

ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Council Meetings: Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3. All meetings are held in the Borough municipal building unless otherwise advertised beginning at 7:00PM and the public is encouraged to attend.

Rental Property Owners – Please see that your tenants receive a copy of the quarterly newsletter. Extras are available at the borough office or in the information rack in the foyer. Newsletters can also be viewed on the borough website.

Trick or Treat Night
will be held on **Monday, October 31**
from
6:00PM to 8:00PM



Lancaster Tire Collection

Tires provide excellent habitat for mosquitoes, particularly the Asian tiger mosquito, a potential vector of Zika virus. Tires may also provide habitat for a number of other mosquito species that may be a nuisance or spread other diseases, such as West Nile virus. In response to this potential hazard, the Lancaster County West Nile Virus program is conducting a one-day tire collection to promote mosquito habitat removal on November 17, 2016. This program is open to anyone living in Lancaster County. Details can be found on the Borough website at www.adamstownborough.org.

Bingo

Adamstown Community Days committee will be holding cash bingo at the Comfort Inn near the PA Turnpike on the following Dates in 2016: October 2, October 30 & November 20. There are raffles, special games, door prizes and food. Doors open at 1PM and games begin at 2PM. Cost is 2 cards for 25¢. All proceeds benefit Adamstown Community Days fireworks and entertainment.

Adamstown AppleUmpkin Fest

A costume parade, candy scramble, free hay rides and a pumpkin chucking contest are just a few things on the agenda for the annual AppleUmpkin Fest on October 15th in the grove. Activities will begin at 10AM and end at 4:30PM. Over 35 craft vendors will display their wares, and a good selection of food – including Frankenstein Franks – will be on sale. Apple dumplings will be served with milk or Boeringer's ice cream. They are also available for take-out. To reserve yours, purchase tickets at the post office Saturday mornings from 9AM until noon. For more information, visit www.adamstowncommunitydays.com.



Adamstown Area Library Update

The Library is entering the more active phase of its capital campaign with a fun community event to be held in each of the municipal parks on the first four Saturdays in October. Each event will run from 10AM to 2PM and there will be games for kids and adults as well as food and drinks. October 1st will be held at Schoeneck park followed by Denver park on October 8th, Reamstown park on October 15th and Adamstown grove on October 22nd. The Brecknock municipal event will be held Thursday, October 20th at Brecknock Orchards from 5PM to 7PM.

Christmas in the Grove

Mark your calendars...Santa's annual visit to the cabin in the community grove is scheduled for November 27th! For more information, visit the Adamstown Community Days website.

FACT SHEET: What is Stormwater? Why is it a Concern?

▶ What is Stormwater?

Dictionary.com defines stormwater as “an abnormal amount of surface water due to heavy rain or a snowstorm.” Stormwater that does not soak into the ground, aka runoff, originates from impermeable sources such as sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, roads, and rooftops.

▶ Why is Stormwater a Concern?

As stormwater runoff flows over land, it picks up pollutants and debris such as spilled fuel, oils, greases, antifreeze, grass clippings, litter, animal waste, fertilizer, and pesticides. Runoff carries these pollutants into our local creeks, streams, and other waterways used for swimming, recreation, or as a source for drinking water. Polluted stormwater harms plants, fish, animals, and even people.

The amount or volume of stormwater runoff can also create flooding problems. The more stormwater that does not soak into the ground, the more that enters a waterway, creating the potential for flooding.

▶ What is MS4?

MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Stormwater Systems. MS4 includes curbs, gutters, ditches, naturally occurring and manmade channels, pipes, tunnels, catch basins, and storm drains owned and maintained by a municipality. The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection require municipalities to develop and implement practices that “can be used to protect water quality, enhance water availability, and reduce flooding potential through effective stormwater management.”

▶ What Can You Do?

We can all make a difference by taking simple steps to reduce stormwater pollution and to minimize the amount of stormwater runoff from our property. Some “Best Management Practices” that landowners can follow include:

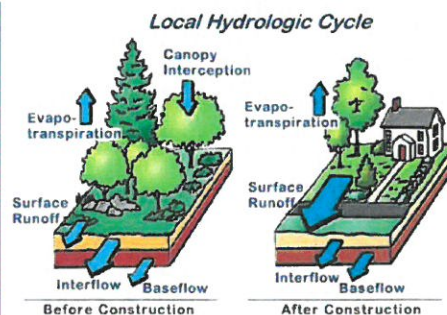
- Installing permeable pavement to allow stormwater to soak into the ground
- Directing stormwater from impervious areas to areas where stormwater can soak into the ground
- Collecting rainwater in a rain barrel for irrigation and other household uses
- Installing rain gardens, which are small garden areas designed to catch and absorb stormwater runoff
- Planting trees
- Disconnecting downspouts from storm drains
- Keeping storm drains free of debris and never dumping anything down a storm drain or MS4
- Disposing of trash and yard waste properly
- Cleaning up pet waste and disposing of it in the trash



BENEFITS OF EFFECTIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- ▶ Ensures proper drainage of surface runoff
- ▶ Conserves water resources
- ▶ Reduces flooding damage
- ▶ Avoids damage to infrastructure (private properties, streets, utilities)
- ▶ Increases property value
- ▶ Protects wetlands and aquatic ecosystems
- ▶ Improves quality of recreational waters
- ▶ Improves quality of drinking water

FACT: The water cycle—or hydrologic cycle—is a continuous cycle where water evaporates, travels into the air, becomes part of a cloud, falls down to earth as precipitation, and then evaporates again. Development that increases runoff alters the natural hydrologic cycle.



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