



# Shrewsbury Township News

Summer 2019

## Fireworks Frequently Asked Questions

House Bill 542 was signed into law on October 30, 2017. Under the new law, the Fireworks Act of 1939 was repealed and replaced in its entirety. The questions and answers below highlight the most noteworthy changes

### **Q. Which fireworks are Pennsylvania residents now allowed to purchase and use?**

- Consumers can now purchase and use “Class C” or “consumer-grade” fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. The expansion includes those fireworks that were previously only available to out-of-state residents.
- “Display fireworks,” which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place.

### **Q: Who can purchase fireworks?**

- Anyone 18 years of age or older can purchase them.

### **Q: What are the restrictions on where they can be used?**

- They cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.
- They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.



Source: <https://www.psp.pa.gov/public-safety/pages/fireworks-safety.aspx>

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## **What Do All Those Letters Mean** (common abbreviations, acronyms and initializations)

We often use a series of letters in our discussions, newsletters, correspondence and meetings. So, just what do they mean.

What does it mean?

- \* **TWP: Township.** A TWP is the lowest level of government in Pennsylvania. Shrewsbury TWP is a second class TWP as defined in the Pennsylvania Municipal Code, meaning we have a population density that averages less than 300 inhabitants per square mile and are the smallest municipal class. The Municipal Code sets by law how TWPs conduct business and provide services to residents.
- \* **BOS: Board of Supervisors.** The Shrewsbury TWP BOS is the 5-member governing body elected at large by the voters of the TWP to serve 6-year terms. The BOS is the central role in TWP government, responsible for general supervision of all the affairs of the TWP. The BOS sets policies, enacts and enforces ordinances and resolutions, adopts budgets and levies taxes. The business of the BOS is conducted at public meetings.
- \* **PSATS: Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors.** The purpose of PSATS is to protect, promote and strengthen TWP government through education, communication and support of TWP supervisors. PSATS is also our voice to be heard in the State and Federal legislative and regulatory processes. Shrewsbury TWP is a participating member of PSATS.
- \* **ZO: Shrewsbury Township Zoning Ordinance.** Establishes procedures and regulations for construction, occupancy and use of land, bodies of water and structures within each zoning district.
- \* **SALDO: Shrewsbury Township Subdivision and Land Development Plan.** Provides for the submittal, processing and approval of land development plans and for harmonious development of the TWP
- \* **PC: Shrewsbury Township Planning Commission.** The PC consists of 5 non-paid TWP residents appointed by the BOS to serve 4-year terms. The PC advises the BOS on all planning, zoning and traffic matters. It reviews and makes recommendations to the BOS on applications for sub-divisions and land development projects as well as recommending amendments to the BOS for TWP ordinances and the zoning map. The PC holds public meetings on land development.
- \* **YCPC: York County Planning Commission.** The YCPC maintains a county-wide Comprehensive Plan and reviews and makes recommendations to municipalities on proposed ordinance amendments, as well as sub-division and land development plans.
- \* **LGAC: Local Government Advisory Committee.** The LGAC is a committee of elected and appointed officials from municipalities throughout York County. The LGAC meets monthly to review and make recommendations to the YVPC on planning projects. Shrewsbury TWP has a seat on the LGAC.
- \* **ZHB: Zoning Hearing Board.** Members of the ZHB are 3 unpaid TWP residents plus one alternate member appointed by the BOS to serve 3-year terms to ensure fair and equitable application and administration of the TWP zoning ordinance. The ZHB is a quasi-court for zoning matters and hears zoning appeals.

More in the next Newsletter, including SCEMA, EOC, EMA, EMC, EOP, NIMS

### **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 **2018** 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.

### **Office Hours**

**Monday – Thursday:**

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

**Friday:**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



## **Shrewsbury Township's Jaylen Van Nice Named York County Junior Miss Agriculture USA Queen**

Jaylen Van Nice was recently named the 2019 York County Junior Miss Agriculture USA Queen.



Miss Agriculture USA is a new non-profit agriculture promotion organization featuring Queens of all ages that promote, celebrate, and educate about all the diverse aspects of agriculture.

Jaylen is the 11-year old daughter of Dan and Giana Van Nice of New Freedom. She attends school in the Southern school district.

Her agricultural interests include raising grass fed and grass finished beef on her family's farm in New Freedom, Blue Dog Farms. Jaylen also loves taking care of goats, ducks, chickens, and guinea hens. Jaylen enjoys sharing her experiences of living and working on a farm. She wants everyone to know that our food has a story that starts with farming.

She competed in the State Queen title in March where she received 2nd place for her speech, "What Agriculture Means to Me" and 2nd place for her essay about "Why it is Important to Promote Agriculture." She continues to talk to children, youth and adult groups in and around York County about how our food has a story that begins long before the grocery store or the restaurant where you are eating it; that story starts with farmers!

