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Summer and Fall Events Aplenty in "The Little Town That Could!"™

Island Fest, Borough Day, Halloween Events & More!

Summer fun in Schuylkill Haven isn't over. The annual Island Park Festival – slated August 20 – promises entertainment and activities for all ages. The fun continues well into fall with Borough Day, Fall Fest & Pumpkin Patch, the Haven Halloween parade and, of course, Trick-or-Treat on October 31.

Details on these events can be found in this issue of *Haven Highlights*; but first, we start with Borough Day, the area's largest street faire comes alive again on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Trains, food, entertainment ... Oh my!

A popular feature returns once again, drawing thousands of fans to hop on the Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad passenger train, pulled by steam engine #425. Choose from three round-trip excursions – leaving at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Riders are encouraged to purchase their tickets in advance to ensure seat availability. Boarding is at the RBM&N Train Station in the heart of the Borough Day festivities for approximately a one-hour ride to Port Clinton and back again.



A sell-out every year, tickets are recommended in advance through the Train Station (610-562-2102) with very limited quantities possible on Borough Day.

Early risers are welcome to start the day with breakfast, beginning at 7 a.m., at the Schuylkill Hose Company #2, 51 S. St. Peter Street. Catch the R & J shuttle downtown as vendors will line the streets with crafts, jewelry, baked goods, clothing, artwork and food starting at 9 a.m.

Just some of the food options include pork BBQ, fresh cut fries, steak sandwiches, ribs, Philadelphia soft pretzels, lemonade, cotton candy, ice cream, and funnel cake.

In support of the local churches, many will
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COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUG. 20 – Island Park Festival, 2 to 10 p.m.; continuous entertainment, games, and great food at Island Park – Admission \$5; children 4 years and under, free.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24 – Borough Day, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. returns once again. Many venues throughout the downtown and on Parkway. The area's largest street faire celebrates its 34th year, rain or shine.

SUNDAY, OCT. 16 – Fall Fest & Pumpkin Patch activities at Island Recreational Park. Rain date is October 23.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 – Halloween Parade; staging begins at 6 p.m.; steps off at 7 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 31 – Trick-or-Treat in Schuylkill Haven, 6 to 8 p.m., for children 12 years of age and younger. Residents inviting youngsters to ring their doorbell for a treat are asked to turn their porch light on as an indication and for safety. Raindate ... Tuesday, Nov. 1



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be offering a great selection of hot food, baked goods, and items for sale. Sounds of blues, country, rock, Celtic and folk performers will entertain at every turn from multiple stages located throughout the downtown area.

Parkway Playground

Borough Day's purpose is to provide a day of fun for the whole family. Children are always a focus throughout the town; but, ever so, especially at Parkway Playground.

Listing only a sample of kids' activities featured in past years are face painting, a mini-train ride, sand art, games, and the "Art Wall" of on-the-spot picture/graffiti creations.

Other favorites that could be encountered roaming the 7-block festival site include street performers Splash the Clown, the Give-'N-Take jugglers, a stilt-

walker, mime, a magician, and much more. It's all free!

Details about events on Parkway and all of the Borough Day venues - including the annual appearance by the Belvedere (alumni) Drum & Bugle Corps.) can be found online at www.shboroughday.com or follow up-to-date happenings on Facebook.

Community pride

As residents of Schuylkill Haven, it's important for all to remember that many people from outside our community attend Borough Day, enabling our town to show visitors the wonderful place in which we live. Longtime merchants, as well as newly opened businesses, have an opportunity to invite new customers into their stores and to serve regular patrons.

Schuylkill Haven has so much to offer, and Borough Day is a special way for us to enjoy the town and share our warmth and fellowship with others outside the community.

For more information and a time schedule of performers and events, pick up a brochure soon available at local businesses in and around Schuylkill Haven and on placemats at area eateries. Or, be sure to make your first stop on Borough Day at the information booth located at the train station railroad crossing on Main Street.

