

The last historic Elm Tree in Stroudsburg...

The last of the original Elm trees in Stroudsburg was removed on September 1st. The tree rings were counted and age the tree at 113 years old! The tree will be sorely missed by all.

There will be a celebration of life for this tree on October 1st. The celebration will be from Noon to 4:00 PM, in front of the Saint Luke's Church on Main Street.



Fall Brush Pickup Dates: October 18,19, and 20 and November 15, 16 and 17

In the spring and fall, the Borough provides a few dates of curbside pickup of woody yard waste. Materials collected are limited to tree branches and pruning's, twigs, small bushes (without root ball), hedges and tree logs not exceeding 5-inches in diameter. Limbs must be cut to a 4-foot length and tied in bundles not exceeding 50 pounds. Other materials should be placed in containers for easy pick up. Place material curbside prior to 8 a.m.

These items may also be dropped off at the Twin Boroughs Recycling Center on Fridays from 8 a.m. until noon at the facility on Lincoln Avenue in East Stroudsburg (behind Walmart).

*Note that this program does **NOT** include pick up of grass clippings, leaves, flowers, vines, roots or garden and vegetable plants.* These items should be composted

Borough Meeting Calendar

Council: First and Third Tuesdays each month at 7 p.m.

NOTE: For the following boards, meetings may not be held and may be cancelled if no applications are received. Check the Borough web site "Agendas" page to confirm if a meeting will occur.

Board of Historical Architectural Review (HARB):
First Monday each month at 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission: Second Monday each month at 6:30 p.m.

Shade Tree Commission: Second Thursday each month at 4 p.m., except no meetings in July and August

Zoning Hearing Board: Third Wednesday each month at 4:30 p.m.

All of the above meetings are held in the Municipal Building at 700 Sarah Street

Help keep Stroudsburg Safe.

Please contact Stroud Area Regional Police if you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. You can call Monroe County Control Center at 911 or 570-992-9911.

Exterior work on buildings in Historic area requires approval

The Stroudsburg Borough Council passed the Stroudsburg Historic Preservation District Ordinance in July, 2006 to protect and preserve historical buildings and streetscapes. The guidelines adopted set specific standards for exterior renovations and new construction.

The Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) is the public body charged with ensuring property owners within the designated historical area comply with the Ordinance. All HARB members are volunteers appointed by the Borough Council.

The HARB reviews proposed new construction, demolitions and exterior alterations to structures within the Historic District. After review, the HARB makes recommendations to Borough Council based on the Ordinance. Borough Council has the final say on issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, required before work begins.

The Historic Preservation District Map delineates properties included in the district. The Map can be found on the Borough Website by selecting the "Historic District Guide" link on the front page and then following the link to the Map.

Assistance on all things related to the HARB and Historic District is available by contacting the Zoning and Code Enforcement Office at 570-421-5444, x109.

Upcoming Holidays

Columbus Day: Monday, October 10

Election Day: Tuesday, November 8

Veterans Day: Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 24

Black Friday: Friday, November 25

Borough offices are closed and other services suspended.

Sidewalk Snow Removal in Residential Areas

The Borough of Stroudsburg has amended the Snow Removal Ordinance pertaining to snow removal from the sidewalks in residential areas. The sidewalks along your property will have to be clear of ice and snow within 24 hours of the end of the storm. If the snow or ice can not be removed without damaging the sidewalk, appropriate anti-skid materials shall be applied.

Help keep the lights on!

In 2015, the Borough finalized the purchase of the street lighting system from the PPL company. This yields significant savings to taxpayers in electricity costs. Further, the Borough Public Works Department is now responsible for maintenance of the lights and has been performing fixes in a timely manner.

Borough residents can help by reporting when a street light is out by calling 570-421-5444.



Before you call, please note the serial number on the bottom of the silver metal identification tag marked with yellow and black banded tape on the pole. This number identifies each light location.



Is your old TV collecting dust?

You can now take them to the Twin Boroughs Recycling Center for free disposal. Curbside pick up is not available at this time.

The Monroe County Waste Authority will also accept your old TV and other Electronics.

The Monroe County Waste Authority accepts electronics at their New Ventures Park Facility, located at :

183 Commercial Blvd
Blakeslee, PA 18610

Monday Thru Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

You can see the list of acceptable electronics on the Monroe County Waste Authority website, www.thewasteauthority.com

Curbside Leaf pickup, what you need to know

The Borough of Stroudsburg has curbside leaf pickup. This service to the residents of the borough, enables the collection and recycling of your leaves and keeps this yard waste out of a landfill.

Please do not mix other yard debris in the leaves.

This year the Borough will be composting all of the leaves collected at the Twin Boroughs new leaf composting facility. The leaves collected and composted this year will be available to residents to utilize in their gardens next spring. This leaf compost is full of organic goodies that your flowers, vegetables and landscaping will love.

The leaf collection schedule is available on the Borough website: Stroudsburgboro.com. The borough will be collecting leaves for seven weeks starting October 11th and continuing through November 25th.

