



Borough closes out Bicentennial year

September 5th was a banner day in Stroudsburg, marking the main celebration for the Borough's Bicentennial. The weather was perfect and the crowds turned out for the celebration and to attend the annual StroudFest event, teeming with entertainment and craft and food vendors.

An area was set aside for Bicentennial happenings, where period music was performed by various groups throughout the day. In Court House Square, a special tree was planted to mark the occasion and a time capsule buried, planned to be opened in 50 years. Revelers patiently waited in line during the ice cream social while a team of volunteers dished out a variety of flavors donated by generous area businesses.

Coffee and beer mugs sporting the Bicentennial logo sold out. So, for those lucky few who snagged them, they are valuable collectors' items! Still for sale (at the Borough office) are logo items: wooden nickels, train whistles and candy jars.

Stroudsburg at 200 is the printed commemorative publication, jam-packed with articles on the Borough's history, contributed by a wealth of wonderful volunteers sharing stories from Stroudsburg's colorful past. Most everyone chuckled at the (very reasonable)



State and Local Officials, along with volunteers and very special guest Bob Philips (right) attended the September 5th ceremony burying a time capsule from 2015, to be opened when the Borough turns 250 in 2065. Mr. Philips, notable as a 70-year plus member of the Stroudsburg Fire Department, was involved in the manufacturing and burial of the Sesquicentennial time capsule in 1965 and was at the unearthing of that vessel in February, 2015.

Photo By Lynne Friedel

sale price for the piece—200 cents, of course!

A fantastic fireworks finale made a fitting end to a festive day and celebration of our Borough's 200th birthday, with a look to the future for those who will celebrate the 250th in 2065!

New Mayor, Council for 2016

The New Year brings new names and faces of elected officials for Stroudsburg Borough. In the 2015 election, Tarah Probst was elected Mayor and newcomers Mark Connors, Patrick Maurath and James B. Smith were elected to Council. Joanne Kochanski was re-elected to a new Council term and will continue to serve with Matt Abell, Ken Lang and Boyd Weiss.

Borough saddened by the passing of Mayor Dave Deihl



One person was sadly missing from the Borough's Bicentennial Celebration—that was Mayor Dave Deihl, who passed away at the end of August, just before the celebration event. Mayor Deihl was an active member and enthusiastic participant in the 200th Committee—which mirrored the overall zeal with which he served in his far-too-short term as Stroudsburg's Mayor.

At the beginning of October, Ellen Deihl was appointed to serve as Mayor until January 3, 2016. We thank Mayor Ellen Deihl for her service.

Exterior work on buildings in Historic area requires approval

The Stroudsburg Borough Council passed the Stroudsburg Historic Preservation District Ordinance in July, 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.

Assistance on all things related to the HARB and Historic District is available by contacting the Zoning and Code Enforcement Office at 570-421-5444, x109.

The SFD wants you!

Volunteers needed, training provided, rewards unlimited

The Stroudsburg Fire Department, which includes the Chemical Fire Co. No. 1 and Phoenix Fire Engine and Hose Co. No. 2, is always looking for volunteers to become active members of the department. Training is every Monday night.

The department participates in community events and does other functions besides firefighting. This includes hosting an open house during October (fire prevention month) and giving St. Nick a lift each year to his appearance at the annual tree lighting in December.

The Department provides the following winter fire safety reminders:

- Ensure all smoke detectors in the home are working properly. If you missed the chance to, "Change your clock, change your batteries" in smoke detectors at the end of daylight savings time (at the beginning of November), now would be a good time to tackle that task.
 - Check and clean chimney flues, as the build-up of soot is a fire hazard.
 - Make sure all heating systems have been properly cleaned and serviced.
 - Please be especially careful when using space heaters, kerosene heaters, etc. Keep combustible items away from these heat sources.
 - If a fire occurs in your residence, **get out and stay out.** Call 911 and give your name and address to the 911 operator clearly and calmly.



