

ShrewsBury Borough

NEWSLETTER

October, November, December, 2019

TRASH COLLECTION REMINDERS

Thanksgiving week, the Friday, November 29, collection will be on Saturday. For the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, the Friday collection will be delayed by one day both weeks.



LEAF DISPOSAL

As part of the refuse contract, residents are allowed to put out two (2) extra bags of leaves each collection day beginning **NOVEMBER 1 THRU JANUARY 31**. These two extra bags are for leaves ONLY.



RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION

Reminder to landlords that you must register the names of your tenants with the Borough Office at 235-4371 within ten days of a change. Please call our office to make sure we have current tenants listed. The School District also needs to be notified; their number is (717) 235-4811.



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From Mayor Sharkey

The return of school buses to Borough roads is a clear indicator of the transition from summer to fall. As I write, our students have been in school a couple of weeks and it's a good time to remind everyone to be patient when travelling at the same time morning and afternoon school buses. When their flashers activate, stop and allow our kids to safely cross the street.

The I-83 exit 4 project has been underway and I'm told it's slightly ahead of schedule. There is a good amount of construction activity at night. Brian Sweitzer, our Director of Public Works, does an excellent job updating our Facebook page to provide updates. Personally, I find it easier to avoid the construction area and the frustration that can accompany travel delays.

Many people have asked about the tree plantings along the Trail. The Trees for the Trail committee will be holding a dedication ceremony on Sunday, November 10th at 2:00 p.m. at the Susquehannock High School stadium. The project is dedicated to all veterans in York County and I encourage you to get the word out to veterans in your circle of influence and attend this event with them. There have been many local service clubs and organizations involved in planting trees. I find it inspiring to see the high level of community support, it's one of the many things that make Shrewsbury a great place to live.

Michael G. Sharkey, Mayor

Southern Regional Police K-9 Update

Officer Derek Smith of Southern Regional Police took the initiative to seek re-establishing a K-9 program. There are many advantages a K-9 officer brings to a police department. Some people have strong opinions in support of and others in opposition to re-establishing the K-9 program. The intent is for the program to be completely funded by donation, with no costs incurred by the municipalities who comprise the Southern Regional Police Commission. The donations have poured in and I'm happy to report that Officer Ransom was "sworn in" several weeks ago and in his first couple of days on the job the PA State Police asked us to assist in tracking a convicted felon who fled on foot from a traffic stop in Chanceford Township. I'd like to congratulate Officer Ransom (and Officer Smith) on their success in his first K-9 arrest.

PUBLIC WORKS



Water Main Replacement

The 2019 water line replacement project for Woodland Drive (addresses 1 to 33) and Essex Circle Drive was bid in June. We received four bids with the best price \$150,000 over budget. We attribute the high prices to the demand for infrastructure improvement and development in 2019. The project will be bid again in December/January at the beginning of the construction season. The water line will be finished in the Spring 2020. Essex Circle Drive/Woodland Drive final paving will follow the water line work in the Fall 2020.

Water Main Flushing

October 7th to October 11th-North Water System

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

October 14th and 15th- South Water System

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

The water mains will be flushed between 8AM and 6PM. 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 (717) 235-1427.

Exit 4 Project

The Exit 4 Diverging Diamond Project is on schedule. The large hole where the Case and Keg was located will be a box culvert that will direct Deer Creek underneath Interstate 83. During the next few months, Kinsley Construction will be very busy. The large hole on the Northeast Corner of the Project will be backfilled. Work will begin on the southbound bridge abutment and all ramp work will begin in the next few months. The project is on schedule for completion in 2021.

Tree Trimming

The Public Works Department will survey intersection sight triangles and roadways for trees obstructing the roadway during October. Ordinance 1994-1 requires Borough residents to maintain trees for clearance of at least 14 feet over the cartway and not obstruct vision on any public street. Trees growing over the curb line damage snow removal equipment, obstruct traffic, and cause accidents at intersections. The Public Works Department will notify residents with trees growing over the curb line or blocking intersection sight triangles. We will allow residents ample opportunity to trim the trees on their own. The Public Works Department will trim the trees and dispose of the branches if there is not any response to our notification.

