

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

+ 2025 FORECAST



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## PRESIDENT OF TOWN COUNCIL ALLEN COFFMAN

It is that time of the year again to make some comments on 2024 and take a look at issues for 2025. We have just completed Ice Fest 2025 and the weather was more cooperative this year. The event has been described as very successful. It seems that the maximum capacity for sculptures has been reached at 110 displays. Although

the sculptures are now gone, we still have the lights around the Chambers Fort Park to enjoy for a while yet. We have such a beautiful downtown; you should definitely find an excuse to visit.

Let me give you a quick update on the Southgate Redevelopment Project. The first property has been sold to Keystone Health. They are now working on their new building which is scheduled to open in June of this year. We have been able to fill most of the remaining stores, and so far the rents are providing a positive cash flow for all of the project expenses. Taxpayers haven't paid to support this operation! In addition, we have been able to receive several grants to fully prepare for the redevelopment of the neighborhood. Ground will break soon on new underground utilities, parks and streets. The Rail Trail, along with the storm water pipes and gas lines will all be redone. All of this will be started by 2026 and will make the property more desirable for redevelopment.

The other major project is the Public Works Campus located on Wayne Avenue. It has taken some time to acquire the real estate and finalize the plans. As a matter of fact, we have planned for this for several years to get it right. This facility will replace the Loudon Street garage, which is substandard and totally obsolete. Borough equipment is too large to be serviced or housed indoors and some equipment must be housed in heated facilities out of town. This new, much needed complex will solve these problems. It is of utmost importance to have our fire and police vehicles in good working condition. So far, this comes at a cost of 1-mil of tax, or about \$18 per year for the average family.

While inflation has affected our utilities these last few years, and it has caused increases to become necessary, our overall rates remain the envy of out-of-towners. Electric rates increased slightly last year. Even though, with this increase we are still 25% to 40% lower than those served by private utilities surrounding our Borough. Natural gas rates also increased slightly. This was the first increase of our natural gas distribution since 2009! The wastewater utility was increased for the first time since 2012! The water utility increased \$0.02 per unit and a service charge also increased. The sanitation fee also increased \$4.00 per month (single family household). We do not like to make these increases; however, electricity and gas are purchased commodities which we buy at the lowest prices we can obtain. Even with these increases, we are much lower than our neighbors! Our utilities are our strength and to stay on top of repairs, new equipment, and operations, these adjustments are absolutely necessary. The reliability of our utilities is extremely good. This is not by accident. It is the result of several years of planning ahead with a great workforce, great supervision, and prompt decision making; low costs and extremely reliable.

At this time we have three new probationary police officers in training at the Police Academy. They will bring our number of law enforcement officers to 35. These new officers were funded through a 2-mil tax increase and a federal grant. In addition, in 2024 the Sons of the American Legion donated over \$17,000.00 for a new K-9 for the department. Janko is now trained and on duty. An anonymous donor has provided funds for Janko's ballistic vest. As many of you are aware, Chief Ron Camacho left our Police Department in December 2024. We recently selected his replacement and I expect you should know that our Police Department is in good hands with our new chief. Our department is one of the 11% accredited departments in Pennsylvania. We want to thank Chief Camacho for his leadership, professionalism, and vision. Our best wishes go to him in his new assignment.

There were several projects of historical significance that were accomplished last year, and some yet to be completed. One of these was the Glen Street Fountain which was installed originally around 1909. On 17 May, 2024, it was brought back to life after a very detailed repair project. It looks better than any time that I can recall, and the neighbors do a very good job attending to the flowers they place around it. It just looks great!

The other project is still underway and it is the Mary B. Sharpe School. It is in the hands of private developers and will be converted to apartments. The exterior has been changed to look as it was originally built. A chimney and a cupola have been added. The building is now on the National Register of Historic Places! I mention this project as it adds more housing to the Borough.

Other housing in the Borough is being built on Orchard Drive and in Nicholson Square. The third project is the Park of the Valiant. It has a fountain too. The bronze plaque has been refinished as well as landscaping and tree additions. It is probably one of our least known parks but serves to tell the story of a very significant decision about our electric utility. As we move into 2025, I expect we will see more housing and new businesses coming to town.

We now have a Wawa and at least one new restaurant is planning to come here soon. Housing is coming in the form of apartments and single residence homes. We are continuing to grow! Expect to see the goats again along the Rail Trail. Look for building of the amphitheater near the Chambers Fort Park. Downtown Chambersburg Inc. is leading that project. Lastly, expect to see continuing work on gas lines and water lines too.

In closing I want to thank everyone who serves on our 33 boards, committees, and commissions. These citizens volunteer to serve our community make Chambersburg a great place to live and work. Many of these people serve for multiple terms as they enjoy the work. We do at times have vacancies to fill. Please go to the Borough website to volunteer for a committee if you have an interest. Please remember that the Borough has 24-hour live phone coverage at our Service Center. This is for reporting things that do not require Police, EMS, or Fire Department response. The phone number is 717-263-4111 or email [servicecenter@chambersburgpa.gov](mailto:servicecenter@chambersburgpa.gov).

I look forward to this year being a very good one for all of us in Chambersburg and wish you a healthy and prosperous year. This is truly a great community to live in and raise a family!



Capitol Theater - Downtown Chambersburg



Memorial Square Fountain



## BOROUGH MANAGER & DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES

JEFFREY STONEHILL

### Chambersburg Borough Adopts 2025 Budget: Our Community is Strong and Growing

Chambersburg Borough has the most complex budget in Pennsylvania. We are unlike every other town, including big cities.

Separated from the other operations of the Borough, our utility financial transactions are in over a dozen separate funds (accounts). Our unique size is due to our expansive utility operations (unmatched in Pennsylvania) and because of our complex utility support operations (internal service funds). To account properly for expenses, we use cost-based accounting. Like a law firm or medical practice, many employees bill their time and equipment to the various functions upon which they are working. This includes money spent between the separate funds; many transactions are to cover expenses, back and forth between accounts, and thousands of internal transactions. This concept makes Chambersburg a unique government organization, especially in the Commonwealth.

Chambersburg is one of 35 Boroughs in Pennsylvania to operate a non-profit public power electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and the only one to operate multiple generation stations. Chambersburg is one of two municipalities in Pennsylvania to operate a non-profit public natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Chambersburg is one of around 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and one of 1,000 communities to run a natural gas system, but one of only about 100 in the U.S. to operate both systems, out of 89,000 local government units. In addition, Chambersburg operates a regional water system and a regional wastewater system; not through an independent authority or an intermunicipal board, but under Town Council supervision directly. Further, Chambersburg operates a sanitation utility, a traffic utility, an aquatic center, and a storm sewer utility. The Storm Sewer Utility was one of the first such storm sewer utilities to form under the federal mandate to regulate stormwater through the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program.

Almost all employees of the Borough, and most of the equipment of the Borough, is owned and operated by our utility departments (Electric, Natural Gas, Water, Wastewater, Storm Sewer, and Sanitation utilities) and our utility support departments (engineering, motor equipment, and administrative services). Borough tax revenue does not support any utility operations, personnel, or equipment. Further, as most of our customers recognize, the Borough's utility rates are very reasonable.

Residents inside the Borough who have both Chambersburg electric and gas service can save as much as \$2,000 per year when compared to similar residential customers outside the Borough.

In summary, 2025 is going to be another very consequential year for the Borough of Chambersburg. We have a number of extremely important projects in-the-works. While the cost of Borough operations will continue to rise, and outpace natural growth in revenue, Chambersburg has outstanding control of all utility expenses, saving our residents and businesses so much that it helps them to increase employment, increase payroll, increase profits, and improve the quality of life. Our community has record-low-unemployment, which drives up labor costs. Finally, the increasing demand on fuel, energy, and limited equipment availability remains a significant concern.

#### 2025 Will See Very Necessary Revenue Enhancements

The Police Tax will rise this year as a result of adding three (3) new police officers to our growing force. Just about every category of utility fee will rise this year. However, Chambersburg utilities remain the lowest cost utilities in Franklin County or in comparison to the State of Pennsylvania. Our increases are small in comparison to the increased cost of energy, water, wastewater, or sanitation in every other community, including neighboring townships. This year there will be a new very small tax dedicated to the construction of the much-needed Public Works Campus. The total cost of all the new utility rates and the tax increases is approximately \$21 per month for every single-family household inside the Borough. Results vary based on many household factors.

The Southgate Redevelopment Project has started to show progress with the construction of the Keystone Rural Health community medical facility at Southgate and a sizeable Federal grant to begin to restore neighborhood infrastructure. Finally, the approved budget marked the decision point for a new Public Works Campus off Wayne Avenue which will help us provide better and cost-effective services for generations. Chambersburg assets include real estate and utilities. Our exceptionally low utilities rates with outstanding reliability, despite rate increases, remain our number one priority.

If not for the Borough's continuing commitment to public safety, an outstanding Police Department, a professional Fire and EMS service, the Borough of Chambersburg would not have a need for most real estate taxes. That being said, most citizens agree that the Borough's public safety when compared to the lack of public safety outside the Borough, is probably a better plan, despite the cost. And when you factor in the below-cost utility rates, it more than pays for the taxes for police and fire several times over. The average single-family homes pay roughly \$624 per year in real estate taxes. The average single-family home with Borough natural gas and electric saves over \$2,000 when compared to utilities outside the Borough.

Chambersburg Borough government and utilities are the catalyst for macro-economic expansion throughout Franklin County. More than the County Seat, Chambersburg drives your costs for healthcare, banking, County-government, and the regional school district. By providing outstanding services and utilities to other institutions, Chambersburg is helping their bottom-line. We help other local entities afford their employees, their growth, controlling their expenses, and helping the greater Chambersburg area's regional economy, by positively influencing so much economic activity. That is, if they site their facilities inside our Borough.

Chambersburg real estate taxes remain earmarked only for police and fire operations. Real estate taxes are not the source of funding for any other department or employee. This includes the three bond taxes now levied effective with the approved 2025 budget, which are more akin to mortgages than operational resources:

#### The Three Bond Taxes (Similar to mortgages)

##### Recreation Bond Tax

Specifically for paying off the 2016 Recreation Bond (bonds refinanced in 2021), a bond to pay for the construction (but not operation) of the Aquatic Center, renovations to all Borough playgrounds in 2018, and all Borough tennis courts in 2018;

##### Police Station Bond Tax

Specifically for paying off the 2022 Police Station Bond(s), for the renovation and expansion of the Borough Police Station on S. Second Street, but no police operations; and

##### 'New' Public Works Campus Bond Tax

A new tax specifically for paying off the 2025-2026 construction of about 24% of the cost of the new Public Works Campus.

These three bond taxes do not help pay for any operational expenses. Therefore, one can reliably say, "No real estate tax will pay for any operations of the Borough of Chambersburg other than police and fire." It is important to acknowledge that real estate taxes are not used in support of most departments, operations, or employees; not parks or street maintenance or the Borough administration, are paid for using real estate taxes. The only use of these taxes are police and fire, and to pay off the 2016 Recreation Bond, the 2022 Police Station Bond, and the new 2025-2026 Public Works Campus Bond. This has always been our financial plan for the Borough's use of taxes.

Further, Chambersburg receives no sales taxes, no liquor taxes, no business taxes, nor hotel taxes. These types of taxes are not an option under State Law. In other states, these other types of taxes are the foundation to the fiscal health of local government. In Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth denies them as an

option to communities like Chambersburg. Town Council has a toolbox with one tool inside (real estate taxes) and it is a dull and poorly honed tool, but that is the only tool given to them by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In addition to the need to update the county tax system, overall, the State's outdated tax system is full of poor rules and State mandates, which puts every municipality at risk of financial distress.

On October 7, 2022, the Pennsylvania Municipal League and Pennsylvania Economy League released a new study that demonstrated how the current local taxation structure, developed in 1965, does not meet today's municipal revenue needs. Called, "It's Not 1965 Any More – State Tax Laws Fail to Meet Municipal Revenue Needs", the publication is in response to the League's Strategic Plan that called for an updated report on Pennsylvania's local taxation structure. Pennsylvania's municipal tax authorizations have failed to keep pace with modern realities, and municipalities need more flexible revenue options just to keep the lights on.

According to these experts, "Much has changed in the landscape of local government since 1965 – population shifts, aging housing stock in older core communities, increased cost of municipal services, and increases in tax-exempt properties receiving services. Currently, new tools are only available to communities that have become fiscally distressed like Harrisburg and Allentown. Municipalities need access to these proven tools before fiscal distress sets in. Tools should be optional to allow each community to decide the best mix based on the make-up of the community such as: increased Local Services Tax, flexibility to increase the Earned Income Tax, Payroll Tax, county or regional Sales Tax, Drink Tax, or a regular reassessment..." process. Chambersburg is a member of the Pennsylvania Municipal League and all of these improvements would be welcome.

