Shamokin Dam Borough
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SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH

NewsLetter

Winter 2024

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mayor

Don Musser

Council Officers

Mark Benner ‑ President   Charlene Bailey ‑ Vice President

Members

Shawn Bingaman Maria Brandt Marlin Moyer Karen Roberts Dave Sauers

Appointed Officials

Borough Manager - Ed Hovenstine   Borough Secretary - LaDawn Leitzel

Borough Office - 570.743.7565

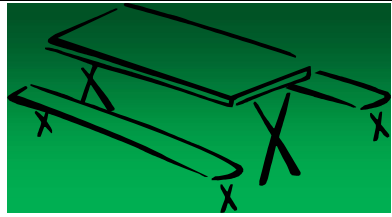Website: www.shamokindam.net

Police Chief

Tim Bremigen

Police Phone 570.743.2671

Fire Chief

John Shirk

Fire Phone 570.743.2126

Borough Parks

Reservations for next year's activities can be made beginning January 1, 2025. Contact the Borough office.

Snow Plowing

The Borough Crew makes every effort to clear the Borough streets as soon as possible after a storm event. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Please remember to keep vehicles parked off the street, if possible. Routes 11 & 15, North Old Trail, 11th Avenue and Sunbury Road are state highways. The Borough is not responsible for any maintenance including snow removal, on these roadways. The PENNDOT County Maintenance Office phone number is 570-372-9100.

*__Christmas Tree Collection__ will begin Monday, December 30, 2024. Please remove all decorations and lights from the tree and place tree along the curb in front of your house.

Borough Crew:
Brady Bachman
Brian Corrigan
Joshua Herb
Benjamin Hummel

It has become very difficult for the Borough Crew to read some of our customer's water meters due to overgrown trees, bushes, and shrubs. A water meter touch pad is attached to the exterior of the building, which allows the Borough Crew to read the water meter without entering the home or business. The Borough Crew must be able to easily access all water meter touch pads. Please be sure that the water meter touch pad, located on the exterior of your home or business, is easily accessible and clear of bushes, shrubs, or debris. Please call to relocate a touch pad that became enclosed by a fence. Please call to have a touch pad installed to the exterior of the building.

Important Information on the use of Sump Pumps

The discharge of a sump or similar type pump is not allowed as described under Borough Ordinance Chapter 18 – Sewer and Sewer Disposal – Part 2 - Section §203, which reads as follows:

§203 Natural or Artificial Overflow or Drainage Waters. *No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, spring water, ground water, roof runoff, sub-surface drainage, building foundation drainage, drainage from roof leader connections, drainage from basement, overflow or drainage from cesspools and unpolluted industrial process waters into any sewer.* **(Ordinance 82-6, 11/15/1982).**

Sump pumps are allowed for the waters described above as long as they drain to the exterior grade.

Quick Facts on Sump Pump Flows:
- The average sump pump used in a residential application can discharge up to 40 gallons per minute in wet weather conditions and could run up to 5 minutes per hour or 4800 gallons per day.
- The Borough is part of the Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority (ESCRA). ESCRA charges the Borough, metered by the gallon, for wastewater flow. If these sump pumps are tied directly into the sewer discharge of the property it is now considered wastewater and could produce an overload on the overall system. Also, the water is not metered (charged) to the customer, which is a loss of revenue for the Borough.

What can I do as a customer that has a sump pump:
- Investigate the connection of the discharge of the pump and immediately disconnect all sump pumps from the sanitary sewer. Note that the Borough personnel checking for lead and copper at the services are also noting sump pumps, if found, and their method of discharge.
- Talk to and encourage neighboring property owners to do the same. It will save money for the customers overall.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Borough Office.

TRANSIENT RETAILERS LICENSE REQUIRED BY BOROUGH ORDINANCE

Anyone selling goods or services in a transient manner (including door to door) within the Borough is required, by ordinance, to register with the police department prior to doing business. Ask for the Borough issued salesman's license if you are unsure whether a business is a legitimate company and report any suspicious activity to the police department at 570-743-2671.

Curbside Recycling Dates

Jan 9th   Feb 13th   March 13th   April 10th   May 8th

June 12th   July 10th   Aug 14th

Sept 11th   Oct 9th   Nov 13th   Dec 11th

Shamokin Dam Borough Office

Normal Office Hours

Monday through Friday - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Closed for Lunch - 12:00 Noon through 1:00 PM

The Borough office will be closed in observation of the following holidays:

Wednesday – December 25th – Observance of Christmas Day
Wednesday – January 1st – Observance of New Year's Day

Shamokin Dam Borough Council meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (If a holiday happens to fall on that date, the meeting will be held the following Tuesday) You are invited and encouraged to attend all Borough meetings. Meetings are held in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday season!

Warm wishes for the Holiday Season!
Happy Holidays!

Information from the Borough Office

Your water/sewer bills can be emailed instead of mailed every quarter.

Your water/sewer bills can be paid through an automatic payment. Each quarter you will receive a water/sewer bill as usual with a note DO NOT PAY. Money will be deducted from your bank account. Your bank account will be charged the amount shown in the box noted as "Amount Due" on the due date. Your account will not be charged a penalty if that date falls on a weekend or holiday.

If you are interested in either of these automated transactions, please contact the Borough Office to receive the proper paperwork to start the process.