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Upcoming Fall Events to Enjoy in "The Little Town That Could!"™

Borough Day, Pumpkin Patch, Halloween & More!

Summer fun in Schuylkill Haven has been enjoyable and plentiful with a monthly Farmers Market at Bubeck Park, spectacular fireworks in July, and the recent Island Park Festival in August. That fun continues well into fall with Borough Day, Fall Fest and Pumpkin Patch, the Haven Halloween parade and, of course, Trick-or-Treat.

Details on these events can be found in this issue of *Haven Highlights*; but first, we start with Borough Day. Now celebrating its 37th year, the area's largest street faire comes alive again on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Trains, food, entertainment ... Oh my!

A popular feature returns once again, drawing hundreds of fans to hop on the Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad passenger train. 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 in-person or by phone (610-562-2102) at the Schuylkill Haven Train Station. Or reserve online at www.RBMNRR-PASSENGER.com. Very limited quantities may be possible on Borough Day.

Early risers are welcome to start the day with a Fire House Breakfast, beginning at 7 a.m., at the Schuylkill Hose Company #2, 51 S. St. Peter Street. Catch the R & J's Big Yellow 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.

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COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13 – Saint Ambrose Wine & Beer Fall Festival, 5 to 10 p.m.; at the Parish Center, 302 Randel Street.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 – SVCC Corvette Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Bubeck Park. Refreshments and a good time!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 – Borough Day, 9 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 37th year, rain or shine.

SUNDAY, OCT. 12 – Fall Fest & Pumpkin Patch, noon to 5 p.m.; activities at Island Park. Raindate... Oct. 19.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28 – Halloween Parade; staging begins at 6 p.m. at the high school parking lot and steps off at 7 p.m. Parade route is straight down Main Street to St. Charles St.

DATE YET TO BE DETERMINED – 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.

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Haven Borough Day – Saturday, Sept. 27

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In support of the local churches, many will 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, 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, 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 will be available 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 much to offer, and Borough Day is a special way for us to 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 to be 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.



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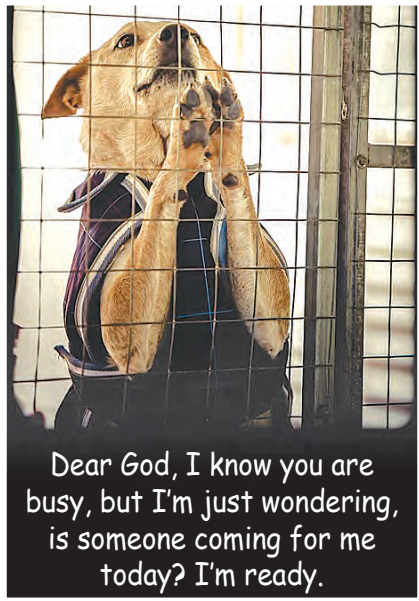
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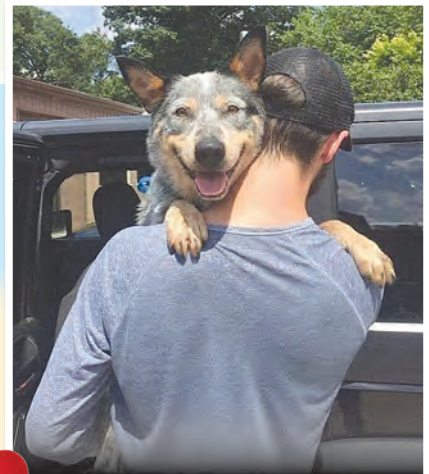
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Borough Administrator's "State of the Borough"

Be A Savvy Citizen! Everyone's Help Is Needed

Recently the Schuylkill Haven Compost Site, located at the south end of St. Charles St., was temporarily closed... the first time in a long time... due to a piece



Jessica Seiders
Borough Admin.

of metal that was mixed in with yard waste, causing significant damage to our grinder. This repair has proven to be costly for the Borough just after it had undergone regular maintenance.

Despite our ongoing efforts - including messaging and camera surveillance - some individuals are not adhering to the Compost Site's use policies. In addition to the metal, our Highway Department has found other harmful debris, such as chain link fence pieces and concrete borders, which can



cause further damage to the grinder.

