



2019 Budget Continues Services; No Tax or Fee Hikes Needed

Borough Improvements & Upgrades Serve Its Residents

Schuylkill Haven Borough Council approved the 2019 operating budget at its December public meeting, ensuring residents will have no local increases in property tax or utility rates for the services they receive. Just as importantly, no services will be reduced or eliminated.



Scott Graver
Borough Admin.

Fortunately, the 2019 budget will continue to fund various projects and upgrades, including the purchase of a new police SUV. Continual upgrades of Borough equipment to ensure emergencies can be dealt with expeditiously.

Keeping equipment in good condition minimizes adverse effects from emergencies such as electric outages,

water main breaks and winter storms. The budget also includes a blacktop program for various streets in the Borough.

Looking back on the past year, the Borough continued successfully its history of gaining grant funding approvals. A state Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) grant will fund a number of upgrades at our recycling center, including the purchase of a chipper/

shredder to turn yard waste to usable organic material and the addition of security cameras to monitor utilization and prevent illegal dumping.

The Borough eagerly awaits awards on grant applications to continue restoration of Cleveland
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Mayor's Message

Saving the Tree Lighting!

What do you do when something gets stuck near a tree? You call the fire department.

Well, in Schuylkill Haven's November instance, the bucket truck used to place the lights on the Parkway Christmas tree got stuck in the soft, rain-soaked grass.

After a little help from a conscientious citizen and his two sons, the truck finally got out of the muddy grass. But, the tree lights never made it to the tree. You might think that put a little damper on the whole tree-lighting ceremony but, after some quick thinking from Pastor Bob Berry of the Church of the Nazarene, the evening was saved.



Michael Devlin
Mayor

Pastor Bob and wife Pat handed out candles and, before you knew it, the Little Hurricanes were singing and everyone was holding a lit candle. It was probably one of the most beautiful tree-lighting ceremonies we ever had.

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SPRINGTIME EVENTS

Saturday, February 23 – "Craft Brew Fest" from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Walk In Art Center events venue. Must be 21 years of age; admission is charged; supports the Our Haven Foundation.

Saturday, April 6 – "Spring Sweep" celebrates the beginning of "First Saturday" events each month, coordinated by GSHABA and the Walk In Art Center.

Saturday in April – "Spring Out" at Bubeck Park from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Celebrate spring and the rebirth of the outdoors with demonstrations and activities. Date to be announced soon.

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day; parade through town and service held in the first block of Parkway; Lions Club pancake breakfast at High School cafeteria.

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Street and for facade improvements in the Central Business District. The facade grant will be highly competitive, but we are optimistic our application will be evaluated favorably.

Many services; but no dump!

Being a part of Schuylkill Haven Borough - whether as a homeowner or a business owner - offers a wide range of services provided by various Borough departments.

Too numerous to mention in full, but several most talked about by townspeople include monthly street sweeping, top-notch electric service, an army of dedicated crew members to attack any and all emergencies, the best volunteer firefighters and fire police in the county, full time police protection, an aggressive recycling and garbage collection program, a neighborhood/senior citizen facility with wide-ranging services, a beautiful park, multiple neighborhood playgrounds, a recreational complex second to none, and a modern, easily-accessible Borough Office with a one-of-a-kind drive-thru payment convenience.

But, remember, we don't have a dump! The Schuylkill Haven landfill has been closed for well over 30 years; but, some people still insist on treating our compost facility as a dump.

Despite a large number of signs indicating what can and cannot be accepted and surveillance cameras

recording all vehicles entering/leaving the site, some thoughtless "dumpers" ignore the warnings.

The compost site only accepts organic material. This would include leaves, garden waste, tree limbs, grass clippings, etc. Full trees and tree limbs exceeding sixteen inches in diameter should not be brought to the site because these exceed the Borough's capability to handle.

The compost facility cannot accept fill of any kind, including rocks, cement, bricks, stone, dirt, or any type of construction debris.

Why is this so important? Simply speaking, the organic material collected at the site is processed with an industrial shredder that can be easily damaged by foreign objects. Damage to the shredder will be very costly and will take it out of service for quite some time.

Area is in a flood zone

Located in proximity to the Schuylkill River, the compost area lies within a flood zone. Not only would garbage and other prohibited materials be disturbing and unsightly, any accumulation of unwanted material in the flood zone is a major concern to residents in other low-lying areas of town.

