



# Swarthmore Borough

**Winter 2023**

Welcome to the first edition of the Swarthmore Borough quarterly newsletter! It is a priority of Borough Council, Mayor Spiegel and Borough staff to provide you with the most transparent government possible. Transparency and effective communication is vital to a successful government and you deserve nothing less from all of us. The Borough now lists monthly financials for the past 13 months, links to project information and copies of recent Borough contracts, which are all on our website.



We are always looking for ways to share information with the community and we feel that a newsletter can give you inside access to all that is happening in the borough. The goal of our newsletter is to create content that is relevant and beneficial to you. Our intent is to do a seasonal publication and focus on content that is relevant to that particular season of the year.

I encourage you to offer us feedback regarding our newsletter. I would like you to know that my door is always open for the community and I am here to listen to your concerns and help you where I can. Please stop by Borough Hall to say hello if we have not yet met.

All the best in 2023,

William Webb  
Borough Manager

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# Borough Council Meeting Schedule

## 2023 Council Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at Borough Hall beginning at 7:00PM

### Work Session

February 6  
March 6  
April 3  
May 1  
June 5  
September 5  
October 2  
November 6  
December 4

### Legislative Session

February 13  
March 13  
April 10  
May 8  
June 12  
July 10  
August 14  
September 11  
October 10  
November 13  
December 18

### Holiday Schedule

January 2– News Years Day  
February 20– President’s Day  
May 29– Memorial Day  
June 19– Juneteenth  
July 4– Independence Day  
September 4– Labor Day  
October 9-Indigenous Peoples Day  
November 10– Veterans Day  
November 23&24– Thanksgiving  
December 25&26– Christmas

## 2023 COUNCIL COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Environment 4th Wednesday at 7:00pm

Finance 4th Monday at 7:00pm

General Government and Human Services 3rd Monday at 7:00pm

Planning and Zoning 2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm

Public Safety 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm

Public Works, Parks and Recreation 3rd Thursday at 8:30am

**\* Meetings are subject to change. Please refer to the Borough website for the most up-to-date information\***

# Boards and Commissions Meeting Schedule

**All meetings are held at Borough Hall**

Zoning Hearing Board 4th Tuesday at 7:00pm (if necessary)

Planning Commission 3rd Wednesday at 7:30pm

Affordability Task Force 1st Thursday at 7:00pm (Task Force End April 1, 2023)

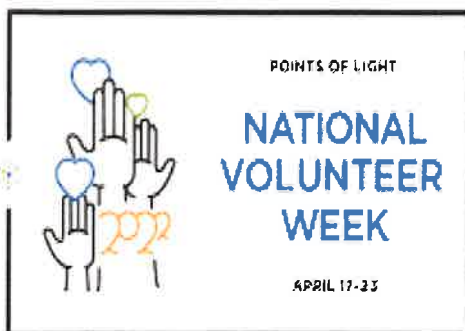
Historic Preservation Task Force 1st Wednesday at 7:00pm

HRC 2nd Thursday at 7:00pm EAC 4th

Tree Committee will meet the 4th Thursday at 7:00pm in January, March, May, July, September and November

EAC 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm

Pension Committee February 21, 2023, May 9, 2023 and November 14, 2023



We thank the citizens who serve on these Boards and Commissions and volunteer their time to the community.

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# Borough News and Events

## Pending Land Development Applications

Swarthmore Swim Club-201 Riverview Road– An application for land development has been made to create a recreations area that will include the construction of a firepit, pavilion area and new snack stand. The applicant received a recommendation from the Planning Commission and is pending final approval before Borough Council.

Park Avenue Condo Project-102/104 Park Avenue and 110/112 Park Avenue– An application for a lot consolidation and the construction of a mixed use building with 30 dwelling units and retail uses is proposed. The application was recommended by the Planning Commission and is pending before Borough Council.