We cannot stress enough the importance of following the rules... Only yard waste is allowed at the compost area. Your cooperation is essential in keeping this service available for everyone in our community.

Ever-building a brighter future

We're thrilled to announce that the Borough has successfully secured a matching grant to develop a Comprehensive Recreation, Open Space and Parks (CROSP) plan! This plan will be a roadmap for our community, guiding the future of our parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces.

To ensure we create a vision that reflects the needs and desires of our residents, the Borough has hired a consultant to provide strategic recommendations aimed at enhancing our parks, recreation facilities, programs, and services for all ages. We want YOU to be part of this important process!

If you're interested in participating or would like more information, please reach out to us at secretary@schuylkillhaven.org. Let's work together to build a brighter future for our community!

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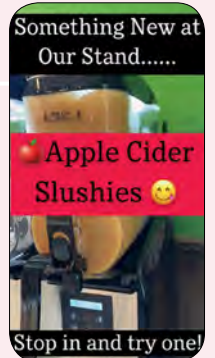
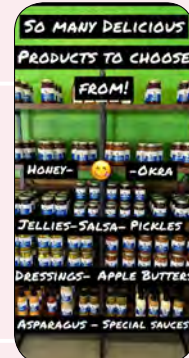


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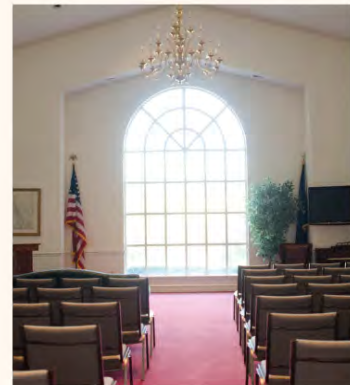
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Enjoy retirement, Kevin Butz

Borough officials and personnel gathered to give well wishes to Water Treatment Plant foreman, Kevin Butz, on his retirement from Borough service. Shown, from left, are Kevin Butz, current foreman George Purcell, and plant operator Mark Messner. Water plant operator Kevin Fleischut was not present when the photo was taken.



As we bid farewell to Kevin, we celebrate his journey and contributions to the efficient running of the Water Treatment Plant and to Schuylkill Haven Borough. Kevin has served as the Chief Operator since 2010, and his dedication to our community has been evident throughout his years of service.

Kevin began his career with the Borough in 1993 as an Emergency Dispatcher and joined the Water Treatment Plant as a trainee in April 1995. Over the

years, he worked hard to obtain the necessary licenses to qualify as Chief Operator, becoming a valuable member of our team. His commitment extended beyond the plant, as he has helped with plowing and other emergencies.

Kevin and his wife are now looking forward to spending quality time with their kids and grandchildren. We thank him for his many years of devoted service and wish him all the best in this new chapter of his life.

George Purcell takes over as foreman

The Borough is excited to share that George Purcell has been appointed the new foreman for the Water Treatment Plant. George has been a dedicated operator at the Tumbling Run Water Treatment Plant for the past 12 years, bringing a wealth of experience to his new role.

Before joining our team, George spent 10 years as a CAD draftsman and a Quality Control Inspector. He and his family have proudly called Schuylkill Haven home for more than 11 years. George is a graduate of Pottsville Area High School and holds an associate's degree in computer-aided drafting from Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Please join us in welcoming George to his new position! We're excited to see his contributions to our community. In addition, the Water Treatment Plant crew also includes Kevin Fleischut and Mark Messner.

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- Jessica Seiders, Borough Administrator

Borough Tax Collector

Schuylkill Haven Borough Tax Collector office hours for the remainder of the year are by appointment by calling 570-385-1313 (please leave a message) or 570-990-6821.

I check in at my office in the Recreation and Senior Center, 340 Haven Street, numerous times during the week for messages and mail. Those with questions or needing help can also call the Borough Office at 570-385-2841 and leave a message with the Borough Secretary. The tax office can also be reached by email at taxcollector@schuylkillhaven.org.

For last minute taxpayers, my office will be open the last few days of 2025 – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 29-31 – from noon to 4 p.m. for cash or money order payments only.

Borough property tax and per capita tax bills are in the penalty phase, now until the end of December. Any Real Estate or Per Capita bill not paid by then will be turned over to Tax Claim for collection and any additional service fees. Everyone's Per Capita tax amount is \$11 per bill during the penalty period.

