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Borough of Chambersburg

A full service municipality in Franklin County celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service over 120 years of community electric and a regional wastewater, water, storm sewer and municipal solid waste utility

MOST BOROUGH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON FEBRUARY 18

Chambersburg – Due to the impact and timing of the upcoming snowstorm, most Borough of Chambersburg offices, including City Hall, will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, to the general public. Facilities remain operational for Borough employees, contractors, and for emergencies.

The storm may not be a significant event, but the heaviest snow is supposed to be during the weekday from 9 am to 3 pm. It makes opening the offices more challenging. We do not think there will be more than 3 to 5 inches with plenty of breaks in the snowfall and maybe some sleet in the afternoon. We are confident that the Borough can manage this storm.

Citizens may contact the 24/7 Service Center for any issues associated with utilities, utility billing, snow, streets, or public works at 717-263-4111 or servicecenter@chambersburgpa.gov

The Borough Highway Department, under the supervision of Dave Finch, Assistant Borough Manager, will be leading snow removal operations from early on Thursday morning. Additional employees not involved in snow and ice clearing for utility departments may be called in on the Borough snow emergency list.

Please contact Dave at dfinch@chambersburgpa.gov if you have any questions about snow and ice removal operations.

Sanitation collection will likely not be impacted by the storm due to the time of its arrival.

It is anticipated that Mayor Walter Bietsch will declare a snow emergency from 4 am on Thursday February 18th until 4 am on Friday February 19th. During the snow emergency, only essential travel is recommended. Please refer citizens to the snow rules on the Borough's homepage www.chambersburgpa.gov for more details.

The Borough will resume normal operations at 4 am on Friday, February 19th.

If you have any questions about this information, contact Jamia Wright, Chambersburg Borough Secretary at jwright@chambersburgpa.gov.

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About The Borough of Chambersburg

Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania's only municipality supplying electric and gas. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit 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 generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater. Chambersburg currently has 20,508 residents (2013).