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Dear Residents & Friends,

Schwenksville Borough wishes you a safe and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend. The weather looks to be brilliant and we hope you have plans that will allow you to enjoy it. We ask one thing of you...please continue to respect guidelines that will keep our entire community safe; practice social distancing and wear a mask when around people who do not live in your household.

[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

Bike Helmet Giveaway Monday Sept. 14th



This event has been rescheduled for Monday September 14th at the Main Street Plaza, 300 Main Street, Schwenksville from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There will be a Bike Helmet Giveaway sponsored by The Partnership TMA of Montgomery County.

While supplies last bike helmets will be given away to students grades K-8th and Adults 65 years or older. PLEASE MEASURE HEAD SIZES AHEAD OF TIME OR SANITIZED TAPE MEASURES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

The Park Drive will be accessible for parking. Additional parking is located in the Meadow by the Boat Ramp and along Main Street. **A mask and social**

distancing is required.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates Announced



Free residential collection events are held outdoors. Residents may attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, or Philadelphia Counties. **In response to the COVID19 Emergency, 2020 Montgomery County PA Residential events will be conducted By Appointment Only, with Preregistration is Required**

For more information, please visit MontcoPARecycles.org, email recycling@montcopa.org, or call the recycling line at 610.278.3618. Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events. In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

The closest events to Schwenksville Borough are as follows:

Saturday, September 26 Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center 400 South Lewis Rd., Royersford **Registration Link:** <https://9-26-2020-royersford-hhw-event.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, October 3 Boyertown Middle School East 2020 Big Rd., Gilbertsville **Registration Link:** <https://10-3-2020-gilbertsville-hhw-event.eventbrite.com>

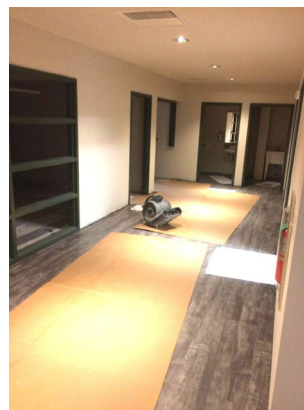
SUNDAY, October 11 Indian Valley Middle School 130 Maple Ave., Harleysville **Registration Link:** <https://10-11-2020-harleysville-hhw-event.eventbrite.com>

New Municipal Building Update

The new Borough Hall Renovation Project is anticipated to be completed at the end of October. The Borough will relocate and move into the new offices shortly thereafter.

There will be an Open House planned in accordance with the current CDC and Montgomery County Health Department regulations and physically located public meetings will be resumed there as soon as possible.

This new building is a community asset and will serve the Schwenksville Borough public well. It will serve as the **Emergency Operations Center** which is activated during all types of emergencies where communication with other EOC's, as well as the Montgomery County Emergency Management Office, is critical. Annual response drills for response to a potential Exelon Power Plant emergency will be conducted there as well as other training to help the Borough be prepared for unprecedented times.



The building will serve as **Borough Hall** and will allow the Borough to continue to operate and provide critical local services in a manner that the current

borough hall is incapable of. We will have plenty of space to social distance, protect our staff and increase services and accessibility to the public. Nothing about our current location is handicap accessible and many residents find it difficult or impossible to enter our building. ADA Compliance is also a required component of eligibility for Federal, State and County grants that the Borough applies to for a variety of projects ranging from stormwater and road repair to street lighting and traffic signals as well as park improvements.

Half of the building is reserved for a **Community Room** that will be used to host community events and activities and which can be reserved for private functions and special events. This space is intended to complement what the Public Library already provides and will be interactive with Meadow Park and the Main Street Plaza. This means that some events will have the flexibility of expanding outdoors into the Park or Plaza.

It is our wish that the Schwenksville community will benefit from this asset for many years to come.

MONTCO Trail Challenge Underway

With a delayed start and some modifications, we are glad to announce that the 2020 [Montco Trail Challenge](#) is up and running. The Montco Trail Challenge, now in its fifth year, is a county run program that encourages residents to explore participating trails throughout Montgomery County.

A survey of the 2019 Trail Challenge participants found:

- 83.78% visited a new park or trail
- 82.43% learned something new about their community
- 91.89% improved their physical health
- 93.06% improved their mental health

For information about this fun program please visit www.montcopa.org/trailchallenge. [Safety Tips](#) are provided.

Pennypacker Mills - Local Resource & Historic Site



Pennypacker Mills is a local historical site located at 5 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473. They offer special exhibits and community programming and are a wonderful resource for local history. For information call 610-287-9349 or visit their [website](#).

Sponsors Needed



You may have noticed bronze medallions installed in the sidewalk on South Main Street, next door to Perkiomen Bicycles and near the corner of Maple Street. These medallions are part of the the Borough's Main Street Streetscaping Plan and are way to involve residents and businesses in our revitalization efforts.

We are currently looking for sponsors for at least two more medallions that will be installed in the 200 and 300 block of Main Street on the west side during reconstruction anticipated for 2021.

Sponsors can submit design ideas consistent with our guidelines for the medallion they contribute to financially. For more information about this please review our [Streetscaping Catalog](#) or contact info@schwenksville-pa.org.

Wolf Administration Launches Mental Health Resources Guide

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 19, 2020

[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 or 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

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