Tax bills may be paid by check or money order only. Anyone paying a tax bill after Dec. 14 should pay by cash or money order so that payments can be properly credited by Dec. 31. Keep in mind your tax is not paid until the check clears the bank.

When paying a tax bill, include the proper amount on the check. If the check is incorrect for any reason, it will be returned to the taxpayer.

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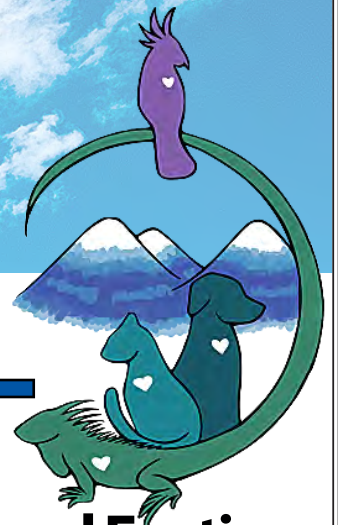
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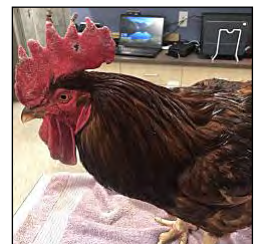
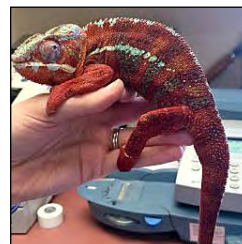
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Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

St. Ambrose Fall Festival set for Sept. 13

The Saint Ambrose Parish grounds, at 302 Randel Street on the eastern boundaries of Schuylkill Haven, will once again host its Wine & Beer Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 5 to 10 p.m. This popular event will feature local wineries, craft beers, food trucks, crafts, and two live bands - Another Side and the New Individuals. The public is cordially invited. Parking is free; admission is \$15.

Pumpkin Patch at Island Park

Catch some Fall Fever at the Island Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, Oct. 12 from noon to 5 p.m. Come out and join us on the Island in Schuylkill Haven for an afternoon of fun for the whole family.

Pick and paint a pumpkin, enjoy a family hayride, take a stroll along the River Trail, make your own s'mores, and have the kids release some of their energy in a bounce house. There will be lots to do...chow down in the pie-eating contest for adults and youngsters, have the kids take part in a Pumpkin Toss, take a guess in our Guessing Games, and much more.



Enjoy delicious food from our concession stand, featuring bean soup, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and French Fries. Or, maybe choose chicken tenders, pizza, funnel cake, ice cream, and fall favorites of apple dumplings and apple cider.

Admission is free and the parking is also free! Put the date on your calendar and come out and catch the fall fever. Proceeds from this event go towards the continued development of Island Park.

In the event of rain, this event could be moved to Sunday, Oct. 19, if necessary.

Halloween shrieks and scares

Halloween is a special time in Schuylkill Haven. This year's Halloween Parade will be featured Tuesday, Oct. 28.

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. down East and West Main streets, ending at St. Charles Street.

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 between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m.; however, the date is yet to be determined. 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.



Country Christmas Concert

Mended Heart and the Pine Grove Theater have scheduled three performances of a Country Christmas Concert & Celebration 2025. Choose among Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. or two shows on Sunday, Dec. 7... a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening show at 7 p.m.

Previous year concerts have been sold out well in advance. Reserved seats are offered with a \$15 donation per seat. A remittance coupon and additional information can be found in the advertisement on the back page of this issue of **Haven Highlights**.

The country-style Christmas concert features a variety of professional musicians and vocalists that have joined together over the past several years to bring this concert to the community. In its first year, the attendance - a one-night performance - drew 350 people. Last year the attendance was nearly 1,000 people over the two nights and three performances.

Due to the growth of the audience and the overwhelming response, the concert venue is once again at the Pine Grove Theater, 213 South Tulpehocken

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St., in Pine Grove. Parking is available at School Yard Square, just one block from the theater. Shuttle service to the front door of the theater is being provided by Newhurst Bus Company.

Better Together on Borough Day

Music students from the county will perform during Schuylkill Haven's Borough Day on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each performance will begin on the hour and last for 50 minutes. These performances are free to the public. All ages are welcome to enjoy the music that the students have prepared.

