



# Shrewsbury Township News

January 2023

## Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

Penn Waste will conduct a special collection for Christmas Trees at curbside on **SATURDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 6:00 a.m. The trees will be delivered to a mulch manufacturing facility, so all trees must be tinsel (and other decorations) free. If not, the tree will not be collected.



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## Vision & Mission Statements Adopted

Board of Supervisors approved the following statements:

### MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of Shrewsbury Township is to provide efficient, fair, responsive, cost-effective services, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents and businesses. We will preserve our rural character while planning for reasonable and smart growth that adds value and improves the quality of life for all who live in, work in, and visit Shrewsbury Township.*

### VISION STATEMENT

*Shrewsbury Township will continue to cherish and preserve our agricultural heritage and protect our farmlands and open spaces, while embracing reasonable growth that adds value to our community without impeding the existing infrastructure. The Township will contain development within our defined growth area, and continue to promote landscaping enhancements and environmental stewardship, which will improve the quality of living throughout the Township. We will focus on the recreation and open space needs of the community, and promote improvements for the safe, convenient, and efficient movement of people and traffic. The Township will continue to work with neighboring municipalities on regional issues, and partnership with them to improve efficiency of services.*

## Receive Text Alerts

Sign up Today

Stay aware of events, special announcements (trash collection, etc.) by signing up today for Township text alerts.

To participate simply text "SHREWSBURY" to 91896.



## 2023 Budget Approved with NO tax increase

The Board of Supervisors passed the 2023 budget with no tax increases. The total budget for all funds combined (revenues and expenditures) is \$7.8 million.

In 2023 the Township's **Real Estate** tax rate remains at 0.074 mill, which equates to a **\$18.50** for a home assessed at \$250,000. This tax is used for general government operations.

The **Fire Protection** tax is collected on all properties and has a millage rate of 0.46 mill, which results in a tax of **\$115.00** for a home assessed at \$250,000. This tax is distributed to the three (3) volunteer fire companies that serve the Township, and include Glen Rock, Rose (New Freedom), and Shrewsbury Fire Companies. The total amount disbursed in 2022 was \$273,723.00.

For any property *located within 780 feet* of a **Fire Hydrant**, there is a special hydrant assessment collected to pay The York Water Company and the Glen Rock Water Company for the fire hydrant rental fee that is charged to the Township. The unchanged assessment rate is 0.095 mill, which is a **\$23.75** assessment on a home assessed at \$250,000.

## Subdivision & Land Development Activity

Since the last newsletter, the following plans have been either received for consideration, have been (conditionally) approved, withdrawn/denied, or approved & recorded at the York County Recorder of Deeds.

### Pending Plans (under review by Township Staff; not yet approved)

- ~ Moove in Partners – Harvey Court; land development plan to demolish house & outbuildings and construct indoor and outdoor storage.
- ~ Powers & Almony - E. Tolna Road & Keeney Sunset Lane; 4 lot single-family subdivision (on hold by developer).
- ~ Presidential Heights Associates – preliminary subdivision plan for 152 residential dwellings.
- ~ Shrewsbury Commons Joint Venture – Elm Drive; land development for 550,000 sq. ft. warehouse.
- ~ Smith Tract Land Development - Mt. Airy & E. Tolna Roads; 46 new single-family homes (55+ community) (on hold by developer).
- ~ Two Farms Inc. (Royal Farms)– E. Forrest Avenue & Wolfe Road; final land development for convenience store.
- ~ U.S. Industrial Club V Enterprises LLC “Hillwood” - Elm Drive; land development for 611,000 sq. ft. warehouse.

### Approved Plans (conditional approval)

- ~ Chestnut Commerce Center & Market Place LLC – Elm Drive; consolidation and re-subdivision of two (2) parcels for a warehouse.
- ~ ShIPLEY Family Limited Partnership - E. Forrest Avenue; subdivision for redevelopment.
- ~ Steel Farm Land LLC – Elm Drive; revised land development plan for a brewery.
- ~ The Shoppes at Shrewsbury - E. Forrest Avenue; land development of existing building for new retail store.
- ~ Two Farms, Inc. (Royal Farms) - E. Forrest Ave & Wolfe Road; preliminary land development for convenience store.

### Approved & Recorded Plans (at York County Recorder of Deeds)

- ~ Allison, Craig & Amanda and Francis & Anna Butt – W. Clearview Drive; merger of two (2) lots.
- ~ Antique Markets LP & St. Paul Lutheran Church (Hametown) - Susquehanna Trail S; minor subdivision and two (2) lot merger.
- ~ Czajor, Christopher & Jera - Lakeside Drive; reverse subdivision plan to merge two (2) lots.
- ~ David Keller & Ellen Darby - Baltimore Street; land development for restaurant in Village of Seitzland.
- ~ Presidential Heights Associates - Buchanan Avenue; subdivision for 4 single-family lots.
- ~ Moove In Partners - Harvey Court; land development plan for additional storage buildings.
- ~ Rodick, Allan & Christine – Seitzland Road; subdivision of two (2) lots and merged with larger lot.
- ~ Spellman Properties, LLC – Elm Drive; land development plan for construction small warehouse.
- ~ Sussex Place Phase II - Mt. Airy Road; subdivision for 19 townhouses.

