



# Shrewsbury Township

York County, Pa

## Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2025

### **BRANDON HALL MEMORIAL TREE**

In remembrance of Brandon McLean Hall (June 13, 1983 – November 15, 2021), a beloved son, brother, uncle, grandson, nephew, and cousin, an *October Red Maple* tree was planted at the Miller Family Park by the Hall Family.

Brandon was born in Baltimore and grew up in New Freedom. Following graduation from high school he attended York College of Pennsylvania, where in 2006 he graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. Brandon was employed for 10 years by McCormick and Company. He loved camping, hiking, and the outdoors. He participated in scouting and at the age of 16 years earned the Eagle Scout award. He loved music, art, and working on puzzles. Brandon had an incredible love for his dog, Penny, who he loved dearly.

The family noted that Brandon was loved deeply by many, and he is dearly missed, but there is comfort in knowing that he is now in the presence of his Lord and Savior.



### **2025 BUDGET & TAXES**

The 2025 budget was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 4, 2024, without a real estate tax increase.

In addition to the general purpose real estate tax, the fire protection and emergency services tax remain unchanged. There was a slight increase to the water hydrant special assessment, from 0.095 to 0.115 mill, for an increase of \$5.00 for a home assessed at \$250,000.

There are several park improvement projects planned for the new year.

The total budget (combined revenue & expenditures) for 2025 is \$7.92 million dollars.

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### **TOWNSHIP AWARDED \$783,155 IN GRANTS FOR PARK PROJECTS**

In 2024, the Township was awarded four (4) grants totaling \$783,155 for various park improvement projects. The grants received are as follows:

**\$273,725 - Hametown Park Playground Rehabilitation** – Community Conservation Partnership Program grant through the PA Dept. Conservation & Natural Resources. The project removes the sand volleyball court (rarely used) and replacing it with an expanded tot & youth playground, along with a courtyard with benches and landscaping, as well as grills for the existing pavilion.

**\$220,000 - Windy Hill Park Pavilion** – PA Dept. of Community & Economic Development grant through the Statewide Local Share Program (Gaming Funds). The project will provide for the construction of a new 33' x 44' pavilion (the first in the park).

**\$150,000 - Miller Family Park Land Purchase** – York County Open Space & Land Preservation Grant program. The grant will assist with the purchase of an additional 13½ acres of land adjacent to the Miller Family Park, which will increase the park size to 35+ acres.



**\$130,550 - Miller Family Park Land Purchase** - Community Conservation Partnership Program through the PA Dept. Conservation & Natural Resources. This is the second grant received to be used toward the purchase of an additional 13½ acres of land adjacent to the Miller Family Park.

**\$8,880 – Miller Family Park Master Plan** – York County Open Space & Land Preservation Grant Program. This grant will be used to revise/update the park's master plan after the additional 13½ acres of adjacent land is acquired by the Township.

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**UNDERSTANDING YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILLS**

The Township Office and the Tax Collector frequently receive questions about tax bills. What is this tax bill for, who receives the taxes, why do I receive two (2) tax bills each year, etc. Hopefully, the following brief explanation of each tax bill will help answer those questions.

**FEBRUARY (Municipal) Tax Bill** (Calendar Year)

The tax bill that is mailed in February of each year includes both the York County and the Shrewsbury Township taxes/assessments on one (1) bill. The breakdown is as follows, **based upon** a property **assessed value** of **\$250,000**:

