

Shamokin Dam Borough
42 West 8th Avenue
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SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH

NewsLetter

Winter 2017



BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mayor

Joe McGranaghan

Council Officers

David Herbert - President Andrew Bickhart - Vice President

Members

Mark Benner Robert Herbert Donald Musser Rue Rothermel David Sauers

Appointed Officials

Borough Manager - Ed Hovestine Borough Secretary - LaDawn Leitzel

Borough Office - 570.743.7565

Website: www.shamokindam.net

Police Chief

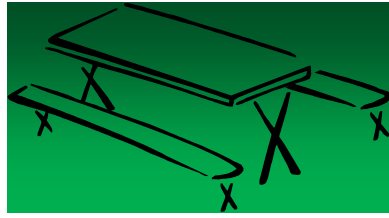
Tim Bremigen

Police Phone 570.743.2671

Fire Chief

Jon Gray

Fire Phone 570.743.2126



Borough Parks

Reservations for next year's activities can be made beginning January 1, 2018. 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.

AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER

The Americus Ambulance Service of Sunbury is the primary ambulatory service provider for the Borough. If you have any questions concerning this service and how they service the Borough, or how to become a member please contact them at 570-286-8711.

***Christmas Tree Collection** will begin Tuesday, December 26, 2017. 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 8th April 12th

Borough Crew:
Brady Bachman
Joshua Herb
Richard Kline
Chad Latsha

Pennsylvania Yellow Dot Program

This program was created to assist citizens in the “golden hour” of emergency care following a traffic accident when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a yellow dot in your vehicle’s rear window alerts first responders to check you glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need.

The program is a cooperative effort among the Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation, Health and Aging; the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and First Responders and local law enforcement.

The Shamokin Dam Fire Company volunteers will assist anyone interested in participating in the PA Yellow Dot Program on Sunday, January 28, 2018 between 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Shamokin Dam Fire Company. The volunteers will take pictures of residents, help complete the forms and install the yellow dot on your vehicle. Please bring necessary medical and prescription information as this will need to be available and allow an estimated 20-30 minutes to complete the information.

Emergency Situation In Orchard Hills & Shamokin Dam

On Tuesday, November 28th a bomb threat was phoned into a business in the Orchard Hills Shopping Center. Because of the nature of the incident the Pennsylvania State Police assumed the primary responsibility for containment and investigation and were assisted by our Shamokin Dam Police Department. In charge at the scene was Corporal Herman of the State Police. For safety reasons he quickly ordered evacuation of the Orchard Hills Shopping Center, the dental office across the street and directed that the residents of Stayman Park Apartments move to a far corner of the building, away from the “target” business. A warning was also given to adjacent homeowners, some of whom elected to stay in their homes. The Corporal also directed that the entrance and exit to Orchard Hills be closed to traffic, again for safety reasons. When I arrived at the Shopping Center I asked about the possibility of opening up the emergency gate on Main Street (leading to the down ramp from the Veterans Memorial Bridge) so that residential traffic could enter and leave Orchard Hills if necessary. Unfortunately, due to a manpower shortage, that was not possible. I heard from a number of residents concerned about their inability to enter or leave Orchard Hills for doctor’s appointments or other necessary trips, which could have been safely permitted if the emergency gate was open. I did talk to Corporal Herman many times during the incident and was assured that any true emergency would be given permission to enter or leave as necessary, but that other traffic would be prohibited. The person who called in the bomb threat was specific about the time it was supposed to go off. After that deadline had passed the State Police “bomb dog” and his handler cleared the business and the parking lot and the restrictions were lifted.

Our police and fire company were assisted by Selinsgrove Fire Police and fire units from Snyder and Northumberland County also were on the scene. Because we don’t have our own Fire Police we must rely on those from other communities during emergencies. They have always been willing to assist us when needed. However, their primary function cannot be opening up our emergency gate. If we had our own Fire or Special Police it would make it possible for us to more easily open that gate and control what happens during any emergency in Shamokin Dam more effectively. We also need to have a policy with respect to how emergencies are handled in the Borough. Councilman Mark Benner and his Committee are working on a new Emergency Plan. A policy for the gate and the need for emergency or fire police will be discussed. If you would be willing to serve and be trained as fire or special police to assist during emergencies, anywhere in the Borough, please e-mail me at jmcgranaghan@shamokindam.net.

Joe McGranaghan, Mayor

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday season!



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.

Shamokin Dam Borough Office

Normal Office Hours

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

Closed Wednesday - 12:00 Noon through 1:00 PM

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

Monday – December 25th – Christmas Day

Monday - January 1st – 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.