"Better Together Performances" have been a part of Borough Day since 2013 and are held every other year. The music students work together to raise money for a worthy cause in the community.

This year the fundraising focus will be to "Save The Strays Schuylkill." This is a non-profit, all volunteer, NO KILL organization dedicated to helping homeless cats and kittens. Their mission is to end the pet over-population problem through low-cost spay/neuter programs, support the implementation of trap/neuter/return (TNR) programs for feral cats, innovative adoption programs, and education of the public on the importance of spay/neuter. The cause is supported through adoption fees, fundraising and donations. All funds directly benefit the animals.

Island Park Car Show

Each year the Schuylkill Valley Corvette Club holds its annual car show at Bubeck Park on the 3rd Sunday in September, this year on September 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are between 80 to 100 cars each year at the show. Trophies are awarded to the top 3 corvettes in each class.

Incorporated in May of 1964, the Corvette Club is a spin-off of the Schuylkill Valley Sports Car Club that was active in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

The Club and its members have taken on a "pleasure driving" approach and a practical show-and-judging attitude toward Corvette enthusiasm.

The Corvette Club helps with the Island Car Show and the Island Park Committee does the cooking. Proceeds from the kitchen go to the further development of Island Park.

So, come out and see the cars and enjoy a good lunch while you are there at the show.

Haven's 275th Anniversary rocks on!

It's going to be a party! Rock 'n roll party band, The Fabulous GreaseBand will perform live at the Era's Dance on Saturday, Oct. 25... all part of the 2025 festivities commemorating Schuylkill Haven's 275th Anniversary.

Tickets are selling fast. Your admission donation includes beer, wine, soft drinks, and light fare food. See the advertisement on Page 14.

Community Thanksgiving service

Residents, family members, and visitors of the greater Schuylkill Haven area are all invited to give thanks for our many blessings during the upcoming holiday season.

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, Nov. 16 beginning at 3 p.m. in the beautiful St. Ambrose Church, 201 Randel St., Schuylkill Haven.

Celebrating Schuylkill Haven's 275th Anniversary, this community service is co-hosted by the Schuylkill Haven Area Council of Churches.

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Schuylkill Haven Lions Club – We Serve!

Well, the year started out with a BIG BANG for the Schuylkill Haven Lions Club. A vehicle crashed into our storage building that was located to the rear of the Schuylkill EMS Ambulance building at Dock and Haven streets. The storage area was a total loss along with most of our equipment and signs.

Other than that, 2025 has been a good year for the Lions. We held our Memorial Day Breakfast fundraiser for youth activities and, with the help of Southern Area Baseball, raised \$1,200.

Our club's Lions Foundation has awarded seven \$2,500 Scholarships to students enrolled in medical professions studies. These awards were made at the August 4 meeting held at the Recreation/Senior Center.

Summer and early fall meetings are held at beautiful Bubeck Park and open to anyone interested in learning about (and possibly becoming a member of) the Lions. Come out to the Lion's pavilion the first or third Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Making plans for our contribution to Borough Day on Sept. 27, we hope to see all from Schuylkill Haven and surrounding communities. Lions Brooms, food, and basket raffles will be offered at the Lions' stand in front of M&T Bank. The club will also be gearing up for the Haven Halloween Parade. Look for our hot dog and drink stand on the parade route.

The Lions have been coordinating with the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations that are completing projects at Bubeck Park. A Children's Reading Library has recently been installed near the Lions Pavilion and playground. A bench is to be added along with an eyeglass drop box by summer's end. We thank all the scouts for the great job they did in improving our town park.

Used eyeglasses are a big part of what we do. We continue to donate pairs of used glasses to be repurposed for sight-related issues. Used glasses can be dropped off at the Schuylkill Haven Library or at each of Dr. Machamer's and Dr. Roberts' offices.

The Lions are in need of new members as we are an aging club. Anyone desiring to serve their community and help people in need are welcome to join. Lions do many worthwhile things to help the youth of the community, assist residents with eyeglass exams and purchases, and provide graduation awards to high school seniors. To continue these efforts, we need help to do so. Those interested should contact Jake Whetstone for more information at 570-990-6821.

The Lions are always first in sight and can assist with certain issues relating to vision or eye care for our local residents. Always remember, Lions care.



