



# Borough of Chambersburg

A full service municipality in Franklin County celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service over 120 years of community electric and a regional wastewater, water, storm sewer and municipal solid waste utility

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### CHAMBERSBURG TESTS ON-LINE STREET PAVING REQUEST FORM

Chambersburg – In an attempt to allow citizens of Chambersburg the opportunity to request that their street be paved, the Borough has set up an on-line request submission form on their website. The link is:

<http://www.chambersburgpa.gov/government/paving-request.html>

The form can also be reached from the Chambersburg website by clicking on the "I need to..." box under the Town Guide.

Chambersburg Borough owns almost 60 miles of local streets inside the Borough. However, without a dedicated funding source to repave those streets, each year 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 2017 streets have been selected, but there is still time for Council and the public to discuss streets in 2018 and future years."

According to Assistant to the Borough Manager Phil Wolgemuth who manages the Engineering 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 the Finance Director Jason Cohen, "the Borough receives about \$600,000 in liquid fuels state tax revenue, which is sufficient to fix about three city blocks per year given PennDOT standards for bidding and street repair. In 2017, the Borough supplemented that revenue with over \$1 million from general proceeds to fix about six or seven city blocks."

The form which is on the Borough website does not allow a user to select a state owned street, a private street or a township road from a list of all streets inside the Borough. Stonehill explained that those roads are not the Borough's responsibility so the form does not allow their selection.

Finally, Stonehill said it was very important to point out that the form is not for reporting potholes. Potholes must be called in to the Borough's 24/7 Customer Service Center at (717) 263-4111. "Do not use the form for potholes, flooding, missing street signs, etc. The form is just for street paving requests."

Also, Stonehill said that while the form allows the selection of Borough owned alleys from the list, for many years the Borough has not had sufficient resources to pave any alleys. "We do patch alleys" added Assistant Borough Manager David Finch, who manages the Borough's Highway Department.

"All the taxes paid currently to the Borough go to Police and Fire," added Council President Allen Coffman. "Chambersburg collects no street tax or fee from citizens."

For additional information please email Council President Allen Coffman at [acoffman@chambersburgpa.gov](mailto:acoffman@chambersburgpa.gov)



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Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania's only municipality supplying electric and gas. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit 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 generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater.

Chambersburg currently has 20,508 residents (2013). [www.chambersburgpa.gov](http://www.chambersburgpa.gov)