

St. Clair Borough News Bulletin

July 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.

The **large item collection date is Wednesday, July 19, 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.

All sidewalks must be cleared of ATV's, garbage cans and any other items obstructing passage.

Habitual placing of cones, chairs, or any other item on a public street to save a parking space is considered abandoned property and will be taken away by our sanitation and police departments. Items placed for occasional, temporary parking for deliveries are permitted.

The Police Department has received numerous complaints related to illegal parking within the Borough. The police would like to urge drivers to park in legal parking areas to avoid being ticketed.

If you are going to be away from home for an extended period of time, complete a "Vacation Watch Form" found at the Municipal Building, police station or on the Borough's web page and hand it in, to have peace of mind while you are away.

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

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.

Come cruise with us this summer! July 15 • Registration: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. • Cruise starts at 6 p.m. • Fee \$15
Registration at the corner of North Second and Franklin Streets
Like our Facebook page (Saint Clair Car Cruise) for updates and more information!

**** The St. Clair Community and Historical Society will host the St. Clair Borough fireworks on Saturday, July 15 at 9:30 p.m. at the St. Clair Memorial Stadium****

All of the **Hometown Hero Banners** around the borough have been taken down and are stored at the Municipal Building for pick up. If you are coming to pick one up, please call 570-429-0640, so it can be ready.

To further serve our community, a **food cupboard** has been erected at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church at 307 E. Hancock Street for people in need. "Take what you need, and leave what you can." If dropping off, please only leave non-perishable, non-expired food. In the summer months, no cardboard packaging – only canned goods. Thank you.

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*. At this time, two more structures are being demolished.

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.

If you would like to **schedule monthly payments for your Electric Light bill**, you, the customer, must go into the website (www.stclairpa.gov), press the button "Pay Electric Bill" and *register*. Once registered, you can save accounts, store payments methods and schedule payments.

The Saint Clair Community 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.

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

DAILY RATE

3-5-year-old	\$1.50
Students	\$2.50
Adult	\$4.00
Senior (55+)	\$2.00

SEASON PASSES

Student	\$40.00
Adult Single	\$50.00
Couple	\$60.00
Senior (55+)	\$37.00
Family*	\$90.00

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

****NEW TIME & NEW PLACE**** The **St. Clair Area Food Pantry** will now offer a drive thru pick up on N. Mill Street on the third Wednesday of the even months starting August 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the First Primitive Methodist Church, 115 N. Mill Street, Saint Clair. The pantry serves St. Clair, New Castle Township, Arnot's Addition, Mill Creek and Dieners Hill. The next food pantry will be held October 18.

Walk Saint Clair's upcoming walks are:

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, follow us on Facebook, or call 570-429-1161.

Wednesday, August 16 - 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 two-mile easy walk to enjoy the scenes and the nature of Saint Clair.

Thursday, August 24 - Morning Wake-up walk - begins at 7:20 am at the Historical Society. Grab your travel mug and join us on a walk to wake up the senses,

Tuesday, August 29 – Zig Zag Saint Clair! led by Deb Piccioni - begins at 6:30 pm at the Historical Society. We'll wind our way through the back streets of town zigging and zagging from one street to another.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 15 – Annual St. Clair Car Cruise - brought to you by Schuylkill Valley Legion Sports.

July 15 - 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.

July 29 – Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #3 will be running a **Boot Drive** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 24 North Second Street.

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

Mayor's Report

- Residents of St. Clair who own firearms of any type should keep their firearms in a secure location within their home. Firearm owners should make note of the Make, Model, and Serial Number of their firearms in the event of theft.
- 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.

Historical Note

The Miners Supply Company of St. Clair was engaged in the manufacturing of squibs for use by miners in firing their blasts. The idea was first suggested to Samuel H. Daddow by Jesse Beadle. The invention was perfected and patented and the manufacturing plant was built around 1866. The squibs were made and packed by hand and all of the work was done by women.

Around 1883 George Hayes opened a squib factory. He died in 1890 and his sons held the business together for a few more years after which the business closed.

The Daddow and Beadle concern operated for more than 62 years. With the use of dynamite and fuse, the squib was no longer required for mining. The Miners Supply Company of St. Clair, owned by Daddow & Beadle closed its doors in 1928.

The **August issues, review and finance work session** will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The **August monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 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, 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.