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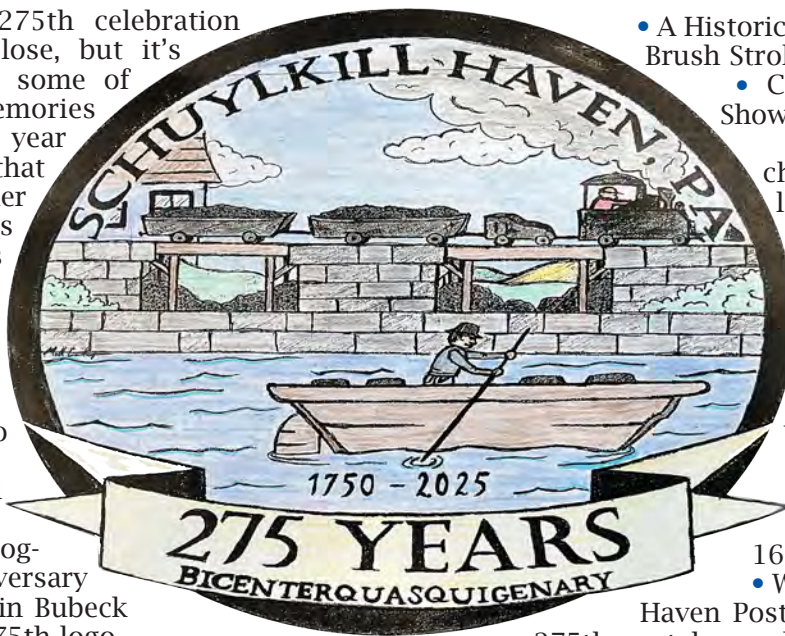
Schuylkill Haven's 275th celebration year is coming to a close, but it's not over yet. Here are some of the memories and memories still to be made for the year so far. Just remember that Schuylkill Haven is older than the United States which is celebrating its 250th in 2026!

The Anniversary Committee is proud to have organized and partnered with many local organizations to help celebrate.

- Mayor Michael Devlin made a proclamation on April 5, recognizing the 275th anniversary at Fincher's monument in Bubeck Park and revealed our 275th logo.

- More than 350 children participated in a postcard art contest, highlighting significant points of interest in Haven... our swans at Bubeck Park, welcome sign at Columbia Avenue bridge, local wildlife and, of course, Borough Day.

- Selling 275th merchandise at our Farmer's Market and at "Haven In Bloom" at Bubeck Park.



- A Historical window is on display at Brush Strokes on Main Street

- Co-hosted the Island Car Show in June.

- Hosted old-fashioned children's games - balloon toss, sack races, three-legged race and, of course, a raw egg relay race before the Island Park fireworks July 12.

- Schuylkill Haven history lectures in Bubeck Park presented by Richard Nagle.

- 18th annual Island Fest celebrated Schuylkill Haven's 275th on August 16.

- Worked with the Schuylkill Haven Post Office to have a unique 275th postal cancellation stamp on Borough Day. This will be perfect for the postcards to be stamped as an anniversary souvenir.

- Share your Schuylkill Haven memories and submit your suggestions at the Borough Office until September 16.

- A Time Capsule will be buried on Wednesday, Oct. 1 on Parkway near the old canal gate and Police Department. It will be opened October 1, 2050.

- The Eras Dance on Saturday, Oct. 25 at The Walk In Art Center (WIAC) will showcase memories and music from the past.

- The annual Halloween Parade on October 28, hosted by the Recreation Center will have a haunted "275 Schuylkill Haven" theme.

- A Service of Thanksgiving, co-hosted by the Schuylkill Haven Area Council of Churches will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16 - 3 p.m. - at St. Ambrose Church. All are invited!

- Catch the Festival of Trees at the WIAC from November 15 'till the 29th. Don't forget to vote for the 275th Anniversary Tree.

- The 275th Holly Trail will be held Sunday, Nov. 30th.

- A final farewell celebration for the 275th and the start of the New Year will be held on December 31st at the WIAC.

Merchandise is available at the Borough Office during normal working hours - wear it or display it proudly. Be a Schuylkill Haven Ambassador as you share stories of our fine community. Don't forget to try Main Street Moonshine's 275th anniversary Blueberry Moonshine, Little Dipper's 275th ice cream sundae, and Brush Stroke's anniversary crafts.

