

St. Clair Borough News Bulletin September 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, September 20, 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.

***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 ***

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.

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.

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.

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. In the summer months, no cardboard packaging – only canned goods. Thank you.

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...

Misery (The Stephen King thriller play) Friday, September 15 at 7 p.m./Saturday, September 16 at 7 p.m./Sunday, September 17 at 2 p.m. *Advanced tickets on sale at www.agosc.org*

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, like them on Facebook, follow them on Twitter, Instagram, Tik-Tok and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter.

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## Walk Saint Clair's upcoming walks are:

**Saturday, September 16 – Zig Zag Saint Clair!** *led by Deb Piccioni* – begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Historical Society We'll wind our way through the back streets of town zigging and zagging from one street to another.

**Wednesday, September 20 – Fall 'n Leaf Tour – Led by Porcupine Pat** – begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Historical Society. A walk that leads you on a two-mile trek in search of the diverse tree types in St. Clair. A great way to spend first day of Fall.

**Tuesday, September 26 – Morning Wake-up walk** –begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Historical Society.

**Wednesday, October 4 – Mill Creek Meander – Led by Porcupine Pat** – begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Historical Society. Mill Creek begins on top of nearby Broad Mountain. We'll explore the life that depends on this waterway.

**Tuesday, October 10 – Cemetery Ridge Ramble – led by Deb Piccioni** – begins at 5:45 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. **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

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

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

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

**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

Residents are reminded of the St. Clair Fire Departments annual donation drive. I ask all residents to contribute to this 100% volunteer service which is vital to the existence of our Borough. The volunteer firemen and women provide a vital public service and they depend upon the public's generous donation of money to show its support and appreciation for their public-spirited giving of themselves for the benefit of all of us. The address for donations is: P.O. Box 23, St. Clair, PA 17970.

### " Proclamation by Mayor Richard E. Tomko "

*Whereas, In October of 2023, the Saint Clair-Wade United Methodist Church will celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding; and*

*Whereas, A number of founders of the Saint Clair-Wade United Methodist Church were among the first settlers of what was to become the Borough of St. Clair; and*

*Whereas, The membership of the St. Clair-Wade United Methodist Church have contributed to the religious, social, economic, and political development of the Borough of St. Clair for 175 years; and*

*Whereas, Many members of the Saint Clair-Wade United Methodist Church have served in the armed forces of the United States of America with honor and bravery on battlefields throughout the world on our nation's struggles against evil and tyranny for the past 175 years; and*

*Whereas, The Borough Council, Borough Officials, and the people of St. Clair wish to congratulate the St. Clair-Wade United Methodist Church on the occasion of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding and pay tribute to the thousands of church members who have contributed to the life of the Borough of St. Clair for the past 175 years;*

*Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Richard E. Tomko, do hereby proclaim, on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, that the month of October 2023 be "St. Clair-Wade United Methodist Church Month" in the Borough of St. Clair.*

## Historical Note

The St. Clair-Wade United Methodist Church was the third church to be established in what is now the Borough of St. Clair.

**The October issues, review and finance work session** will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The **October monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 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.**