

St. Clair Borough News Bulletin

August 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.

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**The Borough Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.**  
**There will be no garbage collection on Monday, September 2.**  
**Monday's garbage will be collected Wednesday, September 4.**  
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The large item collection dates are: August 21, September 18 and October 16.

Each large item is \$5. Place a check, the name, address and phone number where the large item is to be collected and the item 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. We will no longer be collecting refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, or any item containing freon.

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**\*\*\*\*\*Residents smelling odors from the BRADS Landfill are encouraged to call the PA DEP Hotline number:\*\*\*\*\***  
**1-800-541-2050**

Be prepared to:

1. Describe the smell
2. Give your name and address
3. BRADS Landfill address – 1061 Burma Road, New Philadelphia, 17959 (Blythe Township)

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Residents interested in participating in the “St. Clair PSR Air Monitoring Project” should complete the form at: <https://tinyurl.com/3kcswrr6>. Physicians for Social Responsibility is a nonprofit organization that fulfills its mission through programs focused on health and the environment and working with youth. Many residents are currently participating in this project. The monitors are FREE and help monitor the air quality at your home.
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**GRANTS: The following Grant Applications were awarded to the Borough of St. Clair:**

Garbage Truck – Awarded: \$301,609 Borough Portion: 0  
Northward Playground Basketball Courts – Awarded: \$50,000 Borough Portion: \$20,000  
Law Enforcement – Awarded: \$87,660 Borough Portion: 0  
John Siney Park – Awarded: \$77,500 Borough Portion: \$47,500  
HOME Program – Awarded \$500,000  
Little League Project – Anticipated beginning 8/26/24 and completion September 2024

**The following Grant Applications that the Borough of St. Clair applied for are pending:**

Electric Bucket Truck, Firehouse Addition, Youth Basketball Court, Ann Street Rehabilitation  
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The following properties that are currently under the Borough's conservatorship program are available for sale: 438 South Front Street. This property is listed through Holden Realty. Interested parties, please call 570-429-2116. The two parcels located at 102-104 Cherry Street are also available for sale, interested parties can contact Borough Secretary Roland Price at 570-429-0640.
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The **HOME Program** has commenced. The Borough has contracted the intake company, Prodesign Plus, LLC. to administer the program. They will be sending documentation to the applicants to start the process.  
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Join the Saint Clair Police Department for the **First Annual Community Safety Night** on Wednesday, September 11, from 5-7 p.m. at the Saint Clair Area Elementary/Middle School Parking Garage, located at 227 S. Mill St., St. Clair, PA 17970. Meet local first responders, learn about safety tips, and engage with your community in a fun and informative environment. All community members are welcome!
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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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The track at the Veterans Memorial Stadium is available for community use weekdays from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Please note that the stadium will not be available when being used by students for practices, classes or school events. Bicycles, ATVs, rollerblades, and pets/animals are prohibited in the stadium.

CodeRED is a communication tool that enables the Borough to relay messages to our residents with time sensitive information, emergencies or urgent notifications to keep you informed and prepared. Register for CodeRED by calling 570-429-0640 extension 3 or visit our web page and register.

Coat Give Away – St. Michal’s Orthodox Church will be giving away donated children and adult coats, hats, gloves, boots and scarves. / St. Michael’s Orthodox Social Hall at 110 North Morris Street, St. Clair / Saturday, September 14 / 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. / Complimentary soup and bread will be served. / *If you would like to donate, kindly call the hall at 570-429-2138 to make arrangements.*

*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 food pantry will be held August 21 and October 16.*

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.

Walk Saint Clair!’s upcoming walks beginning at the Historical Society:

Tuesday, August 20 7:30 a.m. – Morning Wake-up Walk Grab your travel mug and join us on a walk to wake up the senses.
Saturday, August 31 10 a.m. – Zig Zag Saint Clair! We’ll wind our way through the back streets of town zigging and zagging from one street to another.

Late Summer/Fall schedule will be available on the website by August 31st

For more info & updates: walksaintclair.com, FB @walksaintclair, email:walksaintclair@gmail.com, or 570-429-1161.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17 – St. Clair Community pool closes.

August 18 – DOG Splash Party / 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. / \$5.00 per dog / Benefits St. Clair Pool Fund / All dogs must be on leash outside of pool and you must clean up after your dog.

August 23 – Veteran’s Memorial Stadium Rededication and St. Clair Saints Basketball Team 1970 State Championship Recognition Ceremony. *A tribute will be paid to the local veteran’s organizations at half time of the football game. Kickoff will be at 7:00 p.m.*

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October 8 and 9 – Registration for the Halloween Parade will be held from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Alerts Fire Company for all parade participants.

October 16 – 63rd Annual Halloween Parade at 7 p.m. (Rain date Thursday, October 17)

December 7 – Save the Date – 3rd Annual Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Mayor’s Report

1. Street Department Superintendent Kevin Dempsey and members of his Street Department work crew are commended for the street reconstruction done on McCord Avenue and South Mill Street.
2. Schools and school related activities will commence this month and drivers are reminded to drive with extra care and to follow all vehicle code laws pertaining to areas around school buildings and school bus stops as it is imperative to protect school children on their ways to and from school.

Historical Note

The first Ice Plant powered by electricity was established in June 1921 by Joseph Grosskettler and Burton Davis. In later years, and ice plant was operated by Mr. Tom Brown and was located on Third Street. This business ceased operations in the 1960’s.

Previous to electric powered ice plants, the Ferree family obtained a lease to cut and store ice at Silver Creek Dam. This ice was delivered to locations in St. Clair by horse and wagon.

The September issues, review and finance work session will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The **monthly council meeting** will be held Tuesday, *September 3, 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.**