On behalf of the Command Staff and all the Volunteer Members of the Fire Department, we extend our thanks to our residents and the Borough organization for their continued support.

Help keep the lights on!

In 2015, the Borough finalized purchase of the street lighting system from the PPL company. This yields significant savings to taxpayers in electricity costs. Further, the Borough Public Works Department is now responsible for maintenance of the lights and has been performing fixes in a timely manner.

Borough residents can help by reporting when a street light is out by calling 570-421-5444.



Before you call, please note the serial number on the bottom of the silver metal identification tag marked with yellow and black banded tape on the pole. This number identifies each light location.

Listen carefully to Snow Emergency declarations

A Snow Emergency is declared in the Borough anytime there is an accumulation of three-inches or more of snow **or** when, in the opinion of an authorized Borough official, street conditions are hazardous and dangerous. Snow Emergency Routes are signed throughout the Borough. Vehicles parked on snow emergency routes during a declared snow emergency are subject to ticketing and/or towing.

The Public Works Director provides notification of the declaration of a snow emergency to the Police, *Pocono Record*, WNEP, WBRE, WSBG and TV13. Many of these media outlets have automatic alerts listeners can sign up to receive through the various Web sites.

Motorists should carefully note the declared start and end times for a snow emergency; the ending time is normally at least 24 hours after the estimated end of the weather event. This enables public works crews to complete all snow removal and ice control operations.

Visit our Borough web site often to get the latest local government information: www.StroudsburgBoro.com

Sidewalk snow removal: Not just a good idea...

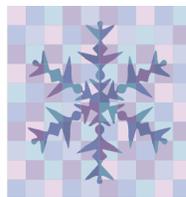
The Borough of Stroudsburg has a snow and ice removal ordinance, in effect throughout the winter. The ordinance requires that the entire sidewalk shall be cleared of snow and ice after a storm. The timeframe to remove the snow and ice depends on when the storm ended and where the property is located.

For properties with parking meters at the street line the law is:

Remove the snow and ice and deposit it into the street adjacent to the curb no later than 9 p.m. on the day the snow has fallen.

For all others, homeowners, etc.:

Please do not deposit snow in the street.



The law is: If the storm ended after 8 p.m., remove the snow/ice by 9 a.m. the next morning. If the storm ended after 9 a.m., remove the snow/ice by 9 p.m. the same day.

If ice cannot be cleared without damage to the sidewalk, it is required to be strewn with anti-skid material like sand, salt or a similar substance.

Code officials issue citations for property owners who do not comply with the law.

Borough tackling storm water discharge issues

Stroudsburg Borough needs to assess and address problems related to storm water runoff. While we have previously discussed problems concentrated in the South Stroudsburg area, this problem exists Borough-wide.

In an optimal storm water management system, surface runoff is collected and delivered through a series of dedicated underground storm water pipes to appropriate areas of detention, retention and/or discharge. Problems arise when excess storm water flows into the *wastewater* system through the *sanitary sewer* pipes. When this occurs, it is usually the result of infiltration and inflow (I&I).

Infiltration is when storm water seeps into sanitary sewer pipes through holes, cracks, joint failures and faulty connections. Inflow occurs when storm water enters the sanitary sewer system from sources such as illegally connected sump pumps, down spouts, floor drains, etc. A rule of thumb is that it is illegal for any property owner to have any system and/or connection on a property which allows storm water to enter the sanitary sewer system.

I&I increases the level of flow conveyed through the wastewater/sanitary sewer system and pumping stations. This results in increased costs to treat flows at the wastewater treatment plant. Storm water is being unnecessarily treated along with wastewater, which also impacts the wastewater treatment plant as far as optimal operations.

Borough Public Works crews will be coordinating efforts with the Borough Engineer to measure flows related to I&I. Initial evidence suggests that a great deal of storm water is inappropriately entering the sanitary sewer system.

