



New to New Freedom Borough? – Most Frequently Asked Questions

Borough Office Phone # 235-2337

Southern Police Phone #235-3944
[non-emergency calls only]

Rose Fire Dept. Phone #235-4444
[non-emergency calls only]

New Freedom Post Office
Phone #235-2100

Southern York County Public
Library Phone #235-4313

York Hospital Phone #757-4976

Senior Center Phone #235-6060

Southern York County School
District School Phone # 235-4811

Modern Landfill
Phone # 246-2686

Pennsylvania is a Commonwealth- what does this mean?

Major differences between Maryland and Pennsylvania

- Maryland government is managed at a state and county level. Pennsylvania is managed at a local level (borough/township.) The majority of decisions that affect your daily living are handled by elected officials who live in your community. Get to know your elected officials. Make sure you are a registered voter in the borough; you may contact the York County Voters Registration office at 771-9604. If you need additional information or visit their website <http://www.york-county.org/voters/election.htm>.

You are invited to attend the monthly meetings here at the borough office on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Volunteers are always needed to serve on the various committees.

Taxes in Pennsylvania

- Taxes which are based on your assessed property value are divided into three categories.
- Real Estate taxes. This tax bill is due in the April to June time frame. Your local borough elected officials are responsible for the rate used for the

“Municipal” portion and York County is responsible for the “County” portion of the annual real estate tax.

- School tax. This tax is due in the October to December time frame. The rate used for your annual school tax is determined by the school board, not your borough council elected officials.
- Per Capita Tax is an additional tax collected by the borough. This tax bill is mailed to your home address in February of each year. It is a fixed amount. Depending on when you choose to pay this tax the amount due ranges from \$9.80 to \$11 per person. All adults age 18 and over who reside in the borough for at least six months during the calendar year are required to pay this tax.

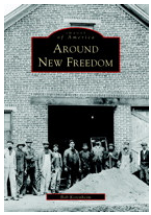
New Freedom Heritage Preservation & Enhancement

New Freedom Heritage group is not affiliated with the municipal offices. They sponsor regularly planned events such as:

- ✓ Outdoor Movie Nights
- ✓ New Freedom Fest
- ✓ Flower Bulb Sale

Visit their website :

<http://www.newfreedomheritage.org/>



Building and Zoning Permits

- The borough of New Freedom follows the UCC [Uniform Construction Code]. In addition to ordinances to ensure a uniform code regarding alterations or new construction. If you have questions regarding any structural changes to your property please contact the borough office for guidance on the necessary permits which are required before proceeding. Failure to do so will result in fees and penalties.



Lion's Club Annual July 4th Carnival

- The week in which July 4th falls is traditionally the week for the Annual Lion's Club Carnival. The fireworks will be held at midnight on July 3rd.
- The parade is held on the last Saturday during Carnival week.

The website for New Freedom Lioness is www.newfreedomlioness.org

Borough Water/Sewer/Trash Billing

Utility Rates – effective 12/01/2008

Your utility bills are mailed to your home each quarter. They are post card size, with a perforated side to keep for your records. It is your responsibility to ensure they are paid timely. If you do not receive a bill on a quarterly basis you must contact the borough office.

Refuse [green post card] \$50 per quarter. The refuse/trash is contracted with Penn Waste. There are 2 pickup days in the week. Tuesday and Friday, limit of 6 bags/cans of trash on each day. Recycling is each Friday, along with 1 bulk item. Your trash must be curbside by 6 a.m. on pick up day.

Water [blue post card] minimum of \$36 per quarter. Water usage of 6,000 gallons or less will be billed at the minimum charge. Gallons in excess of 6,000 will be billed an additional \$6 per 1,000 gallons.

Sewer [gray post card] minimum of \$53 per quarter. Usage of 6,000 gallons or less will be billed at the minimum

charge. Gallons in excess of 6,000 will be billed an additional \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons.

All utility bills are payable by due date.

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

Driver's License and Tag Transfer

You have 30 days to visit a local Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain your Pennsylvania drivers license and change your vehicle tags/registration over. Pennsylvania requires that all vehicles pass an annual safety inspection and emission test. Most auto repair stations are licensed to perform the required inspections.

The closest PA Department of Motor Vehicles location is:
2130 S. Queen Street or you can visit the website : www.dot4.state.pa.us for additional information.

Failure to comply within the 30 day period can result in fines and penalties.