

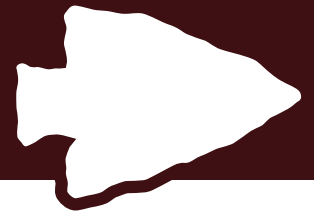
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Enhancing Relationships  
Building Community  
Fostering Human Dignity & Respect





Welcome to the Shamokin Area!

On behalf of the residents of Shamokin, the Mayor, City Council, City Officials and staff and Coal Township Commissioners and staff we wish to extend to you a very warm welcome.

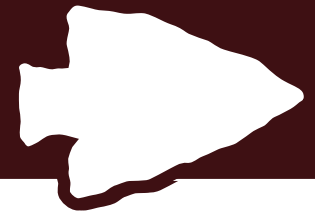
We are excited to have you as a member of our community, as we have begun an extensive and innovative revitalization program which has already energized the city. There are several new businesses located in the downtown area, with more to come. In addition, as you review your Welcome Kit, you will note that we boast many activities, organizations and events for you and your family to enjoy.

We are proud of Shamokin and hope that you will find it a warm and welcoming community. We look forward to having you join us at our many annual events, businesses, organizations, and in our efforts to continue the rebirth of Shamokin!

Welcome!

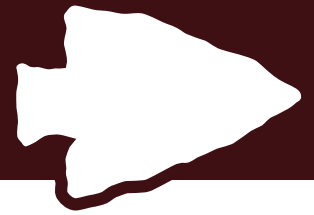
THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,  
CITY COUNCIL,  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CITY  
TREASURER, CITY CLERK,  
COAL TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS,  
AND ALL STAFF

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# History of the City



The name SHAMOKIN is a word in the language of the Delaware Indians which signifies "Eel Creek". Five nations of Indians occupied the Shamokin Indian Village at the confluence of the two branches of the Susquehanna River in what would later become Sunbury.

The town of Shamokin was laid out at this current location on March 1, 1835. The town was formed in the true tradition of a Melting Pot. Places of worship sprouted to serve the masses: Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Lutheran, and Jewish, among others. The city grew beyond mining to include

bakeries, ice cream and dairy factories, F&S Brewery, Eagle Silk Mill, dress, shoe and hosiery factories, as well as three movie theaters. The Borough of Shamokin was incorporated in 1864. In January 1950, the Borough became a Third Class City.

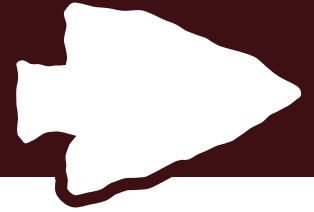
Coal, or "Black Diamonds", was first discovered in what would later become Kulpmont around 1790 when Isaac Tomlinson picked some pieces out of Quaker Run and took them into Berks County for a Blacksmith to try. Around 1875, Mr. Tomlinson erected a blacksmith shop and used Shamokin Stone Coal. From this small beginning emerged an industrial giant, "coal", which was to play a big part of the Industrial Revolution, and played an even more revolutionary role in the development of the city.

At its peak in the 1920's, the combined population of Shamokin and Coal Township was 50,000 with primary industries in coal mining and silk from the J.H. & C.K. Eagle Silk Mills. The loss of much of the coal industry as the nation turned to oil as its primary source of energy, loss of the silk industry in favor of synthetic textiles that could be manufactured cheaper overseas, the great depression which began in 1929 and the loss of Shamokin's two railroads resulted in a decrease in the current total population of Shamokin and Coal Township to a little over 18,000. Still, after an 80 year period of decline, the community is turning a corner to recovery.

The most famous name associated with Shamokin is Thomas Alva Edison. Shamokin capitalists were among the first to recognize the significance of Edison's carbon filament lamp. They supplied all the money necessary to erect a power station in Shamokin and placed it under Edison's immediate supervision. Edison was only 35 years old when he arrived in Shamokin in the early fall of 1882. In November of that year, the Edison Electrical Illuminating Company of Shamokin was incorporated. Shamokin was the site of the second three-wire electric light station in the world in 1883 (Sunbury, Pennsylvania, was the first). Edison's plant, for those of you visiting Shamokin, is now the site of the future hotel at 117 E Independence Street. St. Edward's Church (built in 1873, now Mother Cabrini Roman Catholic Church) became the first church in the America to be lit by electricity.

