



# SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP



FRANKLIN COUNTY

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## Furnace Run Park Update

Exciting things are on the horizon for Furnace Run Park in 2023. Planning for the past two years will culminate to include, public water and sewer to begin installation in the spring/summer. Zero funds are coming out of the general fund for this project as ALL of the funding is coming from the ARPA, Covid-19 relief funds the Township has received.

The utilities will run to a Central Visitor Center that will also begin construction summer of 2023. This building will provide restrooms and have the ability to host environmental education, community activities and programming for small to mid-size groups of all ages. A small kitchen will give meetings and gatherings an extra option of serving food and drinks. Parking is planned for approximately 33 vehicles with a drop off area for buses. The building is being partially funded through a 50/50 grant received through DCNR in the amount of \$250,000.

Park planning and landscaping engineering for the project is being completed by Barton & Loguidice. Partial funding for that work is coming from an IMPACT grant received through the Franklin County Commissioners in the amount of \$149,000.

Last year the Chesapeake Bay Foundation chose Furnace Run Park to celebrate a milestone in their cooperative effort of the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership. The event was focused on reaching the half-way point of the planting of the 5-millionth tree. The National Arbor Day Foundation sent about 20 staff members to attend the event to help celebrate their 50-year anniversary as well. A white oak was chosen as the 5 millionth tree planted and approximately 120 other trees were planted around the park by the volunteers.

During this time, great partnerships were forged and plans were made to plant the two quarries at Furnace Run. The quarries were graded in 2019, but regrowth was slow and the large quarry was experiencing a lot of erosion. In an ambitious, collaborative effort between the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, about 20 acres of barren quarry land will be planted with approximately 14,500 bare-root

## Planned Roadwork for 2023

### Pipe Replacement

- Shale Road
- Bedford Road
- Woods Road
- Limekiln Road

### Pulling Shoulders/Grading

- Maclays Mill Road
- Mongul Hill Road
- Fernwood Road
- Hickory Run Road
- Burnt Mill Road
- Stonewall Road
- Spring Ridge Road



### Crack Sealing

- Several Roads & Developments throughout the Township

Street sweeping will begin in spring, please DO NOT place yard waste of any type along the shoulder of the roadway. It will clog the sweeper truck.

Beginning the first week of May, the ATS Speed Trailer will be put out to collect traffic data on various roads. If you would like to request data for a certain road or area, please give us a call so you can be put on the schedule as soon as possible.



*West End Fire and Rescue's new heavy duty rescue squad increases service capabilities and special operations.*

*Furnace Run Update (Continued)*

trees. The goal is to maintain some of the viewshed while stabilizing and reforesting the barren areas.

The process began with deep cultivation or ripping of the quarry land in a cross-hatched pattern. The process was paid for by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and executed by New Enterprise Stone and Lime. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is donating all of the bare-root native trees, chosen for either their contribution to wildlife or to add seasonal beauty. Calls for volunteers went out to local businesses, schools and charitable organizations to help plant the trees which will happen April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

To top it off, the quarries will be seeded with pollinator plants which will help stabilize the slopes, prevent invasive species, add wildflower beauty and habitat/food for wildlife while the trees get stabilized. If the weather cooperates, the barren land should be transformed into a picturesque landscape that will be interesting to watch as it develops over the years.

Hiking trails are continuing to be built, and a slope in the large quarry is being reserved for sledding.

If you are interesting in volunteering at Furnace Run Park, please contact Maria at :

[mmisner@southamptontownship.org](mailto:mmisner@southamptontownship.org)

**NEW SCPRA DIRECTOR HIRED**

Welcome the new Parks & Recreation Director for the Shippensburg Community, Mr. Joshua Mitchell! Josh started on Monday November 21, 2022 and brings nearly 10 years of experience in the field, coming to us from the City of Hagerstown (MD) Parks and Recreation Department. While being from Maryland originally, our new director has been in Shippensburg going on three years now and is passionate about, prideful in, and devoted to this community. Josh has also served in other communities for two decades in volunteer and support staff roles, helping with youth athletics and investing his time back in to public service — he said “people who know me would likely describe me as someone who cares about others in a selfless manner, I have a reputation of going out of my way to put others’ advancement first”. As we move forward, we are enthusiastic about Josh’s approach to bring fun and enjoyable activities to our residents as well as confident in his desire to build unity for us all.

Be sure to stay informed on the park and rec activities with the new software program SCPRA is using called **RecDesk**. Staying involved and getting updates is easy. Check it out at:

[shipparkrec.recdesk.com/Community/Home](http://shipparkrec.recdesk.com/Community/Home)

*Draft Concept Plan for the Welcome Center at Furnace Run Park*



**Representative Rich Irvin  
Now Serving Southampton Township**

State Representative Rich Irvin is now serving the Southampton Township residents due to redistricting at the state level in 2022. Representative Irvin’s office is still located at the Southampton Township building to serve your needs; however their hours have changed.

Monday	8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

**Services Provided**

- PennDOT paperwork, including driver’s license and vehicle registration application and renewals.
- Information and applications for senior citizen benefit programs including Property Tax/Rent Rebate and PACE/PACENET prescription drug programs.
- Information and applications for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Help with securing birth and death certificates (photo identification required).
- Information about legislation.
- Assistance with resolving matters relating to state agencies.

Kathy Mahon is serving as support staff for the Representative. Feel free to call her at **717-532-1707** or email:

[kmahon@pahousegop.com](mailto:kmahon@pahousegop.com)

## Bulky Trash Days—April 28th & 29th

Southampton Township will hold its semi-annual bulky trash days on:

**Friday, April 28th**  
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 29th**  
8:00 a.m. until noon

The drop off spot will be at the Township building on Municipal Drive.

