

# Shrewsbury Borough

## NEWSLETTER

July, August, September 2021

### TRASH COLLECTION REMINDERS

You are allowed to place four (4) bags or containers (32 gallon) no heavier than 50 pounds out each collection day and must be out by 6:00 a.m. Cardboard boxes placed out for Friday recycling collection must be flattened and bundled.

### HOLIDAY DELAY TRASH COLLECTION

The week of Labor Day, September 6, collection will be delayed both days (will be collected on Wednesday and Saturday).



### VACANCY ON PLANNING COMMISSION

A vacancy exists on the Planning Commission which is a volunteer board that meets on the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. when there is business. They are an advisory body that reviews plans and applications for special exceptions and variances and makes recommendations to the Borough Council or the Zoning Hearing Board. If interested, please mail or drop off a letter of interest and Resume or e-mail to [cbosley@shrewsburyborough.org](mailto:cbosley@shrewsburyborough.org)

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### FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT BUCK BUCHANAN

#### CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Almost all of the Shrewsbury neighborhoods are without sidewalks, and this has worked well for very many years. The amount of traffic has increased over the years and although it is acceptable for anyone to walk in the streets, they are not to be viewed as a playground. Please mandate your children (and grandchildren) to play in your yard not the streets.

#### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Pedestrian traffic should always walk on the left side of the road against oncoming traffic. This practice allows for ample opportunity to react to oncoming traffic and may enable you to avoid a distracted driver. The many of us who walk our dogs in the streets must follow this same practice. The added benefit is that your dog (healing on your left side) is between you and any oncoming traffic. A dog can easily be distracted by a squirrel or rabbit, and is less likely to move into the path of a vehicle. The dog is provided extra distance from vehicle traffic with you between the pet and vehicle traffic.

#### TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE

A sincere **Thank You** is due to those residents that have worked so hard in formulating the policies and implementing our first Traffic Calming Committee and Plan. It is natural for residents to first resist the use of Speed Humps and Calming devices in their neighborhoods, but we cannot deny their effectiveness in reducing the vehicle speeds and saving lives. There are other volume and speed studies conducted on Borough streets. The Borough budget will continue to financially support our traffic safety program. I anticipate that every resident will want calming measures on their street. Please be patient and understand the importance of a thorough traffic study and Calming Plan. The Calming Plan is necessary to maximize our Borough budget and the entire community's benefit.

# PUBLIC WORKS



## **EXIT 4 CONSTRUCTION**

The Exit 4 Project will be completed in the next few months. The following is work that will take place to finish the project this Summer.

- Stormwater pipe, curb, and sidewalk under the south span followed by paving.
- Traffic switch to Diverging Diamond tentatively scheduled for late June or early July. (weather dependent)
- The six islands constructed to finish the project.
- Project completion date is September/October 2021!

## **WATER LINE PROJECT**

The water line project will begin this summer. Water mains and services will be replaced on Mount Airy Road, Cardinal Drive, Westview Drive, and Circle Drive. The water line project will cost approximately \$684,882. Water will have to be shutoff to make connections to the old water line with customers notified prior to shutdowns. Roads will be paved in early 2022.

## **PRACTICE WATER CONSERVATION**

Water conservation is an excellent practice to reduce your water and sewer bill and protect Shrewsbury's most precious resource. Water and sewer are billed based on water usage and water meter readings.

Water Conservation Tips:

- Check water meter periodically to make sure there are not any leaks in your house. Some leaks (toilets) may not be heard and must be checked with the meter. The Public Works Department can teach you to read the meter and analyze readings.
- Do not use the toilet as a garbage can. Some toilets use five to seven gallons of water with every flush.
- Use dishwasher and washing machine when you have a full load. Will save five to 15 gallons per wash.
- Keep a container of drinking water in refrigerator instead of allowing water to run to cool for drinking.
- Turn water off when brushing teeth.
- Limit your shower to less than five minutes. Conservation can potentially save 1,000 gallons of water per month.
- Showers (10-25 gallons) use less water than baths (70 gallons).
- Water plants during coolest parts of the day (morning or evening) to avoid evaporation.
- Cover the swimming pool to eliminate evaporation.
- Mulch outdoor plants to help with soil moisture.
- Purchase and install a rain barrel for watering to capture rainwater.
- Use a broom instead of water to clean your driveway, porch, or sidewalk.
- Mow your yard to 3" height for a deeper root structure and avoid watering grass.
- Be smart, save money, and use water wisely!!!