We continue to welcome sponsors for the 275th. Funds can be sent directly to the Borough at 333 Center Ave, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972. For more information, please contact Ceil Michalik at 248-974-3569, or ceilmichalik@gmail.com. Updates on activities are available on Facebook: Schuylkill Haven's 275th Anniversary.

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South Schuylkill Unified

Please Join Us! The South Schuylkill Unified committee for community revitalization is excited to share our strategic planning proposal.

Our goals are to work together to set a course ensuring the financial and cultural longevity of our communities and to improve the financial wellbeing of our area by bringing increased opportunities for recreational activities and increased access to the arts.

We are an umbrella organization including representatives from the boroughs of Schuylkill Haven and Cressona; townships of Wayne, North Manheim, and South Manheim; Greater Schuylkill Haven Area Business Association, Island Park Committee, Penn State-Schuylkill, Schuylkill Haven Area School District, and Walk In Art Center.

The recently adopted 5-year strategic plan that includes proposals for the economic, cultural and physical revitalization of Schuylkill Haven and the surrounding area.

To bring these proposals to fruition, four committees were created:

- **Promotion Committee** - to focus on enhancing the brand, tourism and community attraction recommendations;
- **Design Committee** - to focus on placemaking, connectivity and walkability recommendations;
- **Organization Committee** - to focus on building community support, organizational capacity, and partnership recommendations; and,

- **Economic Development Committee** - to focus on business retention and attraction plan recommendations.

Proposals include a footbridge connecting the Island Park to downtown Schuylkill Haven, a downtown event space, alignment of the Schuylkill River Greenways and 911 trails through Schuylkill Haven and the surrounding areas, and streetscape along Main Street and Parkway.

South Schuylkill Unified invites interested residents to work with us in the implementation of our strategic planning initiative. Your input and participation, as we move forward, will be a vital component to our success. We strongly encourage anyone who is interested in participating in any way to reach out to us at SouthSchuylkillUnified@gmail.com.

Tip From The Code Guy

Trash & storage

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

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A Town's Spirit Reflected Through Its Churches

Editor's Note: Area churches are invited to submit news of events and services along with advertising to support this publication. Email South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing at printing@southschuylkill.net for pricing and info..

Faith Church

It is so exciting to be a part of Faith Church this year. It has been a banner year of attendance and lots of ministry opportunities within our group. Greetings! I'm Senior Pastor Doug Cresswell.



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for them and just to love the kids... let them know they are loved and appreciated at Faith. That is what we are all about... Loving God, Loving People and Serving the Community.

We have done a re-launch of our Celebrate Recovery group. They have successfully reorganized and regrouped and took plenty of time to make sure leadership was trained and prepared to care for all those in need. The attendance numbers have been great and I am so proud of the job they are doing and love that

Our Youth Ministry Team just completed a major Vacation Bible School week that was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children and leaders. The primary goals of the week were to share the Good News of God's love

they give to those who are hurting.

The structure at Faith allows each member to use their talents and gifts to build God's kingdom. We help each member identify their unique gifts from God and guide them to develop their ability to help others. This is a remarkable pathway that guides folks to serve with their unique talents. Not everyone is a singer... or preacher or teacher... but all have unique gifts from God. Faith currently has more than 40 such ministries where folks can serve the community their way.

We are working to prepare our annual fall campaign. This year it will be "Every Thought Captive." We believe if you can control your thought (THINK) life, it will help with how you FEEL, then you will ACT differently. During these campaigns, our entire church is focused on the weekly messages and then does a deeper study in our highly successful small groups.

We love doing church at Faith. I personally invite you to come by and check it out. We will welcome you and love you and care for your needs. God bless you.

- Senior Pastor Doug Cresswell

Saint Ambrose Roman Catholic Church

St. Ambrose Church is proud to be a part of the rich history of Schuylkill Haven. And, we look forward to celebrating with you the 275th anniversary of the founding of the "little town that could."

We hope you will consider joining us for these upcoming events at St. Ambrose Parish:

- Saturday, Sept. 13 our annual Fall Festival will begin at 5 p.m. on the parish grounds.

- Sunday, October 5, honoring St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, St. Ambrose Church will be observing the blessing of pets. Please gather in front of the Parish Center at noon. For the peacefulness of all, make sure your beloved pet is leashed or caged.



