

AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

STREETS PROJECT

The 2016 street paving project includes the entire length of Main Street. The Street repairs will include base repair and leveling and then complete Micro Surface sealing of the entire paved surface. Our contractor for this project is Stewart and Tate who will begin the work approximately mid to late June and finish within two weeks of starting. For planning purposes the residents living on Main Street should have alternate parking arrangements for the specific day of notification. The contractor will try to give residents at least 24 hour notice of specific shut-down: **No vehicle traffic will be allowed** during those notified hours. Should there be delays, notices will be delivered to your homes or telephone calls will be placed to your residence. In addition, trees along Main Street will be assessed for **height** restrictions of limbs. Property owners with trees issues will be notified to trim low hanging tree limbs. With your cooperation we anticipate a smooth installation with a minimum of inconvenience. Should you have any questions please call the Borough office at 859-1600. Miller Road will be oil sealed and topped with a micro-surface. This will be a two stage application involving two separate days. Again, notifications will be given out by the contractor 24 hours before road closure. Each application would be for one day. Additional information will be provided.

TALL GRASS AND WEEDS

No person, owning or occupying any property within the Borough shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of 10 inches, or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor. Ninety percent of home owners and renters take pride in their homes and keep

their properties in compliance with the Borough's tall grass and weed ordinance. The other ten percent are encouraged to take the extra step and maintain their lawn to standard and everyone should be more conscious of their curb line. Tall grass and weeds allowed to grow in the curb line is unsightly and gives the appearance of an unkempt property that ultimately affects neighboring property values.

Vegetation growing between the road surface and the sidewalk curbing is the responsibility of the owner/occupier for removal.
PROPERTIES WILL BE CITED FOR THIS VIOLATION.

WATER AND SEWER

As reported earlier, the abatement of INFLOW AND INFILTRATION (also known as I&I) of stormwater into our sanitary sewer system has been a priority in sewer operations for the past five years. The Borough operates a collection system for sanitary waste. This waste flows through our pipes and pumping station network to the wastewater treatment plant in Ephrata for processing. When clean water enters the system either through inflow (typically caused by sump pumps being discharged into the sewer system or yard vents allowing water to flow into them) or infiltration (cracks or breaks in the pipes) it causes stress on the plant and additional expense to treat. Our agreement with the other members of the sewer operation allows the Borough to process 500,000 gallons of waste per day and during inclement weather to peak at 850,000 gallons. When we exceed these limits the potential for penalties are within the scope of the agreement and periodically we are billed for these penalties, such as last year when we experienced record rainfall. It is in everyone's interest, who pays a sewer bill, to assure rain water does not enter the sewer system. Property owners should inspect yard vents and assure that the lip is above

ground level. Also make sure basement floor drains and sump pumps are not connected to our system. The better we do at decreasing I & I, the more it minimizes the amount of penalties the Borough is assessed and therefore impacts increased charges to you the customers.

FROM OUR POLICE

From the Vehicle Code:

Right-of-way of pedestrians in crosswalks.

(a) General rule-When traffic-control signals are not in place, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

(b) Exercise of care by pedestrian-No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute a hazard.

FIRE COMPANY

8/9/2016 - Open House

9/18/2016 - Vera/Coach Bingo
contact Karen Leisey 215-8800

11/13/2016 - Gift Card Bingo
contact Sara Leisey 330-8317

12/10/2016 - Craft/Vendor Show
contact Heather Beech 271-4677

MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRS

No person, owning or occupying any property within the Borough shall repair or service any motor vehicles on the streets of the Borough. In addition motor vehicle owners shall take corrective action to correct any leakage of vehicle fluids from your vehicle onto Borough streets. In addition all vehicles must be inspected and registered or stored in a garage.

PARK VOLUNTEERS

Akron residents that are interested in volunteering to help clean and beautify our parks should call the Borough Office at 859-1600.

RECYCLE NEWS

In 2015, Lancaster County residents recycled 2,699,219 pounds of electronics through Lancaster County Solid Waste Household Hazardous Waste Facility – a new record!

Customer visits hit a new record as well with 77,685 residents using the HHW Facility to safely dispose of materials such as paint, cleaners, motor oil, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, computers, TVs, cell phones, fluorescent bulbs and more. In addition to the 2,699,219 pounds of electronics collected

- 151,149 pounds of batteries
- 965,176 pounds of motor oil
- 94,000 pounds of flammable liquids
- 34,744 pounds of florescent bulbs
- 362,820 pounds of latex paint
- 166,868 pounds of hazardous waste.

YARD SALES

Residents who are planning to have these sales are reminded they must first obtain a permit at the Borough Office and obtain Borough issued signs. These signs may be put up no more than 48 hours before the sale and must be taken down no more than 24 hours after the sale. No other sign is permitted. No nail, staple or other similar object may be used when attaching a sign to a utility pole.

HISTORICAL MOMENT

Ephrata Review,
Friday, May 27, 1910

The Akron Y.M.C.A. will on Saturday evening, June 4 hold a grand open air festival in the lot adjoining Hotel Akron. H.E.Romig proprietor. Music by M.S.R. Band of Ephrata.

AKRON DAY IN THE PARK

The Akron Day in the Park will take place this year on Saturday June 11th. The Akron Day in the Park Committee is planning a full day of fun, food and Family entertainment. (see enclosed flyer for more information)

WEBSITES WORTH SEEING

Akron - www.akron-pa.com

Lancaster Co Solid Waste

www.lcswma.org

Library –

www.ephratapubliclibrary.org

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 for police which dials directly to County Radio.

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 giving the resident an additional 10 days to pay the bill before service is terminated. Please pay attention to your notices to avoid this happening.

POLICE DEPT. PHONE

NUMBERS

For fire, ambulance calls, or police emergencies dial 911. If you would like to talk to a Police Officer concerning a non-emergency complaint or situation, please dial 859-6600. This number is answered by Lancaster County Wide communications dispatchers and they will take the information and relay it to the Officer. This number is answered 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. An Officer will respond or call you back as soon as he or she is able.

COUNCIL MEETINGS-

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

HOLIDAYS:

The office will be closed: Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day and Monday July 4th for Independence Day.

BOROUGH ADDRESS

117 South Seventh Street
PO Box 130
Akron PA 17501

BOROUGH DIRECTORY

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859-2655

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John Williamson-President
859-1600

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859-3191

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859-4376

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859-1600

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Personnel/Public Safety
859-1600

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859-1600

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