Chambersburg does receive income beyond the property tax. Ancillary miscellaneous tax revenue available to the Borough of Chambersburg amounts to: a wage tax set to a State mandated maximum rate; a local services tax (worker tax), which is set to a State mandated maximum rate; and a deed transfer tax (for real estate transactions), which is also set to a State mandated maximum rate. These so-called Act 511 taxes are important, but cannot be adjusted year-to-year based on need or economic realities. Therefore, they are minor, appreciated, and set by the State since 1965.

Each year, the payment and receipt of tax revenues grows slightly as the value of Chambersburg real estate grows slightly. We have a mixed record for our wage tax and our worker tax. It seems that both employment in the Borough, as well as Borough residents' income, is on the rise. Finally, there was no shift in the yields from transfer of property, which are sometimes better or worse in any given year.

***There seems to be a quiet strength to the local economy, which allows us to be more confident in our future and saves our municipal budget in bad times. All indications are that the Borough is going to continue to thrive, better than many other towns.***

In addition, 2025 is a year with a municipal election. It is important to point out that the professional staff of the Borough avoids political issues as much as possible. We serve the Council that the electorate selects. Council sets the policy priorities and staff helps make those priorities a reality. Any accusation that staff is somehow political is false. The approved budget does not make policy choices, but rather financial choices for the community. Our Town Council sets the priorities, the goals, and leads our community. And you can be a volunteer participant. Of course, many Town Council members discover, the mandates and limitations on the law and the process, make administration of policy and budget much less creative or malleable than they hope before election.

There are well-developed projects approved contemporaneously with the budget, which reflect years of discussion and planning. Also, Council is well aware of these projects and these spending priorities. Projects and priorities must continue in good-years and bad-years. We must continue our work on building a better community for the future.

## Real Estate Tax Changes

From time-to-time the Borough of Chambersburg has adjusted real estate taxes. This budget contemplates such an adjustment for 2025:

- 1. The Chambersburg Police Tax will rise for the first time in two years from 25-mil to 27-mil to offset the cost of adding three (3) new police officers.***
- 2. The Chambersburg Fire Tax cannot be increased as it is at a State-mandated maximum rate.***
- 3. The Recreation Bond Tax will not change.***
- 4. The Police Station Bond Tax will not change.***
- 5. A new Public Works Campus Bond Tax will be added to the list of real estate taxes.***

## Tax Increase 2025

For 2025, the Borough hired 3-additional police officers, the first increase in patrol size in over a decade. This resulted in an increase to the Police Tax rate, from 2024 at 25-mil, to 27-mil for 2025. An increase of 2-mil, which will cost the average single-family home approximately \$35.60 per year more. Since 2006, the Police Tax will have increased 10-mil in 18 years. An understandable rate of growth for such an important tax and such an important service.

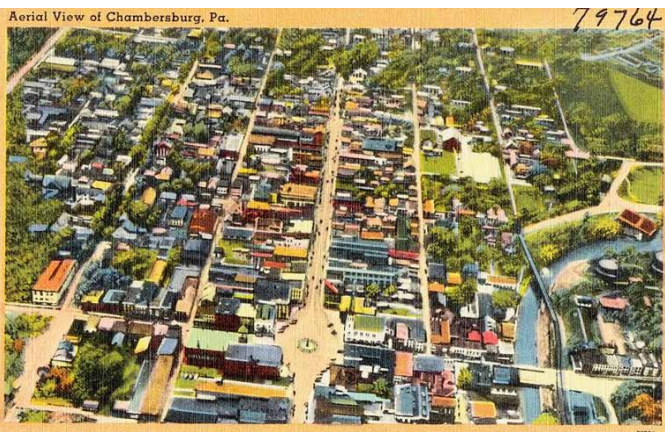
In 2025, this budget includes the start of a Public Works Campus Bond Tax. It's proposed to start at 1-mil and pays 24% of the cost of construction; the rest to be paid by the utility departments. However, as construction continues this rate will rise. This will cost approx. \$17.57 per year.

## Impact of All Increases

That includes everything in the budget, the new police officers, the Public Works Campus, and everything else. It is a significant increase, but it is very needed. Franklin County Real Estate Assessment Impacts Rates.

The average single-family home in the Borough will pay approx. \$624 per year (\$53 more than 2024) in real estate taxes to the Borough. Half will pay less. This is what the average single-family home inside the Borough actually pays per year, before discount. Commercial properties may pay more. Assessed value is not fair market value. Township properties pay no taxes to the Borough.

The Borough of Chambersburg did not raise real estate taxes between 2007 and 2013; then, the Council was very conservative with minor increases in 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022, 2023, and now, 2025.



Aerial Postcard of Downtown Chambersburg - 1941

***In most recent years, Chambersburg has not raised the real estate tax rate.***

Other entities often raise taxes that impact our taxpayers. Entities such as Franklin County or the Chambersburg Area School District can raise taxes and that sometimes leads to confusion. When the Borough raises the real estate tax rate, it is generally to fund police and fire services. In 2018, a tax was begun to begin paying off the 2016 Recreation Bond. In 2022, a tax levy was instituted to begin paying off the 2022 Police Station Bond. In 2025, a new tax levy will begin to help pay off the Public Works Campus project.

While a tax increase is never a welcome change, this year's increase is directly related to two important factors, the hiring of three (3) additional police officers, and the beginning of the construction of the Public Works Campus. Further, for the average single-family home in Chambersburg, the cost of the tax increases should be about \$4.44 per month or \$53 per year.

Recall, Chambersburg is unique in our commitment to professional public safety and emergency services. Finally, as the Annual Report demonstrates. Savings on utilities more than covers any costs associated with real estate taxes.

***The approved budget recommends an increase in the Police Tax (2-mil) to pay for more police officers and the creation of a special Public Works Campus Bond Tax (1-mil).***

Chambersburg is the only town in Pennsylvania to have an electric, natural gas, water, wastewater, sanitation, and storm sewer utility. These utilities are never funded by local tax money.

With this budget, there are now five (5) types of real estate taxes collected by the Borough from Borough property owners. Each budget sets the mil rate and Franklin County sets the assessed value of your property. In order to permit the hiring of more police officers, this 2025 budget includes a Police Tax increase; no change to the Fire Tax; this budget includes a new Public Works Campus Bond Tax; and, changes to utility rates.

BOROUGH REAL ESTATE TAX INCREASES (Historical)		INCREASES
2007	18 Years Ago	No
2008	17 Years Ago	No
2009	16 Years Ago	No
2010	15 Years Ago	No
2011	14 Years Ago	No
2012	13 Years Ago	No
2013	12 Years Ago	No
2014	11 Years Ago	Yes
2015	10 Years Ago	No
2016	9 Years Ago	Yes
2017	8 Years Ago	No
2018	7 Years Ago	Yes
2019	6 Years Ago	No
2020	5 Years Ago	No (Slight Decrease)
2021	4 Years Ago	No
2022	3 Years Ago	Yes
2023	2 Years Ago	Yes
2024	Last Year's Budget	No
2025	This Year's Budget	Yes

***Franklin County Real Estate Assessment Impacts Rates***

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**Visit the Franklin County Tax Assessment Office to learn your property's assessed value at:**

**272 N. Second Street, Chambersburg, 17201**

**Or online at:**

**<https://fcgis.franklincountypa.gov/taxparcelviewer/>**

**to check your home's assessed value.**

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THE FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX ROLLS!**

REAL ESTATE TAXES  
Annual Mil Rate:

POLICE TAX RATE

A 2-mil tax increase to fund the operation of the Chambersburg Police Department

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
(IN MIL)	20	20	21	21	23	23	24	24	24	24	24	25	25	27

Average Single-Family House in the Borough  
Pays \$475 Per Year.

Maximum rate per State law is 30-mil. 100% of this tax goes to support the Police Department only.

FIRE/AMBULANCE TAX RATE

No tax increase to fund the Chambersburg Fire Department

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
FIRE	0	0	0	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
AMBULANCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0

Average Single-Family House in the Borough  
Pays \$53 Per Year.

There is no change in the Fire Tax, and none is permitted under State law. Further, State law requires a split of the Fire Tax with at least 2-mil for apparatus & 1-mil for firefighting. The Fire Department collects other fees including inspection fees, Ambulance patient fees, and the Ambulance Fee surcharge on water service invoices.

RECREATION BOND TAX RATE

No tax increase to pay off the 2016 Recreation Bond (Refinanced in 2021)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
(IN MIL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	3	3	2.5	2.5	2.5

Average Single-Family House in the Borough  
Pays \$44 Per Year.

Started in 2018, this tax pays down this specific bond only and does not pay for any of the operations of the Recreation Department. This is the bond that helped build various Recreation Department facilities including the Aquatic Center, new tennis courts, new playgrounds, and a new roof on the Recreation Center.

POLICE STATION BOND TAX RATE

No tax increase to pay off the 2022 Police Station Bond

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
(IN MIL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	2

Average Single-Family House in the Borough  
Pays \$35 Per Year.

Started in 2022, this tax pays down this specific bond only and does not pay for any of the operations of the Police Department. This is the bond that helped build the newly reopened Police Station on South Second Street, the newly restored Clock Tower, and expenses related to the former temporary Police Station.

PUBLIC WORKS CAMPUS BOND TAX

A new tax to pay off new bonds associated with this project

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
(IN MIL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

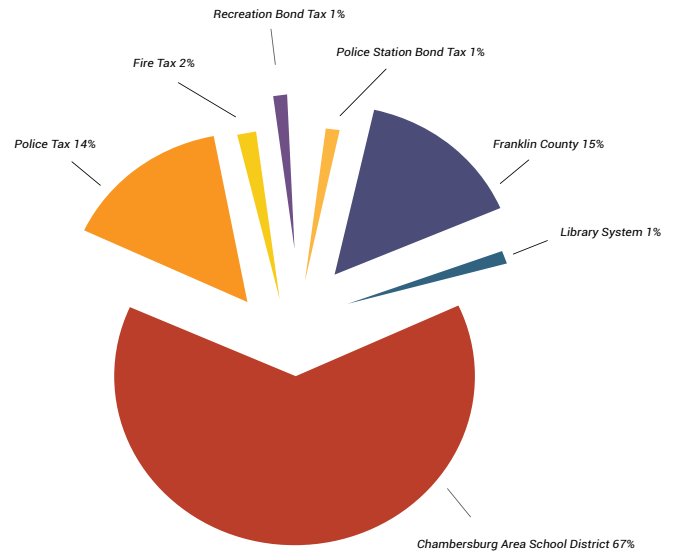
Average Single-Family House in the Borough  
Pays \$18 Per Year.

Breaking ground in 2025, this new tax pays down the specific bonds associated with 24% of the cost of construction of the new Public Works Campus on Wayne Avenue. The utilities will pay their fair share of construction costs as well.

## Borough Budget Has No Impact on Township Taxes

Township residents pay no taxes to the Borough unless they work inside the Borough limits and then only \$1 per week. School taxes and County taxes are not decided by the Borough.

Real Estate Taxes are based on your assessed value. Tax discounts are available based on early payment.



## AVAILABLE TAXES

The Borough receives no sales tax, liquor taxes, business taxes, or any other local tax; they are not options under State law. Township residents pay no taxes to the Borough other than the Local Services Tax, \$1 per week, if they work inside the Borough.

## Property Tax Burden

Only 18¢ of every \$1 paid in real estate taxes will go to the Borough of Chambersburg. The balance, 82¢, will go to support the school district, the county, and the library system. In fact, 67¢ of every dollar goes to the Chambersburg Area School District. They send their own tax bill.

## Taxing Authority

Taxing Authority	Mil Rate	Annual Average Home	Percentage
FRANKLIN COUNTY	29.10 mil	\$511.53	14.67%
LIBRARY SYSTEM	1.30 mil	\$22.85	0.66%
CHAMBERSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	132.493 mil	\$2,329.01	66.78%

## Borough Taxes (Borough Properties)

POLICE TAX	27.0 mil	\$474.62	13.67%
FIRE TAX	3.0 mil	\$52.74	1.51%
RECREATION BOND TAX	2.5 mil	\$43.95	1.26%
POLICE STATION BOND TAX	2.0 mil	\$35.16	1.01%
PUBLIC WORKS CAMPUS BOND TAX	1.0 mil	\$17.58	0.50%
<b>TOTAL OF ALL TAXING AUTHORITIES</b>	<b>198.393 mil</b>	<b>\$3,487.43</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Average burden on a single-family type home inside the Borough of Chambersburg based on assessed value as decided by County:*

## Chambersburg Borough 2025 Utility Rates

***There have been significant challenges for the Borough utility finances going into 2025.***

Chambersburg has the lowest composite utility rates in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that is not going to change in 2025. Throughout 2024, due to operating expense increases such as diesel fuel, natural gas, chemicals, equipment, supplies, wholesale power costs, and increased cost of paving and ditch repair, the Chambersburg utility departments saw all our local, regional, and state-wide neighboring utilities have significant percentage increases. Meanwhile, Chambersburg did our best to hold on to our incredibly low-cost utility rates.

