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PRESIDENT OF TOWN COUNCIL

WILLIAM EVERLY - FIFTH WARD



As I submit this message for publication, Chambersburg Borough Council has had their re-organizational meeting with five new council members taking their oath, and starting their obligations of representing their respective wards. The new council members are David Wilson-First Ward, Austin Rosenbaum-Second Ward, Curtis

Shoup-Third Ward, Lucinda Butler-Fourth Ward, and Andrew Kilbride-Fifth Ward. They will join current sitting members Sharon Coffman-First Ward, John Huber-Second Ward, Chadwick Hare-Third Ward, Jamie Boden-Fourth Ward, and myself representing the Fifth Ward. It was at this re-organizational meeting that it was my honor to be selected unanimously as President of Town Council and Chadwick Hare was elected as Vice-President. I take this responsibility very seriously and look forward to leading this council to make decisions that are in the best interests of the citizens of the Borough of Chambersburg.

Chambersburg Borough's budget is the 10th largest in the State of Pennsylvania, and the largest of any Borough in the Commonwealth. This is due to the managing our own utilities, which have some of the lowest rates in Pennsylvania. In order to provide these quality lower cost services, the Borough needs exceptional leadership, and a workforce to ensure we maintain, expand, and grow our services to keep up with technology advances. The Borough is blessed to have a quality workforce of 284 full-time employees, and 150 part-time and seasonal positions. All of these employees have a role in ensuring we make Chambersburg a great place to live and work.

Unlike the county or the school district, the Borough of Chambersburg does not receive any sales tax, no business tax, no liquor tax, nor any hotel tax. This inability, due to state statute, makes it increasingly difficult to continue to provide these quality services at low rates. Previous councils have done a tremendous job of keeping these rates at much lower rates than our neighbor's rates outside of the Borough. Chambersburg Borough has reached the maximum tax rate on Fire Tax and in the very near future, the Police Tax (General Levy) will be in jeopardy of reaching its' maximum cap tax rate as well. In addition, it has been over sixty years since the county has done a comprehensive review of assessment. This impact does have a negative effect in allowing Chambersburg to maintain costs, efficiencies, and plan for the future. The Borough of Chambersburg and its' council are not looking for reassessment for the purpose of raising taxes.

An orderly, logical, and required reassessment would redistribute the existing tax burden and allow us to continue to provide these quality services with minimal increases if needed.

Many communities within Pennsylvania are struggling to keep their towns vibrant and services costs at rates that citizens that can afford, and I believe Chambersburg is an exception to this observation and fact. Our downtown and surrounding area are growing and being revitalized by entrepreneurs, local economic business authorities, and grants secured by our local politicians and grant providers to assure Chambersburg continues to thrive. One example of this is the securing of a grant to build the downtown amphitheater that was recently dedicated, and we look forward to the upcoming entertainment at this facility in the spring. This project will only enhance more economic development in this area. We get more than our fair share of grants here in Chambersburg because we deliver outstanding projects for our community.

The Southgate Neighborhood Revitalization Project is moving forward, and the addition of Keystone Health as an anchor was a great start. It is important to understand that these large projects take time, and we all would like to move forward faster but there is a lot of effort, paperwork, and government regulation that slows the movement of these projects. Just in the last week, the Borough of Chambersburg, has finally received word from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the Borough can move forward with the first phase of replacing all the underground infrastructure throughout the entire Southgate neighborhood. In the next couple months, there will be multiple utility projects that will be put out for bid for contractors to install all new utility lines (natural gas, water, storm water, and electric). These utilities are vital as they will be upgrades for the Borough, and increase efficiency, but it will also make the area more attractive to developers to revitalize the area. The rail trail will be shifted during this timeframe, and new streets will be reconstructed as well. This will create a pain for motorists and traffic, as this work is being done, but in the long run, it will pay dividends. Once the utility, road projects, and shift to

the rail trail is complete, Chambersburg and the Chambersburg Area Municipal Authority (CAMA) together look forward to selecting a permanent developer to revitalize this shopping center. In addition, some of the current assets in the Southgate Neighborhood will be converted into parks and green space for the community to enjoy. We have already begun building a new creek side park and more is on the way.

Our new Public Works Campus is now into its second year of development, is coming to fruition, and is on budget. Some of the construction will be finished in the summer of 2026, with final completion anticipated in 2027. Recently, the Borough finalized a bond sale funding this project and was able to save the taxpayers \$1.1 million over the life of the bond through strategic planning and debt timing. The financial approach to securing the funds to build this much needed Public Works Campus has limited the expense to you, the taxpayer. We utilized the bond sale, some local financing, and the benefit of the utilities of the Borough to pay their fare share for this project. This Public Works Campus will enable the Borough to store all of their service vehicles as well as provide the employees the space and tools to perform their jobs today and for the foreseeable future – Many of our existing trucks cannot even fit inside the current maintenance bays. There is also room for future growth at the campus when needed. Currently, we would not be able to renovate or build at our existing Public Works site, opened about a hundred years ago, due to the size of the buildings, land restrictions, and those buildings are in the flood way, underwater when Agnes hit in 1972, and therefore could not be demolished and rebuilt there.

We know that Chambersburg suffered through an exceptionally hard winter this year. With temperatures not getting above freezing for many days in a row, but our outstanding utilities will help. Yes, customers consumed an exceptional amount of electric and natural gas over the winter. Our utilities performed without much interruption, a testimony to the Borough keeping up with new technology advances and the maintenance of our utilities. While your utility bills have likely increased due to consumption, just know that with some of the lowest electric and natural gas rates in Pennsylvania, you would have paid so much more, maybe 30%-46% more, if you consumed that much energy anywhere other than here. That is what we work towards every day.

We all heard some discontent when Chambersburg's snow took so long to melt. This almost never happens here. This was our first snow event of over 10" in the last three years, and then followed up with the cold temperatures, it presented some challenges as the snow did not melt; and the Borough generally does not haul away snow from curbs and parking spots other than downtown. The storm also coincided with Ice Fest 2026, and the Borough employees and contractors did a great job of removing the snow for this critical annual event from the areas where ice sculptures or visitor parking was necessary. For weeks afterwards, the Borough identified streets and alleys where the snow impacted safety, trash collection, access for EMS and Fire, or just to make it safer for motorists to maneuver. When the bills come in for all this additional snow work around town, it will end up being a very costly endeavor, but the Borough was committed to help alleviate some of the concerns; ultimately, the snow just had to melt, which is what typically occurs. Thank goodness as spring cannot come too early this year.

Chambersburg is well positioned to continue to provide for our citizens, but it will not come without challenges. I look forward to working with each and every member of our Council and you, our citizens, to make Chambersburg a great place to live and work.



Streets of Downtown Chambersburg

COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT CHADWICK HARE - THIRD WARD



Looking Back on 2025 and Ahead to 2026

As we reflect on 2025 and look ahead to 2026, Chambersburg Borough continues to see positive progress across the community.

Ice Fest 2026 was once again a great success. The weather was pretty chilly this year, although it didn't seem to deter attendance. With approximately **117 ice sculptures**, the event has likely reached its practical display capacity. The sculptures remain for viewing not more than two weeks after the event.

The **Southgate Redevelopment** project continues to move forward. Chambersburg Borough is planning on receiving authorization to proceed with the large Southgate neighborhood infrastructure construction sometime this spring. There is a possibility of some construction beginning as soon as the summer 2026. This is an extremely large and complex project, however, badly needed to improve our aging infrastructure.

The **Spring Street Amphitheater** opened last October and is envisioned as an anchor project in Downtown Chambersburg, creating a hub for the arts, cultural programming, and community gatherings. We are looking forward to events at this unique space!

Construction continues through this year on the new **Public Works Campus on Wayne Avenue**, the long term planned investment that will replace the deteriorating century-old structure at the Loudon Street garage. By consolidating several disparate departments into a modern, energy-efficient

hub, the Borough aims to streamline operations and enhance the quality of essential services for its residents. There is no real estate tax increase in 2026 for this project. Building #1 & Building #7 scheduled to be complete and in operation around the Fall of 2026.

The **Fire Department** is expecting their new fire engine into service. This engine was ordered in 2022, and with any fire apparatus build, there is an extended lead time prior to receiving it. Currently, the new engine is in the station, next plan is equipment mounting. It is estimated that it will be in service around the beginning of May. Also being rolled out mid-year are new monitor/defibrillators to help save our patients' lives. Thanks to a grant, 99% of their cost was covered.

Chambersburg Police Department is keeping Public safety a top priority, researching the purchase of a drone, and updating body worn cameras as they reach the end of their service life.

Looking ahead, residents can expect continued infrastructure improvements, growth in housing and business development, and progress on projects.

Finally, thank you to the many volunteers who serve on the Borough's boards, committees, and commissions. Their service is essential to making Chambersburg a great place to live and work.

*For non-emergency concerns,
the Borough Service Center is available 24/7 at:
717-263-4111 or servicecenter@chambersburgpa.gov*

BOROUGH MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES JEFFREY STONEHILL



Outgoing Town Council Adopts 2026 Budget: Holds the Line on Taxes and Utility Fees

Chambersburg has the largest operating budget of any Borough in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In 2023, the latest year

with records, several municipalities failed to report their fiscal status to the State, and the impacts of the spending from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) skewed the results for those that did. However in 2023, Chambersburg had the 10th largest budget of any municipality, and had the largest Borough budget statewide.

Obviously, Chambersburg's budget size is because of its utilities and the additional employees of the utilities and the utility support departments. These operations are our hallmark, why Chambersburg is so special, and why our finances and organization are so much more complex than other towns. Chambersburg is considerably larger and more complex than Carlisle, Waynesboro, Shippensburg, or Gettysburg. No other town anywhere in Pennsylvania operates such a large number of utilities, generates electricity, manages a natural gas utility, and provides services to its businesses and citizens like Chambersburg.

As a result, Chambersburg Borough has the most complex budget in Pennsylvania. We are unlike every other town, including big cities. Separated from the other operational accounting 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 waste water system; not through an independent authority or an inter-municipal board, but under Town Council's direct oversight. 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 storm water 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 the budget document reveals, the Borough's utility rates are very reasonable.

The key to Chambersburg's low cost-of-living is we keep every home and business with very low-cost utilities; which in turn permits them to pay for additional expenses, including taxes for police, fire, and EMS. We call this, "the secret sauce," and no other town in Pennsylvania can accomplish this goal because no other town can control the cost of the utilities and deliver such significant savings to Borough homes and businesses using our utility services.

Chambersburg Town Council Invests in Fire & EMS

Until 2014, 100% of the real estate taxes collected by the Borough were used exclusively to support the Chambersburg Police Department. In 2014, a small share was added to support the Chambersburg Fire Department.

In 2025, in agreement with the IAFF, the Borough increased the number of paid firefighters to the highest level in the history of the Borough. As of today, there are 31 paid firefighters plus two Fire Chiefs (and one volunteer Fire Chief). The Borough agreed to carry 28 paid firefighters in the recently expired collective bargaining agreement. There are seven probationary firefighters at the Fire Academy (making 31 total) and we anticipate one to three senior members of the department will retire in 2026 (making about 28 total). There is no doubt that a goal of 31 firefighters will add to the public safety in the community.

The growth of the Fire Department staffing is noticeable.

