

### Liberty Fire and Good Will Hose to Host Week's Activities

## Sch. County Firefighters' Convention 2023 & Parade

The Liberty Fire Company No. 4 of Schuylkill Haven and the Good Will Hose of Cressona will co-host the 69th Schuylkill County Volunteer Firefighters' Association (SCVFA) Convention August 20 thru 26.

Event highlights include the annual SCVFA Memorial Service, Delegates Night, a High Stakes Super Bingo, and a Mug Night with live entertainment. As always, convention week will climax with a gigantic parade on Sat., August 26.

### **Parade particulars**

Saturday's parade entries – fire trucks, apparatus, miscellaneous vehicles, bands, and marching groups – will stage in the Hill Farm section of Schuylkill Haven, near the First United Methodist Church on Saylor Street. The parade is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. traveling through the streets of Cressona and ending at Hydro. This will be the first time the SCVFA convention parade has been in Cressona since 1985.

Earlier on parade day, registration will be conducted from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Liberty Fire Company on West Columbia Street in Schuylkill Haven, with

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## Survey In This Issue!

Quality time with friends and family remains an important and valuable commodity in so many ways. Whether it's spending time at home or enjoying the outdoors, a need for social and recreational activities close to home are important to every community ... and especially here in Schuylkill Haven. Over the past decades, the Borough has become one of the region's top hosts when it comes to recreational opportunities.

But in this changing world, new ideas are always welcome. It's time to take your "temperature" as to what can be improved upon and what is needed in the future. The Borough is asking for your help. We want to hear about your needs and your concerns, attitudes, opinions, and experiences. We want to identify areas for improvement and what might be lacking when it comes to recreational activities for all ages.

We want to hear from you! We've enclosed a survey inside this issue of **Haven Highlights** and encourage each household to take the time to tell us what you think. Complete this Recreation Survey and return it by August 31. Each survey will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50 gift card.

## BUILDING ISLAND PARK!

The Schuylkill Haven Island Committee is conducting its annual fundraising appeal to further develop Island Park. **See page 5!**

## SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

**Mon., May 29** – Memorial Day Parade; Service at the Parkway memorial.

**Sun., June 11** – Island Park Car Show (14th annual), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Island Park.

**Fri., June 16** – Rock The Island (live music) & Chicken BBQ, 4 to 10 p.m. at Island Park.

**Sat., June 17** – Schuylkill River Sojourn; canoers and kayakers shove off at 9 a.m. from Island Park.

**Wed., June 21** – Wine, Walk & Wander – 5 to 8 p.m.; Downtown Schuylkill Haven on Main Street between Dock and Parkway. Organized by GSHABA.

**Sat., July 8** – Island Fireworks – food, live music starting 4 p.m. with fireworks after dusk; Island Park.

**Sat., Aug. 19** – Island Park Festival, 4 to 10 p.m.; Island Park.

**Sat., Aug. 26** – Sch. County Firefighters Parade – Judging 8 to 11:30 a.m. (Bubeck Park); Parade 1 p.m.

**Sat., Sept. 30** – Borough Day (34th Year) – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at many venues and throughout the downtown, featuring non-stop entertainment, street performers, food, vendors, and so much more!

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# Sch. County Volunteer Firefighters Parade

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apparatus judging held from 8 a.m. to noon at the Grace Evangelical Congregational Church on Earl Stoyer Road and the streets in that area - Washington, Jefferson and Roosevelt. Parade day "No-Parking" restrictions will be in effect in some areas.

The trophy presentation and post-parade festivities will be held at the Good Will Hose, South Sillyman Street, Cressona. The event will conclude with a live performance by local band, Toolshed Jack. Commemorative mugs and T-shirts will be available.

Local church and civic groups are encouraged to enter the parade. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information on Convention 2023, contact co-chairmen Leroy Boyer at [pubsportsboss@gmail.com](mailto:pubsportsboss@gmail.com) or Mike Pontician at [mpontician@verizon.net](mailto:mpontician@verizon.net); or email [scvfaconvention2023@gmail.com](mailto:scvfaconvention2023@gmail.com).

