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Dear Residents & Friends,

As October quickly speeds by we would like to update you on the Borough's 300 Main Street Renovation Plans and provide you with Tips for Halloween provided by Montgomery County.

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.

- Take some time for yourself to enjoy the outdoors 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](#) are conducting monthly meetings via zoom. Information on how to log on to a meeting is posted on the [website calendar](#) and agendas are posted on-line as well. We will continue to conduct meetings on-line until social distancing is possible in our new building or until it is no longer necessary. Thank you and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Schwenksville Borough



Schwenksville Borough has canceled its annual Halloween Parade for 2020 due to the CoronaVirus. However, Halloween Trick or Treating is not regulated by the Borough. Please consult [Montgomery County Health Department guidance](#). We hope you have a safe Halloween! Please post

photos of your Halloween costumes on Facebook @SchwenksvilleBo.

New Municipal Building Update

The New Borough Hall, located at 300 Main Street, is scheduled to open to the public on Monday, November 9, 2020. We are working on plans for a dedication and limited capacity open house. We are also working on a virtual tour of new the public facility.

The borough will be transitioning Borough Hall Operations from 140 Main Street to 300 Main Street the week of November 2, 2020. Due to the logistics of this move Borough Operations will be limited to on-line and email communications and transactions. Your patience is appreciated. Phone messages will be returned as soon as it is possible.



The soon to be old Borough Hall located at 140 Main Street will be sold via Public Auction on 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.

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

Meadow Park H.E.A.R.T. of Schwenksville MAP Available

The Montgomery County Planning Commission helped the Borough design a [Map of Meadow Park](#) and the "H.E.A.R.T. of Schwenksville" area of the borough. The map can be viewed from the Borough's Web site and paper copies will be available in the near future from Borough Hall. A larger scale copy will be posted in the Kiosk. The map has measured loops of the walking trails at Meadow Park among other items of interest.

This map is intended to be a standard visitor's map. However, the Perkiomen

Valley Regional Planning Commission is working on a regional interactive virtual map which is almost ready to launch. The Regional Map will also be made available from links on our website when it is ready to go.

Wolf Administration Launches Mental Health Resources Guide

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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[View Online](#)

Harrisburg, PA – Understanding that mental health is just as important as physical health, the Wolf Administration today launched an online [Mental Health Resources Guide](#) intended to provide Pennsylvanians with a full complement of resources available to help everyone with their mental health needs.

“Especially with the stressors of the pandemic, it’s imperative that we also remember that it’s ok to not be ok, and our mental health must be considered just as much as our physical health,” Governor Tom Wolf said. “This online guide is presented to give Pennsylvanians a complete look at the mental health resources available to meet their individual needs. There is no one-size-fits-all for mental health.”

Interspersed with messages of hope and encouragement such as “Go easy on yourself,” and “People care about you,” are sections that include how to access treatment; preventing suicide; current events and mental health; unique challenges for minority and LGBTQ communities, children and teens, service members and veterans; what to do if you have no insurance; coping with trauma, domestic and sexual violence; and coping with substance use disorder.

One section provides “Find the Right Help for You,” where guide visitors can access mental health resources for situations from “I’m feeling stressed,” to “I have a loved one with substance use disorder.”

“This guide is intended to help people find the right help for them,” Gov. Wolf said. “I hope all Pennsylvanians review and use it to know that we want to provide the resources, support and understanding to help everyone live a happy, healthful life here in the commonwealth.”

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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/>

Borough Q & A

Q. When is a stormwater Permit Required?

A. All regulated activities and all activities that may affect stormwater runoff, including land development and earth disturbance activity, are subject to regulation and require a Stormwater Management Permit. Anything less than 2,500 square feet must comply with general requirements. Anything 2,500 and greater requires a stormwater management plan.

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.

Public Nuisance Complaints



- We have received a complaint that someone is riding dirt bikes and 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 [Volunteer Application](#), to 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 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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