

Shamokin Dam Borough
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SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH

NewsLetter

Winter 2023



BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mayor

Joe McGranaghan

Council Officers

Don Musser - President Dave Sauers - Vice President

Members

Mark Benner Shawn Bingaman Maria Brandt Karen Roberts Paige Visneski

Appointed Officials

Borough Manager - Ed Hovestine Borough Secretary - LaDawn Leitzel

Borough Office - 570.743.7565

Website: www.shamokindam.net

Police Chief

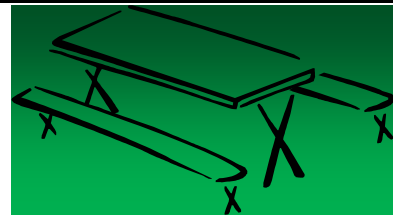
Tim Bremigen

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, 2024. 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 Tuesday, December 26, 2023. Please remove all decorations and lights from the tree and place tree along the curb in front of your house.

Curbside Recycling Dates

Jan 11th Feb 8th March 14th April 11th

Borough Crew:
Brady Bachman
Joshua Herb
Benjamin Hummel
Richard Kline

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

A tree lighting ceremony will be held at the Shamokin Dam water tower area on Sunday, November 26th at 5:00 PM, if inclement weather, postponement date would be Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 PM. Pastor Mindy Bartholomew from St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Pastor Mike Gaugler from Calvary Fellowship Susquehanna Valley, and Pastor Jerry Helman from Brookside Ministries and their congregations have organized this Christmas Tree Project, the churches will provide refreshments (cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, and water) after the tree lighting ceremony.

Please note that the access to the site is through the gravel driveway near the southbound exit ramp to the Veteran's Memorial Bridge.



HYPER-REACH

Shamokin Dam Borough has linked with Snyder County to provide Borough residents with Hyper-Reach service. Hyper-Reach is a community alerting system capable of sending text messages to your cell phone, text to voice messages to your land line or e-mails in time of emergency. This is a community alerting system and is NOT used for any commercial purpose. It will enable Shamokin Dam Borough or our police to instantly relay vital information to Borough residents. There is no cost to sign up and an added benefit would be receiving Snyder County alerts as well. To sign up all you need to do is follow the link below and provide your preferred contact information. Do that, and you're all set. Because not every Snyder County municipality is participating, alerts for Borough residents will be send only to those whose Zip Code is 17876.

https://signup.hyper-reach.com/hyper_reach/sign_up_page_2/?id=104803

Attention Shamokin Dam Borough Residents

Concerning feral cat issues in our neighborhood, plain and simple, cats and kittens have died, are dying, and will die because people are not spaying/neutering, and nobody wants to foster.

Please consider the TNR (trap & release) programs in our area to help with this ongoing problem.

Shamokin Dam has a TNR program and will provide a trap, instructions, and reimbursement up to \$55.00 that generally covers the spay/neuter.

Ask for help at the locations listed*. There is a cost factor involved and these agencies will provide the details.

*Mecks Cat House – Non-Profit organization located outside of Millersburg, phone 717-649-4319 ask for Debbie Mecks

*Cherished Cats Rescue - Non-Profit organization, alliance-cherishedcats2017@gmail.com

*SUN Pets.org – Non-Profit organization, phone 570-523-1135

Danville SPCA, phone 570-293-9200

Dedicated to reducing the number of unwanted cats through spay/neuter programs.

Please consider donating to the non-profit organizations if you choose to take advantage of their services. They depend on donations to continue their work. Every rescue is dependent on volunteers, who lose family time, money, sleep, weekend, and evenings, caring for the fundraising to ensure unwanted cats get the correct care.

Thank You!



Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority

Serving Adams, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Harrisburg City, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Union, and York

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Topic: Accessibility and Affordability of Public Transit

You don't have to live in a crowded city to access the convenience of public transportation. In fact, public transit is closer to home than you may think. rabbittransit offers multiple forms of transportation in Shamokin Dam and beyond, including microtransit and paratransit/shared ride service.

- **Stop Hopper:** Much like other ride share apps, rabbittransit's Stop Hopper microtransit service offers rides that can be ordered on-demand through our Stop Hopper smartphone app. As a driver approaches for pick up, riders receive notifications updating them on the vehicle's estimated arrival time. Every ride is \$2, no matter what.

Rides can be ordered between Selinsgrove, Hummels Wharf, Shamokin Dam and Sunbury. All vehicles are ADA accessible and air conditioned and allow personal shopping carts on board. Use the Stop Hopper to do your grocery shopping, visit the pharmacy, go out to eat, and more.

Find more information and view the Snyder & Northumberland County service zone at www.ridethestophopper.org.

- **Shared Ride:** Do you or someone you know need transportation assistance getting to a medical appointment, job or other life sustaining service? Shared Ride service may be right for you! Unlike a scheduled bus route that only operates along a specific route, Shared Ride (a.k.a. Paratransit) provides consolidated trips between travel origins and destinations during limited hours and specific areas. If Shared Ride sounds like a fit for you, the first step is to submit an application. **Conveniently apply online by visiting www.rabbittransit.org > Shared Ride > How to apply.**

All Shared Ride trips require a reservation. If you would like same-day service, you must make your reservation by 1:30 p.m. Otherwise, reservations must be made no later than 12:00 p.m. the business day before your ride. Reservations may be made two weeks in advance. For trips on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, reservations must be submitted by 12 p.m. the Friday before. Reservations may be made by calling rabbittransit Customer Service at 1-800-632-9063, or by visiting www.FindMyRidePA.org.

Keep in mind: Shared Ride isn't a "taxi," meaning it isn't a non-stop ride for any one person. Different riders are grouped together depending on their travel time and location(s). Medical trips and/or appointments are given priority over trips for recreational purposes. Find more information at www.rabbittransit.org/shared-ride/.

Save money, save gas – ride with rabbittransit today!

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 observance of the following holidays:

Monday – December 25th – Observance of Christmas Day

Monday – 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!



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 in order to start the process.