



Bicentennial Celebration Committee selects logo

In 2015, Stroudsburg Borough will celebrate its 200th Anniversary! A Bicentennial Celebration Committee has been planning an event to commemorate this important milestone. The main celebration will take place along with StroudFest in 2015, on Saturday, September 5.



Recently, the Committee solicited logo designs from local artists. All designs submitted by the deadline were reviewed and one design was

selected as the official logo of Stroudsburg's Bicentennial.

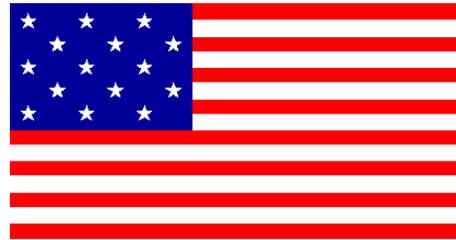
The logo (pictured above) was designed by Shane Izykowski and Sonia Leticia. So far, the logo has appeared on promotional "Save The Date" handouts and on a banner announcing the celebration.

During StroudFest this year, Mayor David Deihl and Councilperson Boyd Weiss promoted the Bicentennial Celebration. Mayor Deihl donated and sold sarsaparilla drinks and also accepted donations towards the celebration. Councilperson Weiss dressed in period costume as Jacob Stroud,

handing out refreshments and both gentlemen distributed the promotional cards.

The Committee also recently selected a vendor to create a commemorative Bicentennial publication. Ali Schratt of Local Flair, Inc. presented a package proposal to the Committee which included the company selling advertisements and sponsorships and working with the Committee on historical content.

The last item at the Committee meeting in September had Mayor Deihl unveiling a U.S. Flag he purchased special-



order and has donated to the Borough. The flag has 15 stars and 15 stripes. It is a replica of our nation's flag in use during

1815. **Quick quiz:** Can you name the 14th and 15th states established after the 13 original colonies? (See answer back page.)

New volunteers are always welcome to join the planning Committee, meeting at 2 p.m. in the Borough offices on the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting is on October 2nd. ***Please join us!***

Borough DPW crews tackle South Sburg drainage

Stroudsburg Borough Public Works crews recently completed a storm water project on the south side. Two new manholes were installed along with 400 feet of 24-inch pipe. The project also included replacement of seven storm water catch basins.

This project highlights the continued commitment of the Borough to improve storm water runoff and curtail flooding from large storm events.

Savings realized by the Borough performing this work using in-house labor



forces is estimated at more than \$100,000.

The Borough plans a number of similar projects in the coming years, with continued use of in-house forces, so taxpayers will benefit from the resulting savings.

The overall goal is to alleviate growing runoff due to the increase of impervious surfaces. Benefits of an improved storm water system include better drainage and flood control, along with decreased pollution.

The Stroudsburg Borough Mayor, Council President and Council Members, on behalf of all Stroudsburg residents, express a HUGE Thank You! to all the SFD Volunteers for their hard work and diligence in fighting a number of recent fires occurring within and near the Borough. Their dedication is appreciated! Stroudsburg residents are encouraged to show their support by attending events sponsored by the SFD.



October is Fire Prevention Month!

On October 13 at 6 p.m. the Stroudsburg Fire Department will hold an **Open House** at the Fire Hall (700 Sarah Street).

Remember in October for Smoke Detectors, when you
Change Your Clock — Change Your Batteries!

The Stroudsburg Fire Department is hosting a Spaghetti Supper in November. Check out their web site (stroudsburgfire.com) and follow them on Facebook for further details.

From the Fire Department: Thanks to all those agencies that assisted the SFD at the recent fires which occurred in the Borough during the month of August. It was a busy month for the Fire Department! Again, thank you to all the residents of the Borough for their continued support.

Help with home repairs

Stroudsburg Borough received a Commonwealth grant to aid low-income homeowners in minor rehabilitation of their homes. Grants are available only for homes in the Stroudsburg Borough. Some eligibility requirements for assistance include:

- household owners 50 years old or older;
- household members who are permanently, physically disabled;

- household income;
- owner-occupancy.