- <sup>1</sup> **York County (Real Estate Tax)** – revenue from this tax is used for the general operation of the County. The tax rate is set by the York County Commissioners.
- <sup>2</sup> **Township (Real Estate Tax)** – revenue generated from this real estate tax is used for general operations of the Township [*i.e.* roads, stormwater, recreation, parks, personnel, administration, legal, engineering, insurances, equipment, building & equipment maintenance, utilities, planning & zoning, debt service, and community organization donations (libraries, senior center, rail trail, etc.)]. Current tax rate has not changed since 2008, which is set by the Shrewsbury Township Board of Supervisors.
- <sup>3</sup> **EMS Tax** – this is a new tax beginning in 2024, which was implemented to provide additional support to the two (2) ambulance services that serve the Township; specifically, Rose (New Freedom) EMS and Glen Rock Ambulance. The decline in volunteers and reduction in Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement, has resulted in the need to rely on more paid staff. This tax can be used ONLY for EMS; it cannot be used for any other purpose. The tax rate is set by the Shrewsbury Township Board of Supervisors.
- <sup>4</sup> **Fire Tax** – this tax has been in place since 2008. It provides financial support to the three (3) “all volunteer” fire companies that serve Shrewsbury Township, which includes Glen Rock Hose & Ladder, Rose (New Freedom) Fire Company, and Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company. The revenue collected by this tax can be used ONLY to support the volunteer fire companies. The tax rate is set by the Shrewsbury Township Board of Supervisors.
- <sup>5</sup> **Hydrant Assessment** – this is a special assessment on any property that is located within 780 feet (maximum distance set by state law) of a fire hydrant owned by The York Water Company or Glen Rock Water Authority. The Township is billed annually for the rental of each fire hydrant. Shrewsbury Borough does not bill for their fire hydrants. The revenue collected from this special assessment is also restricted to expenses related to the fire hydrant rental charges. The assessment rate is set by the Shrewsbury Township Board of Supervisors.

**JULY (School) Tax Bill** <sup>6</sup> (Fiscal Year July 1 – June 30)

This tax bill is mailed in July of each year and is for the Southern York County School District (Susquehannock). The tax rate is set by the Southern York County School Board.



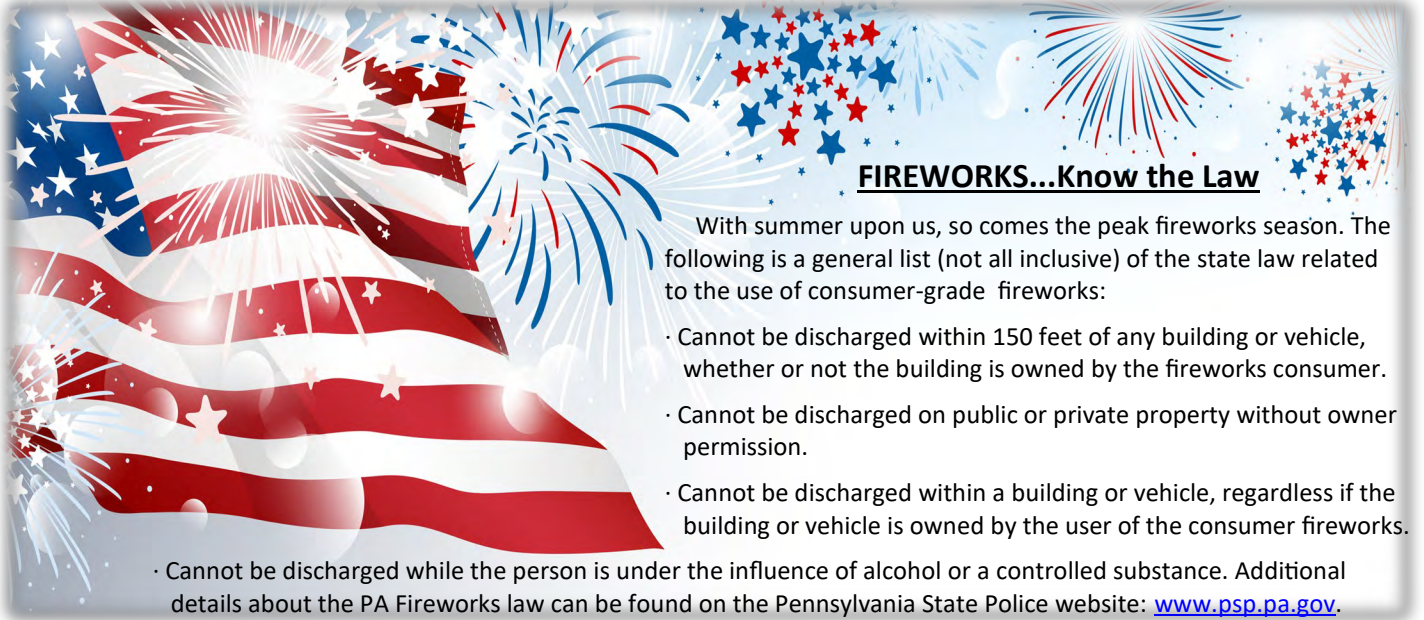
The breakdown of total taxes is as follows, **based upon** a property **assessed value** of **\$250,000**:

