Borough of

New Freedom

York County, Pennsylvania

150th Anniversary

2023, a momentous occasion – the Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary of the incorporation of New Freedom Borough. This remarkable milestone not only pays homage to our history but also shines a spotlight on the thriving community that has flourished here for a century and a half.

"Sesquicentennial" may be a mouthful, but its significance is profound. It represents 150 years of growth, resilience, and shared history. From modest beginnings to the vibrant borough we call home today, New Freedom's journey has been shaped by the dedication of its residents, organizations, and businesses.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Sesquicentennial committee for their dedicated work in planning two exceptional events - the parade on May 20 and the prom on June 10. Both events drew an impressive turnout and received resounding support from the New Freedom Community.

In its inaugural year, the Smoke on the Rail BBQ Festival illuminated our trail town community with sizzling success. More than 80 competition BBQ teams converged at Marge Goodfellow Park for a culinary extravaganza that thrilled taste buds and united the community.

As we honor our past, we also look forward to the future. The lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the accomplishments achieved are the bedrock of generations to come. Let's safeguard our heritage while fostering a community that resonates with pride and unity.

Our heartfelt gratitude extends to every resident, business, and partner who has played a part in shaping New Freedom Borough. Here's to 150 years of progress, unity, and the shared journey that defines our community – and here's to a future filled with promise and togetherness!

Andrew M. Shaffer Borough Manager

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New Freedom Shines Water Saving Tips

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

A Deep Dive Into Proper Pool Water Discharge

As the end of the swimming season approaches, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is committed to promoting the proper closure of swimming pools to safeguard stream health and aquatic ecosystems. Whether you're an individual pool owner, manage a public pool, or are part of a pool maintenance company, these crucial reminders and tips are designed to make a positive impact on our environment.

Safeguarding Aquatic Life: A Responsibility We Share

The discharge of pool water and water containing chemicals like chlorine can pose a significant threat to aquatic life if not handled responsibly. It's imperative that we take appropriate measures to ensure these waters are managed in an environmentally conscious manner. The consequences of mishandling such waters can lead to detrimental fish kills and unsafe conditions for aquatic organisms.

Guidelines for Responsible Pool Closure

When preparing to close your pool this season, remember to prioritize Pennsylvania's natural resources by adhering to these best practices:

- © Coordinate with Local Authorities: Before disposing of pool water, make sure to collaborate with your local municipal authority. Many areas, like New Freedom Borough, require residents to notify the Borough Office before releasing pool water into the sanitary sewer system.
- Avoid Storm Sewer Discharge: Under no circumstances should pool water be drained into a storm sewer, as it will ultimately flow into nearby streams. This can introduce harmful chemicals and disrupt aquatic habitats.
- Prevent Street and Alley Discharge: Never allow pool water to be discharged onto public streets or alleys. This water will eventually find its way into the stormwater conveyance system, potentially effecting the quality of local water bodies.
- Mindful Water Level Lowering: If you need to lower your pool's water level, consider allowing it to drain onto your lawn. This precaution prevents excess runoff from entering storm sewers and minimizes its impact on the environment.
- Water for Responsible Irrigation: In cases where a sanitary sewer system isn't accessible, consider using drained pool water for irrigation purposes. However, ensure that the water doesn't run off your property or enter storm sewers.

Legal Implications: Compliance with Clean Streams Law

It's essential to understand that discharging swimming pool water into the Commonwealth's waters without a permit is a direct violation of the Clean Streams Law. To avoid legal consequences and protect both aquatic ecosystems and your own interests, adhere to responsible water disposal practices. Those found in violation of this law, including property owners and pool maintenance companies, may face prosecution and penalties for their actions.

Conclusion: Your Role in Preserving Aquatic Environments

As we bid farewell to another swimming season, let's remember that our actions have a significant impact on the environment. By following the guidelines provided by the Pennsylvania DEP, you play a pivotal role in ensuring the well-being of aquatic life and the preservation of our valuable water resources. Together, we can contribute to a cleaner, healthier future for our streams and natural ecosystems.

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Proper Disposal of Rechargeable Batteries

Rechargeable batteries, such as those found in common household items like cell phones, tablets, toys, electric toothbrushes, tools, and remote controls should NEVER be placed in your curbside trash and recycling bins because they start fires. Please visit Call2Recycle.org to find a drop off location near you.



in your trash or recycling cans



Irresponsible battery disposal is causing fires.

Types of batteries

If the item contains any type of battery that cannot be removed, it should be taken to a battery disposal drop-off location.



Household batteries



Lithium-lon and Polymer



Nickel Cadmium



Nickel Metal Hydride



Specialty



Check electronics. If possible, remove the batteries. If not, bring the whole device to the drop-off location.



