Shaler Township Administration
300 Wetzl Road, Glenview, PA 15116-2288
P: 412-486-9700 F: 412-487-4107 • Business Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Township Management
Manager: Timothy Rogers
Assistant Manager: Judy Kording
Chief of Police: Sean Frank
Deputy Chief of Police: Kevin Boyle
Engineer: Matthew Sebastian
Bldg. Code Official: Robert Vita
Public Works Director: Anthony Zelina

Township Directory
Business Office: 412-486-9700
Property Tax Department: 412-486-9700
(Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m. – 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Shaler North Hills Library: 412-486-0211
Police Administration: 412-492-2222
Shaler Hampton EMS: 412-487-6590
Hampton Shaler: 412-486-4867
Water Authority: www.hswa-pa.org

Municipal Meetings
Board of Commissioners: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM.
Planning Commission: 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM
Zoning Hearing Board: 2nd Thursday at 7:30 PM
Library Board at SNHL: 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 PM
(Except July, Aug., & Sept.)
Committee Meetings: 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM
(Peninsula: 9:00 AM (meets qtrly.)

E-mail Notification:
Sign up at www.shaler.org for e-mail notifications regarding Township news, alerts, events and meetings.

Shaler Township Holidays
Labor Day, September 7

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION
Township of Shaler administers a Door to Door Solicitation Ordinance. These solicitors are required to obtain a permit. Check page 39 for details.

Construction Project Updates
There are several major construction projects going on throughout Shaler Township this Construction Season. Check out page 38 for more details.

E-MAIL NOTIFICATION:
Shaler Township: facebook.com/ShalerTownship - or - twitter.com/ShalerTownship
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Removal of Abandoned and Junk Vehicles

What is an Abandoned or Junk Motor Vehicle or Motorcycle?

Presumption of abandonment –
A motor vehicle shall be presumed to be abandoned under any of the following circumstances, but the presumption is rebuttable by a preponderance of the evidence:
1. The vehicle is physically inoperable and is left unattended on a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours.
2. The vehicle has remained illegally on a highway or other public property for a period of more than 48 hours.
3. The vehicle is left unattended on or along a highway or other public property for more than 48 hours and does not bear all of the following:
   a) A valid registration plate.
   b) A certificate of inspection.
   c) An ascertainable vehicle identification number.
4. The vehicle has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than 48 hours.

When is a Motor Vehicle Considered to Be Inoperable?

- A motor vehicle that does not have a current registration plate and a current inspection sticker;
- A motor vehicle that does not have the required number of wheels or tires, does not have one or more of its doors or windows, does not have an engine, does not have a battery, or lacks any part which is necessary to self-propel it.

Do not let your haste-free deliveries fall victim to package thieves. Tracking down stolen items defeats the purpose of all that online convenience and causes unnecessary anxiety. Thankfully, you can take security measures to keep your delivered goodies safe even when you are not at home. Here are eight smart moves you can make to foil the plans of porch pirates and prevent package theft.

- Install a security camera
  • Have the package delivered to your workplace
  • Use the Amazon locker for delivery
  • Upgrade your mailbox
  • Network for neighbors to pick up packages that are delivered to your home
  • Add a smart doornull
  • Use Amazon Key
  • Pick up packages in person
And finally, call your local police department and report the theft.

Nuisance Motor Vehicle

- Any condition of a motor vehicle which shall constitute a threat or potential threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the residents of Shaler Township.
- These vehicles can be towed immediately if parked on a public street and the responding officer deems it necessary for public safety.

Notice to Remove

- Shaler Township Police Officers are hereby authorized and directed to give notice by personal service, United States Mail, or by posting of such notice to the owner or occupant, as the case may be, of any premises or location where violations of this chapter exist, directing and requiring such owner or occupant to remove or eliminate such violation within 10 days after the issuance of the notice.
- Covering or draping of tramp over the vehicle or moving the vehicle(s) to another location in Shaler Township does not constitute compliance.
- Failure to comply could result in multiple citations of more than $1,000 being issued.

Abandon and Junk vehicles are an eyesore and threaten the character and safety of Shaler Township neighborhoods. Residents can report these vehicles to the Shaler Township Police Department at (412) 492-2222, 911 or the online anonymous tip form. Every effort will be made to contact the vehicle and property owners to correct the situation.

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AVOIDING PORCH PIRATE THEFTS

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Police Department: facebook.com/PoliceShaler - or - twitter.com/PoliceShaler

WHAT IS AN ABANDONED OR JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTORCYCLE?

