



**Borough of Stroudsburg**  
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# Stroudsburg News

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## Upcoming Stroudsburg Events

<b>Monroe Farmers Market</b>	Saturday Mornings 9:00 am to Noon
<b>Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade</b>	Sunday, March 22 1:15 pm Start
<b>Keystone Art Unveiling</b>	Sunday, April 19th 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
<b>Cocktail Trail</b>	Saturday, May 2 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
<b>Happy Hour Street Fest</b>	Saturday, May 16 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm
<b>Mocktails on Main</b>	Saturday, June 6 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
<b>Juneteenth Festival</b>	Saturday, June 13 12:30 pm to 7:00 pm
<b>Independence Day Parade</b>	Saturday, July 4 10:00 am Start

[www.visitdowntownstroudsburg.com](http://www.visitdowntownstroudsburg.com)  
[www.poconomountains.com](http://www.poconomountains.com)  
[www.stroudsburgboro.com](http://www.stroudsburgboro.com)

## Borough Parking Garage Closed

The Borough Parking Garage at the corner of 6th and Ann Streets will be closed for up to 12 weeks for necessary repairs. Repairs will include concrete rehabilitation, joint repair, the replacing of handicapped ramps along with other work. \$950,000 of the \$1 Million cost for the rehabilitation of the garage is covered by grant funds! We know that this will cause temporary inconveniences; however, when complete, the garage will be as good as new!

Our sincerest apologies in advance for the inconveniences that this work will undoubtedly cause for residents and visitors.



## A New Face

### Introducing Our New Mayor

In January, our former Stroudsburg Mayor resigned to take up the newly created position of Downtown Manager, leaving Borough Council the task of filling this open position.

Despite what politicians have publicly stated, Borough Council was required, by Pennsylvania statute, to quickly appoint a replacement. Title 8, the Borough Code, the statute that governs all aspects of running boroughs, requires that borough council must appoint a replacement for all elected officials within 30 days of their resignation. By law, Borough Council did exactly what was required of them.

To be as fair, and as transparent, as possible in the process of appointing a replacement, Council solicited letters of interest from residents interested in serving as mayor. Title 8 does not have any requirements for *(Continued on Page 3)*



## What Exactly is a Grant?

### And Why are Grants Important to Stroudsburg?

What exactly are these “grants” that Stroudsburg Borough officials keep talking about? And why are they so important to our community? Let’s explore what exactly a “grant” is and their importance to Stroudsburg.

A grant is simply defined as, “...an amount of money that a government or other institution gives to an individual or to an organization for a particular purpose.” That’s simple enough! In Stroudsburg’s case, we receive grant funding from entities at the state and federal government level to help fund individual projects. But to understand why grants are important, we need to dive deeper into exactly how the Borough is funded.

Where do all boroughs receive the revenue they need to run the municipality? Mainly through taxes. Primarily property taxes, but also real estate transfer taxes and payroll taxes on residents as well as on all those working within the borough. Stroudsburg also receives parking revenue from meters, permits and tickets. Fees for permits and licenses add a small amount of revenue, but, by law, municipalities can only recoup costs on fees, not make a profit. By Pennsylvania statute, these are the only ways boroughs can earn revenue. When projects, large or small, need to be undertaken, it can be challenging to find available funding, given the limited number of ways boroughs have to fund their operations. You have to either raise taxes or parking fees; borrow the money or issue a bond, both of which need to be paid back with interest; or, pursue grant funding for the project. So, grant funding is critical to bringing to fruition critical projects with minimal financial burden on taxpayers.

Borough Council has been aggressively pursuing state and federal grant funding to assist in projects that upgrade and improve our community. Stroudsburg has aging infrastructure, including over 100 year-old sewer and stormwater lines in dire need of *(Continued on Page 2)*



# Talking Grants: Why They are so Important

## Grant Funding Helps Stroudsburg Thrive and Grow

*(Continued from Page 1)* replacement. Streets need to be paved regularly. Parks and trails need to be upgraded. And we are in the midst of a major renovation of our downtown and Main Street. These projects—and others like them—cost substantial amounts of money, and grant funds have been crucial in moving these projects forward.



Over the past several years, Stroudsburg has received over \$3 Million in grant funds. Smaller grants from various sources add another \$55,000 to the total. And we have an additional \$2.8 Million in outstanding grant requests that have not yet been awarded. Finally, we are requesting \$3.1 Million in funding from our legislators in Washington D.C. for two projects: a roundabout at the “Five Points” intersection and needed renovations to the Borough Building. In total, we have submitted over 30 grants during the past several years!

Preparing successful grants is difficult and time-consuming work. To aid the Borough in crafting competitive applications, we have hired Delta Development Group, who have done an excellent job in securing funding for Stroudsburg. Their efforts in writing compelling grant applications, along with assisting the Borough in developing relationships with officials in Harrisburg and Washington, have been key in our successes in obtaining funding for our projects.

We at the Borough of Stroudsburg are committed to improving our community while simultaneously keeping the tax burden on residents and businesses, and the burden for other related costs like parking, as low as possible. Our successful efforts to obtain grant funding are achieving both of these goals!

