

St. Clair Borough News Bulletin

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On Thanksgiving eve the **new Christmas decorations** will be lit. The swags hanging across Second Street are new this year. The old swags were sold to the highest and only bidder Feasel's Garden Center from Ohio for \$50.00. The swags are being refurbished and they will bring Christmas cheer to the residents in Ohio.

SANTA AND THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The arrival of Santa and the lighting of the community Christmas tree will be held on Sunday, November 26th at the Boone Park, on Third Street. Santa will arrive by fire truck at 5:00 pm, accompanied by the Cressona Band. Every child under the age of 12 will be given a ticket for a chance to help Santa light the Christmas tree. After the Ceremony children can meet Santa at the St. Clare of Assisi Church-Hall, Mill and Hancock Streets, where treats and refreshments will be served, everyone is invited.

The Alert Fire Company located at 34 South 2nd Street will host a Paint and Enjoy fundraiser on Saturday, December 2 starting at 5:00 pm doors open at 4:30. Admission is \$40 per person. *We will be painting Frosty in a winter scene!* Event is B.Y.O.B- Snacks and drinks (Non-Alcoholic) will be sold during the event. All proceeds benefit the Alert Fire Company. Please contact Mandy by November 28th at 570-294-6992 to purchase tickets.

Applications are being accepted for the position of **substitute school crossing guard**. Please apply at the St. Clair Municipal Building, 16 S. Third Street during normal business hours.

The borough's offices will be closed and no recycling collected on Thursday, November 23, 2017, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Recycling collection will be collected on Wednesday, November 22nd.

The borough's offices will be closed Friday, November 24th. Normal recycling collection schedule will be in effect.

The Large Item collection date is Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

FAIR HOUSING

Fair housing refers to free and equal access to residential housing – i.e. housing choice. According to the federal Fair Housing Act, it is illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status in the sale, rental and/or financing of dwellings. Additionally, Pennsylvania Human Relations Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of age (over 40) and the use of a support animal. For more information go to <http://co.schuylkill.pa.us/FairHousing/index.asp>

Walk Saint Clair!'s upcoming walks are:

Sunday, November 26th – Pre-Tree Lighting Trek – led by Deb Davis – begins at 4 pm at 414 E. Hancock St. We'll start our walk with some hot chocolate and venture around town and end at the annual tree lighting.

Thursday, November 30th – Final day to accumulate miles.

Monday, December 4th – Walking logs due. Logs may be turned in at Borough Hall, emailed to walksaintclair@gmail.com, or dropped off at 414 E. Hancock St. Season participants will be contacted regarding closing ceremony.

Sunday, December 17th - 7th Annual Christmas Stroll – begins at 6 pm at the Historical Society. Follow us on a joyous walk through town as we enjoy the seasonal decorations and each other's company while taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season

For more information visit the website at www.walksaintclair.com, follow us on Facebook, or call 429-1161.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Tomko issued the following Proclamation.

WHEREAS, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is an organization composed of men, women, and youth who believe in the Supreme Being, and also believe that the concepts of Friendship, Love, and Truth are the basic guidelines that should be followed in the daily lives of people; and,

WHEREAS, The Independent order of Odd Fellows began in the 17th century England deriving its name from the fact that, at that time, it was deemed "odd" to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need without recognition and pursuing projects for the benefit of all mankind; and,

WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. was chartered in what is now the Borough of St Clair on November 22, 1847; and,

WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. is celebrating the 170th year of its existence on November 22, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. is the oldest continuous organized non church related group in the Borough of St Clair being three years older than the Borough itself and,

WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. organized a cemetery association in 1866 to provide a place for the burial of the dead in our community; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough Council, borough officials, and all of the people of St. Clair wish to express their congratulations and best wishes to Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. on the event of its 170th year of existence,

NOW, Therefore, I, Mayor Richard E. Tomko, on this, the 1st day of November 2017, do proclaim that the month of November 2017 be "Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F Month" in the Borough of St. Clair.

The next council work session is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2017 to review issues and finance. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. The December Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2017 beginning at 7:00 pm and held in Council Chambers.