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Free Electronics Recycling Event
Saturday, August 29, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Kiwanis Park
State Representative Lori Mizgorski will be hosting a Free Electronics Recycling Event. Items such as televisions (limit 1), monitors, computers, laptops, cell phones, and printers will be collected at the event. Please continue to visit Rep. Mizgorski.com for updates.

Outdoor Outreach
Wednesday, September 9, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Shaler North Hills Library – side garden by flag
State Representative Mizgorski will be hosting this event and she will be available to meet individually with constituents, outside and socially distanced, to discuss legislative matters and state-related issues. Please park in the front parking lot and stay in your vehicle until a staff member confirms your appointment. Registration is required. Please call the district office at 412-487-6605 to register.

Kid’s Coat Shop
A sharing project at North Hills Community Outreach
September 3 – October 11
NHCO holds various collections throughout the year, then distributes the donated goods to those in need. This fall, NHCO is collecting and distributing new coats to children ages infant to 18 years old. We are still accepting coats for all ages, but we are focusing on keeping children warm this winter. New hats, scarves and gloves are also being accepted, as well as gift cards to purchase coats are also greatly appreciated. Please call Vicki Burtnyowicz at 412-487-6316, opt. 1 to arrange a drop off. Learn More at https://nhco.org/donate/sharing-project-donations/required. Please call the district office at 412-487-6605 to register.

TOWNSHIP EVENTS

Save the Date!
FALL FEST IS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT KIWANIS PARK
Events include the hay maze, bounce houses, food, crafts and games!

There will also be fireworks at the conclusion of Fall Fest. The fireworks are rescheduled from the Shaler Township Community Day (July 4th).

Note: Event is subject to change due to additional restrictions imposed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Shaler Township Meetings
Now on Facebook Live
In March 2020, the Township took some steps to move our monthly meetings to a social media platform as in-person attendance was restricted due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Although public meetings are now open for attendance, the Township has made the decision to continue to stream our meetings live on the Shaler Township Facebook Page. Tune in every second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM to see what is happening in the Township and stay in touch with current issues. In September, we will also stream our committee meetings. These meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday from September to May. Committee meetings start at 6:30 PM.

Shaler American Legion Post 785
Has awarded $1,000 college scholarships to the following Shaler Area High School graduates: Olga Hawley, Ella Richards, Stephanie Andres, Gabriella Mizaro, Alumn Roney, Arielle Ginton, Michael Labella, and Darin Mizgorski. Post 785 offers congratulations and best wishes for their continued academic success.

2020 Voting Information and Resources
Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Important Deadlines:

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- Identify your polling location
- Apply for mail-in or absentee ballots
- Learn about the candidates
- Preview the ballot before you vote
- Voter FAQs

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If you need assistance identifying your polling location or obtaining applications for mail-in or absentee voting, please call our office.

Domestic Animal Ordinances
Residents are reminded to keep their pets leashed or under their control, to clean up after them if they are off their private property and to prevent them from making noise that disturbs other residents. Township regulations require residents to control any animal that makes such noise intermittently for 10 minutes or more. Residents are also asked to refrain from leaving food outside for animals, as this practice can attract unwanted vectors such as skunks, possums, etc. Township regulations require that dogs must not stray off their owner’s property, run at large in the Township or defecate another person’s property. Violation of this regulation may carry a fine of not more than $1,000, plus costs of prosecution, and may be sentenced to a period of incarceration not exceeding 90 days, or both.

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Community Events

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Events include the hay maze, bounce houses, food, crafts and games!

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YARD WASTE PICK UP SCHEDULE

Call County Hauling at 724-929-7694 Ext. 3 or e-mail to info@countyhauling.com by 3:00 PM Wednesday of the date below of that week to schedule Yard Waste Collection.

Saturday, March 28  Saturday, June 27  Saturday, September 26
Saturday, April 25  Saturday, July 25
Saturday, May 23  Saturday, August 22

Yard waste includes: leaves, garden residue, shrubbery with no dirt attached, limbs, twigs, brush and tree trimmings, and similar items, but does not include grass clippings and mulch. Yard waste must be placed in a bio-degradable paper bag. Tree trimmings not to exceed 3 inches in diameter. Brush, limbs, twigs and shrubbery must be bundled in lengths not to exceed 4 feet in length and 1-foot total diameter.

Electronic Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Collection

To schedule a collection date, call County Hauling.

“Extended Travel” Billing Waiver Request – also for sale of a vacant home

Form and information located at www.shaler.org under Forms and Trash Collection.