Storm Drain Maintenance

Fallen leaves can cause flooding problems if storm drains are not clear. The Public Works Department cleans all storm drains prior to rain events and checks grates after storms. PA Dot is responsible for all grates on state-owned roads while Shrewsbury Public Works maintain all Borough street drains. The Public Works will clean any drain in Shrewsbury Borough to prevent flooding. The drains clog easily in the fall with leaves so do not hesitate to call us if you notice a drain that needs cleared.

DID YOU KNOW?

Park Benches were donated by the Shrewsbury Area Centennial Lions Club and the family of John B. Myers. The benches are located at the Forrest Avenue and Main Street square. Thank you!

A Few Words from Richard Buchanan, Council President

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT REPAIR

The major construction to replace the belt filter press that was installed in 1972 has not yet begun. State DEP permits and other requirements have taken longer than expected to process. Our loan was approved so we are well-prepared to proceed when the work does begin.

SEWER CAPACITY RESERVATION/SALE OF EDUs

This matter may not apply to most homeowners, but it does apply to those who own vacant property on which they wish to build, or current businesses who may later need additional sewer capacity. After a thorough review of what we wish to keep in a minimum reserve, the balance will be offered for sale. Those owning properties within the Borough will be given the first opportunity to purchase a quantity as may be needed for their development or business expansion. The remaining balance will then be offered to property owners adjacent to the Borough in the area currently served by the Municipal Authority. The key point is that this opportunity is now or never. An expansion of the current sewer plant's capacity would be a major financial undertaking that we need to avoid. Those who do not take this last opportunity to purchase EDUs may find them unavailable at a later date. Watch our website for when the public meetings will occur this fall/winter to allow us to better explain this sale process to those who need to make this critical decision.

44 SOUTH MAIN STREET

We have received an appraisal for the former library building at 44 South Main Street. A decision must soon be made as to renting it out or selling it.



Halloween

Please be mindful of Trick or Treaters that will be out and about from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31st. If you want them to come to your door, please turn on your porch light. We ask parents to remind their children not to go to houses where the porch light is not on.



Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

The annual Tree Lighting ceremony will be on **Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m.** at which time Santa will arrive. There will be music by the Susquehannock High School Jazz Band. Boy Scout Troop 90 and area Girl Scouts and Brownies will serve complimentary snacks and hot chocolate.

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 September 30, you should receive your bill by October 15. Not receiving your bill does not relieve you of paying the late fee.



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From The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company

3RD ANNUAL FALL FEST

The Fire Company will be having the 3rd annual Fall Fest on Saturday, October 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be over 50 vendors. The cook shack will be open serving pit beef, turkey, ham, hamburgers, hot dogs, hand-cut fries and homemade soups. The funnel cake stand will also be open serving funnel cakes, fried Oreos and apple fritters. There will be rides by Russ Amusements. Entertainment will be provided by local groups. Please check out the Fire Company's website and Facebook page for more information.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire prevention week is October 7th – 11th. This is a great time to go over fire safety with your family. Make sure you have a fire escape plan and that your family understands. Practice having fire drills so that everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency. Also, check your smoke detectors to insure they are working properly.

OPEN HOUSE

Open house is Thursday, October 10th from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Come on out and tour your fire station. Fire engine rides will be available for kids of all ages!!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

November 3rd is daylight savings time. Remember to turn your clocks back an hour. This is also a great time to check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors!!

LIVE-IN PROGRAM

The Station offers a live-in program to qualified applicants. If you are interested or would like more information, please email them at livein@shrewsburyfire.com.

The Fire Company is always looking for volunteers in all capacities. Stop by the Station or email them at info@shrewsburyfire.com.

SANTA

Keep an eye out for Santa on the fire engine in December!



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