Many people resided in the community while traveling great distances to maintain personal employment to support their families. The community is proud of its friendly citizens and willingness for neighbors to help each other through difficult times.

# Demographics



Shamokin (Lenape Indian language: Shahēmokink) is surrounded by Coal Township at the western edge of the Anthracite Coal Region in central Pennsylvania's Susquehanna River Valley. At the 2010 decennial United States Census, the population was 7,374, approximately half what it was in 1950. Source: Wikipedia

## Racial Makeup

Per a 2019 estimate from the Census Bureau, the racial makeup of Shamokin was 92.7% White, 1% African American, 8.5% Hispanic/Latino, and 4.6% from two or more races.

Per a 2019 estimate from the Census Bureau, the racial make up of Coal Township was 81.8% White, 13.7% African, 6.6% Hispanic/Latino, and 2% from two or more races.

## Population and Housing

Per a 2019 estimate from the Census Bureau, the population of Shamokin was 6,952 and the population of Coal Township was 10,208.

From the 2000 census, there were 3,742 households, out of which:

- o 24.0% had children under the age of 18
- o 36.4% were married couples living together
- o 45.8% were non-families

Of all households, 41.2% were made up of individuals, and 22.6% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older

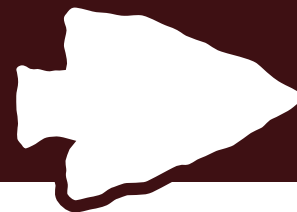
## Economy and Income

The economy of Shamokin, PA employs roughly 2,900 people

The largest industries in Shamokin, PA are:

- o Health Care & Social Assistance (542 people)
- o Retail Trade (370 people)
- o Manufacturing (331 people)

# Civil Services

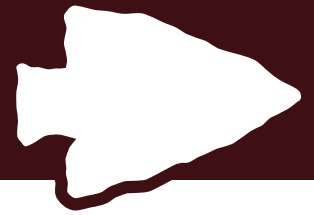


The chart below includes different points of contact for various resources.

Organization	Address / Contact Person	How to Contact	Services
<b>Congressman Meuser</b>	121 Progress Ave., Suite 110 Pottsville, PA 17901	570-871-6370	Federal issues; social security, disability, passports, IRS
<b>US Senator Toomey</b>	1150 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. Ste. 101 Allentown, PA 18103	1-855-552-1831	Federal issues; social security, disability, passports, IRS
<b>State Senator Gordner</b>	10934 West SR 61 Mt. Carmel, PA 17851	570-339-5937	State Issues; unemployment, PennDot, Birth & Death Certificates, etc.
<b>State Representative Masser</b>	467 Industrial Park Rd. Elysburg, PA 17824	570-648-8017	State Issues; unemployment, PennDot, Birth & Death Certificates, etc.
<b>Northumberland County</b>	399 Stadium Dr. Sunbury, PA 17801	www.norrycopa.net	Meeting 1st Tuesday of the Month
<b>Commissioners Planning</b>		570-988-4564 570-988-4220	
<b>Rabbittransit Call Center</b>		800-632-9063 FindMyRidePA.com	
<b>LIHEAP (heating assistance)</b>		866-857-7095 570-988-5996 compass.state.pa.us	