## Parade route and week's events

The parade route starts at Schuylkill and Saylor streets, proceeding west on Schuylkill Street to Front Street; Front to Chestnut Street; Chestnut to Fourth Street; Fourth to Walnut Street; Walnut back to the American Legion area, then left on Sillyman Street. The parade will go under the railroad bridge, past the Good Will Hose Co., then out Sillyman Street to the Rt. 901 traffic light and will take a right at and across the West Schuylkill River bridge, then concluding in the parking area at Hydro.

Special events during the week, many open to the public, are:

- **Sunday, Aug. 20** - Memorial Service at St. Mark's UCC, 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 22** - Delegates Night at Good Will Hose, 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 23** - Convention Super Bingo at Good Will, 6 p.m.
- **Thursday, Aug. 24** - Mug Night, 7 p.m. at Good Will. Live Band: Hooligan
- **Saturday, Aug. 26** - Parade, 1 p.m. Post-parade festivities at Good Will Hose, with live performance by Toolshed Jack

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# Borough Administrator's "State of the Borough"

## Sch. Haven Earns Tree City USA Award for 29th Year

Schuylkill Haven Borough has been named a 2022 Tree City USA Community by the Arbor Day Foundation, marking 29 consecutive years and honoring the Borough's commitment to effective urban forest management. Schuylkill Haven is one of 117 Tree City communities located in Pennsylvania.

The Tree City USA program was founded in 1976 to celebrate towns and cities committed to growing their urban canopy. Led by the Arbor Day Foundation, with partners at USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, it provides the foundational framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their tree cover.

### *Postal delays not a valid excuse*

In recent months, the Borough has received numerous calls and comments from utility customers concerned that they had not received their bill(s). The Borough wants to assure residents that bills are deliv-



Arbor Day at the Green Goose Playground - From left, Service Forester Will Thomas, Borough Council President Jerry Bowman, Alexi and Kayli Moyer, Ellen Smith, and Alyssa Spink.

ered to the postal service on a normal monthly schedule; but, delays from the post office can occur.

Customers are encouraged to pay attention to their regular billing cycle and look for bills accordingly. Payment due dates remain the same despite postal delays.

Bills should be received by the 10th of each month, with payment due by the 20th. If customers have not received a bill, they are encouraged to view their account balance on the Borough's website: [www.schuylkillhaven.org/](http://www.schuylkillhaven.org/) by clicking the box titled "Pay Bill Online" and setting up an account, or logging into their online account if one is already set up. If you are a first-time user, you will need your account number to complete registration.

Once the account has loaded, the amount due will be visible and the customer can proceed to payment, if desired. When paying by credit card, there is a \$4.25 service charge.

If customers choose to pay by cash or check without a payment stub, they should note the account number and property address on the check or with the cash payment. A night deposit box is at the drive-thru to the rear of the Borough Administrative Office. Payments can be made in-person or at the drive-thru during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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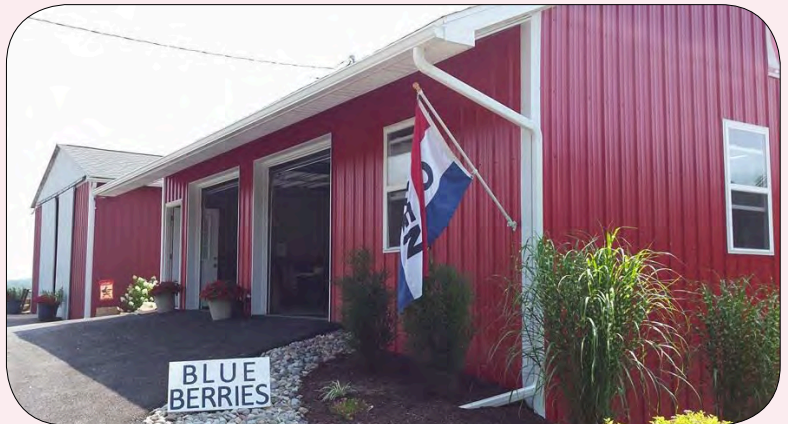
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# Schuylkill Haven Island Park 2023 Fundraising Appeal

The Schuylkill Haven Island Committee is conducting its Annual Fundraising Appeal to continue the development of Schuylkill Haven Island Park into an outstanding natural, recreational and cultural facility ... not only for Schuylkill Haven, but the entire Schuylkill County Region.

