



Shoemakersville Borough SHOEY SCOOP

November 2024 Newsletter

BURN BAN & DROUGHT WARNING

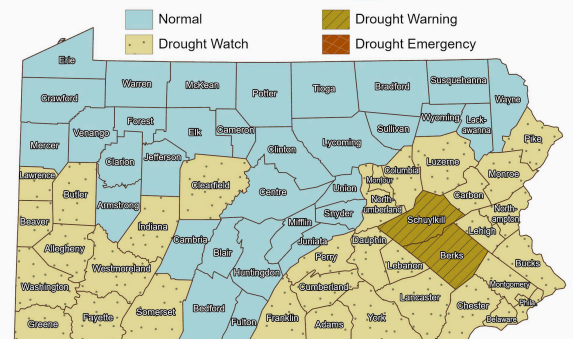


The County of Berks has initiated a 30 day ban on open burning within the county starting on November 2, 2024. The ban disallows the burning of garbage, leaves, grass, twigs, litter, paper, vegetative matter involved with land clearing, or any sort of debris out-of-doors, either in a burn barrel or on the ground.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has escalated Berks County to a "Drought Warning" status as dry weather continues to grip the state. With limited rainfall over the past several months, state officials are encouraging residents and businesses in Berks County to take steps to reduce water usage.



Berks County is one of two counties now under a Drought Warning, a step above the Drought Watch. Under this Drought Warning, Berks County residents are encouraged to voluntarily reduce water use by 10-15%, though no mandatory restrictions have been put in place.



Borough of Shoemakersville

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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

November 27-29

December 10, 24-27

January 1

January 20 - closing at noon

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.

Follow us on Facebook at Shoemakersville Rec Board

What's Happening:

14th Annual Tree Lighting

- Friday, December 6

Fleetwood Bank - Shoemakersville Branch

3:00 - 3:30 PM: Hamburg Area High School Ascending Chamber Strings performs

4:00 - 4:30 PM: Hamburg Middle School Soaring Strings performs

4:30 PM: Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by fire truck thanks to the Shoey Fire Company

4:30 - 6:00 PM: Complimentary photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus courtesy of Fleetwood Bank

5:30 - 6:00 PM: Blue Mountain Heritage Chorus performs

5:45 PM: Tree Lighting Ceremony

Santa in the Park

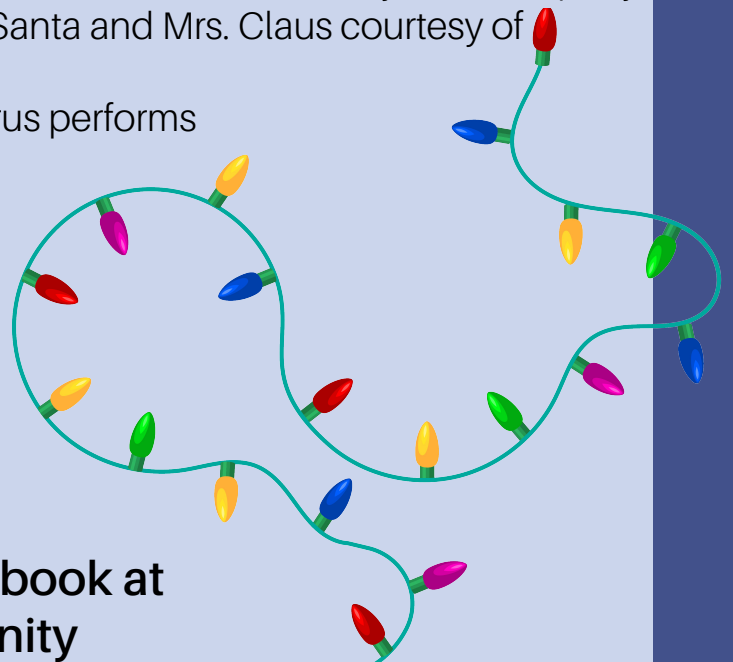
- Saturday, December 21

Register at shoeylions.org

Holiday Decorating Contest

- Week of December 16

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



Winter Weather is Coming



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..."

