

Stroudsburg Events | Spring & Summer 2023

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| First Saturday Art Walk | First Saturday of the Month 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm | Irish American Festival | Saturday, September 9th 11:00 am to 8:00 pm |
| Monroe Farmers Market | May 6th to October 28th 8:00 am to Noon | For more up-to-date information on events within the Borough of Stroudsburg, please visit: | |
| Happy Hour Street Fest | Saturday, May 6th 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm | www.visitdowntownstroudsburg.com | |
| Project 33 Mental Health Fair | Saturday, May 6th 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm | www.stroudsburgboro.com | |
| Concerts in the Square | June 8th to August 24th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm | Or visit the Borough's Facebook Page at: www.facebook.com/StroudsburgBoro | |
| Pocono Pride Festival | Sunday, June 4th 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm |  | |
| Juneteenth Freedom Festival | Saturday, June 17th 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm | | |
| Latin Fusion Fest | Saturday, July 15th 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm | | |
| Stroudfest | Saturday, September 2nd 11:00 am to 6:00 pm | | |
| Artisans on Ann | Saturday, September 2nd 9:00 am to 4:00 pm | | |



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Stroudsburg Infrastructure Updates Planning for Multiple Projects in 2023 and 2024

What exactly is the definition of “public infrastructure?” Public infrastructure is defined as, “...facilities, systems, concrete, and other structures owned and maintained by the government.” It is at the very heart of every community and improves quality of life for everyone. Because infrastructure is so important, the Borough of Stroudsburg has a number of significant public infrastructure projects planned for 2023 and 2024.

When one thinks of public infrastructure, streets are one of the first things to come to mind. Knowing the importance of safe and well-maintained streets for residents, the Borough has prioritized updating, and repaving, our streets. In 2023, we have a number of streets slated to be repaved. North 7th Street up to, and including, Courthouse Square, will be repaved using primarily a Community Development Block Grant. During summer 2023, we also will be paving Church Alley, Spring Garden Street, and Brown Street. These streets will be paved using funding from the State of Pennsylvania’s Liquid Fuels Fund, as well as the Borough’s Street Fund. These streets will be paved using primarily Borough Public Works personnel, which will help keep costs significantly lower than using an outside contractor for this work.

Possibly the least glamorous, but most critical, part of a community’s infrastructure is the wastewater collection system. When residents flush their toilets, they need it to work! Stroudsburg, like most communities in the Northeast US, have older sewer pipes which are often undersized due to population growth. The Borough is going to be replacing a portion of one of our major lines on Ann Street between Broad and 6th Streets. This line conveys waste from a large portion of Stroudsburg, as well as waste from Stroud Township, to the wastewater treatment plant. This line *(Continued on Page 2)*



Concerts in the Square Scheduled Artists Announced for Annual Free Concert Series

An annual summertime tradition here in Stroudsburg, our **Concerts in the Square** are expanding this year to 12 Thursdays! From June 8th through August 24th, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Courthouse Square comes alive with the sounds of the area’s finest musicians! Bring a chair and enjoy the best in musical entertainment with your friends and neighbors.

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| June 8th | Flyin Blind |
| June 15th | Deer Head Inn’s Jazz Jam |
| June 22nd | Young Lion |
| June 29th | Joe Cirotti Trio |
| July 6th | House of Hamill |
| July 13th | Jesse Bardwell & the Noble Brothers |
| July 20th | Tom Graham |
| July 27th | Alex Radus Trio |
| August 3rd | Pocono Duo w/MJ Law And Friends |
| August 10th | Sol Katana |
| August 17th | Regina Sayles + Friends |
| August 24th | Big Bone Daddy |

We look forward to your joining us! Our special thanks to ESSA Bank and Pocono Center for the Arts for their support of the Borough’s Concerts in the Square.



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Borough of Stroudsburg Infrastructure Updates

Working to Move our Community Forward



(Continued from Page 1) is both old, being installed in the early 20th Century, and not large enough to meet the current, and future, needs of the Borough. We are exchanging this portion of pipe with a larger (18") diameter PVC pipe, replacing the original terracotta piping. This project is currently under review by the PA Department of Environmental Protection, and we hope to go out to bid early summer 2023 and begin the project late summer/early fall 2023, with completion either in late 2023 or early 2024. This project will be paid for primarily through Federal COVID Relief Funds as well as funding from the Stroud Township Sewer Authority.

An ongoing public infrastructure project is our Sidewalk Replacement Project, paid through a \$500,000 Multimodal Transportation Grant from the PA Department of Economic and Community Development (DCED). Slated to be completed by June, the remainder of sidewalks to be replaced include portions of South 6th Street, Williams Street, South 9th Street and North 7th Street.

