

# Shrewsbury Township News

Summer 2013

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### *Electronic Recycling Changes*



Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, photo ID will be required to drop off electronic recycling at the Township Municipal Building. Since the drop off program began in February, there has been an overwhelming response; many of which are not township residents. As a result, the Township can no longer accept items from anyone other than Township residents and businesses.

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## Why is Spaying & Neutering so Important?

### *The Truth about Pet Overpopulation in your Community*

Thousands of animals make their way to the York County SPCA every year and sadly, many are euthanized. The reasons why they are euthanized will vary. Some animals are sick or injured and others are feral or have a behavioral or medical problem, which renders them unadoptable. But many animals will be euthanized simply because there is no space for them.

How do we solve this problem? We as a community need to aggressively approach the overpopulation problem with a concerted spay/neuter effort. This is especially true in our rural communities where outdoor and feral cats are a way of life.

Did you know that a cat can become pregnant as early as 4-6 months of age and that just one unsplayed female cat and her offspring can produce 11,606,077 cats in 9 years? Furthermore, did you know that according to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, cats are the most common domestic animal to test positive for rabies in the United States and from 2008 to 2011, Pennsylvania reported more rabid cats than any other state.



Utilizing the TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) program through the York County SPCA addresses the aforementioned problems for feral cats. Not only will cats be sterilized through the program, they will receive a rabies vaccine as well. Please contact the York County SPCA at (717) 764-6109 ext 125 to inquire about having your pets spayed or neutered. If you have a large number of cats on your property or are feeding a feral cat colony, the York County SPCA can assist you with transportation of the cats.

The York County SPCA's new high volume clinic will open in August 2013. We hope that you will do your part to end the suffering and euthanasia of unwanted dogs and cats in our community by having your pet spayed or neutered.



### *Township Closings:*

- \*July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day
- \*September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Labor Day

### Proposed Improvements to Exit 4

Five options to improve the I-83 Exit 4 Interchange have been considered by the York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO), which were as follows:

**Bowtie** - estimated cost: \$2,146,720

- Affect northbound ramp only; right turn only (no left turn)
- Construct roundabout at Wolfe Road
- Least expensive alternative
- Problematic: drivers not expecting to go to Wolfe Road to be able to head back to Shrewsbury Borough; expands ramp operational area

**Dumbbell** – estimated cost: \$3,683,824

- Construct roundabouts at exit ramps
- No benefit realized

**Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)** - estimated cost: \$4,943,756

- Keeps 3 lanes under bridge
- Continued use of existing (2) signalized intersections
- Allows flexibility to revert back to traditional diamond or Tight Urban Diamond when bridge replacement is warranted.
- Construction possible by 2015 or 2016
- \$2.8 million already earmarked for this exit
- ✓ YAMPO approved TIP for preliminary engineering in April 2013

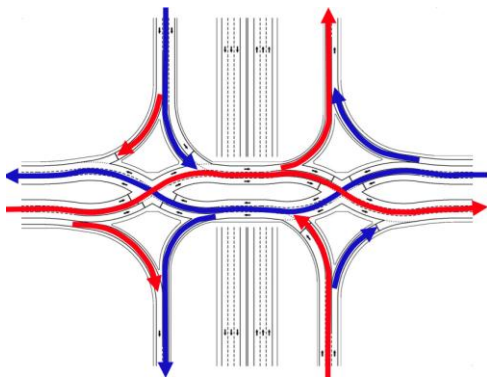
**Quadrant Ramps** - estimated cost: \$11,513,416

- Lengthy study process
- Existing northbound ramps would be eliminated
- Major Right-of-Way issue
- Existing businesses would be located inside the interchange
- Does not meet service requirements

**Tight Urban Diamond (TUD)** – estimated cost: in excess of \$12,000,000

- Requires 4 lanes under bridge (currently 3)
- Would require bridge replacement to expand to 4 lanes

After weighing all of the options and factoring in considerations such as time tables, effectiveness, longevity, overall benefit, and cost, YAMPO chose to move forward with further study and design of the **Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)**. Below is a diagram that shows the flow of traffic in a DDI. To learn more about a DDI, visit the websites listed as the bottom of this page.



