination
2008	Trihalo-methanes	N	17	ppb	17	0	80 ppb	Bi-product of chlorination
2008	Chlorine	N	0.625	ppm	0.143-0.625	0	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes.

Year Tested	Contaminant	Violation Y/N	90%* Level Detected	Unit Measurement	# of Sites above AL	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	Source of Contamination
Residential Taps								
2007	Lead	N	3	ppb	0 out of 10 samples	15 ppb	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
2007	Copper	N	0.226	ppm	0 out of 10 samples	1.3 ppm	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
*90% of sample results are less than or equal to this value.								

Item 5: Violations

None.

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Donald Bachman, Pro Tem (2011)	H. Dale Spaulding (2011)
Cynthia Baker (2009)	Bruce L. Ryder, Mayor (2009)

Council normally meets the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission normally meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board normally meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Historic Architectural Review Board normally meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:15 p.m.

Authority normally meets the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

Tree Committee normally meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to attend!

Strasburg Borough on the web - www.strasburgboro.org

Don't forget to check the Borough's website for items such as agendas, approved minutes, permit applications and meeting schedules!