



# Shoemakersville Borough SHOEY SCOOP

NOVEMBER 2025 Newsletter

## DO YOU NEED A PERMIT FOR THAT?

The Borough of Shoemakersville Zoning Ordinance & Building Codes contains requirements for many home improvement projects you may be planning to undertake. Some projects require both building and zoning permits, while others may only require a zoning or building permit or possibly no permit. By obtaining a Zoning or Building permit, you will protect the outcome and investment value of your construction project and be able to guard against a lawsuit or injury.

Does your home improvement project need a permit? What kind of permit? By working with the Borough, you will benefit from their knowledge of building codes and zoning requirements to ensure your construction project is built right, will be safe and will last. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, move, improve, remove, convert, or demolish any building or structure without a permit.

Please note that permits are NOT issued on the same day they are submitted. To obtain your permit, it may take anywhere between 2 days and 2 weeks...it all depends upon the project, the required paperwork, etc. It is always best to take your time to ensure that you have all of the required information when applying for a permit.

Questions? Contact our new Borough Zoning Officer and Building Inspector

**Ryan Wessner - [zoning@shoeyboro.org](mailto:zoning@shoeyboro.org) - 484-220-4017**

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Phone: 610-562-8030

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### **Borough Manager**

Paul Gruber

### **Borough Secretary/Treasurer**

Melissa Wagner

### **Borough Tax Collector**

Karen Hamm

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### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

*Closed 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm*

### **Borough Office Closures**

November 26 - 28

December 1 - closes at noon

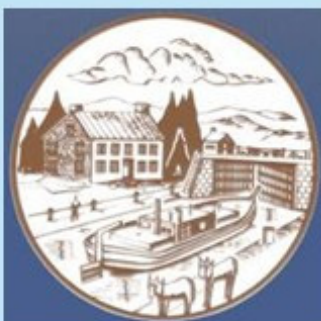
December 24 - January 2



**The Borough of Shoemakersville is looking for dependable adults to fill School Crossing Guard positions.**

- Must be 18 years or older
- Display good judgement
- Interact well with Children of all ages
- Stand for a minimum of 20 minutes or longer
- Good physical condition with good mobility
- Handle traffic control while supervising Children crossing streets/intersections
- Willing to work in various weather conditions
- Willing to work flexible hours
- Follow oral or written instructions
- Must be able to pass background check
- Training/equipment provided
- Pay Rate of \$15.00 per hour

**Great opportunity for anyone who is Kind but Assertive and is looking to contribute to the Children of our Community**



Contact the Borough of Shoemakersville for an application at 610-562-8030 or via email [mwagner@shoeyboro.org](mailto:mwagner@shoeyboro.org)

# A Deep Dive Into Revenue

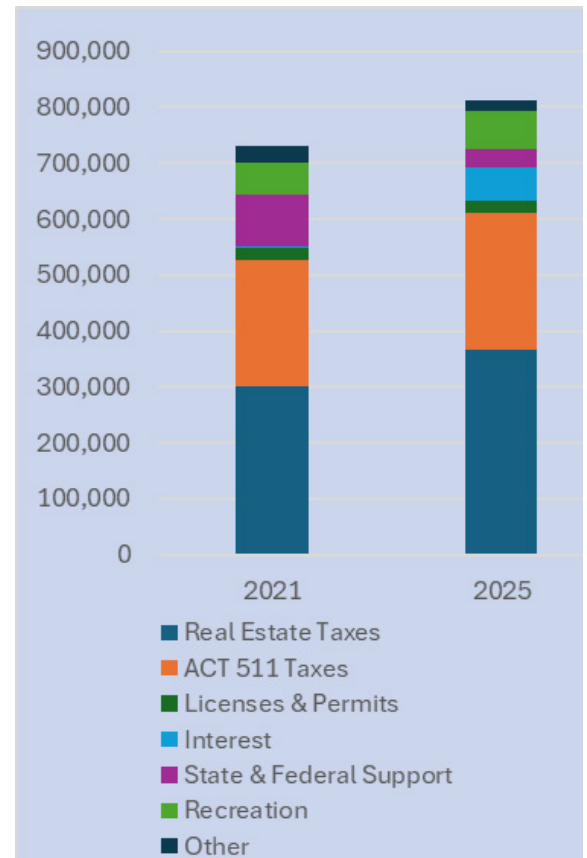
In the last newsletter we promised an explanation of sources of borough revenue. Below is a comparison of revenue from 2021 through 2025 budget less a one time property sales. When we look at earned income taxes this number represents 1% of our community-wide combined individual incomes. This 1% amount is set by state government and is not something we can change. Earned income taxes have increased approximately 14% from 2021 to 2025. During those four years the US CPI (Consumer Price Index) increased by 19.6%. A quick calculation identifies that our incomes have increased, but at only 70 to 75% of the consumer price index. This loss of purchasing power translates directly to the borough budget as earned income is approximately 25% of our total general fund revenues.

The single largest source of income is real estate taxes. This is the only significant area of income which the borough can control (limited also by State statute). The increase in real estate taxes collected was due to the increase in Property Tax Rate from 6.5 mils (from 2016 to 2023) to 8 mils in 2025. This increase was 1.5 mil, or 23%, within that nine-year time frame while the US CPI (Consumer price index) rose by 35%.

Analyzing these two income streams which represent ~ 2/3 of our general fund revenue we see the borough general fund revenue has increased since 2021, however this increase did not keep pace with inflation. Of these two income streams the borough can only change real estate taxes rates to recover the loss of purchasing power.

