

# AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE POLICE

### Imposter Scams

#### How it works:

You get a call or an email saying you've won a prize or someone is in trouble. It might seem to be from someone you know, or someone you think you know but haven't met in person. The story changes but the request is the same: wire money to pay taxes or fees, or to help someone you care about.

Is this person who you think it is? Is there an emergency? Is there a prize? Odds are no, the person contacting you is pretending to be someone else.

#### What to do?

Stop. Check it out – before wiring money to anyone. Call the person, agency, someone else you trust. Then decide how to proceed. No government agency will ever ask you to wire money. Share this information with a friend. You may not have received the call or email yourself but chances are you know someone who has.

### Identity Theft

#### How it works:

Someone uses your personal information such as your social security or medicare number, credit card, or medical insurance, and runs up bills in your name. How would you know? You could be getting bills for things you didn't buy or services you didn't get. Your bank account may have withdrawals you haven't made. You might not get an expected bill. Or, you may find accounts on your credit report you know nothing about.

#### What to do:

Protect your information. Where would someone find your credit card or social security number? Protect personal information by shredding documents instead of just throwing them out. Only provide your social security number when you must. Use strong online passwords. Read your monthly statements and check your credit, read them for accuracy. Make sure you recognize what is on them.

## 2023 BOROUGH CAPITAL PROJECTS

Akron Borough will be undertaking two capital projects as part of the 2023 Borough Budget.

The first project is replacement of approximately 900 linear feet of 8" diameter of sanitary sewer pipe at the intersection of New Street and 10th Street.

The second project will be the reconstruction and resurfacing of Edgehill Drive and Manor Ridge Drive.

Both projects are anticipated to commence construction in early spring 2023.

## BUILDING PERMITS

All repairs, renovations, and additions to a residential property require a building permit – work started without necessary permits are subject to penalties and fines. Call the Borough with any questions and to eliminate unnecessary delays.

## WATER SEWER PAYMENT

We have been receiving more payments through bill paying services and through our website.

Payments are applied using your account number. Please make sure your account number is on the payment or used as your reference number online. When paying more than one account we need both account numbers.

If we only have one account number, the payment will all be applied to that one account.

## STREET SWEEPING

Spring Street Sweeping is scheduled to take place April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7:00 am both days. The East side of 272 will be swept on April 20<sup>th</sup> and the West side on April 21<sup>st</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 insure that your street will get swept and emergency vehicles can travel the streets without accident or injury.

## UNUSED MEDICATIONS

Akron Borough 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 8:30 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

## 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.

## **AKRON DAY IN THE PARK**

The Annual Akron Day in the Park will take place this year on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Akron Day in the Park Committee is planning a full day of fun, food, and family entertainment everyone will enjoy. Mark this day on your calendars and plan to attend. More details will be mailed with the May Newsletter.

## **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.

## **BOROUGH ADDRESS**

117 South Seventh Street  
PO Box 130  
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## **CHANGING METERS**

Akron Borough has almost completed our five –year program updating our current water meters to radio read meters. The new meters are read with a radio frequency, which means the meter reader can read an entire street in the time it was taking to read one or two houses. The Borough has done its best to systematically change the meters. We have less than 50 meters left to change.

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS-**

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

## **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.

## **FIRE COMPANY NEWS**

Saturday, March 4, 2023 6:30am  
- Breakfast

Saturday, April 1  
- Chicken BBQ

Saturday, June 3  
- Pulled Pork

Saturday, July 8  
- Chicken BBQ

## **WHAT YOU CAN RECYCLE AND WHERE**

Not sure where you can recycle your old computer?

Are you cleaning out your attic, basement, or garage?

Check the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority's website at [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) and select the Recycling page to see the list of materials and where you can recycle them in Lancaster County.

You can find additional materials and locations throughout Pennsylvania at the Department of Environmental Protection's website at [www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/recycle/recycle.htm](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/wm/recycle/recycle.htm).

## **HOLIDAYS**

Akron Borough Office will be closed Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.

## **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)

[ephratapubliclibrary.org](http://ephratapubliclibrary.org)

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