In 2025, there will be across-the-board increases in utility rates. That being said, at the end of the day, the municipal and commercial utility companies outside the Borough of Chambersburg have already, or will be in 2024-2025, raising rates far in excess of anything contemplated by the Borough of Chambersburg. Therefore, despite the rate increases contained in the approved 2025 budget, the Borough's utility invoices will actually be lower in proportion to township utility bills than they were in 2021.

***Our goal is not to avoid increasing utility rates. Our goal is to be the lowest utility rates in Franklin County and often the lowest or one of the lowest in Pennsylvania. We meet that goal every fiscal year. We hold the utility rates to that standard and succeed. We have lower rates, often by hundreds of dollars, for electric, natural gas, water, wastewater, sanitation, etc., compared to every other utility in our region or state.***

The reality is that nowhere has inflation and supply chain issues more impacted the Borough of Chambersburg than in the provision of utilities. Our amazing managers have developed rates that remain some of the lowest in Pennsylvania, but must rise in 2025 merely to keep pace with the rising cost of operations. Some of our utility rates haven't risen in a decade or more. The increases in 2025 are necessary and realistic.



*Borough Personnel use toters for Commingled Single Stream Recycling*

### Electric Utility

The Chambersburg Electric Utility has invested in local generation over the last two years in a considerable way. This includes the recent completion of the Chambersburg Solar Center in Hamilton Township, an extension of the Landfill Gas to Energy facility contract at the Blue Ridge Landfill, and extensive maintenance and upgrade projects at the Falling Spring Generation Station and the Orchard Park Generation Station. These assets and facilities allow Chambersburg to control the cost of electricity by strategically shifting our needs back and forth between our own facilities and the outside regional electric grid operated by PJM. PJM is a regional transmission organization (RTO) that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in all or parts of 13 states and the District of Columbia. PJM is generally described as the Grid.

In 2023, the Borough-owned Falling Spring Generation Station, on Grant Street in downtown Chambersburg, shifted from being a PJM Network Resource, a facility dispatched to support the needs of the grid, to being a "behind-the-meter local resource." That is a generation facility that the Borough can strategically turn on to lower the cost of electricity during peak pricing for the purchase of wholesale power. This is a much more challenging operation, but should help mitigate the rising cost of electricity.

Despite all of these advanced strategies and controls, the cost of wholesale electricity keeps rising. In 2022, our neighboring investor-owned utility, West Penn Power, received State Public Utility Commission (PUC) permission to raise their retail rates 16%. Secondly, West Penn Power received permission for a second 16% rate increase in 2023 (for a total increase of 32%). They are now requesting permission for a 40% increase in 2025. We buy some of our electric supply from the same generators as West Penn Power, but deliver it at a fraction of the cost.

In response to higher supply costs, Town Council directed staff to undertake a rate analysis study to plan for the first retail electric rate increases in over ten years. That study concluded in 2023 and recommended an immediate overall 11.3% rate increase for all electric customers. That was the overall increase, however certain customers paid more (and others less) because the consultants distributed that rate increase fairly and equitably across the different electric rate classes (i.e., industrial, commercial, residential, etc.).

That rate study called for an additional rate increase of 3.9% in 2024 and Council approved that in September 2024. Even after the additional increase of 3.9%, Chambersburg electric rates remain 40% less than the surrounding rates from for-profit electric companies. Furthermore, those same companies have requested a 40% increase in 2025. It is hard to imagine how much less Borough electric costs compared to those serving in the townships

***As of now, the average monthly billing for a single-family home went from \$116.50 to \$120.60 per month in September 2024. We anticipate that the averagemonthly billing for a single-family home will rise from \$120.60 to \$123.37 per month in September 2025 (an increase of \$2.77 per month).***

The 2025 budget included another proposed rate change for September 2025 (for about 1/4 of the year). As of now, the approved budget is suggesting a 2.3% scheduled across-the-board rate increase; based upon the recent rate study results. However, in addition, the Borough may be forced, through no fault of our own, to also adjust upward the Borough's power supply factor (known as the Power Supply Adjustment or PSA) in June 2025.

Recently Gov. Josh Shapiro noted significant public complaints that every utility is facing substantial increases in wholesale electricity fees as a result of the PJM's July 2024 capacity auction. Every utility in the PJM footprint is likewise grappling with how best to educate and inform customers, and others, as we consider what steps to take for our own electric system. We have met with the Governor's staff to indicate how Chambersburg is successfully pushing back on PJM and grid fees.

The impact of PJM fees will be different for each utility depending on factors such as owning their own generation, type of power purchase agreements, etc., but there will be an impact for all utilities as we move closer to the 2025/2026 delivery year. We cannot control PJM fees and our legislators are well-aware that the PJM fee structure is going to skyrocket power costs for every utility in Pennsylvania next year. In fact, as always, your Chambersburg Electric Utility is more prepared than most to weather another storm of unfair Grid fees being thrust upon everyone. So, all we can say now is, the PSA surcharge might change in June 2025 if the Grid fees increase as planned.

Natural Gas Utility

Chambersburg Gas provides the lowest residential natural gas rates in Pennsylvania and that will not change in 2025. However, while Borough customers are better protected than most others in the US, we will still see increased gas prices this winter due to changes in the wholesale market. Gas rates are made up of a Distribution rate and a Gas Supply rate. The Distribution rate, which covers the cost of operation of the Borough gas system, will rise for the first time in 13 years. The Gas Supply rate is a direct pass through of actual wholesale supply costs.

It varies every month based on the actual cost of gas. The Borough Gas Utility utilizes a portfolio approach to gas purchases to decrease cost volatility, which has helped with residents' costs. Nevertheless, we are still not immune to the wholesale gas market.

This first Distribution rate increase is necessary and not significant. In fact, the for-profit gas companies in the township now charge 100% more (double) what the Borough of Chambersburg charges for distribution of natural gas. Even with the recommended 8% increase, the cost of natural gas inside the Borough is significantly less than any natural gas utility in the townships. Finally, the cost of propane and oil is 200% or 300% more than our natural gas supplies and our neighboring for-profit gas utility just asked to increase rates again in 2025. Our energy remains the lowest cost in Franklin County and in Pennsylvania.

In addition, the Natural Gas Utility has seen another year of significant customer growth as they drive new gas lines into previously underserved neighborhoods. It seems everyone is learning that natural gas is a safe, efficient, and low-cost energy source for homes and businesses.

The Natural Gas Utility will change rates for January 2025 (full year). The Distribution rate will increase \$0.08 per unit (ccf). There will also be a \$1.30 meter charge.

**As a result, the average monthly billing for an average single-family home will increase approximately 8%, from \$480 per year to \$517 per year (an average increase of \$3.08 per month). A borough Natural Gas and Electric customer saves approximately \$2,000 per year when compared to similar customers in nearby townships even after these two increases.**

Water Utility

Chambersburg has the lowest water rates in our area, and that is not going to change in 2025. Throughout 2024, due to operating expense increases such as diesel fuel, chemicals, equipment, supplies, power costs, and increased cost of paving and ditch repair, the Chambersburg Water Utility saw all our local, regional, and state-wide neighboring utilities have significant percentage increases. Meanwhile, Chambersburg did our best to hold on to our incredibly low-cost utility rates.

**In 2025, the Water Utility needs a rate increase to keep pace with expenses. This will be the seventh increase in eight years, and the series of small increases will likely continue for several years as water infrastructure improvements are made.**

**The Water Utility envisions two types of small increase: a water rate increase in 2025 of 2¢ per unit proposed; and a ready-to-serve charge increase in 2025 of 20% proposed. These increases will cover infrastructure improvement costs, operational cost increases, and water meter costs.**

The average single-family home customer uses 170 gallons of water per day. This usage equates to 70 "units" per month (1 "unit" = 74.8 gallons). The 2024 rate is \$0.25/unit; \$5.95 r-t-s. As a result, in 2024, average single-family home saw monthly billing of \$23.45. We anticipate that the average monthly billing for a single-family home will rise from \$23.45 to \$26.06 per month in January 2025 (an increase of approximately \$2.61 per month).

The Chambersburg Water Utility still has some of the lowest rates in the region. This proposed increase will vary based on several factors including weather and home attributes. Some of our neighboring water systems pay 300% more than Chambersburg residents and businesses do for their water supply. It is hard to overstate how much more utilities cost living in the townships around Chambersburg Borough.

Storm Sewer Utility

The Chambersburg Storm Sewer Utility has completed a five-year process to change their rate structure, as originally contemplated by the 2014 study that necessitated their establishment. In 2022, the utility switched what has been a flat rate, per sanitary sewer connection, to a rate based upon impervious area. This new methodology resulted in a change for commercial, industrial, and institutional customers (shopping centers, schools, churches, the hospital, etc.), which saw changes in their Storm Water Pollution Control Fee.

In 2024, single-family residential customers had no noticeable change in their fees because every home pays exactly 1-ERU no matter their size. Under the original system, only single-family residential customers were paying a fair fee. Now, every type of property pays their fair share based upon their relationship to the impervious area of a single-family residential home. Continuing in 2025, the rate will be expressed in single-family home "equivalent residential units" or ERU.

**However, for the first time since establishment of the ERU system, the fee rate per ERU will rise in 2025.**

The 2025 rate increase for the Storm Sewer Utility will see the ERU value rise from \$5 per ERU per month to \$6 per ERU per month. In addition, the discounts given to commercial, industrial, and institutional customers who qualify for discounts under the new ERU based system will continue. While there are no longer any automatic discounts, many customers can earn a discount through better stormwater management practices.

In January 2025, the Storm Sewer Utility will set the ERU value at \$6 per single-family home equivalent. Therefore, the average single-family home will see their Storm Water Pollution Control Fee as the flat fee of \$6 per month. The results for commercial, industrial, and institutional customers are based on the size of their lot and their structures. For example, if your commercial building is the equivalent of five single-family homes, your rate increase will be from \$25 per month to \$30 per month (\$5 x 5 equivalent single-family homes' worth of impervious surfaces to \$6 x 5 per ERU).

We anticipate that the average monthly billing for a single-family home will rise from \$5 to \$6 per month in January 2025 (an increase of \$1.00 per month).

The Borough of Chambersburg continues to use these fees to maintain and improve our separate storm sewer system; a complex series of pipes, inlets, channels, and ponds that manages stormwater throughout the Borough of Chambersburg. The Borough storm sewer system is comprised of 3,229 inlets (3,076 inlets and 153 catch basins), 139 outfalls to Conococheague Creek and Falling Spring Creek, 211 subsurface detention areas, 107 detention basins, 83.49 miles of pipe, 57 rain gardens, and 32.05 miles of open channels.

Sanitation Utility

Chambersburg has the lowest sanitation rates in our area given our services, and that is not going to change in 2025. Throughout 2024, due to operating expense increases such as diesel fuel, recycling, equipment, supplies, vehicle costs, and increased cost of tipping trash at the landfill, the Chambersburg Sanitation Utility saw all our local, regional, and state-wide neighboring utilities have significant percentage increases. Meanwhile, Chambersburg did our best to hold on to our incredibly low-cost utility rates.

In 2025, the Sanitation Utility needs a rate increase to keep pace with expenses. This will be the third increase in four years, and increases every other year or so should continue as inflation drives the cost of disposal, trucks, fuel, etc. higher. The goal is to remain the lowest cost of solid waste and recycling services in the greater Chambersburg area.

**The Sanitation Utility envisions a residential increase of \$4.00 per month (\$28 to \$32 per month) and the 2025 budget includes a commercial rate increase of \$2.00 per cubic yard (\$15 to \$17 per cubic yard). The Chambersburg Sanitation Utility still has some of the lowest rates in the region; this proposed increase will keep pace with the commercial trash haulers who serve the townships.**

Furthermore, the special services that are provided by the Sanitation Utility, including the twice-annual bulky drop-off days, the annual e-waste recycling day, daily street-sweeping, and the expansive single-source commingled recycling, including glass, will not be eliminated. Recycling services cost the Borough extra money; they do not earn money. In fact, this type of recycling is neither required by law nor cost-efficient. However, Council has always supported this expensive premium service. We have a contractor who we pay to find a place to recycle our single-source commingled recycling. The contractor pays (not sells) for our recycling to go to a recycling center somewhere in the region. This service keeps the recycled material out of the landfill, which could take it from us at a much lower per ton rate.

Chambersburg Borough's Sanitation Utility provides more services than any similar private company with extremely competitive rates. We hold the utility rates to that standard and watch the cost of these services in the townships to ensure that the Borough remains a less-expensive place to live or site your business.

