E-Pathways Important Information from Schwenksville Borough



E-Pathways: Your direct source for information

Dear Residents & Friends,

For the last four plus months our country, our state, our county and our community have been fighting a battle against an invisible foe known as COVID19. This virus has sickened many and took the life of a long time community volunteer way too early. We are very proud of the Schwenksville Community's response to the less than ideal conditions public health concerns have warranted. As of yesterday, Schwenksville's confirmed cases stands at 15 which is roughly 1% of our population.

We ask that everyone respect the myriad of opinions and beliefs that contribute to our diversity and community identity. This includes understanding and respecting that businesses and public offices are doing their best to comply with state and public health guidelines such as wearing a mask in public, social distancing, following new directions for standing in lines and checking out and staying behind plexiglass and out of restricted areas.

Borough Council and Schwenksville Planning Commission are conducting monthly meetings via zoom. Information on how to log on to a meeting is posted on the website calendar and and agendas are posted on-line as well. We will continue to conduct meetings online until social distancing is possible in our new building or until it is no longer necessary. Thank you and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Schwenksville Borough

Bike Helmet Giveaway Tuesday August 4th

Tuesday, August 4th at the Main Street Plaza, 300 Main Street, Schwenksville from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM there will be a



Bike Helmet Giveaway sponsored by The Partnership TMA of Montgomery County.

While supplies last bike helmets will be given away to students grades K-8th grade and Adults 65 years or older. PLEASE MEASURE HEAD SIZES AHEAD OF TIME OR SANITIZED TAPE MEASURES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

The Park Drive will be accessible for parking. Additional parking is located in the Meadow by the Boat Ramp.

New Website is Launched!

Our new website powered by ReviZe, the government website experts, has launched at www.Schwenksville-pa.org.

We are very excited to start using the new website and simply could not wait any longer. However, we ask you to be patient while we continue to make it completely operational. There are some functions that need to be activated and we will be adding more records and content as time permits. Right to Know Requests for anything not found on the Website must be submitted in order to obtain the desired record.

Where you see a word or a named underlined it means there is a link and it should connect you to a web page or an email server.

Please note that we are still adding documents, adding information, creating new fillable forms and making corrections. Please check it out and submit your comments to let us know what you think! We welcome suggestions or comments about items that aren't quite working the way you expected, or errors you have found that we should correct. We are working hard to make the adjustments.

Thank you in advance for your patience!

Sponsors Needed



You may have noticed bronze medallions installed in the sidewalk on South Main Street, next door to Perkiomen Bicycles and near the corner of Maple Street. These medallions are part of the the Borough's Main Street Streetscaping Plan and are way to involve residents and businesses in our revitalization efforts.

We are currently looking for sponsors for at least two more medallions that will be installed in the 200 and 300 block of

Main Street on the west side during reconstruction anticipated for 2021. Sponsors can submit design ideas consistent with our guidelines for the medallion they contribute to financially. For more information about this please review our Streetscaping Catalog or contact info@schwenksville-pa.org.

2020 US Census Please Submit your forms

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The Borough's population and income statistics help determine eligibility for grant funds. It is critical that all residents of Schwenksville Borough complete their census.

Schwenksville Borough applies for many grants to help us implement our capital improvement plans that include highly visible projects such as Main Street streetscaping and Meadow Park improvements as well as low visibility projects such as improvements to both what's in the ground (stormwater management infrastructure) as well as what's above ground - repairs to the road surface. The grants are a critical means of stretching our limited tax dollars to address the much needed maintenance. Please help us by completing your US Census. You can follow this Link for information on how to submit your census either electronically, by phone or through the mail. Or, you can call one of these numbers:

English and Spanish Language Hours of Operation: Customer Service Representatives are available every day from 7am to 2am Eastern Time on the following phone lines:

English: 844-330-2020Spanish: 844-468-202

Meadow Park & the Perkiomen Trail

Neither Meadow Park or the Perkiomen Trail closed during the Pandemic except for the normal rules about closing from Dusk to Dawn. Please practice social distancing and use common sense and come back later if it seems too crowded. Also, please use trash and recycling cans and report to us if they are full or over flowing at 610-287-7442. They are on a weekly schedule to be emptied but the increased use has created problems.