**YouTube video of a DDI:** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEK\\_fWcY01A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEK_fWcY01A)

**Engineering example of a DDI:** <http://www.erdmananthony.com/ProjectPortfolio/Detail.aspx?id=334>



## Board Actions (April – June 2013)

The Board of Supervisors took the following actions at their April, May, and June 2013 meetings. Full minutes are available to view on the Township website.

- Approved a waiver for a sewage planning module for Messina Plaza, 144 Manchester Street, Glen Rock.
- Approved a Release & Settlement Agreement with certain property owners of Russett Farm Drive, Russett Farm Homeowners Association, and Lennar (the developer). The agreement addresses a stormwater issue affecting four (4) Russett Farm Drive properties. Lennar will contribute \$10,000 toward the cost to address the stormwater issue.
- Approved Stormwater Utility Easement Agreements with owners of 17186, 17194, 17202 & 17210 Russett Farm Drive.
- Authorized a Community Recreation and Conservation grant application to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The grant request is in the amount of \$120,000, which if approved, would be match by the Township, for a total project cost of \$240,000. The funds would be used to improve Winchester and Windy Hill Parks. Announcement of grant awards is expected in November 2013.
- Awarded various 1-year contracts for road materials.
- Entered into an agreement with Messina Highlands for the installation of a traffic signal on Mt. Airy Road at the entrance to Shrewsbury Commons Shopping Center and the entrance to the Messina Highlands project on the west side of the road.
- Approved Resolution No. 2013-07, which authorized submission of a traffic signal agreement to PennDOT for the Messina Highland project (Mt. Airy Road – across from Shrewsbury Commons Shopping Center).
- Approved Resolution No. 2013-08, which authorized the filing of a declaration of condemnation (if necessary) for a small portion (87 sq. ft.) of 3092 Walker Road for the Seitzland sewer project.
- Authorized the Township Manager to apply for a \$30,000 grant from York County for improvements to the tot lot and for handicap accessibility improvements at Hametown Park. The grant is a matching grant, for a total project cost of \$60,000, which will take place in 2014. The County's funds are from the Marcellus Shale allocation for 2014. The York County Commissioners awarded the grant at their June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- Approved the installation of a camera security system at the Township's Municipal Building. The lowest bid for the seven (7) camera system was \$4,826.43.
- Authorized the Township's sewer engineer to begin securing right-of-ways for properties within Phase 3 of the Seitzland sewer project, which is anticipated for construction in 2014.
- Approved Resolution No. 2013-09, which adopted York County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Authorized a speed limit and 3-way stop traffic study for Madison Drive.
- Authorized the Township Solicitor to advertise an ordinance for consideration at the July Board meeting, which would amend the weed and vegetation control ordinance.

### Meeting Dates

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

### Elected Officials

#### Board of Supervisors

- Jeff Rennoll, Chair  
(term expires 12/2017)
- Bill Cox, Vice Chair  
(term expires 12/2017)
- Cynthia DeLeone  
(term expires 12/ 2015)
- Sue Fox  
(term expires 12/2015)
- Gene Montanarelli  
(term expires 12/2013)

#### Tax Collector

- Julie Rohrbaugh

## Third Party Billing for Emergency Responses

Under Chapter 10, Part 4, of the Code of Ordinances of Shrewsbury Township, local fire companies are authorized "to recover the reasonable costs of firefighting materials, equipment, personnel hours, and hazardous abatement materials involving and hazardous material incident, or fire, or safety and rescue incident or operation, including vehicular accidents." The local fire companies authorized to recover costs from insurance companies are Glen Rock Hose & Ladder Volunteer Fire Company, Rose Volunteer Fire Company, and Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company.

**What does this mean?** If any of these fire companies respond to an emergency call to your property or a vehicle accident in which you are involved, the fire company has the **discretion** to third party bill your insurance company for appropriate costs. You as an individual will not be billed; only your insurance company. If you receive a bill directly, please call Rose Fire Company to resolve the billing issue. As of this time, Rose Volunteer Fire Company is the only fire company of those serving the Township that makes use of this program.



## Shrewsbury Township

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