



## RESCHEDULED!!!!

### SHREDFEST

**JULY 13, 2019 9AM TO 12PM**

**CLARKS SUMMIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Celebrate Earth Day and recycle your personal papers. All non-paper items must be removed. Donations will be accepted. COME SHRED WITH US!

**BRUSH PICKUP:** As a result of notice from the Lackawanna Recycling Center, Inc., effective immediately we cannot pickup for recycling any brush, limbs or hedge trimmings longer than 24". Monthly pickup of brush will continue to 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 24" 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.

**DON'T: FLUSHABLE WIPES:** Personal wipes do cater to the consumer by being efficient and convenient, but flushing them down the toilet may be a mistake. Wastewater authorities say wipes may go down the toilet, but even many labeled flushable aren't breaking down as they course through the sewer system. Combining with grease and oils, these wipes are often causing blockages and costing tax payers **millions** of dollars. Understand that anything that can flush down a toilet is "flushable". **A golf ball is flushable, but it's not a good idea.**

Preventing wet wipes from blocking sewers is just one part of the personal wipe problem. The wipes also might pose environmental risks, because they're made from plastics and synthetic cellulosic fibers, some of which are non-degradable. All of this ultimately makes its way to the country's system of creeks, streams and rivers.

**QUALITY OF LIFE ORDINANCE: PLEASE NOTE:** The purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors to the Borough by pursuing lack of maintenance of properties, improper storage of trash and rubbish, storage of inoperable/non-registered vehicles, and accumulation of snow and ice. Upon finding a quality of life violation, any Public Officer authorized by the Borough of Clarks Summit, may issue quality of life violation tickets to the owner and/or occupant of the property at issue.

Violators will face the following fines: First Fine, \$25.00, Second Fine, \$50.00, Third and additional fines, \$100.00. Repeat offenders will be actively pursued.

### Summer Reminders:

- Before planning a yard sale, visit the Borough website for information on signage and the number of sales that are allowed in one year.
- There are certain regulations to consider when installing a temporary inflatable or metal pool. If the water is over 18", a fence is required. There are also certain setback requirements.
- For any questions on these reminders, please call the Zoning Office at 570-585-4811.

**Trash Pickup:** Clarks Summit Borough Ordinance 2015-02 Municipal Waste addresses trash pickup. **Section 103.C** reads: "Municipal waste containers with lids in place and secured bundles shall, for the purpose of collection, be placed at ground level along, but not within, the adjoining public street no sooner than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the day of scheduled collection. All emptied containers shall be removed no later than twenty-four (24) hours following the time collection."

The Borough is requesting the trash to not be placed out earlier than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up and removed from the street within 24 hours after pickup.

**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?** Clarks Summit Borough has committed to a goal to increase our tree canopy to 45% by the year 2025. By meeting this goal, Clarks Summit will fulfill its commitment to the Chesapeake Bay Initiative, an everyone-is-downstream effort to clean up the bay and our own waterways by planting trees throughout the watershed. We want to encourage borough residents to help us meet this goal by planting more trees in their yards. The trees that you plant locally to help clean the Chesapeake Bay watershed regionally will also cool your homes and purify the air in summer, provide natural habitat for wildlife, reduce storm water run-off, and beautify your neighborhood and the borough of Clarks Summit. If you plant a tree anywhere in your yard, we can count it towards our goal. Please let us know. You can contact the borough office at 570-586-9316.

**Proper Disposal of Grease** - The Abington Regional Wastewater Authority needs your help! There are few items in the world of food more difficult to dispose of than grease. And you should never take a shortcut by pouring it down the drain! Incidents have occurred in neighborhoods where the sewer pipes were clogged with fat, and people's basements flooded with sewage as a result. So what should you do? For fats that solidify, let them do so, then pitch them in your regular garbage. Chill grease in the fridge if you need to get it to harden up. For ones that don't solidify, pour them into a bottle, and throw the whole container away with your regular garbage.

### **Abington Community Library**

#### **SummerQuest, June 10- August 31**

SummerQuest begins June 10! SummerQuest is a dynamic learning challenge for all ages. By spending time outdoors and having tech-free meals, as well as a variety of other activities, you'll earn raffle tickets, BookNook coupons and a chance to win larger raffle prizes.

To register for SummerQuest, visit the Abington Community Library and sign up. You'll receive a packet of information for everything you'll need to participate in this challenge. As you progress through each level, you are eligible for more prizes. You have from now until August 31st to earn tickets and prizes. This is a family-friendly program so everyone is encouraged to join!

#### **Read-A-Thon, Friday, July 26 @ 9 AM to Saturday, July 27 @ 9AM**

We are excited to announce a new fundraiser, "Read-A-Thon." What could be better than reading non-stop for 24 hours in the library? Nothing. The 24-hour Read-A-Thon from begin on Friday, July 26 at 9 AM and end on Saturday, July 27 at 9 AM. Prior to the Read-A-Thon, people will sign up for a designated timeslot of their choosing. Additionally, they'll ask for and collect donations from friends and family who want to support them in their reading goals with the help of a Participant Tracking Form. When they come to the library for the Read-A-Thon, donations can be dropped off. Money raised will go towards purchasing more books for our collection. Registration is currently open and will remain so until Friday, July 19. Email: RRoberts@albright.org for more information.