

ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Council Meetings: Feb. 2, Mar. 1, Apr. 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.

Welcome Ephrata Police Department!

Effective January 1st the Ephrata Police Department will begin serving Adamstown Borough. Headed up by Chief William Harvey, their officers and civilian employees are committed to providing the highest level of service to our citizens and community. As always, in an emergency dial 911. For non-emergency situations call 717-732-9200.



Christmas Tree Drop-Off

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

Grove Rental

It's not too early to plan ahead 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 Sam Toffy at the borough office for details and available dates.

Adamstown Fire Company

The Adamstown Fire Company is in need of several more serious volunteers. If you are willing to be part of this hard-working group or would like more information, stop in at the station any Monday afternoon or call the station at 484-4157.

The fire company still has several 'Big 300' tickets available. Call the station for details. Also, a sub sale is scheduled for February 6th, starting at 10:00AM.

Adamstown Area Library

Although a final decision has yet to be made, the Adamstown Area Library is considering a move into the former VFW building on West Main Street. The library, which serves Adamstown & Denver boroughs plus Brecknock and East & West Cocalico townships, is bursting at the seams. The move would triple the space available.

Building inspections are currently in progress, as well as serious financial analyses. A decision will be made in early 2016. Watch your local newspapers for updates.

Protect our Watershed

Did you know that planting native trees and shrubs to restore a portion of your property to forested conditions helps to protect our watershed? Benefits include:

- Increasing infiltration and evapotranspiration of stormwater
- Filters pollutants
- Requires little maintenance
- Provides wildlife habitat



Winter Maintenance

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

- * Main Street & E. Washington Street are emergency access roads and posted as snow emergency routes. There is a \$50 fine if you do not adhere to the posted snow emergency signs.
- * 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.



Adamstown Community Days

The annual Christmas in the Grove event was a great success! Residents were treated to a reading of 'A Visit from St. Nicholas', followed by the official tree lighting and Santa's arrival on a fire engine. Santa settled into his chair in the cabin and visited with nearly 100 children. Everyone who attended enjoyed hot chocolate and home-baked cookies.







The 2016 dates for ACD bingo are January 31, February 21 and April 3. The games are held at the Comfort Inn near the PA Turnpike entrance. Doors open at 1:00PM and games begin at 2:00. The cost is 25¢ for two cards, with raffles, special games and door prizes during the afternoon. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Volunteer help is always welcomed. Please contact Joe Dietrich at 484-256-0851. More information is available at www.adamstowncommunitydays.com.

Eagle Scout Project

Thanks to Kieren Marti of Troop 61 for the bench swing and patio he constructed next to the library. In addition to partial funding from the borough, community donations made his Eagle Scout project possible.



Adamstown Area Library Upcoming Events

-  **January 6 & February 3 from 6:30PM – 8:00PM**
Technology programs dedicated to helping patrons cope with computers, mobile devices and technology in general. Registration required.
-  **January 11, 18 & 25 from 6:00PPM – 8:00PM**
Introduction to Photoshop elements (3-week workshop). For Photoshop novices to more-advanced users. Registration is required. Call the library at 484-4200 to register or for more information.
-  **January 12 & 26 and February 9 & 23 at 7:00PM**
Join us in reading and discussing childhood classics.
-  **January 5 & 19 and February 2 & 16 at 6:30PM**
Magic Tree House Book Club. Join us as we 'travel' with Jack & Annie in the Mary Pope Osborne adventure series.
-  **February 8 at 4:00PM**
American Girl program, 'Ivy's Chinese New Year Celebration'. Join Julie's friend Ivy as she celebrates her Chinese heritage during the Year of the Monkey. For ages 6-12. Registration required.
-  Amazon will now donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Adamstown Area Library when you shop at AmazonSmile! Log-on to www.smile.amazon.com and select Adamstown Area Library, then shop and place your order.

