

# AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

## WATER CONSERVATION

\* Run water only when necessary. Don't keep water flowing while you are brushing your teeth. Don't turn water on until you are ready to get in the shower.

\* Check for household leaks. A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. A dripping faucet is more than annoying; it's expensive.

\* Wait before you wash. Don't run dishwashers or washing machines until they are full.

\* Upgrade appliances. Replace the more common, less efficient, top-loading clothes washer with a high-efficiency, front-loading washer that uses about 30 percent less water and 40-50 percent less energy.

\* Drink Smarter. Refrigerate a bottle of drinking water instead of letting a faucet flow until the water is cold enough to drink.

\* Don't get hosed. Wash the car with water from a bucket. Water your lawn only when it needs it. Clean sidewalks and driveways with a broom.

Visit [dep.pa.gov/water](http://dep.pa.gov/water) to find more water conservation tips.

## PROPERTY TAXES

BOROUGH OF AKRON AND LANCASTER COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED BY MARCH 1, 2017.

Discount amount is payable through April 30, 2017.

Base amount is payable thru June 30, 2017.

Penalty amount is payable after June 30, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Office at 859-1600.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Officer Greg Stone who was recently promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Stone has been working with the department since September of 2006. Sergeant Stone is the firearms instructor, Taser instructor and is also the department's evidence technician.

## STREET SWEEPING

Spring Street Sweeping is scheduled to take place April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7:00 am both days. The East side of 272 will be swept on April 20<sup>th</sup> and the West side on April 21<sup>st</sup>. When possible please remove parked cars from streets on the applicable date of sweeping. In addition, a reminder regarding tree limb height. To save time and reassure safety, please make sure any tree limbs in front of your properties are at least 12 feet above sidewalks. This will assure that your street will get swept and emergency vehicles can travel the streets without accident or injury.

## ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

**Stormwater runoff** is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or waterbody.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. To keep stormwater leaving your home or workplace clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- \* Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- \* Repair auto leaks
- \* Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc), and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations.
- \* Clean up after your pet
- \* Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- \* Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- \* Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors.
- \* Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris like concrete and mortar.

For more information about stormwater visit PA Dept of Environmental Protection at [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) or the US Environmental Protection Agency at: [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater).

## POLICE NEWS

The Akron Borough Police Department wants to remind citizens to be careful when being contacted by individuals they don't know by telephone or social media who ask for personal information. Too many Akron residents have become victims of fraud after being deceived by scams. Do not give personal information including, but not limited to, back account information. Scammers will tell you that you won a lottery, that a relative has been arrested and you need to send bail money, or that you owe the IRS money for back taxes. They will tell you to wire the money through Western Union or WalMart or tell you to buy iTunes Cards. These are just a few examples. Don't become a victim of fraud.

## AKRON BOROUGH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Our current Borough Comprehensive Plan dates back to 1992. A Steering Committee has been formed to address, through a comprehensive strategic planning process, to see where we want to be in twenty years. The goal of this process is to provide Akron Borough with a plan that will help Akron to guide future policy decisions. The Steering Committee will conduct monthly meetings at the Akron Volunteer Fire Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month beginning in January 2017. Citizen participation is highly encouraged at these public meetings.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS-

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

## HOLIDAYS

Akron Borough Office will be closed Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.

## 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.**

## 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.

## SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

As a reminder sidewalks should be cleared with at least a 2 foot pathway within 24 hours after the snowfall stops. Avoid additional work. Public Works plow operators have been directed to plow as close to curblines as possible. Although the drivers do their best to minimize additional snow rolling back onto sidewalks, in some cases it's unavoidable. Give the Borough time to open the streets before clearing your sidewalk. Again you have 24 hrs after the snow has completely stopped. Also snow may not be thrown onto the street. If there is an intersection located at your property, please leave a path so school children and people walking have access to the crosswalk. In the event they are calling for a heavy snow, please remove your vehicles from the street to allow our snowplows to do a better job at clearing the streets.

## 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.

## AKRON FIRE COMPANY

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Destination Bingo – contact Sara Leisey 330-8317

## BOROUGH ADDRESS

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## CHECK YOUR METER

As a property owners, it is a good idea to periodically check your water meter for potential leaks. You should check, at least, on a monthly basis and we would recommend every two weeks. To check you need to locate your inside water meter. The meter will have a large dial with numbers; 10, 20, 30 etc which measures water flow in ten gallon increments. In the center will be a much smaller (either red or black) triangular dial that measure each gallon and will spin any time, any amount of water is going through the meter. In the large dial will also be a line of numbers that is an accumulative number of gallons for the meter and is measured by hundred gallon use. To check for leaks make sure that all fixtures (sinks, showers, toilets, etc) are not being used and are turned off. Once you are sure that no water is being consumed, visually for five minutes, verify that the small triangular dial does not move. If during that time that dial periodically moves you have a leak in the system. What you think are small leaks cost the property owner big bucks. Over the period of a three month billing cycle a small leak in the beginning of that cycle will cause your normal water and sewer bill to double or triple. To determine total water use for any given period subtract the previous reading of the accumulative number from the current reading and that will tell you how many hundreds of gallons of use for that time frame.

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