Store safely

Store batteries in nonmetallic containers (plastic, cardboard, or glass).



Drop off

Find a local disposal electronic store, or find a drop off location near you.





Treat batteries with respect. Lives may depend on it.

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New Freedom Recreation

Exciting Activities Await! Join Us for Fun and Entertainment!

Looking for ways to stay active, engaged, and entertained? Look no further! Our Recreation Commission has a fantastic lineup of activities that cater to a variety of interests and skill levels. Whether you're a sports enthusiast, a music lover, or someone who values giving back to the community, we've got something special in store for you.

Adult Tennis: Serve Up Some Fun and Fitness

The upcoming six-week session of Adult Tennis kicks off on August 26 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Open to participants of all levels, this program offers a great opportunity to refine your tennis skills while staying fit. For just \$60.00, you'll enjoy six weeks of energetic matches and expert guidance from experienced instructors. The program follows a six-week cycle and will continue until the weather makes outdoor play impractical at Marge Goodfellow Park.



Pickleball: Your Court, Your Rules

If you're a fan of Pickleball, we've got exciting news for you! Our Pickleball sessions are available on multiple days to suit your schedule. Join us on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM, and Saturday from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. No matter your skill level, everyone is welcome to play. With a modest fee of \$20.00 per month, you'll have access to thrilling games and friendly competition at our Community Center.

Groove to the Rhythm at Our Free Concerts in the Park

Mark your calendars for an evening of musical bliss! On August 26, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, join us for a mesmerizing performance by the band "First Class." The tunes will be accompanied by delectable treats: Stoneys Burgers and Fries will satisfy your hunger, while the Southern York County Senior Center will provide mouthwatering desserts. Quench your thirst with beverages from Seven Sports Bar and Grill. The Concerts in the Park series promises an unforgettable night of entertainment under the stars.



Unleash Your Inner Karaoke Star

Ready to steal the spotlight? Circle September 23 on your calendar for our Karaoke Event! From 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, the stage will be yours to showcase your vocal talent. The band "First Class" will lead the event, making it an unforgettable night of musical magic. Delicious food will be provided by Two Guys and a Grill, while the Southern York County Senior Center offers delightful desserts. Quench your thirst with beverages from Seven Sports Bar and Grill.

Support Our Veterans: A Call for Contributions

On November 9, join us in honoring our veterans with a special Veteran's Day Dinner. To make this event truly remarkable, we're seeking monetary donations, silent auction items, and door prizes. All proceeds from the event will benefit VFW Post 7012, making a positive impact on our community. If you're able to contribute, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your support means the world to us.

Join Us for Unforgettable Moments

New Freedom is buzzing with a wide range of activities that cater to every interest and age group. From sports and music to community service, there's something for everyone. Join us in creating memorable experiences and strengthening our community bonds. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Guidelines for Maintaining Streams

Maintaining stream banks is crucial for preserving the health of water bodies, preventing erosion, and protecting the surrounding ecosystem. Here are some general guidelines that property owners can follow

to properly maintain stream banks:

Maintain a natural vegetation buffer along the stream bank. This buffer zone helps filter pollutants, provides habitat for wildlife, and stabilizes the bank. Native plants with deep root systems are particularly effective in preventing erosion.

△Avoid Disturbances:

Minimize disturbances within the buffer zone. Avoid clearing vegetation, dumping yard waste, or introducing non-native plants that could disrupt the ecosystem.

♦ Control Erosion:

Use erosion control techniques such as retaining walls, rock riprap, and planting grass or ground cover to stabilize stream banks and prevent erosion. These techniques help reduce the impact of flowing water.

∆Limit Chemical Use:

Avoid using chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides near streams. These chemicals can easily be washed into the water, causing pollution and harming aquatic life.

∆Manage Stormwater:

Direct stormwater away from stream banks to prevent excessive water flow and erosion. Install rain gardens, swales, and other drainage features to manage stormwater runoff effectively.

♦ Install Vegetation:

Plant native vegetation on the stream banks. Native plants have strong root systems that help bind the soil and prevent erosion. They also provide food and shelter for local wildlife.

♦ Avoid Construction Near Streams:

If you're planning construction on your property, avoid building near stream banks. Construction activities can disturb soil and lead to erosion and sedimentation in the water.

∆Monitor and Address Erosion:

Regularly inspect your stream banks for signs of erosion. If you notice any erosion, take immediate steps to address it to prevent further damage. This might include installing erosion control structures or reestablishing vegetation.

