

# AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

## WHAT IS AN MS4?

MS4 is short for, “Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System”. Municipal refers to the Borough. And the number 4 refers to the four words that start with the letters “S”; “Separate”, “Storm”, “Sewer”, “System”.

A separate storm sewer system is a collection of structures, designed to gather stormwater from built-up areas and discharge it, without treatment, into local streams and rivers. It is separate from the sanitary sewer system which drains waste water from inside a home to a sewage treatment facility.

### Public Education and Outreach:

Because stormwater originates from all corners of a community, increasing public stormwater awareness is very important.

Post Construction Stormwater: The goal is making sure new buildings, parking lots and other developments don’t create future stormwater headaches. This would include adopting procedures to ensure structural stormwater management practices are installed and maintained.

Pollution Prevention: This minimum control measure requires reducing stormwater pollution from the maintenance yards, streets, parking lots, buildings and other facilities owned by the Borough. It also includes upkeep of the separate storm sewer system itself.

If you would like more information about stormwater, you can find a full series of videos and articles in the Penn State Extension Stormwater Basics series.

<https://extension.psu.edu>

## LIONS CLUB

January is traditionally the Lions Club spaghetti dinner. At the time of printing, it is undecided if the Lions will be able to hold the dinner as usual. The Lions club is working on this and will advertise at a later date if the dinner is being held.

## NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION

Nonpoint source pollution comes from so many sources that one point cannot be identified.

Rainfall or melting snow flows over and into the ground.

It picks up and carries away both natural and human-made pollutants. These pollutants end up in streams, rivers, wetlands, and even underground sources of drinking water. We all play a part. Nonpoint source pollution comes from a wide variety of human activities on the land. Each of us can contribute to the problem without realizing it. Nonpoint source pollutants include:

- Excess fertilizers, herbicides, and insecticides from home lawns, farms, and towns
- Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals from cars, and the roads and parking lots they use
- Sediment and erosion from construction sites, pasture and crop lands, and eroding streambanks
- Bacteria and nutrients from pet waste, livestock, and faulty septic systems
- Salt from treated roadways

## STREET SWEEPING

Fall Street Sweeping is scheduled to take place December 7th and 8th beginning at 7:00 am both days. The East side of 272 will be swept on December 7th and the West side on December 8th. When possible please remove parked cars from streets on the applicable date of sweeping.

## WATER NEWS

The Borough has implemented a water meter replacement program. We are in the third year of this program, and we will complete the project in 2022. Currently, we are sending out letters and making appointments to change meters.

Residents who would like to schedule their appointment now should contact the Borough at 717-859-1600.

## SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Sidewalks should be cleared with at least a 2 foot pathway within 24 hours after the snowfall stops. Public Works plow operators have been directed to plow as close to curb lines as possible. Although the drivers do their best to minimize additional snow rolling back onto sidewalks, in some cases it’s unavoidable. Give the Borough time to open the streets before clearing your sidewalk. Snow may not be thrown onto the street. If there is an intersection located at your property, please leave a path so school children and people walking have access to the crosswalk. In the event they are calling for a heavy snow, please remove your vehicles from the street to allow our snowplows to do a better job at clearing the streets. Enforcement of snow removal will be through a citation this year, there will be no warnings.

## FIRE HYDRANTS

With winter weather fast approaching, we would like to remind residents to keep fire hydrants clear of snow. This makes it easier for responding emergency personnel in the event of an emergency.

## HOLIDAYS

Akron Borough office will be closed Thursday, November 26, 2020 for Thanksgiving, Friday, December 25, 2020 for Christmas, and Friday, January 1, 2021 for New Years

## **FROM OUR POLICE**

We have Facebook. Like our page for all the latest events, crime stoppers, and arrests.

Reminder: When blowing leaves or snow, do not blow them out onto the roadway.

You must park your vehicle within 12" of the right side curb on any Borough Street. If there is plowed snow piled up along the curb, you must clear a spot to park your vehicle to comply with this Ordinance which is also a state law. Violators will be cited, no warnings. The reason for this law is so traffic ways remain clear so plows and emergency vehicles can get through.

During the holiday season, thieves target parcels that are left at residences by delivery companies such as Fed Ex and UPS. Track your packages to find out when they are scheduled for delivery. If you are not home, have a trusted neighbor watch for and accept those packages for you.

Please lock your vehicles and your homes. Do not leave valuables in your vehicles

## **SHOE IN 2021**

Plans are underway for the annual Akron Shoe In on New Year's Eve. The event will take place at the Broad Street Park. Food and various activities will be available for all ages so please plan to join in the fun on New Year's Eve. If you have any questions, please contact chairman, Darryl Witmer at 717-733-0714.

## **PAY ONLINE TWO WAYS CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

You can pay your property taxes and/or water bill without leaving your home using our online payment service. We accept MasterCard, Visa, or Discover credit cards. A convenience fee of 2.45% (\$1.50 minimum) will be charged for online payments.

## **ELECTRONIC CHECK PAYMENTS**

We also accept electronic check payments. Payments will be charged to your checking account at your bank. You will need your 9-digit routing number and your

account number from your personal checks. A convenience fee of \$1.50 will be charged for processing the check.

When payment options appear, click on the "switch to pay with check" link. When paying online, please use your account number as your reference number.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS**

If you have a Police Emergency, dial **911**. If you have a Police Non-Emergency, dial **717-859-6600**. Lancaster County Wide Communications Dispatchers answer this number 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

**If you see something suspicious please call immediately and don't wait until you see an officer.**

## **BOROUGH OFFICE**

### **HOURS:**

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Office phone number is 717-859-1600. Lobby is open 24 hours a day with a night drop for bills, parking tickets, etc. Also a phone which dials directly to County Radio for police.

**Council meets-** 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Firehall, 1229 Main St.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

The Borough will be accepting Christmas Trees beginning December 26 at LOYD ROLAND PARK. They are not using trees for the New Year's Eve bonfire this year, please do not take your trees to the Broad St Park.

## **FIRE COMPANY EVENTS**

Due to Covid, the Fire Company is not able to do their breakfasts at this time. They are fundraising through raffles on their Facebook page. Donations are always welcome.

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