

St. Clair Borough News Bulletin August 2022

The official site of the Borough of St. Clair is 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 meeting will be posted on the web page 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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**In observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 5, the Borough office will be closed and there will be no sanitation collection. Sanitation service for Monday will be Wednesday, September 7.**

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When **paying your bill on-line**, 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. On the right-hand side under Residents, you will click on Pay Your Bill and follow the instructions. Reminder: The borough office will no longer be taking credit card payments over the phone.

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**The large item collection date is Wednesday, August 17, 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. 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.

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Bosco's "Friends Helping Friends" discount cards are available at the Historical Society building or from any active member.

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The **St. Clair Area Food Pantry**, serving St. Clair, New Castle Township, Arnots Addition, Mill Creek and Dieners Hill will be open Thursday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Clair-Wade United Methodist Church, 23 N. Front St., St. Clair. The next food pantry will be held Thursday, November 3.

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Walk Saint Clair!'s upcoming walks are:

Wednesday, August 17 – It's Saint Clair – Naturally! – led by Porcupine Pat – begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Historical Society – Late summer is beautiful in Saint Clair and an abundance of wildlife from plants, birds and animals share space with our community. This is a 2-mile easy walk to enjoy the scenes and the nature of Saint Clair.

Tuesday, September 6 – Zig Zag Saint Clair! – led by Deb Piccioni – begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Historical Society. We'll wind our way through the back streets of town zigging and zagging from one street to another. All walks are open to the public. For more information visit www.walksaintclair.com, follow us on Facebook, or call 570-429-1161.

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**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 the trash by the Borough Sanitation Department.

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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.

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There has been a new change in policy in regards 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.

## Thank you to all residents who registered for the new Code RED alert system!

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It's never too late to enroll. You can now register from our web page (www.stclair-gov.org), by texting STCLAIR to 99411 from your cell phone or by contacting the Borough Hall at 570-429-0640. All citizens are encouraged to register. It is simple and quick to enroll.

The Saint Clair Borough instituted a new alert 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. In order to participate and receive alerts, residents must sign up for the Code RED notification system.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 18** - The St. Clair Community and Historical Society is hosting a "**Movie Under the Stars**" at 7 p.m. at the St. Clair Community and Historical Society. The movie will be selected by movie goers that night—(Encanto, Ghostbusters, Doolittle or Downton Abbey: A New Era).

**September 13** - "**Create your own Sundae Night**" hosted by the Saint Clair Community and Historical Society from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There is a fee of \$7. It will be held at the Episcopalian Church.

**October 15** - The Saint Clair Community and Historical Society will be holding a **Soup and Bake Sale**.

### Mayor's Report

1. Schools will reopen this month and drivers are reminded to drive with extra care and to follow all vehicle code laws pertaining to areas around school buildings and school bus stops as it is imperative to protect school children on their ways to and from school.
2. With the increase of covid 19 infections, residents are urged to check with their doctors about the advisability of being vaccinated or boosted, if vaccinated. Scientific data indicates that vaccination helps a great deal to avoid serious illness or hospitalization from the virus.
3. Residents are asked to contact the St. Clair Police Dept. at 570-429-2240 or 570-429-3050 if they see any suspicious activity at vacant properties.

### Historical Note – August 2022

The land that comprises what is now the Borough of St. Clair was referred to as the St. Clair tract and the earliest known owners of this land were Arthur St. Clair Nichols and Francis B. Nichols. Early settlers, such as Michael Bechtell, leased land from the owners. In 1831, the Nichols family sold the St. Clair tract to land developers Lea, Carey and Hart who in turn began to sell parcels of land to the early settlers. Prior to selling the St. Clair tract, the Nichols family set apart a parcel of land for a community graveyard, now known as the Borough Cemetery. This parcel was later deeded by Carey, Lea, and Hart to the Borough of St. Clair after the Borough's founding.

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The **September monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, St. Clair Municipal Building. For additional methods to provide public comment for the above meeting, comments can be 1.) emailed to rprice@ptd.net, 2.) mailed to the Borough Secretary at 16 S. Third Street, Saint Clair, PA 17970 or 3.) placed in the drop box in front of the Municipal Building. **In order for an item to be discussed at the council meeting, it must arrive to the Borough Secretary at least 48 hours before the meeting commences.**