



St. Clair Borough News Bulletin June 2023

The official site of the Borough of St. Clair is www.stclairpa.gov for information concerning the Borough. The website includes links to register for CodeRED and to pay your electric bill. It also includes a list of public officials, local ordinances, forms, a copy of the monthly newsletter, and council meeting minutes. The agenda for the council meeting will be posted on the web page 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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**Due to the Observance of Independence Day, the Borough office will be closed and sanitation will not be collected on Tuesday, July 4. Sanitation collection will be Wednesday, July 5. Also, the July council meeting has been moved to Wednesday, July 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

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The large item collection date is Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

Each large item is \$5. Place a check, the name, address and phone number where the large item is to be collected in an envelope. 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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If you would like to **schedule monthly payments for your Electric Light bill**, you, the customer, must go into the website ([www.stclairpa.gov](http://www.stclairpa.gov)), press the button "Pay Electric Bill" and *register*. Once registered, you can save accounts, store payments methods and schedule payments.

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The Borough continues to work on demolishing unsightly, dilapidated structures which is a lengthy process. Blighted properties decrease surrounding property values, erode the health of local housing markets, pose safety hazards, and reduce local tax revenue. The Borough has addressed 22 structures in this Conservatorship Program.

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**The Borough offers the HOME Program to rehabilitate housing for the elderly and low-income residents. The Borough just finished it's fifth round spending \$500,000 to rehabilitate 14 houses. The Borough is applying for its sixth round of funding. Interested homeowners can provide their name, address and phone number to the Borough office.**

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Zoning Rules apply to household swimming pools over 12" deep. These rules are intended for public safety. Printed copies are available at the Borough Office and on-line on the Borough's web site, page 122 of the Zoning Ordinance.

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The residents of the Borough of St. Clair will soon have the **choice of provider for cable and internet**. Once the franchise agreements are adopted and work completed, the choice will be either Service Electric or Comcast in the coming months.

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A heartfelt thank you to Progress Cleaners of 301 N. Progress Avenue, Pottsville, for dry cleaning the Borough's American flags at no cost to the Borough. The flags look spectacular!

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The **Saint Clair Community pool** will open on Friday, June 16 and tentatively close on Sunday, August 13. The pool will be open daily from 12 noon until 6 p.m. The rates for the 2023 swim season are as follows:

| DAILY RATE   |        | SEASON PASSES |         |
|--------------|--------|---------------|---------|
| 3-5-year-old | \$1.50 | Student       | \$40.00 |
| Students     | \$2.50 | Adult Single  | \$50.00 |
| Adult        | \$4.00 | Couple        | \$60.00 |
| Senior (55+) | \$2.00 | Senior (55+)  | \$37.00 |
|              |        | Family*       | \$90.00 |

\*Family – 2 adults and 4 children \$10 each additional child over 4.

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The pool is available after hours for party rentals. Contact the pool personnel via email or call the Borough Hall. Follow the pool on Facebook at **Saint Clair Community Pool**. Their email is saintclaircommunitypool@gmail.com.

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The Sewer Authority has a new website at [StClairSewer.com](http://StClairSewer.com). You can now pay your bill on-line!

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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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Several **Hometown Hero Banners** around the Borough have been taken down and are stored at the Municipal Building for pick up. If you would like your banner taken down or are coming to pick one up, please call 570-429-0640, so it can be ready.



The Saint Clair Community & Historical Society will be sponsoring the **Town Wide Yard Sale** on Saturday, June 17. Pay \$5.00 to place an address on a map which is distributed throughout town. Applications can be picked up at the Historical Society or the Municipal Building. The day of the yard sale, at noon, a truck will be parked at the Municipal Building to take what you don't sell. Please DO NOT leave items before the truck comes or after they leave.

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

**Wednesday, June 14 – Cemetery Ridge Ramble** - led by Deb Piccioni – begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Historical Society. We'll walk up Lawton St. to the cemeteries and follow McCord Avenue to the Wooden Keg and home. Moderate in difficulty 1.5 miles.