It is unfortunate that the shared parking for the park and the trail is temporarily blocked by construction. We encourage visitors to use the boat ramp parking in the Meadow and to use on-street parking. Please be advised that the vacant former Gas Station property is private property not approved for parking of any sort and the vacant lot adjacent to the Park Entrance is private property as well. Contractors for the construction project have permission to park there.

Music in the Meadow Summer Concert Series is Cancelled for 2020

Due to concerns for everyone's health, including members of the band as well as the public, we have cancelled the 2020 Summer Concert Series "Music in the Meadow". We cannot enforce attendance limits to groups of less than 25

and cannot enforce social distancing. We hope to have the bands and you back in 2021.

On-line sources of Information

Montgomery County has daily press briefings usually at 3 PM or 3:30 PM.

https://www.montcopa.org/3468/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19

https://data-montcopa.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/covid-19

Senator Robert Mensch also is providing his constituents updates and & Info and his website provides many links and helpful information.

https://www.senatormensch.com/

Pennsylvania State Representative Marcy Toepel's office is also providing much needed information and assistance.

http://www.reptoepel.com/

Public Nuisance Complaints

We have received a complaint that someone is riding dirt bikes are ATV's on public roadways during early morning hours and late evening hours. It is illegal to ride these vehicles on public roadways and the State Police should be notified at the time of the occurrence. Their response will depend on what higher priority calls they have and where their patrol cars are.

We have also received complaints about pet owners who are not picking up after their pets and disposing of the pet waste properly both in their own neighborhoods and on public sidewalks and property. Please be a responsible pet owner and be considerate of your neighbors and the public.

 There are pet waste bag dispensers at the County Information Kiosk by the park entrance and by the Route 73 Trail Head; also, the Borough installed one in Meadow Park recently.

Want to get involved? Want make a difference in your community?

The Borough is looking to add new members to the Revitalization Task Force, the Park and Recreation Board and the Activities Committee. If you would like to get involved please submit a <u>Volunteer Application</u>, to Info@schwenksvillepa.org.

Revitalization Task Force -- A committee not limited to residents that includes business owners and residents of surrounding municipalities and is tasked with updating the Revitalization Plan, helping to implement the Main Street Plan and Design Guidelines, and making recommendations for economic and community development planning and other initiatives.

Park & Recreation Board - A Board assembled to assist Borough Council with maintaining Meadow Park and other natural and recreation areas in the Borough. The Board also acts as an advisory board to recommend improvements for the Borough's Facilities . It involves physical labor and active

volunteerism.

Activities Committee - A committee assembled to plan community events and activities. Currently, the primary events are Community Day, and the Summer Concert Series. However, the Borough is interested in planning and scheduling new events and activities to benefit the community and welcomes fresh ideas and volunteers willing to see their idea through from concept to implementation.

Learn More About Stormwater Management

Stormwater Management is the responsibility of everyone. The Borough is responsible to manage its Municipal Storm System - by cleaning out the stormwater pipes, repairing them when they fail and inspecting them in accordance with the MS4 permit. The Borough is also responsible for public outreach and education. Check out our <u>Stormwater Information Page</u> on the new website! Please help us keep our water clean and safe by preventing contamination from entering the storm system, by keeping storm drains free of obstructions and by <u>reporting concerns</u>.

Should you have questions or concerns about information contained in this e-newsletter; about projects being undertaken by Schwenksville Borough or about Borough operations please contact us at info@schwenksville-pa.org or call 610-287-7442. Residents are also welcomed to attend a Council Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each Month at 7 PM --except for January of even years when the Borough conducts a reorganization meeting the first Monday or day after a Monday holiday in January.

Hours of Operation

M- Thursday 9 AM - 5PM [closed 12PM to 1PM] Friday 9AM - 2PM 140 Main Street Schwenksville, PA 19473 Phone (610) 287-7442 Fax (610)287-8098



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