

## St. Clair Borough News Bulletin September 2022

The official site of the Borough of St. Clair is [www.stclair-gov.org](http://www.stclair-gov.org) for 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 links for CodeRED and to pay your electric bill. The agenda for the council meeting will be posted on the web page 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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](http://www.stclair-gov.org). On the right-hand side under **Residents**, you will click on **Pay Your Bill** and follow the instructions, or you can also simply click on the red box "Pay Electric Bill." Reminder: The borough office will no longer be taking credit card payments over the phone.

The **large item collection date is Wednesday, September 21, 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.

**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.

The **annual Saint Clair Halloween Parade** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 starting at 7 p.m. Rain date will be Thursday, October 20 at 7 p.m. **Registration** for individuals, floats, and other parade participants will be held October 12 and 13 at the Borough Hall from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**BRAND NEW! Morning walks** will begin this month! Check out our Walk Saint Clair! walk schedule for more details!

**Trick or Treat Night** will be Monday, October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Rescue Hook & Ladder is having a "**Pumpkin Festival**" on October 9 from noon until 4 p.m. All pumpkins and decorations will be free for all kids.

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.

**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.

When a **Hometown Hero banner** needs to be taken down due to its condition, the purchaser of the banner will need to contact the Borough office.

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

It's never too late to enroll. You can now register from our web page ([www.stclair-gov.org](http://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.

**Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" discount cards** are available at the Historical Society building or from any active member. A stand will also be set up Saturday, September 24 and Wednesday, October 19 to sell coupons.

Walk Saint Clair's upcoming walks are:

**Wednesday, September 14 – Morning Walk** – begins at 7:15 a.m. at the Historical Society. Grab your travel mug with coffee, tea, water, etc. and join us for a venture around town.

**Wednesday, September 21 – Fall 'n Leaf Tour** – led by Porcupine Pat – begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Historical Society. A walk that leads you on a two-mile trek in search of the diverse tree types in St. Clair. A great way to spend the first day of Fall!

**Tuesday, September 27 – Morning Walk** – begins at 7:15 a.m. at the Historical Society. Grab your travel mug with coffee, tea, water, etc. and join us for a venture around town.

**Wednesday, October 5 – Mill Creek Meander** – led by Porcupine Pat – begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Historical Society. Mill Creek begins on top of nearby Broad Mountain. We'll explore the life that depends on this waterway.

More morning walks will be added in the future. All walks are open to the public. For more information visit [www.walksaintclair.com](http://www.walksaintclair.com), follow us on Facebook, or call 570-429-1161.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 14 – (CHANGE IN DATE) “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 Holy Apostles Episcopal Church on Hancock Street.

**October 9 – “Pumpkin Festival”** at the Rescue Hook & Ladder from noon until 4 p.m.

**October 12 & 13–Registration for the Halloween parade** at the Borough Hall from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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

**October 19 – The annual St. Clair Halloween parade** will begin at 7 p.m. (Rain date October 20)

**October 31 – Trick or Treat night** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Mayor's Report

1. Schools are now back in session 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. Those who have obtained the first two booster shots should be aware that a third booster shot is working its way through the federal regulatory agencies and should be available in the Fall.
3. Residents are reminded that the St. Clair Fire Department's annual donation drive is upon us. I ask all residents to contribute to this 100% volunteer cause which is vital to the existence of our Borough. The volunteer firemen and women provide a vital public service and they depend upon the donation of dollars to show our support and appreciation for their public-spirited giving of themselves for the benefit of all of us. The address for donations is:  
**P.O. Box 23, St. Clair, PA 17970.**

## Historical Note – September 2022

The years from 1824-1870 marked the establishment of many coal mining operations in the St. Clair area. The Parvin's Colliery is the oldest of the collieries. Francis Nichols owned and operated it from 1825 until 1829 followed by Potts and Patterson, who continued the work from 1829 to 1836. Joseph Lawton worked it from 1836 to 1846 followed by Frank Parvin and Co. from 1846 to 1860. It should be noted that St. Clair is honeycombed by mining operations which extend in all directions underneath the surface of the community.

The **October monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 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](mailto: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.**