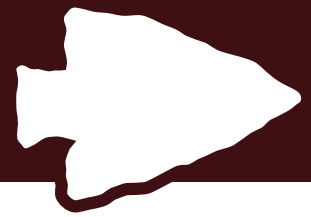
# Civil Services



Organization	Address / Contact Person	How to Contact	Services
<b>City of Shamokin</b> <b>Mayor</b> <b>Council Member:</b> <b>Accounts &amp; Finance</b> <b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b> <b>Public Safety</b> <b>Public Works</b>	47 E. Lincoln Street Shamokin, PA 17872	570-644-0876  mayor@shamokincity.org	Code issues, permits, landlord registrations  Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the Month
<i>City Administrator</i>			
<i>City Solicitor</i>		570-648-1721	
<i>Shamokin Police Dept.</i>	11 N. Franklin St. Shamokin, PA 17872	570-648-5708 Non-emergency	
<i>Shamokin Tax Collector</i>		570-648-7731	
<i>Shamokin Zoning Officer</i>		570-644-0876	
<i>Shamokin Code Enforcement</i>		570-644-0876	
<i>Shamokin 3rd Party Building Codes Inspector</i>		570-274-0944	
<i>Shamokin Community &amp; Economic Development</i>	525 N Market St. Shamokin, PA 17872	570-524-4491 ext.7203 bkramer@seda-cog.org www.seda-cog.org	
<i>Shamokin Housing Authority</i>	1 E. Independence St. Shamokin, PA 17872	570-644-0431	
<i>Northumberland County Assistance Office</i>	320 Chestnut Street Sunbury, PA 17801	570-988-5900 (P) 570-988-5918 (F)	
<i>Northumberland County Area Agency on Aging</i>	322 N. 2nd Street Sunbury, PA 17801	570-495-2395 info@ncaging.org	
<i>Landlord/Tenant Board</i>			

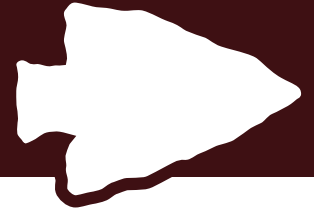


# Civil Services



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<i>SBDC (Small Business Development Center)</i>	Bucknell University	570-577-1249 bucknell.edu/SBDC sbdc@bucknell.edu	
<i>Driver's License Center</i>	5 Anthra Plaza Coal Township, PA 17866	800-932-4000	Thurs, Fri, & Sat 8:30-4:15
<i>Coal Township Commissioners</i>	805 W. Lynn Street Coal Township, PA 17866	570-644-0395	
<i>Coal Twp. Police Dept.</i>	805 W. Lynn Street Coal Township, PA 17866	570-644-0333 Non-emergency	
<i>Coal Twp. Tax Collector:</i>	805 W. Lynn Street Coal Township, PA 17866	570-648-4284	
<i>Coal Twp. Zoning Officer:</i>	805 W. Lynn Street Coal Township, PA 17866	570-644-0395	
<i>Shamokin/Coal Twp Joint Sewer Authority</i>		570-648-1262	
<i>Pennsylvania 211</i>	Specialists available 24hrs a day	Dial 2-1-1 from anywhere in PA	They will connect you with local resources!
<b>Utilities</b>			
<i>Aqua Customer Service</i>		877-987-2782	Water
<i>Service Electric Cablevision</i>		570-286-5951	Internet & Cable
<i>UGI</i>		800-276-2722 customerservice@ugi.com	Gas
<i>Pennsylvania Power &amp; Electric</i>		1-800--342-5775	Electric Utility
<b>Education</b>			
<i>Shamokin Area School District</i>	2000 W. State Street Coal Township, PA 17866	570-648-5756 indians.k12.pa.us	
<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School</i>	2001 Clinton Ave. Coal Township, PA 17866	570-644-0375	
<i>Northumberland County Career &amp; Technology Center</i>	1700 Montgomery St. Coal Township, PA 17866	570-644-0304	
<i>Luzerne County Community College</i>	2 E. Arch St.#4 Shamokin, PA 17872	570-648-2544	

# Ordinance Highlights



## Street Sweeper

A regularly scheduled street sweeper runs from April through November. The schedule is listed on the City website. Fines will be issued for non-compliance.

## Garbage Collection

It is the responsibility of the homeowner/tenant to confirm garbage collection and/or contact a garbage hauler. There is no municipal garbage collection .

## Recycling

Shamokin City has a Curbside Recycling Collection process. The schedule is as follows:

Items must be placed at curbside by 7:00 AM on the respective dates listed below

**Zone 1** - Collected on the first Thursday of each month

West side of Market Street West to First Street - Adams Street North to Sunbury Street.