Please do not deposit leaves into the traffic lane.

Borough tackling storm water discharge issues

Stroudsburg Borough needs to assess and address problems related to storm water runoff. While we have previously discussed problems concentrated in the South Stroudsburg area, this problem exists Borough-wide.

In an optimal storm water management system, surface runoff is collected and delivered through a series of dedicated underground storm water pipes to appropriate areas of detention, retention and/or discharge. Problems arise when excess storm water flows into the *wastewater* system through the *sanitary sewer* pipes. When this occurs, it is usually the result of infiltration and inflow (I&I).

Infiltration is when storm water seeps into sanitary sewer pipes through holes, cracks, joint failures and faulty connections. Inflow occurs when storm water enters the sanitary sewer system from sources such as illegally connected sump pumps, down spouts, floor drains, etc. A rule of thumb is that it is illegal for any property owner to have any system and/or connection on a property which allows storm water to enter the sanitary sewer system.

I&I increases the level of flow conveyed through the wastewater/sanitary sewer system and pumping stations. This results in increased costs to treat flows at the wastewater treatment plant. Storm water is being unnecessarily treated along with wastewater, which also impacts the wastewater treatment plant as far as optimal operations.

Borough Public Works crews will be coordinating efforts with the Borough Engineer to measure flows related to I&I. Initial evidence suggests that a great deal of storm water is inappropriately entering the sanitary sewer system.

We see this when flow to the wastewater plant increases rapidly and significantly within a short time after a heavy rainfall. One common culprit is roof drains on private

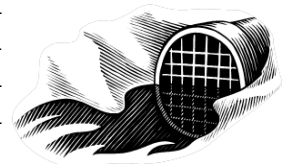
properties connected and illegally discharging into the sanitary sewer system.

This is a long-term project of the Borough. Throughout the process, in different stages and sections of the municipality, officials will contact property owners where storm water connections appear to discharge into the wastewater system. Where the problem is identified, the Borough will inform property owners that they

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must alter their private systems to be compliant. As with most enforcement matters, the Borough will first attempt a preferred resolution to gain voluntary compliance. If that is unsuccessful, however, other more serious enforcement measures are available for the Borough to pursue.

For property owners who are aware that they currently have illegal connections within or around homes and/or businesses, a good idea would be to fix the problem now, negating the need for the Borough to make contact concerning this issue in the future.



Editor's Note: The above article is updated from one which ran in the 2014 Spring/Summer issue of this newsletter. The problems detailed continue to exist and are critical for the Borough to address.

Wastewater generated in the Borough is measured and tracked by the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority (BCRA). Using that data, the BCRA bills the Borough for our proportionate use of the plant. For a variety of reasons, those costs have significantly increased in recent years.

All storm water which is unnecessarily treated at the plant increases the cost of sanitary sewer service to all Borough properties. Addressing this issue is crucial to help control these costs now and for the future.



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The snow is coming....

The snow will be here sooner than you think. It's time to start thinking about how to keep your sidewalks and driveways clear of snow after the storm ends. Now is also a good time to start purchasing snow shovels and de-icing materials before they become hard to find.

Don't Get Towed this winter!

Listen carefully to Snow Emergency declarations

A Snow Emergency is declared in the Borough anytime there is an accumulation of three-inches or more of snow or when, in the opinion of an authorized Borough official, street conditions are hazardous and dangerous. Snow Emergency Routes are signed throughout the Borough. Vehicles parked on snow emergency routes during a declared snow emergency are subject to ticketing and/or towing.

The Mayor or such person designated by the Mayor provides notification of the declaration of a snow emergency to the Police, *Pocono Record*, WNEP, WBRE, WSBG and TV13. Many of these media outlets have automatic alerts listeners can sign up to receive through the various Web sites. The Pocono Record Weather Alerts link can be found at www.poconorecord.com

The Monroe County Emergency Management alert system signup can be found at the ReadyNotifyMonroe website under new user.

Motorists should carefully note the declared start and end times for a snow emergency; the ending time is normally at least 24 hours, but could last for as much as three days after the estimated end of the weather event. This enables public works crews to complete all snow removal and ice control operations.

The following streets within the Borough are designated for snow removal/plowing and parking shall be prohibited while a Snow Emergency is in effect:

Third Street
 Sixth Street
 Seventh Street
 Eight Street
 Ninth Street
 Ann Street
 Bryant Street
 Fulmer Avenue
 Main Street (After 6PM & before 8AM)
 McConnell Street
 Park Avenue
 Sarah Street

Between North Fifth and Lower Main
 Between Ann Street and Scott Street
 Between Ann Street and Sarah Street
 Between Ann Street and Phillips Street
 Between Ann Street and Scott Street
 Between Fifth Street and Tenth Street
 Between Park Avenue and Village Drive
 Between Eight Street and Wallace Street
 Between Eastern and Western Borough Line
 Between Second Street and Fifth Street
 Between Barry Street and Broad Street
 Between Fifth Street and Ninth Street