



St. Clair Borough News Bulletin November 2022



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**In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 the Borough offices will be closed. Thursday's Recycling collection will occur Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Friday's recycling schedule will remain in effect.**

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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. Click on the RED button that says "Pay Electric Bill," and follow 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, November 16, 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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Thank you to the St. Clair Women's Club for organizing another amazing Halloween parade!

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The St. Clair Women's Club and Rescue Hook and Ladder Fire Company will be hosting the **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festival** this year at the Admiral Boone Park on **Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.** **The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will begin at 5 p.m.** We plan on doing something a little different this year. There will be a Christmas Festival featuring food stands, trolley rides, and vendors in and around the gazebo on Third Street. Children events include: crafts for the kids, face painting, and visits with Santa. Trolley rides will be available with a stop at the Kelsey Theater to visit with the Actors Guild of Schuylkill County.

**Some organizations that will be participating are:**

- 🌀 Sticks & Stones Custom Creations
- 🌀 Martina Kull – Wooden Crafts & Signs
- 🌀 Scott & Jen Wentzel – Wooden Beads
- 🌀 J&J Crafts & Cookies
- 🌀 Hats by Anna
- 🌀 Simply Creative–Christmas Ornaments, Wreaths & Scarves

**Vendors include:**

- 🌀 St. Michael's Church – Bean Soup
- 🌀 Alert Fire Company – Hot Dogs, Hamburgers
- 🌀 Women's Club - Hot Chocolate Stand
- 🌀 Bob's Pizza truck
- 🌀 Hurley's Funnel Cakes & French Fries
- 🌀 West End Fire Company - Cupcakes
- 🌀 Holley's Mac n' Cheese, Haluskie & Soft Pretzels

During the tree lighting ceremony, at 5 p.m., 2 bicycles will be chanced off to a lucky boy and girl., donated by Fanelli, Evans & Patel, P.C.!

**Additional parking is available on the dirt road left off of Fourth Street, behind the Borough buildings.**

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The Electric Light Department is requiring, BEFORE an Electrical Service Upgrade is done on your home, to contact the St. Clair Electric Light Department at 570-429-0640. They will meet with your qualified electrician that will be doing the work to confirm the following: meter location, placement of weather head, date that the work will be done, inspection agency contact number and to also answer any questions that your qualified electrician may have.

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**Walk Saint Clair!'s upcoming walks are:**

**Saturday, December 17 - Annual Christmas Walk** - beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Historical Society. For more information visit [www.walksaintclair.com](http://www.walksaintclair.com), follow us on Facebook, or call 570-429-1161.

The **St. Clair Area Food Pantry**, serving St. Clair, New Castle Township, Arnot's Addition, Mill Creek and Dieners Hill will be open Thursday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Clair-Wade United Methodist Church, 23 N. Front St., St. Clair.

### **Mayor's Report**

1. Residents are urged to be aware of telephone scams over the upcoming holiday season. Do not give any Social Security, Medicare, or banking information to anyone over the telephone.
2. Notify the St. Clair Police Department ( at 570-429-2240 or 570-429-3050) if you notice any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
3. With the holiday season upon us, drivers are reminded to use designated drivers if they plan to celebrate with alcoholic libations.

### **Historical Note – November 2022**

Mineral Lodge #285, Independent Order of Odd Fellows was chartered in what is now St. Clair Borough on November 22, 1847 making it the oldest non-religious organization in St. Clair. Fraternal organizations were very popular in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The Odd Fellows, based on friendship, love, and truth, had an obligation to “bury the dead.” Therefore, The Odd Fellows Cemetery Association was chartered in 1866 to create a new community cemetery since the existing cemetery, now known as the Borough Cemetery was nearly full. This new community cemetery was dedicated on October 1, 1867. This cemetery is located in the south eastern section of the borough and is home to the Civil War Memorial built by the people of St. Clair to honor those from St. Clair who fought for the Union during the Civil War.

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is an organization composed of men, women, and youth who believe in the Supreme Being, and also believe that the concepts of Friendship, Love, and Truth are the basic guidelines that should be followed in the daily lives of people; and,**

**WHEREAS, The Independent order of Odd Fellows began in the 17<sup>th</sup> century England deriving its name from the fact that, at that time, it was deemed “odd” to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need without recognition and pursuing projects for the benefit of all mankind; and,**

**WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. was chartered in what is now the Borough of St. Clair on November 22, 1847; and,**

**WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. is celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding on November 22, 2022; and,**

**WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. is the oldest continuous organized non church related group in the Borough of St. Clair being three years older than the Borough itself and,**

**WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. organized a cemetery association in 1866 to provide a place for the burial of the dead in our community; and,**

**WHEREAS, The Borough Council, borough officials, and all of the people of St. Clair wish to express their congratulations and best wishes to Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. on the event of its 175<sup>th</sup> year of existence,**

**NOW, Therefore, I, Mayor Richard E. Tomko, on this, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022, do proclaim that the month of December 2022 be “Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. Month” in the Borough of St. Clair.**

The **December monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 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](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 in order for it to be part of the agenda.**