Wastewater Utility

Chambersburg has one of the lowest sewer rates in our area, and that is not going to change in 2025. Throughout 2024, due to operating expense increases such as diesel fuel, chemicals, equipment, supplies, power costs, and increased cost of paving and ditch repair, the Chambersburg Wastewater Utility saw all our local, regional, and state-wide neighboring utilities have significant percentage increases. Meanwhile, Chambersburg did our best to hold on to our incredibly low-cost utility rates.

In 2025, the Wastewater Utility needs a rate increase to keep pace with expenses. This will be the first increase since 2013, and while it ends that impressive streak of holding the cost of sewer rental rates low, it is still a rather small increase. The prior rate increase was 16% in 2013.

The Wastewater Utility bills based upon water use at the same location as the sewer (there are no sewer meters installed in most circumstances). The average residential customer uses 170 gallons of water per day. This usage equates to 70 "units" per month (1 "unit" = 74.8 gallons). The 2024 rate is \$0.348/unit. As a result, in 2024, average single-family home saw monthly billing of \$24.36. We anticipate that the average monthly billing for a single-family home will rise from \$24.36 to \$27.16 per month in January 2025 (\$2.80 per month) or \$0.388/unit.

Chambersburg Wastewater Utility continues to have some of the lowest costs of any sewer utility in the area even after proposed rate increase. Some local sewer systems charge as much as 40% more than Chambersburg charges for sewer usage.

Furthermore, the Chambersburg Wastewater Utility processes sewage on behalf of neighboring utilities (Greene, Guilford, Hamilton, and part of Letterkenny), so while we keep our sewer rates low, having significantly lower "treatment" rates helps the townships charge their customers less for sewer. Another way, Chambersburg helps the township residents control their expenses.

**The average single-family home in Chambersburg Borough with electric, gas, water, wastewater, etc., will see a monthly increase of approximately \$16.26/mo. for all utilities by September 2025. This increase is significantly less than what ratepayers in every other part of the State will see over the same time period.**



J. Hase Mowrey Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility

Storm Sewer Fee

Beginning in 2022, all non-single-family-residential properties in the Borough (business, multifamily, industrial, commercial, church, or institutional properties) began paying a fee based upon their actual impervious area of their lot. Called an ERU, each non-single-family tax lot has been measured against the "equivalent residential unit", and then is invoiced a multiple of ERUs at the per ERU rate. Every single-family home pays the same as the average single-family home, 1 ERU. Non-single-family-residential properties in the Borough can earn discounts off their invoice.

**Call the Storm Sewer System Manager, Andy Stottlemeyer, at 717-251-2434 to learn about your property's ERU value and what you can do to control stormwater. For the first time ever, the per ERU rate will go up in 2025 from \$5 per month per ERU to \$6 per month per ERU. 1 ERU for each single-family-residential property.**

AVERAGE HOUSE UTILITIES

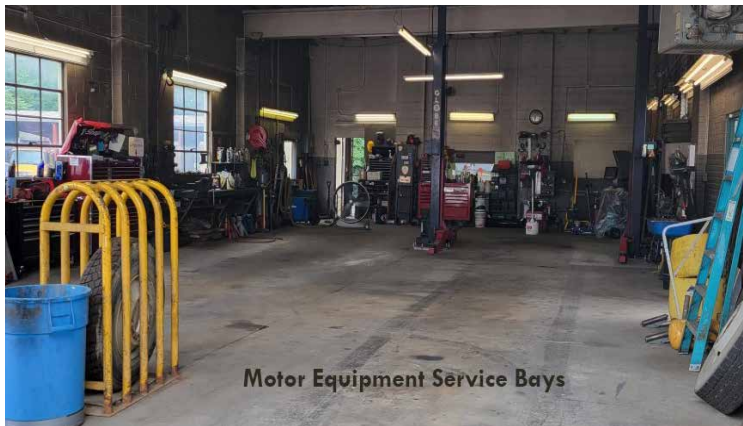
Avg. House	ADD	WHEN
Electric	+\$2.77/mo	Sept-2025
Gas	+\$3.08/mo	Jan-2025
Wastewater	+\$2.80/mo	Jan-2025
Water	+\$2.61/mo	Jan-2025
Sanitation	+\$4.00/mo	Jan-2025
Storm Sewer	+\$1.00/mo	Jan-2025
TOTAL	+\$16.26/mo	By Sept-2025

## Public Works Campus - Approved with Small Impact on Taxes

***With adoption of the 2025 budget, Town Council gave final approval for the plan to build a new Public Works Campus on Wayne Avenue to replace the one-hundred-year-old existing facility on Loudon Street.***

In 2020, the Borough engaged SGS Architects/Engineers of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to complete a facility review and according to their principal, Dennis Sowers, the existing warehouse would be less expensive to replace rather than renovate. A number of scenarios were evaluated in order to accommodate the eventual uses as proposed by the Borough. A building committee was established and conceptual designs were completed for Council in 2023. On Monday, October 30, 2023, Council received a conceptual plan for the construction of a new public works campus off Wayne Avenue. Over 2024, millions of dollars in costs were deleted from the project so that it would have the least impact on the taxpayers of Chambersburg. Value-added engineering is a part of every Borough-project.

The decommissioning of the Loudon Street facility will allow the future construction of a new Conococheague Creek Park which could then occur in 2027 or 2028. Neither a new Borough recycling transfer station or any trash storage will be included at this Wayne Avenue site. Those type of functions, with trash and recycling, would not be appropriate at this location. We want the neighbors to know that we do not foresee this location housing, even on a temporary basis, trash or recycling. This facility will be used for offices, trucks, truck maintenance, equipment, equipment repair, and the storage of dumpsters, and other Sanitation, Natural Gas, and Water/Wastewater utility items, equipment, and stockpiles.



**Motor Equipment Service Bays**

*(Top photo) Existing public works facility on Loudon Street has inadequate vehicle storage, maintenance bays, and is in the floodplain – would be unusable in an emergency*

With this transformational project, the neighborhood will be adapted into something to improve both form and function. Chambersburg Public Works had already purchased the old abandoned cold storage building on S. Fourth Street. That derelict and blighted structure was demolished in 2023, and the land was incorporated into the new site of the Borough's future Public Works Campus facility. Using Federal ARPA grant funds, provided sufficient funding to secure the Cold Storage building, and to plan for and help pay for its demolition and the clearing of the site, with no need to increase taxes or utility rates.



*Demolition of the homes sold to the Borough was completed in early 2025*

***Another part of the plan is to alleviate chronic and repeated flooding on S. Fourth Street. Finally, the site may also provide a part of a future pedestrian trailhead connected to the Borough's Rail Trail, which now terminates at S. Main Street.***

The entire site, more recently the home of Wagner Supply Depot, was expanded in 2021 with the purchase of the adjacent private home at 342 Wayne Avenue, which was demolished in early 2022. In addition, the Water and Wastewater utilities purchased adjacent property at 1435 S. Fourth Street to add to their use of the new public works facility. Following purchase, the property was transferred to Public Works who will own the site and lease it back to Water and Wastewater. The demolition of this property was completed in mid-2023. As part of the 2024 budget, Council approved the purchase of the remaining homes that abut the Wagner Property along S. 4th Street and Wayne Ave. Of the 14 properties, 11 volunteered to sell to the Borough. Demolition of those properties commenced in 2024 and will be completed by spring 2025. There is little tax impact from losing these properties. The average single-family home in Chambersburg pays the Borough roughly \$624 per year in taxes, which was factored into the project budget.

The construction portion of this project entered into the bidding phase the fourth quarter of 2024 with an award and funding decision made by Council in the January 2025. Now approved, construction is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2025 and continue through the end of 2026.

The total site has changed over the last two years in order to eventually replace the existing Borough public works facility located on Loudon Street at the corner of S. Franklin Street. The existing facility on Loudon Street is reaching the end of its useful life. Problems exist, including vehicle maintenance bays that are too small for today's modern trucks, poor equipment and materials storage, no room to grow, a cracked foundation, and is in the floodplain along the Conococheague Creek. We see vehicle mechanics fixing trucks in the parking lot and this must end.

The construction was awarded by Town Council to the apparent low bidder, eciConstruction of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania for \$19,489,000. With contingency, technology, furniture, and equipment, the Borough's budget is a total anticipated construction cost of \$22,989,000. This is millions below the original estimates made by the Borough's consultants.

Chambersburg Council is thinking of the future of our town, not just the here and now. That is unique in a world when most decisions are made by self-interest. Just as with the Southgate Redevelopment Project, which has started to show progress with the construction of the Keystone Rural Health community medical facility at Southgate and a sizeable Federal grant to begin to restore neighborhood infrastructure, the adoption of the 2025 budget

## PUBLIC WORKS

marked an inflection point for the new Public Works Campus initiative. While Chambersburg utilities remain the most important asset in the community, they also provide resources such as shared equipment and, in this case, a shared facility, ensuring exceptionally low rates with outstanding reliability, despite small rate increases, to help fund community benefit projects.

While we acknowledge any tax or rate increase is undesirable, Chambersburg is growing and investing. Our community continues to adapt and change. We have economic development growth and public infrastructure projects in abundance. We invest in outstanding public safety including fire, EMS, and police, which does not impact the townships. This is all accomplished by significant public investment.

Chambersburg real estate taxes remain earmarked only for police and fire operations. Real estate taxes are not the source of funding for any other department or employee. The 2025 budget did include a new Public Works Campus Bond Tax, a new tax specifically for paying off the 2025-2026 construction of 23.8% of the cost of the new Public Works Campus.

A bond tax is similar to a mortgage. Therefore, one can reliably say, "No real estate tax will pay for any operations of the Borough of Chambersburg other than police and fire." It is important to acknowledge that real estate taxes are not used in support of most departments, operations, or employees; not parks

nor street maintenance nor the Borough administration, are paid for using real estate taxes. We note that folks often say local taxes are used for projects like Southgate, and they are just incorrect.

Also you should know that Chambersburg receives no sales taxes, no liquor taxes, no business taxes, nor hotel taxes. These types of taxes are not an option under State Law. In other states, these other types of taxes are the foundation to the fiscal health of local government.

In addition to the need to update the county tax rolls to make them more accurate and fairer, overall, the State's outdated tax system is full of poor rules and State mandates, which puts every municipality at risk of financial distress.

With respect to the Public Works Campus, taxes will only pay for 23.8% of the cost of construction of this facility. The balance will come from contributions from the various utility departments that also use the facility. Council may from time-to-time recalculate such breakdowns to re-establish a fair and equitable distribution of burden upon the other departments and operations of the Borough.

***In 2025, the burden of this important transformational project will be \$18 per year for the average single-family home inside the Borough in new taxes.***



*Existing public works facility on Loudon Street dates from the beginning of the last century*



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### KEN "HOCKEY" HOCK

A year goes by fast when you are the mayor of a wonderful borough like Chambersburg! I continue to meet extraordinary people who love this town as much as I do. The engagement and dialogue I have with citizens are truly wonderful. We continue to work together as a team, whether it's a celebration, a parade, or a tragedy that unites us. Most importantly, I continue to learn.

In 2024, I attended more events than I did the previous year. It's hard to decide which are my favorites—they all are! Our success and support of these events help the borough and businesses grow. I encourage all our residents to attend just one event and catch the fever of excitement that Chambersburg offers.

One thing I am very proud of from last year is Chambersburg's Rainbow Bridge pet memorial, located along the rail trail next to the creek between Commerce and King Streets. I fully funded this project because it was close to my heart after I lost my sweet girl, Bailey, last year. I honored her with this bridge; anyone in our community can visit it.

Our Borough Police Department works hard, and I am thrilled to support them every day of the year. From ride-a-longs to daily activities, I witness our officers' commitment as they interact with the community and see how their positive interactions fuel positive outcomes. We all believe your safety is paramount, and it takes all of us, not just the Police Department, to ensure our safety. That's right, it takes all of us. The officers enforce our laws and work diligently to protect us, but we must help them. They cannot be everywhere all the time, and unfortunately, some people in our community do some foolish things. We all need to guide those individuals back on the right path. I encourage everyone to be a part of Crime Watch and, if you see or know something, say something. Help the person who has been injured or victimized and be a strong voice for them. It is so easy to look the other way, but make this the year you pitch in, make a difference, and help solve a crime. We all have it in us. Now is the time to step up!

We saw Chief Camacho depart in December. I am thrilled that Inspector Meredith Dominick was selected to be our new police chief. Chief Dominick has been with the Borough for almost four years. She has 39 years in law enforcement, nine of which have been at the command level. I have the utmost faith that she will do a great job. She is excited to take on the role of your new police chief. She and I will attend many events together. If you have not met the Chief, please introduce yourself at any of our community events.

It's obvious I love Chambersburg. Nothing has changed, but now I empower each and every one of you to make Chambersburg better and stronger. We can do it together if we put our minds and energy into it. Hello 2025! Here's looking at you!



New police chief, Meredith Dominick

## POLICE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Chambersburg Police Department (CPD) remains committed to its mission of growth and success, which includes its continuous responsibility and desire to improve services to Borough residents, visitors, and agency personnel.

