



## E-Pathways: Your direct source for information

**Dear Residents & Friends,**

We hope you will have a happy and safe Fourth of July Celebration of our Country's birth.

This year has been a challenging year for many Americans and we hope you will take the time to reflect on what it means to you to be American and what American values mean the most to you. We are here to support all Americans, especially those Americans serving in our military, families of those Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to all Americans working hard to ensure our country lives up to its true potential.

While we have much to celebrate, we would also like to remind all individuals living within the limits of Schwenksville Borough that Fireworks are not permitted. This restriction is in place for public safety and to reduce the chance that a structure may catch on fire. Please be considerate of your neighbors and of all their four-legged friends who are scared by fire works.

The ordinance reads as follows:

"It is hereby prohibited for any person, persons, firm or corporation, or agent thereof, to manufacture, store, sell, offer or expose for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell, or to use, discharge, or cause to be discharged, ignited, fired or otherwise set in action within the limits of the Borough of Schwenksville, any fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, and other explosives and pyrotechnics of a similar nature."



Stay safe and enjoy the holiday.

Sincerely,

Schwenksville Borough

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## New Website is Launched!

Our new website powered by ReviZe, the government website experts, has launched at [www.Schwenksville-pa.org](http://www.Schwenksville-pa.org).

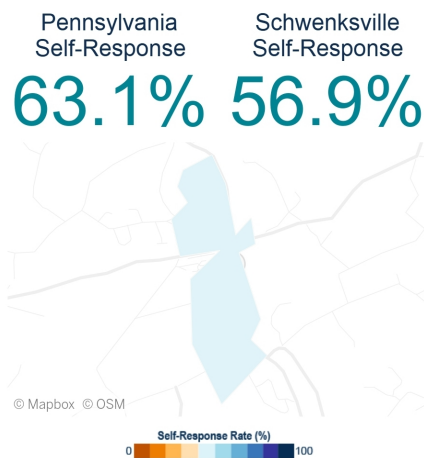
We are very excited to start using the new website and simply could not wait any longer. However, we ask you to be patient while we continue to make it completely operational. There are some functions that need to be corrected.

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. We are working hard to make the adjustments.

Thank you in advance for your patience!

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## 2020 US Census Please Submit your forms



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: 844-330-2020

## **Borough Meetings**

### **Public Meetings will continue to be hosted on Zoom**

Due to the size of Borough Hall and the construction at both 300 Main Street and the Public Library, all Schwenksville Borough monthly Public Meetings will be conducted via Zoom. It is not possible to practice social distancing at this time. The meetings will be hosted at their regularly scheduled and advertised date and times but instead of being physical meetings they will be Zoom meetings. Meeting information will be posted on [www.schwenksville-pa.org](http://www.schwenksville-pa.org) at least one week in advance.

July 2nd Planning Commission has been canceled.  
[July 11th Borough Council Meeting](#) will be at 7 PM via Zoom.

## **MONTCO Anti Hunger**

With many families facing food insecurity during this COVID-19 pandemic, the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety is proud to support the Montco Anti Hunger Network with this drive-through food distribution event as part of the US Department of Agriculture's Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program. There are no prerequisites or need to register. Anyone is able to participate in this drive-thru event. Future pick-up dates are June 18th at the Willow Grove Mall and June 25th and July 2nd at the Oaks Expo Center. The event is rain or shine, and open 11AM-1PM (or until supplies run out).

[MONTCO ANTI HUNGER NETWORK](#)

## **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. We are adding new trash cans to help alleviate this problem.

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.

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## 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/>

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## 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
  - in their own neighborhoods and on public 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 the Borough installed one in Meadow Park recently. Additional waste and recycling bins are also being installed at Meadow Park.

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## 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 [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.

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## Message from your Tax Collector

**During the Pandemic State of Emergency** June and July office hours

As of 4/9/2020, Schwenksville Borough Council voted to extend the Face Value County/Borough Tax Due Date to July 31, 2020 (from June 30) to account for current pandemic personal hardships. Payments can either be dropped off at 140 Main St. Borough Hall in the front door mail slot or taken to the counter at the Schwenksville Post Office free of charge located on Centennial St. Payments dropped in any other mail receptacle must have postage.

Free drop off at the Post Office only applies to Counter Services during normal business hours. If you require a "Paid" Receipt, please include a SASE with your payment and the complete tax bill.

[June and July office hours have been set.](#)

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## 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 [Stormwater Information Page](#) 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 [reporting concerns](#).

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***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.***

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### Hours of Operation

M- Thursday 9 AM - 5PM  
[closed 12PM to 1PM]  
Friday 9AM - 2PM  
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