



April-June 2020

# Shrewsbury Borough

## NEWSLETTER

### FROM POLICE CHIEF JAMES BODDINGTON

There have been recent sightings of coyotes in the Shrewsbury area. The Southern Regional Police Department and PA Game Commission are aware of this and it is not unusual to see some in the area. They normally do not pose a risk to humans, but will sometimes frequent populated areas if there is a food source. Pet food left outside, unsecured trash and compost piles sometimes attract them to the area. If you see coyotes in your area contact the Southern Regional Police at (717) 235-3944 and the Shrewsbury Borough Office at (717) 235-4371. You can also go to the following link for more information on coyotes. <https://urbancoyoteresearch.com/coyote-info/how-avoid-conflicts-coyotes>

### TRASH COLLECTION

Trash collection will be delayed both days the week of May 24. Trash will be collected on Wednesday and Saturday. This is year two of the new refuse contract so the quarterly charge will go from \$70.00 to \$73.50.

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### FROM MAYOR MIKE SHARKEY

It wasn't that long ago when Punxsatawney Phil predicted an early Spring. We've had a pretty mild winter, so it wasn't that much of a stretch. Regardless, I'm glad he got it right.

I'd like to thank everyone who attended the Traffic Calming Committee meeting in early February to discuss the traffic calming plan for Covington Dr. This was our committee's first developed plan to address high volume of traffic in a residential area. The committee members are doing an excellent job providing a valuable service to our community.

In late March, the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company will hold their annual meeting. Each year, the number of calls for service seems to increase and it's amazing to review the statistics. We are lucky to have such dedicated volunteers who respond to all the medical and fire calls. If you're looking for a great way to serve the community, I encourage you to touch base with any fire company member for more information.

At the February Southern Regional Police Commission meeting, Chief Boddington and I presented an Outstanding Citizen Award to C.E. "Skip" James Jr., owner of C.J.'s Auto Repair on South Main St. for the heroic and life saving measures he took in aiding an elderly victim involved in a serious traffic accident that occurred on January 13, 2020. His quick thinking, basic first aid knowledge and willingness to get involved helped save a life. If you get a chance, stop in and say hi and thank him for being involved.

It's great to be surrounded by citizens who get involved in our community, whether serving on the traffic calming committee, responding to the siren or pager in the middle of the night, or just jumping in and applying a tourniquet to help save a life, these are great examples of our neighbors helping make Shrewsbury Borough a great place to live!

Looking forward to seeing you at the polls on Tuesday April 28th for the primary election.

Mayor Mike Sharkey

### A FEW WORDS FROM BUCK BUCHANAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

#### SOUTH CENTRAL YORK COUNTY SENIOR CENTER 150 East Main Street, New Freedom (717) 235-6060

Here is some information regarding the Senior Center in New Freedom:

- They provide social, recreational and educational activities and programs for York County residents and their spouses 60 years of age and older;
- They serve a daily hot meal to the members; donations for the meal are accepted;
- They can arrange transportation to the Center through Rabbittransit if you don't drive;

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## PUBLIC WORKS



### WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The water mains will be flushed between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the weeks of April 27th and May 4th. The Public Works Department operates all water valves and hydrants throughout our entire water system. 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.

#### April 27th–May 1st — North Water System

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

#### May 4th–May 8th — 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.

### STREET SWEEPER SPRING CLEANING

The street sweeper will clean Shrewsbury Borough streets **beginning April 6th through April 17th or until finished.** 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 Circle Drive, Virginia Avenue, Lexington Drive, and Culpepper Road) and conclude on the north end of town (Woodland Drive). 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 7th and Wednesday, April 8th.

### WATER MAIN & ROAD REPLACEMENT 2020

The water mains on Essex Circle Drive and Woodland Drive (North Main Street to Spring Creek Drive) will be replaced this Winter/Spring. The roads will be repaved following the utility work in the Fall 2020. Residents will be notified prior to any work.

### SAFE DRINKING WATER

Shrewsbury Borough Water is safe to drink and we are very proud of our high-quality resource! The 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) is available for viewing at the Borough's website ([www.shrewsburyborough.org](http://www.shrewsburyborough.org)) with a direct URL of <http://www.shrewsburyborough.org/Information/CCR.pdf>

### EXIT 4 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Diverging Diamond Project continues to progress at rapid rates. The construction schedule into September includes work on Interstate 83 and Route 851. Completion dates are still scheduled for the Summer/Fall 2021.

- The precast box culvert for Deer Creek on the east and west side of Interstate 83.
- Beams for the northbound and southbound Interstate 83 structure.
- Extensive backfilling around the precast box culvert.
- Late May or early June deck concrete on the Interstate 83 superstructure.
- Bituminous paving work to widen the Southbound on-ramp and Northbound off-ramp.
- September 2020, Interstate 83 traffic switch to move traffic to the new portion of the structure so the middle portion can begin (structure and box culvert).

### COVINGTON DRIVE TRAFFIC CALMING

The Traffic Calming Committee met with local residents on February 3rd about the excessive traffic and speeds on Covington Drive. The Committee presented alternatives to remedy the problem. Local residents, Committee, and Borough Council approved temporary speed humps. The speed humps will be constructed in April. The Traffic Calming Committee will monitor Covington Drive and surrounding streets to evaluate the calming effectiveness throughout 2020.

