



Shrewsbury Township News

Summer 2017

Message From the Board of Supervisors

Greetings! The Board passes along its thanks to over 30 members of the Shrewsbury Charge of The Church of Latter Day Saints who spent a soggy April morning weeding, planting, and mulching at three Township Parks (Hametown, Miller & Windy Hill). There was an aggressive list of tasks to accomplish and everyone enjoyed a very successful morning completing those tasks. We appreciate their efforts to help beautify our parks while saving the Township many hours of labor.



Miller Park: new plantings in parking lot islands

The Board and staff are working hard to clean up our Township. Warm weather brings a greater accumulation of trash and clutter throughout the Township. Reminders have been sent to owners of properties that need to be cleaned of trash and junk. We thank those who responded quickly to resolve problems and ask for every resident's help in keeping our Township free of trash and maintaining a pleasant sight to all who live and visit here.



Windy Hill Park: new mulch

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Holidays Delay Trash & Recycling Collection

Due to the **Independence Day** (July 4th) and the **Labor Day** (September 4th) holidays, trash and recycling collection will be delayed one (1) day.

- **Thursday's collection** will be collected Friday (July 7th & September 8th).
- **Friday's collection** will be collected Saturday (July 8th & September 9th).



The PA Treasury Unclaimed Property division may have that answer for you. The Treasury is currently seeking the owners of \$2.3 billion in unclaimed property.

The following link is an easy searchable data base and includes instructions to claim any unclaimed property waiting for you: <http://www.patreasury.gov/claim/>.

Holiday Closings

- **July 4th** – Independence Day
- **September 4th** – Labor Day



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We are also seeing an increase of trash left in our parks and recreation areas and ask that users of those facilities make a special effort to properly dispose of trash in the receptacles provided. Even if it is not your trash, we would appreciate your extra help in keeping these areas clean. We hope you share our pride in the great parks and recreation facilities the Township provides. Help us keep them among the finest in the county and state!

The Board recognizes that there has been some inconvenience during the Mt. Airy Road Construction project. You have responded well to that inconvenience and we express our appreciation for your cooperation. This is a major road restoration project that includes the reconstruction of the road base,



Mt. Airy Road: reconstruction of railroad crossing



Hametown Park: new plantings & mulch

reparation of the stormwater basin, rebuilding of the railroad crossing, and removal of the traffic circle. In its struggle to determine the best solution to the often poor performing traffic circle, the Board reached out to a team of transportation experts – PennDOT Local Transportation Advisory Program (LTAP) and the Federal Highway Administration for advice and recommendations. The existing circle failed to meet many of the current requirements for mini roundabouts. Correcting the deficiencies would require more area for the roundabout than is readily available and would be very costly. The recommendation we received and concurred with was to eliminate the traffic circle and convert it to a standard three-way intersection.

The Board is concerned about potential speeding when Mt. Airy Road reopens due to its smooth road surface, greatly improved railroad crossing, and elimination of the traffic circle. We will seek increased police presence on the road initially and will monitor the area to determine if other traffic slowing tactics may need to be considered. The Board also asks for your help in being aware of your speed as you travel the new Mt. Airy Road.



Miller Park: rejuvenating a perennial flower/shrub bed

Credit for Park Photos: Crockett A. Ferguson (*Thank You!*)

2016 Audit Available for Inspection

The Township's 2016 financial audit has been completed and is available for inspection at the Township Office, as well as on the Township's website.

The year-end cash balance for 2016 was \$2,507,341.

Trash Contract Extended 2 Years

The trash and recycling contract with Penn Waste has been extended for two (2) additional years; July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019. Rates for the next two years will be as follows:

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

- * Full Service (weekly) - \$247.48/year
- * Per Bag Service - \$5.25/bag (\$136.50/year)

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

- * Full Service (weekly) - \$253.48/year
- * Per Bag Service - \$5.50/bag (\$143.00/year)



Meeting Dates

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

Board of Supervisors

July 5th
August 2nd
September 6th
October 4th

Planning Commission

July 19th
August 16th
September 20st
October 18th



Website Revamped

If you have not visited the Township's website recently, take a minute to check it out!

www.shrewsburytownship.org

The website has been revamped to make it more user friendly by providing a host of information: from Board minutes and meeting videos, newsletters, ordinances, rules & regulations, and forms, to information about planning & zoning, financial reports, trash & recycling, septic systems, parks, and more.

Electronic Recycling

NOTE: *Pa law now bans the disposal or collection of certain electronics at the curb in your regular garbage. Electronics that cannot be placed in your garbage include TV's, computers and **anything** that connects to a computer such as a printer, mouse, keyboard, or speakers.*

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, which is located at **2651 Blackbridge Road.**

ACCEPTED ITEMS: *televisions, desktop and laptop computers, computer monitors and computer peripherals (anything that connects to a computer such as a mouse, keyboard, printer, etc.), 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 Freons. Examples of Freon-containing items include refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers.*



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

⇒ **Penn Township:** www.penntwp.com, 717-637-1561

⇒ **Fairview Township:** twp.fairview.pa.us, 717-901-5200

Park and Ride Open for Business

Rabbittransit recently announced the opening of a new Park and Ride location in Shrewsbury Township off of Exit 4 at 15239 Elm Drive. This location replaces the previous temporary location at the Assembly of God Church at 234 N. Main Street, Shrewsbury. The new location serves the commuter bus service, rabbitEXPRESS, which travels between York and Northern Maryland and has free WiFi onboard. Schedule information and details can be found at www.rabbittransit.org/express. Carpoolers are welcome and encouraged to use the Park and Ride lot to meet their fellow commuters.



