



ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Council Meetings: Aug 6, Sept 3 & Oct 1. Meetings are held at 7PM in the borough municipal building unless otherwise advertised. The public is encouraged to attend.

Rental Property Owners – Please provide your tenants with a copy of the quarterly newsletter. Extra copies are available at the borough office or can be found on the borough website.

Grass/Weeds

With summer upon us and plenty of rainy weather, it's been the perfect combination for grass and weeds to quickly get out of hand. Please remember that we have a property maintenance code that states grass/weeds cannot be more than 10" high. Do your part to keep your property looking nice by maintaining your grass to a length less than 10". Not only will it help to beautify the neighborhood, but it will also prevent you from receiving a violation notice. Remember to keep sidewalk cracks free from weeds also, as this can become a tripping hazard! When cutting grass, do not blow it into the street, as it can clog storm drains and cause flooding issues.

Adamstown Borough Rental Inspections

With the retirement of Rental Inspector Robert Getz, Borough Council appointed ABI (Associated Building Inspections) as the Borough's Rental Inspector at its November 6, 2018 monthly meeting. This year those rental properties on West Main Street, West Washington Street and Old School Lane will be on the schedule for inspections. ABI will be using a different process for scheduling the required 3-year rental inspections. Letters will be mailed soon to those property owners instructing them of the new process.



Back to School

School is back in session on August 20th. Please be mindful of children walking to/from school and SLOW DOWN in the school zone!!!

Property Maintenance Complaints

All property complaint forms must be completed, signed and submitted to the borough office prior to any investigation. Written complaints are forwarded to our Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer for investigation. If he finds that there is a violation, a letter will be sent to the property owner with a deadline in which to comply. If the violation has not been corrected when the follow-up inspection is done, a second enforcement letter is sent. **The property owner will be billed for this second notice as well as for the follow-up inspection outlined in this second notice.**

Protect our Watershed

Stormwater runoff picks up and carries many different pollutants that are found on paved surfaces such as sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus, bacteria, oil and grease, trash, pesticides and metals. These pollutants come from a variety of sources, including pet waste, lawn fertilization, cars, construction sites, illegal dumping and spills, and pesticide application. Researchers have found that as the amount of paved surfaces (a.k.a. impervious cover) in the watershed increases, it causes stream health to decline. Raingardens, flower beds and grassy areas help in allowing more stormwater runoff to be absorbed into the ground.



2018 Annual Water Quality Report

The 2018 Annual Water Quality Report is now available for review! Detailed information can be found on our hallway bulletin board or on our borough website at the following link:

<http://www.adamstownborough.org/DocumentCenter/View/259/2018-Annual-Drinking-Water-Quality-Report>

Our constant goal is to provide you with a dependable supply of drinking water. We make every effort to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources.

Sidewalk Inspections

As a result of numerous requests for time extensions for sidewalk repairs, the follow-up sidewalk inspections which were scheduled for the first week in July have been delayed until the end of the month. For those properties that remain in violation, citations will be in order as the next step in the compliance process.

*****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.

Adamstown Community Pool

Pool patrons with season memberships passes are allowed access to the pool at 12:00 noon. Patrons who do not have season memberships and pay the daily gate fee are allowed admission at 12:30. Season memberships are still available for purchase at the borough office.

Please be aware of the new pool rules effective the 2019 season:

- Every bag and cooler will be checked at the gate before entering the pool.
- Children under the age of 11 who wish to use the slide, diving board and/or deep end of the pool must pass a swim test to obtain a neon-colored wristband which will allow access to the above.
- Only US Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices are permitted in the pool. No air-filled flotation devices (swimmies, innertubes, rafts, etc.) are allowed in the pool.
- The only balls allowed in the pool are those made for the water.
- In the event of a pool closing due to weather conditions, all patrons must leave the facility entirely. If the pool closes due to weather, a weather pass will be issued to daily gate patrons to be used on another day within the 2019 season.