



# ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Council Meetings: Feb 5, Mar 5 & Apr 2. 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. Extra copies are available at the borough office. Newsletters can also be viewed on the borough website.

**\*\*\* Snowfall\*\*\***

During a plowable snowfall of approximately 2" or more, all vehicles must be moved from the snow emergency routes. Violators will be fined. Sidewalks must be shoveled within 24 hours after the snowfall ends. Also, please clear storm drains of leaves and debris to prevent flooding when the snow melts.



**Christmas Tree Drop-Off**

The Borough is accepting used Christmas trees at the Adamstown Community Pool parking lot now through January 31<sup>st</sup>. They must be clean trees containing no ornaments, tinsel, lights, stands, artificial trees, plastic bags or other coverings. The trees will be recycled.

**Active Shooter Training**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (located at 80 E. Main Street, Adamstown) will be hosting two 1-hour classes on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The first class 'How to Survive an Active Shooter Event' begins at 6:30PM and will last 1:15 hours, followed by a 15-minute break. Part 2 'Crime Prevention for Houses of Worship' will begin at 8PM and should last 45 minutes. All members of churches, businesses and the community in the greater Adamstown area are welcome to attend. Pre-registration is requested by contacting the Adamstown Area Library at 717-484-4200 by phone or registering online at [www.adamstownarealibrary.org](http://www.adamstownarealibrary.org) on the Events page for one or both events. Light beverages will be served.



**Adamstown Area Library 2019 Summer Reading Program**

The 2019 Summer Reading Program will run from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup> for all ages. Events include Opening Day Kickoff Party, Pout-Pout Fish Character Storytime, Spirit of Lindbergh, Fabulous Franklin, GS STEM Mobile, Jesse the Reptile Guy, Parks Department Planet Power, North Museum Moon & Apollo Landing, Phredd One Man Band and End of Summer Reading Party.

**Grove Rental**

The calendar is beginning to fill up for rental of the community grove for the summer of 2019. The cost is \$100 for the entire day (non-refundable) plus a \$10 key deposit (refundable). There is no charge for borough non-profit organizations. Contact Sam Toffy at the borough office for more information.

**Protect our Watershed**

MS4 stands for Storm Water Discharge from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. Storm water originates from rain or melting snow/ice that runs off surfaces such as rooftops, streets, construction sites, lawns, and fields. Storm water runoff can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it makes its way to storm drains and natural waterways. What can you do to help?

- Plant native trees & plants
- Clean up after your pet
- Use fertilizers properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff
- Store gasoline, oil or other chemical materials indoors
- Monitor storm water inlets near your property
- NEVER dump anything down the storm drain, in a stream or other body of water

### Adamstown Community Days

To help fund fireworks & entertainment at Adamstown Community Days, the ACD committee will host cash bingo on February 24 & April 28 at the Comfort Inn. Doors open at 1PM, games begin at 2PM. There are raffles, door prizes, special games and food is available for purchase. Call 484-256-0851 or visit [www.adamstowncommunitydays.com](http://www.adamstowncommunitydays.com) for more information.

Mark your calendar for Community Days: May 24, 25 & 26. Entertainment includes Flamin' Dick and the Hot Rods, Jeff Krick's Elvis tribute show and Lights Out. Fireworks will be Sunday at 10PM. Volunteers are needed; call 484-256-0851 to learn how you can volunteer and support your community. There will be more information in the April borough newsletter and on the website.

### Adamstown Borough Rental Ordinance

Adamstown Borough has a rental ordinance which mandates that any property owner who rents their property must register that property with the Borough office. There is an annual Rental License fee of \$25 as well as rental inspections which are required every 3 years. Rental inspections are \$75 per property. For more information or to obtain copies of the rental ordinance, please contact the Borough office.

### Library Update

The library continues to raise funds for the Room to Grow Capital Campaign with a possible start of the project in 2019. Please be sure to get your donation in today. We need to raise at least another \$150,000 before we can secure a construction loan. We are looking forward to offering the community this amazing resource.

### Adamstown Community Pool

The 2019 pool season brings big changes!!! Construction is currently underway to create a new baby pool which includes a zero-entry, bubblers, shade sails as well as a larger grass area! The Borough has also contracted with the Ephrata Rec Center to manage the pool this year.

Looking to get involved in our community? Members & volunteers are welcome for Adamstown Community Days activities, Fire Company and Library. This is a great way to meet fellow residents and help keep our community one of the best in Lancaster County!

## TIPS FOR LOOKING FOR A WATER LEAK IN YOUR HOME

If you have noticed an increase in your water use but don't see any visible signs of a leak, below are a few steps to follow to help determine if there is a leak on your property. If, after following these guidelines, you still think you have a leak in your home, it is best to hire a professional plumber to come and inspect the property for you.

- Leaky faucets are a major waste of water. One slow dripping faucet can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day. Over the period of a year this can add up to 6,000 gallons of water! Check all faucets in your home for any type of leak.
- If you own a dishwasher it is suggested that you only run it when you have a full load ready to be cleaned. A typical dishwasher will use 15 gallons of water each load. Running partially filled loads is a waste of water. Check around the bottom of your dishwasher for leaks. Leave paper towels around the outside of the machine while it is in use. When the dishwasher stops running check the paper towels for signs of water. If you find water leaking you should have your dishwasher serviced immediately.
- Leaking toilets are often the culprits. If your toilet runs often, have the mechanisms in the tank completely replaced. Some toilets have slow leaks that are not noticeable. Slow water leaks in toilets can waste up to 100 gallons of water per day. Drop some food coloring in the tank of your toilet. Watch the bowl of your toilet for 20 to 30 minutes to see if any of the food coloring appears. Check again in 15 minutes. If coloring appears, this means you have a slow leak. Be sure to flush your toilet after the test to avoid any staining in your bowl.
- If you have a hose connected to an exterior faucet you should check that for leaks. The best way to avoid this is to turn off the water supply at the faucet rather than relying on the hose spray attachment to stop the flow of water. A small leak can add gallons to your daily water usage.
- You can also use your water meter to check for any hidden leaks. Turn off all faucets and make sure you are not running any appliances that use water. Check the reading on your meter and do so again in a few hours. If your meter has moved, you have a hidden water leak somewhere in your home. A good time to try this test is at night. Read your meter before going to bed, then again in the morning. Assuming that no water has been used overnight, if the meter has moved at all you have a leak somewhere.