

ShrewsBury Borough

NEWSLETTER

July, August, September, 2024

HOLIDAY DELAY TRASH COLLECTION



The Friday, July 5th collection will be delayed until Saturday due to the holiday.

The week of Labor Day, the Friday, September 6 collection will be on 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 2024-25 school year. Please contact the Borough office for more information.

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FROM MAYOR SHARKEY

Back in the Spring, I attended an event where local author and historian, Mr. Bob Ketenheim gave a presentation of our Borough's local history, much of which is documented in his book "Around Shrewsbury". It was exciting and engaging to learn how our community looked and felt in it's early days and how we've grown over the past two centuries. "Around Shrewsbury" was published in 2004 and I've seen it available locally at Saubel's and other places.

This Summer marks the 75th anniversary of the first parade presented by our Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company. Many Shrewsburians recall the annual parade as summertime tradition and on Saturday, June 29th, it is returning to mark the milestone anniversary for a fun-filled day of community spirit. As the parade moves along Main Street, you'll notice the banners honoring our Hometown Heroes, veterans and currently serving members of our U.S. military, spanning World War II, Korea, Vietnam, The Gulf War, the Global War on Terror and current deployments. I encourage you to browse the newsletter insert (which can be folded into a brochure) and read about all the honorees.

I'd like to thank the members of our Hometown Heroes selection committee for all their work on getting this inaugural display off the ground and into the air (literally) over our Borough streets. Committee members include Dan Sipe (U.S. Navy) and Brian Sweitzer from the Shrewsbury Centennial Lions Club, Brian Adamski (U.S. Navy) from the Rotary Club of Southern York County, CWO3 Jess Fisher, USN, (Ret.) and myself (U.S. Army). I'd like to express an extra measure of gratitude to Jess who lives in the Borough and reached out to volunteer after seeing the article in the Spring Newsletter, her energy and enthusiasm is highly appreciated for bringing the final pieces of this project together!

Summer marks the arrival of our Fire Company's Annual Carnival fundraiser, which runs Monday, June 24th through Saturday, June 29th. Although the carnival may have come and gone by the time you read this newsletter, I'd like to wish you a safe and enjoyable Summer and thank you for helping to keep 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. If 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.

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.

PROTECT GROUNDWATER DAY

September 4, 2024 is "protect your Groundwater Day!". Shrewsbury Borough residents rely on nine wells that pump 50 to 125 gallons per minute. Action steps to protect groundwater:

- Dispose of hazardous household substances properly.
- Protect storm water inlets near your house and eliminate contaminants.
- Limit or eliminate lawn chemicals.
- Conserve water.
 - Join the Borough's Wellhead Protection Committee (717-235-1427 or bsweitzer@shrewsburyborough.org).

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.

TRAFFIC CALMING COMMITTEE

Shrewsbury Borough developed a Traffic Calming Committee to make travel safer and efficient. The Committee developed a plan that advises Borough Council on traffic calming methods. The Committee reviewed 17 local roads for safety and implemented calming methods to enhance road safety since 2019. Anyone interested in joining the Committee, please contact us at 717-235-1427 or bsweitzer@shrewsburyborough.org.

INFORMATION FROM PENN WASTE

The new trash contract allows your 96 gallon or 64 gallon trash toter and two (2) 32 gallon trash bags (no larger) or one (1) 32 gallon trash can. Any trash bags or cans larger than 32 gallon will not be allowed.

If the Friday collection falls on or after a holiday, the collection moves to Saturday. Penn Waste observes the following holidays: New Year's Day · Memorial Day · Independence Day · Labor Day · Thanksgiving Day · Christmas Day

If the holiday falls on a weekend, our collection day does not change. You can sign up for E-News for e-mail notices on the Penn Waste website or you can follow their Facebook page for holiday/weather delays.

Oversized and Large Item Pickup

To schedule a bulky item pickup, you can call Penn Waste at 717-767-4467 or visit the website (www.pennwaste.com) to schedule the pickup.

Acceptable items:

Appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines and dryers

Carpet (48" max. length, rolled and tied)

Furniture

Mattresses and box springs

Car tires (tires only, must be removed from rims)

Scrap metal (48" max. length)

Non-Acceptable Items:

Paints, stains, chemicals and liquids*

Household hazardous waste*

Batteries (rechargeable take to Home Depot or Batteries and Bulbs stores)

Automobile parts (metal can be taken to Penn-Mar Recycling on Onion Blvd.)

Tires on rims (if removed from the rim, the tire can be placed inside your trash toter)

Construction materials or debris, including: drywall, brick, block, treated lumber, roofing, shingles, ceiling tiles and concrete*

*Please call the York County Solid Waste & Refuse Authority 717-845-1066

HOUSE NUMBERING

Ordinance #1988-6 requires house numbers to be at least three (3) inches in size and must be visible from the curbside of your property. If emergency services cannot find your proper house number address when responding to a call, it delays timing that could be very critical.

DID YOU KNOW???

The Shrewsbury Borough Water System has over 1.3 million gallons of water storage and the water tanks are inspected with divers every three years. The water system has 163 fire hydrants. Water customers use 300,000 gallons of water each day. The water system provides potable water and fire protection to Shrewsbury Borough and portions of Shrewsbury Township.



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FROM THE SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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- JULY**
Junior Fire Camp will be held 7/29-8/2 from 9:00-3:00. Camp cadets are ages 12-17. Please register at www.shrewsburyfire.com/sycfirecamp/. You may also contact the fire station at 717-235-4476.
- SEPTEMBER**
The circus is coming to town!! The Zerbini circus will be returning again this year on Saturday 9/7 and Sunday 9/8. You may purchase tickets starting on 8/7 at zerbinifamilycircus.com
- FALL FEST** will be on Friday 9/27 and Saturday 9/28. Fireworks will be on Friday evening at 8:00p.m. There will be over 40 vendors and food trucks. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy live entertainment throughout the day.



**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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