



St. Clair Borough News Bulletin November 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.

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Borough office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and there will be no recycling collection this day. Recycling for Thursday will occur on Wednesday, November 22. The Borough office will be closed on Friday, November 24. There **WILL BE** recycling collection on Friday.

The large item collection date is Wednesday, November 15, 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 Annual Christmas and Tree Lighting Festival will be on Saturday, December 2, 2023

- DaLinda Dancers will perform in the Gazebo beginning @ 5:00 leading up to the arrival of Santa Claus.
- Santa and Mrs. Claus will make their appearance @ 5:30 to light the Christmas Tree.
- The trolley will drive through the town making stops @ The Kelsey Theater and the Living Nativity in the Grotto of St. Clair of Assisi Church, beginning around 6:00.
- There will be Arts & Crafts for the kids along with face painting.
- Make your own SMORES at the burn barrels.
- Take your picture with Santa & Mrs. Claus, the Grinch, or even a Snowman.
- You can have Free Hot Chocolate with the purchase of a Santa Boot mug for \$5.
- Music & food will be supplied by vendors and church groups. (Food vendors begin serving @ 4:00).

East Side BBQ • Huey's chicken fingers • Pizza Bob's • JT's Grill & Q – Cheesesteaks & Chili • Atomic Kitchen – Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Boba Tea, & other meatless choices • Holy Apostles Church (Halupkies) • St. Clare of Assisi – Pierogies – frozen and sold in the Church Hall across from the Living Nativity • St. Michaels (Soups) • UCC Church (Welsh Cooking) • Alerts Fire Company (Funnel Cakes) • West End Fire Company – Walking Tacos

A **FREE Thanksgiving meal** is being offered by Holy Episcopal Church at 307 E. Hancock St. on Thanksgiving Day. *Deadline for reservations is Friday, November 17.* 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.

The Borough of St. Clair is **hiring part-time sanitation workers.**
Applications are available at the Municipal Building from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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.**

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 The drop off box for electric & sewer payments and other documents has been replaced by 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

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.*

We are in need of **substitute school crossing guards** for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications are available at the St. Clair Municipal Building between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Call the Municipal Building if you have any questions at 570-429-0640.

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.

The **St. Clair Area Food Pantry** offers 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 December 20.

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

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.

Walk Saint Clair!'s upcoming walks are:

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.
Saturday, December 16th – Annual Christmas Walk – begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Historical Society. Join us on a walk around town to enjoy the beautiful sights of the season.

For more information visit the website at www.walksaintclair.com, follow the Facebook page, or call 570-429-1161.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 28 – The Saint Clair Community and Historical Society is hosting a **Tour of the Churches** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The historical society will have refreshments and a commemorative book for this event can be purchased.

Mayor's Report

- Residents are urged to be aware of telephone scams over the upcoming holiday season. Do not give any personal financial information over the telephone when called. Recent reports of calls pertaining to unpaid Amazon Prime bills are numerous. When called with such propositions – hang up!
- With the Holiday Season upon us, drivers are reminded to use designated drivers if they plan to celebrate with alcoholic drinks.
- Congratulations are extended to Jude Dempsey, son of Chief of Police William Dempsey, on the completion of his Eagle Scout Project. Jude created a Rock Garden and Veteran's memorial behind the Third Street playground in the Borough of St. Clair. The projects primary goal was to honor and show appreciation for our local veterans by establishing a serene and meaningful space that incorporated flags representing all branches of the military, the American Flag, and Prisoner of War Flag. The project centerpiece features the arrangement of rocks in the shape of the letters "S" and "C" symbolizing St. Clair. The Rock Garden and Veterans Memorial provides a place for community members to reflect and pay their respects.

Historical Note

The first monument to veterans in St. Clair was proposed by the St. Clair Monument Association after the conclusion of the Civil War. The monument was procured at a cost of \$2,600. It was erected in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, and dedicated on Thanksgiving Day in 1874.

During the Civil War, Pennsylvania furnished the greatest quota of soldiers in all of the United States of America. Schuylkill County provided the largest per capita number of soldiers in Pennsylvania; and St. Clair responded with the highest percentage of soldiers in Schuylkill County.

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