

AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

NEW WATER RATES

Effective February 1, 2019, our water rate was raised from \$6.50 per 1000 gallons to \$7.00 per 1000 gallons.

Sewer rates were increased from \$9.55 per 1000 gallons to \$10.61 per 1000 gallons.

POLICE NEWS

Fireworks Law

Q: Which Fireworks are Pennsylvania residents now allowed to purchase and use? Consumers can now purchase and use “Class C” or “consumer grade” fireworks that include firecrackers, Roman Candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material. The expansion includes those fireworks that were previously only available to out-of-state residents.

“Display fireworks” which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place.

Q: Who can purchase fireworks? Anyone 18 years of age or older can purchase them.

Q: What are the restrictions on where they can be used? They cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner. They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building. They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building. They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure, whether or not a person is actually present. They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

STORMWATER INFORMATION

Stormwater runoff is generated from rain and snowmelt events that flow over land or impervious surfaces, such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops, and does not soak into the ground.

The runoff picks up pollutants like trash, chemicals, oils, and dirt/sediment that can harm our rivers, streams, lakes, and coastal waters.

Because stormwater can flow over hard surfaces directly into storm drains, there is no opportunity for soil and plants or a water treatment facility to filter out pollutants.

How can you help reduce pollutants in stormwater?

Practice healthy household habits and share these habits with your neighbors:

In the garage or shed:

Check your car, boat, motorcycle, lawn mower, tiller and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible and clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material. Dispose of the material in the trash. Never rinse spills into a storm drain or over a hard surface. Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Never dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

Vehicle Care:

Use a commercial car wash if available. If washing at home, move the car to the lawn or an unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain.

Pet Care:

Always pick up waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best method of disposal.

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 but are not required to stop at the rail trail crossing.

CHANGING METERS

Akron Borough has implemented a five –year program updating our current water meters to radio read meters. The new meters will be read with a radio frequency, which means the meter reader can read an entire street in the time it currently takes to read one or two houses. The Borough will do its best to systematically change the meters. **When you receive your letter with your meter change appointment, please do your best to make this time available for us to change the meter.**

CALL OUT FOR AKRON RESIDENTS TO ADVISE BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR LONG TERM PLANNING

Borough Council wants a group of citizens to meet 4-6 times a year to provide guidance for implementing Akron’s Comprehensive Plan (CP). Please call Borough Office or contact Borough Manager or Member of Council if you are interested in serving on this CP Implementation Task Force. The CP was approved at last December’s council meeting following two years of planning by a group of committed Akron residents. The CP provides vision statements, goals, and recommended actions for the following strategic themes: Quality of Life; Economic Development, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Parks. Please consider volunteering and participating with this CP Implementation Task Force. Contact John Williamson if you have questions (717-925-6704)

FROM OUR POLICE

We have Facebook. Like our page for all the latest events, crime stoppers, and arrests.

AKRON DAY IN THE PARK AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Roland Park from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Food-Fun- Family Entertainment See enclosed flyer for more information

AKRON NIGHT AT THE BARNSTORMERS

Friday, June 14th Barnstormers vs York Revolution. See enclosed flyer for more information.

YARD SALES

A permit is required for yard sales. The permit is \$5 and includes 5 signs. 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.

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.

CRIME STOPPERS

To submit an anonymous tip to Lancaster City-County Crime Stoppers you can call toll-free 1-800-322-1913. If this is an emergency, please call 911. Be sure to save/record your tip ID. You can use the ID to login to view feedback about your tip from the agency/group. Just enter the ID on the tip submit page and any feedback about your tip from the group will display. You can then submit additional information to the group using the tip form. To submit an anonymous tip via text message to Lancaster Crime Stoppers, text LANCS and your tip to 847411 (tip411).

HOLIDAYS

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

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.

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 curblin.

All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. PROPERTIES WILL BE CITED FOR VIOLATIONS.

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 rain water and allow mosquitoes to breed.

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.

FIREHALL EVENTS

Chicken BBQs 9/14/19
Chicken BBQ:
Half \$7
Dinner \$10
Pork BBQ: 6/22/19
10/12/19

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