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### **Dear Residents & Friends,**

Happy New Year to everyone! And thank you to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for teaching people everywhere that their voice matters and that change is possible.

Our year started with the Re-organization of Borough Council following the 2019 Election.



Newly Elected Officials and Appointed Officials to Borough Elective Offices were administered their oath of Office. Following that Borough Council chose their Officers and approved committee assignments.

### **Your Borough Officials are:**

Darren Rash - Council President  
Lee Ann Miller - Vice President  
Chris Melville  
Sarah Knickerbocker  
Maureen Harte

**Mayor** - Joseph Giunta

**Tax Collector** - Thomas Laconis

**Auditors:** Paula Steiger, Sue Rash

## Meeting Procedures Policy Adopted

After Re-organizing, one of the first items of business for the newly sworn in Council was adoption of a Meeting Procedures Policy. This policy provides guidelines for Council, Staff and the Public for the conduct of a Public Meeting. This policy is being made available to the public on the Borough Website - [www.schwenksville-pa.org](http://www.schwenksville-pa.org) and via this e-newsletter and will be available in print form at Borough Hall.

- Borough Staff will make every effort to post Agendas for upcoming Meetings along with supporting information at least two days in advance of the Borough Council Meeting.
- Borough Council will announce Meeting Procedures, ask for public comment on any Borough-related topic before action items are voted on
- The public will be asked to limit their comments to a maximum of 3 minutes at the beginning of the meeting; this rule does not apply to public hearings.
- The public will be asked to identify themselves and to indicate whether or not they are recording or transmitting the meeting.

It is important to state and convey that Borough Council invites public participation in monthly Council meetings and wishes to improve preparations for public meetings, improve accessibility to borough information and keep meetings running smoothly so that borough business can be accomplished in an orderly fashion. Attendees are not limited to agenda items and may provide public comment on issues important to them and the Borough. Borough Council is excited to be launching a new website which will be easier to navigate and will make staying up to speed on Borough affairs easier from a mobile device or personal computer.

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## Borough Web Site Re-design Planned

The Borough has engaged a consultant to re-design the Borough Web-site and make it mobile friendly. The new website will also have additional features and capabilities that will allow the Borough to offer new services such as applying for and paying for permits on line; receiving Alerts and Notifications; reserving Meadow Park or the new Community Room; or renting space on the electronic sign. If you are interested in sharing what features are important to you or making suggestions, please feel free to complete this [short survey](#).

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## Borough Hall & Community Room Renovations Set to Begin



The Notice to Proceed has been issued and beginning January 20th, renovations to 300 Main Street to convert the former Fire House into a new Borough Hall Building and Community Room will get under way. A contract has been awarded to Uhrig Construction. The project is being financed with a low interest, long term loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program.

Please pardon our appearance and use caution when parking at Meadow Park.

**Also, unfortunately, the electronic message board at that location will be unavailable during construction. We apologize for any inconvenience. The project is expected to take six months for completion.**

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## Household Hazardous Waste Dates

## Announced

Each year, Montgomery County hosts Household Hazardous Waste Recycling events at various locations in the County. 2020 Events are now advertised on the County website [MontcoPARecycles.org](http://MontcoPARecycles.org). Saturday April 25th at Boyertown Middle School East 2020 Big Road in Gilbertsville is the first and closest event. For all of the visits, please consult their [brochure](#).

## Habitat For Humanity Critical Home Repair Program Taking Applications

The goal of the Critical Home Repair (CHR) program is to keep families across Montgomery and Delaware Counties in their homes. The program is designed for homeowners who have experienced a life change and as a result, may find themselves unable to maintain, add, or repair critical aspects of their homes. The CHR program provides low-cost, critical home repairs to prevent low-income owners from being displaced from their residences, and to protect the affordable housing stock in Montgomery and Delaware Counties. **APPLICATION OPEN: January 1, 2020 - March 31, 2020**

## Stormwater Management Public Information Meeting

The Lower Frederic Environmental Education Council is hosting a [Public Information Meeting](#) on the topic of Stormwater Management. The Meeting is planned for 7 PM on January 27th and will be hosted at the Perkiomen Township Municipal Building located at 1 Trappe Road, Collegetown PA 19426. The meeting is intended for the General Public. An RSVP is not needed but would be helpful to give them an idea how many people might be attending.

## Pennsylvania State Police Youth Week Now Accepting Applications

A six day [camp](#) to introduce students interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement or a branch of the military. The program includes but not limited to marching in platoon formation, participate in a drill competition, physical training, forensics, canine, SERT team, drug laws, marksmanship course, and familiarity with weapons. [To participate:](#) students ages 15-17 should be in good health, be physically fit and have good behavior records.

## Revitalization Task Force, Park & Recreation Committee & Activities Committee Help Needed

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 [Volunteer Application](#), to [Info@schwenksville-pa.org](mailto:Info@schwenksville-pa.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.

***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](mailto: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  
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