To schedule a collection date, call County Hauling.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Place only the following materials in your recycling cart:

- Aluminum Cans
- Corrugated Cardboard - broken down and placed in cart
- Newspapers and inserts
- Office Paper
- Plastic No. 1 - 2
- Steel Cans
- Phone Books
- Paperback Books
- Junk Mail and Envelopes
- Boxboard: such as tissue, dry food boxes, cereal, noodles and cake boxes.

When draining a swimming pool this year, make sure to protect the waterways of Pennsylvania by following these tips:

- Pool water may be disposed of through the sanitary sewer system ONLY with municipal permission.
- Never dispose of pool water through a storm sewer, which will discharge into a stream.
- If lowering the water level of the pool, let it drain to a lawn to prevent it from running off into a storm sewer.
- If a sanitary sewer system is not available, water may be used for irrigation if it does not run off the property or into a storm sewer.

The discharge of swimming pool water to any waters of the Commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law. Property owners and pool companies that violate this law may be prosecuted and penalized for damages.

Q: Which fireworks are Pennsylvania residents now allowed to purchase and use?

Consumers can now purchase and use “Class C” or “consumer-grade” fireworks that include firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material.

“Display fireworks,” which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place.

Q: Who can purchase fireworks?

Anyone 18 years of age or older can purchase them.

Q: What are the restrictions on where they can be used?

They cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.

They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.

They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.

They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.

They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

Shaler Local Ordinance Chapter 127 – Fireworks

§ 127-8 - Stopping fireworks for violations or public safety

- In the event of any violation of this chapter or of the terms, conditions or limitations noted on a permit for the display of fireworks, or in the event of any unsafe condition occurring before or during the course of a fireworks display, or in the event of any unsafe condition occurring as a result of any use of consumer, display or other fireworks within the Township, the Pennsylvania State Police, Shaler Township Police, the Township Fire Marshal or the appropriate Township Designee, or any other authorized Township representative, may, before or during the unsafe and/or violating occurrence, order such fireworks use or display to be stopped in the interest of public safety.

Any person, persons, firm, partnership or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof before any Magisterial District Judge, be sentenced to pay a fine of $1,000 per day for each and every offense as well as costs of prosecution and, in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days. Each incident in violation of this chapter shall be considered a separate offense and may be punishable as such.

Q: What are the restrictions on where they can be used?

They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present.

They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

Shaler Local Ordinance Chapter 128 - Noise

§ 128-2 - Unreasonable noise prohibited

A. Unless exempted under the provisions of this chapter, no person shall make, continue, cause to be made or continued, directly or indirectly, any unreasonably loud, harsh, prolonged or excessive noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the health, comfort, repose, safety or welfare of others within the Township of Shaler unless the making and continuing of the noise is necessary for the protection or preservation of property or the life, health or safety of a person or persons.

B. The following specific acts are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this chapter, but said enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

Subsection (2)

Radio and television sets, machines, etc. The use of radio or television receiving sets, musical instruments, or other machines or devices for the producing or reproducing of sound in such manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants at or any time with volume louder than is necessary for convenient hearing, for the person or persons who are in the room or vehicle in which such machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. Operation of any such set, instrument, machine or device between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the dwelling unit, nonresidential structure or vehicle in which it is located shall be evidence of a violation of this section.

§ 158-6 - Violations and penalties.

Any person, persons, firm, partnership or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof before any Magisterial District Judge, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than $1,000, plus costs of prosecution, and be sentenced to a period of incarceration not exceeding 90 days, or both. Each and every day that the offense continues shall be considered as a separate offense and shall be subject to separate and distinct penalties.
**HOW TO CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP THROUGH THE SHALER TOWNSHIP WEBSITE**

Residents can call the Township Office at (412) 486-9700, stop in at 300 Wetzel Road, or follow the instructions below to submit a form online.

2. Click on “Contact the Township” listed on the right side of the screen.
3. Fill in the required fields on this page including:
   - Name
   - Email Address
   - Phone Number
   - Address, City, State, Zip Code
   - Who the Message is for
   - Your Message

   Note: If you would like to receive a copy of the form, enter your email address at the bottom.

4. Click “Submit” once you have completed the form.

**HOW TO REPORT A CONCERN THROUGH THE SHALER TOWNSHIP WEBSITE**

Residents can call the Township Office at (412) 486-9700, stop in at 300 Wetzel Road, or follow the instructions to the right to report a concern online.

