



October, November, December 2021

# Shrewsbury Borough

## NEWSLETTER

### 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

Thanksgiving week, the Friday, November 26, collection will be on Saturday.

### 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.

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### FROM MAYOR SHARKEY

***Never forget, never forget, never forget.*** As I write this, we are days away from marking 20 years since our great country was attacked by terrorists. There are a handful of dates in American history from the past few decades that will live in infamy; December 7th, 1941, November 22nd, 1963 and September 11th, 2001. I remember American flags flying on so many homes and businesses around Shrewsbury. Local churches were filled in those first days as we prayed for the families and loved ones of those who died in the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon and in a field in Shanksville, PA. We comforted our co-workers, neighbors and friends and sought God's protection and comfort in those first days. We came together as a community, talked to our neighbors, donated blood and volunteered our time to help where needed. On 9/10, we were a complacent nation, that all changed on 9/11 and on 9/12 we stood ready to prevent any future attacks and sought to punish those responsible for the attacks. Let us never forget how we stood together in those first days, how we prayed for each other, helped each other and came together as a community. Let us never forget the dedication and selflessness of the first responders and be thankful for the police, firefighters and EMS personnel who serve our community and share the same calling and level of dedication that was front and center on 9/11.

Let us never forget that America is the greatest country on earth and re-commit ourselves to stand together to preserve the ideals that make this country strong. To keep America (and Shrewsbury Borough) great, let's reconnect with our neighbors, treat people with kindness and find a place to volunteer in the community. Together, we can keep Shrewsbury a great place to live.

### I-83 EXIT 4 FLAGPOLE AND BEAUTIFICATION AREA DEDICATION

On Saturday, October 23rd, several local service organizations and municipalities, including Southern York County Rotary, Shrewsbury and New Freedom Lions Clubs, VFW Post 7012, Hopewell Township, Shrewsbury Township and Shrewsbury Borough will be dedicating the flagpole and landscaped areas around the I-83 exit 4 interchange area.

The municipalities and local service organizations will be sharing responsibility for keeping the landscaped areas around the interchange area looking good. Look for the announcement on the Borough's Facebook page.

# PUBLIC WORKS



### 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.

### TRASH/RECYCLING

The Fall/Winter season is upon us and some windy and cold weather will arrive very soon. Please make sure to secure your trash and recyclables during bad weather. Penn Waste offers covered recycling mobile carts in 64- or 96-gallon varieties for \$18/quarter. Another option is to use a covered garbage can for recyclables with a Penn Waste sticker to denote the recycling use. Stickers are free! You can contact Penn Waste customer service at 717-767-4456 for either service. Please keep our community clean!

### 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.

### EASEMENTS

The Public Works Department manages many Shrewsbury Borough water, sewer and road easements. Right-of-ways are a form of easement that refers to the specific portion of land that is allowed to be used when maintaining a utility system or roadway. Shrewsbury Borough does not normally own the property that the easement exists. Easements are maintained by Public Works crews that includes annual mowing and tree trimming for access and safety. Grass or crops can be planted by a property owner in an easement area but easements can affect property rights. The property owner loses total exclusivity and cannot prevent people from entering their property when agreeing to an easement. Also, the owner must abide to terms of the easement agreement such as not being able to build on the right-of-way. Easements benefit residents and communities to have functioning infrastructure and safe transportation.

## DID YOU KNOW???

The Shrewsbury Borough budget preparation season is upon us. We operate on an annual budget (January 1st to December 31st). Shrewsbury Borough has not increased water rates since 2017, sewer rates since 2018, and property tax millage rates since 2011.

- Sewer Customers were billed a Capital Improvement Fee (\$18) in 2019 for the Wastewater Plant renovation that will be complete in 2025 (\$3 million to \$5 million cost).
- The Borough implemented a Fire Tax in 2015 (.42 mills) since donations and fundraisers could not continue to support the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company.

## FROM BUCK BUCHANAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

### Sewer Capacity

Recent talks between Shrewsbury and New Freedom Boroughs in regards to the sewer capacity at the Treatment Plant have shown promise that there may be additional capacity once the upgrades are made to re-gain what was "lost" due to more stringent discharge requirements for nitrates and phosphates. This will be an expensive project and is why we have had the Capital Improvement Fee of \$18 per quarter in place; and it will continue to be necessary for some time to come (i.e. years).

