

ShrewsBury Borough

NEWSLETTER

October, November, December, 2020

TRASH COLLECTION REMINDERS

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving week, the Friday, November 27, 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.



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.

Shrewsbury Borough

35 West Railroad Avenue
Shrewsbury, PA 17361
(717) 235-4371

www.shrewsburyborough.org

Email@ShrewsburyBorough.org

FROM MAYOR MIKE SHARKEY FIRE COMPANY DONATION CHALLENGE

In the summer newsletter, Council President Buchanan wrote about the cancellation of both the annual Fire Company carnival and golf tournament due to the global pandemic. Combined, these two fundraisers typically add \$35,000 of income to your volunteer Fire Company. A couple here in the Borough, who asked to remain anonymous, sent a letter along with a \$1,000 donation and offered up a most Shrewsburian challenge. The idea is to have 35 groups commit to donate, raise or provide \$1,000 to cover the shortfall. That couple is Group #1. I read their letter at our August Council meeting and challenged our Council to step up as Group #2. Your Mayor and Council responded by pledging either their Borough pay for July through December (6 months at \$25/month totaling \$150) or a cash donation. Now I'd like to challenge you to form 33 additional groups, and each group to generate \$1,000. Think of it as a community based "Go Fund Me" to support the financial needs of our Volunteer Fire Company. If you don't like the idea of creating a group, you can donate directly to the Fire Company. I hope you'll accept the challenge and support the Fire Company while helping keep Shrewsbury a great place to live!

JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON UPDATE

At our August meeting, Council appointed Anthony Newberry, an 11th grader at Susquehannock High School as our newest Junior Councilperson. At the September meeting, Council appointed Amelia Nadobny, a senior at Susquehannock High School to the 12th grade Junior Councilperson position. The Junior Councilperson program is a great opportunity for the youth of our community to provide their voice to local government.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

The pandemic has given everyone an opportunity to wear masks on a regular basis these past few months. Does anyone recall the old days, those "precedented" times where people only wore masks on Halloween? This year, Halloween is on Saturday, October 31st. In order to help provide opportunities for social distancing, we are extending the typical Trick-or-Treat hours, starting at **5:00 pm and ending at 8:00 pm**. If you plan to pass out candy, please turn on your porchlight and follow some common sense guidelines. Wear a mask when greeting trick or treaters and wear gloves as appropriate. For trick-or-treaters, maintain some distance between groups and only knock on doors where the porchlight is on. If you're not planning to pass out candy, it is recommended that you keep your porchlight off.



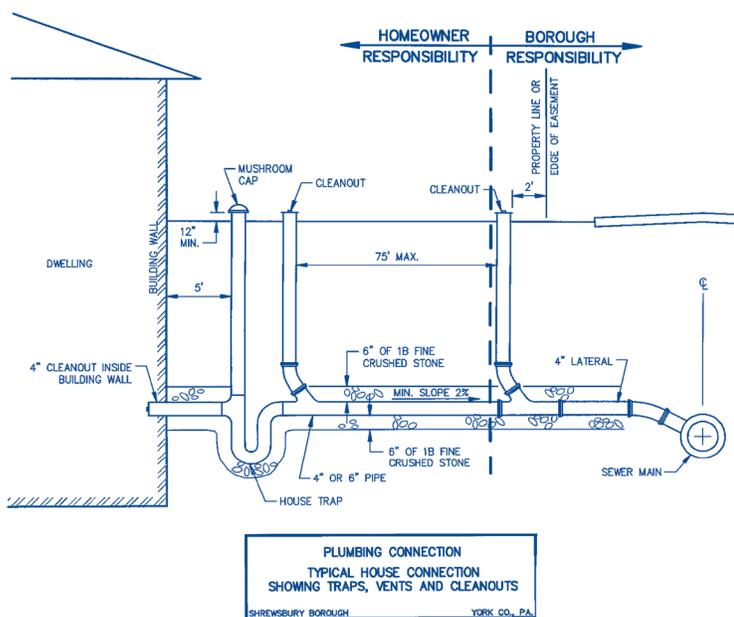
(continued on page 3)

PUBLIC WORKS



SANITARY SEWER

The Public Works Department is proactive with regards to the sanitary sewer system. We televise 15% of our sanitary sewer system every year or approximately 7 miles. There are several maintenance items to be aware of on an everyday basis.



- Replace broken or missing cleanout caps on your property. The cleanout cap is access to your sanitary sewer system. The cap is connected to a vertical pipe from your sewer line and can be used to unclog a blocked sewer line. The caps should be water-tight to prevent rainwater or debris from entering the sewer system. Please replace broken caps or contact the Public Works Department if you have any questions.
- Make sure sump pumps, rainspouts, and floor drains do not discharge into the sanitary sewer system. The discharge should be outside the house in the grass, driveway or roadway.
- Plant trees and vegetation at least 10 feet away from sewer line. Roots can clog sewer lines.
- Do not flush disposable wipes, mittens, paper towels, or rags in the sewer system. Flushable sewer items do not exist and do not dissolve in the sewer system and are the leading cause for sewer lateral clogs.
- Do not cover air vents. The air vents allow air flow into the sewer line and allow sewage to flow properly. Air vents also eliminate smells inside the house.

