

# AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

## **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.

## **POLICE – SCAMS**

A reminder by the Akron Borough Police Department to residents not to fall victim to the many scams that are circulating today. One of these scams tries

to convince you a family member has been arrested and you need to send money for their bail. These people are very convincing and claim to be a police officer, a lawyer, representative of the court or a prison official. This is a scam. If you have any questions as to the legitimacy of the call, obtain a name and phone number from the “official”, hang up and call the Akron Borough Police Department at 717-859-6600.

## **POLICE NEWS**

Section 3542 of PA Vehicle Code

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.

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.

## **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.

## **PROPERTY TAXES**

BOROUGH OF AKRON AND LANCASTER COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED BY MARCH 1, 2019.

Discount amount is payable through April 30, 2019.

Base amount is payable thru June 30, 2019.

Penalty amount is payable after June 30, 2019.

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

## **STREET SWEEPING**

Spring Street Sweeping is scheduled to take place April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 am both days. The East side of 272 will be swept on April 17<sup>th</sup> and the West side on April 18<sup>th</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.

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT LANCASTER COUNTY'S WATERSHEDS?**

There are many ways residents of Lancaster County can protect the water quality of our streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, and wetlands. The simplest thing we all can do is let Mother Nature take care of herself. Altering a flowing stream by straitening it or constricting its flow only creates water quality and flooding problems downstream. In addition, mowing the vegetation next to a stream increases stormwater flows and reduces the ability of filtering pollutants before they enter the water body.

A better option instead of mowing next to the stream is to plant native vegetation that will increase water quality, provide food and cover for wildlife, protect stream banks, slow stormwater runoff, and trap and filter excess nutrients and sediments.

## **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.

## **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.

## **HOLIDAYS**

Akron Borough Office will be closed Monday February 18<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.

## **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.

### **FROM OUR POLICE**

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

## **BOROUGH ADDRESS**

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## **FIREHALL EVENTS**

Breakfast 3/16/19

Chicken BBQs 4/13/19  
5/18/19  
9/14/19

Chicken BBQ:  
Half \$7  
Dinner \$10

Pork BBQ:  
6/22/19  
10/12/19

## **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.**

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