**Zone 2** - Collected on the second Thursday of each month

Independence Street North to the city line - Market Street East to Dubarry Street.

**Zone 3** - Collected on the third Thursday of each month

East side of Market Street East to Gold Street - Lincoln Street South to the city line.

**Zone 4** - Collected on the fourth Thursday of each month

Washington Street East to the city line - Independence Street South to the city line.

Recycling on the scheduled dates can be affected by inclement weather such as snow during the winter months.

Items that **CAN** be recycled include: aluminum cans, bimetal (tin) cans, glass bottles and jars - clear brown - green - colored.

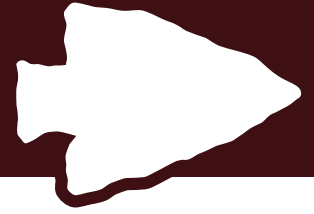
When recycling the above listed items, the following rules should be followed:

- Wash and clean cans, bottles, and jars.
- Remove all lids, caps, and labels from items.
- Do not mix recyclable items together. Separate items into container of like items.
- Place at curbside on your respective pickup date by 7:00 AM.

The following rules will apply to the recycling of plastic bottles and jars:

- Only items identified with the recycling symbol will be accepted.
- Remove all lids and caps from items.
- Crush or flatten items if possible to decrease volume.

# Recreation & Activities



## Playgrounds/Parks/Community Gardens

Playgrounds are open and free of charge. They are maintained by city personnel or local residents. All playgrounds are open dawn to dusk. The locations include the following:

- 5th St. Playground - Future site of Remote Controlled Vehicle Park
- East Sunbury St. Playground
- South Shamokin St. Playground
- Second St Playground
- Claude Kehler Parks I & II - W Arch and Walnut Streets
- Lincoln Street Monuments Park
- Market Street Median Park
- Shamokin Community Garden and Pocket Park- Sunbury St. (near Dunkin Donuts)
- Fifth Ward Franklin Street Community Garden
- Coal Township Recreation Center and Playground - Arch Street, Coal Township
- Webster Street Playground and Picnic Area
- Mulberry Street Playground
- Ferndale Ballfield
- Cabrini Ballfield
- Shamokin Area School District Campus Parks & Fields

## Swimming Pool

A Public pool is available- Lawton W. Shroyer Memorial Swimming Pool- 132 N. Rock Street (570) 644- 4789

A Private pool is available - Edgewood Swim Club (see Facebook page)



## Bunker Hill Baseball Complex

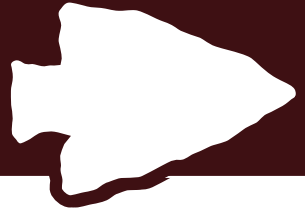
Located beyond the top of Sunbury Street, a 4 field baseball complex with a rentable grove is available for use. Several leagues and organizations run regular seasons and tournaments in the complex. Contact Bunker Hill Baseball complex on Facebook for more information or for rentals or tournaments.



*Right.*  
Aerial view of Bunker Hill complex.



# Community Groups & Organizations



## Shamokin Coal Township Public Library

210 E. Independence St. (570) 648- 3202

Programs and Events for Children: 4H Teen STEM Club, Coal Region Nature Detectives, Comic Book Day, Dr. Seuss Day, Elementary STEM Explorers, Homeschool Group, Preschool Story Time & Movement, Preschool to First Grade Story Time, STEM & Story Time, Scholastic Chess Club, Summer Quest (Summer Reading), Take your Child to the Library Day

Programs and Events for Adults: AARP Tax Service, Adult Book Club, Centerpiece Making Classes, Essential Oils, Genealogy Workshop, Introduction to American Sign Language, Knitting and Crocheting Group, Penn State Extension Programming, Tai Chi for Beginners, Wreath Making Classes.