Parks are critical to maintaining a high quality of life for residents and making our community appealing to visitors. The infrastructure of Ann Street Park, by the McMichael Creek Falls, is being substantially updated. Sidewalks are being replaced throughout the Park; the lower two levels, by the falls, are being replaced with visually appealing stamped concrete. Flowers have been planted; a wooden deck is being built; new picnic tables are being

installed; and to encourage visitors at night, the falls are now lighted. This project is being funded through a DCED COVID Pandemic Response Grant and a \$50,000 grant from T-Mobil.

Finally, in May, Stroudsburg will be awarded a \$500,000 DCED Local Share Account Grant to begin work on our "Transforming Main Street" Project. We are working with our consultant, Alta Planning + Design, to determine what "Quick Build" elements of the plan to implement as part of this grant. These are elements of the full plan that can be put in place quickly and support elements of the full plan, for which we hope to obtain funding in the next several years. Elements include safety features at crosswalks; new (Continued on Page 3)

Keeping the Sidewalks Clean through the Summer

Everyone wants a neat, and tidy, town. Whether it's residents who call Stroudsburg home, or visitors to the Poconos enjoying the unique ambience of our community, we all enjoy strolling sidewalks free of trash and debris.

But who is responsible for keeping our sidewalks clean? In the Borough's Ordinance, it is quite clear: Chapter 21-261 of the Stroudsburg Borough Code states that "property owners, their tenants or lessees" must keep sidewalks "free and clear of dirt, litter and debris." And what is to be done with this detritus? According to Chapter 21-263, it cannot be placed in the street. The Ordinance states that, "...it shall be placed in a container... and disposed of in the same manner as other waste material... at the sole cost of the property owner, their tenant or lessee."

The Borough does run our streetsweeper daily in the warm months, and throughout the year, when temperatures are above freezing. But the streetsweeper is to keep the Borough's streets clean, not to clean up sidewalk debris. And this summer, the Borough has agreed to

participate in a state program that will allow us to hire four employees solely to keep our downtown sidewalks and parks clean. All of these efforts are to assist residents in their efforts to keep our sidewalks and streets clean, not replace them. The sole responsibility for sidewalk cleanliness lies, by Borough Ordinance, with the resident.

It is in everyone's best interest to keep our town as spotless as possible. We look forward to continue working with Stroudsburg residents and business owners in keeping our sidewalks neat, and tidy, for the benefit of all!



Infrastructure Updates (Cont.)

(Continued from Page 2) bus shelters; painted curb extensions; and improved signage. Our thanks to Representative Tarah Probst, who was instrumental in our receiving funding for this project and our Ann Street Park Project.

We at the Borough are committed to updating our public infrastructure, increasing the quality of life for residents. We also are committed to wise, and prudent, use of public funds. You will notice that for all of these projects, the vast majority of funds are not from Stroudsburg taxpayers. Stroudsburg Borough is working extremely hard each and every day for a better future for our community!

Neighborhood Beautification on Anna

A special "thank you" to the residents of Anna Court, who worked together to build this beautiful rock garden on Borough property at the corner of Anna Court and Phillips Street. Your efforts are truly appreciated!



Arbor Day in Stroudsburg

April 22nd, 2023, was Arbor Day, and the Borough's Shade Tree Commission organized a clean-up of the Borough's historic Dansbury Cemetery. Volunteers, spearheaded by scouts from Girl Scout Troop 50306, along with Borough Public Works personnel, raked the property clean of leaves, removed downed and dead trees, and planted replacement trees at the cemetery entranceway.

Dansbury Cemetery is the final resting place of our town's founder, Jacob Stroud, along with many early inhabitants, and is an irreplaceable Borough treasure.

A special "thank you" to Bill Weitzman, Chair of the Shade Tree Commission, for his efforts on this project!



Doggie Doo Do's and Don'ts

Everybody loves our canine friends; we also love the fact that Stroudsburg is a "dog friendly" community. However, the Borough, like most communities, have Ordinances that need to be followed for the good of all residents.



First of all, dogs must be on a leash at all times when on streets, alleys, or on any public property. Secondly, dog feces must be picked-up immediately, placed in a non-leaking container, and placed in the trash. This is done for health reasons and to keep our community clean for all residents.

We are serious about keeping our community clean, and have been receiving numerous disturbing reports about dog feces showing up on sidewalks in the downtown. Fines for not properly disposing dog feces are up to \$600; the downtown has numerous cameras, so your chances of being caught are high!

We all love our canine companions; we need your support in ensuring that our streets and public areas are kept clean for residents and visitors alike!