The amount of funding to carry this full complement and to pay the rising cost of equipment, vehicles, training, technology, and reasonable wage increases is clearly far beyond the ability of the Borough of Chambersburg. With no tax increase planned for 2026, the Fire Department will have barely sufficient funding to make it through the year. The future is hard to imagine with a State-imposed Fire Tax cap of 3-mil and our County's choice to keep the value of each mil at 1961 levels. The 2026 budget raises the Ambulance Fee, a ready-to-serve fee on water service accounts, to its maximum level of \$12.50 per month per water service. So for now, raising that fee higher is also not feasible.

Finally, the Local Services Tax revenue (one of those Act 511 taxes) is also set at State maximum, and all the revenue from Fire Department's services, including Ambulance patient fees, is already dedicated to paying for the Fire Department and EMS operational costs. It may be right to say that, "the well has run dry." Meanwhile, townships are running fewer and fewer ambulance and EMS calls of their own. We think highly of the township volunteers, but their ambulance services are struggling even more than we are.

It is envisioned that the Borough will run out of available Fire/EMS funding options by the end of 2026. In fact, if more than 2.5% wage increases are suggested by the fire union or imposed in Act 111 Interest Arbitration, the Borough may be out of funding options today. Just as with the Police Department, it is hard to conceive of a way to keep funding these critical public safety and emergency services.

Unlike the Police Department which still has room in the growth of the Police Tax, the Fire Department has few, if any, options. When we say that the Fire Department is operating at a deficit, it means it is drawing resources from other General Fund departments so that it can continue to function adequately. This is not an ideal scenario. In the future, without a County-wide reassessment or a rise in the State tax caps, it is likely that other General Fund departments will need to begin raising their own real estate taxes (i.e., the Recreation Department or the Highway Department), which thereby allows more resources to be shifted, within the General Fund, to funding the Fire Department.

The Borough is once again at a financial crossroads with respect to funding the Fire Department and its associated basic-lifesaving ambulance service. The cost of these operations, coupled with the inability to collect all ambulance use-fees incurred and a state-imposed cap on the Fire Tax, has left the Borough in a precarious fiscal position. Meanwhile, the cost of Fire Department operations continues to rise.

There is no change in the Fire Tax for 2026 because an increase is not possible. State law places a limit on the Borough at a very low tax rate for the purpose of paying for the Fire Department. Not that we like taxes, but the 1965 State law makes no sense. The Borough is prohibited from levying more than 3-mil (the 2026 equivalent of about \$661,610) in Fire Tax, but most of it (2/3) must be used for apparatus/truck expenses and not for firefighters' wages and benefits. Further, the Borough is prohibited from using more than 1-mil (up to a maximum of about \$215,800) for all the firefighter wages and benefits in total. Clearly, the State of Pennsylvania wants to inhibit the ability of any borough from having a paid professional firefighting force.

The 2026 budget includes an increase in the ready-to-serve Ambulance Fee from \$11 per month per water service connection to \$12.50 per month per water service connection which went into effect in January 2026. The "ready-to-serve" ambulance fee program is a mandatory monthly charge on utility bills for Chambersburg residents to fund the borough's emergency medical services. The program was created to address the growing financial crisis faced by all ambulance services due to unpaid fees from patients on Medicare and Medicaid.

In Chambersburg, firefighter wages and benefits cost the Borough as much as \$5 million per year. Obviously, the artificial tax limit in place since 1965 does not envision a mostly paid and experienced professional Fire Department, as we have here in Chambersburg – it was written when volunteers were the firefighters. According to the Pennsylvania State Fire Marshal, the number of volunteer firefighters in Pennsylvania has dropped from about 300,000 in the 1970s to fewer than 40,000 today. We are seeing local volunteer companies with almost no active-duty firefighters at this point. So the Chambersburg Town Council has already decided to fund a fully-paid career department to protect the homes and businesses of this community; despite the expense, and the tax caps.

The long-term funding issue of the Fire Department is not identical to the issue of the Police Department. The main difference is that the Fire Department brings in significant revenue. Specifically, the Fire Department is a regional provider of Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance service inside the Borough and in parts of the surrounding townships. While the Borough only collects 50% of ambulance invoices that are billed (and mostly from private insurance), those payments are significant. In addition, the Fire Department acts as the Borough's Fire Code safety inspection service. Done on a tri-annual basis for most commercial businesses (and annual basis for some types of businesses), this service results in fewer fires or loss of life, and provides some income for the Fire Department.

While we would like to expand the EMS operations and Fire Code inspections to other parts of the County, that would not be practical unless their municipalities provide a subsidy equal to the ready-to-serve Ambulance Fee, a service fee on water services, or allow us to invoice their businesses for inspections, in order to help pay for that expansion.

FIRE/AMBULANCE TAX RATE

No tax increase to fund the Chambersburg Fire Department & EMS

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
FIRE	0	0	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
AMBULANCE	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	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.

While the revenue from the EMS service and the Fire Code safety inspections is not enough to pay for the cost of operating the Fire Department, this and the Fire Tax combined are counted as a very respectable effort to close the gap in costs. The balance of the Fire Department operating expenses is closed by undesignated General Fund revenue above and beyond the Fire Tax. Every dollar of undesignated revenue used to close the gap between these revenues and the Fire Department budget is one less dollar that can be used for parks or recreation, highways or streets, or other functions such as economic development or new initiatives in community development.

The cost of operating the Fire Department continues to rise in 2026, but to what extent is somewhat unknown, as we have no labor agreement with the fire union. In addition, higher costs associated with the replacement schedule for fire apparatus is a growing issue as we put aside money for future purchases. Vehicles for the Fire Department are rising exponentially in cost. This, plus the growing write-off for Medicaid/Medicare patients served by the Fire Department's ambulance service, are causing strain on department finances.

In 2026, it is estimated that the Fire Department and EMS will cost \$1,344,815 more to operate than the revenues collected. This includes shifting fire pension

subsidies from utility departments to help the Fire Department as well as the estimated yield of ½-mil of Fire Tax being used for operations. There is no way permitted to raise the Fire Tax (approx. 6.2-mil more) to cover this deficit.

The Borough uses the Ambulance Fee to help cover the EMS portion of the deficit. The Ambulance Fee should generate \$1.74 million in 2026, which is already accounted for in the deficit. If the Ambulance Fee was used to cover the whole deficit, it would be set to \$21.84 per month instead of the recommended \$12.50 per month as was approved for 2026. The 2026 Ambulance Fee is made necessary by the allowance for uncollectable ambulance receipts as a result of Medicaid/Medicare federal rules.

In addition to the Ambulance Fee, if the Fire Department runs a deficit, it is commingled with all the revenue and expenditures in the General Fund. The General Fund miscellaneous revenue must cover it as it does with all the General Fund departments including the Police Department, the Recreation Department, Land Use & Community Development, and general highway, which are all mixed together pursuant to the State recommended chart of accounts.

Chambersburg Town Council Invests More in Police

In our area, Chambersburg is the only municipality with a full service, round the clock, local police department. It is a professional and successful law enforcement organization. In 2025, Town Council appointed a new Police Chief, Meredith Dominick; a highly qualified law enforcement professional. She has brought her own vision and standards to the organization. Also in 2025, Council supplemented the Police Department leadership by promoting a second Police Sergeant to Police Lieutenant and backfilling many of the supervisory and organizational needs in the Police Department staff.

It remains very expensive to operate a high performing police department, but unlike our neighbors who have chosen to rely on the free Pennsylvania State Police, the Chambersburg Police Department plays a much more proactive role in public safety within the corporate boundaries of the Borough.

Chambersburg remains an incredibly safe community with very low crime rates, despite perceptions otherwise. There is no doubt we have seen a recent uptick in crime as have most of our neighboring communities. Chambersburg Police Chief Dominick reported a multi-month "unprecedented" crime spree that involved 25 violent crimes, which her department successfully investigated and closed. Dominick stated that most of the perpetrators were non-residents, an issue she linked to the borough's transient nature. In October 2025, Dominick told Town Council that many non-residents were responsible for the crime in our town as well as young people involved in illicit criminal enterprises such as guns, gangs, and narcotics. She noted that these individuals are typically quickly arrested and off our streets. Very little crime in Chambersburg involves random or innocent victims; although specific details are often unavailable as they remain confidential. We do not believe the average citizen needs to be concerned about this uptick in localized targeted unsavory actors hurting one another – the CPD is on their trail.

Town Council has confronted the funding and staffing at the Police Department head-on. First, this year, Council chose to raise the 2025 Police Tax and to expand the police force, which had not expanded in size in over a decade despite the fact that the community has become more increasingly complex. In addition to filling vacancies, the Police Department added three (3) additional

police officers, a significant percentage increase. Realizing that the State imposed tax cap is going to be hit soon; and that with no reassessment, the actual value of real estate assessment inside the Borough is described as inaccurate, Council does the only thing possible, providing funding for police as needed.

The growth of the Police Department staffing is noticeable.

In the 2026 budget, the Police Department is funding another expansion as a result of needs. The 2026 budget contains sufficient funding to add a Corporal to the detectives' unit, known as the Criminal Investigation Division (CID). By the end of 2026, the Chambersburg Police Department will have seen an increase of 24% in staffing over the last few years.

While a Police Tax increase maybe advisable, Council has made a delay until at least 2027. Ultimately, the 30-mil Police Tax cap and the decision of the County to purposely not raise the value of each mil, is going to lead to some tough choices in 2027 or soon beyond.

In general, if the Police Department runs a deficit as it is anticipated to do so in 2026, it is commingled with all the revenue and expenditures in the General Fund. The General Fund miscellaneous revenue must cover it as it does with all the General Fund departments including Fire, EMS, the Recreation Department, Land Use & Community Development, and general highway, which are all mixed together pursuant to the State recommended chart of accounts, but for now, those departments do not have the ability to raise much more revenue, or any revenue at all, whereas the Police still have the Police Tax.

It is important to place the anticipated Police Tax deficit for the Police Department of \$658,968 into context. Police Tax will not fully pay for the Police Department. Please keep in mind that we are operating the Police Department with very little margin for error. Unforeseen costs such as a major detective caseload, a major public safety event, additional unforeseen overtime, additional training, or adding more employees in advance of other future retirements, can easily throw the Police Department budget into a more unstable place.

POLICE TAX RATE

No tax increase to fund the operation of the Chambersburg Police Department.

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026

(IN MIL)	20	21	21	23	23	24	24	24	24	24	25	25	27	27
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Average Single-Family House in the Borough Pays \$478 Per Year.

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

Chambersburg Borough 2026 Real Estate Tax

Chambersburg Borough's outstanding utility rates do far more than help taxpayers afford police, fire, and EMS. Chambersburg Borough government and our utilities are the catalyst for macro-economic expansion throughout Franklin County. More than the County Seat, Chambersburg drives 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.

It really is a unique example of teamwork, with Borough utilities being the organizing factor.

So the Borough only funds police, fire, and EMS with real estate taxes and the three bond taxes, which are similar to mortgages. Therefore, one can reliably say, "No real estate tax will pay for any "operation" 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 by using real estate taxes. The only use of these taxes are police and fire, and to pay off the Recreation Bond, the Police Station Bond(s), and the Public Works Campus Bond. This has always been Council's financial plan for the Borough's use of taxes. These three mortgages pay for no operations, no employees, nor operating expenses.

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.

RECREATION BOND TAX RATE

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

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026

(IN MIL)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	3	3	2.5	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

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026

(IN MIL)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	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

No tax increase to pay off the bonds associated with this project

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026

(IN MIL)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	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.