Borough workers and police constantly monitor the area for illegal dumping. The Borough has zero tolerance for violators. Signs posted indicate what materials can be accepted. Pay attention.

Recycle responsibly

Know what is considered as recycling material and practice responsible recycling on a weekly basis. The Schuylkill Haven Borough website provides this information at www.schuylkillhaven.org/residents/recycling.

Non-recyclable items have been found both in residents' curbside collection and placed in the roll-off recycling containers staged at the southern end of St. Charles Street. These items include Styrofoam, glass windows, children's plastic toys, and a host of other objects that are not recyclable. One incorrect item contaminates the entire load.

Please help us do the right thing regarding garbage that goes to the landfill and recyclable materials that can be repurposed or reused.

- Scott Graver, Borough Administrator



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The Borough's online payment procedure is through its website www.schuylkillhaven.org and clicking on "PAY MY BILL NOW!" that will take you to the secure site www.municipalonlinepayments.com/schuylkillhavenpa.

Be advised, the Borough is not affiliated in any way with the online bill pay site "doxo." Some utility customers have paid their bill through the "doxo" website believing they were paying directly to the Borough.

In several instances there was a delay in that payment reaching the Borough, thereby missing the due date with late fees then charged to the account. Customers having further questions should call Borough Hall utilities at 570-385-2841.

Borough Office holidays

The Schuylkill Haven Borough municipal office and employee operations will be closed in observance of the following holidays in 2019: January 1 (New

Years Day), April 19 (Good Friday), May 27 (Memorial Day), July 4 (Independence Day), September 2 (Labor Day), November 11 (Veterans Day), November 28 and 29 (Thanksgiving), and December 24 and 25 (Christmas).

Craft Brew Fest

The Walk In Art Center events venue will host a Craft Brew Fest on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 2 to 5 p.m. An admission will be charged with all net proceeds supporting the services of the Our Haven Foundation. All participants must be 21 years of age and older. - Continued on Page 6



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Now, back to my original statement of "Call the fire department." That's exactly what I did. The Schuylkill Haven Fire Department brought out two very large ladder trucks and parked them on the paved street surfaces at opposite sides of Parkway, extending the ladders beside the tree to enable wrapping it with Christmas lights.

They did a wonderful job. So, a big thanks to our fire companies. They really stepped up and saved the day and the season.

Looking to the future

The Schuylkill Haven Police Department is in the process of hiring a new full time officer and a new part time officer. Final decisions have not yet been made, but a couple of new faces should be on duty in the spring.

If you haven't heard of the new Schuylkill Haven Strategic Planning Initiative, read on. If we go back to 2006, a study through surveys determined future needs in the Borough that led to a plan to set goals to achieve those needs.

Several groups have since formed and, slowly but surely, these goals began to be reached. As time passed, the groups focused on their own goals and the general direction strayed from the original plan.

Now, moving forward to 2019, Lorraine Felker is gathering the groups together, adding Penn State Schuylkill to the mix, and also involving the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce and Schuylkill Haven Borough Council. Voila, the new Strategic Planning Committee was formed.

The group met for the first time recently to discuss the new direction. The principals will meet regularly in the future, setting new goals. Others in the community interested to help lead the Borough's new direction are invited to attend a meeting to share your thoughts. The public is always invited.

- Mike Devlin, Mayor

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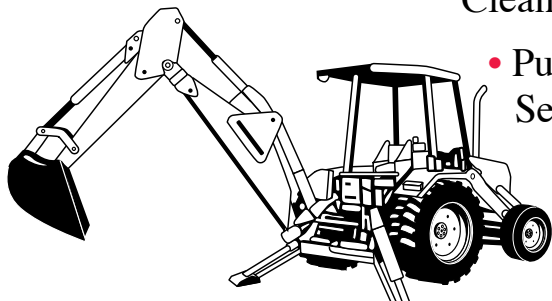
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How do holidays affect trash/recycling?

County Waste observes six major holidays - Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day - that may change the normal Monday or Tuesday trash collection and the weekly Thursday recycling collection.



Of course, Memorial Day and Labor Day always fall on a Monday. Normal collection that takes place on Monday will be delayed one day to Tuesday and the normal Tuesday collection will be delayed to Wednesday. Thursday's curbside recycling collection is also delayed one day to Friday pick-up.

