



Spring 2016

Shrewsbury Township News

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Holiday Closings

- * March 25th – Good Friday
- * May 30th – Memorial Day
- * July 4th – Independence Day

Presidential Primary

The presidential primary will be held **April 26, 2016**. Polls are open from **7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Additional information is available through the York County elections office; 717-771-9604.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments

The Board of Supervisors is considering several amendments to the zoning ordinance; specifically:

- ◆ **Article 7** (Rural Residential Receiving District - RRR)
- ◆ **Article 13** (Critical Environmental Areas & Wellhead Protection - CEA)
- ◆ **Rezoning** several parcels along Campbell & Strawberry Roads from RRR to Suburban Residential Receiving (SRR).



The proposed amendments are available for review at the township office during normal office hours, or can be viewed on the Township's website: www.shrewsburytownship.org.

Area proposed for rezoning is bounded by Campbell and Strawberry Roads. Consists of 17 parcels (162 acres).

VACATION HOUSE CHECK



Planning a vacation and want an extra check of your property? The PA State Police will conduct home checks while you are away. To request a home check, call the PA State Police at 428-1011 and tell them "I would like a home check while I'm away."

Storage of Campers, Boats & Recreational Vehicles



Now that spring is upon, it is that time of year when outdoor enthusiasts will begin preparing their campers, boats, and recreational vehicles for the summer season. In doing so, please be reminded that boats, campers, and other recreational vehicles cannot be kept in a front yard (defined as the area between the front wall of the principal building and street) for more than three (3) days in any seven (7) day period. Recreational vehicles are defined to include trailer, motor home, camper, sleigh, snowmobile, off-road vehicle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), golf cart, boat trailer, airplane, or any other similar vehicle. These vehicles can be stored in the side and rear yard.

Where Does My Real Estate Tax Dollar Go?



School	County	Township
76.3%	21.9%	1.8%
17.94 mills	5.16 mills	.414 mills *
\$2,691.00	\$774.00	\$62.10

Total Real Estate Tax - \$3,527.10

(Property assessed at \$150,000)

*Includes 0.074 mills general real estate tax and 0.34 mills designated for fire protection.

To calculate your tax bill:

Convert the millage rate to its decimal equivalent to make the calculation easier. To do so, multiply the millage rate by .001.

-Example: 5.16 mills X .001 = .00516

Multiply this figure by the property's assessed value

-Example: A tax rate of 5.16 mills and a property assessed at \$150,000

Calculation: \$150,000 X .00516 = \$774.00

How Do I Dispose of My Old Propane Tank?

Did you know that propane tanks, regardless of size, should **not** be placed in your recycling bin? While the tank is metal, placing them in your recycling bin causes issues for the recycling center. Both larger propane tanks, as used for grilling, and smaller propane tanks, as used for camping stoves and some lighting, may not be placed with your trash. Now what do you do with your old propane tank?

Refilling your empty propane tank is one easy way to reuse your old tank. Many locations offer propane tank refill stations. Many retailers offer a propane tank exchange program. Take your empty propane tank to one of the locations and swap out your old tank for a full one for a small fee. [Blue Rhino](#) and many retailers that sell propane tanks offer this type of service.



If you need to get rid of an old propane tank and do not need a new one or need to refill it, you may take it to:

Aero Energy
 25 E. High Street
 New Freedom, PA
 Phone: 717-848-2652
FEE: \$1 per tank

Celebrate Earth Day with Free Tire Disposal

To help eliminate illegal dumping of tires and educate the public about proper tire management, the York County Solid Waste Authority (Authority) is offering free tire disposal at the York County Resource Recovery Center.

Pre-registration is required and will be accepted during business hours between March 21 and May 20, 2016.



Residents may preregister by calling Mindy

Waltemyer at the Authority at 717-845-1066 between the hours 8:99 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, **starting March 21.**

Registrants will receive a dashboard placard for a free one-time disposal of up to 10 tires. Tires must be removed from the rim and may not exceed 32" in diameter. Tires may not be excessively dirty or full of water. This program is limited to one placard per household. The program coincides with Earth Day celebrations and is open to York County residents only. Businesses are not eligible to participate.

Registration ends at close of business on May 20, 2016. *Tire delivery dates will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis.*

Addition to York County's Land Preservation Program

Greg & Kristina Wilt, owners of 61 acres on Fritz Road, were recently accepted into York County's Land Preservation Program, which prohibits development of the land. With the addition of the Wilt farm, the Township now has 32 parcels, with 24 separate easements, in the program, for a total of 2,748 acres.

\$980,000 in Public Improvements Slated to Begin in 2016

Mt. Airy Road Improvements

A two (2) year improvement project for Mt. Airy Road, between E. Forrest Avenue & Madison Drive, will begin in 2016. Phase 1 (2016) will include full road restoration of a couple sections of the road, which includes removal of the full depth of the road and replacing it with a concrete & asphalt mix. This year's work will also include stormwater inlet rehab and various base repair of the roadway. The second phase (2017) will include milling the road surface and a full overlay of new asphalt the entire distance of the road (between the roads previously mentioned). The project is expected to be awarded at the April 6, 2016 Board meeting, and has a two year budget totaling \$487,500.

