



## St. Clair Borough News Bulletin December 2023

The official site of the Borough of St. Clair is [www.stclairpa.gov](http://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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**The Borough office will be closed on Monday, December 25 for Christmas Day. There will be no garbage collection this day. Garbage collection will occur on Wednesday, December 27. The Borough office will also be closed on Monday, January 1, New Year's Day. There will be no garbage collection this day. Garbage collection will occur on Wednesday, January 3.**

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**The large item collection date is Wednesday, December 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.

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Thank you to the St. Clair Women's Club and Rescue Hook & Ladder Fire Company #3 for hosting our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Festival! Many thanks also to the Borough employees, the vendors, food trucks and of course to Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and friends!

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**On behalf of the St. Clair Women's Club and the Rescue Hook and Ladder Fire Company we would like to thank the following for making this year's Christmas Festival & Tree Lighting a success:**

*The Borough of St. Clair Including: The Street Department, The Electric Light Dept, The Police Department and the Fire Police. A Special Thank You to: Fanelli, Evan's, & Patel, P.C., "Vic" Singh, The Alert & West End Fire Companies, St. Clair Elementary School Art Dept., DaLinda Dance Studio, Padfield's Plumbing & Heating, Miller's Distribution, Ian Bulino & Mettam Bros., Sunset Stables, Our Sound Engineer – Mr. Rudy Grubbs, Chief Wm. Dempsey & Mrs. Dawn Burns for "Saving Christmas", The Kelsey Theater for their never-ending support, and Monsignor Wm. Glosser & St. Clare of Assisi Parish for bringing the True Meaning of Christmas to Life!*

*"The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Mary Pat Follweiler"*

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**The Borough of Saint Clair received a grant award from DCNR in the amount of \$77,500 for refurbishment of the John Siney Park. This is the third grant as part of the improvements in this area. Three grants have been received for the rehabilitation of Northward Playground basketball courts, the Little League Field improvements and now the John Siney Park.**

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**Borough Council is addressing blighted properties in our borough. Over 20 structures have been placed on the conservatorship list. Several of these structures are awaiting demolition using county funding. The effort is ongoing.**

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The **Schuylkill County Reassessment** project is underway. The data collection phase will begin soon in the Borough and continue through 2024. Please see our website or visit [www.vgsi.com/Schuylkill](http://www.vgsi.com/Schuylkill) for more information or stop in the Municipal Building for an informative pamphlet.

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**The St. Clair Fire Police is a newly organized group within the Borough headed by Michael Boyer and works in conjunction with the Borough Police Department. The following volunteers were sworn in by Mayor Tomko on November 9, 2023 in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building: Rebecca Ahner, Renee Ahner, Steven Bachman, Jessica Cannizzaro, Kimberly Fedornak-Boyer, Christopher R. Gollin, Carl W. Martin, Luis A. Negron and Tom Villella Jr. Thank you for your dedication and service!**

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**ATTENTION LANDLORDS:** Rental Ordinance #398 requires a Rental Registration Form completed at the *beginning of each year*. Please complete your Rental Registration form along with fees and return to St. Clair Borough. The form is on the St. Clair Borough website under "Documents and Forms." All renters are required to be registered. **IT IS A REQUIREMENT.**

**Stray animals are becoming a problem in the Borough. Please DO NOT feed the stray animals.**



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 slot in the wall of the Municipal Building for your convenience. <<

\*\*\*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 4 p.m. Call the Municipal Building if you have any questions. 570-429-0640 \*\*\*

**ATTENTION DRIVERS: Please be observant of the school crossing guards and children at all times. Be mindful especially when visibility is diminished. Safety is everyone's responsibility!**

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. 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 December 20.

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

**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.

**New for 2024 are Winter Walks.** There will not be a set schedule for the walks, but they will be based on the weather forecast with an approximate 3-day notice. Check out the website, facebook page, or send an email to [walksaintclair@gmail.com](mailto:walksaintclair@gmail.com) to be added to an email list for Winter Walk updates beginning in January.

## 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. All 11 churches will be participating. A bus will circle the town allowing people easy access to all the churches. A verification card can be picked up at the Historical Society or at the first church visited. Have the card marked at each church. After visiting all the churches, drop the card at the Historical Society to be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Gift Card for groceries. Refreshments will be served at the Historical Society.

## Mayor's Report

1. A heartfelt thank you is extended to the Holy Apostles Episcopal Church and the Pottsville Knights of Columbus for providing free Thanksgiving dinners to those who found themselves alone or unable to cook on Thanksgiving.
2. Residents are urged to not allow packages delivered to their porches to remain there too long as they become targets for "porch thieves."
3. Holiday revelers are advised to use designated drivers if holiday celebrations involve travel and the consumption of alcoholic beverages.
4. On behalf of myself, the Borough Council, Borough officials and the Borough employees – we wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

## Historical Note

The Brass Foundry was founded in 1875 by Peter P. Quirin who immigrated from an area in what is now Germany and settled in St. Clair in 1854 and lived here until his death in 1891. The foundry specialized in brass work but it also was a machine shop where machinery was made and repaired.

Mr. Quirin was also an inventor. In 1883, he patented a miners safety lamp, and in 1886 he patented a nonfreezing water hydrant that was common in this region up until the 1930's.

**The January issues, review and finance work session** will be held on Thursday, December 28, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The **January reorganization and monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2024, beginning at 6:00 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.**

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year*