The Borough of Chambersburg is strong and resilient; we have a great system, using our utilities to bring savings to homes and businesses. No other town can help their taxpayers like Chambersburg. However, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Franklin County have stepped in to inadvertently block our police & fire funding system. Therefore, the future is therefore uncertain for police & fire department funding.

BOROUGH BUDGET CONTINUED . . .

While in most years, Chambersburg has not raised the real estate tax rate, other taxing entities often raise taxes that impact our taxpayers. Entities such as Franklin County or the Chambersburg Area School District may independently choose to raise taxes and that may lead to confusion. When the Borough raises its real estate tax rate, it is generally to fund police and fire services. There is no real estate tax increase planned for 2026. Also, there are no Act 511 taxes increasing and none is permitted under State law.

The Act 511 taxes remain changed and no change is permitted: The Earned Income Tax (1% tax on wages earned by Borough citizens), The Local Services Tax (\$1 per week tax on anyone working inside the Borough), The Deed Transfer Tax (0.5% on the sale/transfer of Real Estate).

Township property owners pay no taxes to the Borough of Chambersburg other than \$1 per week if their principal place of employment is inside the Borough.

Recall, Chambersburg is unique in our commitment to professional public safety and emergency services. That alone is a big difference between Chambersburg and other towns. That and the ability to control utility rates for the benefit of all, and positively influence the local economy.

With no other options available to Town Council beyond property tax increases, and with 23% of the town's assessed property value being exempt from paying the Police and Fire real estate tax, owners of taxable properties must bear the full burden of paying for public safety services. Proportionately, this burden falls most heavily on those least able to afford paying for the services: the elderly and those on fixed incomes who own real estate. Whereas, 100% of water customers pay a fee placed on utility invoices. If there was a more broad-based tax available (i.e., a sales tax), that might be a more appropriate tax to fund an emergency service such as our struggling ambulance service. However, that is not a possibility under State law.

Finally, as the last County in Pennsylvania to do a county-wide reassessment, not only do statistics prove that the application of taxes on our properties are widely inaccurate, but there has been no double-check on assessed valuations for decades to recover fair taxes from property types (i.e., distribution centers, warehouses, or shopping centers) that did not even exist the last time a county-wide reassessment was done in 1961/1962.

2026 BUDGET SUMMARY



NO TAX INCREASE

The proposed 2026 budget does not include a real estate tax increase.



Public Safety

Funding for an additional police officer is included in the budget to enhance public safety.



Public Works Campus

The project is fully funded to complete construction, with no bond tax increase this year.

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 each summer.

Chambersburg Borough has not raised taxes in 14 of the last 20 calendar years.

Taxing Burden	Mil Rate	2026 Annual Avg. Home	Percentage	Per Dollar Rounded
Non-Borough Property Taxes				
Franklin County (2025)	29.10 mil	\$515.07	14.38%	14¢
Library System (2025)	1.3 mil	\$23.01	0.64%	1¢
Chambersburg Area School District (2025)	136.4677 mil	\$2,415.48	67.44%	67¢
Borough Property Taxes 2026				
Police Tax	27 mil	\$477.90	13.34%	13¢
Fire Tax	3.0 mil	\$53.10	1.48%	2¢
Recreation Bond Tax	2.5 mil	\$44.25	1.24%	1¢
Police Station Bond Tax	2.0 mil	\$35.40	0.99%	1¢
Public Works Campus Tax	1.0 mil	\$17.70	0.49%	1¢
Borough Property Tax Total	35.5 mil	\$628.35	17.54%	18¢
Total Tax Burden on Residents:	202.3677 mil	\$3,581.91	100%	\$1

Median Assessed Value of a Single-Family Home Inside the Borough per Franklin County is Around \$17,700

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

No real estate tax increase in 2026

In summary, 2026 is going to be another year for the Borough of Chambersburg without a real estate tax increase. In most years, the Borough does not adopt an increase in taxes. When it happens, it is almost exclusively as a result of Police and Fire expenses increasing; or, as a result of a multi-generational community benefit project. We have a number of extremely important projects in-the-works. In addition, there are some very significant challenges in the 2026 budget including a new non-bargaining compensation plan to fairly pay our administrative, management, technical, and professional employees, and the continuing construction of the new Public Works Campus. Inflation was very hard to budget for this year and we plan to spend down some of our capital reserves for very needed capital purchases including in the utilities, at the Recreation Department, the Aquatic Center, in the warehouse, and the Limekiln Road bridge replacement project. We take very seriously our responsibility to keep reinvesting funds, tax-money and grants whenever possible, into improvements in the physical infrastructure of the community.

Public Works Campus: The 2026 budget includes sufficient resources to finish the Public Works Campus project on Wayne Avenue. Construction on various buildings will continue through next year as well. So far, the Public Works Campus Bond Tax is set at the rate of 1-mil or \$17.70 per year. It pays 24% of the cost of construction; the rest is being paid by the utility departments; even with record low utility rates. As construction continues this rate will need to rise in the future, but not yet. There will be no real estate tax increase in 2026 for this project.

The 2026 budget includes no increase in the Police Tax (which is almost at the State tax rate limit), no change in the Fire Tax (and none is permitted under State law), no increase in the three bond taxes (the Recreation Bond, the Police Station Bond, and the Public Works Campus Bond), and very few increases in utility rates. However, one can easily see that there are a number of impending issues on the horizon. We can estimate now where the Borough of Chambersburg finances will be in 2027, and I would not predict that this year, without many increases in taxes and rates is a long-term strategy for funding,

especially with critical and challenging funding issues remaining for the Police Department, the Fire Department, and with respect to continuing to provide EMS (emergency medical services).

Tax bill Calculated by County Assessment: The Borough selects the mil rate high enough to generate the revenue necessary to run the Police, Fire, EMS, and debt service obligations of the Borough. Real estate taxes are not used for any other department or employee. Franklin County divides up the taxes owed for each property owner by calculating the assessed value of your property. The average single-family home in the Borough will pay approximately \$628.35 per year 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.

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, find your home on the digital map.

There are 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. There is no tax increase.

Chambersburg Borough 2026 Utility Rates

Storm Sewer Fee

The Chambersburg Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System is a complex series of pipes, inlets, channels, and ponds that manages stormwater throughout the Borough. The system is comprised of 3,229 inlets, 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. In 2026, there will be no rate increase. Since 2022, all non-single-family-residential properties in the Borough (business, multifamily, industrial, commercial, church, or institutional properties) now pays the Storm Sewer fee based upon their impervious area on 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, just 1 ERU per month. Non-single-family-residential properties in the Borough can earn discounts off their invoice.

For info, call the Storm Sewer System Manager:

Andy Stottlemyer at 717-251-2434

1 ERU = \$6/month in 2026.

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.

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.



Electric

5% Increase

Scheduled for Sept 2026
Rates remain 40% to 46% lower than averages.



Natural Gas

No Increase

Rates are 46% lower than local private gas companies.



Water

\$2.10/month Increase

A small increase for the average single-family home



Wastewater

No Increase

Rates remain among the lowest in the region.



Sanitation

No Increase

Rate stays at \$32/month per household



Ambulance Fee

Increase to \$12.50/month

This surcharge on water bills helps cover ambulance service costs

Chambersburg has the lowest total utility rates in Pennsylvania!



PUBLIC WORKS

TYLER FAIRCHILD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Financing the Public Works Campus Project – On Track and On Budget

by Jeffrey Stonehill, Borough Manager/Director of Utilities and Tyler Fairchild, Director of Public Works

The Chambersburg Public Works Campus is a major \$22.9 million infrastructure project designed to consolidate and modernize the borough's essential services. Located on a nearly 9-acre site at the southwest corner of Wayne Avenue and South Fourth Street, the campus will replace an aging facility on Loudon Street that is over 100 years old and prone to flooding.

Public Works Campus Reaches Milestone

The Borough of Chambersburg is entering a transformative phase of municipal improvement as construction for the new Public Works Campus, located on the corner of South Fourth Street and Wayne Avenue, reaches the halfway mark. This vital project is designed to replace the borough's century-old facility on Loudon Street, which has long struggled with structural limitations and capacity issues. By consolidating several disparate departments into a modern, energy-efficient hub, the Borough aims to streamline operations and enhance the quality of essential services for its residents.



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Fiscal Responsibility and Community Reinvestment

The Borough remains committed to financial transparency, with a construction budget of \$23 million. With approximately \$9 million expensed to date, the construction is nearing 50% completion. Leveraging the Borough's "excellent Aa3 credit rating," the project's financing includes bond proceeds that resulted in a debt service obligation roughly \$1.1 million lower than initial projections.

Currently, the Public Works Campus Tax Bond is set at 1-mil, costing the average single-family homeowner approximately \$18 per year. Importantly, the Final 2026 Budget confirms there will be no tax increase for this project in 2026, though a rate adjustment is anticipated in 2027.

PROJECT BUDGET	
Construction & Engineering	\$20,500,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000,000
Security & IT	\$500,000
Contingency	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$23,000,000

Strategic Vision and Construction Milestones

The move to a new campus was solidified following a 2020 facility review by SGS Architects/Engineers, which determined that a new build was more fiscally responsible than renovating the existing Loudon Street site. Construction, led by ECI Construction, LLC, officially commenced in the second quarter of 2025. This essential infrastructure investment is currently approaching 50% completion, maintaining steady momentum and meeting all critical design elements set forth during the planning stage.

The campus is comprised of seven distinct buildings designed to support various critical functions:

Building #7:

(Public Works Administration & Engineering)

Scheduled for completion in Fall 2026, will serve as the administrative heart of the campus, housing engineering staff and providing dedicated space for CDL testing and training.

Building #1:

(Water/Sewer)

Also targeted for a Fall 2026 opening, will centralize water and sewer staff and equipment, marking the first time these crews have a permanent headquarter.

Building #6:

(Motor Equipment, Highway, & Sanitation)

Scheduled to open in Spring 2027, will feature repair bays and workshops for the borough's fleet of over 200 vehicles and pieces of equipment, including trash trucks, fire engines, police car vehicle, and heavy machinery.

Buildings #2–#5:

(Support & Storage)

Also targeted for a Spring 2027 opening, will provide essential storage for vehicles and equipment, ensuring they are protected from freezing temperatures and harsh conditions.

Transforming the Southgate Neighborhood

The transition to a new location unlocks the potential for the old Loudon Street site. Once decommissioned, a portion of that land will be transformed into a new Conococheague Creek Park. This future green space is planned to include a canoe and kayak launch, as well as pedestrian connectivity to the downtown area, effectively turning a former industrial site into a vibrant community asset. A part that is not needed for the park will be auctioned off and sold.

With a projected final completion slated for Spring 2027, the Chambersburg Public Works Campus stands as a testament to the Borough's dedication to sustainable growth and long-term infrastructure investment.

Public Works Campus Project is the Latest Bond-Funded Project

This is the latest of three long-term projects to update Borough infrastructure including:

- *Public Works Campus project on Wayne Avenue (2026-2027);*
- *Expansion and renovation of the Borough Police Station on S. Second Street and renovation of the Clock Tower on the Market House (2023-2024);*
- *Reconstruction of the Borough Aquatic Center at Memorial Park and replacement of all the Borough tennis courts and playgrounds (2016-2017).*

The Borough now has three bonds, which is a form of debt like a mortgage, which Council has used to impose a special Bond Tax on all property owners who are not exempt from real estate taxes. The resulting assets built from the bonds are added as community-owned assets to the Borough's balance sheet.