Culvert Replacement Projects

Three (3) failing culverts are scheduled to be replaced in 2016 at a budget of \$245,987. One culvert will be replaced on Spruce Road (at Country Club Road), and two culverts will be replaced on Saw Mill Road. A contract is expected to be awarded at the April 6th, Board meeting.

Planning A Project; Need a Permit?



Following is a **partial** list of required permits. While the descriptions cover the most common reasons for a permit, the list is **not** all inclusive. If you have questions or want to verify whether or not you need a permit, please call Megan Belcher at 717-235-3011 (ext. 103).

DRIVEWAY PERMITS: Permits are required for all new driveways, repaving of existing, widening or any other similar work completed on existing driveways.

WELL PERMITS: Permits are required for the drilling of any new well in Shrewsbury Township, all of which are required to be grouted.

SWIMMING POOLS: All pools capable of containing more than 24 inches of water require a building permit and a zoning permit. This is mandated by state regulations adopted by the Building Code. Pools must meet the setback requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as all requirements of the building code. This could include required fencing in some instances, and pool alarms must be installed.

ZONING PERMITS: Shrewsbury Township's Zoning Ordinance requires a ZONING PERMIT for all principal and accessory structures. This will ensure that all structures such as sheds and fences are placed according to the setbacks and regulations of the Zoning Ordinance. Some uses of the property also requires a zoning permit.

INTERIOR RENOVATIONS: Cosmetic renovations such as carpet, painting, and **replacing** existing windows/doors do not require permits. If any moving, relocating or installing new plumbing, mechanical, electric, or structural changes are involved, a permit is required.

Rep. Kate Klunk Holds Local Office Hours

State House Representative Kate Klunk, 169th District, holds office hours at the Shrewsbury Township Municipal Building, 11505 Susquehanna Trail S. Glen Rock, PA 17327, the 1st Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Feel free to stop by the Township office during those hours or schedule an appointment by calling Rep. Klunk's office at 717-630-8942.

Yard Signs



Election and yard sale season

brings out many yard signs. Please keep in mind that placement of this type of temporary sign is prohibited on utility and traffic control signs, as well as placement in a street right-of-way, which could result in the immediate removal by the Township without notification. Repeat offenders may be cited; resulting in a fine and court costs up to \$600 per day.

Park Improvements

A contract was recently awarded to Kinsley Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$249,443 to complete improvements at Windy Hill, Winchester, and Hametown Parks.

A \$120,000 matching grant from the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources has been secured by the Township toward the projects. The improvements include handicap accessibility, new play equipment, expanded walking paths, benches, bleachers, and a seating/retaining wall.

Work is scheduled to begin in June and be completed by October 2016.

York County Solid Waste Authority's Electronics Recycling Program

Suspended Until Further Notice

Due to problems created by the Pennsylvania State Law (Act 108) that requires the recycling of electronics, the York County Solid Waste Authority was forced to **suspend** Electronics Recycling in York County **until further notice**. This suspension also applies to municipal satellite programs.

Act 108 has created an imbalance of supply and demand which makes it economically prohibitive for electronics recycling vendors to operate in Pennsylvania. This situation has been happening across Pennsylvania and has resulted in many PA counties discontinuing their electronics recycling programs. The Authority had secured an electronics recycler for 2016, but on December 17, 2015 they informed the Authority they would not be able to service the program. **Residents and businesses should hold on to electronic devices** until a new program can be implemented. The Authority is working on a sustainable solution to address the proper management of electronics waste. Specific electronics waste currently banned from PA waste disposal facilities include: *televisions, desktop and laptop computers, computer monitors and computer peripherals* (anything that connects to a computer such as a mouse, keyboard, printer, etc.). This disposal ban, coupled with the insufficient funding mechanisms for recycling established in the law, have together undermined the economic viability of electronics waste recycling in Pennsylvania. The Authority is working with state officials to encourage changes to the Act to enable sustainable recycling of electronics in York County.



Meeting Dates

The following meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building,
11505 Susquehanna Trail South, Glen Rock, PA 17327

Board of Supervisors

April 6th
May 4th
June 1st
July 6th

Planning Commission

April 20th
May 18th
June 15th
July 20th

Elected Officials

Board of Supervisors

- Bill Cox (term ends 12/2017)
- Jeff Rennoll (term ends 12/2017)
- Paul Solomon (term ends 12/2019)
- Ann Biser (term ends 12/2021)
- Art Rutledge (term ends 12/2021)

Tax Collector

- Gail Prego (term ends 12/2017)

64-Gallon Recycling Carts

During the week of February 22nd, Penn Waste delivered approximately 2,500 64-gallon recycling carts. The carts are provided by Penn Waste at no cost to the township or customers. The old 32-gallon bins can be used for recycling overflow, recycled with your regular collection (please identify it for collection, or any other use you find).