## Fire Departments

A volunteer organization overseen by the Public Safety Director & Fire Chief is comprised of 5 fire companies & an Emergency/Rescue Squad. **We are always looking for volunteers who want to participate in this honorable and important effort.**

[www.shamokincity.org/fire](http://www.shamokincity.org/fire)

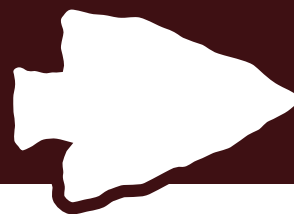
Brady Fire Company	700 Maple St., Ranshaw	(570)648-8288
East End Fire Company	25 S. Sherman St., Coal Township	(570)648-7634
Friendship Hose Company	Chestnut & Rock Sts., Shamokin	(570)648-0751
Independence Hose Company	Arch & Market Sts., Shamokin	(570)648-1151
Maine Fire Company	1101 W. Independence St., Coal Township	(570)648-1261
Shamokin Fire Bureau	47 E. Lincoln St., Shamokin	(570)644-0877
Rescue Hose House	Lincoln & Liberty Sts., Shamokin	(570)648-0931
West End Fire Company	316 W. Pine St., Shamokin	(570)648-2109

## Support Groups

- Alcoholics Anonymous- [www.AA.org](http://www.AA.org)
- Narcotics Anonymous- [www.NA.org](http://www.NA.org)
- OASIS (Community Recovery Club)- OASIS Facebook page
- TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)- [www.TOPs.org](http://www.TOPs.org)

805 W Lynn St, Coal Township, contact Mary Durham (570)415-8292

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## Youth Sports

Youth Sports Organization	Signups and Season	Contact
Shamokin Youth Stingrays Swimming	Sign ups: October – May Winter – Late Nov - March Spring/Summer- Apr - Sep	Tiffany Kaseman Facebook = Shamokin Youth Stingrays
Shamokin Area Youth Baseball/Softball		Dave Taylor Facebook = Shamokin Area Youth Baseball/Softball
Shamokin Youth Basketball League	Sept (3 times per week) Season Nov - Feb	Mike Duganitz Facebook = SYBL
Shamokin Area Youth Girls Basketball	Sign ups: Jan – Feb	Bob Getchy
Shamokin Indians Youth Football	Sign ups: January Season: Aug - Nov	Facebook: The New Shamokin Indians
Healthy Kids Running Series	Online Signups Spring Season: April - May Fall Season: Sept - Oct	
Shamokin AYSO (Soccer)	Sign ups: Feb & June	AYSOShamokin@gmail.com
Black Diamond Soccer Club		See their Facebook page

## The Arts

**A & B Children's Theatre** – Theatre group for children. Facebook: A & B Children's Theatre contact Meagan Baumgartner, (570)274-5996

**Anne Miles Children Theatre-** Theatre group for children. Contact Jeanne Shaffer or the NCCAH Facebook page

**Anthracite Symphonic Band-** musicians of all ages- Contact Sharon Styer bandcow@ptd.net

**Artisan Alley-** Contact Aritsan Alley Facebook page or artisanalleyshamokin.com

**Choralier's Community Choir** – Contact Nan Weller at (570)672-2464

**C.O.A.L.(Community Oriented Activity Leaders)-** Contact Jeanne Shaffer or the NCCAH Facebook

**Heath's Gym Dance Crew** – contact Codi Gaboff (570) 847- 1310 or their Facebook page

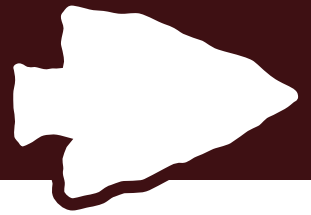
**Keri's Kreative Dance Studio** – 141 W. Arch St., contact Meagan Baumgartner, (570)274-5996

**Northumberland County Council for the Arts and Humanities (NCCAH)-** Contact Jeanne Shaffer or the Facebook page

**NCCAH Art Gallery-** Contact Jeanne Shaffer or the Facebook page

**Reach for the Stars-** Theatre group for differently abled individuals- contact Meagan Baumgartner (570)274-5996

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## Fraternal Orders and Civic Groups

