



Shoemakersville Borough SHOEY SCOOP

August 2024 Newsletter

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In 1991 the federal government published a regulation called "Lead & Copper Rule." While previous guidelines meant this rule only applied to larger municipalities, changes over the years have made it so now smaller municipalities like ours are required to comply as well.

In order to make the most efficient use of our Borough's limited resources as well as avoid imposing unnecessarily on resident's time and homes in trying to access their water meters and lines, we are requesting that each water service customer "Take Three" (or more) photos and submit them to the Borough. Photos Needed:

1. Is your incoming waterline lead or copper? We will need at least one photo of the water line as it enters your home.
2. We need to verify our water service data for you. We need a photo of the water meter showing the meter serial number
3. Your water meter head could be part of a recall. We need a photo of the reader head with the current meter reading.



Images can be submitted using the QR code or by emailing the photos with your name, address and phone number, to water@shoeyboro.org

Borough of Shoemakersville

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Borough Manager/ Code Enforcement/Zoning

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Melissa Wagner

Borough Tax Collector

Karen Hamm

Sign up for emergency notifications from the borough through the Code Red System. Scan the QR Code or go to www.shoeyboro.org.



 CodeRED™

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Borough Office Closures

August 21-23 & 30

September 2

October 11 & 14

Yard Sign & Flag Regulations

New sign regulations are in effect since the Borough's revised Zoning Ordinance 463-2023 was passed January 3, 2023. The full zoning ordinance is available at www.shoeyboro.org under Ordinances. The Ordinance contains detailed definitions regarding what a sign is, and what is not a sign, the kinds of signs not regulated, and those that are regulated. This newsletter should not be used as an exhaustive relay of the requirements but simply to point out some typical examples. Any specific questions should be directed to the Borough Zoning Officer.

What is a sign ... anything (structure, wall, fabric or other material) in whatever configuration (letter, word, pictorial, banner, flag, pennant, insignia, etc) intended to communicate support for, or against, a political platform or candidate.

What is not a sign... one of the nine excluded types of "signs" is a flag or insignia of any nation, state, city or other political unit, nor public traffic or directional signs. In short, you can fly a national or state flag from any era since 1772 (yes, 1772, it's in the Ordinance). However, the moment it says, "I stand with Ukraine", or "Make America Great Again", etc. It is no longer a flag, but a sign, and subject to other parts of the ordinance.

Political signs are allowed without a permit under specific rules.

- 1 - The total area of all visible sides/signs, shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area.
- 2 - Such signs shall not be placed prior to fourteen (14) days before the campaign, drive, or event and removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of the campaign, drive or event.

Can you have political signage greater than 12 square feet or placed more than 14 days before the election? "Yes", however it is now a regulated sign and must comply with other parts of the ordinance. The "next level up" one could apply for and obtain, prior to installing, a Permit for a Temporary Sign. The minimum zoning fee will apply; however, this would allow you to display your support for up to 45 days subject to some additional restrictions. These restrictions are that the sign/sign faces must be sixteen (16) square feet or less in residential districts, or thirty-two (32) square feet or less in all other districts, displayed for forty-five (45) days or less, must be placed with the permission of the property owner and the permit may allow erection of up to a total of four (4) signs.

Can you have a political sign in the window of your home or business? "Yes", you sure can, it will either be an exempt type of sign limited by size and timing as indicated above with the additional restriction that it may not cover more than 50% of the window area. Or, it is a regulated type of sign (temporary) because of the size, or the duration and therefore a permit will be required.




No sign shall be so located or arranged that it interferes with traffic, through glare, through blocking of sight lines of streets, sidewalks, or driveways, or through confusion with a traffic control device (by reason of color, location, shape, or other characteristic). No sign may be placed within street lines unless specifically authorized by other the Borough.

Watch the Speed Limit

Please be mindful of the speed limits when traveling in the borough and take extra care when passing pedestrians and borough employees working on the streets.



Trash & Recycling

 Holiday - No service. If your collection falls on or after a holiday, it will be delayed one day.  Recycling  Yard Waste

Trash and bulk trash is picked up weekly on Tuesdays (if a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, service will be delayed one day to Wednesday).