We see this when flow to the wastewater plant increases rapidly and significantly within a short time after a heavy rainfall. One common culprit is roof drains on private

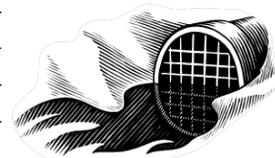
properties connected and illegally discharging into the sanitary sewer system.

This is a long-term project of the Borough. Throughout the process, in different stages and sections of the municipality, officials will contact property owners where storm water connections appear to discharge into the wastewater system. Where the problem is identified, the Borough will inform property owners that they

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must alter their private systems to be compliant. As with most enforcement matters, the Borough will first attempt a preferred resolution to gain voluntary compliance. If that is unsuccessful, however, other more serious enforcement measures are available for the Borough to pursue.

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Editor's Note: The above article is updated from one which ran in the 2014 Spring/Summer issue of this newsletter. The problems detailed continue to exist and are critical for the Borough to address.

Wastewater generated in the Borough is measured and tracked by the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority (BCRA). Using that data, the BCRA bills the Borough for our proportionate use of the plant. For a variety of reasons, those costs have significantly increased in recent years.

All storm water which is unnecessarily treated at the plant increases the cost of sanitary sewer service to all Borough properties. Addressing this issue is crucial to help control these costs now and for the future.

Upcoming Holidays

Presidents' Day: Monday, February 15

Good Friday: March 25

Borough offices are closed and other services suspended.

Residents required to recycle!

Recycling in Stroudsburg is performed every other week with three designated pickup areas collected Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The first day of collection for Stroudsburg in 2016 was Tuesday, January 5 and then every other week throughout the year. The full schedule 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 collection 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.**
- Magazines and junk mail may be combined, but keep separate from paper.
- Cardboard must be broken down and tied.
- Rinse glass bottles and sort by color (labels may be left on).
- Rinse plastic bottles, **remove caps and crush to save space.** Plastic bottles may be placed in garbage bags.

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

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

There is no curbside service for electronics recycling, however electronics may be dropped off at the Recycling Center at 427 Lincoln Avenue in East Stroudsburg (behind the Walmart). The Recycling Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon for drop off purposes only.

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.

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Borough Meeting Calendar

Council: First and Third Tuesdays each month at 7 p.m.

NOTE: For the following boards, meetings may not be held and may be cancelled if no applications are received. Check the Borough web site "Agendas" page to confirm if a meeting will occur.

Board of Historical Architectural Review (HARB):

First Monday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission: Second Monday each month at 6:30 p.m.

Shade Tree Commission: Second Thursday each month at 4 p.m., except no meetings in July and August

Zoning Hearing Board: Third Wednesday each month at 4:30 p.m.

All of the above meetings are held in the Municipal Building at 700 Sarah Street

Spring Brush Pickup Dates: April 19, 20 and 21 and May 17, 18 and 19

In the spring and fall, the Borough provides a few dates of curbside pickup of woody yard waste. Materials collected are limited to tree branches and prunings, twigs, small bushes (without root ball), hedges and tree logs not exceeding 5-inches in diameter. Limbs must be cut to a 4-foot length and tied in bundles not exceeding 50 pounds. Other materials should be placed in containers for easy pick up. Place material curbside prior to 8 a.m.

All other times these items may be dropped off at the Twin Boroughs Recycling Center on Fridays from 8 a.m. until noon at the facility on Lincoln Avenue in East Stroudsburg (behind Walmart).

Note that this program does NOT include pick up of grass clippings, leaves, flowers, vines, roots or garden and vegetable plants. These items should be composted.

Alert for alarm owners

All business owners and residents with active alarms must register each year with the Borough of Stroudsburg. The cost for a new alarm is \$25 initially and \$5 for each annual renewal.

Blank forms are available at the Borough office or on the Borough Web site. Completed forms should be submitted with the proper payment to the Borough office.