Remember that each stream and its surroundings are unique, so it's essential to tailor your maintenance approach to the specific characteristics of your property. Working to maintain healthy stream banks benefits not only your property but also the larger ecosystem and the quality of the water resources.



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 dedicated Borough 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.



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, 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.



Refuse and Recycling Highlights

UPCOMING COLLECTION DELAYS

- Labor Day September 4 Collection will occur Saturday, September 9
- Thanksgiving November 23 Collection will occur Saturday, November 25

BASIC RESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES

- Trash and recycling must be curbside by 6:00 AM on scheduled collection day, Friday.
- All waste should fit in the mobile cart provided.
- Bulk items should be scheduled through Penn Waste's customer service department at 717-767-4456. You may also schedule online at www.pennwaste.com and chatting with the 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.

PROPER CART PLACEMENT

- Place mobile cart with the lid handle pointing toward your residence.
- Place carts at least three feet apart from each other and mailboxes, fire hydrants, low hanging trees or shrubs, parked cars, or utility poles so trucks can easily access the cart.



Exciting Developments Underway: Marge Goodfellow Park Enhancement Project

We're thrilled to share some exciting news about Marge Goodfellow Park, a beloved space in our community. The New Freedom Borough Council has taken a proactive step towards enhancing the park's offerings by collaborating with Warehaus, a renowned architecture and planning firm. Together, we're embarking on a journey to create a more vibrant and functional Marge Goodfellow Park that truly caters to the needs and aspirations of our residents.

A Vision for the Future: Feasibility Study and Master Site Plan

At the heart of this initiative is the completion of a comprehensive Feasibility Study and Master Site Plan. This multifaceted project aims to achieve several vital objectives:

- Assessing Current Facilities: Warehaus will conduct a thorough evaluation of the existing amenities within Marge Goodfellow Park. This assessment will provide insights into what's working well and where improvements can be made.
- Community's Recreational Needs: Understanding the preferences and recreational needs of our community is paramount. Through this project, we'll gather valuable input from you, the residents, to ensure that the park's enhancements align with your desires.
- Strategic Space Utilization: Proper planning for the park's future space utilization is a central focus. The Master Site Plan will outline how the park can be optimally arranged to accommodate various activities and events while maintaining its natural beauty.

Collaborating with Community Stakeholders

To ensure that the project reflects the aspirations of our community, New Freedom Borough Council has thoughtfully assembled a diverse group of community stakeholders. These individuals will actively contribute their insights and perspectives throughout both phases of the project, ensuring a well-rounded approach that captures the essence of our community.

Your Voice Matters: Resident Surveys and Beyond

As part of this initiative, we're excited to hear directly from you, the residents of New Freedom. We will be conducting surveys to gauge your thoughts and preferences for the park's enhancements. Your valuable input will shape the future of Marge Goodfellow Park, ensuring that it becomes a place that truly resonates with everyone.

From Vision to Reality: Development of the Master Site Plan

The ultimate goal of this project is to create a Master Site Plan that will guide the park's growth and development. This plan, once adopted by the Borough Council, will serve as a blueprint for the park's transformation, encompassing everything from infrastructure improvements to new recreational features.

Elevating Standards for Grant Applications

By investing in a well-documented Feasibility Study and Master Site Plan, we're also elevating our standards for grant applications. Having a comprehensive plan in place enhances our eligibility for funding opportunities that can fuel the park's growth without burdening local resources.

Embrace the Future of Marge Goodfellow Park

As we embark on this exciting journey, we invite you to be an active part of shaping the future of Marge Goodfellow Park. Your participation, insights, and ideas will contribute to the park's transformation into a vibrant hub of community engagement, recreation, and natural beauty. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to share your thoughts – together, we're building a better park for all of us.

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General Election Day

When: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 - 7:00AM to 8:00PM

Where: New Freedom Community Center 150 East Main Street, New Freedom

SAVVY CITIZEN

View on Map

ALERT! S Charles St road work

From New Freedom Borough S Charles St is closed as of 5:30 pm.

Detour info available on map.

Who: Municipal Primary Election for state and local offices such as (in sample ballot order)

- **Supreme Court**
- **Superior Court**
- Sudge of Commonwealth Court
- **Solution** States State
- **Ounty** Commissioner
- Sheriff
- **©** County Treasurer
- Clerk of Courts
- Register of Wills
- Protonotary
- Magistrate District Judge
- School Director
- Borough Council

Fall Leaf Collection

It's hard to believe, but the anticipation of leaves falling is upon us. New Freedom Borough is prepared to assist you with leaf waste collection, making this seasonal transition a breeze. Here's everything you need to know about this essential service.