Thousands of people are benefitting from the following activities on the Island:

T-Ball	Little League Travel Baseball	Kick Ball	Fishing
NFL Flag Football	Cruise-In & Car Show	Biking	Canoeing
Soccer	Schuylkill River Sojourn	Jogging	
Softball	Island Park Festival	Pumpkin Patch	
Safety Night Out and 4th of July Fireworks		Senior Citizen Appreciation Night	

With your financial support these activities will continue, while opening other opportunities to serve more people in the years to come.

With the help of local residents and businesses, over the last fifteen years we've completed the following: Soccer Field with electric scoreboard, 2 Softball/Youth baseball fields, Spacious Pavilion with lights, Renovations to the Concession Stand, Rehabilitating the Walking Trail and Erecting a Memorial honoring the residents of the former Irish Flats, which also proudly displays our US. flag, State flag and Borough flag.



Flag Football



Memorial honoring the residents of the former Irish flats



Walking Trail



Schuylkill River Sojourn

With your help, we have accomplished much, but there is still much more to be done.

Your continued help, will enable us to complete the following:

- Walking Bridge to downtown Schuylkill Haven • **Event Stage (Under Construction)**
- Press Box and other enhancements to the Softball/Youth Baseball fields

Every dollar received moves us closer to turning a dream into a reality for future generations to enjoy.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

### Schuylkill Haven Island Project Fundraising Appeal

- ☐ I am pleased to support Schuylkill Haven's Island Project Fundraising Appeal with a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_
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## GSHABA – Greater Sch. Haven Area Business Assoc.

The Greater Schuylkill Haven Area Business Association (GSHABA) was formed in 2004 to focus on economic stability and growth for businesses and residents. Our purpose is to promote fellow businesses, welcome new businesses, improve our community with special events, beautification, and supporting visions for the future.

Membership dues are \$50 per year, or you may join as an affiliate member through the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce. Businesses, residents, community and political leaders are welcome.

The association meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at different businesses or member locations. Learn more about our business community and meet our GSHABA members.

The business association is pleased to welcome the following new members during the first quarter of 2023 – Bombshell Lash and Brow Lounge, Columbia Casket Corp., Schuylkill Haven Casket Company, and Berkshire Hathaway Homesale Services.

### *Several events enjoyed so far this year*

**Red, White, & Blues** was held January 27 – a patriotic tribute to both our American heroes and Blues music ... along with a taste of our Schuylkill County coal miners' Boilo. A "4th of July" style picnic spread by Hess Catering, music and dancing from The Ann Karstetter Band, and a Boilo contest was enjoyed by all. The evening featured a presentation of America's

colors by the American Legion Post #29 color guard.

**Spring Sweep** was held on Sat., April 15. The business association and Boy Scout 622 Keller's Cabin teamed to spruce up the downtown business district.

On May 2, GSHABA hosted **Dos de Mayo Mixer** at Main Street Moonshine. The business association welcomed all area businesses, whether a GSHABA member or not. This fun, festive, informative night included a sizzling taco bar, house-made chips, music to get your toes tapping and prizes, prizes, prizes. It was a great networking opportunity event to meet new friends and to share time with old friends.

### *Planned events yet to come*

**Wine, Walk & Wander** will take place this year on Wed., June 21, featuring wineries and vendors in the downtown. Vendors wanting to participate should contact Jacqui Engel at [j.engel@walkinartcenter.com](mailto:j.engel@walkinartcenter.com). This is always a well-attended event.

**Small Business Saturday** on November 25 celebrates the importance of hometown retail and service businesses. Shop "small" by keeping it local.

Our **Children's Christmas Stroll** will take place Saturday, Dec. 2. It's an outdoor stroll on Main Street for children, highlighted by a visit with Santa. Local businesses participate by providing gifts for the children.

We look forward to supporting our business community in 2023 and encourage all to do the same.

Schuylkill Haven's

# Wine, Walk & Wander

**June 21, 2023**  
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# Keep Schuylkill Haven Beautiful . . . from The Code Guy

We all know life sometimes gets a bit busy, unorganized and out of control. We also know getting things back in order, reorganized and back under our control gives one a great sense of accomplishment.

That being said, living in a town comes with responsibilities, at times some residents get too busy or seem to forget those responsibilities and the impact of forgetting has on the town as a whole.

