

St. Clair Borough News Bulletin August 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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**In observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 4, the Municipal Building will be closed and there will be no sanitation collection. Sanitation service for Monday will be Wednesday, September 6.**

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The large item collection date is Wednesday, August 16, 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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**All sidewalks must be cleared of ATV's, garbage cans and any other items obstructing passage.**

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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.

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**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.**

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*****We are in need of two school crossing guards and substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications are available at the St. Clair Municipal Building between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.*****

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St. Clair Community and Historical Society is sponsoring a **bus trip to Gettysburg** on Thursday, September 28. The bus will leave the Historical Society Building at 8 a.m. Mr. Ray Hinchey will be our tour guide around the battlefield. There will be 2 hours of free time in the town of Gettysburg. Lunch is on your own. A tour of Beyond the Battle Museum which opened this Spring is included and will explain about the citizens of the town.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.**

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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****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.

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

**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**

**August 13** – St. Clair Community Pool closes for the 2023 swim season.

**September 28** – **Bus trip to Gettysburg** by the St. Clair Community and Historical Society.

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

**November 4** – **Kauffman's Chicken BBQ** benefiting St. Clair Women's Club and the Rescue Hook & Ladder Fire Co. Pick up from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Pre-Orders are guaranteed until 12 p.m. Must have a TICKET AT pick up!! Pick up at Coal Creek Plaza – 400 Terry Rich Blvd., St. Clair, PA. Dinners include ½ chicken, baked potato & applesauce for \$12.00. Contact Michele 570-527-9191 or Dave 570-573-8614.

**December 2** – Save the date – **Annual Christmas Festival** – *Looking for vendors* - Please call Michelle – 570-527-9191

### **Mayor's Report**

1. School 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. Residents are asked to contact the St. Clair Police Department at 570-429-2240 or 570-429-3050 if they see any suspicious activity at or in the area of vacant properties.

### **Historical Note**

The Lattimer Cap factory was established in St. Clair by Mr. Samuel H. Daddow (of squib manufacturing) and a group of associates at the corner of Patterson and Nicholas Street at some time in the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The type of cap that was manufactured were miner's caps. The business was named after a Mr. Lattimer who was the patentee of an attachment on the miner's caps to hold a light in place.

As the company grew, it supplied 9/10 of the miner's caps manufactured in the United States and Mexico for a period of time during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**The September issues, review and finance work session** will be held on Thursday, August 31, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The **September monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, September 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.**