

ShrewsBury Borough

NEWSLETTER

July, August, September, 2023

HOLIDAY DELAY TRASH COLLECTION



The week of July 4th, collection will be delayed both days (will be collected on Wednesday and Saturday).

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

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.

JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON VACANCIES

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors! We currently have an opening for a Junior Councilperson. This is a great opportunity for our community's younger citizens to participate and serve. In this role, you will learn how Shrewsbury Borough government operates and help to provide the voice of youth. You must live in Shrewsbury Borough and the ideal candidate will be entering their Junior year for the 2023-24 school year. Please contact the Borough office for more information.

FROM MAYOR SHARKEY

Ahhh... the Summer season is finally upon us! Time for outdoor barbecues, gathering with family and friends and simply enjoying this time of year. First up, a brief reminder about fireworks. Remember that fireworks are prohibited by state law within 150 feet of buildings and occupied structures, making them illegal in many residential areas in the Borough. Next, I'd like to dedicate some attention to our upcoming trash and recycling contract. Our current contract with Penn Waste expires at the end of January 2024. Council is evaluating several different options to be included in the bid process based on the feedback received from the major trash haulers in the County. The main provisions of our current contract include two pickups a week using our own trash cans/containers, optional extra bags for yard waste in the fall and bulky trash item pickup. The haulers have expressed concerns related to being able to continue at the same service level. We should be aware that there is a big push on the hauler side to transition to the large trash "toters" to allow for more automated pickup. In addition, we should expect having two pickups a week will add significant extra expense. As the process progresses, it will be important to provide feedback to Council. Our neighbors in New Freedom recently switched to the large toters and it has generated considerable negative feedback in their community. Thanks for letting me bend your ear on this topic. I hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at the Fire Company's carnival! Thank you for doing your part in helping to make Shrewsbury a great place to live!

- Mayor Mike Sharkey

FIREWORKS SAFETY AND RESTRICTIONS.

As we kickoff the summer season, it's a good time to remind everyone while fireworks are usually fun to watch, they can be extremely dangerous and bring excess noise. Again, State law prohibits the use of fireworks within 150 feet of buildings and occupied structures, which makes them illegal in most neighborhoods throughout Shrewsbury Borough. In addition, our nuisance ordinance prohibits fireworks in legal locations from being used after 10:00 pm. When you're using fireworks legally, please keep your personal safety as well as the safety of those around you in mind. Fireworks can cause serious injuries which have also increased in the past few years.

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PUBLIC WORKS CORNER



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 one thousand 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!!!

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 home and 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 if interested in tracking usage and hopefully saving money.

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The south water system mains will be flushed between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10th and Tuesday, July 11th.

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.

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. Prevents water stagnation and taste and odor problems.
- Verifies fire hydrant operation and water system flow and pressure.
- Verifies water valve operation.
- Safe and high-quality water delivered to customers.

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.

FIRE HYDRANT WATER THEFT

The Public Works Department and Fire Company are the only authorized fire hydrant users. Fire hydrant water theft increases customer rates, allows for potential water contamination, damages fire hydrants, and lowers water pressures for fighting fires. Please contact us at 717-235-1427 if you notice any illegal connections.

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

Shrewsbury Borough is searching for a Planning Commission applicant. The Planning Commission meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. when business is presented. The Commission is an advisory committee for the review of subdivision plans, land development plans, applications for special exceptions and variances and zoning ordinance or subdivision ordinance modifications. Please contact Shrewsbury Borough at 717-235-1666 or cbosley@shrewsburyborough.org if interested.

ZONING HEARING BOARD 2ND ALTERNATE

A vacancy also exists for a 2nd Alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board who would serve at a Hearing if a Member is not able to serve and the 1st Alternate is also unavailable. Please send a letter of interest and resume to cbosley@shrewsburyborough.org

Did You Know???

The Electronics Recycling Event on April 29th sponsored by Shrewsbury Borough and Shrewsbury Lions Club gathered over 40 pallets of unwanted electronics. The community donated \$2,000 to benefit the Shrewsbury Fire Company, Boy Scout Troop 90 and the Shrewsbury Lions Club. The Lion mascot and community enjoyed Saubel's doughnuts, hot dogs, and chips provided by the Shrewsbury Lions Club. The pallets were delivered to the York County Solid Waste Authority on Fridays, May 5th and May 12th. Thanks for your donations and participation.

SPOTLIGHT: THE ZONING HEARING BOARD



The Zoning Hearing Board consists of Borough residents that are appointed by Shrewsbury Borough Council to act as a local court for zoning and land use matters. The Board consists of four residents (3 members and an alternate) that decide challenges to the zoning ordinance. The Board has ruled on many different issues as Shrewsbury has rapidly grown over the last 40 years. The most recent rulings include zoning variances and wellhead protection issues. The wellhead protection rulings protect the Borough's groundwater with measures that prevent water overuse and contamination. The Board also

interprets the Zoning Ordinance and decides on land use matters.

John Morrell is the current Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board and lives in the Village area of Shrewsbury Borough for almost 30 years with his wife, Nancy. They live in a pre-Civil War home that fronts Main Street. John has almost 30 years of experience on the Zoning Hearing Board and presides with a detailed and meticulous manner. The other Zoning Hearing Board members are Lee Milstead and John Speights with Nelson Alpaugh serving as the alternate. Lee Milstead is a long time Borough

resident and served on the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board for 40+ years. John Speights has been in the construction industry his entire life and has over 40 years construction experience and supervises many construction projects. He also served on the Board for over 15 years. Nelson Alpaugh served on Borough Council and still is involved in many other community organizations. The members work very well together with their diverse knowledge of the town, people, construction, and the various Borough Ordinances. The Board receives help from Solicitor Andrew Miller, Esq., Cathy Mertz, Stenographer, and Keith Hunnings, Codes Enforcement Officer.

The Board resembles our Founding Fathers' belief that government is "of the people, by the people, for the people". We are very fortunate that Shrewsbury Borough has talented individuals willing to make sure Shrewsbury Borough continues to be a great place to live!



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FROM THE SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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JULY

Food truck Friday will be on **July 14.**

Annual Cadet Fire Camp

Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company will be joined by the New Freedom Fire Company and the Glen Rock Hose & Ladder Fire Company to host the 2nd Annual Cadet Fire Camp from **July 24th thru July 28th.** Online registration is available at shrewsburyfire.com. You may also contact the station at 717-235-4476 with any questions.

AUGUST

Food Truck Friday will be **August 11.**

SEPTEMBER

The circus is coming to Shrewsbury!! Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9** to welcome the ZERBINI FAMILY CIRCUS. Tickets will go on sale in August at <https://zerbinifamilycircus.com>

Food truck will be on **Saturday, September 16** that will include the **3rd Annual Car Show** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To register your vehicle, please email Tammy Graf at tgraf@homesale.com



FALL FEST

FALL FEST will be on **Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30.** There will be over 40 vendors and food trucks. If you are a vendor looking to participate, please send your information to info@shrewsburyfire.com or contact the station at 717-235-4476.



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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