2. Click on “Report a Concern” listed on the right side of the screen.
3. Click the link under the category that best describes your concern.
   - For example, if you want to report that your street sign is down, click on “Non-Emergency Street Sign Request” listed under Public Works.
   - You will then be prompted to sign in to your account.
   - Click “Existing Account” if you already have an account on the Township website. You will need to enter your login information and click “Sign In.”
   - If you do not have an account, click “Create an Account.”
   - You also have the option to sign in through your Facebook or Yahoo! account.
4. At the top of the form, enter a brief description of your problem/concern.
5. In the next section, enter the location of your problem.
   - Note: Street Number and Name, City, and State are required fields.
   - If applicable, click on “Choose File” to upload any photos showing your problem.
6. Enter your personal information under the “Your Information” section.
   - Note: The “Preferred Contact Method” is a required field.
7. Click “Submit” once the form is completed.
2020 Paving Program

The 2020 paving program is expected to begin in mid-late July and continue through the month of August. The paving contract was awarded to Youngblood Paving in late July and will continue through the month of August. This project is expected to be completed in late October 2020. The car detour is Wetzel Road to Virginia Avenue to W Shaw Pl to Kleber Road to Friday Road to Spencer Ridge Drive to Spencer Lane Ext to end.

STREET     FROM   TO

Balsam Drive    E Effrerd Rd  Ponderosa Drive
Bayhill Drive  Limestone Drive  Dressel Road
Bayleye Avenue  Grant Avenue  Little Pine Creek Rd
Chopper Drive  McCherry Road  Glenhaven Drive
Cresting Lane  E Street  to both ends
Davie Avenue  Seavey Road  Hill Street
Farview Road  Park Lane  to end
Great Oak Road  W. Sutter Road  to Shaler Twp Border
Hazel Street  Willow Street  Maple Street
Holly Circle  Kimble Drive  to end
Itea Street  Royal Blvd  Lucille Street
Key Street  Saxonburg Blvd  to end
Lederer Avenue  Marzolf Road  Woodhaven Ct
Limestone Drive  Dressel Road  Bayhill Drive
Lincoln Street  Iola to Vilsack  Vilsack Road
Oakwood Street  Soose Road  to end
Redstone Drive, Kimble to Moonstone  Kimble Drive  Moonstone Drive
Raywood Street  Soose Road  Paema Drive
Rosewood Drive  Middle Road  Middle Road
Lincoln Avenue, Berner to Centre  Berner Street  Centre Avenue
Sheehorn Drive, Limestone to eastern culdesac  Limestone Drive  Eastern culdesac
Spencer Ridge Drive  Spencer Lane Ext  to end
Summit Street  Friday Road  to end
Vanango Avenue, Anderson to Cambria  Anderson Road  Cambria Pt
Vernonia Avenue  W Shaw Pl  Klaber Road
Willet Road  Mount Royal Blvd  Effirowd Road
Woodhaven Court  Lederer Avenue  to both ends
Woodland Avenue - Off Glenshaw  Glenshaw Avenue  to end

NO IMPACT HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

There are many residents in Shaler Township who conduct business operations directly from their homes. To comply with the Shaler Township Zoning Code, individuals must complete a No-Impact Home Based Business Application form and submit it along with a $25 fee to Shaler Township for review and approval.

Requirements for No Impact Home-Based Business

A business or commercial activity administered or conducted shall be clearly secondary to the use as a residential dwelling and shall involve no customer, client or patient traffic, whether vehicular or pedestrian, pickup, delivery or removal functions to or from the premises, in excess of those normally associated with residential use. The business or commercial activity must satisfy the following requirements:

• The business activity shall be compatible with the residential use of the property and surrounding residential uses.
• The business shall employ no employees other than family members residing in the dwelling.

Businesses soliciting door to door in Shaler Township are required to obtain a permit, which requires background checks, photos and applications for each person soliciting for that business. A list of businesses with valid solicitation permits for Shaler Township can be found on the Township website. The Township receives many applications throughout the year, including sales of educational materials, electronic energy sales, pest control services and cable television providers. The Township cannot deny these companies the right to solicit door to door, but we have some options for homeowners to consider regarding this matter.

