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New Freedom

York County, Pennsylvania

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New Freedom Borough... a vibrant Borough nestled in Southern York County

Regional Recreation Hires First Director of Recreation

New Freedom Borough and Shrewsbury Township, under the Southern York County Regional Recreation Commission, are thrilled to announce the appointment of Gina Porter as the Commission's inaugural Director of Recreation.

Bringing over 14 years of extensive experience in parks and recreation to the table, Ms. Porter emerged as the standout candidate during the selection process. Her qualifications, drive, and vision for the Commission's potential resonated strongly with the hiring committee. Ms. Porter's enthusiasm for learning about the newly established Commission and her demonstrated ability to design and implement innovative programming make her the perfect fit for this crucial role.

The establishment of the Southern York County Regional Recreation Commission signifies a significant step forward in community collaboration and resource optimization. By pooling resources and efforts, the Commission aims to prevent duplication of services and enhance the quality and accessibility of recreational amenities for residents of both municipalities.

New Freedom Borough Council's approval of the Intermunicipal Agreement of Cooperation with Shrewsbury Township underscores the commitment to promoting regional cooperation and addressing evolving recreational priorities. As communities grow and funding sources become increasingly competitive, the importance of regional recreation initiatives becomes more evident. By prioritizing projects and activities through collaborative efforts, the Commission aims to maximize cost-effectiveness and ensure that constituents are best served.

We extend a warm welcome to Ms. Porter and are confident that her leadership and expertise will play a pivotal role in advancing the Commission's mission and enhancing recreational opportunities for all residents. We look forward to the positive impact she will undoubtedly make as the Commission's first Director of Recreation.

Introduction

My name is Gina Porter. I'm originally from the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of Upstate NY. I moved to Maryland in 2000 to attend the University of Maryland, where I earned a degree in Education. In 2008 I moved to York County, where I have lived ever since. I am currently working towards a Master's Degree in Recreation and Parks Management at Slippery Rock University.

I began working as a naturalist in 2009, working at parks and nature centers in Baltimore, York, and Lancaster Counties. Eventually I moved into Recreation and Parks Management where I have managed nature, agricultural, and recreational facilities.

I live with three adventurous teenagers in Spring Grove and enjoy cooking, gardening, hiking, and travel.



Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

New Freedom Borough - PWSID #7670082 - Water Testing Performed in 2023

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, ó hable con alguien que lo entienda. (This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate for you, or speak with someone who understands it.)

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- ◆ Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- ◆ Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- ◆ Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater run-off and residential uses.
- ◆ Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater run-off and septic systems.
- ◆ Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to assure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and DEP prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA and DEP regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Information about Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. New Freedom Borough is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report - Continued

New Freedom Borough - PWSID #7670082 - Water Testing Performed in 2023

2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report of New Freedom Borough

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State Laws. The table shows the results of this monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2023. The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data is from prior years in accordance with the Safe Water Drinking Act. The date has been noted on the sampling results table.

The New Freedom Borough water supply originates from the ground water aquifer via four (4) deep wells situated throughout the local area. In addition, the Borough purchases supplementary water from the York Water Company (YWC) through an interconnection meter pit at the north end of Washington Road. YWC makes up approximately 10% of the average daily usage. YWC provides treated surface water originating from the East and South Branches of the Codorus Creek. For more information log into <http://www.yorkwater.com>. The direct link to the York Water company CCR can be found at <http://www.yorkwater.com/CCR.pdf>.

NEW FREEDOM BOROUGH WATER SOURCES

1. Well One: South Front Street 2. Well Three: East Main St.
3. Well Four: Playground Alley 4. Well Eight: Bowser Road 5. YWC: Washington Road

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Donald Bortner, Public Works Superintendent, at the Borough office, 717-235-2337. We value our customers and want them to be informed about their water quality. If you want to learn more, please attend our regularly scheduled monthly meetings. They are held on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers at 49 East Hight St., New Freedom, PA.

Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	Range	MCLG	MCL	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Nitrate (2023)	N	4.88	ppm	4.64 - 5.49	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks, erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (2021)	N	0.046	ppm	0.025 - 0.068	2	2	Discharge from drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Uranium (2023)	N	0.67	pCi/L	0.67	20	20	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium-226 (2023)	N	0.31	pCi/L	0.07 - 0.69	5	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel (2021)	N	0.00267	ppm	0.01 0.004			
Lead and Copper Rule	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	# of Sites Above AL	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	N	0.0	ppb	0	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper	N	0.279	ppm	0	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
Disinfectant	Violation Y/N	Lowest Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	Range	MRDL	MRDLG	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Chlorine (December)	N	0.6	ppm	0.6 - 1.21	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Disinfectant Byproducts	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	Range	MCLG	MCL	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N	6.1125	ppb	1.21 - 14.4	N/A	80	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	N	3.87	ppb	0 - 17.8	N/A	60	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination

Entry Point Disinfectant Residual

Contaminant	Minimum Disinfectant Residual	Lowest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Chlorine	0.40	0.25	0.025 - 1.96	ppm	December	N	Water additive used to control microbes

Other Violations: The Borough received a Failure to Monitor Treatment, Groundwater Rule, April 1, 2023, at all Entry Points and a Monitoring/Reporting, Adjusted Gross Alpha, October 1, 2023, at all Entry Points.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report - Continued

New Freedom Borough - PWSID #7670082 - Water Testing Performed in 2023

What's In My Water?

The summary table may contain terms and abbreviations that are unfamiliar. To help you better understand these terms and abbreviations we've provided you with the following definitions:

- Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Minimum Residual Disinfectant Level (MinRDL) - The minimum level of residual disinfectant required at the entry point to the distribution system.
- Level 1 Assessment - A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in a water system.
- Level 2 Assessment - A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in a water system on multiple occasions.
- Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Mrem/year = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
- pCi/L = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$)
- ppm = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
- ppq = parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
- ppt = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

Important Information:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as person with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

PUBLIC NOTICE

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
 FAILURE TO MONITOR**

**ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE
 ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.**

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for New Freedom Borough

Our water system violated several drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 2023 we failed to monitor for the following contaminants and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, the required sampling frequency, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which corrective action samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Gross Alpha	Every 9 Years	0 of 4	2023	2024

What happened? What was done? When will it be resolved?

Samples were missed in 2023. Samples taken 1/30/24, Results reported 2/27/24

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information regarding this notice, please contact Don Bortner at 717-235-2337.

Certified by:

Signature:  Date: 4 - 2 - 24

Print Name and Title: Donald L. Bortner, Jr. - Superintendent of Public Works

As a representative of the Public Water system indicated above, I certify that public notification addressing the above violation was distributed to all customers in accordance with the delivery requirements outlined in Chapter 25 PA Code 109 Subchapter D of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP's) regulations. The following methods of distribution were used: Spring Newsletter

PWS ID#: 7670082

Date distributed: Week of 4-15-24

Business Spotlight - Vortex Brewing

Vortex Brewery and Restaurant located at 100 Cambridge Boulevard on the corner of Franklin Street & Cambridge Boulevard, is a business that owners Ed Janiak and Rich Foard began with passion and a dream. Ed has been a lifetime passionate brewer dedicated to serving his friends and family with incredible, award-winning brews for many years and is thrilled to bring that talent and passion to the community of New Freedom. Rich, with a 30-plus-year background in business and construction, was excited by the opportunity to combine his professional skill set with his passion for craft beer.



At Vortex, head brewer, Ed, may be found back in the brewery working on his delicious craft brews. The microbrewery is a 10 barrel brewing system creating outstanding craft beer using only the finest ingredients. Ed's passion is creating a variety of specialized and seasonal beers offering a variety of styles. Our Freedom Lager has become a fan favorite. On Thursday evenings one might even be able to get a glimpse of Ed flipping burgers for Smash Burger Nights. Rich, chief of operations, can be found handling the day-to-day operations that keeps Vortex running like a well-oiled machine.



We have Trivia every Wednesday at 6:00PM, Smash Burger night on Thursdays 4:00PM-8:00PM and pit beef, ham & turkey once a month. There is live music every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Open Mic on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. Brunch is now served on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00AM - 2:00PM. Visit our dog-friendly patio featuring a fire pit for chilly weather and enjoy our famous pizzas made from scratch, meats smoked in-house as well as a full menu and delicious beverages. We carry non-alcoholic crafted root beer, seltzers, cider and the finest Pennsylvania libations mixed into craft cocktails.

Being part of the New Freedom community is something Vortex has fostered throughout its short time in business. Giving back is our way of supporting our community. Vortex is looking forward to continuing being part of a wonderful community relationship and serving you with our wonderful selection of craft beers and gourmet foods all year long. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram

Business Spotlight Recognition

We encourage everyone to support local businesses and discover the diverse array of offerings within New Freedom Borough and neighboring communities. If your business is interested in being highlighted in a future edition, please reach out to Andrew Shaffer, Borough Manager, at manager@newfreedomboro.org. Your participation is welcomed and appreciated!

