



# ShrewsBury Borough

April, May, June 2023

## NEWSLETTER

### TRASH COLLECTION

Trash collection will be delayed both days the week of May 28. Trash will be collected on Wednesday and Saturday. This is the final year of the current refuse contract and the quarterly charge will go from \$82.00 to \$85.00.

### TRASH/RECYCLING CONTRACT UPDATE

Our current trash and recycling contract with Penn Waste expires on January 31, 2024. You may recall Council's efforts to solicit and incorporate your feedback into the contracting process when we entered in to the current agreement back in 2019.

We are currently in the bid specification process, to solicit bids. We invited representatives from both Penn Waste and Republic Services to attend our February meeting. Both companies shared how a combination of inflation and labor challenges will make it difficult to maintain our current level of service without significant cost increases, several options presented include:

- Reducing pickups to once per week – both companies expressed it will be difficult to bid on contracts requiring pickup twice a week
- Use of large trash bins or "toters" Two sizes of "toters" would be available for trash – a 96 gallon or a 35 gallon "toter". Recycling "toters" would all be 65 gallon.

Price increases – a neighboring community recently completed their contract which resulted in a 25% increase in the cost!

Shrewsbury Borough Council is considering every option and we welcome your comments and feedback as we work to renew our trash and recycling collection contract. Email@shrewsburyborough.org

### RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Until the end of the current contract, Penn Waste is supplying the tall 32-gallon cans (no lid or wheels) for you to use. If you would like trade in your rectangular bin (if it is still useable), please bring it by the Borough office and we'll give you a tall can.

### FROM MAYOR SHARKEY

Welcome Spring! Living in Shrewsbury means we get to enjoy all four seasons. So far, this winter has been fairly mild compared to others I've seen over the past 30 years. As the cooler weather fades away, it will be nice to enjoy the outdoors again.

Last month, I was invited to speak along with our State Representative, Mike Jones, and Representatives Kate Klunk and Wendy Fink from our neighboring districts at a meeting where several candidates are running for positions on the school board in this year's elections. I spoke about the importance of local government and how local involvement makes our community stronger. The members of the Southern York County Parent and Taxpayer Coalition are running on a platform to promote General Education, Transparency, Accountability, Fiscal Responsibility and Parental Rights. Their platform can be found at SYC2023.com. It's refreshing to see engaged citizens seeking to work to strengthen our community.

This election cycle, there are four council positions up for re-election. I'd like to encourage all Shrewsburians to exercise their voice and engage in good citizenship by coming out to vote in the primary election on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. I hope to see you there at some point during the day. The last day to register to vote is Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Most election information can be found online at [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov).

March 29, 2023, marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official end of the Vietnam War. Fifty years ago, our country had a conflicted attitude toward Vietnam veterans and most weren't treated well. As we mark this significant milestone, if you know a Vietnam veteran, reach out to them with a message of "Welcome Home" and thank you for making Shrewsbury a great place to live.

### DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITORS

Although the Borough does not have the legal right to stop legitimate companies from this practice, the Borough does have an ordinance which requires them to have a permit to do so. The vast majority of solicitors do not have a permit issued by the Borough. Ask to see the solicitor's permit. If there is no permit, you should call 911 and the Southern Regional Police Department will respond to a call about a solicitor in the Borough without a permit. There are certain groups that are exempt from obtaining a solicitation permit and they are non-profit organizations such as religious groups, political campaigns, Boy and Girl Scouts sales, etc.

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## PUBLIC WORKS CORNER



### STREET SWEEPER SPRING CLEANING

The street sweeper will clean Shrewsbury Borough streets beginning April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Main Street and Forrest Avenue residents, please remove your vehicles from the roadways on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.



### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Spring time and good weather lead to outdoor projects. You are required to call PA One Call at least three (3) business days prior to any digging or excavation. Call 8-1-1 or 800-242-1776 to request the utility companies to locate their facilities. Locators will mark their utilities with different colors based on utility type. Visit [www.pa1call.org](http://www.pa1call.org) for more information.

### 2023 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- Water line replacement and stormwater installation on West Railroad Avenue and Charles Street. The utility work will precede road paving in the next two years.
- Road paving on East Maple Avenue.
- Columbia Gas main/service replacement and service abandonment on North Sunset Drive, North Highland Drive, West Clearview Drive, and North Main Street.
- North Highland Drive paving if Columbia Gas completes the gas project by the end of Summer.

### PFAS WATER SAMPLING

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are man-made chemicals that are used in commercial and industrial manufacturing processes since the 1940s. The chemicals are used in firefighting foam, textiles, carpet, paper, cookware, adhesives, paint and many different manufacturing processes. Studies indicate the chemicals cause high cholesterol, developmental effects, liver toxicity, decreased immune response, thyroid disease, kidney disease, and different cancers. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) mandate testing in 2023 and 2024 for Community Water Systems of Shrewsbury's water system size. We proactively sampled for 18 PFAS chemicals in 2019 and 2020 and samples were below the Federal maximum contaminant levels. Sampling will occur in March and September this year with results posted to our water customers.

### LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES

Shrewsbury Water Company is looking for Lead Water Service Lines. The Environmental Protection Agency mandated in 2021 all water companies map their water service lines (public and privately-owned) by October 16, 2024, with special attention to Lead Water Service Pipe. Lead Water Service Lines were prevalent before the 1940s. Shrewsbury Borough water service pipe is only plastic and copper. We need help with homeowner water lines from the curbstop valve in your yard into your house or business. **Please contact us if you have a Lead Water Service Line or need help to identify your water service pipe.**

### SAFE DRINKING WATER

Shrewsbury Borough Water is safe to drink and we are very proud of our high-quality resource! The 2022 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>

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Shrewsbury Borough and the Shrewsbury Lions Club are hosting an Electronic Recycling Collection Day on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Borough Building (35 West Railroad Avenue). Please bring your unwanted TVs, computers and accessories, audio/video equipment, communication devices, grooming and health care electronics, power tools, microwaves, and toasters. Items not accepted: electric motors, lava lamps and other devices containing liquids; oil radiant heaters/lamps; and smoke detectors. The electronics will be disposed of at the York County Solid Waste Authority at 2700 Black Bridge



Road in York during the next week. You can dispose of electronics on your own at the Solid Waste Authority on any Monday through Friday (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Saturday (8 a.m. to Noon). For more information as to what can and can't be recycled, please visit the Solid Waste Authority's website at [www.ycswa.com](http://www.ycswa.com)

## REMEMBERING...JOHN MYERS



John was Shrewsbury Borough's first full time employee hired in July of 1973. He was hired to maintain the newly-constructed public sewer system. His job duties included inspecting sewer connections, reading and maintaining water meters, pumpstation maintenance, flow meters and general Borough maintenance. In 1976, he was promoted to Public Works Superintendent which included roads, public water, and Borough properties. John worked at Lyon Metal Products in Windsor, PA and for Irvin Rappoldt Contracting prior to joining the Borough. He graduated from Susquehannock in 1964 and married

Louise Taylor after they met on a class field trip to Philadelphia. They built a house on Memory Lane in Shrewsbury Borough in 1969 and had four children that all graduated from Susquehannock High School. John was an active member of the community. He was President of the Recreation Board, involved in many church committees and projects, SYC sports, Shrewsbury 4-H adult leader, and Hilltop Majorette/Drum Group with his children. He also was known as an excellent cook. Every Summer, Borough maintenance employees would have a fish fry meal with John preparing most of the meal. John loved people and the community. He always had time to talk and knew everyone. John passed away on April 21, 1997 at the age of 50 years old. He is sorely missed by the community and Shrewsbury Borough!

## DID YOU KNOW???

The average monthly utility costs in Pennsylvania are electric (\$115), cell phone (\$110), natural gas (\$101), cable/internet (\$106), sewer (\$66), and water (\$45).

The Shrewsbury Borough average monthly water cost is \$18.79 (3401 gallons) and sewer cost is \$19.67 (3404 gallons).

## CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS

Reminder, customers are able to pay water/sewer/trash bills with a credit/debit card through the Borough's website. The charge is 2.5%. Many customers pay the bill on line through their bank using Bill Pay or PC Banking, whatever their bank calls it, and we are not aware of a charge to do that. Just allow at least ten days in order for the check to arrive at the Borough office by the due date. There is a drop box to the left of our door for payments also, you don't need an envelope. We empty the box several times a day. The Borough makes a courtesy reminder call a few days before the bill is due in case the bill wasn't received or was misplaced.

## PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!



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## FROM THE SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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### APRIL

Food Truck Fridays will begin on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month beginning on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### MAY

Food Truck Friday will be on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be hosted at the South Hills Golf Course in Hanover, PA, on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Company is still looking for sponsors to help support this event. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the holes, please contact Brad Wright at [bwright@shrewsburyfire.com](mailto:bwright@shrewsburyfire.com) or contact the Fire Station at 717-235-4476.

Players are \$100 per person of \$400/foursome. You may contact the station to register your players. Please ask for Brad Wright of Jay Goldman.

### JUNE

Food Truck Friday will be on June 9<sup>th</sup>.



It's Carnival time!! Carnival week is Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> thru July 1<sup>st</sup>. Fireworks will be on Friday, June, 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 p.m. Please check out the Fire Company's Facebook page, Shrewsbury Fireman's Carnival for a complete list of the entertainment lineup.

**As always, the Fire Company is looking for volunteers in all capacities. Please stop by the Station and pick up an application.**

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