

AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit is required for constructing, remodeling and renovation of any building or accessory structure. Except for replacing shingles on roofs, painting (exterior or interior), carpet replacement and other improvements classified as cosmetics, Akron Borough residents are required under Pennsylvania Law, **UNIFORMED CONSTRUCTION CODE**, to obtain a permit for all other work. The Borough Building Code Official is responsible for approving permit applications and conducting the required inspections. Permit application can be applied for and obtained at the Borough Office during normal business hours. From the time of application to obtaining the permit for the project may take up to two weeks

BOROUGH OFFICE

Akron Borough office is open to the public Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming summer concerts. All concerts will be held in Pavilion 2 in Loyd H Roland Memorial Park at 6:30 pm. We are happy to announce that the law firm of Haggerty, Silverman and Justice will be sponsoring the concerts. Randall Justice, Akron Borough Council member, had this to say about his firm's sponsorship: "This concert series is a great way for us to come together as friends and neighbors to really enjoy something that builds us all up as a community. I am proud that we have the opportunity to be a sponsor." Concert Dates:
June 11 - Fire in the Glen
July 2 - Rizzetta's Tones
July 9 – Harrisburg Mandolin Ensemble
July 30 - Mitch and the Mood Swings

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Please remember when mowing your grass, the clippings are not to be blown onto the roadway. Grass on the road is a safety hazard to motorcyclists and bicyclists.

These clippings will be washed into the storm drains which can create clogs and cause drainage and flooding issues.

Grass clippings that are blown into the streets can also end up in the local waterways. This can be harmful to the habitats and wildlife living in the waterways. It can contaminate them with chemicals from lawn maintenance.

If you blow your grass onto the roadway while mowing, please clean it up when you are done.

WASHING YOUR CAR

Did you know that by washing your car at a car wash, you can save at least 50% of the water that you would use to wash the same vehicle at home?

When you wash your car at home, you can expect to use between 80-140 gallons of water. A car wash, however, will only use about 45 gallons per vehicle. Furthermore, some car washes are able to recycle water, so those 45 gallons are not wasted and can be used to wash more vehicles.

Washing your car in the street not only wastes water. It is also harmful to the environment. It allows the soapy, contaminated, water to run into the storm drains. All these contaminants and chemicals end up in the Chesapeake Bay.

MOSQUITOS

Just a reminder to all our citizens to help cut down on the mosquito population in Akron by dumping out any standing water on your property. Make sure you don't have anything like buckets, upside down trash can lids, or even bottle caps that can catch rain water and allow mosquitoes to breed.

RAIL TRAIL CROSSING

When walking the Rail Trail, be aware of street crossings.

Pedestrians have the red light when approaching the crossing, please stop and look before entering the roadway.

Vehicles receive a yellow warning light when pedestrians are approaching. Drivers should slow down and prepare to stop.

DID YOU KNOW?

(Water saving tips)

*A leaky faucet can waste 3,280 gallons of water a year!

*When you let the water run while brushing your teeth, gallons of water go down the drain each minute.

*Don't use the toilet as a trash can. Every time you flush, precious water goes down the drain.

*A running hose can use 8 gallons of water per minute.

*Make sure you have a shut off nozzle on the end of your hose. You can use up to 5 gallons of water a minute when you shower.

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. 7th Street.

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 for police which dials directly to County Radio.

PROPERTY

MAINTENANCE

TALL GRASS AND WEEDS

No, person owning or occupying any property within the Borough shall permit grass or weeds or any vegetation (not edible or planted) to exceed a height of eight inches this includes the curblines.

All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary

condition. PROPERTIES WILL BE CITED FOR VIOLATIONS.

HOLIDAYS

Akron Borough Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day.

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.

This notice gives the resident an additional 10 days to pay the bill before service is terminated.

Please pay attention to your notices to avoid this happening.

YARD SALES

A permit is required for yard sales. The permit is \$5 and includes 5 signs. No other signs are permitted. The Borough ordinance allows for 2 one-day sales or 1 two-day sale per year. SIGNS MUST BE REMOVED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF SALE.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.akronfire.org

www.co.lancaster.pa.us/

www.lcswma.org

ephratapubliclibrary.org

northernlancasterchamber.org

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