Troubleshooting High Water Bills?

Here's What You Need to Know

If you've been hit with unexpectedly high water bills, it might not necessarily be due to increased rates, but rather an uptick in your water usage. One common culprit? A leaking toilet. Contrary to popular belief, you won't always find a wet spot around the toilet floor indicating a leak. Instead, the issue often lies within the tank at the fill valve and flapper. Here are some essential tips to help you identify and address potential water wastage caused by leaking toilets:

- ◆ **Check Water Levels:** Ensure that the water level in the toilet tank is appropriate, with at least ½" to 1" of the overflow pipe exposed. You can adjust the water level by tweaking the fill valve float, usually done by twisting the adjustment rod up or down.

- ◆ **Inspect Flappers:** Even if the flapper appears to be sealing properly, conduct a simple test by adding a few drops of food dye into the tank. Let it sit for a few hours, and if the dye seeps into the bowl, it's a clear sign that the flapper needs replacement as

water is leaking through. A flapper hung up on the chain can result in an alarming waste of water, with an average of three gallons per minute being lost. In just one hour, this amounts to a staggering 180 gallons of water wasted. To put it into perspective, consider this scenario: if the flapper remains stuck open overnight, from 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM, a whopping 1620 gallons of water could be wasted in just 9 hours.

- ◆ **Turn Off Unused Toilets:** If you have multiple bathrooms that are rarely used, consider turning off the water supply to the toilet when not in use. This is particularly important for basement toilets that may be out of sight and out of mind.

Additionally, keep in mind that the noise of water running in a toilet may not always be audible during regular bathroom activities. Therefore, ensure the area is silent when checking for leaks.

Another common culprit contributing to high water bills are malfunctioning humidifiers on forced hot air furnaces. Keep an ear out for continuous water flow when the furnace isn't in operation, as this could indicate an issue with the fill valve.

When it comes to garden hoses, always remember to turn off the spigot when not in use, as prolonged exposure to the sun can lead to hose damage and leaks.

Lastly, periodically check your water meter for any unusual activity. If the numbers continue to climb when water isn't being actively used, it's a clear indicator of a potential leak that requires immediate attention.

By staying vigilant and addressing these common sources of water wastage, you can effectively manage your water usage and avoid unwelcome surprises on your next water bill.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Mark your calendars for the first Saturday in May, when the York County Solid Waste Authority (YCSWA) hosts a FREE Hazardous Household Waste Collection Event. Open exclusively to York County residents, this event provides a convenient and environmentally responsible solution for disposing of household hazardous waste.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: 2685 Blackthorne Court, York (Paved lot behind the Recycling Drop-Off Center)

Registration is required for participation, and residents can easily register online by scanning the provided QR code. For those unable to register digitally, phone registration is also available by calling 717-845-1066.

Upon registration, attendees will receive a ticket, which must be displayed on the dashboard of their vehicle upon arrival at the designated time slot. For safety reasons, participants are required to remain in their vehicles throughout the event and ensure that all collection materials are contained in the trunk or bed of the vehicle (not the back seat). Event staff will promptly remove materials from vehicle trunks/beds.

It's important to note that smoking is strictly prohibited at all times during the event to maintain a safe environment for all attendees.

What Happens to Collected Materials?

Household Hazardous Waste collected during the event is transported to specialized hazardous waste facilities, where they are safely managed and, whenever possible, recycled. Please be aware that only specific materials are accepted at this event.

Items Accepted:

- ⚠ Driveway Sealant
- ⚠ Flammable Materials (Fuels, Lacquers, Solvents, Wood Stains, etc.)
- ⚠ Fluorescent Bulbs, Tube Lights and Lighting Ballasts
- ⚠ Garden Chemicals (Fertilizers, Herbicides, Insecticides, etc.)
- ⚠ Household Cleaners (Chemical Strippers, Disinfectants, Stain Removers, etc.)
- ⚠ Mercury Containing Devices and Liquid Mercury
- ⚠ Photographic Chemicals
- ⚠ Pool Chemicals
- ⚠ Pressurized Gas Tanks (Propane larger than 20 lbs. ONLY, Helium, Oxygen, Welding, etc.)
- ⚠ Rechargeable Batteries (Nickel Cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride and Lithium Ion)
- ⚠ Vehicle Fluids (Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Motor Oil, etc.)

Dispose of your household hazardous waste responsibly and contribute to a cleaner, safer environment for our community.