TAX TYPE	RATE	TAX AMOUNT	PERCENT OF TAXES
Township <sup>2</sup>	0.0740	\$19	3.5 %
EMS <sup>3</sup>	0.3300	\$ 83	
Fire <sup>4</sup>	0.4600	\$ 115	
Hydrant <sup>5</sup>	0.1150	\$ 29	
York County <sup>1</sup>	6.9000	\$ 1,725	24.8 %
School <sup>6</sup>	19.9100	\$ 4,978	71.6 %
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>		<b>\$ 6,947</b>	

**TAX COLLECTOR**

The tax collector is elected to a four (4) year term, who is responsible for collecting the taxes from Shrewsbury Township property owners on behalf of the Township, York County, and the Southern York County School District, each of whom set their own tax rates.

**Gail Prego**, Tax Collector  
 PO Box 14  
 Glen Rock, PA 17327  
 717-759-8938  
 taxcollector@shrewsburytownship.org



## **FIREWORKS...Know the Law**

With summer upon us, so comes the peak fireworks season. The following is a general list (not all inclusive) of the state law related to the use of consumer-grade fireworks:

- Cannot be discharged within 150 feet of any building or vehicle, whether or not the building is owned by the fireworks consumer.
- Cannot be discharged on public or private property without owner permission.
- Cannot be discharged within a building or vehicle, regardless if the building or vehicle is owned by the user of the consumer fireworks.
- Cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. Additional details about the PA Fireworks law can be found on the Pennsylvania State Police website: [www.psp.pa.gov](http://www.psp.pa.gov).

### **2024 FIRE PROTECTION & EMS TAX DISTRIBUTIONS**

**FIRE Tax** distributions in 2024 were as follows (after workers' compensation and tax collection deductions):

- \$ 67,160 – Glen Rock Hose & Ladder
- \$ 80,985 – Rose (New Freedom) Fire Company
- \$115,972 – Shrewsbury Fire Company

The formula used to determine the allocations is based upon a flat contribution of \$35,000 plus a percentage based on the number of calls for each department and the assessed value of real estate within each departments service area.

**EMS Tax** distributions in 2024 were as follows (after workers' compensation and tax collection deductions):

- \$ 40,000 – Glen Rock EMS
- \$148,919 – Rose EMS (New Freedom)

The formula used to determine the allocation for Rose EMS (New Freedom) is based on the percentage of calls between New Freedom Borough, Shrewsbury Borough and Shrewsbury Township (which makes up 95% of the total call volume).

The allocation for Glen Rock EMS continues to be a flat contribution, but would change to the same formula used for Rose if the Townships of Codorus & Springfield, and Glen Rock Borough, implement the same formula with their annual contributions.

### **TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DELAY DELAY DUE TO HOLIDAY**

\* **Memorial Day** – The May 29<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) collection will be collected on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, and Friday's normal collection will occur on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

The Pennsylvania Municipal Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Polls are open from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Not sure of your polling location, you can call the York County Office of Elections at 717-771-9604, or you can check online by visiting <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/voterregistrationstatus.aspx>

Shrewsbury Township positions on the 2025 primary ballot are as follows:

- ⇒ Supervisor (6 year term) – One (1) position
- ⇒ Tax Collector (4 year term) – One (1) position
- ⇒ Auditor (4 year term) – One (1) position
- ⇒ Auditor (6 year term) – One (1) position

Contact the York County Office of Election for nomination petitions and important filing dates.