This year both Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day fall on a Thursday. Normal Monday and Tuesday trash collection will not be affected, but Thursday's recycling will be delayed one day to Friday.

Christmas and New Years Day 2020 fall on a Wednesday. Trash collection will not be affected, but recycling will be delayed one day to Friday.

Residents are cautioned to place trash and recyclables after 5 p.m., but before midnight, the evening before collection and to remove containers immediately after collection.

Move vehicles for street sweeper

As we move from winter to spring, so too comes

the Borough's street sweeper to take away the dirt and grime of winter.

The street sweeper will operate - Tuesday thru Friday - beginning the first two weeks in April and the first full week each month thereafter through November. Note the following dates: April 2-5 and 9-12, May 7-10, June 4-7, July 2-5, August 6-9, September 3-6, October 1-4, and November 5-8.



Vehicles remaining on the street during sweeper hours/days will be ticketed. Violators face a \$15 fine by Schuylkill Haven Police. There is no exemption for disabled vehicles.

Check the posted sign on your street for the appropriate day. Direct any questions to the police department at 570-385-9111.

Art in the Park

A day of music, food, showcased art and demonstrations, homemade crafts and a whole lot more - "Art in the Park" - will be held again this spring at Bubeck Park. A partnership of sponsors, including the Recreation Department, Walk In Art Center, and Healthy Haven, the date is yet to be announced.

Community garden is sprouting

Schuylkill Haven will create a Community Garden
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plot at Bubeck Park for Borough residents to grow their own flowers and produce. Raised beds will be available at a cost of \$5 per year to residents; free for seniors, 65 years and older; and free for first responders and veterans.

A "construction day" has been scheduled for Saturday, March 16 to build the raised beds. Interested volunteers are invited to help create this community project.

The plot is made possible through a partnership of the Schuylkill River Greenways Assoc., Schuylkill VISION, and the Healthy Schuylkill Communities initiative.

The Community Garden manager is Hannah Burke. Email Jeanne Elberfield of Schuylkill VISION at jelberfield@schuylkillvision.com for additional information and to reserve your area.

Historical Society news

The Schuylkill Haven Historical Society offers its collection and displays for public viewing on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon at its headquarters at Houck Hall, 10 West Columbia St. (adjacent to the RBMN Railroad just off Union Street), Schuylkill Haven.



The society can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 524, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 or by phone by contacting Treasurer James Caravan at 570-385-0289 or President Daniel Reed at 570-899-3399.

Monthly meetings of the society are held the third Tuesday at its headquarters beginning at 7 p.m. Members, guests and the public are invited to attend.

Membership in the Schuylkill Haven Historical Society is always encouraged. Dues, along with funds from the sale of items and donations from charitable organizations, provide the money needed to operate the society for the year. Its costs include rent for the facility, supplies and equipment for cataloging, displaying, maintaining, and organizing the collection.

Displays are changed throughout the year and a themed display created for Schuylkill Haven Borough Day. Visit the Schuylkill Haven Historical Society on your next opportunity. There is always something new (and old) for you to discover.

Pavilion, park, and center rentals

Looking for a place to have a meeting, party or event? Pavilions at Bubeck Park and Island Park are available for



rental between the hours of 7 a.m. and dusk. The Neighborhood/Senior Center, which includes a gymnasium and two rooms, is also available to rent.

Lions Club news

As a community-minded organization, the Schuylkill Haven Lions Club is always looking for ways to serve needs in the town. The group sponsors many activities, including a pancake breakfast in the high school cafeteria to kick off Memorial Day festivities each year and a food stand with basket raffle as part of Borough Day. Funds are also raised and donated to the local food pantry.

If you are looking for a unique way to serve your community, the Schuylkill Haven Lions invite you to a meeting to learn about the organization. Call Jerry Reichert at 570-640-0921.



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News Submittals

Nonprofit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Kathy Killian in the Borough Offices, secretary@schuylkillhaven.org or call 570-385-2841 for info, four weeks prior to the publication date.

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Schuylkill Haven Recreation News

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Just a reminder, if Schuylkill Haven Area School District cancels school for the day or dismisses early due to inclement weather, all Recreation Department programs will also be cancelled for the day and evening.

Cully Classic and Haven Hoopfest

Each year the Rec. Department hosts these two youth basketball tournaments in the month of February. Participating teams, coaches, and parents donate time and finances to make these tournaments a success.

