

AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The Borough is pleased to provide the 2021 Annual Water Consumer Confidence Report. This report provides informative data and results of required testing of our system drinking water to assure water quality and provide pure safe drinking water. Again this year, to save costs, Congress and EPA approved posting of our report on the Borough's web site <https://www.akron-pa.com> Should you not have access to the internet you may obtain a copy at the Borough Administration Office. After review, should you have questions please call Tom Murray Jr. (the Borough's Water Operator) or Susan Davidson, Borough Manager.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Mark your calendars for the last two summer concerts. Concerts will be held in Pavilion 2 in Loyd H Roland Memorial Park at 4:30 pm. The law firm of Haggerty, Silverman and Justice have sponsored the concerts. Concert Dates:
August 21- Swing Street
(rain date August 28)
September 11- Ragtime Willi
(rain date September 18)

TOWN MOTTO

Akron Borough Council is looking for your input for the borough motto. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNKHLSZ> to take part in our survey. Survey will continue through September 15 and Council will make a decision in October 2022.

LOW INCOME WATER ASSISTANCE

is a temporary emergency program to assist low-income families with overdue water bills. A flyer with more information along with an application can be found on our Akron Borough website.

YARD SALES

All yard/garage sales in Akron Borough requires a permit. Cost of the permit is \$5.00 and includes 5 signs. You are allowed one Two (2) day sale or two One (1) day sales. A sign must be posted at the place of sale. No wire, staples or nails may be used to post signs and signs must be removed within 24 hours after the sale. All other signs not purchased at the Borough office will be removed.

COMPOSTING

West Earl Township has a compost facility in Talmage. The facility is open 24/7 year-round. A key card is required to gain entry. Yard and woody waste may be dropped off at the facility and mulch may be taken if it is available. The mulch must be loaded by hand as no large machinery is allowed. Non-Township Residents may purchase a key card to gain entry into the compost facility. Each entry costs \$20 for residential users. Cards may be purchased at the West Earl Township office located at 157 W Metzler Rd, Brownstown Pa.

RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

As a municipality, Akron Borough has an obligation to reach out and educate our residents on best practices for keeping pollutants out of the local environment and mitigating water runoff. We do not have control over all the contaminants that stormwater collects and carries into nearby waterway, and we ask you to take control of practices at home to help keep these contaminants out of our local environment.

Think about lawn care a little differently.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose rather than a sprinkler.

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Don't leave grass clippings or leaves in the street or sweep them into storm drains. Compost them or use them for mulch.

LCSWMA

Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority is requiring all commercial and residential customers transporting waste must use a tarp to secure open loads or face a \$20 penalty. Second offenders will be turned away. Robert Zorbaugh, Chief Executive Officer of LSCWMA said "The health and safety of our community matters. Waste coming loose from unsecured loads is dangerous to drivers and litters our roadways." According to Pennsylvania's State and Federal requirements, it's also the law to tarp loads. When transporting any waste, in an open trailer or vehicle, drivers should:
*Tie large objects directly to the vehicle or trailer
* Never overload the vehicle
* Check for possibility of shifting
* Securely place a water-resistant tarp over entire open load.

FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

September 18, 2022 – Designer Purse, Cash and Gift Card Bingo
\$25 donation for 20 games of regular bingo, door prizes, consolation prizes and a non-winner game. Doors open at 11:30, Bingo starts at 1:00. Special games of bingo, speed bingo, raffles, 50/50, pull tickets extra cards, and dabbers will be available for an additional cost. Additional information may be obtained at the Akron Volunteer Fire Company Facebook page or by sending an email to bingoavfc12@gmail.com

TALL GRASS AND WEEDS

No person, owning or occupying any property within the Borough shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of 8 inches, or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor. Ninety percent of home owners and renters take pride in their homes and keep their properties in compliance with the Borough's tall grass and weed ordinance. The other ten percent are encouraged to take the extra step and maintain their lawn to standard and everyone should be more conscious of their curb line. Tall grass and weeds allowed to grow in the curb line is unsightly and gives the appearance of an unkempt property that ultimately affects neighboring property values. *Vegetation growing between the road surface and the sidewalk curbing is the responsibility of the owner/occupier for removal.*

PROPERTIES WILL BE CITED FOR THIS VIOLATION.

TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be held this year on Monday, October 31 from 6pm – 8pm.

SOLICITATION

When someone comes to your door looking to sell you something, you have the right to ask them to show their permit. All solicitors are issued a permit and should have the permit with them.

HOLIDAY WREATHS

\$35 to sponsor an Akron Holiday Wreath. We have a limited number of wreaths. Wreaths go up on Main Street mid-November. Email Katrina Zimmerman at Katrinamf35@Yahoo.com to reserve your sponsorship.

SHOE IN 2023

It is only August, but it is time to begin thinking about the Shoe In for 2022. If you are interested in helping with the planning or have an idea for an activity at the event, please call Darryl Witmer at 717-733-0714.

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- Second and Fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Borough Municipal Building, 117 S. 7th Street.

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.

HOLIDAYS

Akron Borough office will be closed Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day.

First day of school is Monday, August 29th.

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.

VOTING DISTRICTS

East District

Akron Mennonite Church
1311 Diamond Street

West District

Akron Church of the Brethren
613 Main Street

Voter Registration Office

717-299-8293

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