

Be part of something big!

## Attend Stroudsburg's Bicentennial Celebration – September 5th

It's finally here! After more than a year of planning, preparation and promotion, the Borough's Bicentennial Celebration is at hand.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the festivities celebrating Stroudsburg's 200th Birthday, combined with the StroudFest event on Saturday, September 5th (Labor Day weekend). A detailed schedule of events is below.

### Celebrate Stroudsburg's Bicentennial! Sat., Sept. 5th

*Unless otherwise noted, Bicentennial events will take place in the grassy area next to the PNC Bank parking lot near the intersection of Monroe and 6th Streets.*

11 a.m.: Kathy Tynemouth's student singers on StroudFest center stage

12:15 p.m.: Dedication/Unveiling of the Marker for the Bicentennial Tree in Court House Square

12:30 p.m.: Daybreak Musical Group

2 p.m.: Ice Cream Social with **FREE Ice Cream!** and entertainment by The Joyful Noises Barbershop Quartet

3 p.m.: Time Capsule Ceremony in Court House Square

3:30 p.m.: Sing-A-Long ♦ 5 p.m.: Folk Singer

8 p.m. – ***Fireworks Finale!***

**Special Friday Night Kick-Off Event:  
A Free Concert by the Trinity Centennial Band at the Sherman Theater at 7 p.m.**

Bicentennial commemorative items will be on sale, including wooden nickels, coffee and beer mugs and candy jars—all sporting Bicentennial logos.

Revelers can also snag the special edition glossy-covered commemorative publication, *Stroudsburg at 200*, chock-full of a wide variety of fascinating stories about the history of Stroudsburg. Sale price: 200 cents, of course!

Plan on attending the special kick-off event Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Sherman Theater. A free concert will be presented by the Trinity Centennial Band!



### Step into the past and pose as the Strouds!

Have your picture taken in a photo board depicting Jacob Stroud and his wife, Elizabeth, standing before the front entrance to their home in Stroudsburg.

Thanks to local artist Ashley Catherine Fontones who painted the figures and Jody H. Singer who painted the backdrops. The boards were donated by Origins Gallery and Bill Baker created and cut out all the pieces and assembled them to create the photo boards.

## *Ditch the dimes (and quarters)!*

SMART CARDS are available for purchase in the Borough Office, 700 Sarah Street, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meters that accept the Smart Cards are in the following locations: Lot No. 5, Lot No. 3, Ann Street, the 800 block of Monroe Street and the 700 block of Sarah Street.

There is an initial \$15 deposit for the card and any amount can be loaded (and reloaded) on to a card by cash or money order. These cards are replacing the "Cash Key" system.

Any balance remaining on a Cash Key can be transferred to a Smart Card.



## **Nancy Gordon—expertly serving the Borough for more than a quarter century**

**By Lynn Heimbach and Bonnie Christman**

Anyone who resides or works downtown has no doubt seen Parking Enforcement Officer Nancy Gordon walking the beat. Nancy started as a Parking Enforcement Officer on October 30, 1989 when the Borough had its own Police Department, tickets were written by hand, parking meters needed to be turned by hand after inserting the coin to receive the proper time credit and her official title was "Meter Maid."

Nancy is married to Bobby Gordon who is the Twin Boroughs Recycling Center Manager and they have a beautiful daughter named Kirby.

Nancy has seen many changes throughout the Borough as well many changes within the Parking Department during her 26 years of employment. One constant over those years is Nancy's dedication to her job.

Nancy is extremely polite and professional, honest and very conscientious when performing her Parking Enforcement duties. So much so, that she once ticketed her own mother.

Nancy takes great pride in her job and enjoys interaction with the business owners and visitors of the Borough, even if it is to issue a ticket for a parking violation. Whether it's providing directions and information, clarifying the parking ordinance or filling in at the Borough office, Nancy goes above and beyond what is expected, with her very courteous manner, cheery attitude and always a smile.

The Borough is fortunate to have Nancy as part of the staff and representing the Borough on the streets. Thank you, Nancy, for the stellar job you do for the Borough!



## *Web site upgraded*

Stroudsburg has begun improvements to the Borough web site. The web address is new:

**[www.StroudsburgBoro.com](http://www.StroudsburgBoro.com)**.

For now, attempted access to the former address is automatically redirected to the new address. That will soon be discontinued, so persons are encouraged to bookmark the new address now or add it to favorites.

The look of the site at the new address has been changed slightly for this transition period. Future plans are to get a completely updated design for the site, making it more user friendly and graphically appealing.

Meanwhile, continuous efforts are ongoing to keep the site current with the latest information residents need from Borough government. Check the site often for the breaking news and bulletins.