In the event of inclement weather, you are asked to remain in your car and drive around the church circle. Monsignor will bless your pet in the car. All pets are welcome - four-legged or no legs, furry or feathery, oinking or barking!

During the month of October, we will be accepting donations of pet food and supplies for Hillside SPCA. Monetary donations can also be made via envelope or online.

- Saturday, Nov. 8 as part of our 5 p.m. Mass, we will honor veterans. Veterans are asked to arrive at 4:45 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 7 pm is our Thanksgiving Mass.

All are welcome! For more information, please scan the QR code in our advertisement.

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Parks and Recreation

This summer has been extremely busy. We launched a successful Farmer's Market at Bubeck Park and we look forward to "growing" it as we continue the Market going forward. Our NFL Flag Football program was able to field 190 participants this season. And, our newest addition of the Recreational Adult Slow-Pitch Softball League is off and running with seven teams scheduled to play.

This July, the Recreation Department was excited to host our annual Food Trucks and Fireworks event at Island Park. The event was a huge success and the fireworks from Skyshooters Displays were excellent, as always. We enjoyed an amazing performance from the Radioactive Munsters. Come join us next year on Sat., July 11, 2026.

Our Halloween Parade is slated for Tuesday, Oct. 28. Registration is available through the Recreation Center or email havenrec@comcast.net. The 2025 approved parade route will continue to start at the high school and go down Main St. ending on St. Charles and W. Main intersection.

Biddy Basketball registration will open in early September for boys and girls K-6th grades. Both boys and girls will compete in separate divisions for the 2025-26 season. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer coach, please email the Recreation Department.

We are very excited to announce that the Spotts Fields 1 and 2 at Island Park have new scoreboards

and have been customized to accommodate 50/70 baseball as well as traditional softball games.

Stay up to date with all of our recreation news by following us on Facebook: Schuylkill Haven Recreation Department or check out our website at havenrec.com
- Darle & Mykal, Recreation Staff

Water Treatment Plant

Lead and copper are stringently regulated in Pennsylvania by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). So, in an effort 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 into federal law of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Pennsylvania adopted it in 1984 to establish a "comprehensive program to ensure safe drinking water." In June of 1991, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued its final Lead and Copper Rule. Again, Pennsylvania made the rule effective as of 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" represents a level at which the water system must take additional action under its control to reduce lead or copper levels.

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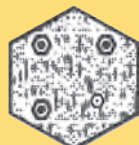
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A little perspective is in order... a milligram per liter is equivalent to a penny in a million dollars.

The drinking water provided to the customers of Schuylkill Haven Borough's Water Department 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 2022 with the 90th percentile results showing 0.00331 mg/L for lead; 0.806 mg/L for copper. This information can also be found in the 2022 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 this year between August 1 and September 30.

So, when 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!

- **George Purcell, Foreman**

Water Distribution / Wastewater Collection

Well, the days are growing shorter and the morning air is cooler. Leaves will soon be changing color and starting to drop; so, it must mean fall is nigh. With the temps dropping, it's the perfect time to address any issues that popped up last winter that you didn't have time to finish before the summer heat

kicked in (i.e. drafty basements that can cause frozen pipes). Taking care of those issues now will make winter a little more bearable.

In my department, fall brings with it one semianual and one annual maintenance project each year.

Every spring and fall, we clean our water distribution system and check our fire hydrants. This is mandated by DEP! Our water system has grown over the years, so what used to take two evenings now takes three eight-hour workdays to complete. This flushing serves two functions - it cleans out the water main lines and moves fresh-treated water around the system.

Each year in 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 1950 sewer collection 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. They guarantee it 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. What we did was to identify the trouble areas that had re-occurring blockages and divided them into four years of treatment. This also spreads the cost out over the four years and maintains Duke's guarantee. The end result? No more sewer blockages in these areas and beautiful trees in our community.

Be assured that both of these tasks are vital to the Borough, providing you with trouble-free utilities.

Note: Due to several water main breaks in recent years, the Water Department will replace 600 feet of 8-inch diameter main line pipe on Spring Street. As always, please find an alternate route as the road will be closed to all traffic. Work is expected to begin in the August time frame. Remember - temporary inconvenience for permanent improvements.

