E-Pathways Important Information from Schwenksville Borough



## E-Pathways: Your direct source for information

Dear Residents & Friends,

As 2020 quickly speeds by we would like to wish you a happy and safe holiday season. A special thank you to Harmony Hill Nursery and Events by Organized Chaos for donating and arranging the planters on Main Street Plaza with evergreens and winterberry.

We hope that this e-news finds you and your family safe and healthy. We join Montgomery County in reminding all residents that the COVID19 Pandemic is not over and we must all do our part to keep it at bay until vaccines are readily available to the general public.

- Avoid Family Gatherings with people outside of your quarantine Group and work from home if you have that option.
- Take some time for yourself to enjoy the outdoors in solitary fashion or partake in a safe activity that brings you peace and reduces stress.
- Look out for your neighbors' wellbeing.
- Seek assistance if you need assistance.
- Respect Social Distancing from others in public places
- Wear a mask in public places, especially in grocery stores and large capacity venues.
- Be mindful of the State Restrictions for indoor and outdoor gatherings.

For the time being, <u>Borough Council</u> and Schwenksville <u>Planning Commission</u> will continue to conduct monthly meetings via zoom. Information on how to log on to a meeting is posted on the <u>website calendar</u> and and agendas are posted on-line as well. Thank you and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Schwenksville Borough

## **Snow Emergency Declared 12/15 to 12/18**

A SNOW EMERGENCY has been ordered by the Mayor of Schwenksville effective 8:00 AM, Wednesday, December 16, 2020 and lasting until 8:00 PM on Friday December 18, 2020.

Pursuant to Chapter 163, Article V, <u>Emergency Snow Routes</u> of Schwenksville Borough Code of



Ordinances, no personal shall park or leave a parked vehicle during a declared Snow Emergency or after 3 inches of accumulated snow in any of the identified Emergency Snow Routes. Vehicles Parked in the Snow Emergency Areas may be towed.

Please remove all vehicles from the posted roadways. Please also be aware of Borough Ordinances that require a 24" wide path to be shoveled for all sidewalks within 24 hours of the cessation of the snow. Please clear openings for all Fire Hydrants and crosswalk openings along your frontage. If you know of any neighbors who need assistance complying with this requirement please consider lending a helping hand. With heavy snow expected its important to stay hydrated, take breaks and complete the task in chunks.

Winter Maintenance Policy
Snow Route Map
Sidewalk Snow Removal

## **Borough Council Responds to Residents**

At their December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Schwenksville Borough Council listened to approximately 20 residents provide public comment on the proposed draft 2021 Budget and accompanying Tax Ordinance that was authorized for advertisement and public comment at their November 12th Meeting.

After considering the comments and concerns voiced by residents, members of the Finance Committee responded to the residents by making a motion to lower the tax increase to 1 mill and reduce expenditures by the approximately \$18,000 necessary to balance the budget. The motion was approved unanimously by Council. A one mill increase would bring the Borough tax Rate from 6.4 mill to 7.4 mill. This will increase the General Operating Revenue Tax Rate to 6.94 mill, while keeping .36 mill for the fire company and .10 for the library unchanged.

For more information please visit the <u>Borough Website</u>. The revised budget and legal notices are published; public comments should be submitted to aklepfer@schwenksville-pa.org. A Special Meeting to

consider adoption of the Budget and Tax Ordinance is scheduled for Monday December 28, 2020 at 7 PM on Zoom.

### **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/

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

The Borough is looking to add new members to the Planning Commission, Revitalization Task Force, the Park and Recreation Board and the Activities Committee; opening for other Authorities, Boards or Commissions may also be available in the future. If you would like to get involved please submit a Volunteer Application, to Info@schwenksville-pa.org.

**Planning Commission** - The Planning Commission's responsibilities are outlined in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The primary responsibilities included preparation and review of municipal zoning and subdivision/land development codes; review of Applications for Subdivision or Land Development and special planning projects.

**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 <a href="mailto:info@schwenksville-pa.org">info@schwenksville-pa.org</a> 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**

### **Through October 30th**

M- Thursday 9 AM - 5PM [closed 12PM to 1PM] Friday 9AM - 2PM 300 Main Street Schwenksville, PA 19473 Phone (610) 287-7442 Fax (610)287-8098



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