A wide variety of work is eligible under the program. Some examples include:

- correcting code violations;
- 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;
- accessibility.

Funding for this program is very limited and requests for assistance are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. The Redevelopment Authority administers this program on behalf of the Borough. To apply for funding or for more information, contact the Redevelopment Authority at 570-421-4300, or email rehab@enter.net.

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.: October 7, 8 & 9

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Leaf Collection Begins In October

Check the local newspaper and Borough web site for exact starting dates.

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Christmas Tree Pickup

begins early in the new year.

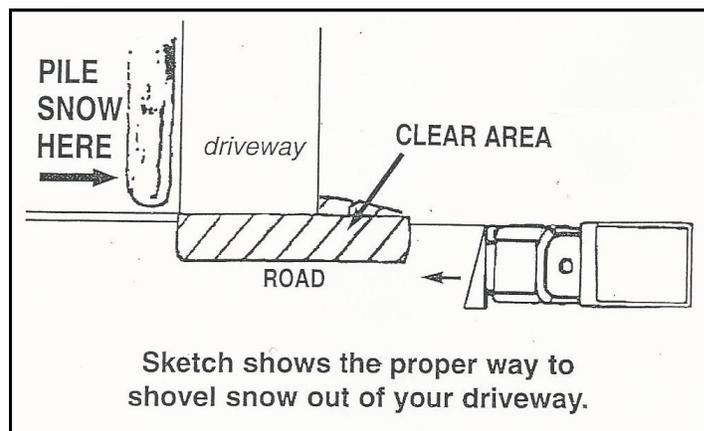
Try this trick to keep driveway from getting plowed-in

Resident calling Borough: "They came and plowed my driveway in with snow again! I know they do that on purpose! They even wait just until I am finished and then come by with the plow!"

If only the Borough had a nickel for every call like that — especially remembering the severity of last winter! Of course, Borough plow drivers would never deliberately plow their routes in a manner that would cause concern for residents in this way.

Inevitably, however, plow operations often result in driveways of residents being plowed in. And yes, coincidentally this can happen not long after a driveway has been cleared by a homeowner.

Residents can increase their chances of avoiding the added work of shoveling the end of the drive again after the Borough plow comes by, using a little strategy when placing and piling snow removed from the driveway, as shown in the diagram and described as follows.



An opening should be left prior to the driveway in the direction that the Borough plow would be traveling. If this opening is done properly, it should eliminate the dumping of snow in the driveway when the plow goes through.

Otherwise, Borough regulations prohibit plowing, placing or directing snow or ice onto a Borough street. Violators of this law will be prosecuted.*

Borough crews depend on everyone's cooperation to help make the winter season safe and bearable for all concerned.

**An exception to this rule is made for Main Street merchants, working in conjunction with Borough snow removal operations.*

Exterior work in Historic Area requires approval

The Stroudsburg Historic Preservation District was established in 2006 to protect and preserve historical buildings and streetscapes. Guidelines adopted set specific standards for exterior renovations and new construction.

The Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) is the public body charged with ensuring property owners within the designated historical area comply with the ordinance. All HARB members are volunteers appointed by the Borough Council.

The HARB reviews proposed new construction, demolitions and exterior alterations to structures within the Historic District. After review, the HARB makes recommendations to Borough Council based on the ordinance. Borough Council has the final say on issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, required before work begins.

The Historic Preservation District Map delineates properties included in the district. The map can be found on the Borough web site by selecting the "Historic District Guide" link on the front page and then following the link to the map.

Spotlight on window repair or replacement

Are you considering window replacement for your building? Do your windows look like the one in the picture?



Windows are often referred to as the "eyes" of a building and are a character-defining feature that provides scale, profile and composition to a facade. Many of Stroudsburg's windows are of the double hung sash variety, a window style dating back over three centuries in America.

The Borough's Codes Office has the resources and information to help assist you in making an informed decision on window repair and replacement, and on all other HARB-related items. Contact the Codes Office, at 570-421-5444x109, to schedule an appointment to discuss your window options.

