



## Shrewsbury Township News

Summer 2015

### Park Improvements Postponed

The Township recently received only one (1) bid for the improvement projects slated for Windy Hill, Winchester, and Hametown Parks. The budget is \$300,000, of which \$150,000 is grant funds, and the sole bid by Kinsley Construction was \$503,000. As a result, the Board of Supervisors has decided to postpone the project until early 2016.

### Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Following two (2) years of joint review and deliberation by Township staff, Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors, a new (amended) zoning ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors at their June 3, 2015 meeting. The restated zoning ordinance can be viewed on the Township website ([www.shrewsburytownship.org](http://www.shrewsburytownship.org)) or at the Township municipal building during regular business hours. Significant changes are as follows:

- Definitions were amended, added, and deleted.
- Subdivisions in the Agricultural District (A) remain limited to a maximum 50,000 sq. ft. or a minimum fifty (50) acres for each development right (DR). Residual lots cannot be less than 50 acres, unless, after the subdivision of allowable DRs the remaining tract is under 50 acres.
- Created a new zoning district, the Historic Village Overlay (HVO) District for the village of Seitzland.
- Added and deleted various uses in various zoning districts.
- Amended open space regulations, as well as minor revisions to the critical environmental areas (CEA).
- Deleted, added, and amended various supplemental regulations for several uses.
- Amended fence regulations.
- Minor amendments to parking regulations.

### Keeping of Chickens

Recent amendments to the Township's Code of Ordinances, Article 2, pertaining to animals and the recent amendments to the zoning ordinance eliminates conflicting regulations pertaining to chickens.

Chickens are defined under "Livestock" in Article 2 of the code of ordinances and regulated under "Agriculture" in Article 14 of the zoning ordinance, which states that chickens are permitted only in the **Agricultural District**. On lots less than three (3) acres, a maximum of ten (10) chickens are permitted. The chickens can only be hens; roosters are prohibited.





## Medication Drop-Box Program Collects 1.85 Tons

York County Solid Waste Authority's police department medication collection program includes sixteen York County police departments, including Southern Regional Police Department in New Freedom, which hosts medication take-back boxes in their police department lobbies. In 2014, the program safely collected and disposed of a total of 1.85 tons of unused and expired medications, an increase of .65 tons over the 1.2 tons collected in 2013.

## Storage of Campers, Boats, and Recreational Vehicles

Under the zoning ordinance supplementary regulations for "Outdoor Storage," 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, house trailer, 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.



## Penn Waste Opens New Recycling Facility

Penn Waste, Shrewsbury Township's contract waste hauler, recently announced the opening of their new 96,000 square foot state-of-art recycling facility in Manchester, PA. The new center expanded Penn Waste's recycling capabilities; one of the largest in the nation. The new facility and equipment upgraded Penn Waste's sorting and processing capability to 35 tons of recyclables per hour, significantly up from the 10 tons per hour the old system handled.



In 2014, Penn Waste processed 81,000 tons of recyclables through their old facility. That quantity was up more than 50% since 2010. With community education and the new capabilities, Penn Waste is hoping to double the 2014 record of materials recycled over the next few years.

To view if video of the new Penn Waste recycling facility, visit their website at [www.pennwaste.com](http://www.pennwaste.com).

## Deller Road Renamed

Deller Road, which is approximately 600 feet in length and located off of E. Forrest Avenue (SR 851), was recently renamed to "Sadlers Church Road." This short section of road will connect to Sadlers Church Road already existing in Hopewell Township.

### Elected Officials

#### *Board of Supervisors*

- Cynthia DeLeone (term expires 12/ 2015)
- Sue Fox (term expires 12/2015)
- Bill Cox (term expires 12/2017)
- Jeff Rennoll (term expire 12/2017)
- Paul Solomon (term expires 12/2019)

#### *Tax Collector*

- Gail Prego (term expires 12/2017)

### Office Hours

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

### Holiday Closings

- ✓ July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Independence Day
- ✓ September 7<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day

## Reducing Runoff

### *Creating Stormwater-Friendly Lawns and Gardens*

When the amount of rain falling exceeds the land's ability to absorb it, the result is stormwater runoff. Without treatment, stormwater that runs from the land into our waterways can be unhealthy for people and bad for the environment. Runoff can carry chemicals, metals, bacteria, viruses, organic compounds, and other pollutants directly into creeks, lakes, rivers, and streams. Runoff can also cause severe erosion and flooding — even during a typical Pennsylvania storm.

Clearly, then, what we do on the land impacts the quality of our water. That means everyone, not just government, plays a role in protecting this valuable resource by reducing runoff and the pollutants it carries.

This summer, homeowners can take steps to help with the effort by making sure their gardens and lawns are “stormwater-friendly.”

#### ***The stormwater-friendly garden***

Home gardens can contribute considerable nutrients and other pollutants to waterways if not cared for responsibly. This mainly applies to fertilizers and pesticides.

**Fertilizers:** Instead of using chemical fertilizers, give organic alternatives, such as compost and manure, a try. Compost, a “do-it-yourself” fertilizer that can be created from such things as vegetable scraps and garden clippings, contains the nutrients that help your vegetables grow. When using organic fertilizers, be sure to apply them directly to the ground before planting the vegetables to prevent runoff.



**Pesticides:** Many insects are harmless to people and play an important role in maintaining a healthy lawn or garden ecosystem. If one is posing a problem, however, identify the exact pest you have and research the non-chemical alternatives to controlling it. Pesticides should be a last resort because they could infiltrate groundwater, possibly contaminate drinking supplies, and hurt downstream ecosystems.

