

St. Clair Borough News Bulletin

February 2024

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, February 21, 2024.

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. Large item collection is always the third Wednesday of the month.

LARGE ITEMS WILL NO LONGER BE PICKED UP ON GARBAGE DAY. YOU MUST REGISTER AND PAY A FEE OF \$5.00 BEFORE AN ITEM IS PICKED UP.

>>Please use your blue recycling cans for **recyclables only**, not garbage. <<
>>Garbage will NOT be picked up, if left in a recycling can.<<

Garbage Regulations: Residents are reminded of a limit of 6 bags of garbage, consisting of 32 gallons per bag, shall have been drained of all liquid, and all garbage must be produced at the address from which the collection was made. It is unlawful to bring garbage in from outside the Borough.

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!

ATTENTION RESIDENTS: Please be mindful of our **Snow Removal Ordinance** which states that a path on the sidewalk, free of snow and ice, of at least 24 inches, must be maintained before 12 noon of the next day after snow has fallen. Also, when removing snow and ice from the sidewalk, it is unlawful to place snow or ice into the street or any public thoroughfare of the Borough.

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.**

SAVE THE DATES: The **St. Clair Car Cruise** will be held on Saturday, July 6, from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. The fireworks will take place at approximately 9 p.m. A **Car Show**, tentatively will be held June 1, to offset the cost of the fireworks.

The **CPA Audit of the Borough of Saint Clair** for the fiscal year 2022 is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Municipal Building.

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.**

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.

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 February 21.

New for 2024 Saint Clair's 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 to be added to an email list for Winter Walk updates beginning in January.

Mayor's Report

1. Residents are reminded to be aware of telephone scams related to the IRS as it is income tax season. The IRS does not contact individuals by telephone.
2. This is the time of the year when many of our churches have fund raising activities such as Lenten dinners, breakfasts, food sales, etc. These fund raisers help to fund the operations of area churches. I ask that residents of St. Clair consider patronizing these endeavors to help us in maintaining the spiritual well-being of our community.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Catherine Leone Cheruka is a lifelong resident of the Borough of St Clair; and,

WHEREAS, Catherine Leone Cheruka is a member of St. Clare of Assisi R. C. Church and former member of St. Mary's R. C. Church; and,

WHEREAS, Catherine Leone Cheruka is the daughter of the late Paul and Assunta Leone who immigrated to the United States from Italy and established a grocery store in the Borough of St. Clair; and,

WHEREAS, Catherine Leone Cheruka attended St. Clair High School and later was the co-owner of various business enterprises in the Borough of St. Clair; and,

WHEREAS, Catherine Leone Cheruka is the mother of Dr. Joseph Cheruka and Mrs. Kathleen Glessner as well as the proud and loving grandmother to five grandchildren and one great grandchild; and,

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2024, Catherine Leone Cheruka celebrated the 100th anniversary of her birth on January 3, 1924;

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Richard E. Tomko, on this the 5th day of January, 2024, do proclaim that the month of February 2024 be "Catherine Leone Cheruka Month" in the Borough of St. Clair.

Historical Note

The late Rose Leone Zamaria, younger sister of Catherine Leone Cheruka, was one of our native-born citizens whose career was among the most illustrious in the annals of the history of St. Clair.

Rose was born in October of 1925 in the Borough of St. Clair. Graduating from St. Clair High School in 1943 as Salutatorian of her class, she took the federal Civil Service Examination and after graduation began her career in Washington, D.C.

She served on Capitol Hill for 27 years as Administrative Assistant to Congressmen Albert Thomas, George Herbert Walker Bush, Bill Archer, Shirley Pettis, and Albert Quie.

In 1973, she left Capitol Hill to join George H. W. Bush when he became Chairman of the Republican National Committee, where she served as Director of Administration; the first woman to hold that position.

In 1983, Mrs. Zamaria was appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to the Advisory Council on Social Security.

When George H. W. Bush was elected President in 1988, Rose came out of retirement to become a Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of White House Operations.

After President Bush left office, Rose moved to Houston, Texas to become the Chief of Staff to former President Bush. She served as a member of the George Bush Library Advisory Council until her death.

She is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

The March issues, review and finance work session will be held on Thursday, February 29, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The **monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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.**