



# ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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#### Upcoming Council Meetings:

Aug 3, Sept 7 & Oct 5. All meetings in 2021 will be held at the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 235 E. Swartzville Road, Denver at 7:00PM.

**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.

#### Property Improvements

Before beginning any home improvements, please remember to check with the borough office to determine if building and/or zoning permits are required. Some examples of improvements requiring permits are: decks, patios, driveways, fences and sheds. Replacing siding, windows or roofing shingles do not require permits. Permit applications are available at the borough office or they could be downloaded from the borough website. Remember to also check with your local HOA or ARB (if applicable) before beginning any home improvements.



#### 2020 Annual Water Quality Report

Our constant goal is to provide you with a dependable supply of drinking water. We make every effort to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. The 2020 Annual Water Quality Report is now available for review! Detailed information can be found on our hallway bulletin board or on our borough website at the following link:

[www.adamstownborough.org/DocumentCenter/View/339/Annual-CCR-2020-Adamstown](http://www.adamstownborough.org/DocumentCenter/View/339/Annual-CCR-2020-Adamstown)

#### Adamstown Area Library

Adamstown Area Library has resumed regular browsing hours of 9:30-8 M-T, 9:30-5 F, and 9:30-2 Sa. Summer Reading is in full swing, with lots of outdoor programming and prizes for ages 0-19. Passport processing by the Department of State could take up to 18 weeks, so schedule an appointment NOW by calling 717-484-4200. The 7th Annual Hit the Links for the Library Golf Tournament is happening August 28th! Call the library or go online to [www.adamstownarealibrary.org](http://www.adamstownarealibrary.org) to register.

#### Grass/Weeds

Please remember that we have a property maintenance code that states grass/weeds cannot be more than 10" high. Remember to keep sidewalk cracks free from weeds also, as this can become a tripping hazard! When cutting grass, do not blow it into the street, as it can clog storm drains and cause flooding issues. Do your part to keep your property looking nice by maintaining your grass to a length less than 10". Not only will it help to beautify the neighborhood, but it will also prevent you from receiving a violation notice.



#### Back to School

School is back in session on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Please be mindful of children walking to/from school and **SLOW DOWN** in the school zone!!!



## YMCA Before & After School Program / Half Day Care Kindergarten Program

Registration is now open for our Before and After School Program and Half Day Care Kindergarten Program for students at Adamstown Elementary School!

Goals of the Before & After School and Half Day Kindergarten Program:

- Support and strengthen the family unit.
- Promote the children's self-image, feelings of self-worth and leadership qualities.
- Provide activities which meet the educational, physical, mental, social and emotional needs of each child.
- Provide a safe environment which is warm and stimulating.

Our program also features age appropriate, recreational activities using music, movement, crafts, games and other resources. Children must be able to thrive in a group setting. We do not provide one-on-one care. For questions or additional information contact Bob Root, Branch Executive at 717-484-4996. Register online at [ymcarbc.org](http://ymcarbc.org).

## A Hand Up Farm to Table Harvest is Coming to Stoudtburg Village!

Ephrata Area Social Services celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving families in need in Cocalico and Ephrata, Lancaster County. The funds raised from this unique and beautiful event will directly support individuals and families through their transportation and case management programs. Guests will enjoy a delicious meal and scrumptious desserts as well as expect to have wine and beer available for purchase. Feel free to purchase a bottle of wine for your table! A silent auction will feature quality items for bid. *Down By The Glenside* will provide the entertainment for the evening bringing you the traditional sounds of Ireland. A Table Scape competition and a Giving Board will also be featured. This exciting event will be held on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30PM to 9:00PM on the plaza in Stoudtburg Village. For all inquiries for this event, please contact Ephrata Area Social Services at 717-733-0345 x11 or email [jashley@ephrataareasocialservices.org](mailto:jashley@ephrataareasocialservices.org).



### Spotted Lanternfly

The spotted lanternfly is an invasive planthopper native to Asia and first detected in southeastern Pennsylvania in 2014. It feeds on many plants including fruit trees, grapevines, hops, hardwoods and ornamentals. They use a piercing-sucking mouthpart which they insert into the plant like a straw and when they feed they excrete sugary water which encourages black sooty mold. This mold could cause damage to the plant. There are 3 main appearances of the spotted lanternfly – the early nymphs which are black with white spots, late nymphs which are red with white spots/black stripes and adults which are pictured above. The female lays her eggs in the fall which hatch in the spring. Egg masses contain 30-50 eggs with a protective mud-like coating. There are several ways you could help stop the spread of this invasive species:

- Scrape any known egg masses from trees, decks, houses, outdoor equipment, rocks, etc.
- Tree banding – wrap tree trunks with sticky tape to trap nymphs as they travel up the trees in search of food.
- Host removal – Although the Tree-of-heaven is an invasive plant, many people use it in their landscaping. This is the preferred host for the spotted lanternfly so removing this plant helps to minimize the insects.
- Chemical control – use an approved insecticide to kill the insects.

## A Lesson in MS4

**What is an MS4?** MS4 is short for, "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System", where the word "Municipal" refers to a unit of local government like a borough or a township but may also refer to an organization responsible for the administration of a developed area. And the number 4 refers to the four words that start with the letter "S"; Separate, Storm, Sewer and System.

A separate storm sewer system is a collection of structures, including retention basins, ditches, roadside inlets and underground pipes, designed to gather stormwater from built-up areas and discharge it, without treatment, into local streams and rivers. It's called a separate system because it's not connected to the sanitary sewer system which drains wastewater from inside a home to a sewage treatment facility or a private septic system. Some communities in Pennsylvania do have combined storm and sanitary sewers. The areas served by these "combined systems" are not covered by the MS4 program.

The program is managed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection or DEP, which fulfills this role to comply with federal mandates under the Clean Water Act. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has an oversight role because they are the federal agency charged with implementing the Clean Water Act.

The authorization that MS4 communities get from the DEP to legally discharge stormwater into local stream and rivers is called an "NPDES" permit which stands for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System. The word "National" references the connection with the Federal Clean Water Act, and the word "Discharge" refers to the fact that separate storm sewer systems eventually release stormwater into local creeks, rivers and lakes, untreated. These particular NPDES permits are also commonly called, "MS4 Permits" or "Stormwater Permits." To meet the terms of their NPDES Permit, communities need to develop what's called a "Stormwater Management Program" (SWMP).