



Shoemakersville Borough SHOEY SCOOP

FEBRUARY 2026 Newsletter

COMMUNITY TRADITIONS

As we look forward to celebrating the Semiquincentennial - America's 250th, we can also look back at the history of our community and the traditions we carry on. Shoemakersville was founded by Charles & Henry Shoemaker. Since then, we have had numerous musical groups, athletic groups, service organizations and so much more. All of those groups were led by the residents of the Borough. Here are just a few of the organizations that made an impact:

Shoemakersville Fire Company - 1909 - present
Shoemakersville Athletics Club - 1912 - 1935
Camp Fire Girls - 1917 - end date unknown
Boy Scout Troop 163 - 1918 - present
Reading Hospital Auxiliary - 1924 - end date unknown
VFW Post 8425 - 1946 - 2014

Rotary Club - 1951 - end date unknown
Recreation Board - 1952 - present
Shoemakersville Baseball - 1959 - present
Jaycees - 1962 - 1986
Lion's Club - 1975 - present
Girl Scouts - 1975 - present

Baseball games going back to 1908. Summer Park Programs as far back as 1935. Children's Fair starting in 1952. Lion's Club Carnivals since 1976. Fire Company events. Scouting events. They all need one thing: YOU! **Volunteers are the Backbone of the Community.**

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Borough Office Closures

February 13 & 16

February 24 - closes at noon

March 11 - closes at noon

April 2 & 3

Honor a Veteran with a Hometown Hero Banner for America's 250th!

Never forget the brave men and women those who have served and sacrificed in defense of our nation.

Each banner highlights the Veteran by including their picture, rank, branch of service, and era of service. The program is non-political and non-partisan. It is solely a living memorial to those men and women from the Borough of Shoemakersville who have served our great country. The banners will remain hanging for a period of 3-5 years, or until they become worn or tattered, at which point they can be picked up by the applicant if so desired.

Applications are available at the Borough Office or at www.ShoeyBoro.org

If you have any questions regarding the program or the application, please feel free to contact Dustin Remp at 610-858-3154.



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 an 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.

Newsletter	Ad/Copy Deadline	Distributed & Posted
Summer 2026	March 15	May 1
Fall 2026	June 15	August 1
Winter 2026	September 15	November 1
Spring 2026	December 15	February 1

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!

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Volunteering does more than help other people. It improves the mental health of the person giving their time. It builds skills and confidence. It reduces loneliness and fosters belonging. It advances the missions of nonprofits and strengthens communities. In a world where anxiety and social isolation are on the rise, that kind of connection is no longer a luxury. It's essential.

Service to others may be the simplest, most powerful tool we have that's hidden in plain sight—and ready to address today's greatest problems. Let's activate it.

Being of service to others isn't a feel-good extra. It's the foundation of a healthy, functioning culture and society. If you have an opportunity to volunteer, do it. If you can contribute to a nonprofit's volunteer programs, support them. The world needs more volunteers now more than ever.



Did you know?

The Shoemakersville Fire Company was headquartered at 539 Main Street from 1920 - 1975 when it moved to its current location on Church Ave.

From The Mayor...

Hello residents of Shoemakersville!

My name is **David Kisha** and I would like to introduce myself as your newly elected Mayor for the Borough of Shoemakersville. I was born and raised in Johnstown, PA. I come from a family of steelworkers and coalminers. I am a survivor of the 3rd great Johnstown Flood of 1977. After graduating high school in 1986, I joined the Navy and served as a Hospital Corpsman and Physical Therapy Technician. I am a veteran of the Persian Gulf War in which I served at a Navy Fleet Hospital in Bahrain. While I was serving in the Persian Gulf War, my wife Patty and her family moved us into our first home on Chestnut Street in Shoey in 1991. We have been residents of the borough ever since. During that time, we raised our 2 children and I coached Shoey Greensox Baseball for 6 years. Recently I have been a member of the Neighborhood Watch for the past 4 years. As some of you may know that I have been working as a Physical Therapist serving the Shoemakersville / Hamburg Communities for the past 26 years and I am looking forward to serving our great community as your mayor.

If you have any questions or concerns about our borough, please contact me through the borough office at 610-562-8030 or email dkisha@shoeyboro.org.



Looking for a warm home to cozy up in this winter?

Proud to help neighbors buy and sell their home here in Shoey!

Dana Randazzo

Your local realtor

610.451.5473 Cell | 610.985.0224 Office
dana@daryltillman.com

Now hiring for the 2026 Season!!

Managers
Lifeguards
Snack Bar Attendants



Apply today! <https://shoeyboro.org/departments/recreation/>

**Mark your calendar for Opening Day: Saturday, May 23.
Season ticket information will be available in April.**

From the Rec Board

What do we call the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence? Semiquincentennial. Semi...quin...centennial. Semiquincentennial. Try saying that five times fast. Or even once. Join the festivities as we celebrate on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at our 75th Annual Children's Fair and Parade!

