



Shrewsbury Borough

NEWSLETTER

April, May and June 2018

TRASH COLLECTION DELAY

Trash collection will be delayed both days the week of May 27. 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.

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From the Mayor

Last fall, we hosted a PennDOT "Traffic Calming" class. It was great to see some of our fellow citizens attend this class. A couple have also volunteered to participate with our Traffic Calming process. We will be holding our first meeting in April. Please watch the Borough website for details including date and time or contact the Borough Office for additional information. As a reminder, Tuesday, May 15th is our primary election in Pennsylvania. Please exercise your citizenship and come out to vote.

Michael G. Sharkey, Mayor

A Few Words from Richard Buchanan, Council President

Sewer Rate Increase: As I reported last quarter, there is a rate increase for the sewer fees. The increase is necessary for two basic reasons: the cost of maintaining our infrastructure and the need to make sewer plant upgrades to regain the plant's capacity. In the case of our sewer costs, infiltration of ground water into the lines requires us to process that water at the plant, thus driving up our operating costs. In the past few years we have used a "sewer liner technique" that has worked well for us. We must continue this process or pay the price with the increased operating costs. The second aspect of this rate increase is the need to process the sewage at the plant in such a manner as to remain below the DEP/Susquehanna River Basin Commission's mandates for nitrates, phosphates, and sediments. The plant capacity that was designed in 1990 is no longer possible to produce while remaining under these mandates. New Freedom Borough (the operator of the sewer plant) is conducting engineering studies to select the best method to regain the plant capacity. Borough Council feels it best to start building a capital fund to handle the plant capacity upgrades and wishes to avoid the need to finance it through a bond. The high costs of issuing a bond are best avoided, and can be if we plan now for this future expense. Ironically, many of our operating costs are "fixed" and do not show much of a reduction with less usage.

The average residential customer will see a \$10.00 increase per quarter and the commercial/industrial customers will see at least a \$21.00 increase per quarter.

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PUBLIC WORKS



Street Sweeper Spring Cleaning

The street sweeper will clean Shrewsbury Borough streets **beginning April 2nd through April 13th 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. North and South Main Street residents, please remove your vehicles from Main Street on Tuesday, April 3rd.

Water Main Replacement

Shrewsbury Borough Water Company is proactive with water line replacement and water system maintenance. The water mains and services on Essex Circle Drive and Woodland Drive are scheduled to be replaced in 2018. The new water mains and services will be replaced with plastic and ductile iron pipes. The new pipe's lifespan is 50 to 100 years depending on soil characteristics. The residents affected by the project will be notified prior to the start.

DID YOU KNOW?

Flushable wipes do not biodegrade fast enough to avoid sewer clogs and overflows. Flushable wipes combining with cooking grease cause severe blockages in the private and public sewer systems.

Water Main Flushing Schedule

April 23rd through April 27th - 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.

April 30th through May 4th - 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 7th through May 11th - Entire South Water System

The South System is everything south of 249 South Main Street including Messina Court and 50 East Church Street.

The water mains will be flushed between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 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.

A Few Words *(continued from page 1)*

Speeding: At last month's Council meeting, a concerned citizen provided a summary of the traffic accidents on his street in the two years he has lived here. Although this is not indicative of all streets in the Borough, it was quite shocking. Speeding in our residential neighborhoods simply cannot be tolerated. The Southern Regional Police Department has been advised to ramp up their efforts on speed enforcement. This is your "Warning" and do not expect one from the Police. Also the bad habit of "rolling through stop signs" will also result in a ticket. Think of our children's safety and use some self-control to break these infractions.

Southern Regional Police Department: At the January Meeting of the Southern Police Commission, the New Freedom members advised the Commission that New Freedom will withdraw from the Intergovernmental Agreement as of December 31, 2018. They also advised that the Department must vacate the current Police Station "sometime" before that date. When one entity cannot be satisfied no matter what concessions have been given to them, then it is time to part ways and look to the future without them. Please rest assured that we, along with the Boroughs of Stewartstown and Glen Rock are willing to continue with our local police force. We passed a resolution

in December to continue for five years. Stewartstown and Glen Rock have communicated their willingness to continue as members for five and three years respectively. As I write this newsletter, consideration of a new police headquarters building is actively being conducted. On behalf of the Shrewsbury Borough Council, let me stress that we know the importance of a local police force with Officers that know our community; and how satisfied the Council is with the services provided by S.R.P.D. We will continue to work towards a financially responsible solution on your behalf. The Southern Regional Police Commission meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 47 E. High Street in New Freedom.

Well Permit Renewal: The first meeting with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission was held last week to start the process of the Meadow Well's permit renewal. The work must be completed by 2019, but we will be doing the pump testing during the dry months of this summer (mandated by regulations). They have made a good faith commitment to not run up our costs for this process simply due to bureaucracy. We hope that time will show this change in attitude from what we encountered during the last well permit process.

Buck Buchanan, Borough Council President

Safe Drinking Water

Shrewsbury Borough Water is safe to drink and we are very proud of our high quality resource! The 2017 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>

Road Replacement 2018

Shrewsbury Borough will repave Hill Street, Onion Boulevard, South Sunset Drive, Greenmount Avenue, and North Highland Drive in 2018. Residents will be notified prior to any road work.

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 31, you should receive your bill by April 15. Not receiving your bill does not relieve you of paying the late fee.

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.





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From The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company

April

COME ONE COME ALL to our 1st annual golf tournament to be held on Thursday, April 26th at Greystone Golf Course, located in White Hall, MD. Check out our website at shrewsburyfire.com for player information or if you would like to become a sponsor for this event. You may also contact Brad Wright at bwright@shrewsburyfire.com or by phone, 717-841-4990. You may also call the station at 717-235-4476.

Once again this year the fire company will be participating in TRUCK ZOO at the Paul Smith Library on Sunday, April 29th from 12-3 p.m. Bring the family out for an afternoon of fun.

June

IT'S CARNIVAL TIME!!! Our annual Firemen's Carnival this year will be, Monday, June 25 to Saturday, June 30. Some of the entertainment lined up will be Iron Ridge,

Foggy Hollow, Josh Christina Band, Laredo, Colt Wilbur and Elvis & the Road Runners.

We will also be having our famous funnel cake, fried Oreos, fried apple fritters and a variety of other scrumptious goodies at the funnel cake stand. In our cook shack we will be having our delicious pit beef, pit turkey, pit ham, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage...just to name a few. There will also be various vendors. So bring the family and your lawn chairs, come on out for an evening of fun and entertainment. Saturday evening will be the fireworks display, approximately 10:45 p.m.

Professionally Staffed by Volunteers

Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company is always looking for volunteers. Stop by the station or call if you are interested in volunteering and helping the community. One person can make a difference, let's start with you!!!

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