



## E-Pathways: Your direct source for information

Dear Residents & Friends,

As November quickly speeds by we would like to update you on the new Borough Hall, Remind you to remove your vehicles from the roadway tomorrow November 18th and Thursday, November 19th; and provide you with the 2021 Draft Budget information.

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, [Borough Council](#) and Schwenksville [Planning Commission](#) will continue to conduct 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. Thank you and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Schwenksville Borough

# Street Sweeping Scheduled for Tomorrow & Thursday Nov. 18-19th

The Street Sweeper will be moving through the Borough visiting every street between **Wednesday November 17th at 8:00 AM through Thursday November 18th**. Please remove all vehicles from the street to enable the contractor to perform the job as efficiently as possible. They will not be making return trips for areas inaccessible due to vehicles.

Please note that the Street Sweeper **IS NOT A LEAF VACUUM**. Residents are required to rake and bag their leaves for collection by Whitetail Disposal Inc. Please do not blow your leaves into the street. To do so only serves to clog storm drains.

## Fire Company Fundraiser



Are you tired of 2020???  
What better way to forget this year than with a chance to win some money in 2021!  
The time is now to get your 2021 Lottery Calendar!  
They make a great stocking stuffer or gift for a friend or co-worker and are only \$20!

The Lower Frederick Fire Company has continued the long tradition from Schwenksville Fire Company by continuing to sell Lottery Calendars. The lottery calendar offers you a chance to win money every day of the year if your number comes up as the PA Daily number.

More information, and an order form, can be found on the fire company website. (<https://www.lffc52.org/news/204/2021-Lottery-Calendars>)

## New Municipal Building Update

**The New Borough Hall, located at 300 Main Street, is currently closed to the public.** While we had hoped to re-open for walk-in business on November 16th, we were unable to complete the punch list construction items and get settled in the new building in time. Due the worsening pandemic, we currently do not have a date when Borough Hall will re-open to the public.

Borough operations have transitioned to 300 Main Street. Staff can be reached at the same phone number 610-287-7442, email [info@schwenksville-pa.org](mailto:info@schwenksville-pa.org) or [gail@schwenksville-pa.org](mailto:gail@schwenksville-pa.org) or via U.S. mail at 300 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473. While most transactions can occur electronically, there is mail box near the front door and a call box on the rear of the building near the Community Room Entrance. During Office hours, staff will respond to the call box to accept



**Old Borough Hall located at 140 Main Street will be sold via Public Auction closing November 18th.**

The property is zoned Village Commercial and is located between the popular Perkiomen Bicycles and Blue Willow Spa. The historic building has loads of charm and natural light. It has one dedicated parking space and shared commercial parking adjacent and behind it that is plowed and maintained by the borough.

deliveries, mail, applications or to exchange paperwork.



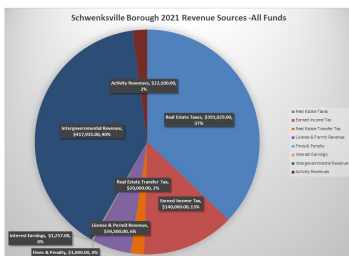
**Main Street Pavilion paid for in part with funding from the Montgomery County 2040 Grant Program and a donation from Victory Bank.**

To request a Property information Packet and information about the Auction please register from this [link](#). The Auction is being conducted by Tranzon/Alderfer.

This is a wonderful historic property that the Borough simply out grew after decades of use.



## 2021 Budget Documents Are Available for public review.



Borough Manager Anne Klepfer presented the [draft 2021 Budget](#) as prepared by the Borough Finance Committee to Borough Council for Authorization to [advertise](#). The budget, all funds totals \$1,165,685.00 and represents the smallest budget since 2016, indicative of a slow down in activity. Mrs. Klepfer explained that a perfect storm of a small tax base, lost revenue caused by the Pandemic and increased expenditures to make

repairs from storm damage and to address stormwater management deficiencies has led to a budget that includes a [1.4 mill tax increase](#) which will generate an additional \$70,000.00 in tax revenues to compensate for decreases in Earned Income Tax, Building Permit Revenue, Cable Franchise Fees, Interest Earnings, Gas Tax and other revenues impacted by COVID-19.

Borough Council reluctantly approved advertising the budget and tax increase as presented. It will be the first Borough Tax Increase since 2017. They noted that while the federal and state governments offered pandemic relief funds to individuals and businesses, municipalities did not receive any aid. Due to the size of the Borough's tax base, the ability of the Borough to compensate for lost revenues is limited and the impact on residents is great.

The public is invited to review the budget documents and submit public comments or to give public comment at the December 10th, 2020 [Zoom Meeting at 7 PM.](#) The Budget and Tax Ordinance will be considered for adoption following Public Comment.

## 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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## Borough Q & A

### **Q. When are Building Permits Required?**

**A.** Work typically performed by professional building, plumbing, electrical, HVAC and Fire Code improvements, but which also may be performed by property owners require a permit and inspections from the Borough. If you are renovating, updating electrical or plumbing, or constructing or adding new HVAC, SOLAR, Plumbing, Electric, Security/Fire Detection or Suppression systems, you will also need a permit and inspections from the Borough. Please contact the Borough at 610-287-7442 if you have any doubts. Work without a permit is subject to the doubling of all permit fees.

### **Q. Is controlled burning permitted?**

**A.** Application for a Burn Permit can be made to the [Fire Marshal](#). Without a valid Permit, burning constitutes a Code Violation.

### **Q. Why doesn't the Borough get Grants for Stormwater Management Projects?**

**A.** The Borough has applied for multiple stormwater grants but has not been successful. Stormwater grants are more competitive than road improvement, streetscaping and park improvement grants. Less competitive stormwater grants often have larger minimum project cost requirements that make the matching requirements difficult for the Borough to satisfy. Also, municipalities that have greater regulatory burdens due to their location in degraded watersheds are often ranked higher than municipalities located along high value creeks such as the Perkiomen. We will keep applying for as many grants as we can.

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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.

## 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](#).

***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

#### Through October 30th

M- Thursday 9 AM - 5PM

[closed 12PM to 1PM]

Friday 9AM - 2PM

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