Hours for soliciting are from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. No soliciting is permitted on Sundays and national holidays. Shaler Township residents may submit their address to the "No Solicitation List". This list is provided along with the permit to the solicitor once all their background information has been verified and prior to the issuance of permits. This list is sorted by street address and companies are advised that they are not permitted to solicit at addresses contained on this list. The "No Solicitation List" will be updated every three years. If you provide your email address when you sign up to be included on the list, you will receive an email as the expiration date of your listing approaches the expiration date asking if you wish to remain on the list. Businesses that have permits before that date may still solicit your residence unless you have a "No Solicitors" sign on your door. "No Solicitors" stickers are available at the Township Municipal Office for $2.00.

Please keep in mind that religious organizations, non-profits as well as community groups, are exempt from applying for a solicitation permit.

For more information regarding any of the information above, please refer to the Shaler Township website under Community, Door Solicitation.

If you have issues with a business soliciting, please call 9-1-1 immediately. The Police Department will investigate and determine if the individual has a permit. Many residents email the Township or wait until the next day to lodge a complaint. By then, the solicitor has left the area and the police have a more difficult time locating the person to speak with them regarding the complaint.

Except for § 169-13A (relating to exclusive right to a location) and § 169-138 (relating to prohibited hours of canvassing and soliciting), nothing in this chapter shall be held to apply to:

A. Any sales conducted pursuant to statute or by order of any court.
B. Home delivery of daily or weekly newspapers.
C. Persons having an established place of business within the Township or their employees, for soliciting orders from customers and delivering the same.
D. Farmers who themselves or through their employees vend, sell or dispose products of their own farms or gardens.
E. Soliciting by charitable or religious canvassers when the person is acting in his or her capacity as a member of a charitable, religious or nonprofit organization or corporation which has received tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) or other similar civic, charitable or nonprofit organizations.
F. Person engaged in political or other First Amendment speech or solicitation.
G. Minors under the age of 18 years of age.

For more information regarding the Shaler Township Ordinance. Please refer to the Shaler Township website under Government, Ordinances, Chapter 169 for Peddling / Solicitation.
Follow us on Social Media: facebook.com/shalerlibrary; twitter.com/shalerlibrary; instagram.com/shalerlibrary

Email notification: Sign up on our website at www.shalerlibrary.org for our monthly emails.

NEW HOURS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):
• MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
• TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 1 P.M. TO 7 P.M.
• SATURDAY: 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

HOLIDAY HOURS AND CLOSURES:
• MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY: LIBRARY CLOSED

SEPTEMBER IS LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

Even with the doors closed in the spring, we continued to serve residents in a variety of virtual ways! We connected you and your family to thousands of electronic books, magazines and film, the wackiness of Miss Ing and Miss Rebekah in service to kids and families, book groups, tech tips, information on paper on the front porch and electronically, book recommendations, and so much more! We still made needed repairs, reworked areas of the library, purchased PPE for staff and patrons and readied the facility for your return. We remain ever grateful to Shaler Township and our residents for their constant support.

The Buncher Foundation will again sponsor Love Your Library Month in September! That means your donation will go a little further this month. Every donation and sale will qualify for a pro-rated match. If you are able please consider a donation in any amount. We are so grateful for your kindness and support. Many of you have already reached out and donated—thank you so much.

• Look for the return of our Friends of SNHL Used Book Sale in September
• Purchase a raffle ticket to win one of our famous raffle baskets
• Adopt-a-magazine
• Adopt-an-ebook
• Adopt-an-author or donate towards the purchase of a new book in honor of someone special
• Sponsor a Day to honor a September Birthday, a local business, an anniversary, and more

Details coming!

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

We didn’t get to celebrate our amazing and generous volunteers in May. But a special thank you shout-out to all of you who give of your time and talents to help us keep moving forward. Our program will resume after we re-assess our needs and make sure we can ensure the safety of staff, patrons and our special volunteers. Thank you for everything and we do miss each and every one of you.

THINKING ABOUT AND FOREVER THANKFUL

• To the Shaler Garden Club and our Garden Tour Participants
• To our Touch-A-Truck Sponsors
• To Clint Stokes and our Car Cruise Supporters

It was hard not to host our favorite summer community events and fundraisers. We have such a wonderful time showcasing our talented community gardeners, our community friends who share their trucks and our favorite oldies DJ and car cruise fans. Their support for the library is amazing—we miss all of you and we will see you next summer!

WE HAVE THE BEST OF FRIENDS

The Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library actively work to make SNHL a better place. They held their annual meeting in our parking lot in May to donate $17,000 of critical unrestricted funds to the library. Membership is only $15.00, $25.00 for a household. For more information contact Janet Miller at jmppet@msn.com. (The membership form is also available on the Library Website.)

We need friends more than ever before!