Your Borough Council has paid particular attention this year to increasing the rate of return on any cash in Bank Accounts to offset the loss of purchasing power that inflation has caused. And as part of the budget exercise, starting now, we will be reviewing fees for services provided by the Borough to be appropriate and cover the actual cost of providing them. This way the service user, and not the taxpaying citizen, bears the larger burden of the expense.

Given this inflationary time in history, the net loss of purchasing power of your tax dollars, and statutory taxing limitations, future real estate tax rate adjustments will be likely. This Borough Council has a history of managing those adjustments in both scale and timing to minimize the impact on Borough operations and to the citizens it serves. However, we invite any member of our community with employment-related financial and program management experience to meet with the Finance Committee while it deliberates during this budget season. Please reach out to the borough secretary with your qualifications within an informal resume and indicate your interest to serve.





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](mailto:dana@daryltillman.com)



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# 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, 2025 at our 75th Annual Children's Fair and Parade!



## 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](mailto:recboard@shoeyboro.org) by December 1 for full consideration.

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

### 15th Annual Tree Lighting

- Friday, December 5

Fleetwood Bank - Shoemakersville Branch

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

### Santa at the Fire Company

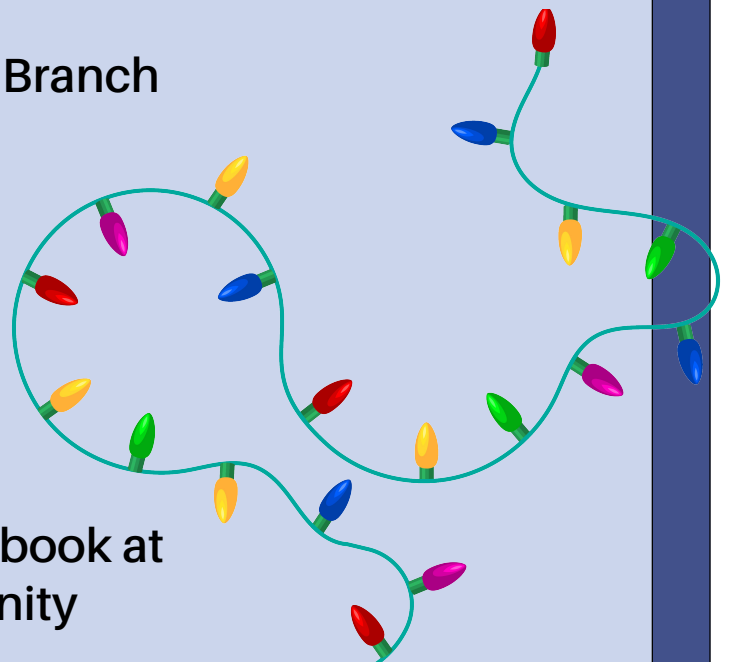
- Saturday, December 20

Register at [shoeylions.org](http://shoeylions.org)

### Holiday Decorating Contest




- Week of December 15

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# Trash & Recycling

**Christmas Tree Pick Up will occur at the beginning of January. Dates will be posted on the Borough Website or call the Borough Office.**

 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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## 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](mailto: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!

# 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..."

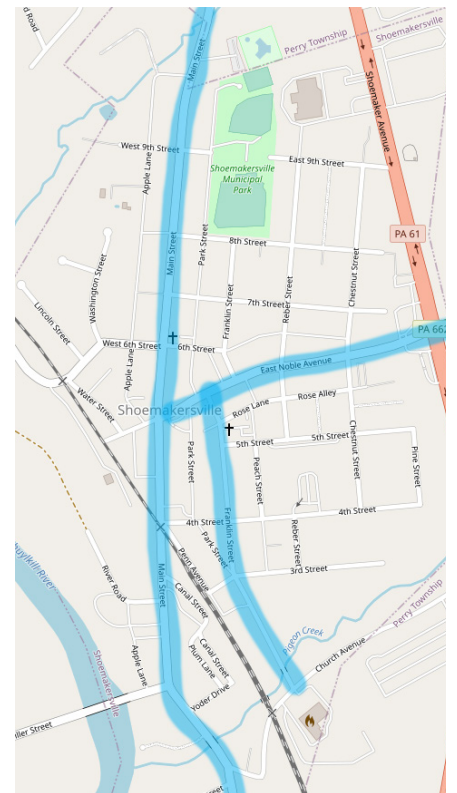
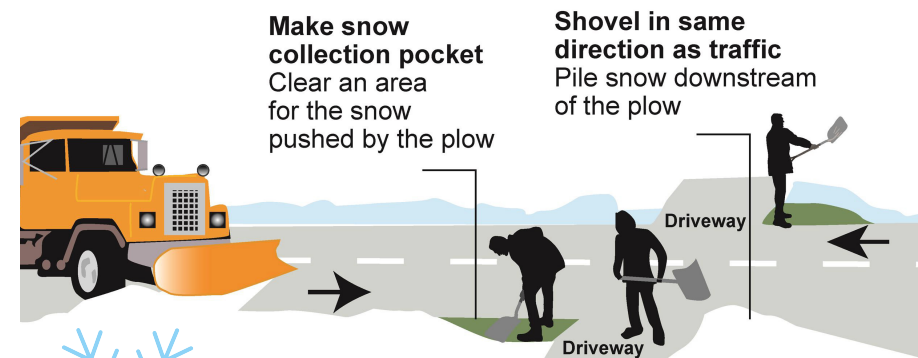


## Snow Plowing

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:



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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	Tara Kennedy Kline
Council Member	Dana Randazzo
Council Member	Michael Grim
Mayor	Dustin Remp

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