



# ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Council Meetings: Aug 4, Sept 1 & Oct 6. All meetings are held in the Borough municipal building unless otherwise advertised beginning at 7:00PM. The public is encouraged to attend.

**Rental Property Owners** – Please see that your tenants receive a copy of the quarterly newsletter. Extra copies are available at the borough office. Newsletters can also be viewed on the borough website.



### Trail Update from Stoudt's to the Grove

The Community Committee walked the trail and came up with some great suggestions:

- Place a short macadam millings path at either end of the trail to mark where it begins
- Have signs at both ends directing travelers to destinations (ex., pool, grove, tennis courts, basketball court)
- Place piping in an area where the ground gets soggy when it rains
- The Boy Scouts will identify trees and make signs along the trail
- Install at least two benches and contact local businesses to donate benches and possibly plantings

Residents are encouraged to walk the trail and provide any suggestions you may have. Volunteers are always welcome to help with this community effort!

### Covid Safety with Grove/Parks/Playgrounds

Adamstown Borough's grove, parks and playgrounds are now open to the public! We ask that you continue to practice social distancing and wash/sanitize hands often. Please be aware that for your own safety, because the public restroom at the grove cannot be properly sanitized after each use, it will continue to be locked unless the grove is rented for the day.

### Grass/Weeds

This is the time of year when grass and weeds are thriving! Please remember that it is a Borough Property Maintenance Code that all premises and exterior property must be kept free from weeds or plant growth in excess of ten (10) inches. All gutters, public walkways, steps, and similar paved areas for public use shall also be kept free from hazardous conditions such as grass, weeds, overhanging trees and bushes. Please do your part to comply and keep our borough beautiful! Those who are in violation will be subject to enforcement.

### Protect our Watershed

Storm water originates from rain or melting snow/ice that runs off surfaces such as rooftops, streets, construction sites, lawns and fields. The 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



### 2020 Pool Membership Applications

Adamstown Borough Council would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to those of you who submitted 2020 pool membership applications in anticipation of the community pool opening!!! It is unfortunate that we did not reach our \$40K goal in order to open the pool, but we're working on several improvements which you will benefit from next season! The shade sail has been installed in the baby pool, necessary gutter repairs have been made and the Rec Committee is working on some really great members-only events and activities for next summer so it will be worth the wait! Enjoy your summer...we're looking forward to seeing you next season!!!

### August & September Borough Meetings

Please be aware that the August and September Borough Council and Planning Commission meetings will be held at the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 235 E. Swartzville Road, Denver. In order to provide a safe environment for everyone in attendance, facemasks and social distancing are a requirement.

### Library Update

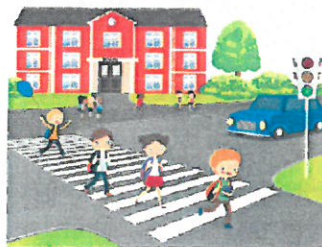
The library, although still closed to the public, is offering curbside services for picking up reading materials as well as laptop/printing services. Construction is almost completed on the new library and it is anticipating opening its doors next month!!! The future looks very exciting, with the new library offering many new outreach and programming opportunities. Once social distancing is no longer necessary, there will be many new additions to look forward to in the new library including a coffee bar, relaxing by the fireplace, comfortable new seating and many new things for the children!

### Borough Complaints

Adamstown Borough addresses issues on a complaint-basis. If you see a property maintenance violation, please fill out a complaint form and submit it to our office. The form must be signed and dated - anonymous complaint forms will not be addressed. Complaint forms can be found in the brochure rack in the foyer of our building as well as on our borough website at the following link:

<http://adamstownborough.org/DocumentCenter/View/154/Complaint-Form?bidId=>

If the complaint involves vehicles illegally parked, noise, nuisance or disturbance issues, please contact the Ephrata Police Department.



### **Back to School**

*School is back in session next month. Please be mindful of children walking to/from school and SLOW DOWN in the school zone!!!*

### Adamstown Borough Rental Inspections

Adamstown Borough has a rental ordinance mandating a rental inspection every three years. The inspection schedule is as follows:

- All remaining streets in the borough not listed below are due in 2020
- East Main Street and East Washington Street are due in 2021
- West Main Street, West Washington Street and Old School Lane are due in 2022

Adamstown Borough's Rental Code Enforcement Officer will be reaching out in the near future to those property owners who are due this year to schedule their rental inspections.