Zoom with us to talk books - Monday & Day Night Book Group
Join us to chat about a great fiction title on the second Monday of the month at Noon and 6:30PM. If the weather permits, we may chat outside! Otherwise we will meet virtually via Zoom. Email Sharon at mcrasen@einetwork.net for more information.

“Talking with Strangers: what we should know about the people we don’t know”
Malcolm Gladwell’s book has taken the bestseller list by storm! This quirky, readable non-fiction author writes about how we assume things about strangers and delves deeper into some of the most critical headlines of our day. Let’s talk about this fascinating book—via Zoom and in-person with registration.

Tuesday, September 29 at Noon and 6:30PM

Share your COVID19 story
SNHL is collecting your stories for a historic record of what life was like for our residents during this pandemic. Your story matters. Visit www.shalerlibrary.org and click on the “Saving our History” link to fill out the Google form. Or write it down and
mail it to us. Your information will be used strictly for historical reflection.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS, FAMILIES AND TEENS

Count on the amazing Miss Ing & Miss Rebekah and the Youth Services Team to keep bringing the fun, the wacky and the educational programs you know and love! Be sure to stay tuned to www.shalerlibrary.org and follow along with your favorites like Book Babies, Mother Goose, Dance Party, and Fun Food for Kids, Toddler, Saturday Stories and American Girl! But you know more awaits! There is always Halloween, Harry Potter fun, trivia and game nights too! While you know we love sharing stories and activities in person, right now, virtual is how we will continue to serve to help our community stay safe and healthy.

YOUR LIBRARY FROM HOME

We understand if you are not ready to head back into your public library just yet! But we are here for you.

• Visit http://library.einetwork.net/home/ to borrow eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines and films—free with your library card.
• Need a card? Sign up at https://librarycatalog.einetwork.net/.
• Have a question? Email us at snlibrary@gmail.com, call us at 412-486-0211, or ask via social media.
• Access the Library Wi-Fi—contact free from your vehicle in our parking lot. There is no password required but you will need to 'accept' the Internet terms to connect.
• Visit the library website at www.shalerlibrary.org for more information about park and pickup (as staffing allows), printing documents remotely or how we can help with getting information to you.

We invite you to explore our vast collection of digital materials, including eBooks and eAudobooks; streaming TV and movies, magazines, music and more! Visit our Website for more information and use the eResources and Your Library from Home tab in the green navigation bar. Give these a try:

• Libby/Overdrive—your best source for ebooks and e-audios.
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WHEN YOU VISIT THE LIBRARY, SOME THINGS ARE DIFFERENT:

As always, we strive to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers and residents.

We’ve Taken These Steps:

• Sneze guards have been installed at all service desks.
• Social distancing markers and guides have been placed throughout the library.
• Chairs, toys and imaginative play items have been quarantined.
• Computers have been spaced apart. General seating is limited.
• Books and materials have been quarantined for 72 hours and cleaned as well.
• Regular cleaning and sanitizing is ongoing.

How You Can Help:

• Please postpone your visit if you are feeling unwell.
• Visitors are required to wear masks covering the nose and mouth to visit the building. There are many options for those with health issues—let us know and we are happy to help.
• Social distancing is required. No eating is permitted in the Library.
• Stay together as a family unit if bringing children into the building.
• Let us know if we can help you find your materials more quickly or help with any other need.
• Use hand sanitizer provided by the library before browsing the collection.
• Wipe off the computer keyboard, mouse and chair prior to using the computer. There is a limit of one hour for computer use.
• We encourage visits to be short and we are currently not scheduling community meetings.

LIBRARY MATERIALS:

• Drop off your returns at the outside book drop. You can return all library materials from any Allegheny County library in the book drop.
• There will be NO late fees for your items (though donations are welcome, visit our Website for information on ways you can help your Library).
• Some items may not be checked in off your card right away—this has to do with quarantining (72 hours) and the Holds system.
• Understand that as library budgets tighten, the ability to request materials may become an issue and wait times for those requests will be longer. If you are in a book group or have homework needs, please plan ahead.
• Fine Free for the rest of the year!
• No matter when you borrowed library materials, bring them back—no worries about overdue fines. We know this has been a tough time for everyone and we know life happens. Our goal is just to get materials back so that others may use them. If there are issues with your account, please reach out—we are happy to work with you. Don’t hesitate to reach out as we don’t know your circumstances, or content information changes. We can only assume if you can get to a library to borrow, you can get back to a library to return items. Thank you!