Ground was broken on this important facility in early 2025. The new facility, a Public Works Campus, will be home to the Highway Department, Engineering Department, Sanitation Department, Motor Equipment maintenance, and the water and wastewater maintenance crew. It's well needed, as the previous public works facility was built in 1921, over 100 years ago.

As of today, the current cost to the average single-family homeowner in Chambersburg for the Public Works Campus is \$18 per year in real estate taxes or about the cost of one large pizza. As of 2026, the Chambersburg Public Works Campus is currently in the active construction phase, with the borough's 2026 budget confirming there are sufficient resources to finish the project.

This project, just like the previous Recreation Capital Improvements Project and the Police Station Renovation and Expansion Project, will be funded in-part by a dedicated real estate tax. Unlike those other projects, the dedicated real estate tax will not pay all of the cost of the debt. In fact, the tax levied is calculated to only cover approximately 24% of the annual cost of the debt. This is because 76% of the cost of the Public Works Campus project is being funded by the various Borough utility operations. Only that portion of the cost attributable to General Fund or governmental operations (i.e., police, fire, EMS, highway, recreation, community development, etc.) is being paid for by the dedicated real estate tax. The balance is being paid for by interfund transfers from the various utilities.

Several change-orders were approved for the Public Works Campus project but construction has proceeded on-time, with no delays, every issue, such as occasional flooding of the site, has been addressed, and the change-orders were routine and anticipated, with a contingency fund set aside to pay for unforeseen expenses. The Public Works Campus Project is on-time and on-budget.

In total, the Borough budget assigns 5½-mil of real estate taxes for these three bonds/mortgages:



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Public Works Campus

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

KEN "HOCKEY" HOCK



A year goes by quickly when you have the honor of serving as mayor of a Borough as special as Chambersburg. Each day, I continue to meet extraordinary people who love this town as much as I do. The engagement, conversations and shared moments I have with our residents remind me just how connected and committed

this community truly is. Whether we come together for a celebration, a parade or even a tragedy, Chambersburg shows time and again that we are strongest when we stand as one. Most importantly, I continue to learn to be a better mayor along every step on the way.

In 2025, I had the privilege of attending more events than ever before. It's impossible to choose a favorite — each one reflects the pride, creativity and spirit of our community. The success of these events not only brings people together, but also supports our Borough and helps local businesses grow. I encourage every resident to attend just one community event and experience firsthand the excitement and energy that Chambersburg has to offer.

I will forever recall my trip to Japan as the Borough's representative in 2025. Our delegation from Chambersburg on our visit to our Chambersburg's sister city, Gotemba Japan. The atmosphere was incredibly peaceful. Let me tell you about Japan: It was great. It was awesome. People were respectful, polite, and walking down the streets. No one speaks. It's very quiet, but it's a different kind of awe. I loved it. No backfiring cars. You walk into a 7-11, it's quiet. We were in downtown Tokyo, and you could hear a fork drop on the ground. You don't see anyone walking down the sidewalk looking at cell phones. If you're on public transportation, you just don't talk. And super clean. We had been to a couple of public restrooms that were just immaculate. The trip was paid for by the individuals who took the trip — not the taxpayers. I learned so much about life and culture.

Our community continues to thrive, particularly in our downtown, where events and new businesses have brought fresh momentum and opportunity. We were excited to welcome several new businesses this year, including Waffles & Shine, Berg Brewing, Neighbors and the Cat Café, just to name a few. As a local business owner myself, I take great pride in supporting fellow entrepreneurs. I will continue to be present at downtown events and to patronize these businesses, because supporting local business is supporting Chambersburg.

Public safety remains my top priority, and I am proud of the hard work our Borough police department does every day. I continue to work closely with Police Chief Dominick, whose leadership, communication and collaboration have strengthened our ability to keep the community safe. Together, we have welcomed new officers to the department who are doing outstanding work serving and protecting our residents.

As I have said before, safety is a shared responsibility between the Borough, our citizens, and our businesses. Our officers work diligently to enforce the law and protect our community, but they cannot be everywhere all the time. It truly takes all of us. When you see something or know something, say something — use the Police Department's crime watch website to report anything. Help those who have been injured or victimized, and be a strong voice for those who need support. It is easy to look the other way, but I encourage you to make this the year you step up, pitch in and help make a difference. We all have it in us, and now is the time to act.

I love Chambersburg, and I will continue to say that every year. My hope is that even more people will step forward and do their part to make our Borough stronger, safer and more vibrant. Together, with shared purpose and energy, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

Hello, 2026. Let's make it a great year — together.



POLICE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

POLICE CHIEF MEREDITH DOMINICK



The Chambersburg Police Department (CPD) remains dedicated to a mission of growth and success, driven by a continuous desire to improve services for Borough residents and visitors.

The Department maintains its PLEAC accreditation, a benchmark for law enforcement professionalism. The CPD hopes to receive Lexipol's Gold Recognition for 2025 for the sixth consecutive year, highlighting excellence in policy management and training.

Our partnership with Crime Watch remains strong, and the CPD ranks in the top tier among police agencies for site visits and social media. Crime Watch encourages individuals and organizations to work with and assist the police in keeping communities safe. We encourage all residents and visitors to sign up for Crime Watch. It's free and keeps you informed about information from CPD.

As you may recall, at the end of 2024, your Chambersburg Police Department was awarded approximately \$327,000 in grant funding from the Pennsylvania Local Shares Account. In 2025, the CPD used that funding to purchase equipment that had begun to show its age and was failing. It took most of 2025 to complete the projects earmarked for those funds. We are happy to say the equipment purchased is newer and faster, enabling your officers to serve you better in 2026.

The Chambersburg Police Department welcomed new officers to its ranks! Officers Joncas, Mull, and Murray graduated from the Harrisburg Area Community College Police Academy in June, and Officer Sean Riley was sworn in in December. We hired three more cadets in December who will begin their academy training in January 2026. This growth of our agency would not be possible without the support of our citizens and the dedication of the Borough Council and Borough Manager, who recognize the need for our growth. We are grateful for that support. We saw the retirement of three (3) dedicated officers

and the promotion of six (6) qualified officers. We were also thrilled to present our Officer of the Year award to PFC Victor Dimoff and our Detective of the Year to Corporal Matt Wade. A unit citation was presented by members of the Borough Council to the Criminal Investigations Division for their hard work and due diligence in solving and closing 25 violent crime cases that plagued the Borough of Chambersburg between 2024 and 2025. Congratulations to you all!

The Department launched its Officer Wellness Program. Our program is a holistic approach that is essential for an officer to perform their job while serving our community and navigate the demands of the job. Our goal is to create a supportive environment while addressing cumulative wellness.

The Department continues its work with and in the community. We are proud that we had another successful year with our community at various events. We enjoy participating in our downtown events, along with National Night Out and Holiday with Heroes. If you have not yet made it to an event and stopped by our tent to say hello, please try in 2026.

We remain focused in 2026 on keeping you safe. We will continue our traffic enforcement strategy through traffic details and public service announcements, as well as through initiatives and targeted enforcement.

We are beginning some projects this year, including updating our body-worn cameras as they reach the end of their life and purchasing a drone. We identified several calls for service in which a drone could have been used for the safety of all involved.

The Department remains grateful for the strong support from local businesses and citizens who think of us throughout the year. We truly cannot do our jobs successfully without you. The Chambersburg Police Department had a successful 2025 and enters 2026 with a goal for community-focused policing. Our jobs are made easier by the unwavering support of our community, and while working together. On behalf of the men and women of the Chambersburg Police Department and me, **we are proud to work with all of you.**

WATER & WASTEWATER UTILITIES

LANCE ANDERSON PE, DIRECTOR, WATER/WASTEWATER UTILITY



Water Utility Meter Replacements

by Lance Anderson PE, Director of Water/Wastewater Utility and Travis Amsley, Assistant Director of Water/Wastewater Utility

The Borough of Chambersburg Water Utility has more than 9,000 metered water connections. These meters range in size from ¾", the typical residential meter, to 8", representing a much larger system meter.

Over the next eight years, Water Utility staff will be reaching out to all water customers to either replace their existing water meter or add a component to it which allows the meter to remotely communicate with the Borough's meter reading platform.

Just as with all utilities in the U.S., the time has come to update the technology in these water meters.

The end-goal is to convert every water customer to an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) platform which will automatically upload a customer's water usage through a cellular modem within the water meter to a software program at the Borough. The information conveyed from the water meter consists solely of water usage data and does not require use of radio frequency. It works in similar fashion as a cell phone. The goal is that this new software and cellular connection is vastly more accurate and can provide benefits for the Water Utility as well as the customer.

The Chambersburg Water/Wastewater Utility depends upon monthly meter readings for both billing and water accountability numbers. Prior to this AMI transition, water meters were read manually by Borough staff with each meter being read approximately once per month. Reading a water meter once per

BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG WATER CUSTOMER

You are receiving this notice because your water meter needs replaced at no cost to you.

The replacement will take between 10 minutes and 1 hour depending on access to the meter, which is most likely located near your water heater. Having the area cleared will help expedite the installation of the new water meter.

Please contact the Borough Customer Service Center at 717-263-4111 at your earliest convenience to schedule this appointment.

All borough employees have photo identification that you can request to see before they enter your house.

Your prompt reply would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Borough of Chambersburg
Water Department

FIRST NOTICE

Please contact the Borough of Chambersburg Customer Service Center at 717-263-4111 to schedule your water meter replacement appointment.

month does little for immediately identifying issues such as inoperable meters or leaks in between periods of the meter being read every 30 days.

The AMI platform allows for all converted water accounts to be read and analyzed each day for usage. Having all of our meters on this platform will allow for a totaled amount of metered water for each day readily available, and can be compared to the water the treatment plant meters each day, which makes water accountability much easier to manage and report.

The current customers who have already been transitioned to the AMI platform in our pilot project have benefitted significantly from the platform in terms of immediate leak detection and other metering conditions such as low flow, loss of signal, or backwards flow – which is something we intend to try to eliminate. Another benefit of the platform is that customers are encouraged to register for access to their own water meter usage and information, free of charge, to

better monitor and understand their water usage. We think customers will be impressed by the free monitoring software.

Borough staff from the Water Utility have begun transitioning customers to the AMI platform. All water customers will receive a door hanger (shown) directing them to call the Borough's Customer Service Center to schedule an appointment to gain access to their water meter to complete the transition. As long as the customer knows where their water meter is located and the meter is accessible, this transition typically is completed within 15 minutes.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we continue this necessary project. If you have further questions regarding your water meter or water usage, contact the Chambersburg Water Utility or ask the Water Utility staff at your water service appointment.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Infrastructure Upgrades

BACKGROUND

The J. Hase Mowrey Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is a regional treatment facility serving Chambersburg Borough, Greene Township, Guilford Township, and Hamilton Township, which has a regional population of 64,000 people. The facility is owned and operated by the Borough of Chambersburg and serves the surrounding townships through an Intermunicipal Agreement.

The Borough Wastewater Utility has a plan for addressing plant infrastructure.

The WWTP was constructed in 1912, and over the years the Borough and the township partners have invested in significant enhancements to the system, including numerous capacity upgrades as well as upgrades in treatment technology. The most recent system upgrade was a \$39 million project completed in 2017 to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous levels to meet Chesapeake Bay requirements and to increase plant capacity from 6.8 million gallons per day to 11.28 million gallons per day to support regional growth and development. Now, the municipal partners must embark on another significant upgrade to the plant to address critical infrastructure challenges. The total projected cost of the project is estimated to be in excess of \$17 million with engineering design taking place in 2026-2027 and construction targeted for 2028-2029.