### *Highlights from 2024 include:*

The police department maintaining accreditation, reinforcing the importance of professionalism and transparency to all the men and women, sworn and professional staff alike, within the Chambersburg Police Department. Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping law enforcement agencies evaluate and improve their performance. Both are essential elements in the profession of law enforcement;

Body-worn cameras (BWC) are an essential component of the department's technology. BWCs remain an invaluable tool and consistently demonstrate instances of great police work, which often go unnoticed and unrecognized. The cameras also mitigate complaints against officers;

The success of coaching with Performance Protocol continues in the department and is in line with officer and professional staff wellness. Performance Protocol fosters resilience and a healthy mindset among officers through coaching;

The department remains humbled and grateful for our community's continuous support through its numerous food, snacks, and goodies donations. When responding from call to call, sometimes having that extra snack on hand makes it easier for officers who may not have time to enjoy a formal meal break. Numerous local businesses and citizens donated food items, demonstrating their continued support. Our jobs are easier with the support of our community!

The traffic enforcement strategy initiated in 2022 will continue in 2025. This year, the goal will be to revise and improve the strategy while conducting targeted enforcement in areas identified through crash data and citizen

complaints. Input from our citizens remains a vital factor in identifying needs and concerns.

In line with our traffic enforcement strategy, the department will continue its Public Safety Announcement (PSA) videos rollout in 2025. These PSAs will provide public safety information to the community and feature many CPD officers in the published videos. These videos will focus on areas of concern for the department, including pedestrian and bicycle safety, property theft awareness, aggressive driving, and the consequences of leaving vehicles running and unattended. Look for new PSAs coming your way in 2025 in English and Spanish!

One of the department's most significant assets is Crime Watch. Crime Watch empowers individuals and organizations to work with and assist the police in keeping their communities safe. Crime Watch unites the efforts of law enforcement with its stakeholders- concerned citizens and the business community, in solving crimes. Most crimes are committed by selfish people who cannot respect a person's property or person. What these offenders do not realize is that it impacts all of us. It affects families and businesses, drives up costs, and sometimes changes someone for the rest of their lives. Crimes are senseless. Crimes are preventable, and solving them takes the entire community's help to solve and/or prevent them when possible.

In 2025, Mayor Hock and the Chambersburg Police Department are asking everyone in the Chambersburg community to join Crime Watch! Help the police and help your neighbors, parishioners, family, and friends solve senseless crimes. Help make a difference in your community! Work with the police and step up. McGruff, the crime dog, always asked everyone to "Take a bite out of crime." The CPD is asking you to do the same.

***The department had a successful 2024 and wants an even better 2025!***



**FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT**  
**CHIEF DUSTIN L. ULRICH, CFO**

enhancing the safety and well-being of the community. Serving residents, workers, and visitors alike, the CFD prioritizes the protection of life and property in this vibrant town, ensuring a secure environment for all who call Chambersburg home.

The Department is staffed by twenty-five full-time career firefighters and six part-time firefighters, all trained as emergency medical technicians. Leadership includes a Borough Fire Chief/EMS Director, an Assistant Fire Chief/EMS Director, and four Fire Captains, complemented by a volunteer Deputy Fire Chief. This highly trained and dedicated team ensures rapid response times, averaging four and a half minutes from dispatch to arrival at any location within the Borough. Such prompt response enables effective fire suppression and critical lifesaving medical care, minimizing damage and enhancing community safety.



Auto Accident S. Main Street

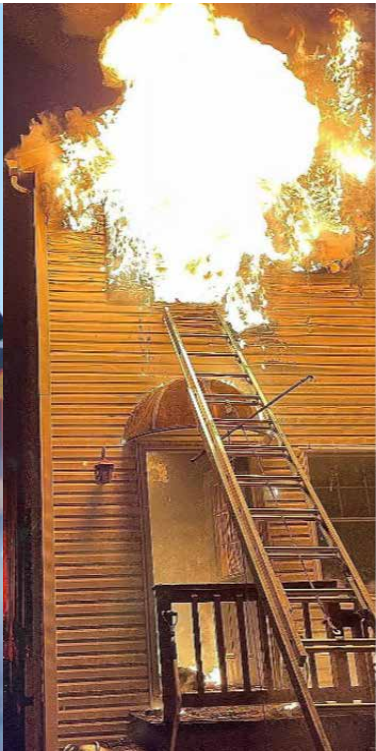
In 2024, the Chambersburg Fire Department emerged as the busiest in the County, responding to nearly 6,000 EMS, fire, and rescue incidents, with Basic Life Support emergency calls constituting a significant part of this volume. With 4,716 EMS responses recorded, the growth of healthcare and nursing facilities in the Borough has undoubtedly contributed to this increase. However, the emergency medical system statewide faces pressing challenges, particularly in its financial structure. Stringent federal mandates restrict the reimbursements from insurance companies, leaving the department to absorb almost \$1.8 million each year in uncollectable fees due to inadequate federal billing standards and private reimbursement criteria. These financial strains threaten the stability of emergency services, making it crucial for the Chambersburg Fire Department to maintain its commitment to providing essential, lifesaving services to the community, despite the uncertain landscape shaped by staffing and funding constraints.

The year 2025 marks a significant milestone as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of emergency medical services in the Borough of Chambersburg. It all began on September 5, 1924, when the Good Will Fire Company approved the purchase of an ambulance following a pivotal agreement between the Borough and Chambersburg Hospital. Just two months later, on November 11, the three parties formalized their collaboration, leading to an order placed with H. B. McFerren. By May 15, 1925, the new ambulance was operational, capable of transporting eleven individuals, including the driver. The inaugural call was made on June 4, 1925, marking the start of a dedicated service that answered 2,816 calls in its first nine years alone. As we look ahead, the Chambersburg Fire Department eagerly anticipates honoring this rich legacy during an open house at the fire station in May, inviting the community to celebrate a century of service and commitment to emergency medical care.

The Borough of Chambersburg Fire Department stands resolute in its commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community as we look ahead to 2025. Our dedicated team, composed of both professional career firefighters and passionate volunteers, is steadfast in their mission to provide exceptional emergency services tailored to the evolving needs of our residents. Each officer and member of the Department is driven by a shared purpose: to protect life and property with unwavering professionalism and care. We warmly welcome everyone to stop by and visit your local fire department, where you can learn more about our services, meet our dedicated staff, and discover how we serve you every day. Together, we forge a stronger, safer community, and we are excited about the journey ahead as we continue to foster relationships that enhance public safety in Chambersburg.



Tower 1 Assist on a Building Fire in St. Thomas



House Fire S. Sixth Street

**CAREER STAFFING**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
CHIEF	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
CLERICAL	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
FIREFIGHTERS	22	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	24	25	25	25	27	25	25	27*

\*anticipated



# WATER & WASTEWATER UTILITIES

LANCE ANDERSON, WATER & WASTEWATER UTILITY DIRECTOR

## Two Sewage Pump Stations to be Constructed in 2025

The Wastewater Utility operates 4 pump stations (or lift stations) within the Borough's sewage collection and conveyance system. These stations collect sewage within the nearby area (usually an area of low elevation) and transfer the sewage via pumps to a connection point within the collection and conveyance system at a higher elevation. From that point, the sewage can flow by gravity to the wastewater treatment plant for eventual treatment.

In 2025, the Borough plans to construct two new pump stations to support sewer service in the Wolf Avenue and Laurich Meadows neighborhoods. In both cases, the new pump stations will replace aging infrastructure and allow for efficient service for existing and future customers.



Typical Sewage Pump Station

## Chambersburg Water Plant Recieves AWOP Award for Treatment Options

The Chambersburg Water Treatment Plant once more received the Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) award in recognition of outstanding efforts toward optimizing filter plant turbidity performance. The awards are presented in the following year (2024) once filter plant data has been submitted and reviewed for the previous year: in 2024, 19 large filter plants (serving 10,000 people or more) received this award in Pennsylvania. AWOP is a national filter plant optimization effort among numerous states, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA), and water filtration plants. The primary goal of AWOP is to maximize public health protection through optimization of existing water treatment and distribution facilities. The program promotes water quality and monitoring goals that exceed regulatory requirements. The goals provide increased public health protection, or a "compliance insurance policy" for drinking water systems.



Water Treatment Plant Staff with the 2024 AWOP Award

## East Conococheague Pump Station

The East Conococheague Pump Station will allow for the abandonment of 1,450 feet of the East Conococheague Interceptor between Chambers St. and W. King St. which was originally constructed in 1911. The design details of the project include the following:

- The construction of a duplex pump station to transfer interceptor flow across the Conococheague Creek to the West Conococheague Interceptor. The pump station will support service for approximately 95 current residential and commercial customers with additional capacity available for future customers. The rated peak capacity will be 250,000 gallons per day. The pump station will be located in the undeveloped Chambers St. right-of-way near the intersection with Wolf Ave. as shown below.



- The pump station will also eliminate environmental concerns associated with a sewer main replacement project along a stream bank and in a wetlands area. The pump station will also eliminate the need to replace a section of the interceptor directly adjacent to the cemetery behind the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church.

## Laurich Meadows Pump Station

The existing Laurich Meadows Pump station was constructed in 1980 as part of the Laurich Meadows Development. Although it has operated essentially trouble-free for several decades, equipment age as well as an eroding stream bank necessitate the need to construct a new pump station. The project scope includes the following:

- The abandonment and eventual removal of the existing pump station and relocation to a Borough-owned property 500 feet away at the intersection of Mill Road and Hollywell Avenue as shown below.



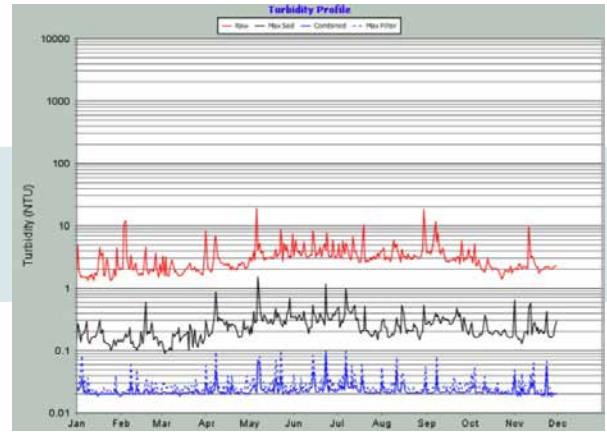
- The construction of a duplex pump station to transfer flows from Laurich Meadows to a point of gravity sewer connection at the intersection with Lantern Lane. The pump station will support service for approximately 250 current residential customers with additional capacity available for future growth. The rated peak capacity will be 250,000 gallons per day.
- The project is scheduled to be bid in Spring 2025. The estimated cost for both pump stations is \$2,000,000 which will be funded by the Wastewater Department's Capital Reserve. Once awarded, construction is expected to take approximately 12 months and will have no impact on sewer service to customers in the areas. Once completed, the new infrastructure will help ensure environmental safety and allow for efficient, trouble-free sewer service for existing and future customers of the Borough of Chambersburg.

## WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Chambersburg's raw water source is surface water and thus requires filtration as part of its water treatment process in the generation of safe drinking water. Adequate filtration is determined by the measurement of turbidity in the water leaving the filters, and Chambersburg consistently falls well below the targeted threshold for turbidity, which is simply the measurement of suspended particles in water. Chambersburg's water typically has a turbidity range of .01 NTU - .09 NTU with an optimization goal of .1 NTU and an overall compliance limit of .3 NTU.

Drinking water that Chambersburg produces is subject to both Federal and State regulations which require that water being treated is sampled and tested at every stage of treatment. This testing includes raw water, filtered water, and finished water locations. Turbidity sampling and testing, for example, is performed in a continuous frequency with multiple inline instruments. In addition to these instruments, plant staff also conduct sampling and testing at intervals from daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annually for all parameters. These sampling parameters include pH, chlorine residual, bacteria testing, lead and copper, disinfection byproducts, synthetic and organic chemicals, and PFAS chemicals.

**The results of these tests are shared each year in the annual Consumer Confidence Report that Chambersburg makes available to all of its customers through the Borough's website at [www.chambersburgpa.gov](http://www.chambersburgpa.gov).**



2023 Turbidity Profile  
Raw Water (Red), Intermediate Treatment (Black), Filtered Water (Blue)

Chambersburg takes pride and places utmost effort in producing and delivering drinking water to its customers and the Water Treatment Plant staff will continue to we strive to optimize our treatment process to ensure we are providing the safest, most reliable water possible.