Dogs Prohibited in Parks

While it has not been strictly enforced in the past, and was lifted for a few years, the ordinance remains that pets are not allowed in Township parks. New signs have been erected at the parks stating all rules and regulations, including the prohibition of pets.

The need to resume enforcement of the 2009 law is due to an increasing number of incidents involving dogs running free, as well as the failure of dog owners to clean up after their pet's waste. Visitors to our parks do not expect to meet dogs that are not on a leash and under control of their owner; visitors and youth participating in sporting events should not encounter dog feces.

We understand that the majority of pets owners are responsible; unfortunately, the minority makes it difficult for everyone.



PA State Police Vacation Checks

Planning a vacation and want an extra check of your home? The PA State Police will conduct home checks while you are away. To request a home check, call the PA State Police at 717-428-1011 and tell them, **"I want a home check while I'm away."**

Knock, Knock...Who's There?

Be aware that all persons or organizations that go door-to-door selling services or products, or seeking contributions, must have a Township issued permit; do not hesitate to ask to see the permit. A permit does not authorize permit holders to conduct door-to-door activities within a private community, or on property clearly posted no soliciting. Be aware that a permit issued by the Township is not an endorsement of the product, service, or request for funds; it means that the solicitor has properly registered with the Township.



GRANTS

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

Federal funds received by York County for community development projects are managed by the York County Planning Commission. Shrewsbury Township joined forces with Glen Rock, Railroad, and Shrewsbury Boroughs to apply for a \$20,000 grant to update the group's existing regional comprehensive plan. The total cost of the update is \$40,000.



DCNR Park Application

A grant application was submitted by the Township to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for major improvements to Miller Park. Improvements to the park would include an age-segregated playground with a plaza area, small picnic pavilion, and benches. Two medium picnic pavilions with concrete pads and grills will be located near each pavilion, as well as horseshoe pits located near a picnic pavilion.

Recycling Performance (2014)

Recently the Township received a grant from the Commonwealth for its recycling effort in 2014. The grant amount received was \$18,320. The Township annually applies for the performance grant, which varies in amount from year to year, depending on the Township recycled tonnage and the available fund amount.



Annual Water Quality Report: Shrewsbury Borough Water Customers

Shrewsbury Borough has water that is safe to drink and is very proud of its high quality resource! The 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) is available to viewing at the Borough's website (www.shrewsburyborough.org) with a direct URL of <http://www.shrewsburyborough.org/Information/CCR.pdf> If you need a printed copy, please call the Shrewsbury Borough office at 717-235-4371.

Propane Tank Disposal?



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, especially when many locations offer propane tank refill stations. Many retailers also 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



Miller Park's 2017 Improvements

Over the next few months you can expect to see several improvement projects come to a close at Miller Park. The projects include an expansion of the parking lot (adding 60 new spaces), extension of the walking trail, and completion of the wildflower meadow.



New section of walking trail at Miller Park

Development Right Verification

Agricultural Zoning District

Property owners within the agricultural zoning district are entitled to a certain number of development rights (DRs), which is calculated by the parcel's number of acres as of November 10, 1976. Parcels of less than five (5) acres are allocated one (1) DR, the minimum number of DRs required for any parcel. Parcels containing five (5) acres or more have a varying number of DRs available, determined by a graduated scale based upon total acreage.

Properties of five (5) acres or more can have their DRs verified by the Township at a cost of \$150, which includes research to verify the DRs, preparation

of a Transferrable Development Right (TDR) Agreement, and recording of the TDR Agreement with the York County Recorder of Deeds Office, after approval by the Board of Supervisors.



The TDR owner has the option of having TDR deeds prepared at \$150 for the first deed and \$75 for each additional deed. The fee includes preparation of the deed(s) by the Township and recording of the deed(s) at the York County Recorder of Deeds Office.

If you have questions, or want a DR verification application sent to you, please call Todd Zeigler, Manager, at 717-235-3011 (ext. 106).

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)



Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Plan Early for Projects Requiring Permits



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 or the repaving, 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. Pool alarms must be installed and in some instances fencing could be required.
- ♦ **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 of new plumbing, mechanical, electric, or structural changes are involved, a permit is required.



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Yard Sale & Similar Signs

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



Storage of Boats, Campers, and Recreational Vehicles

Now that summer is upon us, it is the time of year when outdoor enthusiasts will begin preparing their campers, boats, and recreational vehicles for the summer season. 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. A recreational vehicle is defined to include a 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 yards.

