



## E-Pathways: Your direct source for information

Dear Residents & Friends,

This issue of E-pathways is full of information and opportunities. Please take a minute to read through the news briefs.

There has been an increase in activity in the Borough with more people calling to ask what permits are needed for their projects, new businesses or home improvements. Please see the reminders below to help answer these questions.

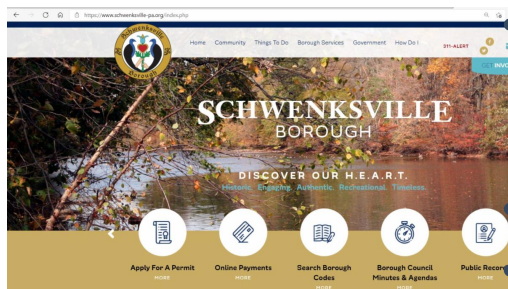
**R&S Street Sweeping is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, and Thursday April 15th for street sweeping borough-wide.** Please remember to remove your vehicle from the roadway.

Sincerely,

Schwenksville Borough

View the Borough Calendar at [www.schwenksville-pa.org](http://www.schwenksville-pa.org) for meeting information. Next Borough Council Meeting is Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7PM.

## When do I need a Zoning permit from the Borough?



Any work that expands or encloses existing structures or adds new structures (including fences) or increases building coverage such as a pool or spa, requires a Zoning Permit.

Changing signs, adding signs or lighting requires a Zoning Permit. A Change in Use, or adding a use such as a home occupation/business

requires a Zoning Permit.

- Commercial Landlords who change tenants or use of their property need a Zoning Permit
- Existing Landlords who have new tenants moving in either residential or commercial, need a Certificate of Occupancy and must apply for the permit.
- All rental properties are required to be registered with the Borough Annually. The classification of a property from single family to multi-family cannot be changed without Zoning approvals. Multi-family

properties cannot not add additional units without Zoning approvals.

All permit applications have been converted to On-line Submittable Forms and can be accessed from the [Apply for Permits button](#) on our home page [www.schwenksville-pa.org](http://www.schwenksville-pa.org). There are some forms that need to be printed, signed and uploaded with the application or emailed to [info@schwenksville-pa.org](mailto:info@schwenksville-pa.org) referencing the permit application. We also offer on-line payment options through Muncipay from an [On-line Payments Button](#) on our website.

Please note **Zoning Permits** may not be the only permits your project needs. Opening a new store, for example, requires permits for the Use, the Occupancy, Signs and any Renovations being done. Please visit the Apply for Permits page and read the guidance or call us at 610-287-7442. You should also review the [Borough Fee Schedule](#) for an idea of what these permits may cost. Construction permits are required for Plumbing, Electric, HVAC Work and General Construction or renovation.

## Perkiomen Watershed Clean Stream Day

Each spring, [the Conservancy](#) hosts a watershed wide trash removal event focusing on removing litter, tires and other debris from regional waterways. During this event, volunteers work together to clean up sites located throughout the watershed.

[Sign-ups](#) are now open for the 2021 Stream Clean-up which is scheduled for **Saturday, April 10th from 9 am - 12 pm for general volunteers** and Friday, April 9th for corporate groups. We are also in need of volunteers with pick-up trucks or trailers to act as our pick-up crew and take the collected trash from clean-up sites to dumpsters from 12 pm - 3pm on April 10th. Have a site in mind that could use a little TLC? Let us know about it through our TrashSpot app.



The Stream Clean-up would not be possible without our sponsors! We have a variety of sponsorship levels available for both corporate and general sponsors.

## Borough Authority Schedules Hydrant Flushing

The Authority will be flushing hydrants throughout their entire system beginning Sunday April 4, 2021 through April 9, 2021. The Authority Staff advises that they do not have confirmation of the exact day that flushing will be performed in your area. [Attached](#) is the Notification that the Borough Staff was provided for reference. If you have any questions please contact the Borough Authority at 610-287-7772.

## Activities and Events at Pennypacker Mills

Pennypackers Mills is host to an extensive archive of historical photographs and documents. In addition to hosting events and activities, tours of the property can also be scheduled. For more information on their events, activities and offerings please visit [Pennypacker Mills | Montgomery County, PA - Official Website \(montcopa.org\)](http://montcopa.org) or check out their [current newsletter](#) and [schedule of events](#).

Currently on-line you can explore [The History of Photography through the Collection at Pennypacker Mills](#) or you can check out the highlights of their in person exhibit on [Schwenksville Borough](#).

## Your Local Government Locations

Schwenksville Borough Operations recently moved from 140 Main Street 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 on site 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- **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.

## Is your property watershed-friendly?

Join the **Watershed-Friendly Property Certification Program** to learn how to follow a few simple guidelines to manage your property in a way that protects our streams and rivers. We will also discuss how you can apply to have your property officially certified in the Watershed Friendly Property Program, a collaboration between the Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward Program and the Nurture Nature Center.



When: Mon., Apr. 12, 2021  
What Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET  
Where/Format: [Live Online via Zoom](#)

This event is being offered at no charge to participants. Registration is required to receive the link to access the webinar. Registrants will also receive access to the webinar recording. Registration Deadline April 11, 2021 by 11:59 PM. If you attend this webinar please let us know! Email us at [info@schwenksville-pa.org](mailto:info@schwenksville-pa.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. Bids will likely be advertised in April for a spring contract. [Concept Plan](#).
- **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.

---

## Sponsor or Suggest a Design for a Sidewalk Medallion

Schwenksville Borough is currently looking for Organizations or Businesses interested in Sponsoring a Sidewalk Medallion. These medallions are being placed in sidewalks along Main Street as part of our Revitalization Plan and are intended to recognize, places, organizations, natural features, or people of local interest.

We are currently looking for sponsors for three medallions planned for installation in the next phase of Main Street Sidewalk Replacement between Maple Street and Walnut Street. If you are interested in sponsoring a medallion, or if you have a design idea that you would like to suggest please contact us at [info@schwenksville-pa.org](mailto:info@schwenksville-pa.org). You can find out more information about this program on our [website](#).

---

## 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

**\*CURRENTLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

**This institution is an equal  
opportunity provider and employer**

[Welcome Meeting Agendas/Minutes Things to Do](#)  
[Borough Services](#) [Government Services](#)

