

Schwenksville Borough Newsletter

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Community Day Volunteers

Our 4th Annual Community Day was a great success for many reasons. Volunteers worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure both vendors and visitors enjoyed the entertainment and visited the tables. Thank you to the Fire Police for traffic management, David Eubank & Fred Fritsche for parking, the Fire Company for tents, tables and chair set-up and tear down, Lower Frederick Ambulance for stand-by, Jeff Scherzer for the Moon Bounce, Ray Yeanish for the golf cart, Little's for the Gator and Rosemary Grauer & Gail Phillips for vendor sign-in. The Treasure Hunt and Dog Parade were a success and we thank Ambler Savings Bank for stuffing the Treasure Bags and providing doggie treats to our contestants.

– Schwenksville Borough Activities Committee



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MUSIC IN THE MEADOW

Summer Concerts
6:30-8:30



Meadow Park

300 Main Street
Behind Schwenksville Fire Co.

Wednesday, July 11 "Music by Roadhouse"

Country/Oldies

Wednesday, August 15 "Dog Bite Money"

Classic Rock

Wednesday, September 5 "It's a Mystery!"

Band to be announced

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Photos courtesy of Mansell Studios



Calendar of Events

7/11	Summer Concert "Music by Roadhouse" - 6:30pm - 7:30pm Meadow Park
7/25	Town Hall Meeting 7pm – Perkiomen Valley Library Auditorium
8/8	Chicken Barbeque at the Fire Company 12n – 5pm Take-out only 610-287-9370
8/15	Summer Concert "Dog Bite Money" - 6:30pm - 7:30pm Meadow Park
9/5	Summer Concert "It's A Mystery Band" - 6:30pm - 7:30pm Meadow Park

Meet Our New Borough Manager: Anne Klepfer

Please welcome Anne Klepfer as our new Borough Manager. We didn't have a lot of time to find a new manager after Mike Galla announced he was leaving but, when we did conduct our interviews, we were very fortunate to be able to interview and ultimately hire Anne Klepfer.

Ann brings a wealth of experience to our Borough having been the manager for New Hanover and East Rockhill Townships for a combined seventeen years.



She has a broad range of experience, skills and knowledge in many of the things we are trying to achieve for our borough. Anne brings a heightened level of professional management to our Borough.

Anne and her family live in Harleysville and she knows our area well. She welcomes the much shorter commute to Borough Hall and looks forward to helping us advance the various projects we have planned including Main Street Revitalization, the Development of Meadow Park and

various road projects in the Borough.

Mike Galla, as many of you have heard, has taken a position in Horsham Township. Mike was a great help to us over the last three years, and we

wish him every success and happiness in his new job.

Arthur Fairclough
President of Council

With summer coming and schools letting out, the Borough anticipates increased activity in the evening hours along the trail and in our park. This means possible acts of vandalism, graffiti and drug use. We urge citizens of the Borough to be vigilante and to report any type of illegal activity to the State Police and Borough Hall. We want everyone to enjoy their activities in a safe, secure and clean environment. Please be safe and have a wonderful summer. - Mayor Joe Giunta

Borough Gateway Gets a Facelift

By Lisa Dull

If you drive, we all have been at the intersection of Routes 29 and 73 at one time or another. If you ride a bicycle, walk or ride a horse, at one time you have been on the Perkiomen Trail. Have you noticed the lovely plantings and admired the well-manicured gardens at the south end of town? If you have, this is due to the wonderful efforts of The Women's Civic Club of Schwenksville who is helping the borough maintain this area.



The Civic Club is responsible for pulling the weeds, pruning the flowers and trees and planting new varieties of floral and fauna to this area. They are the ones generally making this an eye pleasing welcome to Schwenksville, the Gateway to the Perkiomen Trail.

THANK YOU to all the women of the Civic Club who are dedicated to their community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.



Forest Lane Repaving Project Underway



Stormwater Management

By Anne Klepfer

When rains come down the storm water flows over roofs, across lawns, and down driveways, sidewalks, and roads before entering storm water drains. The water entering those drains goes directly to our water supply, along with all the dirt, debris, and chemicals it picked up along the way. In Schwenksville Borough, that water could contaminate the Perkiomen Creek and its tributaries. Protect our water and natural areas by helping to reduce the contaminants in our storm water. Start with the following tips, and visit *the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy* <http://www.perkiomenwatershed.org> and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/water/6008> for more information.

- Use the Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program to dispose of hazardous household substances such as used motor oil, cleaning supplies and paint.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly to prevent excess runoff.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. If left in your backyard or at the park, pet waste can be carried into the storm sewer system or a stream by storm water runoff.

- Instead of washing your car in your driveway, take it to a car wash, where the water is treated and recycled.

Schwenksville Borough operates a municipal storm water system that is permitted by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The permit requires that the Borough:

- Continue public education and outreach activities
- Notify and solicit public input/involvement regarding management of the system
- Monitor, test and illuminate illicit discharges from outfalls in the system
- Control construction site storm water runoff through enforcement of ordinances
- Ensure that all post-construction storm water improvements in new or re-developed areas are built as designed and are operated and maintained properly
- Implement a pollution prevention program for municipal operations.

