

# AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

## FROM OUR POLICE: OFFICIAL PENNSYLVANIA FIRE POLICE SAFETY REGULATIONS

For the Public:

\*Be aware that fire police are sworn officers of a local government municipality.

\*All persons must obey a fire police officer's instructions or indications relating to traffic flow.

\*All drivers must obey traffic-control devices used to indicate hazardous conditions.

\*All drivers must stop and not proceed past, around or through a sign or traffic-control device used to close a road or highway due to an existing or potentially hazardous condition, unless directed to do so by an emergency service responder.

**Pennsylvania Law (Title 75)** provides for fines, restitution for fire, police, emergency medical services and emergency preparedness for persons violating fire police officer's directions or failing to obey traffic-control devices which warn of hazardous conditions.

## NATIONAL CRAYON RECYCLE PROGRAM

Thanks to schools, organization educators and kids across the county, this "recycling" education, community service has made it possible to stop more than 96,000 pounds of unwanted crayons from going into landfills.

The Crayon Recycle Program and Crazy Crayons, LLC, work together to take unwanted, rejected, and broken crayons and recycle them into new crayons. You don't have to do anything to the crayons except collect, box, and ship them.

If you would like more information on this recycle program, you may call 952-847-0455.

## SHOE IN 2016

Plans are underway for the annual Akron Shoe In on New Year's Eve. The event will take place at the Broad Street Park. Shoes are being collected again this year to benefit Peter's Porch, an outreach program of Zion Lutheran Church. Shoes may be dropped off at the church, Weiser's Grocery Store, Ephrata National Bank and Akron Borough Office in December. They will also be collected at the Shoe In event.

Food and various activities will be available for all ages so please plan to join in the fun on New Year's Eve.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact chairman, Barb McMinn at 859-1244.

## PAY ONLINE TWO WAYS

### CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

You can pay your property taxes and/or 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.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

If you have a Police Emergency, dial **911**. If you have a Police Non-Emergency, dial **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.**

## LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection in the Borough began on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Residents must use the Brown Kraft Bags that can be purchased at the Borough Hall. Bags are \$.40 each. Leaf collection will continue on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## LIONS CLUB

It's almost time again for the best spaghetti dinner in Akron. Akron Lions Club 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Sunday, January 31, 2016 11:00 am until sold out. Akron Fire Hall Adults \$9.50 Children (6-12) \$5.00 Under 6 are free

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Borough will be accepting Christmas Trees beginning December 26 at BROAD STREET PARK. The trees will be utilized for the 2016 Shoe-In Bon Fire.

## RAIL TRAIL

T-Shirts are available at Borough Office. Only \$12 each.

## SCOUT NEWS

Did you know that Akron has a Cub Scout Pack and a Boy Scout Troop? They are Pack 57 and Troop 57 sponsored by the Akron Lions Club.

If you have a son in grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> we invite your son and you to join Cub Scouts. He will have lots of fun, learn new things and gain good values. Please call 723-8601 or email [mvsensenig@yahoo.com](mailto:mvsensenig@yahoo.com) for more information.

If you have a son age 11 to 17 then Boy Scouts is the place for him. In Boy Scouts he will learn many new things about the outdoors, and learn lots of new skills he can use in daily life. Boy Scouts learn to be part of a team, leadership skills and gain good values all while having a great time and lots of fun. Please call 859-1541 or email [pmwolf@dejazzd.com](mailto:pmwolf@dejazzd.com) for more information.

LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN

## HISTORICAL MOMENT

The Ephrata Review, April 6, 1928

Monday, Mohn bros. local dealers unloaded a car-load of Pontiac autos which makes eight cars since March 1st. Quite a good showing. Akron is now on the map. And don't you forget it.

## WATER BILL DUE DATES

Water bills are sent quarterly:

1<sup>st</sup> quarter  
February 1 - April 30  
Mailed May 15  
Due June 15

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
May 1 - July 31  
Mailed August 15  
Due September 15

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter  
August 1 - October 31  
Mailed November 15  
Due December 15

4<sup>th</sup> quarter  
November 1 - January 31.  
Mailed February 15 Due  
March 15

## POLICE NEWS

It's time again to have your vehicle looked over by your service station for the up and coming cold weather months. Your tires should be checked to make sure they will get you through the winter safely. The car windshield wipers should be checked and if needed replaced for good visibility and the removal of snow and ice that can build up on the windshield. All windows on a vehicle must be cleared of all snow and ice. Remember driving on wet leaves can have the same effect as driving on snow and ice. Give yourself room and time to slow down.

## SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Ordinance Chapter 21 Section 202 states: All sidewalks shall be clear of ice and snow to a path at least 24" wide within 24 hours after the snow or ice has ceased to fall.

Chapter 15 Section 806 states: No person shall place, throw or otherwise dispose of snow or slush upon the travel lanes of any Borough Street.

## HOLIDAYS

Akron Borough office will be closed Thursday, November 26, 2015 for Thanksgiving, Friday, December 25, 2015 for Christmas, and Friday January 1, 2016 for New Years.

## BOROUGH OFFICE

### HOURS:

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

**Council meets-** Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Municipal Building, 117 S. 7th Street.

## BOROUGH DIRECTORY

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