## STORM SEWER SYSTEM

ANDY STOTTELMYER, STORM SEWER SYSTEM MANAGER

In 2024 construction activities indicated a slowdown from 2023. However, engineering, design, and planning for projects ramped up. Through the solicitation of a Request for Proposals, the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Utility hired the firm GHD Engineering as the stormwater engineer for Borough construction projects. We quickly engaged GHD in order to begin design for the North Fourth Street Box Culvert Replacement. This project involves the repair and/or replacement of approximately 900' of dilapidated concrete box culvert that runs along the Norfolk-Southern rail line between Lincoln Way East and East King Street. We began working with engineer Shelly, Witter, and Fox in order to design and permit the Industrial Drive Stormwater Improvements. During heavy rain events the existing system along Industrial Drive cannot handle the amount of stormwater that conveys from South Main Street and the impervious coverage from adjacent properties. We will be upgrading over 2,000 feet of the system as well as improving the outfall locations along the Conococheague Creek. Finally, the bond financing that was secured in 2024 allowed us to begin working with Dennis E. Black Engineering in order to begin designing the S. Fifth Street Storm Sewer System Improvements. This project will capture approximately 32 acres of runoff from the Wayne Avenue corridor and will convey the stormwater under the CSX Transportation rail line and into the existing open drainage system.

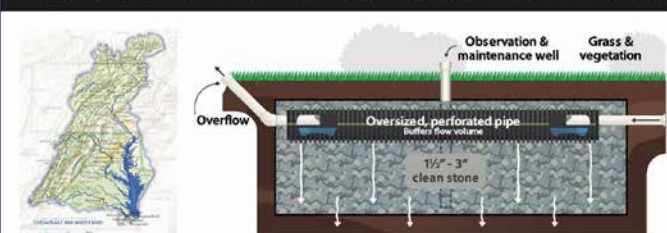


Phase 1 - Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising

Water Street Infiltration Trench

In June of 2022, Town Council approved an agreement with the Chesapeake Bay Trust for a Green Streets, Green Towns, Green Jobs grant in the amount of \$220,000 for the Chambersburg Rail Trail Stormwater Management project. The scope of work included the construction of five stormwater best management practices that would be located between Hood Street and the Rail Trail. The best management practices disconnected direct stormwater discharge locations and now attenuates rate and volume and provides water quality benefits before it enters the Conococheague Creek. The project reduces 40,000 pounds of sediment per year. The Borough contracted with JD Wagone Excavating in fall of 2023, began construction in October, and completed construction in June of 2024. The Utility also worked with Scott's Hauling and Excavating to complete the Pleasant Street Storm Sewer Improvements. The project involved the replacement of over 300' of storm sewer pipe and inlet structures as well as the reconstruction of Rosemont Court. The project was partially funded with a Franklin County Dirt and Gravel/Low Volume Road Grant in the amount of \$97,334, with the remaining amount being matched by the Storm Sewer Utility.

## CHAMBERSBURG RAIL TRAIL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT



The Chambersburg Rail Trail Stormwater Management project was partially funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 through the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns program. The facilities that were installed as part of this project will capture, clean, and reduce stormwater runoff prior to being discharged into the Conococheague Creek and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.



## STORM SEWER SYSTEM

In 2025, the Storm Sewer Utility will continue working with Utility Services Group on the subsurface cleaning and televising of the storm sewer pipe network. This will enable us to better plan for future capital improvements to the storm sewer system. Bond financing was secured in 2024 to finance capital improvements projects planned for 2025 including the South Fifth Street Storm Sewer System Improvements as well as the Southgate Shopping Center Storm Sewer System Improvements. Other 2025 projects include the construction of the Conococheague Creek Fishing Dock and Kayak Launch that was funded by the PA fish and Boat Commission through the Boating Facilities Grant program and that was designed in 2024. The Utility will be working with GMS Funding Solutions in order to apply for grant funding through the Chesapeake Bay Trust for the Floodplain Restoration at the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church.

***If you see a substance being discharged into a storm drain (whether intentional or not) that shouldn't, please contact the Borough Utility Service Center at (717) 263-4111. Remember, all storm drains located within the public right-of-way goes directly to our streams and eventually the Chesapeake Bay. 'If you see something...say something'***



Pleasant Street Stormwater Improvements



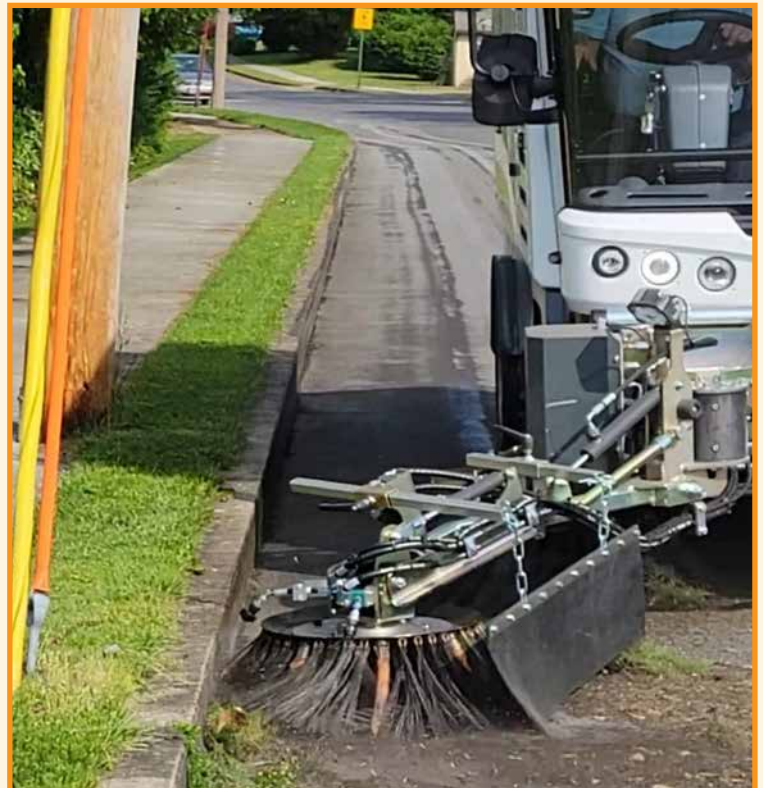
Chambersburg Rail Trail Stormwater Management Project

## WEED CONTROL PROGRAM

The Public Works Department has managed a Borough-wide weed control and removal program for several decades. During that time, we have traditionally utilized an outside contractor to perform this scope of work. You may have noticed their crew walking through the town removing weeds between the curb and cartway. Over the years, prices have continued to escalate, and in 2024 the low bidder was awarded the project at a cost of \$100,000. In 2023, staff began investigating alternatives to our weed control process. During this investigation staff became aware of a street sweeper configuration that, unlike our current street sweeper models, allows for weed removal along the gutter-line of the curb and permits removal of debris from the surface of recessed storm sewer inlets.



***In 2024, the Borough purchased a Dulevo D6 street sweeper thereby eliminating the need to outsource this service while greatly reducing the amount of herbicide used to control vegetation within the Borough. This new weed control strategy will be implemented mid-spring of this year. Let us know how it works.***



***This machine has a remotely controlled front mounted brush that performs weed and debris removal seamlessly without the need for a manually operated weed-wacker.***

In 2023, as part of the 2024 Capital Improvements Program Budget, Public Works proposed and received approval to purchase a street sweeper in this configuration and to bring this program in-house. While the new equipment was expensive, hopefully it is successful and eliminates the need for an outside contractor.



# CHAMBERSBURG AQUATIC CENTER 2025 MEMBERSHIPS & DAILY RATES

## Membership Rates

	2025 Rates	2025 Borough Resident Rates
<b>Individual Memberships</b>		
<b>Individual Membership</b>	<b>\$215</b>	<b>\$169</b>
- 15% Individual discount by March 31	<b>\$182.75</b>	<b>\$143.65</b>
- 10% Individual discount by May 23	<b>\$193.50</b>	<b>\$152.10</b>
<b>Sr. Citizen Memberships</b>	<b>\$189</b>	<b>\$139</b>
- 15% Sr. Citizen discount by March 31	<b>\$160.65</b>	<b>\$118.15</b>
- 10% Sr. Citizen discount by May 23	<b>\$170.10</b>	<b>\$125.10</b>
<b>Family Memberships</b>		
<b>2, 3, 4 or 5 Family Members</b>	<b>\$415</b>	<b>\$269</b>
- 15% Family discount by March 31	<b>\$352.75</b>	<b>\$228.65</b>
- 10% Family discount by May 23	<b>\$373.50</b>	<b>\$242.10</b>
<b>6 Family Members</b>	<b>\$435</b>	<b>\$289</b>
- 15% Family discount by March 31	<b>\$369.75</b>	<b>\$245.65</b>
- 10% Family discount by May 23	<b>\$391.50</b>	<b>\$260.10</b>
<b>7 Family Members</b>	<b>\$455</b>	<b>\$309</b>
- 15% Family discount by March 31	<b>\$386.75</b>	<b>\$262.65</b>
- 10% Family discount by May 23	<b>\$409.50</b>	<b>\$278.10</b>
<b>8 Family Members</b>	<b>\$475</b>	<b>\$329</b>
- 15% Family discount by March 31	<b>\$403.75</b>	<b>\$279.65</b>
- 10% Family discount by May 23	<b>\$427.50</b>	<b>\$296.10</b>
<b>9 Family Members</b>	<b>\$495</b>	<b>\$349</b>
- 15% Family discount by March 31	<b>\$420.75</b>	<b>\$296.65</b>
- 10% Family discount by May 23	<b>\$445.50</b>	<b>\$314.10</b>
<b>10 Family Members</b>	<b>\$515</b>	<b>\$369</b>
- 15% Family discount by March 31	<b>\$437.75</b>	<b>\$313.65</b>
- 10% Family discount by May 23	<b>\$463.50</b>	<b>\$332.10</b>

### Hours of Operation for Seasonal Members:

Monday through Friday: Early admittance, 12-1 PM through 8 PM  
Saturday and Sunday: Early admittance, 11:30 AM - 1 PM through 8 PM

\*To receive a discounted rate, payments **MUST** be received by Close of Business (5 PM) on the indicated deadline date.

**Military Benefit:** Active Military Personnel and dependents showing proper ID receive 10% off a regular season membership rate.

**Financial Aid:** Financial assistance provided to Franklin County residents only who are income eligible. Call the Recreation Office for details.

\*Youth under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult, age 18 or older.



**\*All members of the family must reside at the same address.**

**Chambersburg Borough Residents must show proper identification to receive Chambersburg Borough Rate.**

## Daily Rates

### Hours of Operation for Daily Admission: 1-8 PM, Sunday- Saturday

	Daily Rate	Franklin County & Shippensburg Residents	Chambersburg Borough Residents
<b>Weekday (M-F) Rates:</b>			
Children under 1 yr. of age	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>
Age 1+ / Under 42"	<b>\$11</b>	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$7</b>
Over 42"	<b>\$17</b>	<b>\$14</b>	<b>\$10</b>
Senior Citizen / Chaperone (60+)	<b>\$11</b>	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$7</b>
Twilight Age 1+ / Under 42"	<b>\$11</b>	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$6</b>
Twilight Age 1+ / Over 42"	<b>\$11</b>	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$6</b>
<b>Weekend (Sat / Sun) Rates:</b>			
Children under 1 yr. of age	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>
Age 1+ / Under 42"	<b>\$13</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$7</b>
Over 42"	<b>\$19</b>	<b>\$14</b>	<b>\$10</b>
Senior Citizen / Chaperone (60+)	<b>\$13</b>	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$7</b>
Twilight Age 1+ / Under 42"	<b>\$11</b>	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$6</b>
Twilight Age 1+ / Over 42"	<b>\$12</b>	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$6</b>
<b>Special Events, Other Prices and Benefits:</b>			
5 Pass Discount Punch Card	<b>\$79</b>	<b>\$79</b>	<b>\$79</b>
Adult / Family Night Rates (per person)	<b>\$7</b>	<b>\$6</b>	<b>\$5</b>
Water Walking (Daily Rate)	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$4</b>

\*To qualify for these rates you must provide proof upon entry that you reside within one of the following zip codes:

17201 17219 17225 17237  
17251 17262 17272 17202  
17220 17231 17244 17252  
17263 17210 17221 17232  
17246 17254 17265 17214  
17222 17235 17247 17256  
17268 17217 17224 17236  
17250 17257 17271

### Holiday Daily Admission:

2025 Holidays defined as: Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, and Labor Day.  
On these days, Saturday / Sunday daily rates apply to holidays.



