



ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Council Meetings:

Feb 1, Mar 1 & Apr 5. All meetings in 2022 will be held at the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 235 E. Swartzville Road, Denver at 7:00PM unless otherwise advertised.

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.



*** Snowfall***

During a plowable snowfall of approximately 2" or more, all vehicles **MUST** be moved from the snow emergency routes (a plowable snow may not necessarily be announced on the news – it is your responsibility to be aware of the weather forecast and weather conditions). Violators who do not move vehicles from the snow emergency routes will be fined. There is snow emergency overflow parking offered at the community pool parking lot – if you use this location please park within the designated lines. Vehicles parked in cul-de-sacs posted for no parking during snow emergencies will also be fined. Streets should remain cleared of basketball hoops and other items to avoid being hit by the plow. At least a shovel-width path of sidewalks **MUST** be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the snowfall ends to avoid injury to pedestrians. Please pile shoveled snow at the curb line not back into the road and shovel driveway aprons last to avoid having to re-shovel after the plow passes by! To prevent flooding when snow melts, please clear storm drains of leaves and debris. Click on the link below for more information on Winter Maintenance: <http://www.adamstownborough.org/2159/Seasonal-Cleanups-Snow-Removal>



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. Please place them in the designated drop-off location within the parking lot. The trees will be recycled.

Adamstown Grove Rental

The Adamstown grove is the ideal location to host a family reunion, birthday celebration or picnic. Plan ahead and make your reservations now! The cost is \$100 per day which is non-refundable plus a refundable \$10 key deposit. There is no fee for Borough non-profit organizations. Please contact the Borough office to make your reservations!

Protect our Watershed

Rain barrels collect rainwater from rooftops during each rain event. Some of the important reasons for utilizing a rain barrel:

- Helps reduce stormwater runoff
- Collected water could be used to water landscaping
- Good water source for indoor plants
- Reduces erosion and flooding
- Saves drinking water resources and money – less treated drinking water will be used for watering outside plants/landscaping

To purchase a rain barrel, check with your local Extension Office, Conservation District or garden center. More MS4 helpful tips could be found on PennState Extension.

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The Adamstown Borough 2026 Committee met with members of the public in the grove in May 2021 to share their vision for Adamstown 2026. As a result of that meeting, a survey was distributed asking participants to choose from a list, the top three items they would like to see addressed as part of the Adamstown 2026 initiative. We had an overwhelming response, with the top three items being 1) enhance safety of crossing Route 272, 2) update the bandshell in the grove and

3) access to local childcare. This information was shared with Borough Council, and at a recent Council meeting authorization was given to move forward in working with Ann Yost of YSM Landscape Architects to create a Master Plan utilizing all the input received from the survey. We are excited about what the future holds for Adamstown, and we will continue to update you throughout this process!



Reminder: Adamstown Borough 2022 Rental License Applications and payments are due by January 31st. If you own a rental property in the Borough and have not already sent in your application and \$25 license fee for 2022, please do so to avoid being in violation of our Rental Ordinance. Remember only \$25 is due no matter how many rental properties/units you own.

Inspections: Rental inspections are required by ordinance every three years. The schedule is as follows:

- West Main Street, West Washington Street and Old School Lane are due in 2022
- All remaining streets not specifically listed are due in 2023
- East Main Street and East Washington Street are due in 2024

When it is time for your rental property to be inspected, you will be notified by our Rental Code Enforcement Officer (Krystin Noll of SDE) to schedule your inspection. Prior to her coming out for the appointment, you must mail your inspection fee to the Borough office. If the fee is not received prior to the inspection date, the inspection will be cancelled. Also, if you have an appointment scheduled and do not show up, you will be charged a no-show fee and the appointment will have to be re-scheduled.



Adamstown Borough Water/Sewer Billing Process:

1. Water meter readings take place quarterly (March, June, September & December).
2. Water/sewer bills are mailed quarterly (April, July, October & January).
3. A 10% penalty will be applied after the due date.
4. A 1.5% interest fee will be applied when the balance is 30 days past due.
5. Shutoff notices are periodically done and mailed via certified mail to those property owners who have a delinquent balance over 180 days old, giving 30 days to pay the delinquent amount (lien notices are mailed to those property owners who have rental properties via the same process).
6. Borough personnel will post properties of those who still have delinquent balances after the 30-days, giving a 48-hour notice to terminate water service (unless it is a rental property, at which time a lien is filed against that property).
7. If the delinquent balance is still not paid after the 48-hours, the water is turned off. The property owner is responsible to pay the \$25 shutoff fee as well as the \$25 fee in addition to the entire delinquent amount in order to have water turned back on.