#### ***The stormwater-friendly lawn***

The following lawn-care steps will not only help to protect local streams and rivers but also result in cost savings for homeowners:



**Set your mower height to 3 inches or higher.** Taller grass slows the runoff and produces a deeper and denser root system, which absorbs more water and prevents erosion. Deeper roots also reduce the need for watering during droughts and suppress weeds from growing up around them.

**Keep grass clippings and chopped leaves on your property.** A mulch-mower is ideal for retaining and spreading clippings on your lawn. The clippings decompose quickly, provide important nutrients for your lawn, and settle to create an organic layer on the soil that encourages stormwater infiltration. Using this mulch may also reduce or eliminate the need for nitrogen fertilizers.

If mulching with your clippings is not possible, bag and store them in a compost area and then use the organic material that's created as a fertilizer later.

**Figure out if you really need to fertilize your lawn.** Foregoing fertilizer is ideal for the health of local waterways and ecosystems. However, if your lawn is thin or has bare spots, you may not have a choice since a dense, vegetated cover is the most stormwater-friendly lawn.

There are no one-size-fits-all guidelines when it comes to fertilizer. Homeowners' needs vary drastically based on the soil texture and pH and nutrient levels. In fact, soil tests may reveal that your lawn is suffering from "micronutrient deficiency," a problem that standard chemical fertilizers may not alleviate. Identifying your lawn's needs first will reduce unnecessary applications, create a healthier lawn faster, and reduce your long-term costs.

**If fertilizer is needed, maximize the benefits of slow-release nitrogen and minimize the number of chemical applications.** Typically called "water insoluble nitrogen," or WIN, on fertilizer bags, slow-release nitrogen limits nutrient runoff and exportation. This type of fertilizer should be applied to your lawn in the spring, instead of the fall, to provide a steady source of nutrients throughout the growing season.

Another tip: Homeowners should wait until the grass begins growing in March to fertilize and then stop fertilizing after October. Fertilizing during a lawn's dormant season increases the risk that the chemicals will run off into streams or leach into your water table because the root systems are less active.

**Do not fertilize or use pesticides within 15 to 20 feet of a stream.** Keeping this distance will help keep chemicals out of waterways. Also, if you live near a stream, consider establishing a natural riparian buffer there instead. To learn more about these buffers, visit [www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org](http://www.stormwater.allianceforthebay.org) and click on "Structural BMPs."

Also, when you're done applying fertilizer, immediately sweep any granulated chemicals off hard surfaces and back onto your lawn. Your walkway, driveway, patio, or local road is often a quick route to the drainage pipes that discharge into local streams.

In the long run, little actions, such as taking a stormwater-friendly approach to your garden and lawn, will have a big impact as all of them work together to protect our water's quality.

**Note:** Information courtesy of StormwaterPA and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.



## Labor Day Holiday Delays Trash & Recycling Collection

Due to the Labor Day holiday, trash and recycling collection will be delayed one (1) day. Thursday's scheduled collection will be collected **Friday** (September 11<sup>th</sup>) and Friday's scheduled collection will be collected **Saturday** (September 12<sup>th</sup>).

## 2015 Municipal Directory & Map Corrections

Hopefully by now you have time to look over the 2015 Municipal Directory & Map, which was made possible through the generous support of the businesses listed in the directory. After distribution there were two (2) misprints discovered; the correct information is as follows:

### ***U.S. Congress Representative***

Scott Perry (R – 4<sup>th</sup> District)  
1207 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
202-225-5836

### ***Glen Rock EMS, Inc.***

Website: [www.glenrockems.com](http://www.glenrockems.com)

## Household Hazardous Waste

If you cannot participate in the County's scheduled household hazardous waste collection program, an option called **"At Your Door Special Collection<sup>SM</sup>"** may be for you. It enables York County residents to call a toll-free number to schedule a home pick-up of household hazardous waste. The number is: **800-449-7587**. Residents may schedule two pick-ups per home, per calendar year and can request up to two "kit bags" per pick-up to fill with accepted household hazardous products. **"At Your Door Special Collection<sup>SM</sup>"** pick-ups require a **\$15 co-pay**.

Household hazardous waste includes any products from the home that are **corrosive** (drain cleaners or bleach), **flammable** (gasoline), **reactive** (chemistry kits) or **toxic** (pesticides). The program benefits York County by identifying hazardous wastes found in the home and providing an opportunity to manage these materials in a safe and efficient manner.



Please do not include paint or other paint-related products including: latex and oil-based paint, turpentine, paint thinners, varnish, and paint strippers or removers. These items can be placed in your regular garbage for pick-up. Containers should be sealed tightly to prevent spillage. **Also, DO NOT include alkaline batteries (i.e.: AAA's, AA's, C's, D's, etc.) aerosol cans, explosives, ammunition, propane tanks, used motor oil or medications.** Dispose of alkaline batteries in your regular garbage. For questions about how to safely dispose of other items, request the Authority's "What Kind of Waste is Accepted at the Resource Recovery Center Brochure". For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, call the Authority at 717-845-1066, or visit our web page at: [www.ycswa.com](http://www.ycswa.com) and click on "Recycle", then "Hazardous Products".

In 2014, the Authority collected 9.65 tons of household hazardous waste in its spring program and 1.6 tons in its year round Special Collection curbside program. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> year the Authority has conducted a household hazardous waste collection program.

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## Farmers' Market



2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, May – October  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wal-Mart Shopping Center parking lot; next to Advance Auto Parts  
For information, contact Susan Fox at 717-235-0734

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## Upcoming Meetings

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

### Board of Supervisors

July 1<sup>st</sup>  
August 5<sup>th</sup>  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
October 7<sup>th</sup>

### Planning Commission

July 15<sup>th</sup>  
August 19<sup>th</sup>  
September 16<sup>th</sup>  
October 21<sup>st</sup>

