

# ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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*Upcoming Council Meetings: Nov 7, Dec 5 & Jan 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. Extras are available at the borough office or in the information rack in the foyer. Newsletters can also be viewed on the borough website.

### Leaf Collection Dates

Autumn leaf collection will be held November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>. Bags should be at curbside by midnight the night before collection dates. Bags should only contain leaves. Leaf bags are available for purchase at the Borough office for 25¢ each.



### AppleUmpkin Fest

Join your friends and neighbors at the AppleUmpkin Fest from 10AM until 4PM on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the community grove. There will be craft vendors, great food, free hay rides, costume parade, candy scramble, scarecrow making and lots more. To reserve your apple dumplings, you should purchase tickets at the post office from 9AM until noon on Saturday mornings, beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> or at the Borough office during normal office hours. Apple dumplings will also be sold at the festival. To reserve a spot for a craft stand or for more information, please call Joe at 484-256-0851 or visit [www.adamstowncommunitydays.com](http://www.adamstowncommunitydays.com).

**Trick or Treat Night**  
will be held on **Tuesday, October 31**  
from  
**6:00PM to 8:00PM**



### Sidewalk & Curb Repair Extension

At their September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council approved a 'one time' extension for homeowners to complete their sidewalk/curb repairs by July 1, 2018, not December 31, 2017 as originally scheduled. For those homeowners who have already completed repairs or who plan to complete repairs in 2017, a sincere 'thank you'. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed by your fellow citizens.

Please note...a no-cost permit application must be filled out and returned to the Borough office before proceeding with repairs. Eliminating weeds from your sidewalks will prevent cracks from becoming larger cracks requiring future repairs.

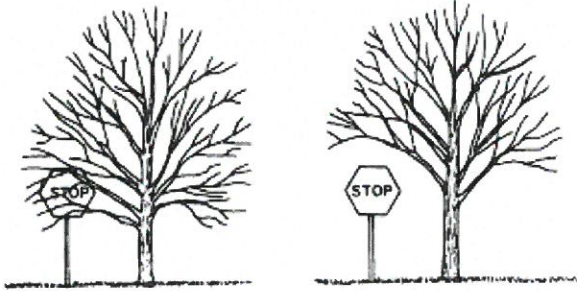
### Protect our Watershed

Autumn is the perfect time of year to plant trees and shrubs, which also benefit our environment by filtering pollutants, providing wildlife habitat and increasing infiltration and evapotranspiration of stormwater. Plant a tree and help to conserve our environment!



### Water Valve Box Caps

Water valve box caps are the responsibility of the property owner. If you have a cap that is damaged/missing, please contact the Borough office. The replacement cost for the caps is either \$10 or \$20. A Public Works rep will determine which type is required and will make the repairs once the fee is paid to the Borough office.



### Low Hanging Tree Branches

In order to provide a clear pathway for the plows this winter, all property owners are asked to trim back any low hanging tree branches along the roadway so there is a minimum 15' clearance from the ground to the lowest branches.

### Street Light Outages

If you see a street light that is out or flickering, please contact the Borough office and have the pole number(s) readily available along with the nearest property address of the pole. It normally takes approximately 3 business days to have an outage corrected.



### Building/Zoning Permits

The Borough requires a \$50 non-refundable deposit on all building/zoning permit applications and a \$50 non-refundable deposit on all SWM exemption applications. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required for SWM small project applications. These fees will be applied towards the cost of obtaining the approved permits.

### Water/Sewer Payments

Effective May 2017, the Borough office can no longer accept water/sewer payments. Please mail payments to the address on the remittance form: Borough of Adamstown, P.O. Box 7124, Lancaster, PA 17604 or pay online by credit card.

### Trash/Recycling Services

The Borough is considering contracting trash/recycling service with a single trash hauler. To further explain the process, the Borough would design the guidelines for service (bag or can limits, cost for extra trash pick-up, and hours of operation to name a few). The Borough would advertise for sealed bids from trash haulers. Bids would be submitted and the Borough would award trash/recycling service to one hauler for a 3 to 4-year term. The Borough would develop the cost of the service (based on the low bid unit cost and tipping and administrative fees). The service would be provided to all residents with the cost added to the water/sewer billing. The Borough wants your feedback...is this something you would like the Borough to explore?

As with any decision, there are pros and cons:

#### PROS:

- Most likely lower cost to residents for trash/recycling service (this is unknown until bids are opened and the Borough determines costs for the service). We have seen municipalities with contract trash/recycling service offer the service to residents at a lower cost than they can purchase the service on an individual basis.
- Everyone would have the trash/recycling picked up on the same day.
- The Borough could write the bid specifications to include cart service which would mandate the hauler to provide a 96-gallon trash cart (lid and wheels) and a 64-gallon recycling cart (lid and wheels) to each residence.

#### CONS:

- Residents lose the ability to choose their trash hauler.
- Specific limits will be established with extra fees for extra trash. Contracts usually include three 32-gallon bags or cans or one 96-gallon cart (if provided).

