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ShrewsBury Borough

NEWSLETTER

NEW REFUSE CONTRACT INFORMATION

The Borough Council would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on the Refuse Contract Renewal. As you would expect, we heard very differing opinions across our community. Council used the feedback to select from the options presented by Penn Waste (the only bidder).

The new Penn Waste contract changes our collections to once per week using totes provided by Penn Waste. (You must use the totes provided by Penn Waste.) Based on your feedback, we were able to change the color of the totes to “an earth tone” instead of the blue seen in other communities. Penn Waste will also provide smaller sized totes upon request for those who may find handling the larger version difficult. One final highlight of the new contract is you can place two extra bags alongside of the toter each week (if they will not fit in the toter) and two extra bags each week for leaves the months of November, December, and January.

LEAF COLLECTION CONTINUES

You may continue to place two extra bags of trash out until January 31. The 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 December 31, you should receive your bill by January 15. Not receiving your bill does not relieve you of paying the late fee.

FROM MAYOR SHARKEY

Happy New Year Shrewsburians! I hope the Christmas and winter holiday season has brought joy to you and those who you hold close. It was great to see so many of you at the tree lighting. I met a fellow Shrewsburian there who is originally from West Virginia and moved here about 11 years ago. He shared a thought comparing Shrewsbury to West Virginia, which is proclaimed by John Denver as “almost Heaven”. I couldn’t agree more.

In October, I proposed a “Hometown Heroes” program to Borough Council to recognize veterans from Shrewsbury Borough. A committee including representatives from Shrewsbury Centennial Lions Club and Southern York County Rotary Club have been meeting to work out the details and we will be launching our program the first week of February. Keep an eye on the Borough’s website and Facebook page for details.

Recently, the topic of keeping chickens has come up as a zoning concern, particularly in the Residential Single Family (R-O) zone. The issue is being looked at and it’s important to remember that the best place for citizens to provide input is our monthly Borough Council meetings which are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Alternatively, an email or old fashioned letter to the Borough office works.

That’s all I have to share for winter. Recent winters have been on the mild side with below average snowfall. It’s inevitable that winter snow and ice will come, so when it does, play safely and drive safely on our country roads, as they take you home to the place you belong. Thanks for reading and thank you for making Shrewsbury a great place to live.

- Mayor Mike Sharkey

AROUND SHREWSBURY

Bob Ketenheim, local author and historian, will present the “History of Shrewsbury” on Saturday, February 17th at 5PM at the Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall (105 South Main Street). Bob is the author of “Around Shrewsbury” that can be purchased at local stores. Bob will discuss the founding of Shrewsbury and the many changes that occurred from the 1700s to present. Shrewsbury Lions Club is sponsoring the event and is no cost to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. Parking is available on South Main Street, in the parking lot at the rear of the church, and next to the Borough Christmas Tree on West Railroad Avenue.

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PUBLIC WORKS CORNER



Snow Season and Removal

The Public Works Department works around the clock to maintain road safety and provide emergency accessibility throughout the snow storm. The Public Works maintains approximately 25 miles of roads with seven personnel and seven pieces of equipment. We track potential storms and respond immediately as snow begins to accumulate. The Public Works Department plows and spreads salt and anti-skid to maintain road safety throughout the storm. When driving, please operate with extra caution around snow removal equipment.

- Stay at least six car lengths behind a plow truck and remember the plow is wider than the truck.
- Be alert since trucks travel slower than other traffic.
- When the plow truck is traveling toward you, stay away from the center of the road since snow can obscure the actual snow plow width.
- Keep your lights on to help the plow operator better see your vehicle. Pennsylvania State law requires vehicle lights on when your vehicle's wipers are on.

Snow Removal Tips:

- 1. Roads.** Remove cars from streets and roadways before snow removal crews begin working on the roads. Vehicles parked on the roadways jeopardize the safety of road crew personnel and the public. Also, the snow cannot be removed from curb to curb when obstacles obstruct the roadway. The leftover snow around the vehicles is a hazard to the postal service and local traffic. **Snow Emergencies (Ordinance #1987-7)** prohibit parking on Snow Emergency Routes and local streets. Cooperation is needed to help crews remove snow quickly and efficiently. Snow Emergencies are announced on several radio and television stations including: WSBA-AM 910, WARM 103FM, and WGAL-TV Channel 8. The Shrewsbury Borough Facebook page will also report Snow Emergencies.
- 2. Plowing duration.** Please understand the crews are not done plowing until the storm is completely finished and the snow is plowed curb to curb. The Public Works Department plows the roadways for local traffic and emergency vehicles with two lanes of accessibility during the storm. The roads are not plowed curb to curb until the snow storm is completely finished. When the storm is finished, the roads will be plowed all the way back to the curb line.
- 3. Driveway or sidewalk.** Do not throw snow from your driveway or sidewalk into the roadway. Keep the snow on your property and not on the roadway.
- 4. Property markings.** Delineators or markers can help snow removal crews locate the curb line and prevent property damage. Snow removal crews strive to plow snow curb to curb but sometimes mistakenly get too close to your yard and damage grass. Any marker can help crews find the curb line.
- 5. Please keep trash behind the curb line during snow events.** If trash cans are in the roadway, the cans will be knocked over and can disrupt the trash haulers.
- 6. Travel at slower speeds and allow greater stopping distances during storms.** Stay off the roads if possible and allow snow removal crews the necessary time and distances to work on the roads. Operate with extra caution around snow removal equipment and traffic. Practice defensive driving and allow ample time to reach destination. Plan ahead and only travel if absolutely necessary. Snow removal crews can plow in a safe and efficient manner with less traffic. Be patient!
- 7. Fire Hydrants.** Residents are responsible for clearing snow around a fire hydrant. The hydrant should have a three-foot clearance radius within 12 hours after a snowfall per **Ordinance 2014-3**. The Ordinance protects the community in case a fire occurs and allows the Fire Department to connect hoses and operate the hydrant safely. If you have a medical condition or are unable to clear your hydrant, please contact the Public Works Department for assistance.
- 8. Sidewalks.** Snow must be removed from the sidewalk within 24 hours after snowfall.
- 9. Mailboxes.** The area around your mailbox should be cleared adequately for the safety and effectiveness of the Postal Service after the Public Works Department is finished plowing. Broken mailboxes will not be repaired by the Public Works Department if damaged by the snow during the snow removal process. Mailboxes that are hit by the truck or plow will be repaired by the Public Works Department so mail can be delivered.