Understanding Sewer Backups

Your Responsibilities and Prevention Tips

Sewer backups can be a homeowner's worst nightmare, causing significant damage and disruption. Understanding your responsibilities and taking preventive measures can help you avoid costly and stressful situations. Here's what you need to know:

Know Your Responsibility: As a homeowner, you are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the sewer line that connects your property to the municipal sewer system. This includes any blockage or damage that occurs within this portion of the sewer line. Division of responsibility normally occurs at the curb or street line. Check with your homeowners insurance to determine coverage should a backup occur.

Recognize the Signs: Early detection of sewer line issues can help prevent backups and minimize damage. Look out for signs such as slow drains, gurgling noises from drains or toilets, foul odors coming from drains, and sewage backups in toilets or drains.

Practice Preventive Maintenance: Regular maintenance of your sewer line can help prevent backups and extend its lifespan. Consider scheduling annual inspections by a qualified plumber to identify any potential issues early on.

Avoid flushing non-biodegradable items such as paper towels, wipes, or feminine hygiene products down the toilet, as these can contribute to blockages in the sewer line.

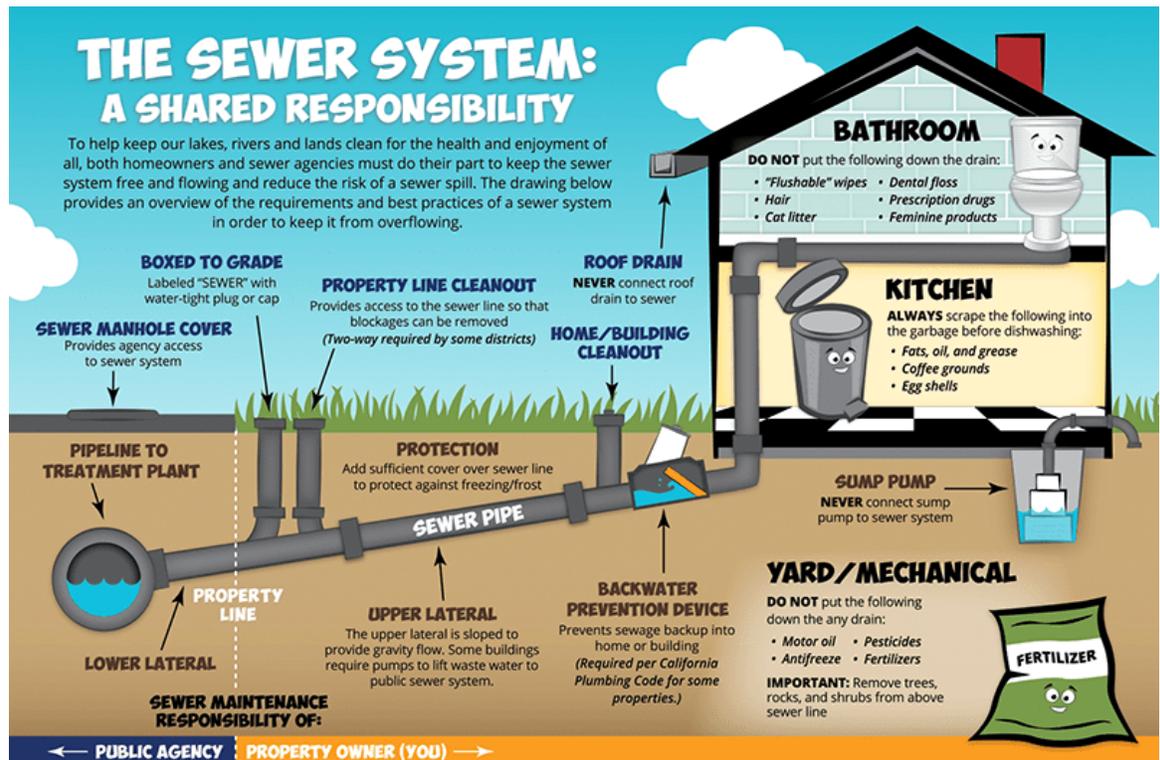
Dispose of grease and cooking oils properly by allowing them to solidify and then placing them in the trash rather than pouring them down the drain, where they can congeal and cause blockages.

Install Backflow Prevention Devices: Backflow prevention devices, such as check valves, can help prevent sewage from flowing back into your home during a sewer backup or flooding event. These devices provide an additional layer of protection against backups and water damage.