Clear the calendar on Saturday, Sept. 24. Invite friends and family members from in and outside the area to spend a fun-filled day.

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Ben Forbes, Esq.



A graduate of Kutztown University, summa cum laude, Attorney Forbes joined the firm in 2019 and has experience in complex real estate matters and is an advocate for businesses.

Attorney Forbes is frequently called upon to analyze complex real estate and commercial transactions, address title issues, assess disputes and complex zoning matters, and is experienced in commercial financing matters. He is an advocate for community development and local business growth, serving as Secretary for the Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association.

Attorney Forbes practices primarily in the areas of transactional real estate, real estate litigation, and business law, including commercial/residential property transactions, zoning, business transactions, subdivision and land development, landlord-tenant law, issues related to title defects and financing, business entity formation, and addressing legal issues during business operation. He also handles issues related to liquor licenses, estate matters, home improvement and commercial contractors, and railroad matters.

A native and current resident of East Brunswick Township, Attorney Forbes formerly served as an assistant coach of Blue Mountain High School and Junior High wrestling programs.

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Island Park Festival – Saturday, Aug. 20

All Day Event Supports Ongoing Development

Entertainment, good food and activities for all ages are three outstanding reasons to head to the 15th annual Island Park Festival on The Island Saturday, Aug. 20. Located on Fritz Reed Avenue (off Dock Street), the Festival activities begin at 2 p.m. and continue through 10 p.m. This is a rain or shine event. Free parking will be available on the Island.



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ANOTHER SIDE

Two stages will again be used to provide non-stop entertainment. Headlining on our new music stage, will be Another Side and Hooligan. Performing on the variety stage are crowd favorites – Wagstaff & Company, the Magic of Tom

children burn off energy in the bounce houses, kid's games and activities. Feeling lucky? The ever-popular Dime Pitch and Big Six Wheel are among the games available to play. For all ages, come, sit and play Bingo! Adults, 21 years of age and older, can relax in our Beer Garden area while enjoying the music and all of the activities surrounding.

Admission is still only \$5 per person; children, age four and under, are free. All proceeds from this fundraising event will be used for the continued development of Island Park. Bring your lawn chairs, but please leave your pets and outside food and drink at home.



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Hope to see you at this year's Island Park Festival. Thank you for your continued support!

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From the Borough Administrator's Desk

We want to hear from you!

Schuylkill Haven Borough has a survey on its website - www.schuylkillhaven.org - and also available for pick-up at Borough Hall. We want to tap the thoughts and ideas of all our citizens in order to continue improving quality of life for all.

Residents, as well as business and property owners, are urged to take the survey and submit it by September 30 for a chance to win a gift card from one of several local businesses!



Jessica Seiders
Borough Admin.

The Borough and a variety of community organizations will take your ideas and suggestions to help make our town a happier and attractive place in which to live and visit. Continuing to enrich the Borough's small town feel for both residents and visitors is the goal. To date, revitalization efforts and ideas have been developed through input from a few people; but, now we

need your help to enrich what makes Schuylkill Haven great.

Fall photos wanted for new website

A newly redesigned website is coming soon and will sport a more user-friendly and mobile-friendly

site for residents and visitors seeking to pay bills, access information, and receive updates.

You can be a part of this website by submitting your seasonal fall photos of Schuylkill Haven. Panoramic pictures are encouraged.

Selected photos will win a Yeti Tumbler, custom imprinted with the Borough seal. Email photos and the photographer's name to secretary@schuylkillhaven.org.

Free compost available to residents

The Borough's ground compost, located at the compost site at the southern end of St. Charles Street, is comprised of chipped yard clippings that can be a nutrient source for your garden, home compost, and any landscaping areas on your property.

There is no cost to Borough residents for the compost mulch, but call Borough Hall to schedule a time to pick up large quantities.