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A few reminders:

- If any food or trash is mixed with the recycling, it will not be taken.
- Recycling boxes must be flattened and bundled together.
- Have your items at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on pick up day.
- The limit is the equivalent of four 30-gallon trash bags or cans per week.
- If you are using a 55 gallon drum for a trash receptacle, please be sure to add handles and a lid.
- One bulk item per week may be placed out with your trash.

If you think your pick up was missed or have other issues, let us know here: <https://tinyurl.com/shoeyrefuse> or contact administration@shoeyboro.org immediately with any concerns.

Visit <https://shoeyboro.org/trash-and-recycling-pick-up/> for more information.

From the Recreation Board

Applications being accepted for new Rec Board Members

The Shoemakersville Recreation Board is a volunteer advisory board appointed by Borough Council. The Board meets monthly as needed. Events organized or supported by the Rec Board include:

- Children's Fair
- Free Summer Park Program
- Trunk or Treat in the Park
- Holiday Decorating Contest
- Christmas in the Park
- Egg Hunt in the Park
- Shoey Pool Special Events
- Annual Scibble Tournament



If you are interested in serving, please submit a letter of interest including contact information and why you want to serve. Please submit to the Borough Office or recboard@shoeyboro.org by December 1 for full consideration.

Trunk or Treat - Friday, Oct. 25th - 6:30-8:30pm.

Join the Shoemakersville Recreation Board at the park on Friday, Oct. 25th. Bring your car, decorate your truck, and children will trick or treat from trunk to trunk.



Each trunk supplies their own candy. If we receive candy donations, we will share with you! There will be an award for best trunk! Don't want to bring your car? Devilish ghouls, Super heroes, and Ghosts are welcome, too, for trick or treating. Donations kindly accepted. Please let us know if you will be joining us as a decorated trunk! Email RecBoard@ShoeyBoro.org or call the Borough Office at 610-562-8030.

Follow us on Facebook at Shoemakersville Rec Board

Other Community Events

Lion's Club Carnival - Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27
Visit www.shoeylions.com for more information.

Community Yard Sale - Saturday, September 21
- 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

Local events can be found on Facebook at
Shoemakersville History & Community

"There is nothing like staying at home for real comfort."
 ~ Jane Austen



Hi neighbor!

BORN AND RAISED IN BERKS COUNTY, I AM COMMITTED TO ASSISTING MY CLIENTS IN NAVIGATING THE INTRICATE REAL ESTATE LANDSCAPE. WHETHER YOU'RE PURCHASING OR SELLING, I AM HERE TO SUPPORT YOU THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS AND BEYOND.



Dana Randazzo
 REALTOR

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 2024-2025 SEASON

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- Same great seats for the season
- Discounts off additional tickets
- Invitations to VIP events

Family Series
 All performances at 2:00 pm

- Pinkalicious The Musical**
 Sunday, November 17, 2024
- Puppy Pals LIVE!**
 Sunday, February 2, 2025
- Bill Blagg Family Magic**
 Sunday, March 2, 2025

Add Family Series for just \$45!

Performing Artists Series

All performances at 7:30 pm

Shamilton!
 The Improvised Parody Musical!
 Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Don't Stop Believin'
 The Journey Tribute by E5C4P3
 Thursday, October 24, 2024

An Evening of Fortepiano
 by Daniel Adam Maltz
 Thursday, November 7, 2024

Mandy Gonzalez
 Home for the Holidays
 Friday, December 6, 2024

Barron Ryan Trio
 There Arises Light (in the Darkness)
 Wednesday, February 12, 2025

The Kenny Rogers Band
 featuring Don Gatlin
 Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Kurt Elling Celebrates
 Weather Report
 Wednesday, April 9, 2025

All 7 performances for just \$225!

www.KutztownPresents.org • 610-683-4092

Fall Reminders



Yard Waste Pick-up

Yard waste pick-up continues through October 31. Please use biodegradable paper bags for the waste. CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. The weight of the bags should not exceed 30 pounds. Tree branches and sticks should be bundled together, with a length not to exceed 3 feet. Be sure to have your items at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, in order to assure proper pickup. The Borough asks that you do not sweep leaves and yard waste into the streets, as it may clog the storm sewers. This can create slippery conditions, flooding, and water quality issues.

