



ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Council Meetings: February 3, March 3, April 7. All meetings are held in the borough municipal building 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.



***** 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.



Grove Rental

The calendar is beginning to fill up for rental of the community grove for the summer of 2015. 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.

Community Days

Players and volunteers are needed for ACD bingo on January 25, March 8 & April 12 at the Adamstown VFW, beginning at 2PM. For more information visit www.adamstowncommunitydays.com.

2015 Budget – The adopted 2015 budget is now available for review on the Borough website. The tax rate (2.5 mills) and water & sewer rates will remain the same.

Protect Our Watershed

Learn how you can help to manage stormwater runoff that affects your property while helping to protect our watershed. Stop by the borough office to pick up a free copy of ‘The Homeowner’s Guide to Stormwater’.



Adamstown Community Pool

Phase 1 of the community pool improvements involving the pool house renovations has been awarded to Balton Construction in the amount of \$295,184. The existing pool house was built in 1961. Phase 2 will be bid later this year.

Celebration Park, Brookview Estates

The new park in Brookview Estates is in the planning stages and input from all Borough residents is welcome. Please contact the Borough office if you are interested in helping with the planning.

Looking to get involved in our community? Members & volunteers are welcome for Adamstown Community Days activities, Rec Board, 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!

A newsletter with basic information and upcoming events will be included with future water & sewer billing. For more detailed information, please visit the website listed above.

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.