PROJECT NEED

The WWTP's aging infrastructure threatens the plant's operational reliability and regulatory compliance. Key systems—including ultraviolet (UV) disinfection, sludge dewatering, grit removal, internal recycle pumping, and SCADA controls—are outdated, no longer supported by manufacturers, and at heightened risk of failure. Maintenance costs continue to rise, and obsolete technology limits the plant's ability to operate efficiently and integrate modern processes. Without necessary upgrades to its infrastructure and core processes, the WWTP risks process disruptions, environmental non-compliance, and increased operational costs. Investing in these improvements will ensure safe, reliable wastewater treatment, protect public health, and sustain long-term performance.

PROJECT SCOPE

The project scope includes the replacement of obsolete and end-of-life equipment as well as improvements to the equipment facilities. Specific planned replacements include:

- *The UV disinfection system will be replaced and the operation will receive upgrades to the electrical hardware, controls, and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) computer integration. UV disinfection is the final treatment process before effluent is discharged to the Conococheague Creek.*
- *The belt press sludge dewatering equipment will be replaced with dual centrifuges, an upgrade in dewatering technology. Improvements will also include upgrades to the sludge processing building for code compliance.*
- *The Grit classifier operation will be replaced with a dual unit to modernize operations and add redundancy.*
- *The 1978 headworks and pumping station will be demolished and a new, submersible pumping station for in-plant recycle flows will be constructed.*
- *The plant's SCADA computer system will receive enhancements and the replacement of obsolete equipment for long-term reliability and integration of modern plant operations.*



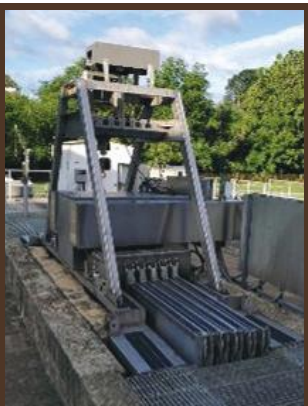
Grit Classifier



1978 Headworks



Belt Press



UV Disinfection



SCADA

PROJECT FUNDING

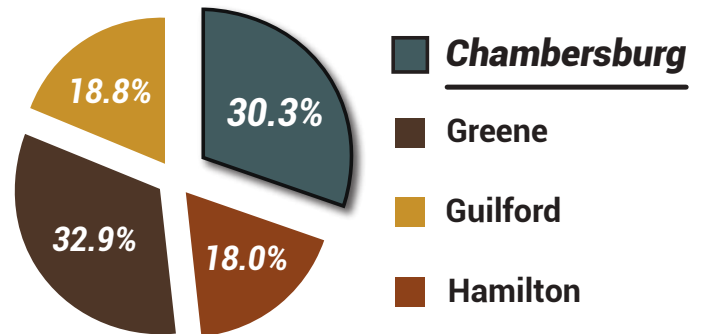
While this is a very large upgrade project, when shared by all the sanitary sewer systems that use the WWTP, the cost is manageable.

For the project, each municipal partner will be responsible for their cost proportional to their allocated capacity as defined in the Intermunicipal Agreement which was executed on September 13, 2010. Based on the Agreement, the Borough's share would be 30.3% of \$17 million or \$5.15 million. The remaining project costs will be distributed among the Township Partners as noted on the chart.

While a capital project of this size may lead to rate increases, the Wastewater Utility will continue to work with our project team to reduce the overall costs through design efforts and exploring grant funding opportunities. Ultimately, no tax dollars are used to fund the project.

Chambersburg's J. Hase Mowrey Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant has been a symbol of intermunicipal cooperation for over 50 years. The current upgrade project will allow the facility to continue to support the Chambersburg area for decades to come.

WWTP Approximate Capital Project Costs



NATURAL GAS UTILITY

JOHN LEARY, DIRECTOR, NATURAL GAS UTILITY



Natural Gas Utility Continues Extensive Infrastructure Project – Streets Impacted

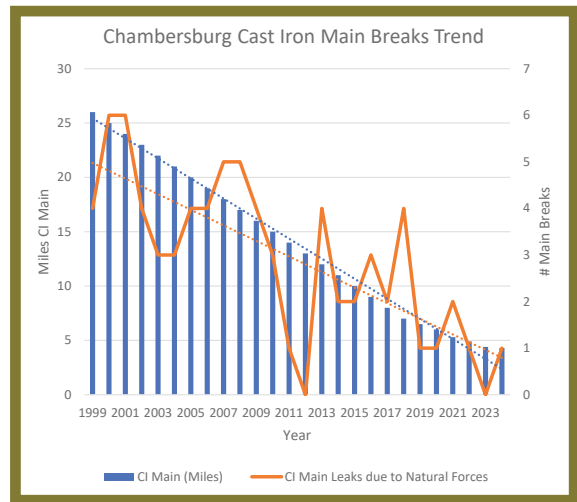
Throughout 2026, the Borough of Chambersburg Natural Gas Utility plans to continue our major program of replacing older gas piping. The

Borough is very proud of the fact that our gas system is one of the safest systems in Pennsylvania. Having a safe system, however, means that we must continuously work to make improvements to our infrastructure. Completion of this work requires extensive street excavation, which, unfortunately, can cause temporary inconveniences to drivers in the Borough.

Please be prepared for a number of significant street excavations for gas system improvements in 2026.

The highest priority improvements that can be made to the Chambersburg gas system involve the replacement of older piping, that is at greater risk of cracking or rusting. By replacing this piping with modern plastic pipe, we can significantly improve the safety and reliability of the system, for decades to come.

When we began our replacement program in the year 1999, there were 26 miles of old cast iron gas mains, with bare steel service lines, in the Borough. Since that time, we have replaced over 22 miles of old mains (and attached services), leaving three and a half miles remaining. As we've replaced our older gas piping, gas leaks have significantly decreased in the Borough. Unfortunately, much of the remaining pipe to be replaced is under busy State-owned Streets, making its replacement very expensive.



Thankfully, the Borough has received two grants from the Federal Government, totaling about \$10.8 million, for the replacement of the remaining older piping. These grants will enable the Borough to remove all of the remaining cast-iron mains (and associated steel services) within five years.

In 2026, our efforts will be mostly focused on replacement work on S. Second St. (between Garfield Street and Lincoln Way East), Garfield Street (between S. Main St. and S. Second St.), Nelson St. (between Prince St. and 5th Ave.), and S. 4th St. (between Lincoln Way East and E. Washington St.). When our work is complete, we will have the streets permanently restored.

We recognize that the impacts to the public will be greatest during our work on S. Second St. and Garfield St., as these make up a large part of Route 11 through Chambersburg. The Natural Gas Utility will do everything we can to ease the impact of our work, but we realize it will cause inconveniences to many. We apologize for this impact, and ask for the public's patience as we complete these projects. We understand the frustration this work causes, but it will improve the safety of the system, and of the Borough. The Natural Gas Utility sincerely thanks the public for your understanding!



ELECTRIC UTILITY

JEFF HEVERLEY PE, DIRECTOR, ELECTRIC UTILITY



Electric Utility Continues to Benefit from Large Utility-Scale Solar Facility

For over 130 years, the Borough of Chambersburg has been invested in Electric generation to benefit the businesses and residents of the town. Borough-owned and contracted generation assets have been, for well over a century, a net overall positive contributor to helping control the cost of electricity for everyone in the Borough's power supply pool. Historically, the resources had been comprised of physical engine driven generators initially fueled by coal and steam, now Diesel Fuel Oil and Natural Gas. Since going into commercial operation in early 2013, the Borough has benefited from the supply from the 6-Megawatt (MW) landfill methane gas fueled power supply.

The Borough has a portfolio of wholesale power supplies in addition to our own generation assets. Management of the portfolio is intended to provide Chambersburg homes and businesses with the lowest possible energy rates while maintaining a high level of reliable electric delivery. The Power Supply team comprised of Borough staff, Council representatives, the Solicitor's office, and consulting support by GDS Associates carefully review upcoming needs and weigh diverse supply options.

In 2020, the Borough embarked upon adding a community solar energy project to the purchase power portfolio. This exciting project is another example of a generation resource addition through a power purchase agreement (PPA), injected behind the transmission service billing meter, serving our community and providing cost-lowering power supplies for the future. In a partnership initially with Sun Tribe and Safari Energy, the Borough started receiving in 2022 nearly 30,000 MWh of renewable power which powers an equivalent of about 2,600 homes.

Many citizens and businesses do not realize that so much of the Borough's electricity comes from solar.

The 15 MW AC Chambersburg Solar Center is currently owned and operated by Aspen Power. The full output, with all of its valuable attributes connects directly onto the Borough's Electric Utility system behind the interconnection meter directly serving Chambersburg load. Staff is in regular contact with the Aspen team to keep the facility operating as effectively as possible.

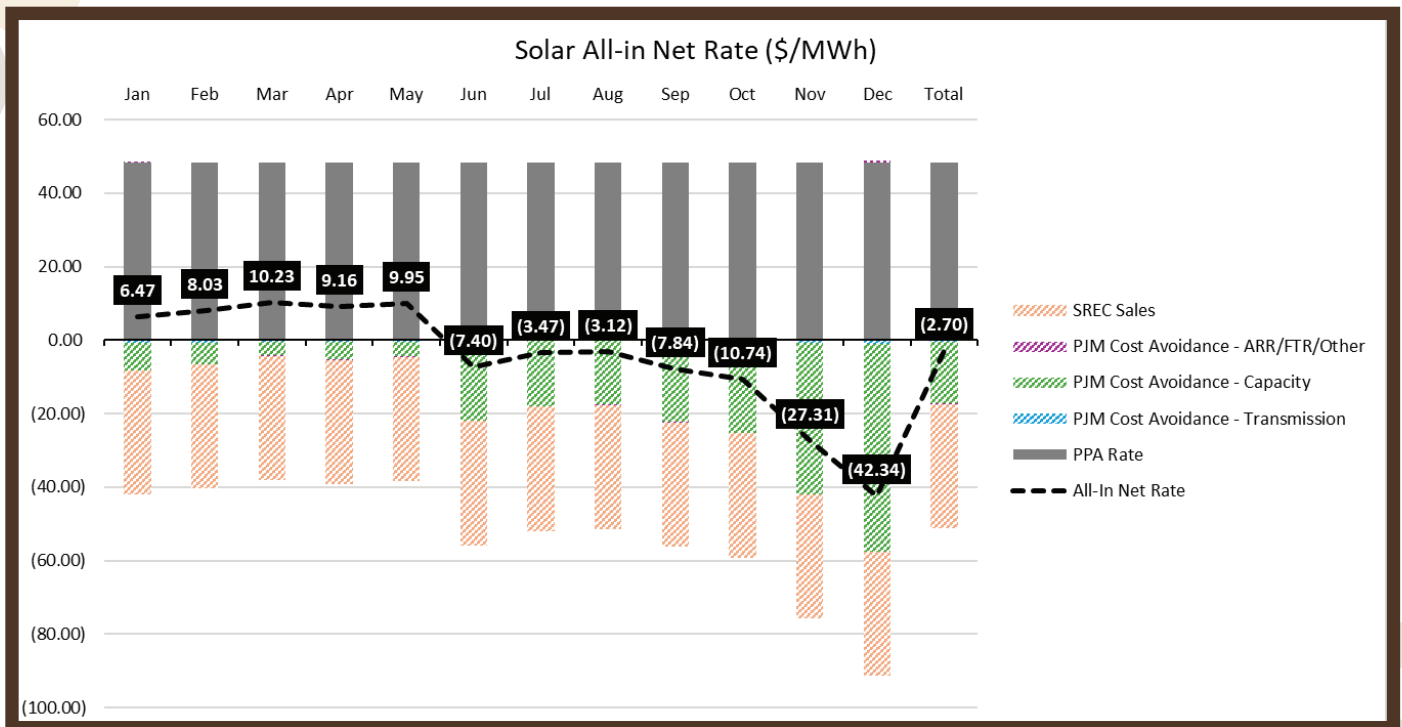
In 2025, Solar generation made up nearly 8% of the Borough power supply needs. All in across the year, that power supply was a net credit to the Borough

of nearly \$3 per Megawatt-Hour (MWh) even after paying the \$48.40 PPA rate – all of which works to lower everyone's monthly electric bill. The main credit reduction factors are made up of roughly 36% from the PJM Capacity market reduction and 70% by the SREC sales. A Solar Renewable Energy Certificate (SREC) is a tradable asset earned for each MWh of solar power generated, providing additional income for solar system owners by marketing these certificates to utilities needing to meet state renewable energy mandates (Renewable Portfolio Standards).