## NEW VOTING PROCEDURES AVAILABLE: Mail-In Or Absentee Ballot

York County voters are able to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot. Pennsylvania has added a new, no-excuse-needed means for voters to vote by mail. To apply on-line for a mail-in ballot, visit the York County Voting and Elections website and follow the link to apply for your mail-in ballot. That office is located at 28 East Market Street, York, PA (717) 771-9604. The Borough's webpage also has the information listed.

### SEWER FLUSHABLE PRODUCTS

The Public Works Department has noticed an unusual amount of cleaning wipes in our sewer stations. **Please do not dispose the products in the sewer system.** Any wipes, mittens, or rags do not belong in the sewer system despite the products sewer-safe claim. **The material does not dissolve as advertised and has caused many clogs, sewer obstructions and pump problems.**

### DID YOU KNOW???

April is "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month". Borough Council adopted the proclamation at the February Borough Council Meeting. Please call PA ONE CALL prior to any planting or earthmoving activities on your property. PA ONE CALL (800-242-1776 or 811) will dispatch utility companies to mark all utility lines. You must allow three working days prior to your dig date. Visit [www.paonecall.org](http://www.paonecall.org) for any questions. The service is no cost to you!!!

### 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 & 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.

## A FEW WORDS FROM BUCK BUCHANAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT *(continued)*

- They don't charge a membership fee and the application process only takes a few minutes;
- If you or someone you know does not have access to daily meals and is home bound, they can provide the phone number of the York County Area Agency on Aging to see if you are eligible for home delivered meals

### COYOTE SIGHTINGS

Southern Regional Police have received recent calls pertaining to the sightings of coyotes. Although attacks on humans are extremely rare, your small dogs and cats are potential food sources they will not hesitate to seek out. If this is a concern to you, develop the habit of remaining outside with your pets while they do their business, especially at night. Although you will not be fast enough to stop an attack, your presence makes it unlikely that such an attack will occur. Have a flashlight to use at night if your yard is not illuminated in some other way. A whistle is also a handy item to have that could scare away a predator.

### REMAINING SEWER EDUS

Progress is being made on the Borough policy for the sale of the remaining EDUs. The Council must adopt a reasonable policy that protects our current customers and yet offers owners of undeveloped property the opportunity to secure EDUs for their future use. The known projects that must be done at the waste water treatment plant demand that we turn potential sales of EDUs into a reality to help pay for these projects.

### UPGRADE AT SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

The anticipated 2019 project at the sewer treatment plant did not get started on the anticipated timetable, but the bids have been received. The delay has allowed us to accumulate funds in advance, but the PENNVEST loan will still be needed. The surcharge on your quarterly bill will continue for the length of the loan, and other capacity upgrade projects will most likely extend that charge. This may not be welcome news, but it is a reality that must be properly funded.



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## FROM THE SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY | 21 WEST FORREST AVENUE

### ANNUAL CARNIVAL

The annual carnival is fast approaching! It will be held on June 22–June 27 this year. Fireworks will be on Saturday, June 27 at 10:45 so bring your blankets and lawn chairs to watch a spectacular show!!

The Fire Company is always looking for volunteers to work at the carnival. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Station at 717-235-0446 and ask for Anna or Matt. Please visit the Fire Company's website for more information.

### 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SVFC will be having its 3rd annual golf tournament on Friday, April 24, 2020. It will be held at Bon Air Country Club located in Glen Rock. Early sign up is available. Please check out our website for more information. [Info@shrewsburyfire.com](mailto:Info@shrewsburyfire.com).

### LIVE-IN PROGRAM & RECRUITMENT

The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company's Live-In program is fully operational and is in search of volunteers that are interested in this opportunity. This program allows a volunteer firefighter looking for lodging a place to stay. In return, they give dedicated hours of volunteer time to man our fire station. Our station is 100% volunteer and although we can get apparatus on the street in a timely manner, there are times when manpower is limited. Having live-in firefighters at the station allows us to bridge the gap when other volunteers are not able to respond to calls.

College students usually are looking for a place to stay at a reduced cost. If they are certified to be a firefighter, they can live at the station rent free. They repay this lodging by manning the station and responding to calls when not in school. This helps both the station and the citizens of our community and also citizens in our surrounding areas.

The rooms provided are private with a bed, a dresser, and a desk. Lockers are also provided. Along with this are bathrooms equipped with showers, access to full kitchen facilities and a comfortable lounge. Computer access is available to our live-ins, which allows them to do school work when needed. If you are 18 or older, certified and interested in being a part of our fire station, please contact the Live-In committee at [live-in@shrewsburyfire.com](mailto:live-in@shrewsburyfire.com) or stop by the station and check it out.

We are also looking for volunteers in all capacities. Please consider volunteering today and give back to the community. You would be working with professionally trained individuals who are willing to train you. Classes are also available through the York County Fire School once you are a member of our station.

If you have any questions, please contact the station at 717-235-4476 or stop by 21 W. Forrest Ave. in Shrewsbury.