



CLARKS SUMMIT BOROUGH'S NEW QUALITY OF LIFE ORDINANCE: 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:

Description	Fine 1	Fine 2	Fine 3+
Accumulation of rubbish or garbage	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Animal maintenance and waste/feces clean-up	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
High weeds, grass, or plant growth	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Motor vehicles	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Outside placement of indoor appliances/furniture	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Snow and ice removal from sidewalks	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
No containers for waste or trash	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00

Winter Reminders:

- Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks in all business districts within 2 business hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain or by the beginning of business hours of the next business day following such fall, whichever is shorter.
- Snow and ice shall be removed from all other sidewalks within the Borough on the same day of the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain or within the first 4 hours of daylight after the cessation of any such fall, whichever is longer.
- In the event the snow/ice becomes so hard that it cannot be removed, abrasive material such as sand or ice melt material is suggested. A clear path of at least 30" wide is required on the sidewalk area.
- No person shall deposit any snow next to a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk or roadway.
- Do not shovel/blow snow into the roads.
- No on-street overnight (11pm to 6am) parking in the borough until 4/1/17
- Please do not use salt on concrete sidewalks

Stormwater Information Session: On February 28 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers the Borough will be holding a Stormwater Public Information session. All are invited to attend and learn more about how stormwater affects our community and what the government can do to help and what the residents can do to help. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tree Planting - What can you do to help? The Shade Tree Commission wants to thank all of the residents who let us know that they planted trees in 2017. Thanks to them, we are able to get a more accurate measurement of progress towards our 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. You can order a large variety of quality ball-and-burlap trees at a reduced rate through the Clarks Summit Shade Tree Commission. Contact the Shade Tree Commission by February 1, 2018. Call Molly Philbin 570-586-4596.

Maintain your stormdrain/swale: Please continue to keep storm drains free and clear of debris during the winter months to prevent winter flooding during sporadic warming trends this season.

Voluntary Camera Registry Program: The Clarks Summit Police Department wants your help in fighting crime by taking part in the Camera Registry Program (CRP). The CRP allows residents and business owners to register the locations of their video surveillance systems with the Clarks Summit Borough Police Department. When a crime occurs, police will be able to identify the locations of nearby video cameras and enlist the assistance of the community to help officers collect video evidence and follow up on leads.

Through the program, Clarks Summit Police Department will be able to directly contact CRP registrants who are using video in an area in which a crime occurred. Police would ask CRP registrants to check their video surveillance system for a specific date and time for video that may show activity involved with a crime, such as a getaway car or the direction that a person of interest was headed. If any video evidence is found, the resident or business owner can contact the Clarks Summit Police Department by calling (570) 587-3026 to make arrangements for video retrieval.

Registration is voluntary and there is no cost associated with registration. Registering your information does not provide the Clarks Summit Police Department with direct access to your camera. You may delete your registration at any time. An individual's personal information will be kept confidential by the Clarks Summit Police Department unless subject to disclosure by court order. Your information will be accessed by law enforcement personnel who are investigating a crime in the vicinity of where your camera is located. You will only be contacted by the Clarks Summit Police Department in the future if there is a criminal incident in the vicinity of your security camera. Police personnel, if necessary, may request a copy of any video captured by your camera, which may assist in the investigation of a crime.

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This winter, all ages are invited to participate in a Winter Challenge from January 8 until February 23. Complete a BINGO sheet full of fun wintry activities for the chance to win prizes. Beat cabin fever by trying something new! In February, check out magical Harry Potter-themed activities to accompany the 2018 Clarks Summit Festival of Ice: Wizarding World of Ice. Join an intergenerational book club, make your own wand, and learn about fantastic beasts.

Register all throughout the year for events and classes for all ages. Stop by or call the Abington Community Library at 570-587-3440. More information on current news and events can be found at our website: lclshome.org/abington. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (@abingtoncomlib).