Respond Quickly to Warning Signs: If you notice any signs of a sewer backup, such as sewage odors or slow drains, don't ignore them. Take immediate action by contacting a licensed plumber to assess the situation and address any issues.

In the event of a sewer backup, avoid using sinks, toilets, or other plumbing fixtures until the issue has been resolved to prevent further damage and contamination.

By understanding your responsibilities as a homeowner, recognizing the signs of sewer line issues, and taking preventive measures, you can reduce the risk of sewer backups and protect your home from costly damage.





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2024 Senior Farmers Market Program

South Central York County Senior Center is thrilled to announce the commencement of the 2024 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, aimed at promoting healthy eating habits and supporting local farmers. This initiative, sponsored by the York County Area Agency on Aging in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, offers eligible York County seniors an incredible opportunity to access fresh fruits and vegetables.

Event Details:

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 - 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Location: South Central York County Senior Center, 150 East Main Street, New Freedom

Program Benefits:

Eligible seniors will receive a FREE \$50 voucher for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables grown right here in Pennsylvania. Vouchers are redeemable from June 1 to November 30 at participating Farmers Markets across the state.

Eligibility Requirements:

Participants must be residents of York County and 60 years of age or older. Please ensure you bring valid identification confirming your York County residency.

Renovating Without a Permit?

In recent years, soaring home prices coupled with steep borrowing costs have led many homeowners to explore renovation as an alternative to selling and purchasing new properties. According to a late-2023 survey conducted by CRAFTSMAN, over half of Americans expressed reluctance to part with their current homes due to favorable mortgage rates. Additionally, 65% of homeowners view home improvement projects as a viable substitute for relocating. Considering this trend, some homeowners may be tempted to undertake renovation projects themselves to save money, bypassing the permitting process to avoid potential delays and fees. However, proceeding without obtaining necessary permits can have serious consequences. Here are some potential pitfalls:

🔧 **Risk of Costly Fines:** Engaging in work requiring a permit without obtaining one may result in hefty fines if discovered by the municipality, potentially outweighing any initial savings.

🔧 **Difficulty Selling Property:** The process of selling a home, typically involves a home inspection. Failure to secure permits for past renovations will likely be discovered during the inspection process, making it challenging to sell the property.

🔧 **Insurance Coverage Issues:** Homeowners insurance may refuse to cover damage resulting from renovations conducted without permits, leaving homeowners responsible for repair costs.

🔧 **Property Damage and Safety Risks:** Skipping permits means missing out on necessary inspections that ensure work is done correctly. Improper renovations may lead to property damage, fire hazards, or structural issues, jeopardizing the safety of occupants.

While it may seem convenient to forego permits for seemingly straightforward projects, adherence to permit regulations is crucial. Obtaining permits and undergoing inspections may initially seem burdensome, but ultimately mitigates the risk of encountering more significant problems down the line.



Source: "Here's What Happens When you Renovate Your Home But Fail to Get a Permit, Maurie Backman, www.msn.com



SMOKE ON THE RAIL

KANSAS CITY BARBEQUE SOCIETY
PENNSYLVANIA STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP COOKOFF

MARGE GOODFELLOW PARK • 1 PLAYGROUND ALLEY

→ JULY 26-27 2024 →
 FRIDAY, JULY 26: 5:00PM-9:30PM
 SATURDAY, JULY 27: 11:00AM-9:30PM

Live Music | Draft Beer | Adult Slushies | Activities
 Food Vendors | General Vendors | BBQ Demonstrations

People's Choice Events: Public Sampling & Voting
 People's Choice Wing Contest: Friday 6:00PM (until sold out)
 People's Choice Pork Contest: Saturday 11:00AM (until sold out)

→ FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING →
 Weekend Event Ride Specials with Northern Central Railway

The goal of this event is to create a vibrant community festival, reinforcing New Freedom as a fun community, a great place to live, and to attract people into New Freedom to patronize our businesses. All proceeds from event will be reinvested locally and used to develop a vibrant Trail Town Community.

CHECK US OUT: SMOKEONTRAIL.COM OR  [SMOKE ON THE RAIL BBQ FESTIVAL](https://www.facebook.com/smokeyontherail)



Regional Comprehensive Plan

Attention residents of Glen Rock, New Freedom, Railroad, Shrewsbury Borough, and Shrewsbury Township: Your input is crucial! As we embark on the update of the regional comprehensive plan, a vital municipal policy document that informs the decision-making process of appointed and elected officials, we need to hear from you.