If you would like Jaylen to make an appearance at your event, please contact [MissAgricultureUSA@gmail.com](mailto:MissAgricultureUSA@gmail.com). AGvocates for Agriculture!

## **Primary Election Results for Board of Supervisors**

The May 21<sup>st</sup> primary election resulted in two (2) candidates for the one (1) Supervisor seat that will be open in January 2020.

The candidates that will appear on the November 5, 2019 general election ballot will be Jackie Wilson (Democrat) and Bob Brown (Republican). The open Supervisor seat is currently held by Paul Solomon, who has chosen not to run for the next six (6) year term.

## **Need More Than The Newsletter?**

In addition to the Township's newsletter, helpful information can be obtained through the Township's website. Meeting agendas, written minutes, Supervisor meeting videos, ordinances, financial information, Exit 4 improvements, parks, forms, documents, and other general

information can be found on the website:

[www.shrewsburytownship.org](http://www.shrewsburytownship.org)



## **2019-2022 Refuse & Recycling Collection Contract**

The Board of Supervisors received two (2) bid proposals for the three-year refuse & recycling collection contract, which begins July 1, 2019. Bids were from Penn Waste and Republic Services, with the lowest proposal awarded to Republic Services. The new rates are as follows:

<b>Contract Period</b>	<b>Full-Service (per year)</b>	<b>Pay-Per-Bag (26 bags/year)</b>	<b>Refuse Toter Rental (optional – per qtr.)</b>
July 1 2019 – June 30, 2020	\$279.60	\$169.00	\$9.00
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	\$293.60	\$182.00	\$9.25
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	\$308.30	\$195.00	\$9.50

There are optional one-year extensions, up to two (2) years at the end of the three-year contract, which the Board of Supervisors will not consider until Spring 2022.

During the last pickup by Penn Waste, June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, the recycling carts will be collected by Penn Waste and at the same time Republic Services plans to deliver the new carts. Collection days under Republic Services is expected to remain the same.



## **Trees for Trail (Road of Remembrance)**

Perhaps you have noticed the new trees being planted along the Susquehanna Trail (Trail) and wondered why?

The existing Sycamore trees (more than 200) that line a 12-mile stretch of the Trail were planted 95-years ago to honor the nearly 6,000 York County men and women who served in World War I. The historic “allée” (tree lined pathway; like those American troops may have traveled in Europe) was in response to a nationwide calling by President Warren Harding. At that time, a group known as “the War Mothers Club” in York lead the effort to plant the trees from 1922 – 1924, from the Maryland Line north to Jacobus Borough.

Through the years, about half of the 400 original trees have fallen victim to auto accidents, disease, neglect, or cutting down by property owners. With efforts lead by an active group of volunteers (125 people to date), known as “Trees for the Trail,” there will be 200 new trees planted along the same 12-mile stretch on private property along the Trail. To date, 61 trees were planted last fall (2018), another 72 trees were planted in March 2019, and the remaining 67 trees are scheduled to be planted in Fall 2019.

The group plans to have the plantings completed in time for the allée 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Total cost is estimated at \$100,000, which will be funded through municipal, corporate, and individual donations. Shrewsbury Township contributed \$5,000 to the project and had trees planted on the Township’s municipal office and maintenance building properties, along the Trail.



Information for property owners and those interested in donating towards the project or volunteering their time can connect with the group via the [Trees for the Trail Facebook page](#). Watch future Township newsletters for information on a dedication event.

## **Call for a Rent-A-Kid**

York County seniors looking for help with spring cleanup, mowing, yard work, electronic devices, or with other household chores are encouraged to arrange for a Rent-A-Kid.



The Rent-A-Kid program, sponsored by the York County Area Agency on Aging, is an intergenerational program that connects York County older adults and teenagers together.

For over 30 years, kids have been helping and learning from older adults through the Rent-A-Kid program. It gives individual teenagers the chance to help York County senior citizens, 60 years or older, with indoor and outdoor household chores. The senior needs to be agreeable to a reimbursement of a minimum of \$5/hour, or a negotiated rate based on the job.

Interested York County residents age 60 or older can get assistance by calling Hope Eberly at 717-771-9103 or 1-800-632-9073. Information is also available at [www.ycaaa.org](http://www.ycaaa.org).

## **Upcoming Meetings**

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

### **Board of Supervisors**

July 10<sup>th</sup>  
August 7<sup>th</sup>  
September 4<sup>th</sup>  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Planning Commission**

July 17<sup>th</sup>  
August 21<sup>st</sup>  
September 18<sup>th</sup>  
October 16<sup>th</sup>

## **Parking & Storage of Boats, Campers, Trailers, and Recreational Vehicles**

It is peak season for camping, boating, and pulling trailers with recreational vehicles, and with that comes a reminder that the aforementioned cannot be parked or stored in a front yard (defined as the area between the front wall of the principal building and the 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, or other similar vehicle or piece of equipment. Side and rear yard storage is permitted.

