



Shrewsbury Borough

NEWSLETTER



April, May and June 2017

TRASH COLLECTION DELAY

Trash collection will be delayed both days the week of May 28. Trash will be collected on Wednesday and Saturday.



GRASS AND WEEDS

A few points about grass and weeds

- You are responsible to maintain sidewalks adjacent to your property.
- Grass and weeds should be removed from curbing and sidewalks, around utility poles and traffic signs.
- Kindly refrain from discharging grass clippings into the streets. These usually end up collected in storm water drains. We then need to have a service come in and clean out the drains. Think green and consider using a mulching blade on your lawn mower!
- The Borough has an ordinance requiring the mowing of grass, weeds and similar vegetation over the height of **six (6)** inches.

A Few Words from Richard Buchanan, Council President

I wish to update you as to the status of the Police Funding Formula and the membership issues in the Southern Police Commission. A consultant, Ron Smeal (the former Chief of Police for Northern York Regional Police) was hired to conduct a study of the Department and present methods of funding a regional department. His report was presented on February 21st and March 1st to the Police Commission and the public that attended the meeting.

Chief Smeal used formulas created by the International Chiefs of Police Association to review our current manpower status. He believes that we have more than "the minimum" of Officers required to meet the critical needs as measured by incidents. Now it is up to this Borough Council, and the other three member boroughs as well, to decide if we want to maintain the force at its current size. I wish to once again emphasize that Shrewsbury Borough Council is very pleased with the Police Services we receive and the quality of the Officers in the Department. A reduction in force would only be considered by us as a last step in keeping costs at an affordable level.

Chief Smeal also recommended that we change the police funding formula to a PPU basis of purchasing services. Police Protection Units (PPUs) are purchased in blocks of 10 hours of Officer's time per week, for a one year period. The key issue is how much time does each municipality need, and how that purchased time can be managed to work out over the period of a year. A critical first step in such an approach is that each municipality purchase the hours needed to meet the demands of its citizens and the criminal activities in its jurisdiction. We are in the process of studying past police hour demands and working on what might be needed should the PPU option be taken.

We are still trying to resolve issues raised by Glen Rock and New Freedom in an attempt to have them remain with Southern Regional. Certainly consideration of a PPU approach may make everyone more comfortable that "they get what they pay for". Your input about these matters is always welcome; we would like to see you attend some of the Council meetings so we know what is on your mind.

Buck Buchanan, Council President

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PUBLIC WORKS



Street Sweeper Spring Cleaning

The street sweeper will clean Shrewsbury Borough streets **beginning April 3rd through April 14th or until finished.**

You may rake the winter's anti-skid material from your yard and curb onto the roadside before the sweeping begins.

The street sweeper will begin sweeping on the south end of town (Essex, Virginia, Lexington, and Culpepper) and conclude on the north end of town (Woodland Drive) during the two weeks. In order to clean the entire roadway, please remove cars from the street until the sweeper is completely finished from curb to curb.

Water Main Flushing Schedule

April 24th through April 28th - Portions of the North Water System

The North System will include: Woodland Drive, Spring Creek Drive, Gatewood Drive, Oaklyn Circle, Valley Road, Asbury Drive, Glenhurst Road, Devonshire Drive, Berkshire Drive, Cassidy Way, Sundance Lane, Holiday Drive, Wineberry Drive, Brookview Drive, Greenview Drive, Plank Road, Foxtail Court, Northbrook Lane, Brook Meadow Circle, Clear Run Drive, McCleary Court, Woodlake Court, and portions of North Main Street.

May 1st through May 5th - Portions of the North Water System

The North System will include: East Clearview Drive, Raypaula Drive, Skyview Drive, Westview Drive, Kelley Drive, Cardinal Drive, Fawn Drive, North Highland Drive, Circle

Drive, Playground Avenue, North Sunset Drive, West Clearview Drive, Tree Hollow Road, Ascot Drive, Cardiff Road, Bedford Court, West Forrest Avenue, Whitcraft Lane, Shetland Drive, Hackney Lane, Kratz Road, Morgan Drive, Bridle Road, Hill Street, Charles Street, South Sunset Drive, Park Street, portions of North Main Street, and portions of South Main Street.

May 8th through May 12th - South Water System

The South System is south of 304 South Main Street including: Messina Court, 50 East Church Street, 249 South Main Street, and 301 South Main Street.

The water mains will be flushed between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. The water flushing removes dirt and debris from the water mains and prevents water stagnation and taste and odor problems. Water discoloration will occur during the scheduled times so please avoid doing laundry, using hot water, and drinking tap water until the water is completely clear. If you have any questions with regards to when your neighborhood will be flushed, contact us at 235-1427.