AMERICA



75th Annual Children's Fair and Parade

Saturday, June 6, 2026

10:00 am - Parade

Fair starts after the parade has finished.

This annual fundraiser for the Recreation Board helps support programs for our local community including the FREE summer park program. March in the parade, donate to the raffle or volunteer to help support this great tradition. Mark your calendars and stayed tuned!!

Volunteers Needed! Join the Rec Board at the Borough Office on Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 pm.

Can't make the meeting? Let us know you are interested.

Email recboard@shoeyboro.org or call the Borough Office at 610-562-8030

Blue Mountain Wildlife Master Plan Presentation

- Tuesday, February 17 - 7:00 pm at Borough Office

Irish Gnome Hunt

- Week of March 16

Adopt a Gnome for the week by stopping at the Borough Office starting March 13

Perry PTO Easter Egg Hunt

- Saturday, April 4

Perry Rec Board Easter Egg Hunt

- Saturday, April 4 at Perry Park

Lion's Club Chicken BBQ

- Sunday, May 10

-- Call Pat Daly at 610-207-0111 or visit www.shoeylions.com for tickets or more information.

Community Yard Sale

- Date Announced Soon - 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

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

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.

Winter Weather is Here



Snow Shoveling

Please be mindful of the following excerpt from Ordinance 341-94: "...The owner, occupant or tenant of every property fronting upon or alongside any street or alley in the Borough of Shoemakersville is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed from all the sidewalks in front of or alongside such property all snow and ice thereon fallen or formed, within twenty-four (24) hours after the same shall have ceased to fall or to be formed, so as to leave a clear walkway at least two feet (2') wide..."

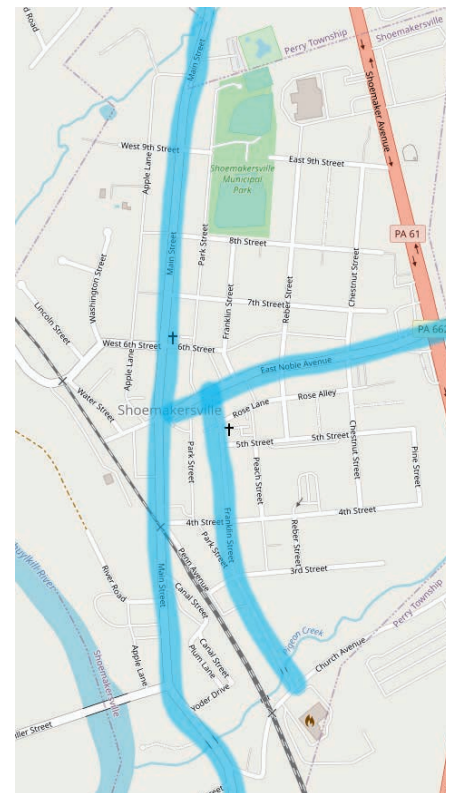
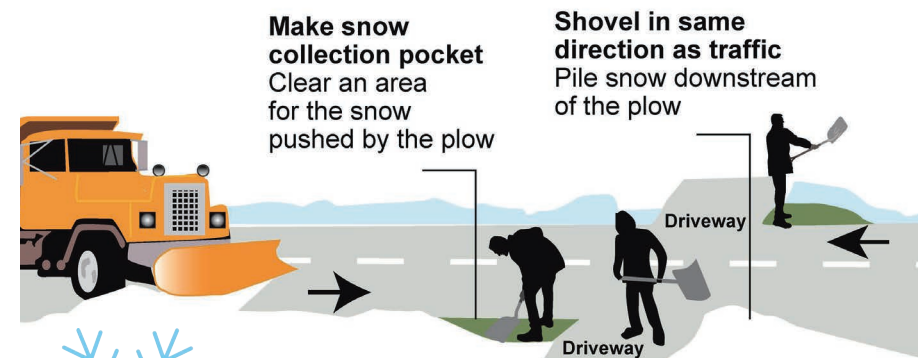


Snow Plowing

Plowing is just around the corner. We prefer to plow curb to curb. If possible, please move your vehicle off of the street during snow removal. This is beneficial to all, as it will create more parking and less shoveling out of cars. Please note that it is against borough ordinance to put snow into the street. Snow should be placed either on your private property or on the curb side of the walk. During a snow emergency, vehicles must be removed from the snow emergency route, which includes the entire length of Main St., Noble Ave. from Main St. to Route 61 and Franklin St., from Church Ave. to Noble Ave.

A smarter way to shovel your drive

How to shovel your driveway to avoid having snow pushed back in when snowplows clear your street:



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Other Contacts

Trash & Recycling:
Republic Services - 610-926-9132

Building Inspector & Zoning
Ryan Wessner - 484-220-4017

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	Dana Randazzo
Council Member	Michael Grim
Council Member	Mark Paine
Mayor	David Kisha

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