

St. Clair Borough News Bulletin

October 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 Borough office will be closed on Tuesday, November 7 due to Election Day. Normal sanitation will occur. In observance of Veteran's Day, the Borough office will be closed on Friday, November 10 and there will be no recycling collection. Recycling collection for Friday will occur on Wednesday, November 8.

The large item collection date is Wednesday, October 18, 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.

The 62nd annual Halloween Parade will be held on Wednesday, October 18 (rain date Thursday, October 19) starting at 7 p.m. Registration for individuals, floats, groups and other participants will be held on Wednesday, October 11 and Thursday, October 12 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Municipal Building. NO POLITICAL ADVERTISING. Donations to defray the cost of the bands and participating non-profit groups and floats can be mailed to: Susan Miller/3031 Chestnut St./Pottsville, PA 17901 or Bonnie Baker/439 S. Mill St./St. Clair, PA 17970.

Contractors will be in town implementing Make Ready Work for Comcast's arrival. Alerts will be issued to residents of when power outages will occur due to this Comcast project.

Trick or Treat Night will be Tuesday, October 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Happy Halloween!

The Schuylkill County Commissioners have provided funding for the Handicapped Barrier Removal Project for our municipal building. Both the entrance and the Council Chamber's doors are now handicap accessible.

>> The drop off box for electric & sewer payments and other documents has been replaced by <<
>> a secure drop box in the wall of the Municipal Building for your convenience. <<

A FREE Thanksgiving meal is being offered by Holy Episcopal Church at 307 E. Hancock St. on Thanksgiving Day. Reservations must be made for takeout, delivery or dine in by calling Bonnie at 570-429-2272 or the church office at 570-429-7107.

***We are in need of school crossing guards for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications are available at the St. Clair Municipal Building between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call the Municipal Building if you have any questions. 570-429-0640 ***

***The Saint Clair Area School District is proud to announce that our new track at Veterans Memorial Stadium is open for community use. ***

By opening the stadium, SCASD hopes to provide a safe and easy way for our community members to walk or run on the track. The stadium will be open each weekday from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Please note that the stadium will not be available when being used by our students for practices, classes, or school events. We ask that all visitors respect the facility and help us in maintaining a safe and clean environment. Please note that bicycles, ATV's, rollerblades, skateboards, and pets/animals are prohibited in the stadium.

When paying your electric light or sewer bills, please include your payment coupon/stub(s) along with your check or money order to ensure it will get credited to the correct account.

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.

The application for the HOME Program has been submitted to DCED. Decision on whether we receive the grant will be announced in December-January. We are still accepting applicants for the program. Please call the Borough Office or email the Borough Secretary at RPrice@StClairPA.gov and provide your name, address and phone number.

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.

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. Thank you.

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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 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.

### Up next on the 2023 Actors Guild of Saint Clair Season...

**Alice in Wonderland** (Based on the stories by Lewis Carroll) Friday, October 20 at 7 p.m./Saturday, October 21 at 7 p.m./Sunday, October 22 at 2 p.m.

**Bridge to Terabithia** (The fantasy based on the book by Katherine Paterson) Friday, November 17 at 7 p.m./Saturday, November 18 at 7 p.m./Sunday, November 19 at 2 p.m.

**Christmas Show & Dates** – To be announced

For more information on upcoming shows, auditions, volunteer opportunities, visit their website [www.agosc.org](http://www.agosc.org), like them on Facebook, follow them on Twitter, Instagram, Tik-Tok and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter.

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

**Saturday, October 21 – Southside Scramble** – led by Deb Piccioni – begins at 11 a.m. at Admiral Boone Park. We'll venture through town and down through the Industrial Park and back. Be prepared for an almost 3-mile scramble.

**Tuesday, October 24 – Morning Wake Up Walk** – begins at 7:45 a.m. at the Historical Society.

**Saturday, October 28 – Walk Around Town** – led by Deb Piccioni – begins at 11 a.m. at Admiral Boone Park. We'll take an over 2-mile walk "around" the town.

**Thursday, November 2 – Morning Wake Up Walk** – begins at 7:45 a.m. at the Historical Society.

**Saturday, November 11 – Mid-November Mystery Trek** - led by Deb Piccioni – begins at 11 a.m. at the Historical Society. Pick a card and determine our destination. (No hills.)

**Saturday, November 17 – Afternoon Stroll & Lunch** – begins at 12 p.m. at the Historical Society. Grab your sneakers and wallet. We'll take a jaunt around town to burn off the calories we will soon eat at a local restaurant.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 11 and 12 – Registration for the Halloween Parade** at the Municipal Building from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

**October 15 – Third annual Pumpkin Festival** sponsored by Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #3 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Rescue Hook and Ladder Fire Co. located at 136 North Second Street. This event is free to all children from ages 1 to 12. Face painting booth will be available for all attendees.

**October 18 – The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Clair Halloween Parade** beginning at 7 p.m. (Rain date October 19).

**October 31 – Trick or Treat Night from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** Happy Halloween!

**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. Motorists are urged to be extra careful on the streets of our borough on the evening of October 31<sup>st</sup> as that is when Halloweeners will be trick or treating. Parents are urged to examine the items collected so as to be sure that they have not been tampered with.
2. Residents are advised that a new "revised" Covid 19 vaccine booster is available.
3. Residents are reminded to consider getting their yearly flu shot as we should expect an active flu season.

### Historical Note

During the 1870's and 1880's St. Clair was home to a shovel manufacturing plant as well as a box factory.

About 1871 a Mr. Bowen opened a shovel manufacturing shop. He made shovels for use in the mines of St. Clair and vicinity.

Between 1870 -1880 a box factory was established in St. Clair by Mr. Samuel H. Daddow (1827-1875) of the miner's cap and squib manufacturing operations. Wooden boxes were made for the squibs. This industry continued until there was no longer a demand for squibs.

**The November issues, review and finance work session** will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The **November monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 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.**