

# AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

## NEW SEWER RATES

Effective February 1, 2020, our sewer rate was raised from \$10.61 per 1000 gallons to \$15.25 per 1000 gallons. Water rates were not increased and remain at \$7.00 per 1000 gallons.

## FROM YOUR MAYOR

With the Covid 19 virus afflicting those in surrounding municipalities, we are bound to soon have cases showing up in our town of Akron. We are very fortunate to live in a small town where neighbors look out for the best interest of each other and do what is necessary to support each other, especially the elderly. As a town government, we are taking extraordinary measures to help protect you our citizens. I encourage all of you too restrict travel as much as possible and practice the safe health measures that are being recommended by federal, state, and county officials. Do all that you can to stay healthy! You can only assist your neighbors, family, and the elderly living around you if you first take care of yourself.

Thank you!

Your Mayor, John McBeth

## POLICE NEWS

### § 15-306 Prohibited Activities in Streets.

[Ord. 303, 3/9/1981, Art. III, § 6; as added by Ord. 357, 12/14/1987, § 3; and by Ord. 00051, 11/8/2010, § 1]

**1.** No person, partnership, or corporation shall, place, throw, or otherwise dispose of snow or slush upon the traveling lanes of any street within the Borough. As used herein the term "traveling lanes" is that area of each street that has been plowed for use by the traveling public in traversing any street. The term shall not include any appropriately designated parking lanes. At a minimum, the term "traveling lane" shall extend for a distance of 12 feet from the center line of each street within the Borough.

**2.** It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, or corporation to throw, place, or leave grass, leaves, or any other natural materials or any trash within the streets of the Borough.

**3.** It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity to allow any tree, brush, shrub, or any other natural growth or any other object to project onto any portion of any street or thoroughfare within the Borough or to allow any overhanging trees to grow (measured from the street surface at the curb vertically) under the following distances on the following streets in the Borough of Akron:

**A.** Fourteen feet the entire lengths of Seventh Street and Main Street, North Ninth Street from SR 272 to Main Street, South Ninth Street from Oak Street South to the Borough Line and North Eleventh Street from SR 272 to Main Street.

**B.** Twelve feet along any other Borough street or alley. Under Section 2, this would include piles of mulch, stone or dirt.

## 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.

## IN MEMORIAM

Robert G "Bob" Ober, former Treasurer of Akron Borough, passed away April 14, 2020. Bob served as Treasurer of Akron Borough for 54 years starting in 1965 until he retired at the end of December 2019. Bob will be greatly missed.

## AKRON LIONS CLUB

Due to the current status of the Covid-19 outbreak, the Akron Lions Day in the Park and Car Show is cancelled this year. We want to thank everyone for their support through the years. Every effort will be made to return in 2021.

## EMPLOYMENT

The Borough of Akron is seeking a minute taker/transcriber for Borough council meetings. Council meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Submit resume to: Borough of Akron  
117 S. Seventh St.  
PO Box 130  
Akron Pa 17501

## **HOLIDAYS**

Akron Borough Office will be closed Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day and Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> for Independence Day.

## **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.**

## **FROM OUR POLICE**

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

## **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.

## **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).

## **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.

## **BOROUGH ADDRESS**

117 South Seventh Street  
PO Box 130  
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## **WEBSITES OF INTEREST**

[www.Akron-pa.com](http://www.Akron-pa.com)  
[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)  
[ephrapubliclibrary.org](http://ephrapubliclibrary.org)

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