



Shrewsbury Township News

Spring 2018

Spring Cleaning

Spring is the season for many outside chores. This includes planting or renewing flower beds, mulching, starting vegetable gardens, pruning and planting trees and tending to the yard. The Spring season is also the ideal time of year to “tidy up” your property since snow has melted and vegetation has not leafed out, resulting in clutter or litter becoming more apparent. Recyclable litter should be disposed of in recycle bins and

other waste placed in garbage containers, or if suitable, it should be composted.



In addition to being unsightly, litter, trash or other forms of waste material can also harbor or encourage mosquitos as well as rodents such as rats. These “critters” carry and/or spread various human diseases. Residents should be aware that if clutter or litter accumulation becomes a serious issue, the Township has existing

regulations which require a property owner to clean it up or be subject to a fine.

Be advised that litter attributable to passing motorists or other sources outside of your property is your responsibility if it ends up on your property. Residents are also encouraged to collect and dispose of litter within the right-of-way of streets and roads, in our parks and other public places.

The Township faces many spring season demands, particularly in our parks and open space areas. With continuing growth and improvements to our parks, more help was needed to maintain them properly. A new employee position was created and recently filled, with priority on the maintenance, repair and improvement of our parks and open spaces.



Well maintained and litter free properties increase individual neighborhood and community property values as well as quality of life. Let’s all do our part!

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Jacob Cornwell stands on the bridge constructed for his Eagle Scout project.

Eagle Scout contributes to Miller Park

Township resident and Eagle Scout candidate **Jacob Cornwell** recently completed the construction of a foot bridge at Miller Park. In conjunction with the nature walking path around the DAK wetlands and stormwater basin, Jacob organized and lead the construction of a foot bridge over the overflow area of the stormwater basin. Prior to Jacob’s project, visitors using the nature trail were forced to turnaround when they reached the basin’s overflow. Now, through the efforts of Jacob, visitors can fully enjoy the nature trail. He was responsible for the bridge’s design, the raising of funds needed to purchase materials, and organized and directed the bridge’s construction. Jacob is scheduled to formally receive his Eagle Scout ranking on April 21, 2018. Congratulations, Jacob, on your accomplishment of earning Eagle Scout designation, and thank you for your contribution to the community, which completed an important component to the Miller Park trail system. Well done, Jacob!

Your Real Estate Tax Dollar



| <u>School</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Township</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 75.20% | 23.07% | 1.65% |
| 18.92 mills | 5.8 mills | .414 mills * |
| \$3,562.88 | \$1,092.22 | \$77.96 |

Total Real Estate Tax - \$4,733.06
(average residential home assessed at \$188,313)

*Includes 0.074 mills general real estate tax and 0.34 mills designated for fire protection.

To calculate your tax bill:

Convert the millage rate to its decimal equivalent to make the calculation easier. To do so, multiply the millage rate by .001.

-Example: 5 mills X .001 = .005

Multiply this figure by the property's assessed value

-Example: A tax rate of 5 mills and a property assessed at \$150,000

Calculation: \$150,000 X .005 = \$750

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

April 4th

May 2nd

June 6th

July 11th

Planning Commission

April 18th

May 16th

June 20th

July 18th

2018 Pennsylvania Primary Election Dates



The General Primary will be held on **May 15th**, with polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The offices on the ballot include: PA Governor/Lt. Governor, U.S. House Representative & Senator, Pennsylvania House Representative & Senator, as well as Democrat and Republican Local & State Committee Representatives.

Important General Primary dates for voters are as follows:

- April 16, 2018—Last day to Register before the Primary
- May 8, 2018—Last day to apply for civilian absentee ballot
- May 11, 2018—last day for County Elections to receive absentee ballots
- **May 15, 2018—GENERAL ELECTION**

Office Hours

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

Friday
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Closings



July 4th



Yard Sale (and similar) Signs

Election and yard sale season brings out a variety of yard signs. Please keep in mind that the placement of this type of temporary sign is prohibited from being placed in a street right-of-way or on utility and traffic control signs; either could result in the immediate removal by the Township without notification. Repeat offenders may be cited, resulting in a fine and court costs amounting up to \$600 per day.



