

AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Mark your calendars for the last Summer Movie Night presented by Cultivate Community Church. On Friday, September 20th, the movie Remember the Titans will be shown at Broad St Park beginning at dusk. In the event of rain, the movie will be shown indoors beginning at 8:00pm at 650 East Main St in Akron.

HOLIDAYS

Akron Borough Office will be closed Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day.

First day of school is Monday, August 26th.

YARD SALES

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

Cost of the permit is \$10.00 and includes 5 signs. Borough ordinance allows for 2 one-day sales or 1 two-day sale per year. 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 curblineline. All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition. **PROPERTIES WILL BE CITED FOR VIOLATIONS.**

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.

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.

FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

August 20th – National Night Out
September 15th – Designer Purse, Cash and Gift Card Bingo.
October 19th – Chicken BBQ
October 23rd – Halloween Parade
November 3rd – 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. It may take up to two weeks from the time of application to obtaining the permit for the project.

TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be held this year on Thursday, October 31st 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.

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
www.co.lancaster.pa.us/
www.lcswma.org
www.ephuratapubliclibrary.org
www.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.

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