This is an incredible part of how the Borough power supply reduces costs to customers. Standard market power supply purchases averaged nearly the base Solar PPA rate at \$47.80 per MWh in 2025 without all of the associated Behind-the-Meter (BTM) and SREC benefits. Our other award-winning green energy project, the Landfill Gas (LFG) Power Plant, which does provide similar BTM capacity and transmission benefits but does not have the added SREC value, came in about \$10/MWh lower than standard block supplies. Solar's BTM capacity benefits are generally quite consistent as its production is highest in summer, when the PJM Capacity market peaks occur. It does not provide as consistent transmission benefits, as the annual zonal peak for our area often occurs on an early morning hour of winter, when solar is not yet producing. Even with very limited transmission cost benefit in 2025, capacity cost avoidances and SREC revenues were enough to offset over 100% of the PPA rate.

Over the last few years, Pennsylvania SRECs dropped in price from about \$30-40/MWh to \$20-25/MWh, where they are currently trading for SRECs produced through the early 2030s. If that decline in price continues, we could see prices in the \$15-20/MWh range moving into the mid-2030's, however it's impossible to tell what unknown future events may influence prices in either direction. With that the project will likely reduce some in value as time goes, but still will remain an extremely worthwhile component of the Borough's overall power supply portfolio. As SREC prices are dropping, the PJM Capacity market has been on the rise.

Through the end of 2025, electric rates inside the Borough system remained approximately 40% less than similar rates paid by residents and businesses that utilize West Penn Power that surrounds the Borough. Even though this was a very cold winter, we are happy to be able to deliver energy at such rates to all our customers.





RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MATTHEW HUTCHISON, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

With Adoption of the 2026 Budget, Town Council Approved a New Fee Structure for the Chambersburg Aquatic Center

by Matthew Hutchison, Director of Recreation and Benjamin Hayhurst, Director of Finance

Background

The Chambersburg Aquatic Center opened in 2018 and has been enjoyed by thousands annually, attracting both local and regional patrons.

After discussion in late 2024 in anticipation for the 2025 season, Council identified the need for a comprehensive fee structure review. The existing fee structure had increased in complexity and disparity over the years. For example, a \$1 annual increase for Borough residents at a base rate of \$10 is a 10% increase, whereas a \$1 annual increase for non-local residents at a base rate of \$19 is only a 5% increase. Similarly, fixed membership pricing for 2-member families through 5-member families disadvantaged smaller families in the old fee structure.

At Council's direction, an ad hoc subcommittee was formed to review the Aquatic Center's fee structure and provide a recommendation to Council in time for the 2026 season. The subcommittee was comprised of representatives from Town Council and the Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC), Borough staff, and community members.

The existing fee structure included two primary rate schedules:

1) daily rates; and 2) membership rates.

Daily rates included five primary categories impacting pricing:

- 1) Residency (Resident/Franklin County/Non-Resident);
- 2) Day of the Week (weekend/weekday);
- 3) Time of Day (daytime/twilight);
- 4) Age (under 1/over 60); and 5) Height (under 42"/over 42").

Membership rates included four primary categories impacting pricing:

- 1) Residency (Resident/Non-Resident);
- 2) Fixed Rate (2-member to 5-member families pay the same price);
- 3) Variable Rate (6+ member families at an additional \$20 per member);
- 4) Discount Period (10%/15%/20% off).

Everything was on the table during analysis – the entire system was open to re-evaluation.

Analysis & Recommendation

Analysis was based on specific patron utilization of the Chambersburg Aquatic Center during the 2025 season as well as current rates from roughly eleven (11) regional comparable pools. The rate concept moves to a standardized base rate with premiums and discounts applied to that base rate for each primary category. Doing so ensures future rate increases will move comparatively and not skew over time.

Daily pool visitors and annual Aquatic Center membership visitors should anticipate a new fee system beginning this year.

Daily Rates

The subcommittee recommended the removal of the daily rate, Franklin County (area) tier as well as the height category. Few, if any, regional comparable pools offered such price distinctions and their removal reduces complexity and improves alignment with the membership rates. Going forward, there will be two-tiers only: in-borough residents and not-in-borough residents. In the past, the area townships have not shown any interest in participating in the Aquatic Center opportunities for their citizens and therefore, there is no benefit in discounting rates for those not living inside the borough, but still living somewhere in Franklin County. Also, the 42" height category was folded into the age category, offering discounts for children through 4 years old.

A further analysis was performed on each pricing category. This covers the daily rate, day of the week category. The review found 2025 Borough utilization was nearly doubled on weekends as compared to weekdays with Borough resident weekend utilization dropping, while non-resident weekend utilization remained steady. Additionally, there were four regional comparable pools showing weekday discounts ranging from 12%-35% with the average discount

of 25%. As such, the subcommittee recommended a 30% reduction from the full weekend rates for weekday use, making it more affordable for residents while balancing pool demand.

Membership Rates

Analysis found the existing fee structure with the high fixed rates and low variable rates disadvantaged small families on a per member basis. For example, a resident 2-member family membership required 13.5 visits to breakeven, whereas a resident 5-member family membership required only 5.4 visits to breakeven. Conversely, a rate model with low fixed rates and high variable rates disadvantages large families – which is also not the goal. For example, assuming a 10-visit breakeven, a resident 2-member family membership would cost \$200, whereas a resident 5-member family would cost \$500. As such, the subcommittee recommended a model combining a moderate fixed rate with a decreasing variable rate, with the goal of still providing a marginal cost benefit to larger families, while also closing the breakeven gap with smaller families.

While the annual Aquatic Center membership rates are very different this year, they are in fact much more fair and uniform.

After a review of 2025 memberships and regional comparable pools, the subcommittee also recommended simplifying the discount period from three periods to a single discount period.

Impact

Simplifying and standardizing the fee structure will lead to some significant shifts in the first year. Some will see rate decreases and some will see rate increases. This logical approach will prevent unintentional disparities over time.

After moving from the subcommittee and through the RAC, Town Council approved the new fee structure with the 2026 budget.



A typical early season day at the pool.

Addendum

While it did not precipitate the fee structure analysis, outside of COVID in 2020, 2025 was the first year the Aquatic Center saw an operating loss. The complex is coming upon its first round of significant maintenance to keep it operational. Past years of favorable performance created a reserve to be used for such maintenance, however, good financial management will be required to keep it in good repair.

It is estimated the new fee structure will net a needed increase in revenue in 2026 and future increases will follow the simplified and standardized approach taken in this analysis.

Finally, Council did leave the door open for more changes in the future as long as data and a fair system are employed to make decisions on future rates.



2026 DAILY RATES & MEMBERSHIPS

Hours of Operation for Members: Monday-Friday, early admittance 12-1 PM through 8 PM
Saturday/Sunday, early admittance 11:30 AM- 1 PM through 8 PM

<u>Individual Memberships:</u>	<u>Non-Borough Resident Rate</u>	<u>Chambersburg Borough Resident Rate</u>
Individual Membership	\$235.00	\$145.00
Sr. Citizen (60+) Membership	\$210.00	\$130.00
<u>Family Memberships:</u>		
2 Family Membership	\$300.00	\$185.00
3 Family Membership	\$365.00	\$230.00
4 Family Membership	\$425.00	\$265.00
5 Family Membership	\$480.00	\$300.00
6 Family Membership	\$530.00	\$335.00
7 Family Membership	\$575.00	\$360.00
8 Family Membership	\$615.00	\$390.00
9 Family Membership	\$650.00	\$410.00
10 Family Membership	\$680.00	\$430.00

15% Discount:
All memberships are 15% off through March 31st, 2026. Membership applications must be received by close of business (5 PM).

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

Membership Information:

- All members on a family membership must reside at the same address.
- Proper ID must be shown to receive the Borough resident rate.
- You must be 13 years of age or older to have an individual membership.

Financial Aid:
For details on financial aid, please contact the Recreation Office at 717-261-3275.

For a full list of membership benefits, please visit our website with the provided QR code or at www.chambersburgpa.gov/rec_dep/



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

	<u>Daily Rate:</u>	<u>Chambersburg Borough Resident Rate:</u>
<u>Weekday (M-F) Rates:</u>		
Under 1	FREE	FREE
Daytime:		
Regular (ages 5-59)	\$14	\$8
Junior (ages 1-4) / Senior (60+)	\$13	\$7
Twilight (after 5 PM):		
Regular (ages 5-59)	\$11	\$6
Junior (ages 1-4) / Senior (60+)	\$10	\$6
<u>Weekend (Sat & Sun) Rates:</u>		
Under 1	FREE	FREE
Daytime:		
Regular (ages 5-59)	\$20	\$11
Junior (ages 1-4) / Senior (60+)	\$18	\$10
Twilight (after 5 PM):		
Regular (ages 5-59)	\$16	\$9
Junior (ages 1-4) / Senior (60+)	\$14	\$8
<u>Special Events, Water Walking:</u>		
Adult / Family Night Rates	\$8	\$4
Water Walking (Daily Rate)	\$6	\$3

Military Benefit:
Active, Veteran, Retired and Reserve military personnel and / or dependents showing proper ID receive 10% off the applicable daily rates. This does not apply to special events / discounted rates, such as Adult / Family Night and Daily Water Walking.

Borough Resident Rate:
To receive the Borough Resident Rate, you must provide proper ID upon entry to validate your residency in the Borough of Chambersburg.

Holiday Daily Admission:
2026 Holidays defined as: Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. On these days, Saturday / Sunday daily rates apply to holidays.



2026 PARTY & RENTAL OPTIONS

Pool Parties

- 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 21st – 50th person is \$5 per person.
- The same group may not schedule back-to-back parties to create a 6-hour party package

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Borough Resident Cost</u>
Pool Party	\$149	\$129
Pool Party w/ Whole Pavilion	\$219	\$209
Pool Party w/ Half Pavilion	\$185	\$175
Pool Party w/ Event Room	\$195	\$179
Pool Party w/ Picnic Pad	\$169	\$145

Full-Day Rentals

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

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Borough Resident Cost</u>
Whole Pavilion	\$99	\$85
Half Pavilion	\$79	\$69
Event Room	\$79	\$69
Picnic Pad #1-6	\$69	\$65
Picnic Pad #7	\$59	\$55

After-Hour Rentals

- 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.
- Activity Area rentals include the pavilion, basketball court, sand volleyball court, and mini golf course.

