

# AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER CONCERTS

Please join us on Sunday, June 30 at 6:00 p.m. for a super fun concert featuring Mitch and the Mood Swings, Akron's crowd favorite at last year's summer concerts. The concert will be held in Pavilion 2 at the Loyd H Roland Memorial Park. Take along lawn chairs, and a picnic supper if you wish, for a lively performance of the best of 60's, Rock and Roll, soul, and Motown music.

## 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.

## 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 rainwater 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)

1. A leaky faucet can waste 3,280 gallons of water a year!
2. When you let the water run while brushing your teeth, gallons of water go down the drain each minute.
3. Don't use the toilet as a trash can. Every time you flush, precious water goes down the drain.
4. 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.
5. You can use up to 5 gallons of water a minute when you shower.

## 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.**

## 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. Some car washes can recycle water, so those 45 gallons are not wasted and can be used for more vehicles. Washing your car in the street not only wastes water, but 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 Chesapeake Bay.

## AKRON DAY IN THE PARK

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

## YARD SALES

A permit is required for yard sales. The permit is \$10 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.**

## HOLIDAYS

Akron Borough Office will be closed Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day and Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day.

## UTILITY RATES

Effective February 1, 2024, water rates for borough residents increased from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons. Sewer rates remain the same at \$15.25 per 1,000 gallons.

This increase will be reflected on your May, 15 2024, Utility Bill.

## MOVIE IN THE PARK

Join us Friday, May 17, 2024, at Broad Street Park for a movie night. "Moms' Night Out", starring Sarah Drew, Sean Astin, Patricia Heaton, and Trace Adkins, follows the story of a group of moms who decide to have a girl's night out. To take the night off, they must rely on their husbands to watch the kids for a couple hours. This movie is a fun story for the whole family.

## Consumer Confidence Report

The Annual Consumer Confidence Report can be found on the Borough webpage at [www.akron-pa.com/communications/consumer-confidence-report](http://www.akron-pa.com/communications/consumer-confidence-report) or a copy can be picked up at the Borough Office.

## **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 2.65% (\$3.00 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](http://www.akronfire.org)

[www.co.lancaster.pa.us/](http://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/)

[www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org)

[www.ephuratapubliclibrary.org](http://www.ephuratapubliclibrary.org)

[www.northernlancasterchamber.org](http://www.northernlancasterchamber.org)

## **BOROUGH ADDRESS**

117 South Seventh Street

PO Box 130

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## **BOROUGH WEBSITE**

[www.akron-pa.com](http://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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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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