

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 the 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.

STREET SWEEPING

Spring Street Sweeping is scheduled to take place April 4th and April 5th beginning between 6:00AM-7:00AM both days. The East side of 272 will be swept on April 4th and the West side on April 5th. When possible, please remove parked cars from the 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 ensure 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

AKRON DAY IN THE PARK

The Annual Akron Day in the Park will take place this year on Saturday, June 8th. 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.

HOLIDAYS

The Akron Borough Office will be closed Monday February 19th for President's Day.

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 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. 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 heavy snow, please remove your vehicles from the street to allow our snowplows to do a better job at clearing the streets.

FIRE COMPANY NEWS

- Saturday, February 10, 2024
- Sweetheart Breakfast
- Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- Home Made Fasnacht Sale
- Sunday, March 10, 2024
- Meat Bingo
- Saturday, March 16, 2024
- Grilled Sausage Sandwich & Soup
- Saturday, April 20, 2024
- Chicken BBQ
- Sunday, April 28, 2024
- Mother's Day Bingo

STORMWATER

Over winter months it may seem like there's not much you can do to prevent stormwater pollution. However, there are many things you can do to help. If you limit the amount of salt used on walkways and driveways, it reduces the amount of polluted water entering storm drains. Additionally, physically removing as much snow and ice as possible BEFORE laying salt, avoids over-application. Over-applying can cause an excess of salt and chemicals to enter storm drains and eventually waterways.

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.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.akronfire.org

www.co.lancaster.pa.us/

www.lcswma.org

ephratapubliclibrary.org

northernlancasterchamber.org

BOROUGH ADDRESS

117 South Seventh Street

PO Box 130

Akron PA 17501

BOROUGH WEBSITE

www.akron-pa.com

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.

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.

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 and a phone for police, which dials directly to County Radio.

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. A 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

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