



# ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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*Upcoming Council Meetings: Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5. 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.

### Borough Police Coverage

A subcommittee of the Borough Council met for several months reviewing options for police coverage in 2016. The recommendation (accepted unanimously by Council) was to pursue a 5-year police contract with Ephrata Borough. This contract is under current negotiations and will be finalized mid-October. If all goes as scheduled East Cocalico Police coverage to Adamstown Borough will cease midnight, 12/31/2015 and Ephrata Borough police coverage will begin 1/1/2016. If you have an emergency call 911.



### Adamstown Appleumpkin Festival

Adamstown's Annual Appleumpkin Festival 2015 will be held in the grove on Saturday, October 17 from 10:00AM to 4:30PM. Rain date is October 18. The festival will include various craft vendors, children's activities, hayrides, and food & drinks. So plan a fun day with your whole family filled with activities and great food at the Appleumpkin Fest!

### Christmas in the Grove

The 2015 Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, November 29 at 5:00PM in the grove. More information can be found on the borough website.

Trick or Treat Night  
will be held on Friday, October 30 from  
6:00PM to 8:00PM



### Leaf Collection Dates:

Nov. 20, Dec 4 & Dec 11

All bags must be at curbside prior to 7:00AM the morning of pickup. Leaf bags are available at the borough office for 25¢/ea.

**BAGS MAY ONLY CONTAIN LEAVES.**

### Rental Property Licenses

Annual Residential Rental License Applications for 2016 will be sent out in December. The \$25 fee is due in January.

### Adamstown Borough Website

The borough website is a great source of information to review Council minutes, ordinances, zoning, newsflashes, as well as downloading various applications and reporting forms. Visit the website at [www.adamstownborough.org](http://www.adamstownborough.org).

### Protect our Watershed

What is MS4 and how does it affect us? 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

## November Ballot

The following local residents will appear on the November ballot for three open slots on Adamstown Borough Council.

**Alex McManimen** – Alex has lived in Adamstown since 2006. He received his undergraduate degree from Washington & Lee University and his MBA/Law Degree from Villanova University and currently serves as the President of M2 Construction LLC. With 2 young sons, Alex's family supports a variety of community programs. Alex is looking forward to getting more involved in Borough Council and is hopeful that his professional experiences and perspectives will benefit the community he now calls home.

**Jessica Kelly** – As a nearly 10-year resident of Adamstown Borough, Jessica has become involved in serving the community in a variety of ways. Along with her current role on Borough Council, Jessica currently serves on the Adamstown Community Days Committee, is a weekly classroom volunteer at Adamstown Elementary School and assists in the coordination of the U8 program for Cocalico Youth Soccer. Previously, she served on the Adamstown Borough Planning Commission. Over the next 4 years, Jessica would look to continue to aide in the improvement of our borough parks and hopes to develop recreation programs that will encourage a sense of community among our borough residents. She believes that community involvement is essential to maintaining and improving the quality of life in our borough.

**Mike Wetherhold** – Mike is married with two children and seven grandchildren. He has been an Adamstown resident for 42 years. Mike has a B.S. in Accounting from Albright College. His community service includes being a member of Borough Council for 12 years, a Borough auditor for 8 years, a Recreation Board member for 16 years, a Community Days volunteer for 13 years and an Adamstown Area Library Board member for 12 years.



## Winter Maintenance

With winter just around the corner, here are a few helpful reminders and tips!

- \* Residents and property owners are required to remove snow & ice from sidewalks within 24 hours after the precipitation stops.
- \* Snow or ice that cannot be removed without injury to sidewalk should be treated with sand or other abrasive material.
- \* A shovel width path is all that is required to be cleared so that pedestrians can walk safely.
- \* Snow should not be thrown back into the streets. Pile snow at the curb line where it will not impede clearing operations or traffic movement.
- \* Residents can help avoid street flooding and freezing by clearing snow from on top of catch basins and away from gutters.
- \* Shovel driveway aprons last to avoid having to re-shovel after snow plow passes by.