**Municipal Election:  
Tuesday, Nov. 3**

**Polls Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

## **Upcoming Holidays**

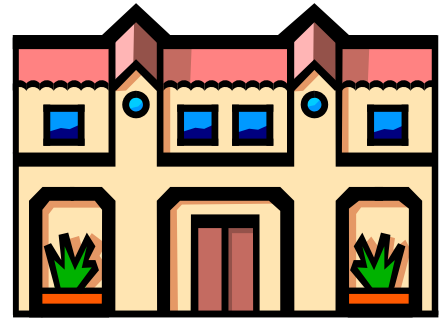
**Mon., September 7; Mon., October 12  
Tues., November 3; Wed., November 11  
Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27  
Thurs., Dec. 24 (half-day); Fri., Dec. 25**

*Borough offices are closed and other services suspended.*

**Visit our Borough web site often to get the latest local government information: [www.StroudsburgBoro.com](http://www.StroudsburgBoro.com)**

Stroudsburg Borough received a Commonwealth grant to aid low-income homeowners in *minor* rehabilitation of their homes located in Stroudsburg Borough ONLY. Eligibility for assistance is based on:

- ◆ Owner-occupancy;
- ◆ Household income (see chart below);
- ◆ Household owners that are 50 years of age or older; and
- ◆ Have a permanently, physically disabled household member.



**Monroe County 2015 Income Limits**

<u>1 PERSON</u>	<u>2 PERSONS</u>	<u>3 PERSONS</u>	<u>4 PERSONS</u>	<u>5 PERSONS</u>	<u>6 PERSONS</u>
\$ 37,700	\$ 43,100	\$ 48,500	\$ 53,850	\$ 58,200	\$ 62,500

A wide variety of work is eligible under the Program but is not limited to:

- ◆ Repairing major systems such as heating, electrical, plumbing, and roofing;
- ◆ Making the home more energy efficient;
- ◆ Structural components (walls, decks, and porches);
- ◆ Windows and doors; and                   ◆ Accessibility

Qualified applicants can receive aid for health and safety housing improvements. Eligible improvement requests may include roof replacement, foundation repairs, and electrical system safety upgrades.

*Funding for this program is very limited and requests for assistance are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis.*

Further questions about the process or eligibility criteria may be directed to:  
 REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, 15 SOUTH COURTLAND STREET  
 EAST STROUDSBURG PA 18301 ◆ 570-421-4300 ◆ rehab@enter.net

## Fences in Stroudsburg’s Historic District

The Historic and Architectural Review Board considers fencing to be a major element in the character of Stroudsburg’s Historic District because of its often strong visual impact and extension of the architecture of a building. An appropriate fence design can connect a building’s architecture and landscape of a property while also creating property boundaries, protecting pets and children, and enhancing privacy.

Fences are not required to be historical re-creations, but when their scale, design, and materials harmonize with the size, style, and period of a house they often look their best.

Wood and metal materials have been utilized for decades in the construction of fences and are still today’s choice materials because of their availability, ability of arrangement for design, and ease of construction.

Contact the codes office at the earliest part of planning your fence to discuss zoning requirements, permits, and design elements of your fence as approval is required prior to construction or alteration of a fence.



## News from the Stroudsburg Fire Department



- It's time again for the Stroudsburg Fire Department's Annual Golf Tournament. It will be September 18th at the Glenbrook Golf course. The Fire Department is looking for golfers, event sponsors and donations for the raffle. For or anyone interested, please contact: [golf@stroudsburgfire.com](mailto:golf@stroudsburgfire.com).

- The Fire Department's Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Stroudsburg High School cafeteria on Monday November 2nd.

- The Fire Department is always seeking new volunteers to join the company. Anyone interested can stop by any Monday evening at the Fire Station for an application or visit the web site at: [www.stroudsburgfire.com](http://www.stroudsburgfire.com).



- October is Fire Prevention Month. Remember—when you change your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon dioxide alarms.



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See the full-color newsletter online on the Borough web site!

*One-of-a-Kind, Limited Edition  
Bicentennial Collectibles*

*On sale at the September 5th  
Borough 200th Celebration*



*Wooden Nickel: \$.50*

*Train Whistle: \$5 ♦ Coffee Mug: \$6*

*Candy Jar or Beverage Mug: \$12.50*

Also on sale at the Borough Offices  
700 Sarah Street, M-F 9-5, Cash or Check

**[Bonus newsletter material is online. See the article on the Borough web site from Building Official Jeff Wilkins loaded with great tips to prepare your home for the upcoming winter season.](#)**

## Help the Borough DPW help you!

Public works crews work hard all year to keep the Borough safe and tidy. Many operations rely on residents to follow rules which ensure worker safety and increase efficiency. Below are some seasonal items for which we need the cooperation of our residents and business owners...

- When sweeping/clearing/blowing sidewalks of trash, etc., do not have this debris wind up in the street. Street sweeping operations occur very early in the morning, so help is needed to ensure the streets adjacent to the sidewalks stay clean for the remainder of the day.
- For curbside brush pickup, **DO NOT** place brush in the street. This blocks drainage and can cause flooding when storm water inlets become blocked.

Instead, place brush at the edge of the yard adjacent to the street, also making sure not to block the sidewalk.

- The same rule applies when placing leaves curbside for collection.

Place **ONLY LEAVES** in piles to be collected and **DO NOT** mix in any other trash, debris or yard waste. Foreign materials mixed in with leaves causes hazards to public works crews and also can damage leaf collection equipment.

### **Fall Curbside Brush Pickup**

**Tues., Wed. & Thurs.: September 22, 23 & 24**

**Tues., Thurs. & Fri.: November 10, 12 & 13**

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**Leaf Collection begins Tues., October 13th  
and lasts for six weeks. Note Stroudsburg  
Borough does not have Spring leaf collection.**

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**Christmas Tree Pickup  
begins early in the new year.**