



Shrewsbury Township News

Spring 2017

A Message From the Board of Supervisors

Greetings from the Board of Supervisors (BOS). We hope you will find this new feature of our Newsletter interesting and helpful. It will enable the BOS to communicate directly to you regarding important issues, concerns, and events. In the Commonwealth form of government, many functions are passed down to the local level – in this case, Shrewsbury Township.

As Township Supervisors, we were elected to serve our residents and taxpayers. We are committed to providing public services and infrastructure, in addition to promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of all residents. With this inaugural article, the BOS would like to recognize and thank those who work in support of the BOS efforts. To accomplish day-to-day business and activities, the Township employs a Manager, two office administrative staff, and a six-person crew for the maintenance of roads, bridges, parks, buildings, and other Township property. The BOS also uses other specialists as needed on a contract basis, including general engineering, legal advice and representation, building codes, zoning issues, and codes enforcement.

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Earth Day in the Parks - Register Today

Celebrate Earth Day 2017 by volunteering on the morning of **Saturday, April 22nd** at one of Shrewsbury Township's Parks. Approximately 40 volunteers from the Shrewsbury Charge of *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*



have already committed to Shrewsbury Township's **Earth Day in the Park Beautification Day**.

The project includes planting new shrubbery and native greenery, cleaning existing beds, and mulching.

Whether you can commit to only one hour or all morning, we welcome any time you can give to our parks. **Register today** (to be assigned to a park); please call Wendy at **235-3011 (ext. 101)** or email her at **wendyb@shrewsburytownship.org**. We look forward to seeing you!

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Holidays Delay

Trash & Recycling Collection

Due to the Memorial Day (May 29th) and Independence Day (July 4th) holidays, trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one (1) day.

- * **Thursdays collections** will occur on **Friday (June 2nd & July 7th)**.
- * **Fridays collections** will occur on **Saturday (June 3rd & July 8th)**.



SPECIAL INSERT - Township Parks

A special insert is included with this edition of the *Township News*, which highlights Hametown, Miller, Strawberry Fields, Winchester, and Windy Hill (O'Keefe) Parks. Whether you enjoy active or passive recreation, there is something for everyone to enjoy!

Your Real Estate Tax Dollar



School	County	Township
74.81%	23.51%	1.68%
18.46 mills	5.8 mills	.414 mills *
\$3,476.26	\$1,092.22	\$77.96

Total Real Estate Tax - \$4,646.44
(average residential home assessed at \$188,313)

*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 mills X .001 = .005

Multiply this figure by the property's assessed value

-Example: A tax rate of 5 mills and a property assessed at \$150,000

Calculation: \$150,000 X .005 = \$750

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 in exchange 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:



25 E. High Street
New Freedom, PA
Phone: 717-235-3854

Mt. Airy Road Reconstruction

In mid-May (2017), Mt. Airy Road will be undergoing extensive restoration and improvement efforts. The project will include the removal and replacement of the damaged portions of the road with a durable new layer of asphalt and concrete mix, various base repairs, stormwater inlet rehabilitation, and a full overlay of asphalt along the entire length of the road between E. Forest Avenue and Madison Drive (at the railroad crossing). Cost of the project is \$748,000.

The project is being paid from the Township's Liquid Fuels Fund, which includes funds that the Township receives annually from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's fuel taxes.

Holiday Closings

April 14th



May 29th



July 4th



VACATION HOME 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."





Yard Sale

(and similar) Signs

Election and yard sale season brings out a variety of yard signs.

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

It should be noted that political signs cannot be placed sooner than 30-days prior to the election and must be removed no later than seven (7) days after election day.

Property Maintenance

With the Spring season upon us, it's a good time of the year to consider "cleaning the attic." All property owners are reminded that the accumulation of rubbish and bulky rubbish is prohibited within Shrewsbury Township, which are defined as follows:

Bulky rubbish includes discarded furniture and large household appliances, such as refrigerators, washing machines, bathtubs, sinks, and toilets.

Rubbish consists of all solid wastes other than garbage and ashes, thus including paper, tin, glass, metal, wood, tree and shrubbery cuttings, and other ordinary household, industrial, and commercial accumulations.

Any unauthorized accumulation of rubbish on any premises is prohibited and will be declared a nuisance. Certain materials such as scrap lumber and firewood may be stored and kept on the premises, but shall be stored so that a minimum clear space of 2 inches above ground surface is provided. There shall be no outdoor burning of plastic, aluminum, glass, paper, cardboard, or other recyclable materials; nor should there be any burning of wet garbage or other organic material, which smolders and emits offensive odors. A permit to burn outdoors is required from the Township.



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.

York County

Home Improvement Program Loan and Grant Program

The County's Home Improvement Program (HIP) is looking for qualified applicants to participate. The program is a zero interest, deferred loan program designed to help income eligible resident homeowners in York County by providing financial and technical assistance for home repairs, including but not limited to, roofing, windows, plumbing, heating, electrical, senior safe/ADA modifications, septic, and water/ sewer hookups.

Grant funds may also be available to eligible homeowners age 55 and older, or to disabled individuals.

Please direct any questions you may have to Kim Walston at (717) 771-9870, ext. 1750 or e-mail kwalston@ycpc.org.

Older Adult Needing Help Around the House, or a Youth Interested in a Job Helping Older Adults?

