

## St. Clair Borough News Bulletin April 2022

The official site of the Borough of St. Clair is [www.stclair-gov.org](http://www.stclair-gov.org) for news and information concerning the Borough. Such information includes a list of public officials, local ordinances, forms, a copy of the monthly newsletter, council meeting minutes and reports, CodeRED and a link to pay your electric bill. The agenda for the council meetings will be posted on the web page 24-hours prior to the meetings.

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The **large item collection date is Wednesday, April 20, 2022.**

Each large item is \$5. At this time, place an envelope containing the check, name, address and phone number where the large item is to be collected. Place the envelope in the drop off box in front of the Municipal Building. Please no cash. At this time, no sticker will be issued and collections will be assigned based upon the addresses listed. Large item collection is always the third Wednesday of the month.

### **Paying your bill on-line**

To make sure your on-line electric bill payment reaches the Borough in a timely manner, **ONLY** use the St. Clair Borough website. Go to [www.stclair-gov.org](http://www.stclair-gov.org). On the right-hand side: under Residents, you will click on Pay Your Bills and follow the instructions.

Reminder: The borough office will no longer be taking credit card payments over the phone.

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The **CPA Audit of the Borough of Saint Clair** for the fiscal year 2020 is available for inspection during normal business hours at the Municipal Building.

Residents are reminded not to place items on the roadway to save parking spaces. Items placed on the public street to **save parking spaces are considered abandoned property and will be collected and placed in trash by the Borough Sanitation Department.**

**LANDLORDS:** Rental Ordinance #398 requires a Rental Registration Form completed at the beginning of each year. If this has not been completed, please complete your Rental Registrations and return, with fee, to St. Clair Borough. The form is on the St. Clair Borough website under "Documents and Forms." All renters are required to be registered.

Applications for **part-time school crossing guards** are being accepted. Applications are available at the St. Clair Municipal Building between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### **What is Code RED?**

The Saint Clair Borough is initiating a **new alert notification system called "Code RED"** for residents in town. **Code RED** is a notification system that will send a message or a phone call to you, to alert you of an emergency, flooding events, upcoming power outages, snow removal, street work or any other important events or notices that the borough would like to communicate. It is simple and quick to enroll. In order to participate and receive alerts, residents must sign up for the Code RED notification system. All citizens are encouraged to register.

### **REGISTER ONLINE:**

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BF929978C7E5>

### **REGISTER ON YOUR SMARTPHONE:**

Text "STCLAIR" to 99411

### **FOR CITIZENS WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS:**

Contact the Borough Hall at 570-429-0640

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There has been a new **change in policy in regard to the Hometown Hero banners** which have been hanging for 5 years. The purchaser of the banner will need to contact the Borough office to have it taken down.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 16** - The **41<sup>st</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by the St. Clair Fish and Game Association will be held on Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m.

**April 23** – **St. Clair Little League Opening Day parade and ceremonies** on Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m.

**April 24** - A **"Sip and Paint"** sponsored by the St. Clair Community Historical Society will be held on Sunday, April 24 at 6 p.m. at the Saint Clair Fish and Game. Register at 570-225-8595. Pick 1 of 3 projects.

**May 6- Walk Saint Clair! 2022 Kick-Off** walk will be held Friday, May 6 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Historical Society. The walk schedule will be available by April 17. To obtain the schedule, visit the website at [www.walksaintclair.com](http://www.walksaintclair.com), send a request via email to [walksaintclair@gmail.com](mailto:walksaintclair@gmail.com) or call 570-429-1161.

**May 7** – **Trails to Town Ride** will be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 12:00 to 5:00 pm.** Register to participate at [readingoutdoors.com](http://readingoutdoors.com).

**June 9** – A program by the Breaker Boys, "Once a man, twice a boy," on Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at the Historical Society Bldg. at 24 N. Nichols St.

**June 15** - Our **Flag Day ceremony** will be held on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:45 p.m. at Boone Park. The Cressona Band will be playing a melody of patriotic music to honor the veterans, first responders, health care workers and essential workers who helped during the pandemic.

**June 18** - The **town-wide yard sale** will be on Saturday, June 18.

**July 16** - The annual **Saint Clair Car Cruise and fireworks display** will be Saturday, July 16. More information to follow.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

- 1.) Residents are asked to be aware of telephone scams pertaining to Amazon Prime and other mail order retailers.
- 2.) Residents of St. Clair are reminded to keep the people of Ukraine in their thoughts and prayers.
- 3.) Due to requests that I have received over the years for information concerning the history of our Borough, I have decided to add what I will call a "Historical Note" to my monthly report to the residents of St. Clair. It is my wish that this "Historical Report" will not only contribute to our collective knowledge of the borough's history, but also encourage residents to become active in both our St. Clair Historical Society and the Schuylkill County Historical Society.

The "Historical Note" for April 2022 is that the first settler in what is now St. Clair was Michael Bechtell who came here during the first two decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century (1800-1820) and located in what is now the Arnout's Addition section of St. Clair. Our entire area was a dense forest in those days. The valley of what is now St. Clair was a swamp with a forest of gum, spruce, and oak trees.

The information found in "Historical Notes" comes from "History of St. Clair" 1934. J.H. Zerby Newspapers Inc.

The **May monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, St. Clair Municipal Building. For an additional method to provide public comment for the above meeting can be emailed to [rprice@ptd.net](mailto:rprice@ptd.net), mailed to the Borough Secretary at 16 S. Third Street, Saint Clair, PA 17970 or by placing it in the drop box in front of the Municipal Building.