### Withdrawn or Denied Plans

- ~ Ravenwoods at Shrewsbury - Mt. Airy Road; 198 new single family & townhouse homes (on hold by developer).  
**Withdrawn by the developer.**
- ~ Messina, Joseph & Josephine – 144 Manchester Street; land development plan for retail store.  
**Denied by Township** for lack of activity.



### New Township Seal Unveiled

Thank you to those who shared their creative side and submitted ideas for a new Township seal. After fine tuning the final version the seal to the right was adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

### Office Closings

**February 20<sup>th</sup>**

Presidents Day

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Good Friday

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Memorial Day



Note that the moving dates of the administration office to the new Township complex (12341 Susquehanna Trail S @ Hametown Park) have not been determined. When the dates are finalized they will be posted on the Township website, social media, and a text blast.

### Office Hours

**Monday – Thursday:**  
8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

**Friday:**  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## Q & A on Trash & Recycling Collection

### **Why did the Township switch from Republic Services to Penn Waste?**

*The Township had a three (3) year contract with Republic Services that expired on June 30, 2022. The contract included an option for two (2) extensions at one (1) year increments provided the Township and Republic Services mutually agreed to an extension. The Township wanted to extend the contract, but Republic Services chose not to. Therefore, the refuse & recycling contract had to be publicly bid through a sealed bidding process. There were two (2) bids received with Penn Waste submitting a bid lower than Republic Services. Under state law, the Township must accept the lowest bidder.*

### **Penn Waste costs more but collects less than Republic Services; why?**

*Republic Services and Penn Waste submitted their bids based upon the same bid specifications. Both bid on using a 96-gallon wheeled trash cart and a 65-gallon wheeled recycling carts. If Republic Services had been the lowest bidder they would have collected less and used the same size carts as does Penn Waste.*

### **Why did we change to the wheeled carts?**

*To help contain rising costs, and a shortage of labor in the waste collection industry, the wheeled carts are being used to eventually allow the trash and recycling to be collected with automated trucks, which will eliminate a person on the back of the truck hand loading the waste.*

### **What should I do with my yard waste?**

*While Republic Services may have collected yard waste in the past, it was done as a courtesy because the York County Solid Waste Authority (YCSWA) prohibits yard waste at the county incinerator. In addition to using the yard waste on your property through composting, etc., you can take your yard waste to the YCSWA yard waste facility site on Blackbridge Road, York, or you can check their website for local mulching companies that will accept yard waste. The YCSWA website is [www.ycswa.com](http://www.ycswa.com), or you can call the Authority at 717-845-1066.*

### **How long is the current contract with Penn Waste?**

*The current contract is for three (3) years, which began July 1, 2022, and runs through June 30, 2025. There is the option to extend the contract two (2) additional years, at one (1) year increments. Both parties must agree to any extensions.*

### **Why did my bill increase in January 2023?**

*When a long-term contract is being considered, the contracted waste hauler must figure into the bid price the cost to dispose of the trash at the YCSWA incinerator. To avoid building unnecessarily high (and unknown) disposal fees into the bid price, the contract is written to allow an annual disposal fee increase (by the incinerator) to be passed on to the customer. This provision was also in the previous contract with Republic and was also used by Republic Services. The 2023 increase is 47¢ per quarter (\$1.88 for the year).*

### Meeting Dates

The following meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building.

*Note: The date to move into the new municipal complex has not been finalized. Call the Township office at 717-235-3011 to verify meeting location.*



### Board of Supervisors

February 1, 2023  
March 1, 2023  
April 5, 2023  
May 3, 2023

### Planning Commission

February 15, 2023  
March 15, 2023  
April 19, 2023  
May 17, 2023

### Tis the Season...for SNOW!

#### **Mailbox is Owner Responsibility**

The Township does not prohibit property owners from placing mailboxes within the limits of the legal right of way; however, because a mailbox is not placed under permit regulations, they are technically deemed to be an encroachment and the responsibility of the property owner.

Therefore, Shrewsbury Township is not liable for damages to mailboxes, fencing, shrubbery, trees, etc., caused by snow removal or other maintenance operations when placed within the legal road right of way.  
*(Ref: Code of the Township of Shrewsbury, Chapter 21, Part 2,*

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## Municipal Complex Nears Completion

Opening Date is Undetermined

As you may recall, the Township awarded a contract in July 2021 to replace the maintenance building at 12341 Susquehanna Trail S (at Hametown Park) and to add an administration wing to the new building. Administration will move back to this location when the new building is completed after having moved from the old maintenance building to 11505 Susquehanna Trail S in 2007. Reason for the move is because the current administration building is approximately 13,275 sq. ft. and of that, approximately 3,000 sq. ft. (23%) is used on a daily basis. The second floor of the current building consists of 13 offices which have never been utilized by the Township. Returning the administration offices to the same location as the maintenance facility will improve efficiency and delivery of services.

When will the new building open to conduct business with the public? At this time that is a question without a clear answer. The original occupancy date was October 2022; however, that date has been moved back month-by-month and is now targeted to be the mid-April 2023. The reason for the continued delays is the availability of materials and equipment. The major delays are electric panels and a disconnect. While we have temporary power at the site, the electrical equipment is needed to provide permanent power. Despite the delay with the electrical equipment, the remainder of the building's construction continues. Stay tuned to our website, social media, and our text blasts for upcoming information on an opening date.