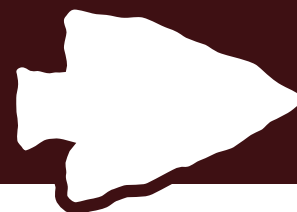
**American Legion** – [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) | 200 W. Independence St., Shamokin | (570)648-6034  
**Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts** – contact Jason Kramer | (570)274-5995  
**FAR (Faith Alliance for Revitalization)** – [www.franciscancenterpa.org](http://www.franciscancenterpa.org) | 817 W. Chestnut St., Coal Township | (570)509-2621  
**FAR Better Together** - contact [shamokinb2g@gmail.com](mailto:shamokinb2g@gmail.com) | Facebook page (under construction)  
**FLAGS (Future Leaders and Achievers of Greater Shamokin)** – Skye Loft at Bamse | 150 E Lincoln St., Shamokin  
**FOG (Family of God Youth Group)** – contact Tina Martin  
**IBEW Local Union 607** – 25 S. 5th St., Shamokin | (570)648- 9831  
**Knights of Columbus** – [www.kofc458.org](http://www.kofc458.org) | 400 E. Independence St., Shamokin | (570)648-8942  
**Lions Club** – Their Facebook page  
**Local Order of Moose** – 511 N. Rock St., Shamokin | (570)648-1501 | Facebook page  
**Shamokin Rotary**- contact (570)648 4802 | Facebook page  
**Shamokin Area 4H** – contact Sam Nichola | (570)898-8623  
**Shamokin Community Garden** - check out their Facebook group  
**Sons of Italy** – 619 N. Shamokin St., Shamokin | (570)648-2788  
**St. Francis Home Association** – 615 Race St., Shamokin | (570)648-2867  
**Taghneghdoarus Tribe 225/Redmen** – 33 S. Market St., Shamokin | (570)648-8721  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars** – [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) | 1501 W. Lynn St., Shamokin | (570)644-1349  
**SABER (Shamokin Area Businesses for Economic Revitalization)** – (570)486-5545 | [www.goshamokin.com](http://www.goshamokin.com)

## Hobby Groups

**Book Club** – Shamokin Coal Twp Public Library | 210 E Independence St., Shamokin | (570)648-3202  
**Bridge Club** - Senior Center | 821 W. Chestnut St., Coal Township | (570)644-0772  
**CBC (Citizens for a Better Community)** – Facebook page | (570)274-4020  
**Chess Club** – Plays at Wendy's | 33 E. Independence St., Shamokin | Sundays beginning @ 5:30 pm  
Contact Mary Durham (570)415-8292  
**Coal Region Nature Detectives**- Shamokin Coal Twp Public Library, 210 E. Independence St., Shamokin  
(570)648-3202 | Facebook page  
**Knitters/Crocheters** – Shamokin Coal Twp Public Library | 210 E. Independence St., Shamokin | (570)648-3202  
**Pinochle Card Club** -St. Francis Home Association | 615 Race St. Shamokin | (570)648-2867  
**Shamokin Cruise** - check out their Facebook group  
**Shamokin History and Nostalgia** – check out their Facebook page  
**Widows Sons**- a motorcycle-riding association of the Masonic Lodge of Shamokin



# Worship Communities



Many places of worship are available for many faith communities. Here is a list with contact information:



## **Antioch**

515 N. Market St.  
Shamokin, PA 17872

## **Calvary Baptist Church**

35 S. 2nd Street  
Shamokin, PA 17872

## **Our Lady of Hope Roman Catholic Church**

863 W Chestnut Street  
Coal Township, PA 17866  
570-648-4432  
[www.revivingtogether.com](http://www.revivingtogether.com)

## **Clark's Grove United Methodist Church**

209 Tulip Road  
Paxinos, PA 17860

## **Restoration Ministries**

525 W Chestnut St  
Shamokin, PA 17872  
(570) 850-8516

## **First United Methodist Church**

100 E Sunbury St  
Shamokin, PA 17872

## **Salem United Church of Christ**

1300 West Pine Street  
Coal Township, PA 17866  
570-648-2806

## **Grace Chapel**

10 S. Seventh Street  
Shamokin, PA 17872  
570-648-0372  
[www.gracechapelshamokin.com](http://www.gracechapelshamokin.com)

