

# AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

## **SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL**

Sidewalks should be cleared with at least a 2-foot pathway within 24 hours **after** the snowfall stops. 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. 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 a heavy snow, please remove your vehicles from the street to allow our snowplows to do a better job at clearing the streets.

## **NO MORE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

The Borough will **NO LONGER** be accepting Christmas Trees for recycling. Unfortunately, some people took advantage of this recycling and dropped other waste and not just trees at the park. Please do not take your trees to the park for recycling.

## **LCSWMA**

Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority offers drop off disposal for a fee for waste that cannot be placed curbside. They accept bulky items such as mattresses and furniture; tires, appliances, and construction materials. For more information: contact LCSWMA directly at 717-397-9968 or email [info@lcswma.org](mailto:info@lcswma.org).

## **DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know that when mulched into a fertilizer, leaves can be a great source of nutrients for your yard and grass. On the contrary, when you let your leaves lay in a decaying mat, it can expose your lawn to mold and disease.

## **BROCHURE RACK**

People come to the borough office for many things. Some come to pay water/sewer bills, some come to pick up permit applications, some come to rent facilities in our parks. Whatever the reason for coming, we are here to help you.

Next time you come to the borough, check out our brochure rack in our lobby. We have a lot of useful information in our rack about erosion & sedimentation, neighborhood safety, fat free sewers, 8-1-1, stormwater management, and more.

## **LIONS CLUB**

Akron Lions Club invites you to join our club and become a part of the world's largest service organization. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm in the Akron Firehall. Contact us at [akronpalions@gmail.com](mailto:akronpalions@gmail.com) or just come and meet us at the Akron Firehall.

## **WATER SAVING TIPS**

Many people relax their water conservation practices as the weather cools down and they are no longer watering gardens. However, you can still save water as the winter takes hold. For instance, sweep leaves and debris from sidewalks or driveways rather than cleaning them with a hose. Furthermore, don't forget to check outside faucets and hoses frequently for leaks that freezing temperatures may cause. In addition, after the last swim of the season, make sure to cover your pool. A proper pool cover can reduce water loss through evaporation by 90%, saving you water the following spring when you top your pool off.

## **SHOE IN**

Plans are ongoing for the annual Akron Shoe-In on New Year's Eve. The event will take place at the Broad Street Park.

Food and various activities will be available for all ages so please plan to join in the fun on New Year's Eve. With any questions, please see the Borough Page, Facebook, or call the office at 717-859-1600.

## **STORMWATER**

With the fall into winter months many people struggle with leaf clean up. You may be tempted to sweep leaves into streets and storm drains. Doing this can create many long-term problems for our ecosystems. Once the leaves enter the storm sewers, they carry fertilizers, pesticides and other yard waste into lakes and streams without treatment. Though Akron Brough no longer has leaf pick-up days, many trash companies in the area offer this service.

Reminder: No Leaf Burning!

## **HOLIDAYS**

Akron Borough Office will be closed for the following

Holidays:

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Day.

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Years Day

## **FIRE COMPANY NEWS**

**BINGO**  
December 21<sup>st</sup> – Breakfast with Santa  
February 15<sup>th</sup> – Sweetheart Breakfast

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

**BOROUGH ADDRESS**

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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.

**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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