Lawn Maintenance

Grass and weeds: Property owners should not permit weeds, grass or other uncultured vegetation to grow more than 10 inches in height when measured from the surface of the ground, provided that weed growth on lawns occurring between mowing shall not constitute a nuisance.

Trees, shrubs and hedges: Property owners are required to maintain any tree or shrubbery on the owner's property, so that branches do not extend over the public sidewalk at a height less than 8 feet of vertical clearance or extend over a public street or alley at a height less than 16 feet of vertical clearance.

Keep the Streets Clean

Borough staff cleans leaves that naturally fall into the roadway and gutters. However, leaves and yard sweepings should not be swept into any street or alley, as it clogs the storm sewers. This can create slippery conditions, flooding and water quality issues. When the system becomes blocked with grass clippings and leaves, it creates a flooding potential that could result in property damage.



Fire Safety

With fall approaching, we ask you to keep in mind that while outdoor fireplaces and cooking appliances may be used, a spark arrestor must be in place to reduce embers. Ordinance 429-2012 regulates open burning and recreational fires within the Borough.

Please keep these safety points in mind:

- Always have a spark arrestor in place to reduce embers
- Never leave a fire unattended
- Be aware of weather conditions
- Keep water close at hand
- No burning of yard waste, recyclables, or hazardous materials



Advertise in THE SHOHEY SCOOP

The advertising revenue will help support the production and distribution costs of the newsletter, which provides valuable information and updates on the borough’s activities, events, and initiatives. Some of the highlights of the Shoey Scoop newsletter include:

- Events organized by the [Borough Parks & Recreation and Community Engagement Committees](#) including the Annual Spring and Fall Community Yard Sale.
- The schedule of events for the [Shoey Rec Board](#), which organizes the Annual Tradition of the Children's Fair, Shoey Trunk or Treat in the Park, Holiday Lights Contest and the Shoey Park Program just to name a few.
- Various community events throughout the year, such as Easter egg hunt, fall picnic, Christmas lights, and Christmas in the park organized by the [Shoey Lions Club](#).
- The opening dates and hours for the [Shoey Pool](#), which offers a refreshing and fun place to swim and relax during the summer months.

2024 Newsletter Advertising Rates

	Size	One Time	Annual (4 issues)
Half Page (limited avail)	3 ½ x 9 or 7 x 4 ½	\$250	\$880 (\$220 x 4)
Quarter Page	3 ½ x 4 ½	\$125	\$440 (\$110 x 4)
Eighth Page (biz card)	2 x 3 ½	\$65	\$220 (\$55 x 4)

If you are interested in advertising in the Shoey Scoop, please contact the borough office at (610) 562-8030 or email Newsletter@shoeyboro.org for more details and pricing. Don't miss this chance to reach out to your potential customers and support your local newsletter!

Fall Election Information

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 5
- The deadline to register to vote for the 2024 General Election is Monday, October 21.
- Applications for Absentee and Mail-in Ballots for the Nov. 5, 2024 General Election MUST be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024.
- Voted Absentee and Mail-Ballots MUST be received by the Office of Election Services or returned to a designated drop box by 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, to be counted.

Representing Districts

US Congress : 9TH DISTRICT
 State Senate : 48TH DISTRICT
 State House : 5TH DISTRICT

Polling Location

PERRY ELEMENTARY CENTER
 201 FOURTH ST
 SHOEMAKERSVILLE, PA 19555



Interested in working the polls or have other questions?
Contact Berks County Elections Services at 610-478-6490 or visit
<https://www.berkspa.gov/departments/election-services>

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Republic Services - 610-926-9132

Building Inspector: Bill Murphy - 570-499-7204

Zoning & Codes: Paul Gruber - 610-607-4866

Pennsylvania State Police - 610-562-6885

Current Borough Council and Mayor

Council President	Chris Kline
Council Vice President	Amy L Botwright
Council President Pro Tem	Dana Smith
Council Member	Joseph Wertz
Council Member	Tara Kennedy Kline
Council Member	Dana Randazzo
Council Member	Michael Grim
Mayor	Dustin Remp

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