This comprehensive plan guides various aspects of our community, including land use, transportation, housing, economic development, open space/recreation, community services, and utility infrastructure. Your feedback will shape the future of our region.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this important endeavor!

<https://sycrpc.org/>



New Freedom Borough 150 Years

New Freedom Borough Council and Mayor Butcher would like to extend their gratitude to the Sesquicentennial Book Committee of New Freedom Heritage for their dedication and efforts in researching, preparing, and publishing "New Freedom Borough," a commemorative work celebrating 150 years of New Freedom Borough.

You're invited to visit the New Freedom Heritage Museum at 22 Railroad Avenue, New Freedom on the first Sunday of each month from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Take this opportunity to peruse the museum's collection and immerse yourself in the rich history of New Freedom. You can purchase your copy of "New Freedom Borough," commemorating 150 years, for just \$30 (cash or check only). Don't miss out on this wonderful chance to own a piece of New Freedom's history and support the New Freedom Heritage Museum!





*"Meaningful past,
vibrant present,
promising future"*

Keep Your Property Tidy with New Freedom Borough's Year-Round Brush Collection

Maintaining a well-groomed property has never been easier, thanks to New Freedom Borough's ongoing brush collection service. This initiative, offered throughout the year, ensures that your yard remains clutter-free while contributing to the overall cleanliness and aesthetic appeal of our community. Here's what you need to know about this convenient service:

Effective Tree Limb Collection:

Are you dealing with tree limbs cluttering your yard? Our Brush Collection program accepts tree limbs up to six inches in diameter. This curbside collection service is carried out by the Borough's dedicated Public Works Department. You can take advantage of this service on the second and fourth Tuesdays of April, May, June, September, and October.

Easy Process for Residents:

To make the most of the brush collection service, all you need to do is ensure your tree limbs are curbside by 7:00 AM on the designated pickup day. This process ensures timely and efficient pickup. We kindly request that you refrain from placing brush in front of fire hydrants or blocking storm sewer catch basins, allowing for unobstructed access in case of emergencies.

What We Can and Can't Collect:

While we're dedicated to helping you maintain a tidy property, there are a few guidelines to keep in mind. Please note that we cannot collect stumps, construction materials, or grass. Our focus is on accommodating the needs of residents by collecting tree limbs from the trimming of bushes and trees. This service is not intended for complete tree removal or site clearing.



Affordable and Accessible Tree Limb Tags:

To facilitate the brush collection process, each collection requires a tree limb tag. These tags are available at the Borough Office for a nominal fee of \$15.00. This reasonable charge helps cover the costs associated with providing this service to our residents.

Be a Part of Our Clean Community:

At New Freedom Borough, we're committed to fostering a clean and welcoming environment for all residents. The brush collection program is just one way we're working to enhance the quality of life in our community. We encourage you to take advantage of this service to maintain the beauty of your property while contributing to the overall aesthetics of our borough.

Contact Us for More Information:

If you have any questions about the brush collection program, acquiring tree limb tags, or any other services offered by New Freedom Borough, feel free to reach out to the Borough Office. We're here to assist you and ensure that you have the resources you need to keep your property looking its best.

2024 New Freedom Borough Trash & Recycling Calendar

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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MAY							JUNE							JULY							AUGUST						
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SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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- = REGULAR FRIDAY COLLECTION DAY
- = COLLECTION DAY DUE TO HOLIDAY

Observed holidays are noted in RED. Collection days that fall on or after the holiday will be delayed one day. EXCEPTION: If holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there is no change in service prior to or after the holiday.

BASIC RESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES

- Trash and recycling must be curbside by 6:00 AM on your scheduled collection day, Friday.
- All waste should fit in the mobile cart provided.
- Bulk items should be scheduled through our customer service department. Freon items may also be scheduled through our customer service department. You may also schedule online at www.pennwaste.com and chatting with our chatbot Trina.
- Bulk items that are too heavy to be lifted into a truck by two people will not be accepted.
- No construction debris will be collected curb side. Construction debris is material such as cabinetry, flooring or drywall that cannot be accepted curbside. Please contact Penn Waste for pricing on how to dispose of this material.
- To stay up to date on collection updates, sign up for our E-News Updates at www.pennwaste.com

For additional details visit our website www.pennwaste.com

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you!



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Ryan Ross, Vice President
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Dennis Cummings

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Teresa Ruby
Matt Hopkins
Eric Aycock
Ryan Ross
Jean Merrill

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GINNE Neugebauer
Denise Wildasin
Mike Werdin
Doug Brent, Alternate
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