Proceeds are reinvested back into the Schuylkill Haven community by providing funds for the fireworks display at Safety Night Out. This summer this will be held on Saturday, July 6.

T-Ball sign-ups

Sign-Ups for the T-Ball program can be completed online. A late fee will be assessed after March 31. This league emphasizes fundamentals and team play for children ages four to six. Players must turn four, and

cannot turn seven, by April 30. All games are played on Saturdays, beginning in mid-May, at the Island Park fields.

Open gym times

Looking for something to do during the winter months? Check the website for open gym schedules. The Rec. Center offers hours for pick-up basketball games (adult, high school, and middle school age groups) and adult volleyball. There is a cost of \$1 for students (Haven school district) and \$3 for adults (Borough residents). Non-district students and non-resident adults are charged \$3 and \$5, respectively.

Collegiate softball at Island Park

The Penn State Schuylkill women's softball team will play its home opener at the Island Park fields against Penn State Mont Alto on March 15 at 3 p.m. Spectators are encouraged to turn out. This is a great chance to see collegiate play on our own community fields.

Spring is right around the corner

The annual event to welcome warmer weather and encourage enjoyment of the outdoors - Spring Out! - will again be held at Bubeck Park. The date will be announced soon. Spring Out! is a free "get-outdoors" event with demonstrations and activities on fishing, wildlife, bird-watching, kayaking, and hiking ... just to name a few.

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Parks and Recreation

The Biddy Basketball season is a busy one in Schuylkill Haven. It's primary aim is to enable our youth to develop their skills both on and off the court. With the help of a supportive community, experienced coaches, and a competent recreation staff, we saw lots of wins this season - a record number of registrants, impressive concession sales, and foundational growth in each of our players.

But one of the greatest wins of all came from a special player and team from our Division One level. This is Zach's story.

Zach's parents came to the Rec. Department looking for a program that would fit his unique set of needs. We believed basketball would provide him with a challenge and a positive social experience.

After weeks of practice, Zach's hard work finally paid off. During a Tuesday night scrimmage, Zach - wearing his signature turquoise glasses - made the first basket of his career.

The reaction from his team was spectacular. As the ball dropped through the net, Zach's teammates and coaches cheered and hoisted him onto their shoulders in celebration of his accomplishment. It was a true win for Zach, his teammates, and our Recreation Department.

Tim Elmore, president and founder of Growing Leaders, states: "When your child is done with sports and the 'glory days' are over, what will be left? Will it

be more than trophies and news clippings? Hopefully it will be a strong foundation of character that will keep growing as he or she does."

At the Recreation Department, we strive to provide opportunities for our youth to develop strong character and a sense of teamwork that will take them beyond their experience in athletics.

- Ryan Wehr, Recreation Manager

Water Distribution & Wastewater

Wow, what a relief! The holidays are behind us and hopefully the pace has slowed down a bit for everyone.

Winter presents some interesting challenges for the Borough's Water Department. The dreaded water leaks in the middle of the night always seem to occur during the coldest of times.

Frantic calls from customers reporting they have no water because their water pipes or water meters are frozen ... or that they need their water service shut off as soon as possible due to burst pipes ... result in trying times for all.

Emergencies like these, especially when they occur after normal work hours in the middle of the night, take time for us to respond. We assemble a crew, dress appropriately for the weather conditions, and respond from our home to the maintenance garage to pick up our vehicles and respond to your address.



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- Check your home in the area of your water meter and where your water service line enters your home for drafts of cold air. Insulate or plug these drafts to prevent freeze-ups.
- Clear a path after each snow event from the street or sidewalk to your electric meter or meter-reading device.
- If you live near a fire hydrant, please shovel the snow away and keep it clear for the fire department in the event of an emergency.

- Carter Hoffman, Distribution/Collection

Power up with the Electric Department

Another year has come and gone. The Borough's Electric Department completed several major upgrades to its system.

Substation upgrades to our operating buss tie divides it into two feeds allowing us to work inside the substation without shifting loads to different



lines. We also added a new bay that consists of new buss work, a 15KV breaker, and voltage regulators. In addition we completed a new 12KV line to feed loads on the north side of town. Three new airbrakes were also installed allowing us to tie lines together from different circuits, making our system more reliable.

The department also replaced backyard pole lines not accessible with trucks, then pulled in new secondary wires and ran new services to the homes.