Home Plumbing in Freezing Temperatures

Cold temperatures and drinking water can be a costly and dangerous combination. Proper planning and preparation can prevent frozen pipes, water leaks, and water damage.

1. Disconnect outside hoses from outdoor faucets.
2. Pipes or faucets in unheated areas (garages, crawl spaces, and basements) should be insulated, heat tape applied, or heat cable used.
3. Insulate your house (doors, vents, cracks, and basement doors).
4. Know where your master water shutoff valve is (and that it works) in case of emergency.
5. Report leaks or running water outside your house to the Shrewsbury Public Works Department.
6. If pipes are frozen, use a hair dryer to thaw the frozen pipe. Do not thaw the pipes with a torch unless the frozen pipe is in an open area.
7. Never leave a home without heat on in freezing temperatures. Test and maintain heating system especially if home will be unoccupied.

Please contact the Public Works Department if you have questions about winterizing your home or where your main control valve is located.

2024 Utility Projects

- Shrewsbury Borough will replace water line on portions of West Railroad Avenue (Route 851), Charles Street, East Forrest Avenue, and West Forrest Avenue. The water mains and services will be replaced prior to paving in 2024 or 2025.
- Shrewsbury Borough will replace and install new storm sewer pipe on Charles Street for better drainage and replace deteriorating existing structures prior to paving in 2024 or 2025.
- Shrewsbury Borough will repair storm sewer pipe on North Highland Drive prior to paving in 2024 or 2025.
- Columbia Gas will replace and repair gas mains and services on North Highland Drive, West Clearview Drive, North Sunset Drive, North Main Street and Locust Avenue.

RABBITTRANSIT

Shared Ride/Paratransit

Unlike a scheduled bus route that only operates in one area, Shared Ride (a.k.a. Paratransit) provides consolidated trips between travel origins and destinations during limited hours and specific areas.

All Shared Ride trips require a reservation. If you would like same-day service, you must make your reservation by 1:30 p.m. Otherwise, reservations must be made no later than 12:00 p.m. the business day before your ride. Reservations may be made two weeks in advance. For trips on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, reservations must be submitted by 12 p.m. the Friday before. Visit www.rabbittransit.org > Shared Ride > Reservations to schedule a reservation.

When making a reservation for Shared Ride, it's essential to plan accordingly since the service accommodates other passengers' travel plans. Riders are grouped together based on their travel time and location(s). Travel times may be shorter or longer, depending on the total number of riders at the time. While ride times may vary, Shared Ride is a reliable and safe transportation option that can give you peace of mind when accessing life-sustaining services.

If Shared Ride sounds like a fit for you, the first step is to submit an application to the program you'd like to participate in. Shared Ride programs vary from Senior Shared Ride to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP), ADA Complementary Paratransit Program (ADA), or Paratransit Full Fare. Riders in select programs may be eligible for free fares. Easily apply online by visiting www.rabbittransit.org > Shared Ride > How to apply. For additional questions about Shared Ride services, call 1-800-632-9063.

rabbitEXPRESS

Planning a day out in the city, or need a ride to work? rabbittransit's commuter service, rabbitEXPRESS, operates multiple round trips on weekdays between York and Harrisburg; York and Northern Maryland; and Gettysburg and Harrisburg. Catch the Route 83S bus to York or Maryland at the [Shrewsbury Park & Ride](#), located on Elm Drive in Shrewsbury Township. Regular fares range between \$3.50 and \$5 one-way. Visit www.rabbittransit.org/rabbitEXPRESS/ for more information.

Save money, save gas, and help your community do the same! If you're looking for a job, rabbittransit is hiring! Visit rabbittransit.org/jobs to view open positions in the area.

DID YOU KNOW???

Based on average snowfall totals, Shrewsbury Borough averages 25 inches of snow every Winter. Last Winter, we received 1 inch of snow. The Public Works only responded to four snow/ice events.



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On behalf of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company, we would like to thank our community for your support throughout the year! Wishing everyone a Happy New Year! Welcome in 2024!

FROM THE SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY | 21 WEST FORREST AVENUE

Happy New Year to everyone! With a new year comes new challenges. Some people make New Year resolutions. What better challenge is there but to volunteer with us at Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company! You don't have to be a firefighter to join us. We are looking for volunteers in all capacities. There are numerous ways to be a part of our extended family. We are regular people just like everyone else, BUT we have a "WHY"!! Why we do what we do is to be there for our community, giving back, being there in a time of need, sometimes on the worst possible day someone may be having. It is a very rewarding experience to work, train, help with fundraising or just hang out with some amazing people with a purpose. TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY!! Stop by the station and check out what we are about...become part of something very rewarding! Step out of your comfort zone and join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS
DATES TO BE
ANNOUNCED

Spring Fest/ Food Trucks
in April

Annual Golf Tournament
in May



**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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