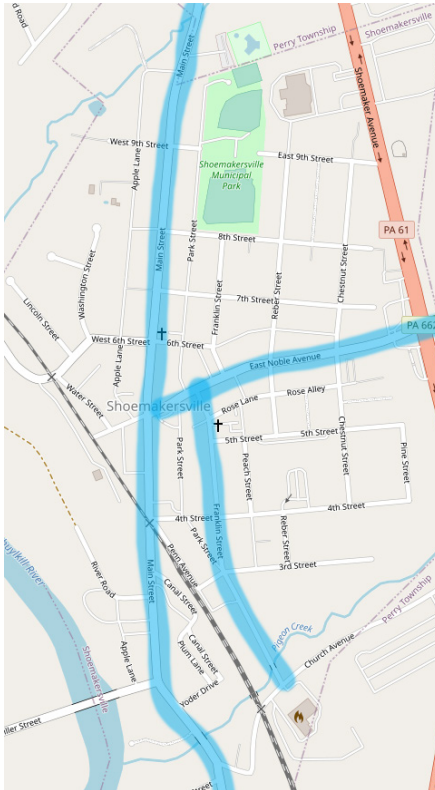
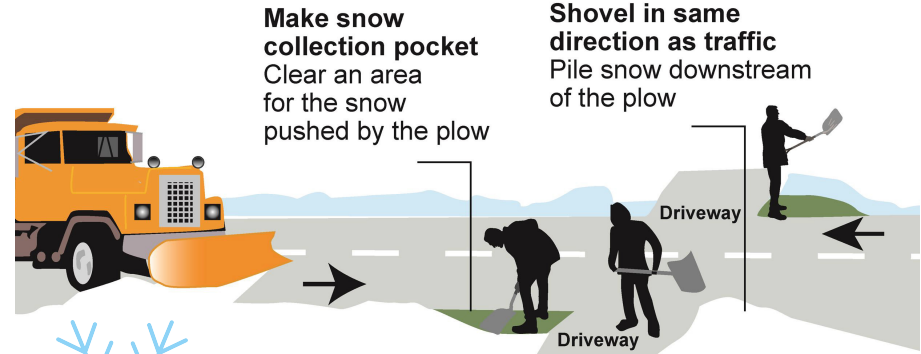


Snow Plowing


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:



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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Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas Tree Pick up is the first two Wednesday's in January: January 8 & January 15

Alternatively, Blue Marsh Lake has Trees For The Fishes. Consider recycling your CLEAN Christmas tree to help create artificial aquatic habitat within the lake. Drop off locations are located at State Hill Boat Launch and Sheidy Boat Launch.

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.

\$10 CREDIT FOR 3 PICTURES

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

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.

What are PCBs?

PCBs belong to a broad family of man-made organic chemicals known as chlorinated hydrocarbons. PCBs were domestically manufactured from 1929 until manufacturing, processing, distribution and use was banned in 1979. They have a range of toxicity and vary in consistency from thin, light-colored liquids to yellow or black waxy solids. Due to their non-flammability, chemical stability, high boiling point and electrical insulating properties, PCBs tend to linger in the environment and take a very long time to break down. They were used in hundreds of industrial and commercial applications during the time of manufacture, including:



- Fluorescent light ballasts
- Oil used in motors and hydraulic systems
- Oil-based paint
- Transformers and capacitors
- Electrical equipment including voltage regulators, switches, re-closers, bushings, and electromagnets
- Old electrical devices or appliances containing PCB capacitors
- Cable insulation
- Thermal insulation material including fiberglass, felt, foam and cork
- Adhesives and tapes
- Caulking
- Plastics
- Carbonless copy paper
- Floor finish

Small amounts of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) have been identified in our sanitary sewer collection system coming from within the Borough limits and from Perry Township. The PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) has identified PCBs as a pollutant of concern in the Schuylkill River, which is where the Borough's wastewater is discharged. Therefore, PADEP has tasked the Borough with identifying and reducing the concentration of PCBs being discharged. Please note that these elevated concentrations of PCBs have only been identified in our sanitary sewer collection system and NOT our drinking water supply.

We are asking for your help to identify any suspected "hot spots" that may be in our community or outlying areas and to notify the Borough of the suspected "hot spots". This will allow the Borough to coordinate with property owner to gather samples that can be sent out to an accredited lab for analysis. If any areas would result in a positive PCB identification, the property owner/s would be notified so appropriate remediation measures could be taken. Remediation guidance can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/pcbs/managingremediation-waste-polychlorinated-biphenyls-pcbs-cleanups> Please keep in mind that we want to provide a clean and safe environment for generations to come. If the Borough is not able to sufficiently reduce the sources of PCBs within the collection system, expensive removal equipment may need to be installed at the WWTP, which could result in significant rate increases for all users.

If you are concerned about any items that you think may be contaminated with PCBs or know of any possible sources of PCBs within the collection system, please contact the borough office. This will take a community effort to reduce the PCBs within our system, and we appreciate any assistance you can provide! Additional information can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/pcbs/learn-about-polychlorinated-biphenyls-pcbs>



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

Let me find you the perfect home here in our charming community!



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Your local realtor

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KUTZTOWN
UNIVERSITY
presents!
2024-2025 SEASON



Performing Artists Series

All performances at 7:30 pm

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



Family Series

All performances at 2:00 pm

Puppy Pals LIVE!
Sunday, February 2, 2025

Bill Blagg Family Magic
Sunday, March 2, 2025



www.KutztownPresents.org • 610-683-4092

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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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