Water Main Replacement

Shrewsbury Borough Water Company is proactive with water line replacement and water system maintenance. The water mains and services at East Linden Avenue, North Highland Drive, and South Sunset Drive are scheduled to be replaced in 2017. The new water mains and services will be replaced with plastic pipes. The lifespan of the plastic pipe is 50 to 100 years depending on soil characteristics and water quality. The residents affected by the project will be notified prior to the start.

Safe Drinking Water

More than 160 public water systems in Pennsylvania detected a carcinogenic chemical called Chromium 6 in their drinking water. Chromium 6 is attributed to industrial processes, illegal industrial dumping, or naturally occurring erosion of minerals in the environment. Chromium was not present in Shrewsbury's drinking water with the last required water test cycle.

Shrewsbury Borough Water is safe to drink and we are very proud of our high quality resource! The 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) is available for viewing at the Borough's website (www.shrewsburyborough.org) with a direct URL of <http://www.shrewsburyborough.org/Information/CCR.pdf>

From the Billing Department

Occasionally, the utility bills get lost in the mail. Call the Borough Office if you do not receive your utility bill by mid-month following the end of the quarter. For the quarter ending March 31st, you should receive your bill by April 15th. Not receiving your bill does not relieve you of paying the late fee.

Solicitors

Just as the Robins are the first sign of spring, so are the door to door salesmen that canvass our neighborhoods. Although the Borough does not have the legal right to stop legitimate companies from this practice, we do have an ordinance which requires them to have a permit to do so. Solicitors must apply at the Borough Office, pay a process fee, and obtain prior approval which includes a document (official permit) that shows they have done so. Such a process allows the office employees to do a background check of their legitimate status before they can show up at your door. The vast majority of those you will encounter will not have a permit. The first question you should ask is to see the permit as issued by Shrewsbury Borough. The "excuses" for not having one are very inventive, but if they do not have a permit in hand, your response should be to tell them to leave immediately and go get a permit. Call 911 and the Southern Regional Police Department will respond to any citizen's call about a solicitor in the Borough without a permit. This may seem to you to be a minor issue, but we ask that you do this to protect not only yourselves but your neighbors from the many unscrupulous people that have an intent other than to sell you a legitimate product. You may also place a 'No Soliciting' sign on your door.

Yard Sales and Signs

You are allowed to have two yard sales a year. The permit fee is \$2.00 per sale.

SIGNS: Yard/Garage sale signs (including directional signs) may only be erected on private property with prior permission of the property owner and during the days of the sale only and shall not exceed two (2) per property in number nor six (6) square feet in area. Also, Met

Ed reminds us that it is a summary offense to drive a nail or tack or attach any metal or hard substance to or into any public utility pole line. Signs may be attached with tape or string but they need to be removed promptly after the event. Signs and posters may not be attached to any public street signs.



Primary Election

The primary election will be **May 16th**. If you need an absentee ballot, please call the Voter's Registration Office at 771-9604.





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From The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt

Hop over to the station on **April 1st** and have breakfast with the Easter Bunny!!!

Breakfast will be served from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. The menu will consist of pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, chipped beef and gravy with biscuits, coffee, juice, and milk.

After breakfast, we will be having an egg hunt on the grounds behind the fire house, for children up to the age of 12. Please call the station at 717 235-4476 or 717 759-8162 to make a reservation for the egg hunt. Please ask for Anna or Matt.

Fireman's Carnival

The 2017 annual Fireman's Carnival will be **June 26th through July 1st**. Come out for an evening of food, fun, and entertainment. We will be having great entertainment this year including Set Free, American Hollar, Josh and the Good Old Stuff, Laredo (Veterans Tribute), Colt Wilbur Band, and Elvis and the Road Runners. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and come out for a great evening of family fun . . . and the best funnel cake!

Check out the website at www.shrewsburyfire.com or the *Community Courier* for a \$2.00 discount coupon on wrist bands good for Monday – Thursday evenings.

Fireworks

Fireworks will be on Saturday, July 1st at 10:45 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering for an evening or two, please contact the station at 717 235-4476.

Pit Beef

Fire House Pit Beef and Grill will once again be returning this year. Please come out and support a local favorite business. Proposed sale dates are April 15th and May 6th starting at 10:00 a.m. Menu will include pit beef, pit ham, pit turkey, sausage, fresh cut fries and specialty sandwiches.

Thank you to our community for your support! As always, we are looking for volunteers in all capacities. If you are interested, please contact the station or stop by and visit with us!!!

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