Borough Tax Collector

Robert "Monk" Costanzo, recently announcing his retirement, has served Schuylkill Haven Borough as the Tax Collector for the past 32 years. Many thanks, Monk, for your service to this community.

Edward "Jake" Whetstone is the new Tax Collector. His office is located in the Recreation/Senior Center, 340 Haven Street, and will receive the public in-person on Wednesdays (except on August 24) through the end of 2022 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments can also be made by calling 570-385-1313.

County and Borough bills for Real Estate and Per Capita taxes were mailed on March 1, 2022. If you did not receive a bill, call the office. These bills are now in the penalty phase for payments. After December 31, unpaid accounts will be turned over to Tax Claim for collection or any additional service.

Tax payments must be made by check or money order only. We encourage payments be mailed to the office; but, those wanting to make payment in person can do so during regular office hours.

Anyone paying a tax bill after December 16 is encouraged to pay by Money Order. Your tax is not considered paid until the check clears the bank. It's not desirable to let that go beyond the Dec. 31 deadline.

Please remember, when paying a tax bill, to include the proper amount on the check. If the check is incorrect for any reason it will be returned to the taxpayer. If this error is near the end of the discount period, it could affect someone not getting the discounted rate.

Tax bills will be mailed the end of February 2023. Please call the office if your bill is not delivered in a timely fashion. New office hours will be printed on the bills. As always, if you need an appointment or have questions, call the office and leave a message. Our goal is to return your call within two business days. The tax office can also be reached by email at taxcollector@schuylkillhaven.org.

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Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

Fall Fest & Pumpkin Patch

Schuylkill Haven's fall celebration will once again feature the annual Fall Fest & Pumpkin Patch at Island Park on Sunday, Oct. 16. In past years, activities for all ages included a family hayride, pick-and-paint a pumpkin, games, and a hay bale maze.



Kids can ride the barrel train and everyone can enjoy a variety of food celebrating the fall season.

Halloween shrieks and scares

Halloween is a special time in Schuylkill Haven. This year's Halloween Parade will be featured Wednesday, Oct. 26.

As in the past, the parade will form on the Avenues and the Schuylkill Haven Area High and Elementary School parking lots, beginning at 6 p.m. Marchers, floats, and service vehicles will begin the parade, stepping off at 7 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat - Youngsters dressed as princesses, super heroes, movie characters, ghosts and goblins

are invited to go door-to-door during Schuylkill Haven's designated Trick-or-Treat on Halloween night - Monday, Oct. 31 - between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. Rain could postpone the fun until Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Children 12-years of age and younger are able to participate, but should canvas streets in a group or accompanied by a responsible adult.



Residents are asked to have their porch light on, or some other inviting gestures, as a sign that the children are welcome to ring the bell and get a treat. Parents and chaperones are asked to be diligent with young children when crossing streets and making them aware of vehicular traffic. Flashlights and reflective clothing are encouraged.

Gather at the Garden

Family fun and education will abound at the Master Gardeners of Schuylkill County "Garden Gathering." Tour the Demo Garden of Flowers; buy a bouquet to take home; taste baked/prepared foods made from locally grown produce (blueberry, rhubarb, pawpaw) and plants like lavender; and, find a bargain at the gardener tool bargain table.

Learn about "top or bottom" vegetables, how to grow, harvest and prepare them, and even basic beekeeping from the Honey for Veterans program.

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Stop in from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 110 Route 61 South, Schuylkill Haven, at the Vietnam Memorial lot.

Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Schuylkill Haven Borough Housing Rehabilitation Program is designed to encourage low/moderate income owner-occupants to restore their homes to a decent, safe and sanitary condition. Eligible homeowners will receive financial assistance to help restore their homes in conformity with local codes.

Assistance will be in the form of a non-interest loan that will be forgiven at the rate of 20% per year for five (5) years. Should ownership of the property change hands during this five-year period, the unforgiven balance of the loan would be repaid to the Borough.

