

# Shrewsbury Township News

Summer 2018

## Ben Coburn Memorial at Winchester Park

Family and friends of Ben Coburn placed a bench and planted a Red Oak tree in his memory at Winchester Park. Ben passed away in December 2017 at the age of 27 years. He was the son Mark and Kathy Coburn, and brother to Ashley (Coburn) Kelly and Brittany Coburn. Ben spent his childhood years growing up on Winchester Drive in the Township, next door to the park, where he spent countless hours shooting hoops on the park's basketball court. Ben was a graduate of Susquehannock High School and Temple University, where he studied Economics & Finance and earned a Bachelor's Degree, and was employed by the Maryland Insurance Administration as Junior Analyst in the Examination & Auditing Dept. This lasting tribute beautifies Winchester Park and will keep Ben's memory alive, as well as provide a resting place for family, friends, and park visitors.



## From the Board of Supervisors

DID YOU KNOW (a few interesting facts that you may not know):

- ◆ The Township uses this quarterly newsletter and its website to keep residents informed of news and events around the Township ([www.shrewsburytownship.org](http://www.shrewsburytownship.org)).
- ◆ The Boroughs of Glen Rock, New Freedom (except the southern Maryland border), Railroad, and Shrewsbury are surrounded by the Township.
- ◆ Four (4) zip codes serve Shrewsbury Township: 17327 (Glen Rock), 17361 (Shrewsbury), 17349 (New Freedom), and 17363 (Stewartstown).

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## Sharing the Road

As many of you may have noticed, the Township is part of a growing Amish community, which relies on horse-drawn vehicles as their mode of transportation. As drivers of motor vehicles, we need to be careful and observe the basic rules of safety when traveling, just as we need to be aware of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Rural roads are typically more narrow (and windy) than city streets, which provides less room to maneuver and can be especially dangerous when passing horse-drawn vehicles. There may be loose gravel or open ditches close to the road shoulder, which can be hazardous. As we know, southern York County has many roads with sharp dips and/or curves; be cautious when rounding them.



The average speed for horse-drawn buggies ranges between five (5) and eight (8) miles per hour, even slower if pulling farm equipment or when crossing intersections. A simple rule for **motor vehicle drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, and horse-drawn vehicle drivers**; be aware of your surroundings at all times, slow down, and share the road.

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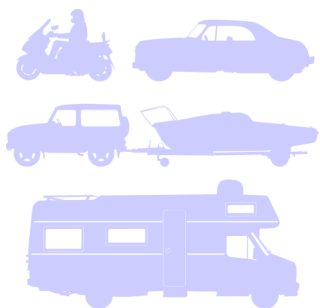
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## Storage of Boats, Campers, and Recreational Vehicles



Please keep in mind 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, snowmobile, off-road vehicle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), golf cart, boat trailer, airplane, or any other similar vehicle. Storage is permitted in side and rear yards.

## Elected Officials

### Board of Supervisors

- Paul Solomon (term ends 12/2019)
- Ann Biser (term ends 12/2021)
- Art Rutledge (term ends 12/2021)
- David Brose (term ends 12/2023)
- Jeff Rennoll (term ends 12/2023)

### Tax Collector

- Gail Prego (term ends 12/2021)



## Message *continued from page 1*

Some of the roads you drive on within the Township are State roads. The State, not the Township, is responsible for the maintenance of these 39.1 miles of roads, which includes:

Bonair Road  
Bowser Road  
Campbell Road  
Church Street  
Clearview Drive  
Constitution Avenue

Fissels Church Road  
Forrest Avenue  
Front Street  
Glen Rock Road  
Hain Road  
I – 83

Manchester Street  
Mt. Zion Road  
Plank Road  
Pleasant Valley Road  
Railroad Avenue  
Rockville Road

Steltz Road  
Stewartstown Road  
Susquehanna Trail South  
Toad Valley Road  
Windy Hill Road



◆ In addition to the above listed state roadways, the Township is responsible for 77.6 miles of road. There are also numerous private lanes and roads in the Township, which are maintained by the private property owners served by those private roads. A complete list of Township and State roads can be found on the Township's website: [Shrewsburytownship.org/Documents & Forms/Ordinances/Road Right-of-Ways](http://Shrewsburytownship.org/Documents & Forms/Ordinances/Road Right-of-Ways).

- ◆ The Township receives only a small amount of your real estate tax payment. On the average Township home assessed at \$188,313, you pay a total of \$4,733.06. Of that amount, the Township receives only \$77.96, which includes the fire protection tax. The Southern York County School District receives the greatest amount by far and York County receives a more substantial amount than the Township.
- ◆ The Southern York County School District is completely independent from the Township. The Township does not participate in, receive or approve notices of actions, decisions, or finances of the School Board. School Board members are elected officials separate from the Township structure.
- ◆ The Township is subject to the Pennsylvania Municipal Code, which regulates by legislation what Townships must do, can do, and cannot do, as it relates to planning, zoning, and subdivision.
- ◆ The Township regularly seeks grant opportunities that are consistent with its plans and projects. We have received a number of participating grants (usually a 50/50 share) and some fully funded grants. In recent years grants have been received for recreation, recycling, and habitat improvement, ranging from \$30,000 to \$120,000.
- ◆ The Township uses the services of a professional engineering firm to assist with major public projects, review development plans, and work with developers/residents/Township to ensure approved plans are followed.