Items we DO NOT ACCEPT:

- ◆ liquid wastes of any kind, including waste oil, paint, insecticides, inks and solvents, aerosols or pressurized containers
- ◆ motors containing gasoline
- ◆ ammunition or anything explosive
- ◆ hospital/biohazard waste
- ◆ industrial wastes of any kind
- ◆ anything containing asbestos
- ◆ **yard waste** or soil
- ◆ dead animals
- ◆ tires on rims
- ◆ **NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

The Township will accept up to 4 automobile tires from each household as long as they are residential/light duty tires. There will be a \$3/tire charge for each additional tire. **No heavy duty/commercial truck or tractor tires will be accepted.**

We accept major appliances, microwaves, large pieces of furniture and carpet at no charge. Note: for ease in management carpet can be rolled in 3-4' strips and wrapped in duct tape.

We will have big roll-off containers on site if you would like to self-unload. Otherwise, the employees will be happy to help you unload into the loaders.

If you self-unload, we will have **metal salvage** trailers on-site. Please take a few extra minutes to throw all metal items into these trailers for recycling.

As a free service to assist **elderly** and **handicapped**, Lane Thrush of Keller-Williams Keystone Realty in Chambersburg is offering volunteers to pick up the items for you on Thursday, April 27th. You will still be responsible for any fees that may be associated with the junk. If you need help and want to schedule a pickup, just call Lane's office at 717-504-8002 no later than Wednesday, April 26th.

Thank You! **Keller-Williams**—for helping our disabled and elderly dispose of their bulky items!

\* TIP: If you have paint cans with a small amount of wet paint in, open the cans now and put some kitty litter in. This will absorb the liquid and get hard. We can accept them at this point.

### PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

May 16th

Polls are open from  
7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

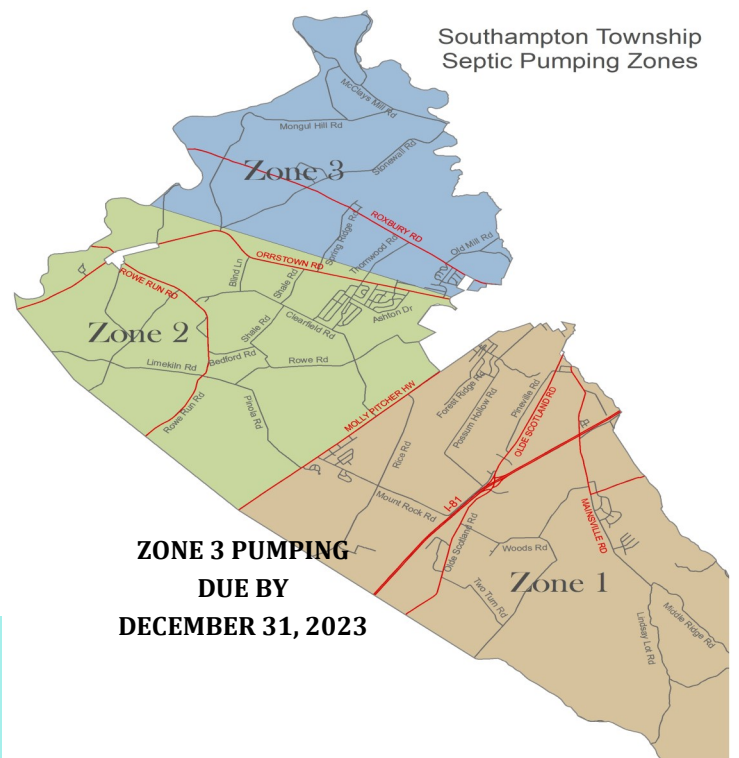
Franklin County Voter Information  
(717) 261-3886

### DISPOSE OF YOUR YARD WASTE AT THE BOROUGH COMPOST FACILITY

Residents of Southampton Township can take advantage of the Borough's Compost Site located at 963 Avon Drive. This facility is for disposing of yard waste and the purchase of compost and mulch. **Sorry, they do not take grass clippings.** A compost pass is required for disposal of yard waste and must be obtained at the Borough Office during regular business hours. There is a \$25.00 fee for the pass and it is good for the current year that it is purchased. Hours of operation are on the pass.

### Cardboard Recycling Offered

Cardboard recycling will once again be offered. We will have two locations to deposit your cardboard. Please make sure your boxes have no trash in them and are flattened. This will be a tremendous help to the Township as our human resources are spread thin on Bulky Trash Days. Thank You!



**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Southampton Township  
705 Municipal Drive  
Shippensburg, PA 17257  
Phone: 717-532-9041

**Your Supervisors**

- ◆ Samuel Cressler
- ◆ Randy Brenize
- ◆ Roger Hall

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP**  
705 Municipal Drive

OFFICE HOURS: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mon. – Fri.  
PHONE: 717-532-9041  
WEBSITE: [www.southamptontownship.org](http://www.southamptontownship.org)

The Southampton Township website provides information on permits, payments, forms, codes, meetings minutes, and announcements.

Visit us on Facebook: Southampton Township, Franklin County, for road closures and alerts.

**Township Meeting Dates**

1st Thursday of the Month – 5:00 p.m. – Park & Rec.  
2nd Tuesday of the Month – 8:00 a.m. – BOS meeting  
3rd Tuesday of the Month – 6:00 p.m. – PC meeting  
4th Tuesday of the Month – 5:00 p.m. – BOS meeting

**Shippensburg Community Parks  
and Recreation Authority**

677 Orrstown Road  
Shippensburg  
PH: 717-530-0261

For information on pavilion rentals, recreational programs and events or to find out how to sign up to be a volunteer:

[www.shippensburgparkandrec.org](http://www.shippensburgparkandrec.org)

Visit SCPRA on Facebook: Shippensburg  
Community Park and Recreation