For more information or to provide public input, please contact the borough manager at aklepfer@schwenksvilleborough-pa.org.



Annual Borough Clean-up Day

By Lee Ann Miller

This year the Borough's clean-up efforts in Meadow Park included the removal of some sizable trees from the mouth of the small creek running into the Perkiomen. Pictured are Zoning Hearing Board member Darren Rash and Ed DiLello, proprietor of The Trading Post Depot. Also assisting was Parks Board member Greg Pocius, who pressed his father-in-law into service as well!

Many thanks also to all the volunteers who participated in the Borough's Annual Clean-up Day, May 5th.



MANY THANKS TO....

- Liberties Ministries at 565 Main St for façade and parking improvements.
- Moccia's Main Street Eatery at 480 Main Street for extended kitchen hours on weekends.
- Linda Wilde at 63 Main Street for the beautiful stone wall and landscaping.

From time to time we like to express appreciation to Borough residents and businesses who are contributing, even in a small way, to the Borough Revitalization efforts. If you have any suggestions for someone who should be recognized, please let us know.

Revitalization Update

By Lee Ann Miller

Efforts to implement the many facets of the Borough's Revitalization Plan continue. The last issue of this newsletter reported on two proposed ordinances under discussion. The new Sign Ordinance has since been approved by Borough Council. You can find a copy of the revised ordinance on the Borough web site. The Historic Preservation Committee has not yet made a final recommendation to Borough Council regarding a Historic Ordinance. The committee has been diligently pursuing both an accurate Historic Resource Survey and considering options for an ordinance that will preserve the Borough's historic assets with the least impact to property owners. The Historic Resource Survey has been completed, and affected property owners will receive copies of their form in early July. More than 200 properties over 50 years of age were surveyed by Wise Preservation, LLC. These surveys provide a valuable record of information for the Borough, regardless of what steps are ultimately taken to encourage historic preservation.

A Town Hall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 25th, 2012 at 7pm in the Perkiomen Valley Library Auditorium. Please join us to review the Historic Resource Survey results, celebrate the historic character and diversity of the Borough, and discuss preservation methods. A brief survey will be offered to attendees to gain public input in this process.

The Revitalization Task Force is taking the public input from a previous Town Hall meeting and will be working in the coming months to finish a master plan of proposed improvements to Main Street. This will serve as a foundation for phased projects and applying for streetscaping grants.

The Task Force also met with art consultant Robyn Burckhardt of Art's Alive, who has coordinated several area mural projects. Ms. Burckhardt provided information, ideas and

quotes from artists concerning the idea of installing murals along the Trail and/or Main Street areas. She specializes in bringing together community groups, such as schools, with professional artists to work on projects together. She encouraged the Borough to consider a series of murals, as well as the option of tile murals, instead of or in addition to paint. Another idea was to turn other items such as planters and benches into works of art. The Borough subsequently used this information to apply for a grant for a series of murals, but did not receive the grant. Many residents have expressed interest in the mural project and we will continue to explore ideas and seek grant and fundraising opportunities. If anyone has any special knowledge in this area or would simply like to volunteer to help bring this idea to fruition, please contact Borough Hall.

Schwenksville Fire Company News

The Schwenksville Fire Company is very pleased to announce the addition of two, 12 foot water rescue boats dubbed Marine 73-1 and 73-2. These rescue boats will increase our ability to rescue stranded victims during high water and flooding conditions. Currently the members of the Schwenksville Fire Company are training in all levels of water rescue through the PA Fish & Boat certification program and are part of a Swift Water Rescue Team. If this appeals to you or someone you know or if you ever wanted to know what it would be like to be a firefighter and your 16 years or older, please contact me, Mark Brasch, Fire Chief at 215-669-6995 my cell or 610-287-9370 Station phone. You can also just stop by the station at 300 Main Street, Schwenksville, PA. 19473, any Thursday night at 7pm for our weekly training. I would be happy to give you a tour and explain the benefits of being a volunteer firefighter including the Richard P. Berardi Memorial Scholarship which rewards active members with financial help towards college tuition.



Residents & Business Owners Welcome

All are welcome to attend our meetings which are held as follows:

Borough Council
Second Thursday 7:00pm

Planning Commission
First Thursday 7:00pm

Borough Hall Hours
Monday through Thursday
9am – 5pm
Friday 9am – 2pm

2012 Schwenksville Officials

Borough Council 2012

Arthur Fairclough, President
Parks Committee and Municipal Authority Board

Rudolph Micsko, Vice President
Finance Committee

Ray Yeanish
Streets and Roads Committee,
CPV Regional Planning Commission Rep.

Lee Ann Miller
Activity Committee, Historical Committee,
Revitalization Task Force

Lisa Dull
Activity Committee, Revitalization Task Force

Joe Giunta, Mayor

Anne Klepfer, Borough Manager
Gail Phillips
Administrative Assistant/Treasurer

Planning Commission 2012

H. Gilbert Williams, Chairman
CPV Regional Planning Commission Rep.

Larry Keown, Vice Chairman
Ellen Brinton
Roy Miller
Gary Schneider

Wendi Rowley, Tax Collector