**Monday, June 26 - Morning Wake-up walk** -begins at 7:20 a.m. at the Historical Society. Grab your travel mug and join us on a walk to wake up the senses.

**Tuesday, July 12 – Garden Tour of Saint Clair** - led by Porcupine Pat - begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Historical Society. Our borough has a French namesake and is exceptionally beautiful in mid-summer with thanks to our neighbors who love gardening. Join us for a two-mile tour to appreciate both flower and vegetable gardens in our community.

For more information and updates visit the website at [www.walksaintclair.com](http://www.walksaintclair.com), follow us on Facebook, or call 570-429-1161.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 14 – Cressona Band** will be performing an array of patriotic music at 7 p.m. at the Admiral Boone Park. Please bring your lawn chairs.

**June 16 – Opening day at the Saint Clair Community Pool.** Daily hours: 12 noon – 6 p.m.

**June 17 – Town-wide Yard Sale**

**June 21 - Splash Party** at the St. Clair Community Pool benefiting Schuylkill County Special Olympics from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$5/person. There will be a food truck and music.

**June 24 – Alert/Columbia Fire Company Boot Drive** in town.

**June 24 – Actors Guild of Schuylkill County presents *Enchanted Valley Fairy and Pirate Festival-Return of the Oak King*** from 12 p.m.-6 p.m. at Good Will #4 Grove, Pottsville. For tickets visit [AGOSC.ORG](http://AGOSC.ORG).

**June 24 – Phoenix Hose Co. #4** in East Mines hosting a “**Chicken Wing Sale**” - pre-order/take out/cash only from 3 p.m.-8 p.m. *Contact Julia 570-516-1960 or Becky 570-292-0955 no later than Friday, June 25.*

**June 27 – Pottsville's Third Brigade Band** will be performing a medley of music at 7 p.m. at the Admiral Boone Park. Bring your lawn chairs.

**July 15 – Annual St. Clair Car Cruise**-The St. Clair Community and Historical Society will host the **St. Clair Borough fireworks** at 9:30 p.m. at the St. Clair Memorial Stadium.

**October 18 – Save the date - Annual St. Clair Halloween Parade**

### Mayor's Report

1. Many thanks are extended to Street Department Superintendent Kevin Dempsey and the street department work force for the outstanding work done to prepare the Borough Cemetery for Memorial Day.

2. As vacation time is now upon us, residents are reminded that they may obtain a Vacation Form from the St. Clair Police Department. Once the form is filled out and returned to the police department, the police could increase patrols and contact the residents should there be an emergency with their property. Forms may be obtained by calling 570-429-2240 or 570-429-3050 as well as on the St. Clair Borough website.

3. With the Fourth of July holiday coming in less than one month and weather conditions this Spring being exceptionally dry, I would recommend that residents refrain from employing fireworks to celebrate the holiday as dry conditions and the use of fireworks could cause serious fires which would endanger people and property.

If the weather conditions improve, residents are reminded that there are legal restrictions on the use of fireworks that have been enacted by the PA General Assembly.

Some of these restrictions are:

1. fireworks cannot be directed at another person.
2. fireworks cannot be discharged from or directed at a building or vehicle.
3. fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet of a building or vehicle regardless if the building or vehicle is owned by the user of consumer fireworks.
4. fireworks cannot be discharged while the person is under the use of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.

### Historical Note

According to oral history, the Fourth of July was celebrated during the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in our borough by parades and celebratory gatherings at which patriotic ovals were delivered by local dignitaries.

**The July issues, review and finance work session** will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The **July monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be held in Council Chambers, St. Clair Municipal Building. For additional methods to provide public comment for the council meeting, comments can be 1.) emailed to [rprice@stclairpa.gov](mailto:rprice@stclairpa.gov), 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.**