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## NETHER PROVIDENCE, MEDIA, AND SWARTHMORE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, March 11th 9 AM to 1 PM

101 Plush Mill Road, Wallingford, PA



Visit the Borough's website for more information about this event

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**Support the Borough's efforts to collect clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, sheets, drapes and stuffed animals by dropping these items off at the Borough Public Works Building.**

**121 Dartmouth Avenue, Swarthmore, PA 19081**

# Did you know?

## Street Tree Facts

Can I remove a street tree if I do not want it there? A street tree cannot be removed without Borough permission. A property owner who wishes to remove a healthy street tree must first receive permission from the Borough. If permission is granted, the property owner bears the entire cost for the removal and a replacement tree must be planted with approval from the Tree Committee. *The Borough may deny permission to have a Street tree removed.*

How do I remove a dead, unsafe, or dying street tree? The Borough may remove a street tree if it is deemed by the Tree Committee to be dead, unsafe or declining condition. The Borough will remove the tree and replace it with a new street tree for a reduced fee to the property owner. A street tree may not be removed without a replacement tree being planted.

Who pays for removing a tree deemed dead, unsafe, or dying? The homeowner is responsible for 70% of the removal cost and the Borough is responsible for 30% of the removal cost. The homeowner is responsible for the cost of a replacement tree which is billed at the same time as removal. The Borough works with area tree experts to address the issues with tree safety issues.

Who do I contact about the condition of my street tree? Contact the Borough Hall office and a member of the Tree Committee will be sent to examine the tree.

How do I get a new street tree? The tree committee generally holds two sales of street trees each year, one in the late winter and one late summer. These trees are sold at a reasonable price and are planted by the Borough. A variety of trees are offered each sale in order to maintain a healthy, diverse tree Canopy.

What if I remove a street tree without authorization? You could be subject to summary criminal citation with a minimum fine of \$500 and a maximum fine of \$1,000 plus the Borough will plant a new tree which you will be invoiced with an additional 10% administrative cost.



# Trash and Recycling Tips

## 2023 Trash Collection

- Due to the increase of 52% in the 2023 Trash and Recycling Contract, Borough Council accepted the curbside collection option.
- Residents should place no more than two(2) fifty (50) gallon containers at the curb per week. Trash must be in a container.
- Yard waste remains on the first and third Tuesday of each month unless noted on the 2023 Yard Waste Collection Schedule that is posted on the Borough website.
- Bulk Trash remains the third Thursday of the month and must be scheduled in advance by contacting Elise at 610-543-4599x1
- Recycling will continue to be single-stream. You should wash your containers before placing them in your recycling bin. Carboard and Aluminum can be taken to the public works building for a direct Borough benefit.
- All concerns regarding trash shall be directed to Elise at 610-543-4599x1

## RECYCLE

### PAPER AND CARDBOARD



### GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS



### METAL



### PLASTIC CONTAINERS



# Miscellaneous Information

## Plowing Tips

- Plowing cannot begin until there are at least 2” of snow, to prevent damage to the roads and the plows. Once the area is plowed, the driver will plow other areas, and then return as necessary.
- Please understand that plow drivers never intentionally “plow anyone in.” The plows have to push the snow to the side of the road to create safe travel lanes. Additionally, it would be simply infeasible for the plows to be lifted up at each driveway in the Borough. Therefore, we recommend shoveling the end of your driveway after the plows have completed their routes. The plows will make at least two passes on each public road.

### During the storm, please keep these points in mind:

- Stay off the roads unless necessary. This is for your benefit and the benefit of the first responders.
- If possible, please park your cars in your driveway to make plowing easier for our Public Works Crews. Please remember that even after the storm has ended, the Public Works crews will still have several hours of work left to finish plowing the roads curb to curb. PennDOT handles the plowing of the state roads.
- If you experience a power outage, contact PECO at 800-841-4141 For police, fire, or medical emergencies, call 911.



### Morning with the Manager returns in 2023

Come meet with Bill and discuss Borough business on Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 9:00am to 11:00am



## Your 2023 Real Estate Tax Bill will be mailed by February 1, 2023

2% discount period ends March 31st

Face amount due by May 31st

10% penalty begins June 1st

Billing questions should be directed to Nancy Carullo at 610-543-4599x2