Homeowners can obtain a copy of the "Housing Rehabilitation Waiting List" form at the Schuylkill Haven Municipal Building or online. Homeowners must complete and return the form in order to be placed on the Housing Rehabilitation list.

The income limits shown - effective June 15, 2022 - represent income by family size/household members for the area as reported by the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) department. Schuylkill Haven Borough Council will revise these

limits whenever HUD adjusts the home income limits for Schuylkill County.

FAMILY SIZE	GROSS INCOME LIMITS
1 person	\$42,250
2 people	\$48,250
3 people	\$54,300
4 people	\$60,300
5 people	\$65,150
6 people	\$69,950
7 people	\$74,800
8 people	\$79,600

Annual income is the gross amount of income that all household members are expected to receive during the coming 12 months.

Income qualification alone does not ensure that funding will be received for rehabilitation. All requirements of the program must be met in order to qualify. Below are some of the additional requirements for the program:

The unit to be rehabilitated must be owned and occupied by the applicant. Real estate taxes on the property must be paid up-to-date as are other municipal taxes and fees. The owner will be required to provide evidence of property insurance. Flood insurance must be provided for homes that are located in the 100-year floodplain. The amount for the rehabilitation cannot exceed limits for the program.

Interested contractors?

The Borough maintains a list of qualified contractors to work for the Housing Rehabilitation Program funded with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Interested contractors can obtain eligibility requirements and an application by contacting the Borough's grant consultant at 570-875-7320

Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to participate. Applicants will not be discriminated against, on the basis of race, color religion, handicap, disability, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, or familial status.

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Publication dates for the next 3 issues are November 10, 2022; February 9 and May 11, 2023

News Submittals

Nonprofit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Kaitlyn Tinari in the Borough Offices, secretary@schuylkillhaven.org or call 570-385-2841 for info, four weeks prior to the publication date.

Advertising

Businesses wishing to reach every household in the Borough of Schuylkill Haven are invited to advertise in future issues. Contact South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing for more information by calling Barb @ 570-385-3120. All advertisements must be received at least three weeks prior to the publication dates. Ad content is subject to approval and acceptance by the Borough of Schuylkill Haven.

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It's really not rocket-science, I recommend spraying with a typical herbicide that can be purchased at any garden center, hardware store or most department stores. After the vegetation dies remember to remove the defeated vegetation. Brown weeds are just as ugly as green weeds and the citation for either costs the same.

Sidewalk areas

Sidewalks must be maintained and kept in good repair, void of weeds and grass, swept and clean of debris and washed down occasionally.

Curbing must also be kept in good repair, void of all grass and weeds out to where the curbing and street intersect.

Yard areas

Lawns must be kept mowed to a height of 6" or less and trimmed around buildings, fences, play equipment, and the like.

General property areas should also be maintained neatly to reflect the attractiveness of the surrounding neighborhood and comply with the intent of the zoning district.

Remember, high standards are highly contagious.

Borough compost area

The compost site located at the end of St. Charles Street, a short distance behind the wastewater treatment plant, is a great venue to aid in your seasonal yard clean up. Please remember, the site is for compost items only — grass, weeds, brush, leaf debris and the like.

The following are NOT permissible to be "dumped" at the compost site — trash, garbage, household items, construction material of any kind, dirt, brick, block, stone or like material.

Signage summarizing what is prohibited and surveillance cameras are positioned at various points along the road leading to and at the compost site. Swift enforcement and stiff penalties are a certainty for all violators, without exception.

Fences

Permits are required for all fencing — whether it is new, addition to, or replacement of a fence. Fences must follow height restrictions, location requirements, and minimum open ratio-structural areas as required by the Zoning Ordinance.

- Front yard — any fence located in the required front yard of a lot in a residential district shall have a minimum ratio of 1:1 of open to structural areas (such as picket or split rail fence).

