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arious 2023-2025	Judy Foreman	101 May Lane Evans City, PA 16033 724-991-2246	Recurring complaint about the need for a new outfall on May Lane because stormwater flows across her driveway resulting in deposits of dirt and rocks, detracting from her property value.	2023 - Visited personally. Fielded phone calls and text messages in 2024 & 2025. It has been explained to Judy (multiple times) that the lower section of her driveway is within the Borough's right-of-way, which she utilizes at our pleasure. However, O&M of the entire asphalt driveway is her responsibility - both functionally and financially. The location is in the uppermost portion of the Borough-associated watershed; this is not a priority area for the Borough. In addition, installing an outfall here requires going under May Lane, which is a one-way-in, one-way-out road; construction would affect access to everyone in the neighborhood. Also, an outfall on the south side of May Lane would require an easement from a property owner in Forward Township. May Lane is scheduled to be repaved in 2027 and Evans City Borough may or may not consider doing something at that time.
2023	Michele Quinlan	315 Elizabeth Avenue Evans City, PA 16033 724-991-2246	Heavy stormwater at TOP of Elizabeth Avenue (probably off Rt. 528 above). This has lead to landslides in the past, piling dirt on the east side of the house up to their 2nd floor. Quinlan family has invested a good bit of money on preventative measures on their property, but still see periods of heavy stormwater flow down the adjacent hillside.	Borough meeting attendance. Project to improve drainage along Elizabeth Avenue slated for 2024. Will connect into the catch basin Quinlan's had Butler County install in front of their home. But project will not address the adjacent hillside issues at this time.
5/19/2023	Chris Thomas	415 East Main Street Evans City, PA 16033 seejay88@zoominternet.net 724-290-4751	e-mail: "Hello, My name is Chris Thomas and I have lived in town for 53 years. I have lived at 415 East Main Street for over 30 of those years. This is not the first email I have wrote concerning the condition and the ongoing issues with the alleys beside and above my home. This is the first one I am writing to you.I have written and contacted the Borough office in the past. Jack and Mike will come up once a year and put a Band-Aid on the issues. Years long ago it was Norm. However, over the years it gets worse and worse.Water from Hill Street comes down the other alley behind the old St. Mathias Church and washes away gravel from my upper driveway. The drainage issue has caused holes, rips away the Band-Aid that is placed yearly and causes safety issues from the depth of some of the holes. MARK, you can contact me at 724-290-4751. I would like you to come and look at the alleyway / storm sewer drains and the safety issuesit poses. Thank you. Chris Thomas"	First visit, evening of May 19, 2023. Drainage situation is very bad. Neighbor (Lauren Nights) indicated Primrose/Stewart intersection stormwater runs across her property as well and floods her entire basement. Subsequently, had HRG field-review drainage and developed a new collection network design for this section of Stewart Alley (Hill Street to Franklin St). This is a priority project for the Borough, with a January 2026 Small Water and Sewer \$300K grant recently being executed. Need some final paving details developed by HRG and camera work implemented. Need to reach back to Chris to prvide an update.
2023	Homeowner	320 Elizabeth Avenue Evans City, PA 16033	Poor stormwater drainage contributing to collapse of retaining wall along Porter Alley.	Borough meeting attendance. Retaining wall is on private property - no action. Public Works sent to dig out east-side roadside ditch to re-channel local stormwater flow. Channel requires frequent maintenance, as natural E&S along steep slope is a recurring problem here. (<i>Ownership changed in February 2026.</i>)
2024	Nicholas Meston	450 Jefferson Street Evans City, PA 16033 412-480-6577	Storwater along Margaret Ave getting over the Borough's make-shift curb and into his basement. He's using some sandbags to help minimize the intrusion. Can the Borough help?	Met with Nick and he showed me the nature of the problem. Subsequently, asked Public Works to take a look at this situation and see if they could add to the curb that is there to get storwater to flow down Jefferson Street toward the unnamed tributary. Storm drain system here not well understood, yet.
2024	Evans City Borough	Martin Alley	During storm sewer camera work for design support, two (2) sanitary laterals connecting to the storm sewer were identified.	ECWSA was contacted and the laterals were redirected to sanitary, by ECWSA personnel and at their expense.
7/30/2025	Debbie & Jerry Smith	125 3rd Street Evans City, PA 16033 724-816-9998	Phone call to Borough Secretary: 1) No catch basins on 3rd Street. Can Some be installed? 2) They have already put 50 ft. of French drains around their property. 3) Water from Crescent Street water main break flooded their Florida Room. ECWSA made repairs. 4) Water bubbles up from the ground from the stormwater pipe that runs to Mars-Evans City Road. She believes the pipe is cracked. 5) The back yard is too wet to mow. 6) Next week, they are going to get pipes and Sam Smith is going to install trenches. It will divert the water from the house to the street. 7) The road ices over in the winter because of water.	Mark Widdersheim took a ride over to 3rd Street. There are catch basins here, but the terrain is quite steep, so they typically just divert stormwater under driveways and then re-emerge on the surface. Most of Debbie's points indicate a potable water issue (ECWSA) and then private property efforts in storwater capture to protect their asset - which is appropriate. 3rd Street lies in the upper end of the Evans City watershed and not a priority for the Borough at this time. Keep an eye out for if their new drainage provisions create any wintertime icing problems along 3rd Street.