Adults age 60 and older in need of assistance with chores can call the Rent-A-Kid coordinator at the York County Area Agency on Aging (YCAAA), who will provide names and phone numbers of youth in their area. It is the responsibility of the older adult to contact the youth and discuss the job to be done, when it is to be done, the rate of pay for the job, and any other arrangements that need to be made. Recommended pay rate is \$5 per hour; however, depending on the type of work and the ability of the older adult to pay, the youth may negotiate a more satisfactory rate of pay.



This program provides an opportunity for middle and high school students (grades 7-12) to assist older adults in completing routine light-duty household chores and yard work, including mowing lawns and shoveling snow. The goal of the **Rent-A-Kid** program is not only to get an important job done, but also to foster friendships between older adults and youth.

Youth interested in the Rent-A-Kid program should contact their school guidance counselor or call the Coordinator at YCAAA for an application at 771-9103.

Medication Drop-Box Program

In collaboration with the York County Solid Waste Authority and the DEA Drug Take Back Initiative, sixteen (16) York County police departments, including Southern Regional Police Department (SRPD), participate in the medication take-back program.

To make use of this safe and no-cost disposal service, simply take your unwanted medications to the SRPD's secure drop-off boxes. Lobby hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at 45 E. High Street, New Freedom. (In 2016, the program collected 4.2 tons of medication.)



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 5th
May 3rd
June 7th
July 5th

Planning Commission

April 19th
May 17th
June 21st
July 19th

Board Reorganization

The Board of Supervisors reorganized at their January 5, 2017 meeting:

Chairman - Art Rutledge

Vice Chairman - Bill Cox

Manager - Todd Zeigler

Recording Secretary - Wendy Brown

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Municipal Primary

The Municipal Primary will be held on May 16th, with polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On the ballot will be Township Supervisor (6-year term), Tax Collector (4-year term), and Auditor (6-years). According to the York County Office of Elections, the following individuals have filed petitions to be placed on the May ballot.

- ⇒ **Supervisor** (2 positions): Bill Cox, Jeff Rennoll, and David Brose
- ⇒ **Tax Collector** (1 position): Gail Prego
- ⇒ **Auditor** (1 position): Open



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)

Supervisors

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The BOS is especially grateful for the many township citizens who have accepted appointments to serve on various boards and committees. These are largely unpaid positions that offer recommendations and counsel to the BOS in areas such as agriculture security and preservation, planning and zoning, parks and recreation, and emergency management.



Individual BOS members, along with the Township Manager, extend the sphere of influence of the BOS by serving on several County-wide and Regional committees. These include Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction, Local Government Advisory, Regional Planning, Transportation Coalition, and the Earned Income Tax Bureau.

Finally, we value input from residents and encourage you to attend BOS meetings, to visit the Township website often, and to contact any member of the BOS by phone or email. Contact information is available on the Township website. Let us, or the Township Manager, know if there is a topic you would like to see in our Newsletter.

FREE Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program



The York County Solid Waste Authority's (YCSWA) annual HHW Collection Program is conducted **every May on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. There is **no fee for York County residents** to participate.

Businesses and government entities are not eligible to participate.

This 2017 event will be conducted at 915 Woodland View Drive, York, PA 17406, and NOT at the Authority's Yard Waste Transfer Site off of Flour Mill Road, as in prior years.

Residents can safely manage HHW by bringing it to this free household hazardous waste collection program. The Authority provides this service through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as part of our integrated waste management system. After collection, HHW is transported to hazardous waste facilities that safely recycle the materials collected.

Accepted items include: thermometers containing mercury; liquid mercury; smoke detectors; auto fluids, such as transmission fluid, brake fluids and antifreeze; car batteries; rechargeable batteries, such as Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead (Pb); driveway sealant; compact fluorescent light bulbs and fluorescent lamps; gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel and butane; herbicides and pesticides; household cleaners; chemistry kits; photographic chemicals; and pool chemicals.

Unaccepted items include: explosives, propane tanks, ammunition, radioactive waste, alkaline batteries (may be disposed of in your regular garbage), and latex or oil-based paint (may be disposed of in your regular garbage).

If you can't participate in the County's scheduled Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, an option called "*At Your Door Special CollectionSM*" may be for you. York County residents can schedule two pick-ups per home each calendar year and request up to two "kit bags" per pick-up to fill with accepted household hazardous products. These "*At Your Door Special CollectionSM*" pick-ups require a \$15 co-pay.

For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, call the Authority at (717) 845-1066 or visit our webpage at: www.ycswa.com and click on "Recycle," then "Hazardous Products."

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Electronic Recycling - York County Solid Waste Authority



York County Solid Waste Authority's Residential Electronics Recycling Program is free and open to York County residents **ONLY** and is conducted **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and**

Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The program is conducted in the parking area located directly across from the York County Resource Recovery Center at 2651 Blackbridge Road.

Penn and Fairview Townships also conduct electronics recycling collection programs that accept electronics from all York County residents and offer weekday and Saturday collection hours. Please call, or visit their web sites for times and locations:

- Penn Township: www.penntwp.com, 717-637-1561
- Fairview Township: twp.fairview.pa.us, 717-901-5200

Material accepted in the programs includes electronic "covered devices" as well as other electronic recyclables including cell phones, vacuum cleaners, alarm clocks, irons and coffee makers, or anything with a plug that does not contain Freon.

Examples of Freon-containing items include refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

Outdoor Burn Permits

Before conducting any open burning, a **burn permit**, valid for the calendar year, must be obtained from Shrewsbury Township at a fee of **\$5.00**.



All permits are issued in the name of the property owner and shall be signed by one or more of the owners.