



E-Pathways: Your direct source for information

Dear Residents,

Street sweeping is currently scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of this week - April 14th and 15th. Weather delays or rescheduling are possible. Information is on the Electronic Sign in front of 300 Main Street and posted on the [Borough Calendar](#) where updates will be posted. Please remove your vehicles from the street until after your street has been swept.



Please also sweep any gravel or dirt from the sidewalk on to the street prior to the sweeping. However, please note that leaves and grass waste should be bagged or composted on your property and not placed in the street.

Electronic Sign Is Re-activated

The electronic sign at 300 Main Street is operational again! After being shut down for more than a year due to construction and necessary updates, the much used and appreciated public communication tool is up and running again. To advertise on the sign please consult the Borough Website for the [application](#) and [fee schedule](#). Please check the sign for public information and important community messages.



Univest Donating Property to Schwenksville Borough

Those in attendance at the April Borough Council Meeting heard Borough Council vote to accept the generous donation of the former Univest Bank property from Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania. The acceptance of the donation is contingent upon an Agreement with the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority that will convey the property to the Authority to develop and receive purchase and redevelopment proposals for consideration by the Borough. The



property will eventually be sold for commercial use and the proceeds will go to the Borough.

One of the advantages of working with the Redevelopment Authority is that the Authority has the ability to write a Request for Proposals and select the most desirable one -not necessarily the most lucrative one. The Borough wants to make sure that the building gets redeveloped for another commercial use that will benefit the community. Another advantage is that the Authority can work with the eventual buyer to apply for business development grants and financing to assist in the redevelopment of the property.

Borough Council Takes Action to Promote Economic Development

Borough Council has taken action on two business items that are intended to promote economic development in the borough and benefit businesses.

A Business Overlay Zoning Amendment is in development stages that will provide parking calculation incentives to promote specified commercial uses in the Village Commercial and Commercial Zoning Main Street business districts.

Borough Council authorized the Solicitor to prepare and submit the ordinance amendment to the Montgomery County Planning Commission for review; it will then be a formal action item for the Schwenksville Planning Commission. If recommended for adoption Borough Council will then advertise a public hearing and consider it for adoption at a future Council Meeting.

LERTA Ordinance authorized. Borough Council voted to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) Ordinance and to work with the County and School District to develop a LERTA program. A LERTA Ordinance will allow properties in a LERTA district to be improved and have the resulting tax increase paid incrementally to participating jurisdictions.

BOROUGH WELCOMES THREE NEW SMALL BUSINESSES IN APRIL

The Borough is excited to welcome three new small businesses to town in the month of April. Zoning Permits were issued for the following businesses:

- 140 Main Street - B-Fit Personal Training Gym & Yoga Studio
www.befittrainingstudio.com
- 235 Main Street - Russel's Convenience Store - A dry goods retail shop
- 800 Main Street - Schwenksville Pizza Shop <https://www.schwenksvillepizza.com>

Please show these businesses that Schwenksville supports small business.

Borough Receives Proposal to Examine the Water & Sewer Management & Service Delivery

Borough Council was presented with a proposal from an Independent Third Party Consultant, Public Financial Management Group, to study water and sewer service delivery and management. Phase 1 of the study is a broad analysis to consider various options. Factors examined include the age of systems and infrastructure, cost to Authority to maintain and make repairs, impact of regulatory mandates and the impact on rates if the authority did that

work as well as other options that could include regionalization or sale.

While Borough Council received the proposal and publicly acknowledged receiving it, no action was taken to approve the proposal and there was no deliberation.

Vaccine Registration Now Open 16 Yrs. & Older

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA
COVID-19 HOTLINE
(833) 875-3967

General COVID-19 questions
Monday - Saturday, 8 am to 8 pm

Vaccine pre-registration
Monday - Friday, 8 am to 4 pm

www.montcopa.org/covid-19vaccine
covid19@montcopa.org



2021 at a Glance

Although the Borough has been forced to defer some construction projects, others are still on schedule for completion in 2021.

- **Clearfield Avenue.** Clearfield Avenue will be milled down and repaved. A contract has been awarded to Couzin's Paving of North Wales, PA.
- **Main Street Sidewalk Replacement.** The next phase of Main Street sidewalk replacement will occur in 2021. Sidewalk between Maple Street and Walnut Street on the west side of Main Street will be replaced. This phase is being implemented by PennDot instead of the Borough. PennDot will be advertising and letting the contract for this work following design approval and permitting completed by the Borough.
- **Summit Avenue repair work.** Repair work to portions of Summit Avenue between Mine Hill Road and Highland Avenue was carried over from 2020 and will be completed when weather permits. This is not the major road reconstruction project planned for Summit Avenue between Highland Avenue and the Lower Frederick Township line. The Borough is still waiting to hear if its grant application from the Commonwealth Financing Agency is approved. Should funding be awarded, planning meetings with residents will be scheduled and conducted.



The Borough will continue to perform routine inspections of its roadways. The Borough contracts with the Borough Authority for routine maintenance and there is a standing work order to repair potholes reported or observed. Please use the Borough's [Reporting a Concern Form](#) to request a road inspection or repair for a specific street.

Your Local Government Locations

Schwenksville Borough Operations recently moved to 300 Main Street. Public entry is currently limited due to COVID-19 safety measures. However, staff is working at the new Schwenksville Borough Hall and Community Center and can be reached via intercom at the Main Entrance in the front of the building or by phone or email . **Please note that the Schwenksville Borough Authority Water and Sewer Office has not moved or merged with Borough Hall and is still located at the Markley Building, 298 Main Street. Please do not drop off your water and sewer payments at Borough Hall.**



- **Schwenksville Borough Hall & Community Center** : Located at 300 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA 19473. Tel. 610-287-7442 Fax. 610-287-8098 email: info@schwenksville-pa.org. [Website www.schwenksville-pa.org](http://www.schwenksville-pa.org).
- **Schwenksville Borough Authority - Water & Sewer Business** : Located at 298 Main Street in the Markley Building. All bill payments and inquiries regarding Water & Sewer Service, Repairs or Projects should be directed to the Authority. Tel. 610-287-7772. Email: schwenksvillebaws@gmail.com. Website: [Water - Schwenksville Borough Authority \(sbawspa.org\)](http://Water-SchwenksvilleBoroughAuthority.org)
- **Schwenksville Tax Collector**: In-person Collection dates will be on your Tax Bill. Please visit Tax Collector Tom Laconis's [Website](#) for more information. All in person collection is at 300 Main Street.
- **Voting**: Voting has been relocated to the Schwenksville Elementary School located at 55 Second Street for in person voting on election day. Montgomery County Voter Services should be contacted for alternative voting procedures.

Swimming Pools Should not be drained into the Street



[Schwenksville Borough, PA \(schwenksville-pa.org\)](http://schwenksville-pa.org) Storm drains carry stormwater directly to the Perkiomen Creek without treatment. Chemically treated water from swimming pools, greywater and soapy water from car washes are not to be drained to a street where it can enter the storm drain and flow to the creek. This is a leading cause of non-point pollution to our waterways.

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 welcome 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. Currently Meetings are via Zoom and the link is on the Borough Website Calendar.

Hours of Operation

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