This is a voluntary program; therefore, if you choose not to participate, please contact Penn Waste at 717-767-4456 to have it removed.



EMC Appointment

Stanley Walters was recently appointed to the position of Shrewsbury Township Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), following the resignation of Earl Schuckman who served as EMC for two years. Mr. Walters also serves as a Shrewsbury Borough's EMC and serves on the Borough Council. In addition to Mr. Walters, the Board of Supervisors appointed township residents Brandt Bradford and Doug Claborn as volunteer assistants.

Board Reorganizes

The Board of Supervisors reorganized at their January 4, 2016 meeting; Supervisor Paul Solomon was elected Chairman, Bill Cox was elected Vice Chairman, Manager Todd Zeigler was reappointed Township Manager, and Administrative Assistant Wendy Brown was reappointed as the Board's Recording Secretary.

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Residents Urged to Test Homes for Radon



The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) urges all Pennsylvanians to test their homes for radon, a deadly radioactive gas that's the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers in the United States. DEP also urged residents to take action to reduce radon levels in their homes if they are high.

Testing for radon is the only way to know if a home, school, workplace or other structure has elevated concentrations of radon. Test kits can be purchased at most hardware or home improvement stores at an average cost of \$15 to \$25 per test. If you are uncomfortable doing the testing yourself you can hire a state-certified radon tester, or if you are selling your home and want a radon test, it is best to hire a certified tester. The cost of a mitigation system typically ranges around \$1,000.

In 2014, the highest radon level ever recorded in the U.S. was found in a home in Lehigh County. The concentration measured was 3,715 pCi/L, more than 900 times EPA's action level of 4 pCi/L. DEP recommended the owners vacate their home until it could be remediated to safe levels.

"Approximately 20,000 lung cancer deaths per year are attributable to radon exposure so the threat is very real," said Secretary of Health Dr. Karen Murphy. "Radon exposure combined with smoking is a particularly lethal combination so we encourage everyone to take steps to reduce their risk."

Residential Recycling Declines in 2015

The Township's 2015 recycling rate of 20.3% is sharply down from 28.1% in 2014, 26.1% in 2013. This remains short of the state goal of 35%. Residential curbside recycling collected in 2015 was 584 tons (down from 639 tons in 2014) and trash collected was 2,297 tons (about the same as in 2014; 2,272 tons).

Your efforts are much appreciated and we encourage you to help get your neighbors (who are not recycling) to get involved. We anticipate that with the larger sized recycling carts, and the improved mobility of the carts, recycling rates should increase in 2016.



Police Department Medication Drop-Box Program Collects 2.12 Tons of Medications in 2015



Sixteen York County police departments currently partner with the York County Solid Waste Authority (YCSWA) to host medication take-back boxes in their police department lobbies. In 2015, the program safely collected and disposed of a total of 2.12 tons of unused and expired medications, an increase of .27 tons over the 1.85 tons collected in 2014.

This partnership program provides a secure disposal option for unwanted medications from residential sources at no cost to the public or to law enforcement agencies. The secure medication take-back boxes work like a mailbox: once medications are deposited, they cannot be retrieved and are contained in a locked compartment accessible only by law enforcement. Medications collected in the take-back box program are delivered by law enforcement to the YCSWA's waste-to-energy facility for safe and complete destruction.

Residents interested in dropping medication at a take-back box location should remove their personal information from containers before depositing them in boxes. ONLY RESIDENTIAL prescription or over-the-counter medications are accepted. Pharmacies, hospitals and other commercial sources of medications are not eligible to participate. Syringes and other "sharps" are not accepted in this program. The public may deposit unwanted medications anonymously in the take-back boxes during lobby hours as listed below, except on holidays.

Southern Regional Police Department, 47 E. High Street, New Freedom, PA. Open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4PM.

For more information about the program, visit the Authority's web site at: www.ycswa.com.

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Keeping You Informed

The Township makes every effort to keep you informed through a variety of outlets, including the quarterly newsletter and the township website (www.shrewsburytownship.org). The website hosts a variety of information, such as meeting schedules, meeting minutes, Board meeting videos, ordinances & regulations, finances, fee schedules, right-to-know law, and contact information.

July 4th Holiday Delays Trash & Recycling Collection

Due to the Independence Day (July 4th) holiday, trash and recycling collection will be delayed one (1) day. Thursday's collection will be collected Friday (July 8th) and Friday's collection will be collected Saturday (July 9th).

Social Security Administration

The York Social Security Administration Office (SSA), located at 2670 Industrial Highway, Suite 2, York, PA 17402, is trying to increase public awareness of the many online services available at the agency web site. For example, people can now file for Retirement, Spouse's, Medicare or Disability benefits online, or they can request a statement of their benefits or request a replacement Medicare card among several other services. The link to the SSA website is: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/>



Farmers' Market

New Day & Hours

2nd & 4th SUNDAY, May – October
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Walmart Shopping Center parking lot;
next to Advance Auto Parts

For information, contact Ben Burrows at
Sprucehollowgardens@gmail.com.