



ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Council Meetings: May 7, June 4 & July 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.

Adamstown Community Days

The final ACD cash bingo before fall will be held April 28th at the Comfort Inn. Doors open at 1PM and games begin at 2PM. Cards are two for 25¢, with raffles and special games available. Food is also available for purchase. This fund raiser helps pay for fireworks and entertainment at Community Days.

The 17th annual Community Days event will be held May 24, 25 & 26 in our community grove. As always, admission and entertainment are free. There will be carnival rides, games and lots of food. Entertainment includes Flamin' Dick and the Hot Rods on Friday, Lights Out on Saturday and Jeff Krick, Jr.'s Elvis tribute show on Sunday. The first-class fireworks show is scheduled for Sunday evening.

If you would like to be a part of the ACD committee or have a few hours available to volunteer over the weekend, please contact Joe Dietrich at 484-256-0851. Look for posters and counter cards at your favorite local businesses the end of April for the schedule of events!

Street Sweeping

Annual street sweeping will take place on April 30 & May 1, with the rain date being May 2. It is your responsibility to be aware of posted signs and have your vehicle(s) removed during street sweeping to avoid fines.

Grove Rental

It's that time of year to plan for a group social in our beautiful shady community grove and pavilion. The rental cost is \$100 for the day (plus a refundable \$10 key deposit) and includes use of the kitchen facilities. Contact the Borough office for details and available dates.



Open Burning

Please be aware that the only open burning allowed in the borough without prior notification to the code official is for recreational fires used to prepare food, highway safety flares, smudge pots and similar occupational needs. **Bonfires require prior approval from the code official.**

Protect our Watershed

Did you know that stormwater runoff from rainwater or melting snow transports pollutants into storm systems and ultimately into our local waterways? Roads, parking lots, driveways and rooftops prevent groundwater absorption, increasing the volume of runoff. Because that runoff is not cleaned or filtered before it reaches those waterways, it is imperative we take small steps toward protecting our communities. Stormwater can pick up harmful nutrients known as phosphorus and nitrogen, which in high levels can have toxic effects on animal, plant and human life. Log onto <https://www.rettew.com/ms4/> for more information!



Library Update

The Borough is working with the Library to come up with a loan agreement so that work can begin this year on the new building project. Monies from the Hatt fund, donated to the Borough to enrich the community, will be used as a loan. The project will cost between \$1.2M and \$1.4M and the Library currently raised approximately \$900K from fund drives and pledges.

Complaints

The Borough investigates probable ordinance violations based on written complaints. If you feel someone is in violation of a borough ordinance, a complaint form must be completed and submitted to the Borough office prior to any investigation. All complaint forms must be signed and dated. Any anonymous complaint form submitted will not be addressed. Forms can be found in the lobby of the Borough building or online at the following link:
<http://adamstownborough.org/DocumentCenter/View/154>

Adamstown Community Pool

Membership forms are now available on our Borough website or in the Borough lobby for the 2019 season. Rates have remained the same as last year and discounted family rates are available through May 22nd.



Spring Property Cleanup

To help dispose of leaf refuse left over from last fall, the Borough is offering two spring leaf collection dates. Eagle Disposal will be doing a leaf collection on May 7th and May 21st. All bags must be at curbside by midnight the night before pickup. Bags may contain only leaves. Leaf bags are available for purchase at the borough office for 25¢ per bag. The Adamstown Area Library processes applications for new passports or renewals. Please call ahead to make an appointment at 717-484-4200.

Tips to Look for a Water Leak in Your Home

The Borough receives several calls per quarter from property owners who feel their water bill is higher than normal. 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.