



Welcome to New Freedom Borough!

New Freedom sits on land that was once lush farming areas. There are multiple parks, playgrounds, and green spaces in New Freedom. There are many ball fields for sports such as softball, baseball, and soccer.

New Freedom once had an active railroad line running through it. Unused portions of the old rail line has become part of the rail trail where citizens can run, walk, ride bikes, and exercise. There is also currently a steam train which operates on the tracks as entertainment.

The Lions/ Lioness Club of New Freedom supports a carnival in the summer around the time of the 4th of July. There is a community tree lighting in November. The Heritage group sponsors outdoor movies and the New Freedom Fest.

We take pride in our town and have worked at developing a people-friendly, community- centered Borough.

New Freedom Governance

Pennsylvania is a Commonwealth which governs principally at the local level (borough or township). The majority of decisions are made by your local elected officials. Most other states (like Maryland) are governed from the state or county level.

Borough Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Borough Office Building. All Borough residents are welcome to attend. Volunteers are needed to serve on various committees.

Driver's License and Tag Transfer

New residents to Pennsylvania are given 30 days in which to obtain a Pennsylvania driver's license and to change vehicle tags/ registration. The nearest PennDOT motor vehicle location is 2130 South Queen Street in York, PA. Website: www.dot4.state.pa.us.

Pennsylvania requires that all vehicles pass an annual safety inspection and emission test. Most auto repair stations are licensed to perform the required inspections.

Taxes in New Freedom

Taxes based on the assessed value of your property are divided into two categories:

- 1) Real Estate Taxes – This bill is due between April 15th and June 15th. Local elected council persons determine the “municipal” rate and York County determines the “county” rate.
- 2) School Tax – This tax is due between October and December. The rate for the annual school tax is determined by the school board.

Water/ Sewer/ Trash

Bills for your utilities are emailed to you or posted to you through the mail quarterly. If you do not receive a bill, please contact the Borough office.

Refuse (Trash): Trash is picked up by Penn Waste on Tuesday and Friday. Limit is 6 bags/cans on each day. Recycling occurs on Friday along with one bulk item left at the curb. Trash must be curbside by 6:00 A.M. Cost is \$60 per quarter.

Water: Based on water usage. Lowest charge is for 5,000 gallons which is \$48 per quarter minimum charge. Water use in excess of 5,000 gallons per

quarter, consumer will be billed \$11 for every 1,000 gallons used above 5,000. If total usage is in excess of 50,000 gallons, the cost will be \$12 per 1,000 gallons above 50,000.

Sewer: The bill is based on water usage. Lowest charge is for 5,000 gallons which is \$63 per quarter. Use of water in excess of 5,000 gallons per quarter results in a charge of 11 per 1,000.

ALL UTILITY BILLS ARE PAYABLE BY THE DUE DATE.

- **Delinquent water/ sewer bills will result in penalties and fees with the possibility of termination of water service.**
- **Delinquent refuse (trash) bills will result in fees and penalties with a lien placed on the property.**

Building and Zoning Permits

New Freedom follows the UCC (Uniform Construction Code). New Freedom has also established ordinances to ensure a uniform code regarding alterations or new construction. If you are contemplating any structural changes to your property, contact the Borough Office

for guidance on the necessary permits before proceeding. Failure to do so may result in fees and penalties.

Important Places:

-New Freedom Borough Office

49 East High Street

(717) 235-2337

-Southern York Regional Police

49 East High Street

(717) 235- 3944 *

-Rose Fire Company

200 East Main Street

(717) 235-4444*

-New Freedom Post Office

5 South Broad

(800) 275-8777

-Paul Smith Library

80 Constitution Ave, Shrewsbury

(717) 235- 4313

-SYC School District

3280 Fissels Church Road, Glen Rock

(717) 235-4811

-SYC Senior Citizen Center

150 East Main Street

(717) 235-6060

-Penn Waste

(717) 767-4456

-WellSpan York Hospital

1001 S George St, York

(717) 851-2345*

-UPMC Pinnacle Memorial

325 S Belmont Street, York

(800) 436-4326*

*For Non- emergency calls only