



# St. Clair Borough News Bulletin December 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.

**In observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the Borough office will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24 and will be closed on Wednesday, December 25. There will be normal garbage collection on Tuesday, December 24.**

**In observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, the Borough office will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 31 and will be closed on Wednesday, January 1. There will be normal garbage collection on Tuesday, December 31.**

**The large item collection dates are: December 18, January 15 and February 19.**

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.

**Attention Residents: When a snow emergency is declared, there will be NO PARKING ALLOWED on SECOND STREET and HANCOCK STREET. Watch for posting of streets.**

*The St. Clair Women's Club would like to thank everyone who assisted in the Christmas Festival; making it such a joyous occasion!*

The Pennsylvania Sons of America donated \$2,558.47 for the purchase of tree lights for Boone Park. The St. Clair Borough Council and the citizens of the borough would like to thank the organization for its kindness and generosity.

Thank you to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Society of the St. Clair Middle School for decorating the Borough Hall Christmas tree so festively.

*The year 2025 marks the 175-year anniversary of the Incorporation of St. Clair as a borough.*

**\*\*\*\*\*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)

**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.

The **CPA Audit of the Borough of Saint Clair** for the fiscal year 2023 is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Municipal Building.

Watch our website for information and updates about “**Benefits of Public Power**” under the Electric tab.

**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 **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 December 18.

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:

(All walks begin at the Historical Society.)

Thank you to all who participated in our 15<sup>th</sup> season of Walk Saint Clair's walks!

**Saturday, Dec. 14 @ 6:00 p.m. – Annual Christmas Walk** – We'll walk around town to enjoy the beautiful sights of the season.

Stay tuned for potential additional walks and 2025 Winter Walks.

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

### Mayor's Report

1. A heartfelt thank you to Holy Apostles Episcopal Church and to the Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus for providing free Thanksgiving dinners to those who found themselves alone or unable to cook for the Thanksgiving holiday.
2. 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!
3. Those wishing to oppose the renewal or extension of the BRADS landfill permit could exercise their 1<sup>st</sup> amendment right to petition by sending their reasons for opposition to the PA Senate Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy at Senate Box 203023, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3013 and the PA House Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy c/o the Capital Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

### Historical Note

Admiral Joel Thompson Boone was born in St. Clair on August 29, 1889. He attended the borough's public schools and then went on to Mercersburg Academy. He graduated from Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, PA in June of 1913.

He was a cousin several times removed to Daniel Boone. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1915.

During his service in World War I, he received the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, and was awarded the Silver Star six times. These awards made Boone the most highly decorated Medical Officer in the history of the United States Armed Forces.

He remained in the Navy after the first World War and also served during the Second World War and the Korean War. He was one of the few individuals to have served in all three conflicts.

He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1918. He was assigned as one of the Presidential physicians during the administration of Presidents Harding and Coolidge. When Herbert Hoover became President, Boone was assigned as the physician to the White House.

He served in World War II as Fleet Medical Officer under Admiral William F. Halsey in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

He was promoted to Rear Admiral on January 8, 1946. Upon his retirement from the Navy in December of 1950, he was promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral and was appointed to serve as Medical Director of the United States Department for Veterans Affairs.

Vice Admiral Boone died April 2, 1974 in Washington, D.C. and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The park next to our Borough Hall was dedicated to Admiral Boone.

**The January issues, review and finance work session** will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The **monthly council meeting** will be held Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 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.**



**Merry  
Christmas**  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