## **Long-Term Traffic Pattern Limits Westbound Route 851 to Single Lane Approaching I-83 at Exit 4**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) recently set a long-term traffic pattern on westbound Route 851 between Wolfe Road and Interstate 83. This 1,000-foot section of roadway will be restricted to a single lane and shifted into the center-turn lane to allow room for reconstruction. This work is part of a project to improve and reconstruct a new interchange at Interstate 83 Exit 4 for Route 851.

The \$29,867,900 Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) construction contract was awarded on February 13, 2019, to Kinsley Construction, Inc. of York, and includes replacing the northbound and southbound bridges that carry I-83 over Route 851 with two-span structures allowing enough clearance for Route 851 to be widened to four lanes and realigned into the DDI configuration. Work under this contract will also reconstruct and lengthen the on and off ramps within the interchange, replace the culvert that carries Deer Creek beneath the interchange, and install traffic signals, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater management facilities, highway lighting, guiderail, signs, and pavement markings.

Work this spring has focused on preparations to relocate underground utilities along Route 851, construct portions of the box culvert that carries Deer Creek and reconstruct the I-83 median to prepare for future stages of construction. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction along I-83 during construction except for short-term off-peak lane closures to adjust traffic patterns. PennDOT expects the project to be completed in the Summer of 2021.

PennDOT advises travelers that they may encounter single lane restrictions on I-83 in either direction during overnight hours, 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM. More than 45,500 vehicles per day travel this section of I-83. This section of Route 851, locally known as East Forrest Avenue, averages more than 10,500 vehicles traveled daily. To avoid delays, travelers should allow for additional time in their plans or seek an alternate route.

Motorists are reminded to be alert for these operations, to obey work zone signs, and to slow down when approaching and traveling through work zones for their safety as well as for the safety of the road crews.

For more information on the I-83 Exit 4 project, please refer to the resources provided at the official project website at [www.penndot.gov/I83Exit4](http://www.penndot.gov/I83Exit4) that explains in detail how a diverging diamond interchange functions, shows the proposed layout of the Exit 4 interchange, and has example "drive through" videos of a constructed DDI in Washington, Pa.

Subscribe to PennDOT news in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York counties at [www.penndot.gov/District8](http://www.penndot.gov/District8).

Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 roadway miles by visiting [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com). 511PA, which is free and available 24 hours a day, provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information, and access to more than 950 traffic cameras, 101 of which are in the Midstate.

511PA is also available through a smartphone application for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following regional twitter alerts accessible on the 511PA website.

## **Recycling Rate Declines**

The Township's residential recycling rate declined in 2018 to 22.2%. The residential curbside collection of trash was 2,327.1 tons and 663.7 tons of recycling.

There was a further decline in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2019 to a recycling rate of 17.5%, with the residential curbside of 460.1 tons of refuse and 97.6 tons of recyclable materials.

While the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a statewide goal of 35%, that number is expected to decrease for two reasons. First, and most importantly, the main consumer of the recyclable materials was China, who no longer accepts most materials from the United States. For this reason, the market for many recyclable materials is now on-existent; therefore, no longer collected by our local collector. Secondly, many recyclable materials weight less (soda/beer cans, and plastic drink bottles). For both reasons, the tonnage levels of recyclable materials across the Commonwealth have dropped.



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## **2018 Flood Repairs & Bridge Replacements**

Progress has been made since the July 23-25 and August 31, 2018 flooding that severely damaged or destroyed several bridges and roads. Majority of the damage occurred during the August 31<sup>st</sup> flash flood, which flooded homes and destroyed several outbuildings in the W. Clearview Drive and Walker Road areas (near Glen Rock).

Of the seven (7) bridges/roads that required repairs or replacement, with five (5) of those closed, today only one (1) remains closed (White Oak Road). Total estimated damages are at \$1.3 million, of which Shrewsbury Township anticipates its share of responsibility to be about \$900,000. The balance of the costs is the responsibility of Hopewell and North Hopewell Townships because we share ownership of three (3) of the stream crossings. The specific bridges/stream crossings that are open, but require replacement are Bohr Court, Raver Road, and Reservoir Road.

The Township had anticipated federal disaster aid, requested through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, would cover 75% of the costs. Unfortunately, FEMA rejected the request because the southcentral region of PA affected by the flooding was short of the \$18 million in damages required for federal aid.



**Gemmill Rd at Deer Creek Rd**  
undersized pipe crossing immediately following the August 31, 2018 Flood.



**Gemmill Rd at Deer Creek Rd**  
With new pre-cast concrete box culvert allows greater water flow.