### **BACKYARD CHICKENS**

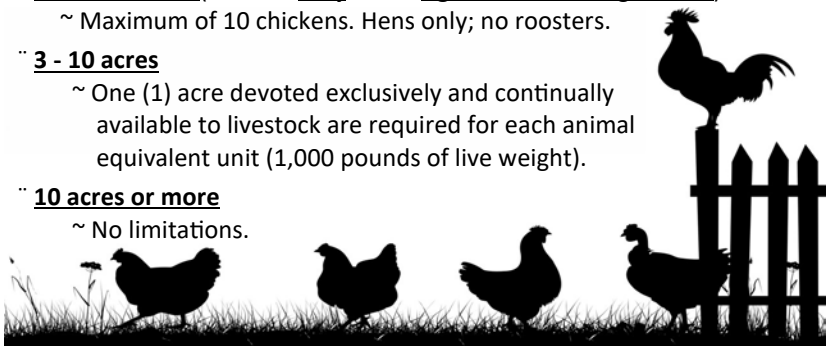
A frequent question asked is whether chickens can be kept on a residential property. The zoning ordinance regulations for chickens are as follows:

The keeping of chickens as emotional support animals is prohibited and are not protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

•• **3 acres or Less** (allowed **only** in the **Agricultural Zoning District**)  
~ Maximum of 10 chickens. Hens only; no roosters.

•• **3 - 10 acres**  
~ One (1) acre devoted exclusively and continually available to livestock are required for each animal equivalent unit (1,000 pounds of live weight).

•• **10 acres or more**  
~ No limitations.



## SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

During the period of March 2024 through January 2025, the following plans have been either received for consideration, have been (conditionally) approved, or approved & recorded at the York County Recorder of Deeds.

### **Pending Plans** (*under review by Township Staff or Board of Supervisors; not yet approved*)

- ~ Glick, Mark & Sarah - Hametown Road; lot line adjustment.
- ~ Laricina Development (formerly known as Smith Tract Development) - E. Tolna Road & Mt. Airy Road; 46 Unit Active Adult Community.
- ~ Misomer Manor - Windy Hill Road; land development plan for 11 residential dwellings.
- ~ Phantom Fireworks - E. Forrest Avenue; land development plan to convert storage building into retail space.
- ~ Presidential Heights Associates - Mt. Airy Road; preliminary subdivision plan for 152 residential dwellings.
- ~ Solomon, William - Boyer Road; subdivision plan for one (1) existing dwelling from main tract.

### **Approved Plans** (*conditional approval*)

- ~ New Haven - Kirchner Road; residential subdivision in New Freedom Borough portion of the property, with a new public street passing through the Township. No development proposed on the Township portion of the property.
- ~ Shrewsbury Commons Joint Venture - Elm Drive; land development for 550,000 sq. ft. warehouse.
- ~ U.S. Industrial Club V Enterprises LLC "Hillwood" - Elm Drive; land development for 611,000 sq. ft. warehouse.

### **Recorded Plans** (*York County Recorder of Deeds*)

- ~ Dun-Par Holdings LLC - 836 E. Forrest Avenue; revised preliminary/final land development plan to redevelop property for mixed use (retail & self-storage).
- ~ Powers & Almony - E. Tolna Road & Keeney Sunset Road; final land development for a 4 lot subdivision.
- ~ Rock Land Company, LLC - 120 Theater Road; final land development for liquid ag fertilizer facility. manufacturing agricultural fertilizer for direct field application.
- ~ ShIPLEY Family Limited Partnership - E. Forrest Avenue; 2 lot land development plan (Royal Farms & ALDI).
- ~ Shymanski, Mychael & Jennifer - Ingham Road; subdivision plan for 3 residential dwelling lots.