EXIT 4 PROJECT

The Exit 4 Diverging Diamond Project is on schedule for completion in the Fall 2021. Kinsley Construction will be very busy for the remaining of 2020.

- Demolish Interstate 83 bridge.
- Finish Box Culvert that is underneath Interstate 83 (65' long and 45' deep).
- Northbound exit ramp (Ramp B) will be rebuilt.
- Rebuild Route 851 in front of Tom's Convenience Store. Closing Tom's entrance closest to Interstate 83.
- Pave Northbound exit ramp (Ramp B) with base and binder.

TREE TRIMMING

The Public Works Department studies intersection sight triangles and roads for trees obstructing traffic. 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

The Public Works Department cleans all storm drains prior to rain events. Fallen leaves are a major problem this time of year and cause flooding. The Public Works will clean any drain in Shrewsbury Borough to prevent flooding. Do not hesitate to call us if you notice a drain that needs cleared.

DID YOU KNOW???

The Woodland Water Storage Tank was inspected on July 31st. The divers cleaned and inspected the tank and determined that it is in good condition. The Woodland Storage Tank contains 347,000 gallons water and is 25% of our system's water storage. Our tanks are inspected every three years.

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Our annual tree lighting will take place on Sunday, December 6th at 6:00pm. We are expecting this to be scaled back from previous years as we don't know yet if the Susquehannock Jazz Band will be able to participate. Due to health concerns related to COVID-19, our visitor from the North Pole may not be able to meet and greet with the crowd and we are hoping he will still be able to make a brief appearance.



LOCAL BUSINESS FEATURE – VILLAGE COFFEE AND CREAM

Mayor Sharkey met with the owners of Village Coffee and Cream after their move into the old Shrewsbury Borough library and former bank building at 44 S. Main St. Diane and John-Paul employed mostly local craft and tradespeople as they sought to preserve the feel of this stoic community resource. Their goals were to preserve the feel of the old bank and pay homage to the days it served as our library. They are excited to share the memories of this community space and have dedicated the old bank vault as a place to store them. They are amazed at how many pictures and videos have been contributed and welcome new additions to the collection. They are looking forward to being part of future memories for the next generation while offering delicious homemade ice cream, snacks, coffees and teas with indoor and outdoor seating. Thank you Diane and John-Paul!

FROM BUCK BUCHANAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

AMBULANCE SERVICES

The first step was taken at the September Council meeting to bring a higher level of Emergency Medical Service to the Southern York Area. Shrewsbury Council voted to increase our contributions to the Rose Ambulance with their commitment to provide a staffed Advanced Life Support vehicle to be housed at the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company building. This plan is "conditional" upon a similar financial commitment from both the Shrewsbury Township Board of Supervisors and New Freedom Borough Council. The long-term plan is to form a Regional Ambulance Service that would merge Glen Rock Ambulance and Rose Ambulance into a single entity supported by all of the local municipalities. In these tough times, mutual cooperation with our neighbors to benefit all is a sound principal.

NOVEMBER ELECTION – MUNICIPAL BUILDING

There can be no doubt that you are aware of the upcoming Presidential Election. I wish to encourage everyone to vote, regardless of your political affiliation. The point I wish to make here is that the safety precautions taken during the primary election were beyond reproach. An extensive review of what and how to conduct the voting safely was put into place, and the end result was impressive. Everyone can feel safe in voting at the Borough Building, just allow a little extra time to comply with the safety precautions. The wearing of proper masks and the six-foot separation requirements will add a bit of a delay to the process.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION ORDINANCE CLARIFICATION

I have frequently stressed the need for all residents to ensure that a solicitor has a valid permit issued by Shrewsbury Borough or turn them away. This has had a positive impact on the number of incidents or citizen's concerns. Hindsight tells me that I missed the "exceptions" to the rule and those need to be clarified. Per the PA Laws, there are classifications of solicitors that do not require a permit. These are Non-Profit organizations such as Religious groups, Political Campaigns, Boy and Girl Scouts sales etc. If in doubt, call the Borough Office for more details. You never have to respond to a solicitor; it is your personal choice to do so.

In regards to solicitation, while we remain under the threat of the COVID-19 virus, should anyone appear at your door, even those not requiring a permit, require that they be wearing a mask or refuse entry. Your safety is more important than whatever it is they wish to sell or discuss.

SEWER CAPACITY RESERVATION/SALE OF EDUS

Progress is being made on the policy for the sale or reservation of the remaining EDUs. The Council must develop a reasonable policy that protects current customers and yet offers owners of undeveloped property the opportunity to secure EDUs for their future use.

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT REPAIR

The anticipated 2019 project at the sewer plant did not get started on the anticipated timetable. 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.



35 West Railroad Avenue
Shrewsbury, PA 17361

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CASKEY GROUP

FROM THE SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY | 21 WEST FORREST AVENUE

SANDWICH SALE

There will be a pit beef, turkey and ham sale on October 17 from 10:00 – 2:00 or until sold out. Fresh cut fries will also be available.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME

November 1st is daylight savings time. This is also a great time to check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors!!

HOLIDAY SEASON

On behalf of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company, we would like to wish everyone a very healthy, safe and happy holiday season.

VOLUNTEER

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