- Height — A fence in a residential district, that

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is within ten feet of a residential lot and that is not within the required front yard, shall have a maximum height of six (6) feet. Note: Contact the Code Department for exceptions.

- Setbacks - A fence shall not be required to comply with minimum setbacks for accessory structures.

- A fence may be constructed on a lot line; however, homeowners are encouraged, but not required, to set fences at least two feet from abutting lot line in order to allow for maintenance of the long-term. Exceptions: (1) a fence shall not be placed within a street right of way; and (2) a fence of a business shall be set back a minimum of five feet of the abutting lot line of an existing dwelling or undeveloped residentially zoned lot.

Animal nuisance

It's your pet and your responsibility. Your neighbor and surrounding residents didn't sign on to the care of your pet and shouldn't have to tolerate your lack of consideration and responsibility or the deficiency of training regarding your furry kid (pet).

Borough Ordinance 1000 regulates the keeping of pets. A copy is available at Borough Hall for residents who are interested in obtaining a copy.

Check smoke/CO detectors

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) detec-

tors save lives!

Every dwelling should have smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on each habitable level of the dwelling. Every sleeping room should have a smoke alarm.

Basements/cellars with a solid fuel heating appliance should have a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector. Combination units are available and serve a dual purpose where both are needed.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless vapor that is sometimes produced by furnaces and space heaters. Symptoms of CO poisoning include nausea, dizziness, severe headache, confusion, and unconsciousness. If you notice these symptoms in yourself or a family member, go to the emergency room right away.

If you have a solid fuel heating appliance, use gas-powered space heaters, a kerosene heater, or have a fireplace, install carbon monoxide detectors in your home. If you already have detectors, test them regularly. Make sure they are in proper working order and change the batteries according to manufacturer's recommendations.



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Parks and Recreation

This July, the Recreation Department was excited to host its Food Trucks and Fireworks event at Island Park. It was wonderful to see so many community members spending time with friends and family, listening to awesome music, and enjoying some great food!

The day was a huge success and the fireworks from "Skyshooters Displays" were amazing, as always. Such an event is impossible without the help of many. We would especially like to thank our Liberty, Rainbow, and Schuylkill Hose fire departments, to Chuck Reed, and the fire police for managing parking arrangements.

Thank you to Detweiler's Towing and their car donation allowing for the "Jaws of Life" demonstration. Many thanks to Mike Donatti for arranging the fire trucks and tankers, and his assistance before, during, and after the event. We appreciate Charlie Kershner and the band "CHASE" for the awesome setlist! Finally, we thank Huey Amusements for providing the food and rides for the event. This was truly an entire community effort. We're already in anticipation for next year!

Unfortunately, summer is nearing its end; but, we have some great programs and events still to come. Island Fest will be held at Island Park on August 20 with games, rides, food and music! All proceeds go directly to improving Island Park.

Borough Day is set for September 24. The Recreation Department will have a children's station set up on Parkway. Bring the kids to see us while making your way around town.

The Borough's annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 26. Registration will be available at the Rec Center. Get your entries into us to participate in this year's parade. Stay tuned for more information about the parade route.

Youth Basketball registration will be open online during the month of October.

Please keep up to date with all of our recreation news at havenrec.com and at [Facebook.com/Schuylkill Haven Recreation Department](https://www.facebook.com/SchuylkillHavenRecreationDepartment).

- Ryan Wehr, Recreation Manager

Electric Department news

It will be another busy fall for the Borough's Electric Department.

Our second substation transformer upgrade will begin in August and be completed in November when the new 12/16.20 MVA transformer will go into service. The job consists of new oil containment, pad, and transformer. This will give us years of reliability at the heart of the electric system. We also installed a new tie airbrake, enabling us to tie two 69 KV lines together, and a new 69KV airbrake for the new transformer.

Our big challenges this year, and probably in years

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to come, were getting materials and transformers. Pole-mount transformer delivery times are two years out from order placement. Other materials used in our line of work are about 26 to 52 weeks out. Hence, we ask our high draw customers to please notify the Borough if they are planning any significant upgrade. We may not be able to help without delays.