We constantly identify needs and schedule upgrades to make our system better and more reliable. Our town has been on a one-line feed due to PPL's construction on its own transmission infrastructure, making the overall system better with restore times faster on their side.

The Borough's electric distribution system is protected by vacuum circuit breakers. When you see a quick blink in your power, this indicates the breaker activated, an indication to you that the breaker did its job.

Anything that comes in contact with our primary lines - such as birds, squirrels, or trees - will trip the line. On that line we have insulators, transformers, switches and lightning arrestors that could fail from

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age, its insulation break down, or just being out in the weather its whole life. We try catching a lot of this with infrared scans and other electrical tests, but sometimes they could fail at inopportune times.

Our department is here to make repairs when outages occur. If a customer sees or has a power outage you can report it to Borough Hall at (570) 385-2841 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. After hours, call the Schuylkill County Communications Center non-emergency number at (570) 628-3792. Or try the Schuylkill Haven Police Department at (570) 385-9111. All will be able to contact the proper personnel for response.

- Jim Haeseler, Foreman, Electric Dept.

Highway Department

With winter underway, just a reminder to residents near street storm drains - please clear snow away from the drains. Do not pile the snow on them or in intersections. Freezing and thawing following a snow event could create ice jams that extend far beyond the normal street drainage, causing a significant safety hazard to pedestrians and motorists.

While following any emergency vehicle, give ample room between yourself and that vehicle.

Ice skating on Stoyer's Dam has been something youngsters and oldsters look forward to since before my time. But, taking a risk is not worth your life or

injury. Don't wander onto the dam before the ice has reached a thickness (at least six inches) needed to skate safely.

Signs posted around the dam stating "No Skating Thin Ice" will be covered when it is okay to skate.

Yard waste will still be collected through the winter months on the second Monday of the month. In the event of bad weather or other emergency, pick-up could be delayed.

A sure sign of spring is the re-emergence of the Borough's street sweeper. The sweeper operates the first Tuesday to Friday of each month, April through November. In order to clear winter's dirt and debris, the second Tuesday to Friday in April will also have the sweeper operating. If a holiday falls on any of the listed operation dates, the sweeper will not run on the holiday.

- Brian O. Murray, Highway Department

Water Treatment Plant

The next time you get your Pennsylvania Vehicle Registration renewal in the mail, read the attachment. Section 3709 of the state Vehicle Code provides for a fine of up to \$300 for "... dropping, throwing or depositing any waste paper, sweepings, ashes, household waste, glass, metal, refuse or rubbish upon any highway, public or private property without consent of the owner or onto the waterways of the Commonwealth from a vehicle."

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When I submitted my first newsletter article I wrote about the Tumbling Run water treatment plant, the reservoirs, and how we should protect them and watch for people littering.

With the coming of spring and all that the outdoors has to offer, I'd like to expand that notion to include the Schuylkill River watershed. Whatever we do here could affect the Schuylkill River all the way down stream to Philadelphia, the lower Delaware River, and into the Delaware Bay.

The Borough website will soon post the 2017 Consumer Confidence Report with annual test results on the borough's drinking water.

- Kevin Butz, Water Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treatment

As time marches on, our society gets increasingly inundated with technology. The favorable job market of late is presenting competitive opportunities. Young folks in school continue to be challenged with tough decisions on career choices.

Not all students are cut out for college. There are many trades that require very little to no college degree ... just a passion and talent for the work.

The wastewater and drinking water fields are trades. That's right! It's a trade to be a Waste or Water Operator. It requires a long skill-set list.

An operator needs math skills, map reading and problem solving skills. They need mechanical skill,

along with some chemistry and biology training to perform lab procedures and testing to make process control decisions.

An operator must pass a test administered by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to be licensed. This certification program was put into place to protect the public health and so the operator can know that he, or she, is doing their best to protect the waterways of our state.

Most wastewater and drinking water operators are in the 50-59 years old age bracket. A scarcity of younger operators and the potential retirement of a large group of older operators in the coming years means job opportunities are available.

So, maybe you're saying "what does this have to do with me." Our local schools have the talent among their students to fill these operator jobs.

If you know a young person who may need some guidance in this area, have them contact Borough Hall with their interest to talk to me at the Treatment Plant, maybe take a tour, or just get some questions answered. I'd be more than happy to offer any guidance possible.

