

AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The Borough is pleased to provide the 2022 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/communications/consumer-confidence-report>

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.

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.

HOLIDAYS

Akron Borough Office will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

First day of school is Monday, August 28th.

RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good. Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. 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 waterways, and we ask you to take control of practices at home to help keep these contaminants out of our local environment.

Storm Water Tips

- 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.
- Properly dispose of hazardous substances
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly.
- Use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure if materials to storm water.

DID YOU KNOW?

Leaking oil goes from car to street. It is washed from the street into the storm drain and into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters, like the Chesapeake Bay. Imagine the number of cars in the area and you can picture the amount of oil that finds its way from leaky gaskets into our water.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Mark your calendars for the last summer concert. Concerts will be held in Pavilion 2 in Loyd H Roland Memorial Park at 6:30 pm. The law firm of Haggerty, Silverman and Justice have sponsored the concerts.

Concert Dates:

September 3 - Rizzetta's Tones

FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

September 9th – Pork BBQ
September 17th – Designer Purse, Cash and Gift Card Bingo.
November 4th – Gift Card Bingo
Additional information may be obtained at the Akron Volunteer Fire Company Facebook page.

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

TRICK OR TREAT

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

HOLIDAY WREATHS

\$35 to sponsor an Akron Holiday Wreath. We have a limited number available. Wreaths go up on Main Street mid-November. Email Katrina Zimmerman at katrinamf35@Yahoo.com By November 1st to reserve your sponsorship.

SHOE IN 2023

It is only August, but it is time to begin thinking about the Shoe In for 2023. 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.

WATER SAVING TIPS

- *Install water-saving showerheads and faucet aerators in sink
- *Shorten the time spent in the shower
- *Turn off the water while brushing teeth
- *Run only full loads in the dishwasher and adjust washing machine water levels to match load size
- *Rinse produce in a basin rather than under running water
- *Keep water in the refrigerator to avoid running water from a faucet until it is cold
- *Check toilets for leaks

YARD SALES

All yard/garage sales in Akron Borough requires a permit.

Cost of the permit is \$10.00 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.**

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 curbline.

All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. **PROPERTIES WILL BE CITED FOR VIOLATIONS.**

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.akronfire.org
www.co.lancaster.pa.us/
www.lcswma.org
ephrapubliclibrary.org
northernlancasterchamber.org

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.

BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Office phone number is 717-859-1600. The lobby is open 24 hours a day with a night drop for bills. Also, a phone for police which dials directly to County Radio.

VOTING DISTRICTS

- **East District**

Akron Mennonite Church
1311 Diamond Street

- **West District**

Akron Community Church
613 Main Street

Voter Registration Office
717-299-8293

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.

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.

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.

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