2025	Evans City Borough	Evans Street Catch Basin Emergency Replacement	During storm sewer replacement, one (1) sanitary laterals connecting to the storm sewer was identified.	ECWSA was contacted and the lateral were redirected to sanitary by Terra Works (the Borough construction contractor for Martin Alley). ECWSA directed the lateral correction work and absorbed associated costs.

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2025/2026 - Various	Stephanie Stevens	Manager - Coffee Brake 111 East Main Street Evans City, PA 16033	Several calls and e-mails relating to a lack of advanced notice and coordination regarding the storm sewer replacement work along Stewart Alley. Stewart Alley is her customer exit and she has concerns regarding reversing traffic through here.	Evans City typically relies on the contractor to alert residents of upcoming work that potentially affects them -- which may not be the best policy. So I apologized for the short notice regarding the start of this work. The subsequent People's Gas fix for the gas line re-alignment to Bev Purvis' beauty shop was not communicated to the Borough and I can't advance plans to her that are not advanced to myself. As of 5/10/2026, we still need to restore paving along her section of Stewart Alley, so will need one more point of project notice and coordination.
3-Mar-26	Brett Bergerstock	Lancaster Township 570-764-0004	e-mail: "Just wanted to reach out - we live in Lancaster Township, and love going to the Ace on Main Street and coffee brake, but want to voice a concern going on with your streets. The railroad crossing at Main Street, Stewart Alley and N Washington street needs some work. The sidewalks are broken and the roads are extremely rough. I'm waiting for the day someone loses a tire because it's so bad for the suspension and tire alignment. We already know the roads and pit holes in Pennsylvania aren't good. I have reported this to Penn dot and they said to email you and work out a message. I have images attached. I love this town and I care about the place. You folks do a nice job of town. We also pray the town pool can open and if we can donate let us know - I know it's been challenging. Thank you - Brett Bergerstock"	e-mail response: "Good afternoon, Brett: I don't have a great line of sight on the railroad crossing, but I believe the railroad is sending somebody to take a look at that situation to see if they can do better. As you know, Route 68 is a state road and ultimately any solution needs to be coordinated between the railroad and PennDOT. But the Borough gets enough complaints about the roughness of that crossing that we help facilitate such discussions. Lori can probably weigh in on the schedule for the visit from the railroad. I can speak directly to Stewart Alley and Wahl Avenue in the areas of North Washington Street. There has been an on-going effort to replace dilapidated storm sewer infrastructure in this quadrant of town. To date, the Borough has facilitated complete replacement of storm sewers along Elizabeth Avenue (2024) and Martin Alley (2025). In November, we started on Stewart Alley and Wahl Avenue - both closer to Main Street and a little more "obvious" to visitors to town. Our grant funding only covers the sections from Breakneck Creek back to and through North Washington - so that's where we are currently focussed. All the underground work was completed last Friday (aside from grouting closed an old storm line). But we had to endure significant delay due to a gas line crossing at Wahl that Peoples Gas needed to relocate. And the lousy winter weather didn't facilitate a particularly speedy installation. Thankfully, that is behind us at this point. However, we are not quite to pavement restoration season yet. Borough Council approved getting paving costs for several streets last evening - that would include Stewart Alley extending across North Washington. The crossing at Wahl Avenue will likely just be trench repaving by our storm sewer contractor (XL excavating). It may be another month before asphalt plants open and anyone can address pavement restoration - not sure. Please remain patient. We are working to address these issues. I appreciate your inquiry and concern. -- Mark Widdersheim, Evans City Borough Councilmember
18-Apr-26	Evans City Borough	New Catch Basin Along Stewart Alley	Noted greasy grate and mop strings at the new Borough storm catch basin behind Taco Don Pancho (TDP). Believe the restaurant to potentially be cleaning floors and dumping (leads directly to Outfall 007). Also, noted soap suds here on separate occasion in early May 2026.	Findings were reported by Mark Widdersheim (Councilmember) to Joe McCombs (Director of Operations). Joe spoke with the TDP owner/operator on Thursday, May 7 and reported back <i>"I'm sure they will comply with our concerns."</i> The trash dumpster and waste oil bin are staged too close to the storm catch basin; Evans City may have to advance action to address this following Stewart Alley paving restoration.