- **Jim Haeseler, Electric Foreman**

Highway Department

The Borough was able to pave several streets this year, paid by funds generated from the state liquid fuels program. These streets included East Williams St., Orchard Ave. and Moss Alley. Each year the Borough receives monies from fuel taxation based on the mileage of road maintained. The roads considered for repair or paving must meet certain specifications to qualify for the program.

Yard waste is collected on the second Friday of each month throughout the year. In November, yard waste is collected every Friday. Residents can also take yard waste to the Borough's compost area at the southern end of St. Charles St. Please remember, the compost area is for yard waste only! This consists of vegetation - grass clippings, leaves, and tree branches (less than nine inches in diameter). Do not deposit sod, rock, dirt, or any building material.

To report a pothole or blocked storm drain, con-

tact Borough Hall at 570-385-2841.

The remainder of the street sweeper schedule is as follows - August 2-5, September 6-9, October 4-7, and November 1-4.

- **Brian O. Murray, Foreman**

Water Distribution / Wastewater Collection

As we have all been watching, the Columbia Street Bridge replacement project is underway. Use extra care while traveling through the construction area and allow extra time. There will be delays.

The Borough Water Department will be replacing 600 feet of 6-inch diameter water pipe on Caldwell Street in the area of the electric substation. When this work begins, the road will be closed to motor traffic. You will need to find an alternate route. Work will be completed as quickly as possible to limit the disruption in everyone's day. Remember - temporary inconvenience for permanent improvements.

Fall brings with it, in my department, one semi-annual and one annual maintenance project each year. Twice each year, in spring and fall, we must clean our water distribution system and check our fire hydrants. This is mandated by DEP!

This flushing serves two functions. It cleans out the water main lines and moves fresh treated water around the system. This task also allows us to check our fire hydrants to see that they are working properly before an emergency occurs.

In the month of October, we subcontract with Dukes to apply an EPA-approved herbicide to our sewer collection system in areas that are lined with mature trees. This process kills the tree roots that enter our 1950s sewer system thru cracks and defective joints, preventing major sewer blockages.

What's nice about this procedure is it really works! We have many years of data proving this and the company guarantees it will work and that it will not kill the trees or shrubs that line our streets.

Because we live in a very old town that has many beautiful mature trees, this has always been an issue. We identified trouble areas with re-occurring blockages and divided them into four years of treatment. This also spreads the cost out over the four years, and keeps Duke's guarantee current. What you end up with is no more sewer blockages in these areas and beautiful trees in our community ... a win-win for all!

Be assured, both of these tasks are vital to provide you with trouble-free utilities.

- **Carter Hoffman, Foreman**

Water Treatment Plant

Lead and copper are metals stringently regulated in Pennsylvania by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). To help our residents understand some of the regulations pertaining to lead in drinking water, I looked up a few interesting facts.

After the passage of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) into Federal law in 1974, the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act was made law in 1984. The act was passed to establish a "comprehensive program to ensure safe drinking water".



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On June 7, 1991, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued its Lead and Copper Rule with the state similarly following on December 24, 1994. The primary objective of this rule is to control lead and copper levels in public drinking water systems through a treatment technique for corrosion control.

That rule establishes a lead action level of 0.015 milligram per Liter (mg/L) and a copper action level of 1.3 mg/L. An action level indicates when the operators responsible for the water system must take additional action to reduce lead or copper levels. To get an idea of these amounts, one mg/L is equivalent to a penny in a million dollars.

Schuylkill Haven's drinking water is in a monitoring cycle of 20 water system residences every three years. The last time your drinking water was tested for Lead and Copper was August 2019 with the following results - Low <0.001 / High 0.003 mg/L for Lead; Low 0.003 / High 0.166 mg/L for Copper.