As Code Enforcement officer, probably one of the most frequent responses I hear when giving a notice of violation for an unkempt property is "I've been so busy I haven't had the time" or some variant of that excuse. Also, a lot of those in violation are offended and annoyed because a neighbor has complained or my office has noticed the unkempt condition of your property, but are totally forgetting or dismissing their responsibility of living in a town.

Residents must realize we're all in this together. Because we live and share all aspects and areas this great little town has to offer, our properties become a network and the fabric that makes up our community, each piece or stitch is attached and impacts the other. That's why it's imperative that every property owner takes care of their little piece of property.

So next time you get a notice, don't perceive it as my office or some neighbor picking on you; but, rather as a reminder. We're all in this together. If we all do our part to keep our town neat and clean, it benefits you, has a positive impact for the town and, most

importantly, strengthens and keeps intact the fabric and network we're all a part of. Remember we're all a team, and sometimes it's your time to carry the ball.

## 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.

## Trash & storage

Remember to remove all trash and recycling containers from street view as soon as possible after the scheduled pickup day.

Prior to pickup day, trash/rubbish must be kept in conventional, well-maintained trash containers with tight sealing lids. Trash bags are acceptable, but must be stored in a way that does not encourage or allow animals to rip them open.

Recyclables may not comeingle with any household trash/rubbish, confined within the container, and not allowed to spill out or be blown away.

## 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 be maintained to ensure the attractiveness of the neighborhood.

- Michael Paulin, The Code Guy





## 3rd Yellow Fire Truck Open

**Saturday, June 10, 2023**  
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**Return this portion with your entry fee by Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

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Group contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration forms can be mailed to Liberty Fire Co., P.O. Box 557, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972  
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## Island Fundraising Events

The Schuylkill Haven Island Committee, Inc. has been spearheading the development and improvements of the Island for decades. The social and recreation facilities are top notch; but more work is still to be done. Following are the planned events for 2023 that provide community value and opportunities plus help raise funds for further improvements on the Island.

May 6 - Night at the Races

May 11 - Appreciation Picnic

(open to any volunteers and sponsors)

June 11 - Car Show

June 16 - Rock the Island and Chicken BBQ

July 8 - Fireworks

July 27 - Night At The Reading Phillies

(3rd Base Picnic Area, 2.5 hour all you can eat buffet, \$45.00/person)

TBD - Make-A-Wish Softball Tournament

August 12 - Haven Night At The Phillies

August 19 - Island Fest

TBD - Corvette Club Car Show

October 15 - Pumpkin Patch





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# Borough Utilities and Recreation Services

## Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department has been extremely busy thus far this spring. Spotts Field #2 at Island Park was the site for all PSU Schuylkill softball home games and our NFL Flag Football program saw a record number of participants. We received many calls to reserve the pavilions at Bubeck Park for weddings, birthday parties, and baby showers and partnered with the Schuylkill Headwaters to provide several spring fish stockings at Stoyers Dam and the Schuylkill River at Island Park.

This summer will be no different with the public invited to the following highlighted events. On June 11, the **Island Committee Car Show** will feature cool cars, great food and entertainment. **Rock the Island** on Friday, June 16 will have live entertainment and many fun activities, plus a Chicken BBQ to welcome canoers and kayakers to the start of their week-long Schuylkill River Sojourn.

The hugely popular **Island Fireworks** show is slated for Saturday, July 8. Enjoy a variety of food trucks, live music, and the area's best fireworks show!

**Island Fest** will be enjoyed on Sat., August 19. This is a well-known annual event featuring amazing food, music and games. We know we will see you there!

Stay up to date with all Recreation Department happenings at [havenrec.com](http://havenrec.com) and on Facebook at Schuylkill Haven Recreation Department.

- Ryan Wehr, Recreation Manager

## Power outages & electric upgrades

It's summertime and 'tis the season for thunderstorms. Lightning strikes and wind damage can fall trees or cause tree limbs to hit power lines. In some cases, those power lines may lay energized, presenting very dangerous conditions. If you see downed wires during or after a thunderstorm, DO NOT go near them. Call Borough Hall at (570) 385-2841 during normal business hours or call the Schuylkill County 911 Center. The center will notify the needed responders.

When customers are doing any major electrical upgrades to their home, we ask that you give the Borough a load count for what you're adding. With customers switching to electric heat and adding car chargers to homes, some system upgrades may be necessary.