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)

Board Reorganization

The Board of Supervisors reorganized at their January 2, 2018 meeting:

Chairman - Art Rutledge

Vice Chairman - Jeff Rennoll

Manager - Todd Zeigler

Recording Secretary - Wendy Brown

Electronic Recycling

York County Solid Waste Authority

York County Solid Waste Authority's Residential Electronics Recycling Program is free and open to York County residents ONLY. It's hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The program is conducted at the Small Load Drop-Off Facility at the York County Resource Recovery Center, 2651 Blackbridge Road, York, PA.



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

- Penn Township: www.penntwp.com, 717-637-1561
- Fairview Township: twp.fairview.pa.us, 717-901-5200

Material accepted in the programs includes electronic "covered devices" 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 Freon. Examples of Freon-containing items include refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

South Central York County Senior Center



The primary mission of the South Central York County Senior Center is to establish and maintain a senior center that provides programs to facilitate the social, emotional, cultural, economic, and physical well-being of senior citizens regardless of race, religion and nationality.

South Central Senior Center is located in New Freedom Borough, at 150 E. Main Street. You may reach the Senior Center by calling 717-235-6060.

The Senior Center offers many activities, programs, volunteer opportunities, and social gatherings.

Outdoor Burn Permits

Before conducting any open burning, a **burn permit**, valid for the calendar year, must be obtained from Shrewsbury Township at a fee of **\$5.00**.

All permits are issued in the name of the property owner and shall be signed by one or more of the owners.



Libraries serving Shrewsbury Township

There are two libraries within the York County Library system that serve Shrewsbury Township, both of which receive an annual contribution from the Township. Location and contact information for each library is as follows:

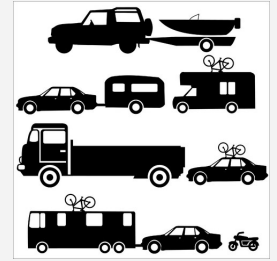
- **Paul Smith Library of Southern York County**
80 Constitution Avenue
Shrewsbury, PA 17361
717-235-4313
- **Arthur Hufnagel Public Library of Glen Rock**
32 Main Street
Glen Rock, PA 17327
717-235-1127



Website for York County Libraries: <https://www.yorklibraries.org/>

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.



Trash & Recycling Collection Delayed by Holidays

Due to the Memorial Day (May 28th) and Independence Day (July 4th) holidays, trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one (1) day.

* **Thursday collections** will occur on **Friday (June 1st & July 6th)**.

* **Friday collections** will occur on **Saturday (June 2nd & July 7th)**.

**Garbage & Recycling
COLLECTION DELAY**



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 \$2,715,804.

Home Vacation Check

Planning a vacation and want an extra check of your property? The PA State Police will conduct home checks while you are away.

To request a home check, call the PA State Police at 428-1011 and tell them *"I would like a home check while I'm away."*



Township or State Road?

Have a question or a concern with a roadway within Shrewsbury Township, but not sure who to call? The following is a list of state roads; any issues should be reported to either 717-848-6230 (York) or 1-800-FIX-ROAD (1-800-349-7623):

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| - Bonair Road | - Plank Road |
| - Bowser Road | - Pleasant Valley Road |
| - Campbell Road | - Railroad Avenue |
| - Church Street | - Rockville Road |
| - Constitution Avenue | - Front Street |
| - Forrest Avenue | - Steltz Road |
| - Fissels Church Road | - Stewartstown Road |
| - Glen Rock Road | - Susquehanna Trail |
| - Hain Road | - Toad Valley Road |
| - I-83 | - Clearview Drive |
| - Manchester Street | - Windy Hill Road |
| - Mt. Zion Road | |

All other road and streets are the Township's responsibility, except for private drives and lanes. Concerns should be reported to the Township at 717-235-3011 (ext. 103).

