

AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Once again, the Borough is pleased to provide all residents a copy of the 2014 Annual Water Consumer Confidence Report. This report provides informative data and results of required testing of our system drinking water to assure water quality and provide pure safe drinking water. This year, as we also did last year, to save costs Congress and EPA approved posting of our report on the Borough's web site at this designated direct link:

<http://www.akron-pa.com/documents/CCRWaterReport.pdf>. Should you not have access to the internet you may obtain a copy at the Borough Administration Office. After review, should you have questions please call Tom Murray Jr. (the Borough's Water Operator or Dan Guers, Borough Manager.

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. Permit application can be applied for and obtained at the Borough Administration Office during normal business hours. From the time of application to actually obtaining the approval to proceed with the project may take up to a week. Please don't expect to apply for a permit on Friday and plan to do the work on Saturday. Plan ahead and submit the application.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection in the Borough will begin on Tuesday, October 27th. Residents must use the Brown Kraft Bags that can be purchased at the Borough Hall. Bags are 4 for \$1.00. Leaf collection will continue on November 3rd, 10th, 17th, and December 1st.

MOTOR VEHICLE NOTES

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.

HOME BUSINESS

Operating a HOME BUSINESS in a zoned residential neighborhood is not permissible in the Borough of Akron without Zoning Hearing Board approval. A home business is usually determined by clients or customers coming to your home for services. This differs from HOME OCCUPATIONS, which are permitted in residential neighborhoods since services are generally provided away from the residence. An example of a home occupation could be a building contractor, who takes calls and sets appointments. The most common violation of the home business ordinance (and in most cases unknown by the person performing the work) is the neighborhood mechanic who repairs vehicles in their residential garage. The Borough recognizes the need for the diversity of income to help offset the rising cost of living. However home business must be weighed against the potential impact on the character of the neighborhood with regulations in place to preserve the peace, quiet and

tranquility and to ensure the compatibility of such uses within the same zoning district. If you think you may be operating a home business without Zoning Hearing Board approval contact the Borough Zoning Officer for guidance.

EVERYONE NEEDS TO HELP

There is no worse first impression of a community than driving through a Borough and seeing weeds growing out of curb lines over a foot tall. This shows a lack of community ownership and little pride in your homes. Our Borough Ordinance states that "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." ***Vegetation growing between the road surface and the sidewalk curbing is the responsibility of the owner/occupier for removal. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR HOME AND OUR COMMUNITY; REMOVE THAT UNSIGHTLY GROWTH THIS WEEKEND.*** Also feel free to remind your neighbors, who may not read this, of their responsibility to the community. In addition **FURNITURE** and appliances designed and built for interior use is prohibited from being placed outdoors: This includes front porches. Upholstered couches and chairs on front porches must be removed and properly disposed of.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

This year the Akron Fire Company Halloween parade will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be held this year on October 30 from 6pm – 8pm.

SCHOOL STARTS

The Akron Borough Police Dept. would like to remind residents that children will be heading back to school on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. Motorists be aware of children crossing at intersections and buses picking up students for school.

TRASH FACTS

A can or bottle is able to live forever. There is no limit to the number of times that glass or aluminum can be recycled. So, that soda you drink today, could theoretically be shared with your great, great, great grandchild!

An average kitchen-size bag of trash contains enough energy to light a 100 watt light bulb for more than 24 hours.

AKRON VOL. FIRE CO.

Now has a used clothing drop off shed in the parking lot at 1229 Main Street.

All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, draped and stuffed toys will be accepted.

NO rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods.

Please put your donation in a plastic bag before leaving in the shed. Thank you!

HISTORICAL MOMENT

The Ephrata Review
September 11, 1903

The fourth room of the public schools will be opened on September 28 giving it a seven month term.

AKRON SENIOR CENTER

The Akron Center is looking for new people to play pinochle. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the Lions Lodge in Roland Park. Current members can quickly teach those who have never played the game. Depending on the number of people present, we play 3,4,5 and 6 handed pinochle. Come on out and have some fun playing cards, socializing with local seniors and partaking of homemade refreshments. Questions, call Al Hewing 733-2944.

HOLIDAYS

Akron Borough office will be closed Monday, September 7, 2015 in observance of Labor Day.

SHOE IN 2015

It is only August, but it is time to begin thinking about the Shoe In for 2015. If you are interested in helping with the planning or have an idea for an activity at the event, please call Barb McMinn at 859-1244. Meetings will begin in October.

Council meets- Second

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

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.

FIRE COMPANY NEWS

Vera/Coach Bingo – Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 1:00. \$20 in advance, \$25.00 at the door. Call Karen Leisey at 717-215-8800 for tickets and/or info.

Gift Card Bingo – Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 1:00. \$20 in advance, \$25.00 at the door. Call Sara Leisey at 717-330-8317.

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.

VOTING DISTRICTS

East District

Akron Volunteer Fire Company
1229 Main Street
Akron PA 17501

West District

Akron church of the Brethren
613 Main Street
Akron Pa 17501

Please contact the Voter Registration Office with any questions. Lancaster County Courthouse
50 N Duke Street
Lancaster Pa 17603
299-8293

BOROUGH ADDRESS

117 South Seventh Street
PO Box 130

BOROUGH DIRECTORY

John McBeth-Mayor
859-2655

COUNCIL

Thomas Murray-President
859-3191

Perry Lorah-Vice-Pres./
Finance - 859-4376

Daniel McCormac
Ordinance/Safety
859-1600

Justin Gehman-Streets
859-2757

John Taylor-Parks/Personnel
859-2168

Earl Shirk- Property &
Planning
859-1600

Jeff Shirk – Water & Sewer
413-8236

BOROUGH MANAGER

Dan Guers 859-1600

BOROUGH SECRETARY

Susan Davidson 859-1600

CHIEF OF POLICE

Thomas Zell 859-6600

TREASURER

Robert Ober

TAX COLLECTOR

Ann S. Nolt 859-1600

SOLICITORS

Shirk & Mejia 733-7997

ENGINEERS

Arro Consultants 569-7021

EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT

COORDINATOR

Greg Leisey 859-4163

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jim Martin

Robert Rollman

John Williamson

Sam Baughman, II

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Christine Burkholder –
Chairperson

Thomas Bender

Kay McEllhenney

Annette Swartz

BOROUGH AUTHORITY

Terry Reber

Jeff Shirk

Pam Musser

Robert Stauffer

Susan Davidson,

Secretary/Treasurer

CIVIL SERVICE

COMMISSION

Kirby Smith

Joseph Mikos

Donald Reese