## CENTENARIAN MILESTONE

I wish to congratulate Dick Hornberger, a World War II veteran, upon reaching his 100th birthday!

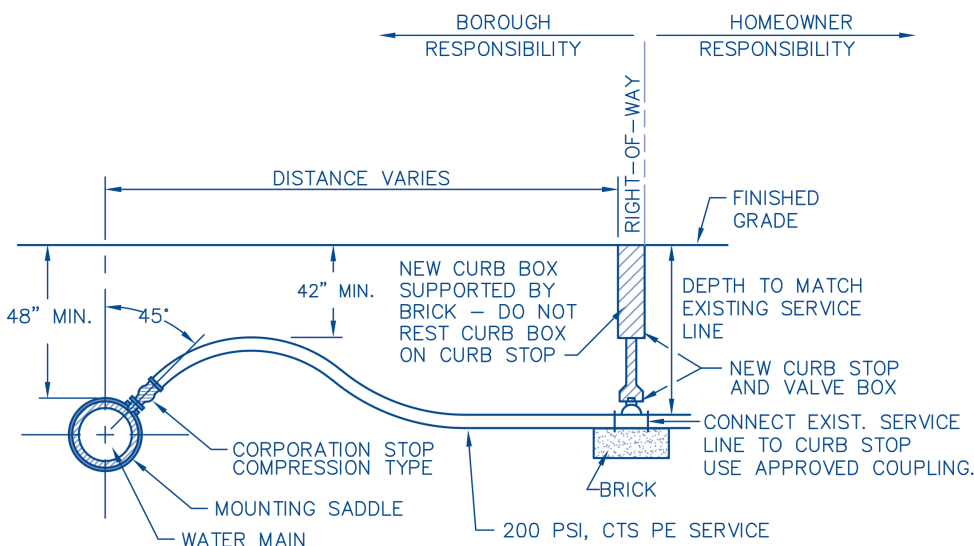


## WATER METER USAGE AWARENESS

Shrewsbury Borough finished a water meter replacement program in 2020. Our goal is to replace water meters every 25 years or 2,000,000 gallons water usage. Most residential water meters are located in your homes. We have three different water meter styles in our system. The Public Works Department can help you read your own water meter to monitor usage and practice water conservation. Please contact the Public Works Department at 717-235-1427 or [bsweitzer@shrewsburyborough.org](mailto:bsweitzer@shrewsburyborough.org) if interested in tracking usage and hopefully saving money.

## WATER SERVICES

Shrewsbury Borough Water Company is responsible for 1,925 water services and 28 miles of water main. The water curbbox valve separates the water customer and Shrewsbury Borough responsibility. The curbbox valve access is very important for maintenance in emergency situations. If interested, the Public Works Department can locate the valve on your property and make sure the cap is secure and accessible. Please contact the Public Works Department at 717-235-1427 or [bsweitzer@shrewsburyborough.org](mailto:bsweitzer@shrewsburyborough.org).



**SERVICE CONNECTION DETAIL**

NOT TO SCALE

## 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.

## DID YOU KNOW???

Every water customer connected to the Shrewsbury Borough water system has a backflow preventer. The backflow preventer does not allow water from inside the customer's plumbing to reverse flow into the public water system. Backflow happens when a fire hydrant is being used, water main break, or with high water system demands. The backflow preventer is vital in preventing contaminants that may be connected to any customer's plumbing from entering the public water system. Shrewsbury Borough backflow preventers were installed in the late 1990s, early 2000s, or in any new house since that time period. Each customer paid \$30 for the backflow preventer and no charge for Public Works labor.



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## FROM THE SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY | 21 WEST FORREST AVENUE

### FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

July 9th; August 13th; September 10th and  
September 24th; October 22nd (last one)



### OCTOBER FALL FEST WEEKEND

The annual Fall Fest & Beer Garden will be held on  
October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. There will be plenty of food  
trucks to choose from and entertainment. Please check  
out the website for more details.



The Fire Company is always looking for volunteers in all capacities.  
Check them out and see what you can do to help make the community a better to live.

"PROFESSIONALLY STAFFED BY TRAINED VOLUNTEERS"