I-83 Exit 4 Update

As many are aware, Exit 4 of Interstate 83 is slated for reconstruction. The project includes the lengthening of the northbound Exit 4 ramp, replacement of the I-83 bridge over E. Forrest Avenue (to allow future lane widening to six lanes), widening of E. Forrest Avenue to four lanes in the area of Exit 4, and the construction of Diverging Diamond Interchange.

The current schedule anticipates construction to begin in Spring 2019 and end in Spring 2021.

Details of the project, and to learn more about a Diverging Diamond Interchange, visit PennDOT's website, which can be accessed through the Township website:

www.shrewsburytownship.org

(click on "Exit 4")



Sewer Rate Increases for Shrewsbury Borough Customers

The Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Authority announced a rate increase for both the fixed charge and the tier sewer fees. This increase is necessary for two basic reasons:

- ◆ The first is the cost of maintaining our infrastructure and the need to make sewer plant upgrades to regain the plant's capacity. The need to replace our old sewer lines has been a re-occurring necessity which will remain with us for many years. In the case of our sewer costs, infiltration of ground water into the lines requires us to process that water at the plant, thus driving up our operating costs. In the past few years we have used a "sewer liner technique" that has worked well for us. We must continue this process or pay the price with the increased operating costs.
- ◆ The second aspect of this rate increase is the need to process the sewage at the plant in such a manner as to remain below the DEP/Susquehanna River Basin Commission's mandates for nitrates, phosphates, and sediments. The plant capacity that was designed in 1990 is no longer possible to produce while remaining under these mandates. New Freedom Borough (the operator of the sewer plant) is conducting engineering studies to select the best method to regain the plant capacity.

The Municipal Authority feels it best to start building a capital fund to handle the plant capacity upgrades and wishes to avoid the need to finance it through a bond. The high costs of issuing a bond are best avoided, and can be if we plan now for this future expense.

The average residential customer will see a \$10.00 increase per quarter and the commercial/industrial customers will see at least a \$21.00 increase per quarter.

(submitted by Shrewsbury Borough)



PLAN AHEAD 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, repaving of existing, 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. This could include required fencing in some instances, and pool alarms must be installed.

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 new plumbing, mechanical, electric, or structural changes are involved, a permit is required.

Medication Drop-Box Program

In collaboration with the York County Solid Waste Authority and the DEA Drug Take Back Initiative, sixteen (16) York County police departments, including Southern Regional Police Department (SRPD), participate in the medication take-back program.

To make use of this safe and no-cost disposal service, simply take your unwanted medications to the SRPD's secure drop-off boxes. Lobby hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at 45 E. High Street, New Freedom. (In 2016, the program collected 4.2 tons of medication.)



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Glen Rock, PA 17327

Phone: 717-235-3011
Fax: 717-227-0662

www.shrewsburytownship.org

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PERMIT NO. 45

FREE Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program

The York County Solid Waste Authority's (YCSWA) annual **HHW Collection** Program will be conducted on **May 5, 2018** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at **915 Woodland View Drive, York, PA 17406**. There is **no fee for York County residents** to participate. **Businesses and government entities are not eligible to participate.**

Accepted items include: thermometers containing mercury; liquid mercury; smoke detectors; auto fluids, such as transmission fluid, brake fluids and antifreeze; car batteries; rechargeable batteries, such as Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead (Pb); driveway sealant; compact fluorescent light bulbs and fluorescent lamps; gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel and butane; herbicides and pesticides; household cleaners; chemistry kits; photographic chemicals; and pool chemicals.

Unaccepted items include: explosives, propane tanks, ammunition, radioactive waste, alkaline batteries (may be disposed of in your regular garbage), and latex or oil-based paint (may be disposed of in your regular garbage).

If you can't participate in the County's scheduled Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, an option called "*At Your Door Special CollectionSM*" may be for you. York County residents can schedule two pick-ups per home each calendar year and request up to two "kit bags" per pick-up to fill with accepted household hazardous products. These "*At Your Door Special CollectionSM*" pick-ups require a \$15 co-pay.

For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, call the Authority at (717) 845-1066 or visit their webpage at: www.ycswa.com and click on "*Authority Events & Programs*," then "*Household Hazardous Waste Program*."

