

AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

FROM OUR POLICE

The West Earl Township Police would like to welcome and introduce Officers Ryan Fields and Zachary Crills to the Department. Both officers were sworn in Monday, September 26th, 2022, at the West Earl Township Board of Supervisors Meeting by Township Chairman David Thornton in front of their friends and family, along with current members of the department.

Officer Ryan Fields comes from the Spring City Police Department and has been a police officer for several years. Officer Zachary Crills is currently enrolled in the HACC Police Academy and is scheduled to graduate the Academy in December. Officer Crills is also a former Township employee having worked as a member of the road crew.

Officers Fields and Crills have both been assigned to an experienced field training officer and must successfully complete the department's 12-week field training program. Both of these new officers are a welcomed edition to our department.

We wish Ryan Fields and Zachary Crills the best of luck with their future here and look forward to the both of them becoming members of the West Earl and Akron community.

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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.

NO MORE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Borough will **NO LONGER** be accepting Christmas Trees for recycling. Unfortunately, some people took advantage of this recycling and dropped other waste and not just trees at the park. Please do not take your trees to the park for recycling.

FIRE COMPANY NEWS

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm – Craft Show and Cookie Sale - \$6.00 per dozen – Homemade Chocolate Chip, Buttermilk, Thumbprints, Peanut Butter Blossoms, Oatmeal Raisin, and Snicker Doodles will be available for sale during the craft show.

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022 6:30am
– Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 6:30am
– Buffet Breakfast

February 11, 2023 6:30am
– Sweetheart Breakfast

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.

LCSWMA

Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority offers drop off disposal for a fee for waste that cannot be placed curbside. They accept bulky items such as mattresses and furniture; tires, appliances, and construction materials. For more information: contact LCSWMA directly at 717-397-9968 or email info@lcswma.org.

WATER NEWS

The Borough has implemented a water meter replacement program. We are in the last 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.

SHOE IN 2023

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.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.Akron-pa.com

www.akronfire.org

www.lcswma.org

ephreatapubliclibrary.org

3RD ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Akron Borough's 3rd Annual Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, November 25, 2022 beginning at 6:30 pm. Santa will arrive at 7:00pm and the tree will be lit shortly after. The first 80 attendees will receive a free Akron Christmas Ornament. Complimentary Weiser's donuts, cookies, and hot chocolate 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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm in the Akron Firehall. Contact us at akronpalions@gmail.com or just come and meet us at the Akron Firehall.

HOLIDAYS

Akron Borough office will be closed Thursday, November 24, 2022 for Thanksgiving, Monday, December 26, 2022 for Christmas, and Monday, January 2, 2023 for New Years

BROCHURE RACK

People come to the borough office for many things. Some come to pay water/sewer bills, some come to pick up permit applications, some come to rent facilities in our parks. Whatever the reason for coming, we are here to help you. Next time you come to the borough, check out our brochure rack in our lobby. We have a lot of useful information in our rack about erosion & sedimentation, neighborhood safety, fat free sewers, 8-1-1, stormwater management, and more.

RAIL TRAIL NEWS

Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail has been voted #2 in Biking/Hiking/Jogging Trail by Lancaster County Magazine.

REMINDER: Unlike pedestrian crosswalks, vehicles have the right-of-way at trail crossings and

are not required to stop for you. Pedestrians should wait to cross the roadway when it is safe to do so.

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. Also a phone which dials directly to County Radio for police.

PAY ONLINE TWO WAYS

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: You can pay your 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.

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 Saturday, November 12. Wreaths will be removed after the holidays.

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.

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