<u>Full Facility</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Borough Resident Cost</u>
Individuals, Families, or Registered Charity Organization	\$509	\$485
Businesses or Unregistered Organization	\$549	\$525
<u>Activity Area</u>		
Activity Area Only	\$149	\$129

For more information about the Aquatic Center, please visit our website with the provided QR code or at www.chambersburgpa.gov/rec_dep/



Dear Community Business Leaders,

The Borough of Chambersburg is currently searching for sponsors for our annual Independence Day Celebration at Chambersburg Memorial Park. The Chambersburg Recreation Department highly values both traditional recreation and community outreach events such as this one.

For decades, this event has hosted guests in Memorial Park on Independence Day for fireworks, games, music, and themed festivities. The Recreation Department has hosted this specific iteration since 2021, when hosting duties transitioned from the Cumberland Valley 21-Day Retreat. When we have good weather, we estimate approximately 10,000 people attend this event annually.

This year's celebration features a full itinerary on Saturday, July 4, 2026. The day begins with water games at the Chambersburg Aquatic Center for all paid guests, followed by a free park concert featuring multiple local and regional artists. Food trucks and activities will occupy the dusk hours, leading up to the spectacular fireworks display at 9:30 PM.

To support the continued success and gradual growth of the event, we are seeking sponsorship donations from local businesses. Your contribution helps cover the increasing costs of holding this valuable community event, which serves as summer entertainment for all ages.

We offer several sponsorship tiers which provide layers of advertising benefits:

- \$250 for the 250th!
- \$500 Stars & Stripes Sponsors
- \$1,000 Patriot Club
- \$5,000 Fireworks Co-Sponsor
- \$10,000 Main Event Sponsor

A "Main Event" sponsorship provides the most value for both the partner business and our event. Fireworks for this event alone can cost \$20,000 or more! These valuable sponsorship dollars go directly back to the event and help cover associated operational costs. Full sponsorship details for each level are provided within this sponsor packet.

If you would like to participate in this sponsorship opportunity, please complete the last page of this packet and return it with a check payable to "Chambersburg Recreation Department" by May 1, 2026. You will receive a receipt for your donation after it has been processed by our staff.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to financially support Chambersburg's 2026 Independence Day celebration!

Matt Hutchison, CPRP, AFO

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STORM SEWER SYSTEM

ANDREW M. STOTTLEMYER, STORM SEWER SYSTEM MANAGER



2025 Planning & Permitting Leads to Big Projects

The Storm Sewer Utility continues its ambitious track record of reconstruction and maintenance of the Borough's large and complex municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4).

Looking forward through 2026, the utility is off and running with construction on many projects throughout the Borough. Although significant bond financing was secured in 2024, most of 2025 was spent in design, engineering, permitting, and planning for several intense storm sewer and flood control projects, when over the last year have been prioritized.

Industrial Drive Storm Sewer System Improvements

This project involves the installation of approximately 2,000 feet of new and upgraded storm sewer pipe from South Main Street to Hollywell Avenue along with new inlet structures at strategic locations where offsite stormwater discharges onto Industrial Drive. This project should begin shortly.

South Fifth Street Storm Sewer System Improvements

All new storm sewer from Highland Avenue to the west side of the CSX rail line. The project also includes utility relocation as well as boring under the existing CSX rail line with a 48" casing pipe. This project is expected to begin in late spring/early summer and will relieve the existing stormwater system that is in place along S. Fourth Street and adjacent to the new Borough Public Works facility.

North Fourth Street Box Culvert Replacement

Where we will be replacing approximately 1,400 feet of dilapidated concrete box culvert that is adjacent to the Norfolk-Southern rail line that traverses Chambersburg.

These three large construction projects will cause disruption in these neighborhoods, but addressing aging storm sewer infrastructure is priority Number One for the utility.

For years, the Borough of Chambersburg has been seeking grant funding for the Re-Development of the Southgate Shopping Center.

As a part of that neighborhood improvements project, extensive rehabilitation and re-routing of the existing storm sewer system are proposed and phase 1 of the project will be awarded later this year. Phase 1 includes building demolition



Fishing Dock and Canoe/Kayak Launch constructed in 2025. Funding provided by Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission through the Boating Facilities Grant program.

and wall remediation at the former Chambersburg Beauty School and will be followed by phase 2. Phase 2 will cause wide-ranging disruptions throughout the entire Southgate neighborhood as underground utilities, streets, and parks are built or re-built from Water Street, to Washington Street, to a new Cedar Street right through the shopping center itself.

In 2026, the Storm Sewer Utility will continue working with our contractors 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. The Utility will continue working with GMS Funding Solutions in order to apply for grant funding through the Chesapeake Bay Trust and other funding sources for the Foodplain Restoration at the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church. This important project will continue to address the access and storm water management around the Conococheague Creek.

Also, please help with water control yourself.

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 go directly to our streams and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

"If you see something...say something"



The Emergency Notification Database

This system is only as good as the telephone database supporting it. If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be notified in an emergency. To ensure no one is omitted, all individuals and businesses are encouraged to sign up today. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), and primary phone number (additional phone numbers and/or email addresses are optional).

No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included. All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the last year, and who use a cellular phone as their primary home phone.

Hyper-Reach is a geographical based notification system, which means Chambersburg street addresses are needed to select which individuals receive emergency notifications in any given situation. The system works fine for cell phones too, but a street address is required. People who have recently moved but kept the same listed or unlisted phone number also need to change their address in the database.

The information collected will only be used for Borough of Chambersburg emergency notification purposes.

Sign-up options:

https://signup.hyper-reach.com/hyper_reach/signup_page_2?id=90542
or
(717) 494-4565

Major Project Update: Southgate Infrastructure Project Starting Soon

Neighborhood disruptions on some streets for up to two years.

Detours for pedestrians, shoppers, truck deliveries and cars throughout the neighborhood.

Stores will remain open during construction from 2026 to 2028.

Chambersburg Borough created this guide and map to help you navigate through the construction zone.

- Water St. and Rail Trail, between W. Washington St. and W. Catherine St., to be closed for construction and then turned into a linear park with a new trail and landscaping – no cars allowed.
- Underground utilities on W. Washington St. and Cedar St. to be replaced, including large excavation areas, and streets closed to vehicles and traffic during construction – afterwards new utilities, a new public plaza, and storm sewer system repairs to help entire town during heavy rains.
- Cedar St., between W. Washington St. and W. Catherine St., will be re-established as a public street.
- A stormwater bio-retention area will be located on the southwest corner of W. Washington St. and Cedar St.
- This project is funded by several state and federal grants with significant funding provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and PennDOT. The project would have been needed to fix infrastructure even if the Chambersburg Area Municipal Authority and Borough hadn't purchased the shopping center for redevelopment. Following the project, the neighborhood will be reconstructed and the shopping center resold, in part or in whole, for the benefit of the community.



MAP KEY

**WATER ST. AND LIBERTY ST.
CLOSED**

No vehicle access on Water St. and W. Liberty St., as depicted in **orange**.

W. WASHINGTON ST.

Frequent vehicle access disruptions on W. Washington St., as depicted in **yellow**.

SOUTHGATE SHOPPING CENTER

Frequent vehicle access disruptions to the Southgate Shopping Center, as depicted in **blue**. Parking lots will remain open, as depicted in **red**.

BLACK AVE.

Vehicle operators are directed to use Black Ave. to travel north and south, as depicted in **black**.

PEDESTRIANS

Pedestrians are directed to use the sidewalk network, as depicted in **green**.



Questions and concerns should be directed to Guy Shaul, Community and Economic Development Specialist, at 717-251-2446 or gshaul@chambersburgpa.gov.

Actualización de Proyecto Mayor: El Proyecto de Infraestructura de Southgate Comenzará Pronto

Se producirán interrupciones en el vecindario en algunas calles hasta por dos años.

Se establecerán desvíos para peatones, compradores, camiones de reparto y automóviles en todo el vecindario.

Las tiendas permanecerán abiertas durante la construcción de 2026 a 2028.

El Borough de Chambersburg creó esta guía y mapa para ayudarle a navegar por la zona de construcción.

- Water St. y Rail Trail entre W. Washington St. y W. Catherine St., estarán cerradas por obras de construcción y luego se convertirán en un parque lineal con un nuevo sendero y paisaje (no se permitirán vehículos). Servicios públicos subterráneos serán remplazados en W. Washington St. y Cedar St., incluyendo grandes áreas de excavación y calles cerradas al tráfico vehicular durante la construcción. – Posteriormente, se instalarán nuevos servicios públicos, una nueva plaza pública y se reparará el sistema de alcantarillado pluvial para ayudar a toda la ciudad durante las fuertes lluvias.
- Cedar St., entre W. Washington St. y W. Catherine St., se restablecerán como vía pública.
- Se ubicará un área de biorretención de aguas pluviales en la esquina suroeste de W. Washington St. y Cedar St.
- Este proyecto está financiado por varias subvenciones estatales y federales, con una significativa financiación proporcionada por el Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejército de los E.U. y PennDOT. El proyecto habría sido necesario para reparar la infraestructura incluso si la Autoridad Municipal del Área de Chambersburg y el Borough no hubieran adquirido el centro comercial para su remodelación. Tras el proyecto, se reconstruirá el barrio y el centro comercial se revenderá, total o parcialmente, para beneficio de la comunidad.



Clave del Mapa

WATER ST. Y LIBERTY ST.

CERRADO

No hay acceso vehicular en Water St. y W. Liberty St., como se muestra en **anaranjado**.

W. WASHINGTON ST.

Frecuentes interrupciones en el acceso de vehículos en W. Washington St., como se muestra en **amarillo**.

SOUTHGATE SHOPPING CENTER

Interrupciones frecuentes del acceso de vehículos al Southgate Shopping Center, como se muestra en **azul**. Los estacionamientos permanecerán abiertos, como se muestra en **rojo**.

BLACK AVE.

Se indica a los operadores de vehículos que utilicen Black Ave. para viajar norte y sur, como se muestra en **negro**.

PEATONES

Se indica a los peatones que utilicen la red de aceras, como se muestra en **verde**.



Para preguntas e inquietudes deben dirigirse a Guy Shaul, Especialista Comunitario y en Desarrollo Económico, al 717-251-2446 ó gshaul@chambersburgpa.gov.

**ONLINE
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BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG ONLINE CUSTOMER PORTAL

HIGHLIGHTS:

- *VIEW YOUR ACCOUNT FOR FREE**
- *OBTAIN UTILITY BILLS**
- *VIEW UTILITY HISTORY**
- *PAY YOUR BILL**
- *ENROLL IN AUTOPAY**
- *SUPPORTS MOBILE DEVICES**
- *AND MORE!**

NOTE: A payment processing fee is applied by a third-party processor and is not collected by the Borough of Chambersburg.

link to customer portal:

<https://www.chambersburgpa.gov/resident/portal.html>



**BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG
100 S. 2ND STREET
CHAMBERSBURG PA 17201
717-264-5151**



scan with your
mobile device

**ESTAMOS EN
LÍNEA!**

MUNICIPIO DE CHAMBERSBURG PORTAL DE CLIENTE EN LÍNEA

INFORMACIÓN:

- *VER SU CUENTA GRATIS**
- *OBTENER SU FACTURA**
- *VER EL HISTORIAL DE SUS UTILIDADES**
- *PAGAR SU FACTURA**
- *INSCRIBIRSE EN PAGOS AUTOMÁTICOS**
- *SOPORTA DISPOSITIVOS MÓVILES**
- *Y MÁS!**

TOMAR EN CUENTA: UNA TARIFA DE PROCESAMIENTO DE PAGO ES APLICADA POR UN PROVEEDOR TERCERO Y NO ES COLECTADA POR EL MUNICIPIO DE CHAMBERSBURG.

