

# AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

## **STORMWATER INFORMATION**

Stormwater runoff is generated from rain and snowmelt events that flow over land or impervious surfaces, such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops, and does not soak into the ground.

The runoff picks up pollutants like trash, chemicals, oils, and dirt/sediment that can harm our rivers, streams, lakes, and coastal waters.

Because stormwater can flow over hard surfaces directly into storm drains, there is no opportunity for soil and plants or a water treatment facility to filter out pollutants.

How can you help reduce pollutants in stormwater?

Practice healthy household habits and share these habits with your neighbors:

### In the garage or shed:

Check your car, boat, motorcycle, lawn mower, tiller and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible and clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material. Dispose of the material in the trash. Never rinse spills into a storm drain or over a hard surface. Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Never dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

### Vehicle Care:

Use a commercial car wash if available. If washing at home, move the car to the lawn or an unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain.

### Pet Care:

Always pick up waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best method of disposal.

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS-**

Akron Borough Council meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Borough Municipal Building, 117 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **POLICE NEWS**

### **Animals Running at Large**

{Ord. 337, 2/11/1985 §4}

No owner of any such animal shall allow such animal to run at large at any time, either upon any of the streets, alleys, or public grounds of Borough or upon the property of anyone other than the owner of such animal or upon other property without specific permission of the owner thereof.

### **Owners to Secure Animals**

{Ord. 337, 2/11/1985 §5}

It shall be the duty of the owner of any animal, and the duty of the parent or guardian of any minor owner of any such animal, to keep the animal securely tied or penned in an enclosure in such a manner that the animal cannot break loose and run at large over the streets, alleys, or public grounds of Borough, or upon the property of anyone other than the owner of such animal or of one from whom specific permission of the owner thereof has been secured.

### **Animals to be Leashed**

{Ord. 337, 2/11/1985 §6}

It shall be the duty of the owner of any animal (excluding, however, horses while being used for transportation), while traveling on the streets, alleys, or public grounds of Borough, to have such animal on a leash at all times to prevent the animal from entering upon the property of any person or persons in Borough without the property owner's consent and to prevent such animal from defecating or urinating upon the property of any person or persons, without their consent.

## **PROPERTY TAXES**

BOROUGH OF AKRON AND LANCASTER COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED BY MARCH 1, 2020.

Discount amount is payable through April 30, 2020.

Base amount is payable thru June 30, 2020.

Penalty amount is payable after June 30, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Office at 717-859-1600.

## **UNUSED MEDICATIONS**

Akron Borough Police

Department now has a Safe Medication Disposal box in the Borough lobby. Medications can be dropped in the box at any time the lobby is open, Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

### **Accepted:**

- Prescription Medications
- Over the Counter Medications

### **Not Accepted:**

- Illegal drugs
- Needles
- Lotions or liquids
- Inhalers
- Aerosol cans
- Thermometers
- Hydrogen Peroxide

## **MCC at 100**

As Akron Borough celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. MCC will have a booth at Akron Day in the Park on June 13, and is planning an open house at its Akron office on South 12<sup>th</sup> St., on Friday, June 19, with children's activities, refreshments and a demonstration of the MCC meat canner. A second open house will be at the MCC Material Resources Center on Trout Run Road in Ephrata, Saturday, June 20. The Ephrata event will include a pancake breakfast and a giant yard sale. On June 20 MCC is planning for a Saturday afternoon festival and evening program at Manor Church in Lancaster. MCC is a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches. Watch for more details in the next Akron Borough Newsletter.

## **STREET SWEEPING**

Spring Street Sweeping is scheduled to take place April 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 am both days. The East side of 272 will be swept on April 17<sup>th</sup> and the West side on April 18<sup>th</sup>. When possible please remove parked cars from streets on the applicable date of sweeping. In addition, a reminder regarding tree limb height. To save time and reassure safety, please make sure any tree limbs in front of your properties are at least 12 feet above sidewalks. This will assure that your street will get swept and emergency vehicles can travel the streets without accident or injury.

## **CRIME STOPPERS**

To submit an anonymous tip to Lancaster City-County Crime Stoppers you can call toll-free 1-800-322-1913. If this is an emergency, please call 911. Be sure to save/record your tip ID. You can use the ID to login to view feedback about your tip from the agency/group. Just enter the ID on the tip submit page and any feedback about your tip from the group will display. You can then submit additional information to the group using the tip form. To submit an anonymous tip via text message to Lancaster Crime Stoppers, text LANCS and your tip to 847411 (tip411).

## **BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

## **HOLIDAYS**

Akron Borough Office will be closed Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.

## **SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL**

As a reminder sidewalks should be cleared with at least a 2 foot pathway within 24 hours **after** the snowfall stops. Avoid additional work. Public Works plow operators have been directed to plow as close to curblines 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. Again you have 24 hrs after the snow has completely stopped. Also 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.

## **WATER & SEWER**

### **BILLING NEWS**

*You need to use PO Box 130 when mailing items to the Borough Hall.*

Also, for non-payment of a water and sewer bill, a second notice is sent 15 days after the due date giving the resident an additional 10 days to pay the bill before service is terminated. Please pay attention to your notices to avoid this happening.

### **FROM OUR POLICE**

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

### **BOROUGH ADDRESS**

117 South Seventh Street  
PO Box 130  
Akron PA 17501

### **CHANGING METERS**

Akron Borough has implemented a five –year program updating our current water meters to radio read meters. The new meters will be read with a radio frequency, which means the meter reader can read an entire street in the time it currently takes to read one or two houses. The Borough will do its best to systematically change the meters. **When you receive your letter with your meter change appointment, please do your best to make this time available for us to change the meter.**

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