- **Carter Hoffman, Foreman**

Highway Department

Yard waste will be collected curbside every second Friday of each month and every Friday in the month of November.

The compost area at the south end of St. Charles St. is available at other times for disposal of yard waste only.

Recently we have had significant damage done to the tub grinder from material that should not have been dumped in the compost pile, resulting in a temporary shutdown of the facility and caused a very large expense for the Borough.

The compost area is a privilege for our residents. Don't be the one that ruins this for everyone!

Several streets will be paved this year, including Long View Drive, Schuylkill Street, Market Street from St. John to St. Peter, Wilson Street from Pleasant Row to Margaretta Street, Union Street from St. John to St. Peter, Parkway from Dewey Street to West Liberty, and part of Caldwell Street. Use caution and look for de-



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tours when approaching these areas. To report a pot-hole or blocked storm drain, please contact the Borough Office at 570-385-2841.

The remainder of the street sweeper schedule is as follows – August 4 – 8, September 2 – 5, October 7 – 10, and November 4 – 7.

– **Brian O. Murray, Foreman**

Wastewater Treatment Plant

What a pleasant summer 2025 has brought us so far. It has been filled with gorgeous weather and plenty of rain to keep crops growing strong. During this past winter, our Tumbling Run reservoir experienced one of the lowest levels in recent memory. Our rains fixed that quickly.

However, down here at the wastewater plant, we tend to sit on edge during rainstorms. When it rains, our incoming flow skyrockets. What causes this you may wonder? It's called "I & I"... or inflow and infiltration.

Inflow is when stormwater directly enters the sewage collection system. On the residential side, this is caused from gutters and sump pumps being illegally tied into a sewer drain. This is not allowed per Borough ordinances. On the Municipal side, water can get in through manhole lids.

Infiltration is when groundwater enters through broken pipes throughout the system. Our system is very old, so it can be assumed there are many opportunities for groundwater to sneak in.

Once the flow spikes, we must take action. We monitor the plant to make sure all the pumps are running as they should at such high speeds; we watch how high the water level gets in our tanks; and, we also have to watch the Schuylkill River to make sure it does not flood into us.

These times can be stressful. It's a big responsibility to keep this operation running 24/7. Over the past 10 years the Borough has taken many steps to ensure that flooding is kept to a minimum. We have installed larger pumps, installed a force main to the river, and created a flood plain behind the compost area. The flood of 2006 was the main driving force behind much of this.

If you have any questions regarding whether your home is in compliance with gutter or sump pump flow, please reach out to the Borough Office and we can assist you with correcting this. In most cases, many homeowners are not even aware of where these flows go. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

– **Zack Faust, Foreman**

Electric Department news

On-demand electricity may be as close as your nearest outlet or light switch; but, the journey it takes to get there is far from short and simple. The following is a look at the fundamentals of how power travels from a power plant to your house.

1. The first step in electrical power starts with producing or generating energy in the form of electric current. This almost always comes from a power plant with a spinning electrical generator.

2. The power heads to a substation at the plant, where it is converted into a very high voltage so it can travel long distances on the transmission grid.

3. The transmission grid is comprised of wires carried on large towers that move the electrical power between the power plant and local substations.

4. At the local substation, the voltage is lowered using a transformer and carried to homes or businesses over distribution lines. These lines are wires typically supported by wood poles or buried underground along roadways.

5. The power headed to your house will need to be stepped down to a lower voltage again. This is done using pole-mounted transformers (power poles with a gray transformer drum attached) and pad-mounted transformers (usually green steel boxes on the ground).

6. Power from the transformers travels via an overhead or underground line to the meter on your house.

7. The meter is connected to the circuit breaker panel, containing fuses and breakers that keep wires from overheating and becoming dangerous.

8. The circuit breaker panel then connects the power to the outlets and switches in your home, bringing electricity into your daily routine to help provide comfort, convenience, security, entertainment and much more.

– **Jim Haeseler, Electric Foreman**

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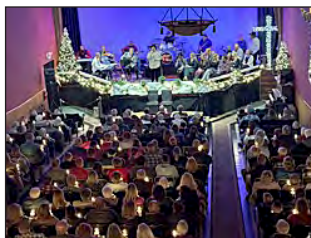


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