This information can also be found in the 2019 Consumer Confidence Report on the Borough's website, showing that the treatment technique we are using for corrosion control is working well. The next time we test for lead and copper will be between June 1 and September 30 of this year.

So, if an employee from the Water Department drops off a bottle and asks for your assistance in filling it with a sample of your drinking water, you are helping us monitor for contaminants so your drinking

water is safe. Thank you! If you would like more information like I provided in this article, Google D.E.P. it's full of information and is user-friendly.

- Kevin Butz, Chief Operator

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The warmer months are upon us and we are very grateful to have had a pleasant summer so far.

Warmer months make things run much smoother at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Increased water temperature helps our biological and chemical treatments really start to put in some solid work.

Not only is our treatment process doing very well, the construction workers onsite are moving the plant's upgrade along, considering the scarcity of product and material, increased building costs, and working outside in the blistering sun all day. Many of our tank rehabs have been completed and we can already see the positive effects it has on our treatment process. Using less energy to run our machines is going to pay huge dividends in the long run.

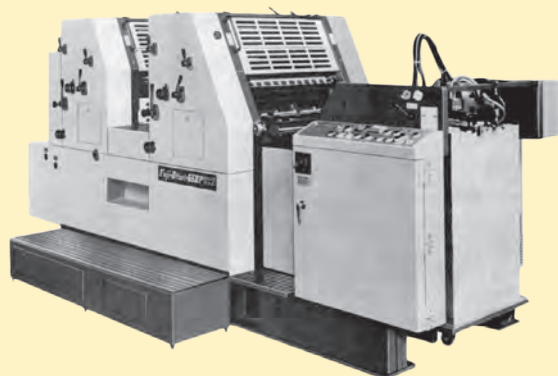
Please exercise caution when driving or walking by our treatment facility. Construction equipment will remain operational over the next couple of months. Also, if you have any questions regarding the compost area gate passes, please DO NOT enter our facility gates. Call the Borough Office at 570-385-2841 for assistance.

- Zach Faust, Foreman



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Working to Advance Business & Community

Formed in 2004, the Greater Schuylkill Haven Area Business Association (GSHABA) is focused on maintaining economic stability and promoting its growth for businesses and residents. The organization promotes existing member businesses and encourages non-members and new entrepreneurs to lend their ideas and expertise through GSHABA to improve our community with special events, beautification, and supporting visions for the future.

Membership dues are \$50 for the year, or you may join as an affiliate member through the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce. All business members, residents, community and political leaders, and anyone interested in making the greater Schuylkill Haven area a healthy economic community are welcome.

The association meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at rotating businesses or member locations. Please join us, learn more about our business community, and meet the members who have also become friends through GSHABA.

New members welcomed

GSHABA is excited to welcome the following new members during the second quarter of 2022 – "a.farr photography" owned by Ashley Donatti and the local Keller Williams Real Estate office, owned by Amanda Vachris.

The business association is currently wrapping

up its membership drive for 2022. Early indications show another solid year for renewals and new faces. Our members are varied and comprise a wonderful group of businesses, professionals, non-profit organizations, and individuals.

Upcoming GSHABA activities

Upcoming fall events promoted and supported by GSHABA include:

- Borough Day on Saturday, Sept. 24. Stop by our table that will be located in front of Spotts Insurance on Main Street.

- Small Business Saturday on November 26. For the vitality of the Schuylkill Haven area business community, our members encourage all to shop locally ... especially during this Thanksgiving weekend day.

- Children's Christmas Stroll on Saturday, Dec. 3. This popular event has been enjoyed the past two years and has become our annual welcome to the holiday season. It's an outdoor stroll on Main Street for children. Local businesses welcome the youngsters with treats and gifts. All will get to meet and talk to Santa during his early visit to downtown Schuylkill Haven.

The GSHABA membership will continue its support for businesses and our community in 2022. Please shop locally so that you, too, can be a large part of our economic success.