# CHAMBERSBURG AQUATIC CENTER

## Pool Parties & Rentals Information

### Pool Parties - Options, Rates and Information

- 3 hours of pool-party time that is scheduled in time slots of 1-4 PM or 4:45-7:45 PM. All parties must end and vacate facility **promptly**.
- Party rate includes up to 20 people, children under age of 1 not included in this count.
- Party group must not exceed 50 people. Each additional person, from the 21<sup>st</sup> – 50<sup>th</sup> person is \$5 per person.
- Discounts at concessions (food options provided with reservation form)
- The same group may not schedule back-to-back parties to create a 6-hour party package

<u>2025 Non-Borough Resident Rate</u>	<u>2025 Chambersburg Borough Resident Rate</u>
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#### Standard Pool Party

<u>\$149</u>	<u>\$129</u>
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- Picnic tables near mini golf (not under pavilion)
- One umbrella per table; Each table seats 8
- Only 2 parties permitted during the same time slot at this location

#### Pool Party with Whole Pavilion

<u>\$219</u>	<u>\$209</u>
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- Located at Pavilion, with use of all tables
- Seats approximately 75
- Amenities: charcoal grill, electricity

#### Pool Party with Half Pavilion

<u>\$185</u>	<u>\$175</u>
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- Located at Pavilion, with use of half of the tables
- Seats approximately 35
- 2 parties permitted during the same time slot at this location
- Amenities: charcoal grill, electricity

#### Pool Party with Event Room

<u>\$189</u>	<u>\$175</u>
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- Capacity holds approximately 30
- Amenities: air conditioning, tables / chairs

#### Pool Party with Picnic Pad

<u>\$169</u>	<u>\$145</u>
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- Located at Picnic Pads #1-6 (Picnic Pad #1 is ADA accessible)
- Amenities: charcoal grill, electricity
- Seats approximately 15

### Full-Day Rentals - Options, Rates and Information

- Rental can be a full day rental from 1-7:45 PM, or another specified timeframe. Rentals must end and vacate facility **promptly**.
- Guests must pay daily rate for admission.

#### Whole Pavilion Rental

<u>\$99</u>	<u>\$85</u>
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- Seats approximately 75

#### Half Pavilion Rental

<u>\$79</u>	<u>\$69</u>
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- Seats approximately 35

#### Event Room Rental

<u>\$79</u>	<u>\$69</u>
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- Capacity holds approximately 30
- Amenities: air conditioning, tables / chairs

#### Picnic Pad Rental

<u>\$69</u>	<u>\$65</u>
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- Located at Picnic Pads #1-6 (Picnic Pad #1 is ADA accessible)
- Amenities: charcoal grill, electricity
- Seats approximately 15

#### \*Picnic Pad #7 Rental

<u>\$59</u>	<u>\$55</u>
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- Located at Picnic Pads #7
- Amenities: charcoal grill, no electricity
- Seats approximately 15

### After-Hours Rentals - Options, Rates and Information

- All after-hour rentals occur between 8-10 PM and are limited to 500 people.
- Rentals must end and vacate facility **promptly by 10 PM**.

#### Full Facility Rental:

##### Individuals, Families, or Registered Charity Organizations

<u>\$499</u>	<u>\$475</u>
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- \*Registration is Proof of IRS Form 990 from Prior Tax Year

##### Businesses or Unregistered Organizations

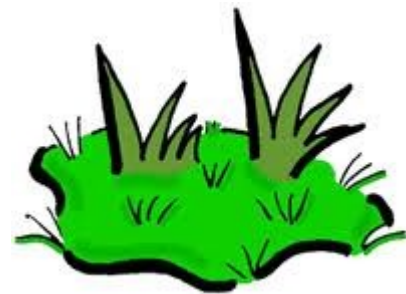
<u>\$549</u>	<u>\$525</u>
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#### Activity Area Only Rental

<u>\$149</u>	<u>\$129</u>
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# PLEASE KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS OUT OF STORM DRAINS



The Borough of Chambersburg asks that residents and business owners keep grass clippings on your property and off of the sidewalk, curb and street. Local law (Chapter 109) prohibits any grass clippings to be placed into a public street or alley along the curb line in such a manner that the clippings cover, or could cover, a storm drain or enter the storm sewer system. Dumping or hosing of grass clippings into a storm drain or the storm sewer system is also prohibited. Grass clippings can clog storm drains and the storm sewer system, which may result in street flooding. Grass clippings can also harm the Conococheague Creek and Falling Spring Creek, where the Borough storm sewer system empties.

## ***PROHIBITED***



## **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

- Keep all grass clippings on your property; off of the curb and sidewalk and out of the street.
- Compost grass clippings on your property away from storm drains, wetlands and streams.
- Grass clippings can be bagged and placed at the curbside or other designated area for collection by the Borough Sanitation Department on your regularly scheduled weekly trash collection day. Please note, the number of trash receptacles or bags – including those with grass clippings – collected from any one household unit per week is limited to three unless accompanied by a tag purchased from the Borough for each receptacle or bag over three.
- If you see a storm drain that is clogged and can clear it without placing yourself in danger, please remove the grass clippings or other debris. If you cannot, or do not want to, clear the storm drain, please contact the Borough Customer Service Center at 717-263-4111 or [servicecenter@chambersburgpa.gov](mailto:servicecenter@chambersburgpa.gov).

## **Borough of Chambersburg**

If you would like to learn more about the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), please visit the Borough website at [www.chambersburgpa.org](http://www.chambersburgpa.org), click on the Documents link and then scroll down to the Storm Sewer section. Or contact Andrew Stottlemeyer, Storm Sewer System Manager at 717-251-2434 or [astottlemeyer@chambersburgpa.gov](mailto:astottlemeyer@chambersburgpa.gov).



# Flushable?

Think again...

## The toilet is not a trash can.

Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper, and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and causing messy sewer backups into streets, businesses and homes.

So what

### CAN I do?

- Only flush human waste and toilet paper.
- Avoid purchasing “flushable” items. Clean with a sponge or rag that you can reuse.
- Compost your food waste.
- Discard hazardous materials such as used motor oil, antifreeze, etc. at a Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage.



## What **NOT** to flush:

- Plastic gloves
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, “flushable”)
- Facial tissues, Q-tips
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Adult wipes
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiffers
- Napkins (paper or cloth), paper towels
- Dental floss
- Egg shells, nutshells and coffee grounds
- Fats, oils, and greases
- Cigarette butts
- Candy and other food wrappers
- Aquarium gravel or kitty litter
- Food items containing seeds and peelings
- Hair
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, or any non-organic material
- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)

Think **before** you flush.

**BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG**

For more information and/or questions please contact: 717-263-4111

# Signs are prohibited in the “Right of Way”

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In an effort to ensure that public safety continues to be a priority, the Borough of Chambersburg is making the public aware of a local law which prohibits the placement of signs in the public right-of-way, on trees or on poles. Borough employees have been directed to strictly enforcement the ordinance as noted below:

§ 286-80 of the Borough’s local laws states: *“No signs shall be erected on Borough property or within any public right-of-way except by governmental authorities in the discharge of a governmental function or pursuant to a license to occupy the Borough property or the public right-of-way. Any sign erected in violation of this provision shall be deemed a public nuisance and shall be subject to immediate abatement.”*

§ 226-8 states: *“It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to nail, staple, tie, paste or in any way attach any placard, sign, banner, advertising material, or printed or written material of any kind, or to permit others to do so in his or its behalf, upon any utility poles owned by the Borough, any light standards, trees or refuse receptacles erected or located on any of the streets, sidewalks or public grounds of the Borough...”*

Signs placed in the public right of way can obstruct sight distance and be dangerous.

## WHERE ARE SIGNS GENERALLY PROHIBITED?

Essentially, the space between the building-side edge of the sidewalk and the curb **OR** about four to six feet from the street surface is considered the Right of Way. While the Right of Way may not be the same from street to street, it is generally the area near the street including grass areas along the street. Absolutely no signs are authorized in this area including (but not necessarily limited to) real estate signs, yard sale signs, political signs, lost animal signs, etc.

Additionally, signs are strictly prohibited on street lights, traffic sign poles, and telephone poles and garbage cans (all of which are almost always inside the right of way).

Signs are permitted on private property outside the right of way although the size, illumination, and placement of those signs may also be regulated by zoning laws. When in doubt, please contact the Borough at (717) 261-3232.

**When a Borough employee sees a sign posted illegally, they will confiscate the sign immediately. If your sign is confiscated, you may call the Service Center at (717) 263-4111.**

**Thank you for making the Borough of Chambersburg a great place to live!**

April 2013

# Examples of Signs

GOOD



NOT GOOD



GOOD



NOT GOOD



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No private signs on medians, traffic islands, street lights, traffic sign poles, telephone poles or garbage cans (all of which are almost always inside the right of way).

**Signs are prohibited in the “Right of Way”**

# BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG WATCH

The Borough of Chambersburg would like our residents and business operators to “watch” for the items listed on this sheet when out and about town. If you see something listed on this sheet or something similar that does not seem right, please contact the Borough Customer Service Center. The center is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. Thank you for helping “watch” your community.

717-263-4111  
[servicecenter@chambersburgpa.gov](mailto:servicecenter@chambersburgpa.gov)

## **FIRE & POLICE**

Fire Exits or Access Lanes: Blocked by some type of object and/or vehicle, please contact the Police Department by calling the Franklin County Dispatcher at 717-263-1611.

Fire Hydrants: Blocked by vehicle or vegetation, broken or vandalized. If blocked by vehicle, please contact the Police Department by calling the Franklin County Dispatcher at 717-263-1611.

Opening Burning: If you observe any type of open burning, recreational fire or a fire that is unattended, please notify the Franklin County Dispatcher at 717-263-1611.

Illegal Activity: Please contact the Police Department by calling the Franklin County Dispatcher at 717-263-1611.

## **PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Buildings: Buildings that are in disrepair or appear to be abandoned.

Construction: Building construction where a Building Permit is not displayed.

Garbage: Accumulation of garbage or other materials on a property.

Grass: Tall grass or weeds.

Vehicles: Vehicles with an expired license plate and/or inspection sticker.

## **RECREATION**

Buildings: Graffiti or other damage.

Playground Equipment: Broken or damaged.

Unauthorized Persons: Inside fenced area at the Chambersburg Aquatic Center or inside the press box at Henninger Field, please contact the Police Department by calling the Franklin County Dispatcher at 717-263-1611.

## **STREETS**

Curb and Sidewalks: Cracked, uneven surface or other damage.

Parking Meters: Loose, damaged or vandalized.

Signs: Signs affixed to utility poles or placed between the curb and sidewalk.

Storm Drains: Clogged with leaves or other debris.

Streets: Pot-holes, cracks, uneven surface or other damage.

Street Signs: Damaged or missing.

Trash: Not collected by Borough or illegally disposed.

## **UTILITIES**

Gas Odors: Natural gas can be detected by its "rotten egg" smell.

Illegal Use/Stealing Utilities: Extension cords, water hoses or other lines extending from one property to another.

Meters: Not attached to building, smoking or on fire.

Manhole Lids: Missing, loose or broken.

Sewer Leak: Sewage smell coming from or sewage leaking from manhole or line.

Street Lights: Off at night, on during day or damaged.

Traffic Signals: Light out or malfunctioning.

Transformers/Junction Boxes: Smoking, on fire or leaking oil.

Utility Lines and Poles: Lines down or damaged, poles leaning or damaged.

Water Leak: Water in the street.

# Shade Tree Commission Announces New Shade Tree Permit



The Borough of Chambersburg Shade Tree Commission is a committee of volunteers appointed to assist the Borough with the maintenance of shade trees. Shade Trees are defined as the trees planted between the street pavement and the sidewalk. These trees, inside the Borough's public street right-of-way, are often found in the grass strip along the street. The width of the right-of-way can vary throughout the Borough. These trees are regulated by state and local laws.

The Shade Tree Commission along with the Borough Public Works Department have recently implemented a new permit system for removing shade trees throughout the borough.

**A tree removal permit is now required to remove these trees.** The permit, at no cost to the property owner, can be found on the Borough's website or from Customer Service in the Borough offices located at 100 South Second Street. Maintenance and/or removal of most of the trees lining the streets are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

In Chambersburg, property owners adjacent to the street tree locations have been responsible for maintaining these trees for many years, and the practice continues with the original Ordinance adopted 9-23-1992 by Ordinance No. 92-9 and amended 3-13-2023 by Ordinance No. 2023-8. These property owners are the stewards of the community forest.

***Property owners can maintain the trees on their property; and, can prune and trim street trees without a Borough permit.***

All tree care should be done in accordance with ANSI A300 tree care standards. However, before a shade tree can be removed in the street right-of-way a permit must be obtained per Local Law - no shade tree is permitted to be removed, other than by Borough staff, without first obtaining a Shade Tree Removal Permit from the Borough. According to the Shade Tree Ordinance, nothing shall prohibit property owners from pruning or removing trees planted or growing on their property, which do not constitute a shade tree.

To complete a tree removal permit, go to the Borough's website at [www.chambersburgpa.gov](http://www.chambersburgpa.gov) and click on transparency or pick one up in the lobby in the Borough offices. Once the permit application is completed, drop it off at 100 South Second Street or e-mail it to [Shadetree@chambersburgpa.gov](mailto:Shadetree@chambersburgpa.gov). Allow ten calendar days for processing. Permits will be returned via e-mail or USPS regular mail. Shade Tree Commission members are available to meet and discuss the process and answer questions.