We are able to make changes to our lines and transformers if we know what loads are anticipated.

- Jim Haeseler, Foreman

## Highway Department

Time to clean up the town! The street sweeper will be in operation the first whole week of each month with hours of operation 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. Check the sign posting on your street for the days of operation.

The street sweeper will be operating June 6-to-9, July 5-to-7, August 1-to-4, September 5-to-8, October 3-to-6, and November 7-to-9.

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Yard waste - limbs, leaves, grass clippings, and other vegetative waste - will be collected curbside the second Friday of each month. Biodegradable bags made of recycled paper are a great substitute to plastic garbage bags.



**"SHUN" Property Maintenance**

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All compost that is taken to the compost area is to be dumped in the designated area. Please do not dump in the area of the tub grinder. This area is for yard waste ONLY! No dirt, rock, sod, or lumber.

The Borough will be performing several projects this summer that will cause parking restrictions, closed streets and detours. Please use caution when approaching these areas.

To report a pothole, call Borough Hall at 570-385-2841

- Brian O. Murray, Foreman

## Water Distribution / Wastewater Collection

Summertime, yay! Summer is the time your lawns and gardens are green and growing, school is out, young adults are looking for part time jobs, vacations are being planned, or just choose to do nothing.

Summertime is also a chance to clean up from winter's stronghold, fill swimming pools, water lawns and gardens, and wash the car. These are just a few things that we do every year, but give little thought to the one resource that makes it all possible - water. Please, use your water wisely.

Schuylkill Haven has been in the water business since 1881 when the Schuylkill Haven Water & Gas Co. was formed. Around 1890 the Borough purchased the Panther Valley Reservoir and laid new pipes into Schuylkill Haven and Cressona so they could provide the residents with fresh, clean water along with meeting the demands of a growing area. As it was back in the day, to keep water and sewer systems running 24/7/365 with little interruption of service, it costs a lot of money.

This summer the Water Department will replace 800 feet of water main on Market Street made necessary due to repeated main breaks on that line. The road will be closed to traffic while this construction is being done.

- Carter Hoffman, Foreman

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June 17 - 911 Memorial and Museum	**\$89
June 17 - Cape May Free Day	\$68
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## Water Treatment Plant

The next time you get your Pennsylvania Vehicle Registration renewal in the mail, read the attachment. Section 3709 of the state Vehicle Code provides for a fine of up to \$300 for "... dropping, throwing or depositing any waste paper, sweepings, ashes, household waste, glass, metal, refuse or rubbish upon any highway, public or private property without consent of the owner or onto the waterways from a vehicle."

When I submitted my first newsletter article, I wrote about the Tumbling Run water treatment plant, the reservoirs, and how we should protect them and watch for people littering.

With the coming of spring and all that the outdoors has to offer, I'd like to expand that notion to include the Schuylkill River watershed. Whatever we do here could affect the Schuylkill River all the way down stream to Philadelphia, the lower Delaware River, and into the Delaware Bay.

The Borough website will soon post the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report with annual test results on the borough's drinking water.

- Kevin Butz, Foreman

## Wastewater Treatment Plant

Just like the train that is on our Borough seal, we are still chugging along with our upgrade down here at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). We can

see the light at the end of the tunnel as most phases of the upgrade are completed.

We still have a few pieces of equipment that need to be installed; but, unfortunately, we are still experiencing some supply chain issues and are waiting for delivery of some electrical components.

This month we will have the honor of hosting an Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators Association (EPWPCOA) meeting at our facility. We will be showcasing our new equipment, process control instrumentation, and sharing our results of how the new equipment performs to help reduce plant costs.

We're very excited to be hosting this event for it is a great way to show how far we have come in the last two years. The WWTP staff has taken on the task of repainting the entire plant; but, our outside painting will not be completed before the meeting. It really makes our plant look more modern despite being built in the 1950s.

All three employees working at the wastewater plant are only in our 30s, so we have a long time of working here yet. We want this facility to be the best it can be - a place people won't cringe when driving by. Each week we are taking on a new project to improve our process and facility. Hopefully our Borough's residents will soon be able to see the changes and, even better yet, smell the improvements in the air!

- Zack Faust, Chief Operator

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