## **7th Street Primitive Methodist Church**

34 N. 7th Street  
Shamokin, PA 17872  
570-648-2342

## **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

7th & Chestnut Sts.  
Shamokin, PA 17872  
570-648-7534

## **St. John's United Methodist Church**

1218 W. Arch Street  
Coal Township, P A 17866  
570-648-2842

## **Irish Valley United Methodist Church**

2026 Irish Valley Road  
Paxinos, PA 17860

## **Mother Cabrini Roman Catholic Church**

214 N. Shamokin Street  
Shamokin, PA 17872  
570-648-4512

[www.revivingtogether.com](http://www.revivingtogether.com)

## **Transfiguration Ukranian Catholic Church**

303 N Shamokin Street  
Shamokin, PA 17872  
570-648-5932  
[transfigurationshamokin@gmail.com](mailto:transfigurationshamokin@gmail.com)

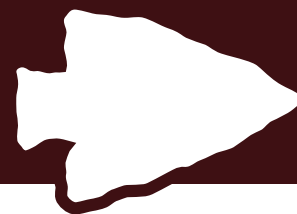
## **Oak Grove United Methodist Church**

133 Oak Grove Rd  
Paxinos, Pennsylvania 17860  
570-898-9093

## **Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church**

531 N Market St  
Shamokin, PA 17872  
570-495-4474

# Social Services



## Healthcare and Medical Services

Primary Health Network	541 North Franklin Street, Shamokin	570-486-4588
A Community Clinic	344 Market Street, Sunbury	570-988-1270
Merakey Behavioral Health	11 Anthra Plaza Coal Township	888-363-2855
PCC Corner of Hope	150 S. Market St. Shamokin	570-648-2600 see Facebook
WIC Nutrition Program	10 E. Independence St. Shamokinn	570-648-1521 <a href="http://www.tapestryofhealth.org">www.tapestryofhealth.org</a>
VNA Caring Center	2 E. Arch St. Coal Township	570-6444-0772
Geisinger Shamokin Area Community Hospital	4200 Hospital Road, Coal Township	570-644-4200

## Central Susquehanna Opportunities Services Organization (CSO)

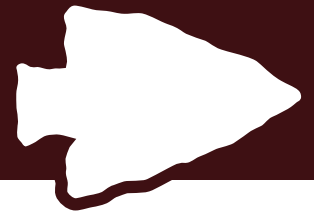
A Community Action Agency: Multiple types of assistance from assistance with Housing, Utilities, Nutritious Food, Fresh Food Pantry (seasonal) Job Seeker Services, Employer Services, and Free Workshops such as budgeting, Dress for Success, Resume Writing, etc.

**Central Susquehanna Opportunities Services Organization**  
2 East Arch Street, Suite 313  
Shamokin, PA 17872  
570-644-6575

## Northumberland County Human Services:

Service	Contact
Adult Probation	570-495-2344
Juvenile Probation	570-495-2174
Children and Youth Services	570-988-4237
Drug and Alcohol	570-495-2154
Early Intervention	570-495-2008
Behavioral Health Services/Intellectual & Developmental Services	570-495-2040
Area Agency on Aging (age 60 and up)	570-495-2395
Coal Region Adult Community Centers (age 55 and up)	
Veterans Affairs	570-988-4213

# Annual Events



We have many opportunities for community members to participate and/or enjoy our neighbors and assorted vendors, music, food and other entertainment. Here is a partial listing of those options.