## FUNDING

A professional firm also serves as the Township zoning officer, code enforcement, and sewage enforcement officer.

## CONSULTING





## **Chinese Restrictions on Imports Creates Recycling Industry Crisis**

*(Reprint from Penn Waste)*

(April 18, 2018 – Penn Waste) – Penn Waste is just one of many recycling companies in the US feeling the pain after China implemented drastic changes to imported recyclable material. In January, China imposed radical changes to

the levels of contamination they allow in recyclable material and implemented a plan to reduce imported recyclable material while increasing their domestic recovery capabilities.

“The recycling industry was basically turned upside down overnight,” said Amanda Davidson, Director of Marketing for Penn Waste.

Previously, China allowed 5% contamination, or 92 lbs of trash, in a 1,850 lb bale of recycled paper. Beginning in 2018, China changed those restrictions to a 0.5% contamination rate, or 9lbs of trash in a 1,850 lb bale of recycled paper. This is an unrealistic number that recycling companies cannot meet.

“Single-stream recycling makes it easy for customers to recycle but we’ve seen a dramatic increase in contamination since switching to this method in 2008,” said Davidson. “People just throw items in the recycle bin whether it’s recyclable or not. There are significant consequences if trash is mixed in with the recycling.”

Those consequences are currently having an impact on the entire US recycling industry. Since China is the largest buyer of recyclable material, there are limited domestic outlets to get rid of it.

Penn Waste continues to develop short-term and long-term solutions to manage the unpredictable recycling markets, rising contamination rates and other rising business costs.

“At the end of the day, this is not just a Penn Waste issue. It is a global issue,” said Davidson. “Recycling is required in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There is value in recycling but there is also a cost to provide this service. The recycling industry as a whole is revising our pricing model and moving from a commodity-based pricing model to a fee for service pricing model.” To learn more and continue to get updates, please visit [www.pennwaste.com/sustainability](http://www.pennwaste.com/sustainability)

## **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 **2017** Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) is available for viewing at the Borough’s website ([www.shrewsburyborough.org](http://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.

### **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**

August 1<sup>st</sup>  
September 5<sup>th</sup>  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Planning Commission**

August 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 19<sup>th</sup>  
October 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Holidays Delay Trash & Recycling Collection**

Due to the **Labor Day** (September 3<sup>rd</sup>) holiday, trash and recycling collection will be delayed one (1) day.

- **Thursday’s collection** will be collected Friday (September 7<sup>th</sup>).
- **Friday’s collection** will be collected Saturday (September 8<sup>th</sup>).

### **Office Hours**

- ♦ **Monday – Thursday** 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Friday** 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Holiday Closing**

- ♦ **September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Labor Day



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## Donation Box Placed at Hametown Park

H.O.P.E. (Help for Oncology Problems and Emotional Support) has partnered with Community Aid Center and now has a bin located at the Hametown Park, which can be recognized by the 3 helping hands on the front. The park is located at 12341 Susquehanna Trail S, Glen Rock, PA 17327.

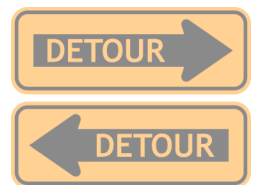
Any donated clothes, draperies, shoes, etc. are picked up weekly. Based on the weight collected from each bin, H.O.P.E. is awarded with a quarterly donation. The donations from Community Aid go toward keeping H.O.P.E.'s services free to their cancer patients. They can replenish their food pantry, distribute clothing and gas cards, award several scholarships each year, along with other programs.

Please remember H.O.P.E. when cleaning out your closets this summer. For more information, check out their website: [HOPELIFELINE.ORG](http://HOPELIFELINE.ORG).



## Road/Bridge Closings

There are two (2) state roads closed within the Township for bridge replacement, as follows:



- ◆ **Glen Rock Road (SR 616)** at Rockville Road – closed June 21<sup>st</sup> and scheduled to reopen on or about August 30, 2018. Detour is Yellow Church and Larue Roads.
- ◆ **Steltz Road (SR 851)** at the intersection of Smith Mill & Keeney Mill Roads – closed June 25<sup>th</sup> and scheduled to reopen on or about October 15, 2018. Detour is Bowser & Ingham Roads.

## 2017 Audit Available for Inspection

The Township's 2017 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 2017 was \$3,186,071.



**NEW GUIDELINES!  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 2018**



## RECYCLE THESE ITEMS



### CANS

Aluminum & Steel



### PLASTIC

Bottles & Jugs  
1, 2 & 5



### NEWSPAPER

Clean & Dry  
No Food Contact



### GLASS

Bottles & Jars



### CARDBOARD

Dry & Flattened  
No Food Contact



### CARTONS

## WHEN IN DOUBT → THROW IT OUT

**NO** Plastic Bags

**NO** Food/Liquid

**NO** Garden Hoses

**NO** Shredded Paper

**NO** Clothing

**NO** Diapers

**NO** Medical Waste

**NO** Scrap Metal

**NO** Styrofoam



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for more info:  
[www.PennWaste.com](http://www.PennWaste.com)