



ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Council Meetings: Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4. 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.

Ordinance #387 – Streets & Sidewalks

On October 4, 2016 Streets & Sidewalks Ordinance #387 was adopted and a Sidewalk Inspector was appointed. All sidewalks and curbs in the Borough will be inspected in the next few months. Property owners will be notified via certified mail of those requiring repairs and the associated timeframe for those repairs. In addition to these inspections, property owners are required to have sidewalks and curbs inspected prior to the sale or transfer of their property. Sidewalks and/or curbs will also be inspected upon the receipt of a formal complaint. The entire ordinance is available for viewing at the Borough office during regular office hours.



Building/Zoning/SWM Permit Application Deposit

Beginning 2017, there will be a \$50 nonrefundable deposit for building/zoning/SWM applications (\$100 nonrefundable deposit for larger projects such as new home construction) due at the time of application submission. The deposit will be applied towards the final amount due after the review is completed.

2017 Budget

The Adamstown Borough Council, with the adoption of the 2017 Budget, is proud to announce that residents will not see a tax rate increase or water/sewer rate increases in 2017. The tax rate will remain at 2.5 mills for the seventh consecutive year! Some exciting projects the Borough will be tackling throughout the year include transitioning some of our sodium vapor street lights to LEDs, working toward the completion of Celebration Park in Brookview Estates, making some minor updates and repairs to the swimming pool and facilities (roof repairs, purchase of additional umbrellas, upgrading more of the fence, and some electrical work), and purchasing a new dump truck and plow.



Rental License Reminder

If you have not submitted your 2017 Rental License Application and payment by now, it is overdue. Please submit your completed application and \$25 rental license fee to the Borough office. Failure to obtain a residential rental license can result in violation action and fines.

Protect our Watershed

Did you know that if you'd like to attract butterflies to your yard, you can enhance your landscaping with flowers or a rain garden? This will also help to reduce the amount of time it takes to mow the lawn. Planting trees on your property can help cut down on air conditioning costs. And if you have outdoor water needs (for a vegetable garden, to water your lawn or to wash your car), consider a rain barrel. All of these things will also help to protect our watershed at the same time!

Bingo

The Adamstown Community Days committee will be holding cash bingo at the Comfort Inn near the PA Turnpike on the following dates in 2017: 1/8, 2/12, 3/12 & 4/2. 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.



What's Happening at the Adamstown Area Library

The Room to Grow Capital Campaign is in full swing as the Adamstown Area Library approaches the half way mark of their \$1.5 million-dollar capital campaign. They've raised \$700,000 thus far and have indicated that figure on all fundraising thermometers strategically placed throughout their service area of Adamstown & Denver Boroughs and Brecknock, East & West Cocalico Townships.

The Adamstown Area Library is also offering a lovely Wine & Food Pairing fundraiser as an early Valentine's Day gift or just a fun night out to support a great cause. It will be held at the Fox Chase Golf Club (Stevens, PA) on Friday, February 10th starting at 6 PM (snow date – 2/11/17). Tickets are available at the library for \$100/person.

Heroin – A Community Conversation

Over the past four years, the number of deaths from drug overdoses in the county have more than tripled. This is in large part due to wide spread heroin use, which we now find in each of our local communities. The Lancaster County Anti-Heroin Task Force is working to fight the heroin epidemic in our area and you are invited to come join this event.

The Mission of the Task Force & Community Forums is to:

- Frame the issue of addiction and its impact
- Increase understanding of addiction, a treatable disease
- Share resources and substance abuse treatment options
- Reduce heroin-related deaths

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Time: 7:00PM
Location: Cocalico High School Auditorium
810 South 4th Street, Denver



Project Blue Light

The color blue is symbolic of "PEACE"

Project Blue Light is a nationwide recognition of those police officers who have died in the line of duty. It began in 1988 in Philadelphia when Dolly Craig wrote a letter to Concerns of Police Survivors stating that she would be honoring her late son-in-law, Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Gleason, during the holiday season by placing a blue light in her window. We would like to ask each of you to please consider placing a blue light in your window during the holiday season to show your support for your police officers. Project Blue Light now burns bright in the hearts of the survivors of America's **20,789** fallen law enforcement officers during the holiday season. By displaying your blue light(s) you send a message that you support America's Peacekeepers, your light is guiding them to safety, and you hope the year will be peaceful. Shine it for the holiday season or let it shine all year long. The Borough office is offering a free blue light bulb to any household in the Borough that would like to display its support of Project Blue Light.



Christmas Tree Drop-Off

The Borough is accepting used Christmas trees at the Adamstown Community Pool parking lot now through January 31st. They must be clean trees containing no ornaments, tinsel, lights, stands, plastic bags or other coverings. The trees will be recycled. Artificial trees are not accepted.

