

# St. Clair Borough News Bulletin

## October 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 several important links including registration 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 Borough Office will be closed on Tues., November 5 due to Election Day. Normal garbage collection will occur. In observance of Veteran's Day, the Borough office will be closed on Monday, November 11. There will be no garbage collection on Monday, November 11. Garbage collection for Monday will occur on Wednesday, November 13.

**The large item collection dates are: October 16, November 20 and December 18.**

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.

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

Be prepared to provide: 1. Description of the smell. 2. Your name and address. 3. The BRADS Landfill address – 1061 Burma Road, New Philadelphia, 17959 (Blythe Township)

**The St. Clair Borough Council made the following motions at the May 7, 2024 council meeting concerning the opposition of the BRADS Landfill:**

- A motion to rescind the agreement with Blythe Township from November 2, 2020.
- A motion to object to the Construction and Demolition Waste Permit Renewal Application for the BRADS Landfill Permit No. 101679.
- A motion to authorize the Council President to send a letter to DEP, the BRADS landfill, PennDOT and Blythe Township requesting that all landfill traffic, including all leachate trucks, be prohibited from using Borough-owned streets.
- A motion to write letters to Senator Argall and Representative Twardzik objecting to the Construction and Demolition Waste Permit Renewal Application for the BRADS Landfill Permit No.101679.

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.

**ATTENTION RESIDENTS:** The laws and regulations pertaining to electric motorcycles and electric assist bicycles can be found online at [Penndot.pa.gov](http://Penndot.pa.gov) and a fact sheet on our webpage under the Services/Police tab. It is also available at the Municipal Building. *The St. Clair Police will be actively enforcing all violations.*

The **63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Halloween Parade** will take place on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 (Rain date: October 17) starting at 7 p.m.

**Trick or Treat night will be held on Thursday, October 31 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Happy Halloween!**



**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony**



**Saturday, December 7 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. sponsored by the St. Clair Women's Club**

- ❖ There will be food trucks and stands, trolley rides and vendors in and around the gazebo on Third Street.
- ❖ Dalinda Dancers will perform in the Gazebo at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Santa Claus will arrive at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ The Trolley will stop at the Kelsey Theater & at the St. Clare of Assisi Church to view the Living Nativity.

**The following two parcels under the Borough's conservatorship program located at 102-104 Cherry Street are for sale.** Interested parties can contact Borough Secretary Roland Price at 570-429-0640.

The **HOME Program** has commenced. The Borough contracted the intake company, Prodesign Plus, LLC. to administer the program. Prodesign Plus will be sending documentation via mail to the applicants, with a follow up phone call.

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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 food pantry will be held October 16 and December 18.*  
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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.

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

**Sunday, October 20 at 11:00 a.m. – Southside Scramble** – begins at Admiral Boone Park. We'll venture through town and down through the Industrial Park and back. Be prepared for an almost 3-mile scramble.

**Friday, October 25 at 7:45 a.m. – Morning Wake-up walk** – begins at the Historical Society.

**Saturday, November 2 11:00 a.m. – Walk Around Town** – begins at Admiral Boone Park. We'll take an over 2-mile walk "around" the town.

**Thursday, November 7 at 7:45 a.m. – Morning Wake-up walk** – begins at the Historical Society.

\*\*For more info & updates: [walksaintclair.com](http://walksaintclair.com), FB @walksaintclair, email:walksaintclair@gmail.com, or 570-429-1161.\*\*

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**AGOSC at the Kelsey Theater**, 229 N Mill St., St. Clair presents:

For tickets and complete information visit [agosc.org](http://agosc.org).

Haunting of Hill House – Friday, October 18 at 7p.m./ Saturday, October 19 at 7p.m./Sunday, October 20 at 2 p.m.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**October 31 – Trick or Treat Night** from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**December 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony** from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Third Street Gazebo.

## **Mayor's Report**

1. Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> is Trick or Treat Night in St. Clair. Motorists should take extra care as Halloweeners will be out in force crossing our streets. Parents are urged to examine the items collected by their children to be sure that no tampering has occurred.
2. Residents should be aware that a new and revised "Covid-19" vaccine is available and should consult with their doctors as to the advisability of being vaccinated. It should also be noted that the new flu shot is available in standard and senior citizen doses.

### **Historical Note**

John Siney, a pioneer of the American Labor Movement was a resident of St. Clair. He was born in Ireland in 1831 and moved to England early in life; where he worked in various industrial enterprises as a laborer, learning the fundamentals of the English labor movement. He immigrated to the United States and settled in St. Clair in 1863 to work in the coal mines.

He became a visionary and innovator in the American labor movement by organizing the Workingmen's Benevolent Association in 1869 at Walker's Hall in St. Clair, PA. That organization presaged John Mitchell and the United Mine Workers of America. Mr. Siney also initiated other labor groups in the following years. One of these groups, the Miners National Association, is considered to be the first nationwide miners' union. The goals of all of these groups were to advance mine safety laws, improve working conditions, and attain living wages.

Mr. Siney was ahead of his own time and place in history as he was a forerunner in proposing that the social philosophy governing our free enterprise capitalism should change from Social Darwinism to Social Justice. Mr. Siney died in St. Clair in 1880 and was buried in St Mary's R. C. Cemetery where a memorial was erected in his honor. An estimated 1,500 people attended his funeral. The John Siney Park in the northeastern section of our Borough was dedicated in the 1970's.

Three present day residents of St. Clair, Former Congressman Tim Holden, Mrs. Kathleen Kanish, and Mr. David McElvaney are direct descendants of John Siney.

**The November issues, review and finance work session** will be held on Wednesday, *October 30, 2024*, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The **monthly council meeting** will be held Thursday, *November 7, 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.**