If a property owner desires to plant a tree in the same area where the tree was removed, it is recommended that the new tree should come from the Borough's Approved Street Tree planting list. We are happy to work together to plant trees on your property.

Also, an important reminder prior to planting or excavating for your new tree planting, it is then the planter or property owner responsibility to contact PA One Call (811). This will notify all involved utilities of the intent to excavate anywhere.

Call the Borough Secretary if you have any additional questions at (717) 251-2437.



Borough of Chambersburg  
Sanitation Department  
100 S. Second Street  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

## **Important information for residents traveling out of the area, who leave their cars parked on public streets:**

In Chambersburg Borough, the Sanitation Department, in cooperation with the Highway Department, the Storm Sewer utility, and the Police Department, make sure that all public streets are regularly swept for debris. While this street sweeping program does not occur year-round, Chambersburg systematically and regularly has one or two dedicated street sweeping units on the public streets.

**Street sweeping is important to the cleanliness, aesthetics, and quality of life of our community; as well as important to maintain the functionality of the Borough's municipal separate storm sewer system.**

In 2020, Town Council re-authorized the local law that addresses parking rules and parking violations on Borough public streets. A copy of the full law is available through the Borough's website e-code viewer:

<https://ecode360.com/10696003>

Pursuant to this local law, from time to time, parking on Borough streets may be banned. Certain streets, or in parts of those streets, may be closed off for the purposes of cleaning, snow removal, special events, public works, street maintenance, or similar purposes. This includes street sweeping.

In these cases, the Borough gives approximately 24-hours' notice of such a ban, unless a temporary or emergency condition exists.

**Generally, the Borough places orange traffic cones a day ahead to warn of parking bans whether for street sweeping or street maintenance.**

**If you are a citizen who regularly parks your personal vehicle on Borough streets, you should not leave town for more than 24 hours without making a provision for someone to move/relocate the vehicle, should your street need sweeping or street maintenance.**

**Should you leave town with your car unattended; when you return you may find your vehicle received a ticket or, if necessary, it can be removed due to required maintenance.**

If you have questions, please call Charles Nipe, Director of Public Works, at 717-251-2496 or [cnipe@chambersburgpa.gov](mailto:cnipe@chambersburgpa.gov)



# KEEPING CHICKENS AT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

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The Borough of Chambersburg Animals Code allows chickens, but not roosters, to be kept at residential properties. A residential property is a property with a building occupied exclusively for residential purposes but not occupied for commercial, office or manufacturing purposes.

Chickens must be housed in a chicken enclosure, which may or may not be combined with a fenced yard. Specifications can be found in the Animals Code, which can be viewed from the Borough website at [www.chambersburgpa.gov](http://www.chambersburgpa.gov). From the front page, use the 'Select a service' menu, select 'View Local Laws' and then select Chapter 96, Animals.

Chickens may not run at large on any public street, alley, park or any other public land or upon property of a person other than the owner.

Chickens must have access to feed and clean water at all times and reasonable efforts must be made to ensure feed and water is not accessible to rodents, predators, insects and vermin.

The keeping of chickens cannot disturb the use or enjoyment of adjacent properties. Odor and noise generated by chickens cannot be noticeable at property lines.

Chicken litter must be collected in a container that when closed is rodent-proof and fly-tight, so as not to permit the presence of fly larvae.

The Borough believes the Animals Code regulations strike a balance for those who live with chickens on their property as well as their neighbors. We strive to make residents aware of the regulations and encourage questions or complaints to be directed to Phil Wolgemuth, Deputy Borough Manager, at 717-251-2436 or [pwolgemuth@chambersburgpa.gov](mailto:pwolgemuth@chambersburgpa.gov).

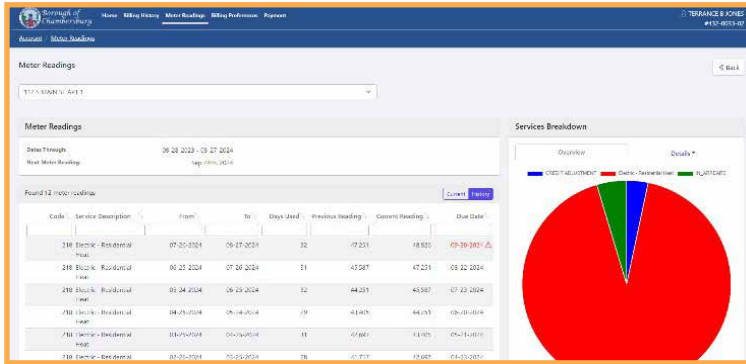
## Coming to the Internet Soon

For several years, it has been the goal of the Borough to provide utility customers with a web interface portal that is easy-to-setup, user-friendly, and safe. Additionally, it would allow the use of all types of payment methods (credit, debit, ACH, etc.) remotely online with ease and comfort for customers; transactions could be posted in real-time to the utility billing system; and would permit statement access online so customers can view an up-to-date reflection of their account status.

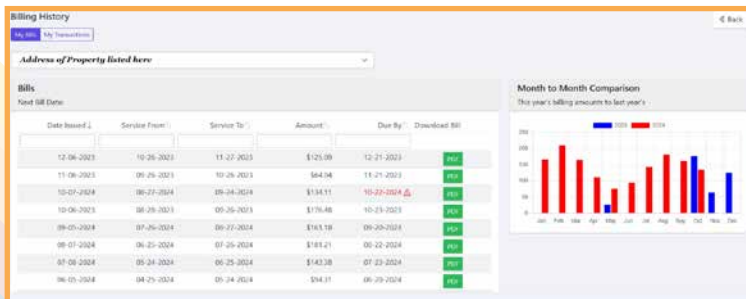
The Customer Service Portal Steering Committee, led by project manager, Melinda Thompson, meets weekly and has been diligently working on the design, development, and testing of the Customer Service Portal along with the developers, Fresche Solutions. This is one of the biggest technical projects the Borough has undertaken, and as with any project there are great accomplishments and unavoidable delays along the way. The Borough has not waned on its commitment to providing this Portal to its utility customers. We know it will be a huge convenience to many, if not all customers, and we hope our customers take advantage of it.

Town Council approved this important IT initiative to create a portal to allow customers (and front counter tellers) the ability to do many of the most common tasks via the internet. The initial project design and development, referred to by staff as 'Phase 1', included checking a balance, paying a bill, viewing billing and payment history, viewing utility usage, etc. for customers; allowing landlords to check tenant's accounts; as well as cashier and daily balancing of duties for staff. This will also include new seamless internet payment access for e-checks and all credit cards.

This project and the original features were included in the first design and Statement of Work, approved by the Town Council on February 13, 2023. With the Town Council approval in April of 2024, additional attributes were able to be included in what staff have referred to as 'Phase 2' of the project. While we have not yet publicly gone live with the Portal, we are very close to conclusion. Currently, we are working with Paymentus, the contracted payment processor, which is within the final step of the Portal's development. Even though an agreement with Paymentus was approved by the Town Council in the fall of 2022, their work on the Portal project began in September of 2024 when the design of the Portal by Fresche was complete.



Customer Meter Reading History



Customer Billing History

Portal Login Page

Customer Landing Page

The year 2024 was a big year for the Portal project; rigorous and in-depth testing began in the spring and continued through the fall. When we initially set out to develop a portal where utility customers could make payments and view their utility accounts, we quickly determined that there was a need to also integrate features that would allow Borough Customer Service staff to perform key functions on the portal; therefore, an enhancement to include the integration of our current system and the Customer Service Portal began. Our current system and processes are complex for many reasons; mainly because the Borough has its own utilities and prides itself in providing customers the convenience of one utility bill. Also, the current system is what some refer to as "home-grown" in that it was written, developed, enhanced, and maintained by Borough programming staff through the years. Naturally, due to our complexities, testing proved to be more involved than what we anticipated, but the collective goal of the Steering Committee throughout the process was to turn out a product that we are proud of and one that Borough customers will find useful.

The final step of the project includes, among other things, many hours required for work with Paymentus to ensure proper process flow and accuracy of test payments from a test Portal payment to the Borough's bank; some fine tuning of features discovered through testing; transitioning of programming from Fresche to our Borough programming staff, testing and training with the Borough staff who will be working with the Portal; and project deployment, including communication to our utility customers.

Currently, the Steering Committee is diligently working on the public communication necessary for the Portal's release to the public, and revisiting some aspects of the Portal that we believe will help to promote the Portal's convenience for customers. Public communication for the project's deployment will include, but won't be limited to, a frequently asked questions (FAQ's) link on the Borough's website, 'how-to' videos that will verbally and visually demonstrate for a customer, how to do certain tasks in the Portal such as 'pay my bill' and 'set up an account'; utility customer notices, via email and mail; and press releases.

**We are very excited to have this functionality for Borough residents and utility customers in the very near future!**

## 2025 to See Continuing Borough Investment in Local Streets

Chambersburg Borough owns almost 65 miles of local streets inside the Borough. However, without a dedicated funding source to repave those streets, each year the Town Council must prioritize the half dozen or so city blocks that the town can afford to resurface.

According to Borough Manager Jeffrey Stonehill, "That prioritization is done each fall during the budget process. The 2025 side streets have been selected, but there is still time for Council and the public to discuss side streets in 2026 and future years."

According to Public Works Director, Chuck Nipe who manages the Public Works Department, "Many of the major streets in Chambersburg are owned by the State of Pennsylvania including Main Street, Lincoln Way, Philadelphia Avenue, Wayne Avenue, and Queen Street. The Borough does not resurface any state streets." According to Finance Director Ben Hayhurst, "The

Borough receives about \$650,000 in liquid fuels state tax revenue as a grant, which is sufficient to fix two or three city blocks per year given PennDOT standards for bidding and street repair specifications. In 2024, the Borough supplemented that revenue with over \$1 million from general proceeds to fix about five or six city blocks."

There is no dedicated funding source for street paving in Chambersburg. There is no street tax, unlike many other communities. The utilities help by patching streets after they are cut for utility project, although that sometimes takes a year or two as patching is a slow and tedious process. There are no alternative funding methods, no other grants, no donations from local companies, or any other way to expand street paving in the Borough. This is true in all Pennsylvania municipalities, who all struggle with the expenses associated with street paving.

### 2025 BOROUGH STREET PROJECTS (subject to change)

**Coldbrook Ave. (Wayne Ave. to Lincoln Way)**

**Orchard Dr. (Wayne Ave. to Stanley Ave.)**

**Martin Ave. (Garber St. to Hood St.)**

**Orchard Ct. (Leidig Dr. to Cul-de-sac)**

**Garfield St. (S. Sixth St. to Coldbrook Ave.)**

**Water St. (W. Washington St. to W. Queen St.)**

**McKinley St. (N 4th St. to Cleveland Ave.)**

### 2025 BOROUGH ALLEY PROJECTS (subject to change)

**Duke Alley**

**E. Ludwig Ave. (Third St. to Fourth St.)**

**Independence Ct. (Garber St. to N. Franklin St.)**

**Rosemont Ct. (Hood St. to Pleasant St.)**

**Seaton Ct. (Darwin Ct. to Elder St.)**

**Pomeroy Ct. (Glen St. to Garber St.)**

**Wood Alley (E. Ludwig Ave. to Washington St.)**

*Call Director of the Department of Public Works, Chuck Nipe, with any questions at (717) 251-2496.*

## 2024 ACTUAL & PROPERTY TAX RATES

### REVENUES:

### AMOUNT:

Taxes: Property, Wage, Deed Transfer, Emergency & Municipal & PILOT	\$14,324,406
Police Fines & Costs	\$191,674
Recreation Department - Pool & Park Receipts	\$275,004
Federal, State & Other Reimbursements	\$2,292,679
Licenses, Permits, Ambulance, & Other Receipts	\$5,054,128
Enterprise Funds	\$82,351,878
Internal Service Funds	\$17,425,012
Payroll, Employees' Pensions & Other Trust Funds	\$24,872,212
Surplus Operating Funds from preceding Fiscal Year	\$37,190,332
Surplus Special and Reserve Funds from preceding Fiscal Year	\$23,795,617

### TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$207,772,941

Inter-Fund Transfers

\$11,689,414

### TOTAL RECEIPTS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS

\$219,462,355

### APPROPRIATIONS:

Fire, Ambulance, & Police	\$12,482,114
Highway, Traffic & Lighting	\$2,454,062
Public Recreation	\$1,621,879
General Administration	\$3,166,067
Community Development	\$1,310,056
Enterprise Funds	\$69,720,953
Internal Service Funds	\$16,598,645
Payroll, Employee Pensions & Other Trust Funds	\$25,190,191
Surplus Operating Funds from preceding Fiscal Year	\$42,626,416
Surplus Special and Reserve Funds from preceding Fiscal Year	\$32,602,558

### TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$207,772,941

Inter-Fund Transfers

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### TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS

\$219,462,355

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