**Kid's Fair**- held in April each year

**Shamokin Warms My Heart** - Last Saturday in March by SABER

**Heritage Festival**- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend by Northumberland County Council of the Arts and Humanities(NCCAH)

**Heritage 5k**- Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend by Shamokin Area Businesses for Economic Revitalization (SABER)

**Memorial Day Parade**- morning of Memorial day by the City of Shamokin

**Mother Cabrini Picnic**- Father's Day weekend by Mother Cabrini Church

**Shamokin Fireworks**- Fourth of July weekend by Citizens for a Better Community (CBC)

**Independence on Independence**- Fourth of July weekend by SABER

**Music in the Park Series**- throughout summer by Music in the Park (on Facebook)

**Little Eddie Griffiths Pig Roast**- second Saturday in August by Little Eddie Scholarship Committee

**Downtown Doo Wop**- third Saturday in August by Downtown Doo Wop

**Lourdes Wine Fest**- second Saturday in September by Lourdes Regional High School

**Black Diamond Cavalcade**- varies in the fall by Shamokin High School Band

**Coal Bucket Game**- varies in the fall by Shamokin and Mount Carmel High Schools

**Food Truck Frenzy**- varies in October by NCCAH and Tranquility Tattoo and Art Studio, LLC

**Halloween Parade**- Wednesday evening before Halloween by City of Shamokin

**Home for the Holidays**- Small Business Saturday by SABER

**Tharptown Christmas**- first Saturday of December by the Dunn Family

**Anthracite Symphonic Band Holiday concert**- varies in December by NCCAH

**Christmas Parade**- morning of second Saturday of December by City of Shamokin

**Downtown Christmas**- second Saturday of December by NCCAH

**Shamokin/Coal Township Police Departments Annual Christmas Party**-  
varies in December by Shamokin and Coal Township Police

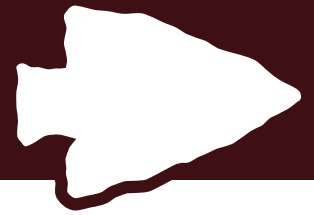
**Knights of Columbus Holiday Basketball Tournament**-  
week between Christmas and New Years by Knights of Columbus

**Coal Drop**- New Year's Eve into New Year's Day by City of Shamokin

**See goShamokin on Facebook for all area event information!**



# Local Tourism Opportunities



What do we offer? A lot in the overall area! Here are a few local highlights:

## AOAA



The Northumberland County Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area (AOAA) is a 6,500 acre motorized and non-motorized recreation facility with its welcome center and parking lot located at 4100 State Route 125, Coal Township, PA 17866-7806. Phone number for the Welcome Center is 570-648-2626. The AOAA is NOW OPEN for motorized vehicles of all types (ATVs, UTVs, SxS, Dirt Bikes, and

Full Size Vehicles). The 3,000 acre Eastern Reserve is available for open riding, with mapped and signed intersections. The 3,500 acre Western Reserve is open on weekends only.

## Knoebels



America's largest free-admission amusement park also offers free parking, free daily entertainment and free picnic facilities. Take a dip in the 900,000-gallon Crystal Pool filled with refreshing mountain stream water. The pool area includes waterslides, diving boards and a play area just for young children. Stay overnight at one of two campgrounds that include cabins and over 800 campsites. In addition to over 60 rides, award-winning food, swimming, games,

miniature golf and gift shops, visitors can add a round of golf at Knoebels Three Ponds Golf Course right next door to the park.

## Pioneer Coal Mine Tour

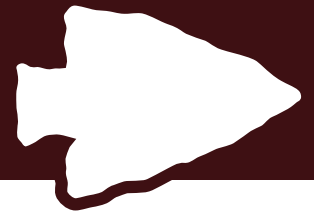


Pioneer Tunnel is a tourist attraction located in Ashland, PA. The tourist attraction has a coal mine tour, steam train ride, a gift shop, and food shop. The Coal Mine Tour is described as a horizontal drift mine. Its level tunnel runs 1800 feet straight into the side of the Mahanoy Mountain. You make the trip in comfort, riding in open mine cars pulled by a battery-operated mine motor. The steam train ride allows you to travel back through time on an old-time narrow

gauge steam locomotive, the Henry Clay. Built in the 1920's, The Henry Clay takes you on a scenic three-quarter mile ride around the side of Mahanoy Mountain to show you another kind of mining called strip mining. You'll visit the Mammoth Stripping, an area where an unusually thick seam of anthracite known as the Mammoth Vein outcrops to the surface of the earth.

Visit [www.visitcentralpa.org](http://www.visitcentralpa.org) for many more opportunities!

# Notes



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