### Sale Of EDUs Into Shrewsbury Township

The Borough Council is adamant that we will retain sufficient sewer capacity (EDUs) for our own use within the Borough even to the point that we could expand out to our full development potential. There remains a demand for sewer capacity within Shrewsbury Township in the area for which we have sewer lines (managed by the Shrewsbury Municipal Sewer Authority). When our due diligence is completed, should we have additional capacity beyond what we could possibly need, then there could be sales of EDUs to near term projects within the Township. It is a certainty that what we may have available will not meet the potential needs in the Township. To that end, talks will begin this month between New Freedom & Shrewsbury Boroughs as well as Shrewsbury Township as to what capacity (EDUs) they may need in the future. I wish to assure all of our residents that any such plant expansion will have those associated costs paid only by those that will reap the benefits; and not by our current customers.

## A FOND FAIRWELL

**Buck Buchanan** has served the citizens of Shrewsbury Borough as a Council member since 1988. He has served as Council Vice President from 2010 thru 2016, and Council President since January, 2017. He has also served as a member of the Southern Regional Police Commission since January, 1994. Buck has led an amazing life of service. He attended college as part of the Army's ROTC program, then was trained to fly helicopters and served in combat as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. As a citizen of Shrewsbury Borough, he attended his first Borough Council meeting due to an issue he didn't agree with and later began serving as a Council member. During his time on Council, he served on the Water and Sewer Committee and worked to secure our Borough's sewer needs during a plant expansion in the 80's. In the 90's he played a major role in the creation of the Southern Regional Police Department as Shrewsbury Borough and New Freedom Borough joined together to provide expanded police services for both of our communities. Buck's steady leadership on Council will be missed as he retires from public service.

We also want to recognize and thank **Judy Kroh** for her 17 years of service as Tax Collector. Judy has always been professional and has done an exemplary job. She is always available to assist with a real estate tax question and has been active in the State tax collector's association. Thanks to both Buck and Judy for your time and energy to help make Shrewsbury Borough a great place to live!

# TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be on  
**Sunday, October 31**  
from  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Please turn your porch  
light on if you'd like  
to participate.



## ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Our annual tree lighting will take place on **Sunday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m.** The Susquehannock Jazz Band will participate as well as area Scouts providing hot chocolate, cookies and other sweet treats. Santa will also be arriving at 6:00 p.m. to hand out candy canes. Please come out and join in the fun.





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## FROM THE SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY | 21 WEST FORREST AVENUE

### OCTOBER . . .

4TH ANNUAL FALL FEST & FOOD TRUCKS will begin on Friday 10/1 through Sunday 10/3. There will be over 15 food trucks, rides by Russ Amusements, games, over 40 craft and other vendors with live entertainment.

#### Food Trucks

Roadside Grille, Mac Stack, Conrad's Crabs, Mommas Melts, Pinky's BBQ, Scoop O' Dough, Beef It Up, Wok Runner, Bev's Jamaican Cuisine, The Sweet Patch, On My Grind, Foltz Concessions, Bake My Day Cafe, Sam and Jo Gyros, Mom's Diner and MiAdobo.

#### Friday Entertainment

4 pm - Alex Lee and Jr.  
6 pm - ThunderRoad Rockin Country

#### Saturday Entertainment

11am - MGM Dance Studio  
3 pm - International Academy of Dance  
4:30 pm - Corinna Rose  
6 pm - Whiskey on the Rocks

#### Sunday Entertainment

12 pm - EMC Performing Arts Studio

**\*\*\*Bring your lawn chairs and blankets!!**

### NOVEMBER . . .

Saturday, November 6th is Daylight Savings Time. Turn your clocks back an hour AND CHANGE THE BATTERY IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR!!

### DECEMBER . . .

***Santa will be on the engine riding through your neighborhood!***

Please check out our Facebook page for more information and a list of streets that he will be visiting!!!



***Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!***

"PROFESSIONALLY STAFFED BY TRAINED VOLUNTEERS"