The Borough Public Works Department will conduct curbside leaf waste collection from the last Monday of October to the first Monday of December. To make the most of this service, place your leaf waste along the curb by 7:00AM on Monday morning. It's important to note that if leaf waste is mixed or combined with other debris, it cannot be picked up. For efficiency, please refrain from placing leaf waste in plastic bags or

containers. For updates and any changes to the leaf waste collection schedule, keep an eye on our website and Savvy Citizen.



New Freedom Annual Parade

Honoring our First Responders - Fire, Police, and EMS Heroes Live Among Us!

With immense gratitude, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible participants of this year's New Freedom Parade. Your vibrant energy, enthusiastic participation, and unwavering support have infused this event with a remarkable sense of community and joy. As you marched, danced, and showcased your creativity, you added a special magic to the streets, creating lasting memories for all who witnessed the spectacle. Your presence has not only brought smiles to faces but has also united us in celebration. Every step you took, every float you adorned, and every note of music you played contributed to the tapestry of this unforgettable day. Your dedication and enthusiasm inspire us, and we are deeply grateful for your contribution in making this event a resounding success. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and spirit with us, turning this parade into an extraordinary experience that will be cherished for years to come.

New Freedom Parade Winners

Thanks to all the participants!

FUNNIEST BARNIE FIFE

MOST ORIGINAL AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP PA 7222

MUSICAL GROUP SUMC SUMMER THEATRE

ANIMAL GROUP THE FARMYARD

MARCHING GROUP SUSQUEHANNOCK HIGH SCHOOL BAND

VEHICLE NON-EMERGENCY TITANIUM ATHLETICS

HISTORIC KEN ADAMS

COMMUNITY GROUP GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

EMERGENCY VEHICLE MARYLAND LINE VOL FIRE COMPANY

BEST DRESSED FIRE CO FRIENDSHIP HOSE COMPANY #1

BEST FIRE UNIT ROSE FIRE COMPANY

JUDGES CHOICE BOY SCOUTS TROOP 24 & CUB SCOUTS PACK 24

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New Freedom Borough Shines Bright

Top Honors at Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs' Borough News Communications Contest

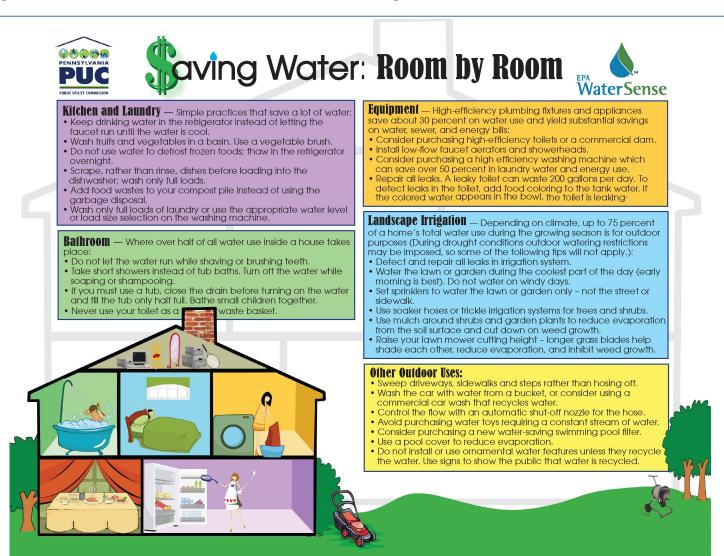
In a world driven by connectivity and effective communication, New Freedom Borough has emerged as a shining example of excellence. With recent achievements at the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs' (PSAB) Borough News Communications Contest, this community has proven its commitment to fostering engagement, transparency, and unity.

Celebrating Newsletter Brilliance: New Freedom Borough Clinches Second Place

Newsletters remain an age-old yet ever-relevant method of reaching out to communities. New Freedom Borough's newsletter, carefully crafted to engage, inform, and inspire, secured an impressive second place in this competitive contest. This achievement reflects the Borough's dedication to communicating with its residents in a meaningful way. Through captivating content, eye-catching design, and pertinent updates, the Borough's newsletter has successfully captured the essence of community spirit and shared that with its readers.

Unveiling the Digital Triumph: New Freedom Borough Grabs First Place

In the modern age, a dynamic and informative website is the digital gateway to a community's soul. New Freedom Borough's website triumphantly clinched the first-place position, solidifying its commitment to accessible and engaging communication. This digital portal, meticulously designed and thoughtfully structured, acts as a hub of information, news, and resources for its citizens. By ensuring that vital updates, event calendars, and news are at the fingertips of its residents, the Borough has demonstrated an unparalleled dedication to modern communication strategies.





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