See the related article on the back page for more tips on window replacement in historic structures.

Upcoming Holidays

Monday, October 13

Tues., November 4; Tues., November 11

Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28

Wed., Dec. 24 (half-day); Thurs., Dec. 25

Borough offices are closed and other services suspended.

Recycling is required!

Recycling in Stroudsburg is performed every other week with three designated pickup areas collected Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The full schedule and map can be found on the Borough web site.

Material for collection should be placed curbside no later than 5 a.m. on collection day. Call the Recycling Center at 570-424-5170 with any questions on the pick-up schedule or items planned to be dropped off.

The Borough is divided into three areas:

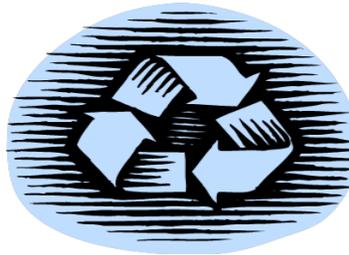
The **Tuesday** area is from the Borough line on the east, I-80 north to the Borough line and to 8th Street on the west, also including all streets that enter off of Phillips Street, even those west of 8th Street.

The **Wednesday** area is from 8th Street on the east and the Borough line on the north and west, including the areas off of Dreher Avenue.

The **Thursday** area is from the Borough line on the east, I-80 on the north and LaBar Village on the west.

All materials left for collection must be sorted.

- Bundle newspapers in brown paper bags or tie with cord. **Do not tape them together or bundle in plastic bags.**



Visit the Borough Web site to view a map of pick-up areas by day and the full-year recycling calendar schedule, along with more recycling information.

- Magazines and junk mail may be combined, but keep separate from paper.
- Cardboard must be broken down & tied.
 - Rinse glass bottles and sort by color (labels may be left on).
 - Rinse plastic bottles, **remove caps and crush to save space.** Only No. 1 and No. 2 plastics are collected (i.e., soda bottles, milk and water jugs, detergent bottles, etc.). **No** oil jugs, butter/yogurt containers are accepted. Plastic bottles may be placed in garbage bags.

No windowpane, blue bottles, ceramics or Compact Florescent Lamps (CFLs/light bulbs) are accepted.

Note that curbside pick-up of recyclables will be suspended during snow emergencies. Check the Borough web site, the *Pocono Record*, or tune to WVPO (840 AM) or WSBG (93.5 FM) for up-to-date information.

New! Now Borough residents can drop off their electronics for recycling at the Recycling Center.

Good, old-growth wood windows hold their own

With all of the talk of global warming and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), replacement window manufacturers often tout the energy savings associated with their products and that a replacement window is a “green” choice. While this claim may correspond to newly-constructed, LEED-certified buildings, the argument that a replacement window is “greener” than a restored wood window is highly debatable.

A properly restored wood window combined with a quality storm window will address energy concerns. A product with a “green” label must also be sustainable.

Historic wood windows, constructed of old-growth lumber and superior craftsmanship, will last up to five times longer than replacement models, namely because the wood is durable and they are easily repaired. The same can't be said for vinyl or new-growth wood replacement windows

with plastic parts. Another consideration is that the insulating glass found in double-glazed replacement windows will eventually fail and the whole window will have to be replaced.

Replacement window manufacturers will often compare their products to historic wood windows which have **not** been restored or maintained. A window that fits this description will undoubtedly be drafty and inefficient. In most cases, however, a fully-restored, tight-fitting, properly functioning, weather-stripped wood window, combined with a quality storm window, will have the same insulating properties as a double-glazed replacement window.

Homeowners should also consider other items which can reduce heating bills, such as insulating attics and floors. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that 31% of air infiltration is at floors, walls and ceilings and only 10% occurs through windows. For more information, go online to www1.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/air_leaks.html.

Editor's note: Source information for this article was taken from the *National Alliance of Preservation Commissions*.

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**Answer to the Quick Quiz from the Front Page:
No. 14 State was Vermont ❖ No. 15 State was Kentucky**