This is a rapidly growing technical field that, not only needs operators, needs technicians, chemists, and engineers ... all requiring some education beyond high school. This year, learn something new about the gift of water and how we keep it clean!

- Ron Schultz, Foreman, Waste Water Treatment



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OHF – Our Haven Foundation

New Businesses, Town Video, and Brew Fest

Good things are happening! Schuylkill Haven's downtown Central Business District is buzzing with activity. Six new retail shops have opened their doors recently. The Greater Schuylkill Haven Area Business Association (GSHABA) joins OHF in extending a warm welcome and wish for great success in our community.

Get to know these new Main Street businesses:

BRUSH STROKES – Offering DIY “Paint & Create” workshops and classes for those who aspire to become accomplished artists and crafters. Stop in and have a look around. It's located between The Jungle and Bruce Werner's barber shop on Main.

TAKE ME HOME Consignment Shop – Featuring a full line of women's apparel and accessories, this shop is located adjacent to the Downtown Tavern on West Main St. just below the railroad tracks.

DOGGIE DELIGHTS – Billed as a “canine bakery,” this shop on E. Main St. across from Santander Bank serves up a variety of treats (even birthday cakes!) for your furry friends.

BLUSH BRIDAL EVENTS – Located on E. Main between Bella Floral and Doggie Delights, this shop specializes in bridal consulting services.

ALCHEMIST'S COVE – This is a fun-for-all-ages place to check out, offering a large assortment of

comic books, board games and models. It's located in the Lori's Angels building complex off West Main St. adjacent to the railroad tracks.

THE LITTLE DIPPER – This ice cream shop, located in the former Pflueger Insurance building on E. Main, opened successfully in the spring of 2018.

Promotional video and Craft Brew Fest

The OHF Board of Directors last fall gave the “green light” to fully fund the production of a Community Video showcasing *The Little Town That Could*. Board member Vicky Norris retained the services of area videographer Frank Fabrizio. The video completion is expected in early spring.

The 4th annual Craft Brew Fest, sponsored by Our Haven Foundation will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the third floor gallery of the Walk In Art Center on the Parkway.

Participants must be at least 21 years of age and will be able to sample more than 20 craft brew varieties (listed on the OHF Facebook page). Complimentary chili, vegetable soup, and assorted breads will also be offered.

Tickets can be purchased in advance (\$30) at Country Beverage, located west of Schuylkill Haven near the intersection of Rts. 443/183, and at Spotts






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A look behind and a path forward

OHF was created from a need and a vision ... begun through a grassroots campaign attracting volunteers in the spring of 2009. It has since evolved into a structured, purpose-driven organization led by a dedicated group with diverse experiences and backgrounds. These individuals all share the commitment to stimulate and sustain growth and vitality in our community's Central Business District (CBD).

OHF will soon celebrate its 10th anniversary as an organization. As we plan for the next decade, we remain fully committed to honor the spirit and letter of Our Haven Foundation's Mission Statement - "dedicated to revitalizing Downtown Schuylkill Haven through strong partnerships and community activism."

Working toward that future reality, OHF takes its cue from author Jack Schultz in his seminal book - Boom Town USA - examining how small towns best prosper. His P-E-O-P-L-E approach is a blueprint to confront challenges and capitalize on opportunities.

P - Plan; E - Enlist allies; O - Observe opponents; P - Present the plan; L - Lead by example; and E - Engage others.

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Call for dates - NYC Free Day	\$45
Call for dates - Washington DC Free Day	\$49
March 2-10 - Phila Flower Show	call
March 5 - California Dreaming @ Hunterdon Hills	\$94
March 15 - The Irish Cabaret @ Hunterdon Hills	\$97
March 16 - St. Patrick's Day Parade	\$45
March 20 - Menopause the Musical @ Caesars	\$86
April 6 - Murder at Mount Hope Mansion	\$80
April 13 - A Century of Song @ Antietam Recreation	*\$88
April 14 - Branson on the Road-DADT	\$96
April 16 - Take Me Away @ Hunterdon Hills	\$96
April 20 - Baltimore National Aquarium	*\$70
April 27 - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	\$94
April 27 - New York International Auto Show	\$56
May 1 - Ovation @ AMT	*\$73
May 4 - American Girl Place	\$85
May 4 - National Zoo	\$48
May 7 - Sweet & Salty, Creamy & Crunchy	\$77

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