### Stroudsburg Grant Funding

Year	Grant Program	Award Amount	Project
2026	PennDOT ARLE Program	\$ 483,565.00	Stoplight at Park Avenue & Broad Street
2026	PA DCED Small Water & Sewer Program	\$ 250,000.00	Replacing/Slip Lining Sewer Lines
2026	DCED Multimodal Transportation Program	\$ 600,000.00	Street Paving & Water Line Replacement
2025	Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program	\$ 500,000.00	Parking Garage Repairs
2025	Monroe County Local Share Account Program	\$ 200,000.00	Parking Garage Repairs
2024	Statewide Local Share Account Program	\$ 250,000.00	Installation Levee Loop Trail
2024	Monroe County Local Share Account Program	\$ 250,000.00	Parking Garage Repairs
2023	Monroe County Local Share Account Program	\$ 500,000.00	Streetscaping/Safety Main Street
		<b>\$ 3,033,565.00</b>	
	Six Additional Grants	\$ 55,591.00	
	<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDING</b>	<b>\$ 3,089,156.00</b>	

## A Manager and a Plan: Building Downtown Stroudsburg’s Future

Success in any endeavor requires leadership, hard work... and a plan! Stroudsburg now is putting in place all three elements to build a successful future for our downtown!

First comes leadership, and there are several endeavors underway to provide the direction and guidance needed for the continued growth of our downtown. In 2024, Borough Council determined that we needed a professional who could focus solely on the myriad of tasks in leading downtown revitalization efforts. We advertised nationally for this position, but, like so many other employers looking for qualified applicants, we had a dearth of applicants even after two rounds of applications. After it was apparent that we *(Continued on Page 3)*

# Planning for a Thriving Future for our Downtown

*(Continued from Page 2)* were not going to find a downtown manager with the background we desired through the application process, Mayor Micheal Moreno graciously volunteered to apply for the position. A committee made up of elected Borough officials, the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, the Pocono Chamber of Commerce, Go Collaborative and the Downtown Business Association voted unanimously to hire Mike. Mike has a background in community and business development with ESU and the Chamber of Commerce, and is eminently qualified for this position. Along with a Downtown Manager, a new nonprofit, the Stroudsburg Main Street Program, has been formed to provide direction and leadership to downtown development efforts, with membership from elected and appointed Borough officials, the Visitors Bureau and the Stroudsburg Downtown Business Association.

And speaking of the Downtown Business Association, the efforts of these dedicated individuals epitomize hard work, the next element of success. The Downtown Manager is already working closely with the Association, Borough residents and the business community as a whole to advance the plan to grow Stroudsburg’s downtown.

And finally, the plan. In 2025, Borough Council engaged Philadelphia-based Pelham Associates to put together a Strategic Plan for our downtown. Pelham has done extensive phone interviews as well as two focus group sessions in March to gather information. A community-wide survey also was distributed to get the widest possible views on what residents and visitors would like the future of our downtown to look like. All of this information will be used in the preparation of a comprehensive Strategic Plan for the downtown, with completion expected later in 2026. This will be the “blueprint” for the future, and will be used to guide all future efforts to grow our downtown.

Leadership, hard work and a plan. By the end of the year, all will be in place, promising a bright future for Stroudsburg’s downtown!



## New Mayor Appointed to Borough Council

*(Continued from Page 1)* the appointment process; Borough Council not only solicited letters of interest, but gave all applicants the chance to publicly address their potential constituents at two Council Meetings. A total of 24 applicants expressed interest in the position. After listening to candidates, asking questions and reviewing their letters of interest, Borough Council decided to appoint Dr. Ellen Currie, a long-time resident of Stroudsburg, as our new Mayor. We asked Ellen to prepare a short biographical sketch for the newsletter... so, here is Stroudsburg’s new Mayor in her own words:

*Dr. Ellen Currie has been a resident of the Borough of Stroudsburg for over thirty years, having made her home in the historic Hill District since 1993. Her journey to becoming mayor is founded on a lifelong commitment to education and community service. Throughout her three-decade career, she has worked as a secondary classroom teacher, program director, and administrator, gaining valuable experience in public service, budgeting, and collaborative problem-solving.*

*These roles have shaped her leadership style, which emphasizes presence, transparency, and meaningful engagement. Since taking office, Currie has focused on visibility and accessibility. She has prioritized connecting with business owners, civic groups, and long-term residents, not only to listen to their concerns but also to foster new partnerships that strengthen community ties. Known for her positive, pragmatic approach to problem-solving, she hopes to tackle borough issues with the same energy she once devoted to school initiatives: careful planning, active listening, and a willingness to get involved.*

*Currie is a proud graduate of Stroudsburg High School, East Stroudsburg University, and Marywood University, demonstrating her strong connection to the region's educational and cultural landscape. Outside of her professional life, she is an avid runner and hiker, often logging miles on the Levee Loop trail. Additionally, Currie has been a pickleball player for nearly a decade, and one of her long-term goals is to find space in the borough for dedicated pickleball courts to support the growing local community.*

*Currie is also the mother of two adult daughters who often return for family celebrations and to enjoy Stroudsburg’s cozy cafés, unique shops, and small-town charm. Their visits, she says, highlight the borough’s special blend of history, walkability, and local pride—qualities she is dedicated to preserving and enhancing for future generations.*

On behalf of Stroudsburg, welcome, Ellen! We look forward to your leadership in guiding our community over the years to come!