### **MEETING DATES**

The following meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Complex  
12341 Susquehanna Trail S, Glen Rock

#### **Board of Supervisors**

March 5, 2025  
April 2, 2025  
May 7, 2025  
June 4, 2025

#### **Planning Commission**

March 19, 2025  
April 16, 2025  
May 21, 2025  
June 18, 2025

### **HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION EVENT**

On Saturday, **May 3, 2025** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, York County residents (no businesses) can participate in this FREE event by dropping off their household waste (hazardous, chemical-based cleaners, etc.) at 2685 Blackthorne Court, York, PA 17405. **PRE-REGISTRATION is REQUIRED**, which will open online and by phone in early March 2025. **717-845-1066**

Additional information can be found at: <https://www.ycswa.com/services/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/> A second event is scheduled for Saturday, **October 11, 2025**.



### **PRESERVED FARMS GROW IN TOWNSHIP**

In 2024 there were two (2) additional Shrewsbury Township farms preserved through the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, adding 136 acres for a new total of 3,366 acres of preserved farmland in Shrewsbury Township.

When land is preserved under the program, a deed of agricultural conservation easement has been executed, and the restrictions placed on the land limits the use to commercial agricultural preservation in perpetuity (forever).



## **CARNIVAL FUN!**

Mark your calendars for the upcoming local carnivals that benefit your local volunteer fire companies and charities.

It is a great way to support the community while having fun!

**June 23 – June 28, 2025: Shrewsbury Firemen’s Carnival**

Visit [www.shrewsburyfire.com/carnival/](http://www.shrewsburyfire.com/carnival/) for details.

**June 30 – July 5, 2025: New Freedom Lions Club Carnival**

Visit [www.newfreedomlionsclub.org/carnival/](http://www.newfreedomlionsclub.org/carnival/) for details.

## **PA PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM**



Older adults and people with disabilities 18 and older in Pennsylvania may be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 in rebates. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program supports homeowners and renters across Pennsylvania by providing a rebate ranging from \$380 to \$1,000 to eligible older adults and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The program is supported by funds from the Pennsylvania Lottery and Gaming.

Homeowners and renters in Pennsylvania may be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 through a standard rebate. The amount of money you will receive is based on your income. Some applicants may qualify for supplemental rebates as well.

Income	Maximum Rebate
\$0 - \$8,270	\$1,000
\$8,271 - \$15,510	\$770
\$15,511 - \$18,610	\$460
\$18,611 - \$46,520	\$380

This program supports Pennsylvania homeowners and renters who are 65 and older, widows or widowers 50 and older, or people with disabilities 18 and older. In addition to age requirements, your household income must be \$46,520 or less annually.

There are a few ways to apply for the program: by mail, in-person, or online at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/revenue/incentives-credits-and-programs/ptrr.html>.

**Applications are due by June 30, 2025.**

## **RECREATION DIRECTOR NAMED**

The Southern York County Regional Recreation Commission that was formed between New Freedom Borough and Shrewsbury Township welcomed Gina Porter as its Director of Recreation, who began her duties in April 2024.



Gina is a native of the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of Upstate NY. She moved to Maryland in 2000 to attend the University of Maryland, where she earned a degree in Education. In 2008 she moved to York County where she has resided since. Gina is currently working towards a master’s degree in Recreation and Parks Management at Slippery Rock University.

In 2009 she began working as a naturalist, having worked at parks and nature centers in Baltimore, York, and Lancaster Counties. Eventually she transitioned into Recreation and Parks Management where she managed nature, agricultural, and recreational facilities.

Gina is a mother to three adventurous teenagers and lives in the Spring Grove area. She enjoys cooking, gardening, hiking, and travel.

The Recreation Commission office is located at 49 East High Street, New Freedom (in the New Freedom Borough building). Gina can be reached by calling 717-235-2337 or by email at [recreation@newfreedomboro.org](mailto:recreation@newfreedomboro.org). Check out the Commission’s website for programming and other information at <https://newfreedompa.myrec.com/>

### **Office Hours**

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

**Friday**  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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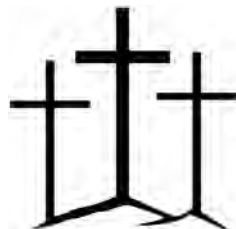


# **HOLIDAY CLOSING**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
President’s Day



**April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Good Friday



**May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Memorial Day



**July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Independence Day



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