SITIO WEB PARA EL PORTAL DE CLIENTE:

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Borough of Chambersburg

Borough residential trash customers have single stream recycling:



Plastic Bottles or Containers



Food or Beverage Cans



Paper



Flattened Cardboard or Paperboard



Food or Beverage Cartons



Clear, Green or Brown Glass

Do NOT include in your mixed recycling bin:



NO Food Waste
(Compost instead!)



NO Plastic Supermarket Bags or Film



NO Foam Cups, Packing Peanuts or Containers



NO Needles
(Keep medical waste out of recycling. Place in safe disposal medical trash containers)

Please place all recycling in one bin to be picked up by Chambersburg Borough employees every week on the same day and in the same place as your Borough trash pick up.

It is very important to make sure you only recycle those empty containers and those items eligible for recycling. When in doubt, throw it out.

Also, absolutely no food, no liquid and no plastic bags allowed.



RECICLAJE EN SU CASA

Borough of Chambersburg

Los clientes de basura residencial tienen servicio de reciclaje de flujo único:



**Botellas
y contenedores
de plástico**



**Latas de aluminio de
alimentos y bebidas**



Papel y periódicos



Cartón aplanada y cartulina



**Cartones de alimentos
y bebidas**



**Vidrio transparente,
verde y marrón**

NO incluya en su recipiente de reciclaje:



NO residuos de alimentos



**NO bolsas de plástico
supermercado de**



**NO vasos, pedazos, ni
contenedores de poliestireno**



NO agujas

(Los desechos médicos NO se pueden reciclar.
Colóquelos en recipientes de basura médica.)

Por favor, coloque todo su reciclaje en un recipiente aparte de la basura para ser recogido por empleados del Borough cada semana, el mismo día que el Borough se recoge la basura.

Es muy importante asegurarse que solo los desechos vacíos y elegibles (anotados arriba) sean colocados en el recipiente de reciclaje. Si no está seguro si sea elegible, póngalo en la basura.

Absolutamente, ningún comida, líquido, ni bolsa de plástico.

Signs are prohibited in the “Right of Way”

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 enforce 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

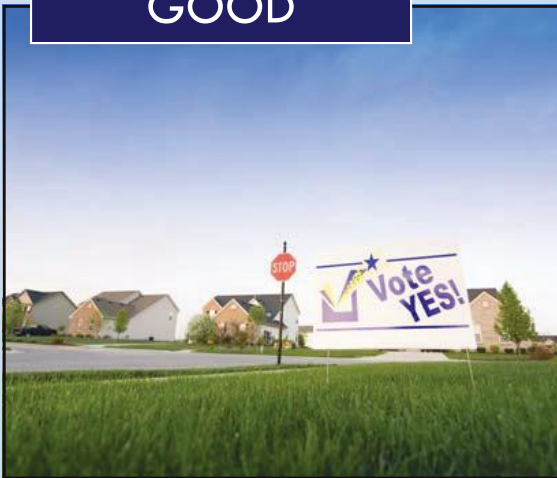
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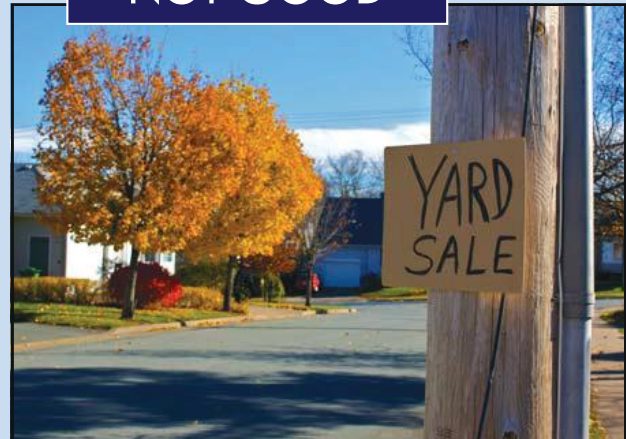
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No private signs on medians, traffic islands, street lights, traffic sign poles, telephone poles or garbage cans (all of which are almost always inside the right of way).

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Community Tackles Humane Way to Care for Feral Cats

By Jeffrey Stonehill, Borough Manager

In January 2016, Town Council held a public meeting to discuss the most effective and humane way to care for the feral or wild cat population in the Borough. While there are a lot of opinions, experience in many other towns demonstrates that there are incredible challenges including social, behavioral, financial, and moral issues when dealing with feral cats. This is clearly no simple problem.

Folks who think there are simple solutions, have missed the lessons of dozens of other towns who continually struggle with this problem. Further, while we all might think we understand the problem, our friends, neighbors, and family may see the feral cat issue completely different than we see it. In local government, we must remain empathetic to all points of view; no matter how contentious.

Feral cat issues plague communities and unlike dogs, there is no State-wide or regional solution to this dilemma.

No one law is going to fix this problem.

However, Council did want to point out some helpful concepts to the public while struggling with solutions:

According to the Humane Society of the United States:

"Nuisance behaviors, such as urinating and defecating in someone's yard or garden, digging in someone's yard or garden, jumping on someone's car, and upsetting an owned cat, are the greatest concerns that the general public has about outdoor cats."

"A stray cat is a pet who has been lost or abandoned, is used to contact with people, and is tame enough to be adopted. A feral cat is the offspring of stray or feral cats and is not accustomed to human contact. Feral cats are usually too fearful to be handled or adopted."

"Stray cats may be reunited with their families or adopted into new homes, but feral cats will find it difficult or impossible to adapt to living as pets in close contact with people. But that doesn't mean there aren't many things you can do to improve feral cats' health and quality of life."

"Overpopulation is a serious concern, as well. In the United States, approximately 2 percent of the 30 to 40 million community (feral and stray) cats have been spayed or neutered. These cats produce around 80 percent of the kittens born in the U.S. each year. Although 85 percent of the estimated 75 to 80 million pet cats in the U.S. are already spayed or neutered, many have kittens before they are spayed or neutered. Those kittens, especially if they are allowed outdoors, add to the number of outdoor cats and the problems associated with them."

"Spaying or neutering community (feral and stray) cats using trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs will reduce their numbers over time. Spaying or neutering pet cats before they reproduce will reduce their numbers and help stop pet overpopulation."

"Trap-neuter-return (TNR) is a nonlethal strategy for reducing the number of community cats (feral and stray) and improving the quality of life for cats, wildlife and people. At its most basic, TNR involves humanely trapping community cats, spaying or neutering them, vaccinating them against rabies, surgically removing the tip of one ear (a "tipped" ear is the universally recognized sign of a cat who has been spayed or neutered) and returning the cat to their wild home."

"There are many reasons cat problems are rarely solved by trapping and removing a colony. Community (feral and stray) cats live at a certain location because it offers food and shelter. If a colony is removed, cats from surrounding colonies may move in to take advantage of the newly available food and shelter. The cycle of reproduction and nuisance behavior begins all over again. If all the cats in a colony are not trapped, then the ones left behind will tend to have larger litters of kittens."



"The logic behind bans against feeding feral cats is that if there is no food available, the cats will go away. This rarely happens. First, cats are territorial animals that can survive for weeks without food and will not easily or quickly abandon their territory. As they grow hungrier and more desperate, they tend to venture closer to homes and businesses in search of food. Despite the effort to starve them out, the cats will also continue to reproduce, resulting in the deaths of many kittens. Second, feeding bans are nearly impossible to enforce. A person who is determined to feed the cats will usually succeed without being detected. Repeated experience has shown that people who care about the cats will go to great lengths, risking their homes, jobs and even their liberty to feed starving animals. In addition, there may be more than one feeder and other sources of food, including dumpsters, garbage cans and other animals."

Feeding bans just do not work.

For this reason, the Borough of Chambersburg does not currently have a feeding ban for feral cats. We strongly recommend against the outright feeding of feral cats and instead encourage alternative ways to deal with these animals; such as organizing your neighborhood to establish a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program.

These TNR programs take organization and vigilance. You and your neighbors need to do it as a group. The Borough of Chambersburg cannot organize TNR programs in each neighborhood or monitor their success.

The Borough of Chambersburg has no prohibition on humane trapping of community cats or any animal on your private property. Trapped animals can be brought to the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter. The Borough does not enter upon private property and trap animals on your behalf.

There is nothing to prevent a cat under someone's care from running at large. However, you can trap it on your property.

- There are no local laws to prohibit cat nuisances such as digging in a garden or leaving urine or feces on public or private property
- There is nothing to permit or prohibit the organization of a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program by citizen volunteers who wish to organize and invest their time in such an activity
- There is nothing to permit or prohibit an impoundment facility from neutering cats under their control or collecting fees for their services
- There are no local laws requiring that cats be kept in or only permitted to be at large in the dwelling of their owner
- There is nothing to prevent the Borough from trapping cats on public property (i.e. a park)
- There is nothing to prevent any citizen from trapping cats on their own private property
- The Borough does not have a feeding ban as they are considered ineffectual
- The Borough does not enter upon private property and trap animals on your behalf
- Cats, owned or community, must be treated in a humane manner

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANIMAL CODES IN THE BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG, CALL PHIL WOLGEMUTH, DEPUTY BOROUGH MANAGER, AT (717) 261-3232 OR RESEARCH THE MATTER AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES:

WWW.HUMANESOCIETY.ORG

2025 ACTUAL & PROPERTY TAX RATES

REVENUES:

AMOUNT:

Taxes: Property, Wage, Deed Transfer, Emergency & Municipal & PILOT	\$15,551,215
Police Fines & Costs	\$158,614
Public Recreation	\$269,518
Federal, State & Other Reimbursements	\$7,264,612
Licenses, Permits, & Other Receipts	\$5,064,042
Enterprise Funds	\$75,567,439
Internal Service Funds	\$32,145,634
Payroll, Employee Pensions & Other Trust Funds	\$24,698,194
Surplus Operating Funds from Preceding Fiscal Year	\$42,626,416
Surplus Special and Reserve Funds from Preceding Fiscal Year	\$32,602,558

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$235,948,241
Inter-Fund Transfers	\$25,047,244

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$260,995,485
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APPROPRIATIONS:

AMOUNT:

Fire, Ambulance, & Police	\$13,268,989
Highway, Traffic & Lighting	\$2,666,703
Public Recreation	\$1,612,841
General Administration	\$3,123,598
Community Development	\$1,359,644
Enterprise Funds	\$63,305,858
Internal Service Funds	\$32,772,587
Payroll, Employee Pensions & Other Trust Funds	\$24,972,394
Surplus Operating Funds from preceding Fiscal Year	\$47,370,152
Surplus Special and Reserve Funds from preceding Fiscal Year	\$45,495,474

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$235,948,241
Inter-Fund Transfers	\$25,047,244

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