E-Pathways Important Information from Schwenksville Borough



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Dear Residents,

Like most municipalities, Schwenksville Borough is returning to normal operations. June 1st, the Borough opened Borough Hall, now located at 300 Main Street, to the public and resumed in person Borough Meetings. Tonight, the summer concert series "Music in the Meadow" resumes with **Blonde, James Blonde** taking the stage at 6:30 PM at Meadow Park located behind 300 Main Street. Visitors are invited to bring blankets, chairs and non alcoholic beverages or snacks. The Boy Scouts will also be selling food and drink as a fundraiser for their organization. Get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine! Monthly concerts are also planned for July and August. We hope to see you there!

Also, please mark **September 18th** on your Calendar for the return of Schwenksville's Community Day Celebration! More information will be available on Facebook and the Borough website shortly.

Borough Hall Dedication and Open House

In November, Borough operations moved from 140 Main Street into the newly renovated former Schwenksville Fire Company building located at 300 Main Street. However due to COVID-19 concerns and punch list items that took longer than expected to complete, we are just now able to invite the public to visit Borough Hall and celebrate the opening of a new community asset. **Come meet your elected officials and visit the Borough Hall and Community Center on Saturday, June 26th at 2:00 PM.** There will be a short dedication ceremony followed by an open house. The Borough's collection of Robert Albright historic building models will be on display and there will be light refreshments while they last.



Consider Serving on the Borough Planning

Commission

The Borough is looking for a volunteer to serve on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is an advisory board that reviews subdivision and land development plans, zoning and subdivision ordinances; participates in comprehensive planning and reviews and makes recommendations on Zoning Hearing Board Applications. A professional background in a related field or expertise is a plus but not a requirement. To apply please complete <u>this</u> <u>application</u>. There are also multiple vacancies on the Borough's Park and Recreation Board. Interested parties can use the same application form.

Music in the Meadow Summer Concert Series Returns!

Wednesday June 16: 6:30- 8:30 PM

"Blonde . . . James, Blonde" is a 6-piece, 4-part harmony ensemble with studios in Spring City and Blue Bell. BJB is a "must see and hear act" who are as FUN to WATCH perform as they are musically ROCKIN'!

Wednesday July 21: 6:30- 8:30 PM

"The Left Edge" is known for dynamic and entertaining covers of Classic Rock-N-Roll ranging from Doo-Wap to Ozzie Osborne. Classic rock the way you remember it! Be here for their High Energy Show!

Wednesday Aug 18: 6:00 PM -8:00PM

"Rhodes Less Traveled" is a band shaped by years of performance and forged with rich, eclectic flavors. They blend style, substance, and melody with dynamic three-part harmonies to be enjoyed by all ages.

All concerts are held at Meadow Park located behind 300 Main Street. Parking is available in front, behind (trail side) and in the meadow near the boat ramp. The Boy Scouts will be selling refreshments but people are permitted to bring their own food and non-alcoholic beverages. Please no smoking on Borough property. Provide your own chairs and blankets for use in the meadow.

Sponsors: DJM Design CAD & Coordination Services, The Schwenksville Tax Collector Thomas Laconis, Wawa, Landis Supermarket, XL Home Improvements, Victory Bank, The Goddard School, Spring Mountain Adventures, Univest Bank and Trust.





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Meadow Park Launch

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Barry Isett & Associates Appointed as Third Party Building Inspection Company

At their May meeting, Borough Council acted to appoint Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. as the Borough's Third Party Building Inspection, Code Enforcement and Zoning Review service provider with a thirty day transition period.

The move was made in an effort improve the service provided to the Borough and to residents and business owners seeking to make improvements to their properties, start new businesses or sell their properties. Barry Isett & Associates is much larger service provider that has over twenty Master Code Officials on staff and provides full service Building Code Administration, Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Services, Zoning Administration and Resale, Rental and Change in Commercial Tenant Inspection Services.

Castle Valley Consultants Inc. will work to close out open permits over the next thirty to sixty days and new applications will be directed to Barry Isett & Associates.

The Borough's applications for building permits, zoning permits, pool permits, stormwater permits, highway occupancy permits, etc., were converted to Online Submittable forms available from www.schwenksville-pa.org at the beginning of the Pandemic. This submission process will continue, although adjustments may be made to the administrative forms and paperwork. The Borough's Fee Schedule will also need to be adjusted to ensure the application fees cover the full cost of services. All applications must be submitted to the Borough and payments received, before being processed by Barry Isett & Associates. **Please inquire whether a permit is needed for your project and seek approval before work begins. Verify that your contractor has indeed filed and received the necessary permits. Work without a permit results in the doubling of all permit application fees.**

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 <u>application</u> and <u>fee schedule</u>. Please check the sign for public information and important community messages.



Reservations for Borough Facilities

The Borough is now accepting <u>applications</u> for reservation of the various borough facilities available for public use. These include the Meadow Park Pavilion, the Schwenksville Community Room, the Borough Hall Meeting Room and the Main Street Plaza/Pavilion. Groups wishing to reserve these facilities should complete an on-line application. The Borough staff will determine availability and provide a link to the Facilities Usage Policy/Fee Schedule and Waiver of Liability Form.



Groups larger than 25 persons for an organized outdoor assembly are required to get a permit.

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 Inc., 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. PFM Inc. made a presentation to Borough Council at their May 13, 2021 Meeting. **There is nothing to update on this matter.**

Woodland Avenue on the 2022 List

As the Borough works to complete 2021 construction projects, we are already planning for 2022. The Borough was recently notified that its application for funding to repair the stormwater conveyance system and resurface the roadway has been recommended for approval for Woodland Avenue improvements. Design work will be completed over the winter and the project will be publicly bid in spring 2022.



Activities Around the Borough

Did you know that Pennypacker Mill Historic Site offers educational and fun programming? Attached is a poster covering the second and third of four programs they are hosting this summer on the porch. This first person historical performance of Alice Paul, Suffragette portrays the author of the equal rights amendment. The second portrays John Wanamaker, the businessman who was a role model for modern business. A great opportunity for young scholars to learn about early activists and community leaders.



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 <u>not</u> 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. <u>Website www.schwenksville-pa.org.</u>
- 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: <u>Water - Schwenksville Borough</u> <u>Authority (sbawspa.org)</u>
- Schwenksville Tax Collector: In-person Collection dates will be on your Tax Bill. Please visit Tax Collector Tom Laconis's <u>Website</u> 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



<u>Schwenksville Borough, PA (schwenksville-pa.org)</u> 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. <u>DEP Swimming Pool Information</u>

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 <u>info@schwenksville-pa.org</u> 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. Beginning in June meetings will be held in person at Borough Hall, 300 Main Street.

Hours of Operation

M- Thursday 9 AM - 5PM [closed 12PM to 1PM] Friday 9AM - 2PM 300 Main Street Schwenksville, PA 19473 Phone (610) 287-7442 Fax (610)287-8098



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