



PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION On Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 6:30 PM the Council for the Borough of Clarks Summit would like to invite all residents and property owners to attend a Public Education/Information session discussing the Borough's requirements on Stormwater and Sewerage Controls and how you can help. With recent federal mandates, this session is vital to help all understand the changes coming our way, and how you can help control costs, thus keeping taxes down, and see immediate savings in your pocket, at the same time helping the community and the environment.

This session will be held in Council Chambers, 2nd floor of the Borough Building, 304 S State Street

ASH TREES – EMERALD BORER is a green buprestid or jewel beetle native to northeastern Asia that feeds on ash species. Females lay eggs in bark crevices on ash trees, and larvae feed underneath the bark of ash trees to emerge as adults in one to two years. In its native range, it is typically found at low densities and does not cause significant damage to trees native to the area. Outside its native range, it is an invasive species and is highly destructive to ash trees native to northwest Europe and North America. Prior to being found in North America, very little was known about emerald ash borer in its native range; this has resulted in much of the research on its biology being focused in North America. Local governments in North America are attempting to control it by monitoring its spread, diversifying tree species, insecticides, and biological control

Emerald ash borer feeds exclusively on ash trees in North America. Host species include green ash, white ash, black ash, blue ash, and pumpkin ash. Tens of millions of ash trees have been lost to this pest, which usually kills ash trees within 3-4 years of infestation. Symptoms of emerald ash borer infestation include upper crown dieback, epicormic branching, bark splits and bark flaking, or tissue damage resulting from woodpecker predation.

PRIVATE PROPERTY A property owner generally has, with the boundary of Borough Ordinances, the right to use his/her property as he/she wishes, and to exclude others from the use of his/her property. Specifically, a property owner may post signs on his/her property, including signs that express, or may be perceived to express, a political viewpoint. Removing, or otherwise altering, signs a property owner posts on his/her property may be unlawful and may potentially subject one to criminal and/or civil liability.

BRUSH PICKUP: From April through September monthly pickup of brush will be done by the Borough department of Public Works. Brush must be left on the yard (not in the street or storm swales) at the edge of the property and cut to manageable size. Only brush cut by the property owner will be removed. If you hire a service to trim your trees or brush, they must remove the brush themselves. We apologize but we cannot schedule or guarantee a time for pickup. It will occur monthly as the crew has time between projects.

Recycling Reminder: Please remember to recycle! The following is a list of acceptable products for recycling: #1-7 Plastic Bottles, #1-7 Plastic Tubs & Screw Top Jars, Cans, Clean, Balled Aluminum Foil (2" or Larger) and Pie Pans, Corrugated Cardboard & Paper Bags, Empty Aerosol Cans (No Caps), Empty Pizza Boxes, File Folders, Glass Bottles & Jars, Loose Metal Jar Lids & Steel Bottle Caps, Magazines, Brochures & Catalogs, Newspapers & Inserts (No Plastic Bags), Opened Mail, Junk Mail, and Greeting Cards, Paper-back Books, Paperboard Boxes, Paper Egg Cartons, Paper Milk/Juice Cartons (No Foil Pouches), Phone Books, Rigid Plastics, Shredded Paper (must be in clear plastic bags), White or Pastel Office Paper

Tree Planting - What can you do to help? Plant Trees! The Shade Tree Commission can help you obtain wholesale-priced, bare root trees to plant anywhere on your property. Bare root trees can cost more than 50% less and contain 200 percent more roots than the same size balled-and-burlapped trees. Please – anyone in the Borough that plants a tree anywhere on their property, please contact the Borough Office at 570-586-9316. The Borough has made a commitment to increase the Urban Canopy by 88 trees every year to aid in storm water controls and each tree planted helps us achieve that goal, even if you don't get the tree through the Shade Tree Commission and even if it is planted on your private property!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, July 15, 2017 10am – 3pm
Pocket Park on Depot Street
Craft Fair ~ Food Booths ~ Tag Sale ~ Kids Crafts
Rain or Shine

Information: Patty Lawler 570-587-4099

Proceeds benefit the Pocket Park

Coming Soon "September Sunday – date to be announced"

ABINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY UPDATES

Would you join us in supporting the Abington Community Library at upcoming fundraisers? There is something for everyone to enjoy, whether it's tasting local specialties, picking up books at discounted prices, or shopping for handmade items. Stop by the Library for more information or call us at 570-587-3440. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@abingtoncomlib), and Instagram.

Friends of the Abington Community Library Book Sale

Saturday, October 7, 8:30AM-2PM

Join us across the street from the Library at the Clarks Summit United Methodist Church. The preview sale for Friends members will be held Friday October 6, 5-8:PM. Thousands of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books will be available for purchase at discounted prices, plus DVDs, CDs, and audio books.

Dorothy Boccella Holiday Marketplace

Saturday, November 11, 10AM-4PM & Sunday, November 12, 11AM-4PM

It's the way to get your shopping done! Find unique handcrafted gifts and support your library at the same time. A variety of vendors will be on hand with tempting items for yourself or for gifts. Also, take a chance on our exciting chance raffle baskets. Free admission for this craft show at the Library.