

# Authority Times

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## BCA Welcomes 2 New Board Members

The Conshohocken Borough Council has filled the two vacancies on the Borough of Conshohocken Authority Board.

Out of the numerous qualified applicants that were considered, Christine Bertino and Jack Ambler were selected to occupy the two vacant board member positions. They have hit the ground running, touring our facility, and jumping right in to bring themselves up to speed with the Authority's current processes.

Both Christine and Jack bring fresh perspective, a wealth of experience and a genuine sense of responsibility to our community and environment alike. It is our pleasure to welcome them aboard and wish them a positive and successful experience.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to all of the other applicants. It is great to know that we have that many members of our community who are willing to step up and contribute.



Pictured above, from left: Borough of Conshohocken Authority Collections System Operator Dustin Davis and HRG representative, Tyler Erb oversee the tent during GreenFest.

## Conshohocken GreenFest

The Borough of Conshohocken Authority returned for the second annual GreenFest hosted by the Borough of Conshohocken's Environmental Advisory Council. The Authority displayed useful information on how the system works, how to protect your home's plumbing, our MS4 program and even handed out puzzle booklets based on water and wastewater related topics. If anyone would like a puzzle booklet for their children, contact the BCA Operations Manager, Eddie Mongan at [emongan@conshohockensa.com](mailto:emongan@conshohockensa.com) and we will provide them.

The event included an e-waste recycling drop-off, kids' crafts and family-friendly activities to help all members of our community learn and explore important topics like composting, climate change, green energy, sustainable gardening and landscaping, and more. Attendees also checked out electric vehicles and e-bikes. In addition, biking and walking to the event were encouraged.

### BOARD MEMBERS

**TINA SOKOLOWSKI**  
Chair

**GEORGE BASS**  
Vice Chair

**APARNA CHHIBBER**  
Secretary/Treasurer

**CHRISTINE BERTINO**

**JACK AMBLER**

### MEETINGS

July 23

August 27

September 24

October 22

November 19

December 17

Meetings are held in  
the Borough Hall:  
400 Fayette Street  
Conshohocken

Meeting time 6:30 pm

# MS4 = Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

Although in some areas wastewater and stormwater can be collected and conveyed into the same system that is referred to as a combined system, in Conshohocken our two utilities are separate.

Even though they are separate they ultimately end up in the same place, our beautiful Schuylkill River. They just take two completely different routes.

Wastewater makes a brief stop (about 24 hours) at our wastewater treatment facility. Here we remove solids and disinfect the remaining water before discharging into the river. The stormwater system is collected in similar methods but goes directly to the river via pipes, troughs, and Plymouth Creek.

Because wastewater and stormwater both enter the Schuylkill River, the Department of Environmental Protection requires us to monitor and report the quality of waters contributed to the river. These stringent regulations outlined in our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits are measured down to milligrams. Should we fail to meet our permit limits we are subject to fines.

When water leaves your property, seldom do we put much thought into where it goes. Most of us know it ends up in the river but how many of us really think about the wild ride it takes to get there?



# PA Navigate Addresses Residents' Health Needs

PA NAVIGATE, a statewide community information tool designed to address health and social needs for Pennsylvanians.

In January 2024, HealthShare Exchange (HSX) launched its PA Navigate service, which is a statewide program it's hosting in partnership with other Health Information Organizations (HIO) across Pennsylvania. The PA Navigate service

enables healthcare organizations to collaborate, using a referral platform, in an effort to serve individuals with needs related to Social Determinants of Health (SDOH).

For PA Residents....

- Search for community-based services using the newly launched [PA Navigate Website](#).
- Enter your Zip Code to find services of interest close to you.

Some Categories of Available Services include:

- Childcare
- Clothing
- Employment
- Financial Strain
- Food Insecurity
- Homelessness
- Medical Access/Affordability
- Transportation

There are 2,823 programs in the Conshohocken, PA 19428 area. For more information, <https://pa-navigate.org>

# To Flush or Not to Flush?



These items should NOT be flushed down the toilet

- Baby wipes
- Cat litter
- Diapers
- Disposable wipes
- Fat, grease, oil
- Feminine products
- Paint
- Paper towels
- Pesticides
- Pharmaceuticals