

# St. Clair Borough News Bulletin

## March 2024

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 Friday, March 29 in observance of Good Friday.**  
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**NO RECYCLING on Friday, March 29.**  
**Friday's recycling will be collected on Wednesday, March 27.**  
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**The large item collection date is Wednesday, March 20, 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.

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**Recycling Reminder** – *Please use the blue recycling 25-gallon container provided to you to recycle. Any additional recycling material can be placed in another container or a **CLEAR** garbage bag.* The following items are recyclable: card board, boxes, mixed colored glass containers, tin & aluminum cans, plastics #1 through #7, magazines, newspapers & inserts, office and school paper. **ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEANED; CANS AND BOTTLES SHOULD BE RINSED. DO NOT RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING:** garbage, food waste, film, plastic bags, plastic wrap, waxed cartons, foam cups or containers.

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The **Saint Clair Sewer Authority will be implementing E-BILLING.** If interested, please submit in writing: your name, property address, account number and the email address you would like the billing to go to. You can submit your information by depositing it in the drop box, email to [SCSA@ptd.net](mailto:SCSA@ptd.net) or mail to the Sewer Authority at 16 S. Third Street, St. Clair, PA 17970.

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**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!  
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The **43<sup>rd</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by the St. Clair Fish and Game Association, will be held Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m.

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We are in need of **substitute school crossing guards.** 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  
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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** 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 April 17.*  
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**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](mailto:walksaintclair@gmail.com) to be added to an email list for Winter Walk updates beginning in January.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 11** – Rescue Hook & Ladder Fire Company #3 will be hosting a **Pizza Buds Food Truck** on 136 North Second Street. Please come and support the fire company!

**March 30** – **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt** at St. Clair Fish & Game begins at 1 p.m.

**June 1** – Save the date – **Car Show**

**July 6** – Save the date – The **Annual St. Clair Car Cruise** will be held from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. The **fireworks** will take place at approximately 9 p.m.

## Mayor's Report

1. Many thanks are extended to borough officials, borough employees, borough fire companies and the St. Clair Area School District for acting in unison to provide shelters for our residents during the electric power disruption caused by a snowstorm last month. Thankfully, the power was restored before nightfall, but the fact remains that our borough was ready to contend with a far more dangerous situation; had it occurred, thereby fulfilling our most basic responsibilities to our residents.

A special thank you is extended to Electric Light Department Superintendent Robert Petrozino and his crew for their diligence during the outage and for Bob's near constant communication with P.P.& L. reminding them of our position on the priority list for restoration of electricity.

2. This month marks the beginning of the third year of the illegal Russian war against Ukraine. Let us keep Ukraine and her people in our prayers as they sacrifice more than we can imagine to battle against the forces of authoritarian and totalitarian tyranny.
3. On behalf of myself, the Borough Council and the Borough Officials and employees, I take this opportunity to wish our residents a very Happy and Blessed Easter Season.

## Historical Note

In 1829, the Mill Creek Railroad was built from Port Carbon to the southern limits of the Borough of St. Clair. In 1845, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad extended their tracks through St. Clair.

It was evident in those early years that St. Clair was destined to become a great coal center for the Southern Anthracite Field of Pennsylvania.

In 1913, therefore, the largest classified coal yards in the world were built in the area of St. Clair on the site of a large swamp, the present-day St. Clair Industrial Complex on our southern border in East Norwegian Township. The St. Clair Coal Yards had a capacity in 1934 of 2,010 railroad cars and a track mileage of 46.26 miles. The coal yards contained 35 tracks for coal trains, 28 tracks for car repair work and 4 main line tracks.

St. Clair was also afforded service by the Pennsylvania Railroad starting in 1887.

**The April issues, review and finance work session** will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The **monthly council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 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](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.**

