



**I have a creek in my yard...**

Since most creek-side property is privately owned, a great deal of responsibility for the vitality of a creek lies with the property owner. When caring for creeks, use creek-friendly gardening and landscaping practices. Yard waste must be disposed of properly, never stored or placed near the creek. Soil and yard waste disposal in creeks become unsightly, destroy aquatic habitats and may worsen flooding problems. While they are biodegradable, organic waste uses oxygen that fish, aquatic insects and native plants need for survival. Yard waste must be properly disposed of using the curbside yard waste collection program.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION** On Wednesday, September 5, 2018 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.

**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

**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?** 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.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Some reminders regarding Ordinances in the Borough

- 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.

### **Spend your summer at the Abington Community Library!**

Join SummerQuest, a dynamic new twist on Summer Reading Club for all ages, running now until August 10. When you register, pick up an activity log that you may use to earn prizes or raffle tickets as you work through different levels. Read, create, learn, and spend time together as a family to fill out the log. Find exciting inter-generational library events throughout the summer like a Reptile Show, Harry Potter Book Club, and a visit from the Zoomobile. Pick up a brochure for your age group and enjoy programs like Messy Science for kids and teens, Science Playtime for preschoolers, and Social Book Club for adults and teens.

Coming in September, a special collaborative fundraiser presented by the Abington Community Library and Taylor Community Library: American Girl and LEGO BINGO! Check back for date and location.

On Saturday, October 6, from 7 to 9 PM, the Abington Community Library will hold its annual "Tasting by the Book" community fundraiser. This unique event provides the opportunity to mingle with friends old and new while sampling delicious, homemade food and listening to live music. Local home cooks graciously provide tasty treats. Tickets are \$25, advanced sales only, beginning September 4th. Gather your friends and attend this delightful event! All proceeds support the Abington Community Library.

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](http://lclshome.org/abington). Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and Twitter (@abingtoncomlib).