

# AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

Dear Akron residents,  
I am very pleased with the progress we have made this year providing you quality police services. Our department is now fully staffed with 12 highly trained police officers with a minimum of two officers available to answer calls at all times. Our focus going forward will be to continue to expand our officer's professionalism, skills, and the level of services we provide. This includes updating our policies, procedures and providing the most up to date training to our officers. It is my vision for the West Earl Police Department to be the best Law Enforcement Agency in Lancaster County. Our goals next year include more community policing activities such as a National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, and building stronger ties to the communities we serve. The department will also be seeking Accreditation through the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Please follow our Facebook and Crimewatch pages for the most up to date news, events, and safety tips.  
Chief Eric S. Higgins

## **RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT TIPS**

- Vehicle and Garage Maintenance
- Perform all routine maintenance on your vehicle
  - Check your vehicles for leaks and spills, make repairs as soon as possible
  - Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids. Do not dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in the trash
  - Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on an unpaved surface, rather than allowing soaps and grime to wash directly into storm drains

## **TIPS TO REDUCE ENERGY COSTS**

Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority Energy Program Manager says Lighting is the first recommendation. Replacing incandescent bulbs with LED can save up to 75% on lighting costs. LED also last much longer 15,000 – 25,000 hours as opposed to incandescent with only last about 1,000 hours.

## **STREET SWEEPING**

Fall Street Sweeping is scheduled to take place December 6th and 7th beginning at 7:00 am both days. The East side of 272 will be swept on December 6th and the West side on December 7th. 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 fourth year of this program, and will complete the project in early 2023. Currently, we are sending out letters and making appointments to change meters. If you received a letter with your appointment time but were unavailable at that time, please call the borough to reschedule. If you have not received an appointment time yet and would like to schedule you may call the borough at 717-859-1600 and we will be happy to schedule that at your convenience.

## **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.

## **HOLIDAYS**

Akron Borough office will be closed Thursday, November 25, 2021 for Thanksgiving, Friday, December 24, 2021 for Christmas, and Friday, December 31, 2021 for New Years

## **SHOE IN 2022**

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.

## **LIONS CLUB SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Akron Lions Spaghetti Dinner at the Akron Firehall will be **DRIVE THRU ONLY** Sunday, January 30, 2022, 11AM until sold out.

Cost – Adults \$10.00  
Children 6-12 \$ 5.00  
Children under 6 free

## **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**

Akron Borough's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, November 26, 2021 beginning at 6:30 pm.

Santa will arrive at 7:00pm and the tree will be lit shortly after.

The first 75 attendees will receive a free Akron Christmas Ornament made by a local pottery artist.

Hot chocolate, coffee, and donuts will be available.

Join us in the Weisers parking lot 805 Main St, Akron.

For more information, please call or text Katrina 717-615-2558.

## **LIONS CLUB**

Akron Lions Club invites you to join our club and become a part of the world's largest service organization. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm in the Akron Firehall.

Contact us at [akronpalions@gmail.com](mailto:akronpalions@gmail.com) or just come and meet us at the Akron Firehall.

## **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.

## **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.**

## **HOLIDAY WREATHS**

This year 28 lighted wreaths will be hung around Akron's Main Street and Seventh Street. The lights will be solar powered.

These wreaths have been paid for by sponsors and the sponsors name will be on the wreath.

Wreaths should be hung around November 15 and will be removed after the holidays until next year.

## **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.

## **COUNCIL MEETS**

Akron Borough Council holds their meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the borough hall, 117 S Seventh St.

## **WEBSITES OF INTEREST**

[www.Akron-pa.com](http://www.Akron-pa.com)

[www.akronfire.org](http://www.akronfire.org)

[www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org)

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