



Here are the 10 safest places to live in Pennsylvania for 2019 according to [Homesnacks.net](http://Homesnacks.net):

1. Fox Chapel	5. Lititz	9. Grove City
2. Franklin Park	6. <i>Clarks Summit</i>	10. Birdsboro
3. Olyphant	7. Castle Shannon	
4. Whitehall	8. Camp Hill	

**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.

**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.

**Maintenance and Repair of sidewalks, curbs and gutters:** Clarks Summit Borough Ordinance 1996-15 requires owners of property abutting any street, including state highways, to construct, pave, repave and repair the sidewalk, curb and/or gutter along such property...".

### **Street addresses**

The number 1 argument for putting a street number on your home:

1. Prevent difficulty in emergency fire, ambulance and mail access to correct address.

**Clarks Summit Fire Company:** Volunteers Needed! What can you do to help?

1. Join the fire department

There are more calls coming in, and fewer people to respond to them. And fire departments have tasks that don't involve fighting fires. That could include Bookkeeping, Fundraising, Teaching fire safety to children, Installing smoke alarms in area homes, and Helping with maintenance around the fire station

2. Donate to your local department

Donations are always welcome. For the most basic gear, a volunteer could face a \$3,000 expense. Fundraising now takes up to 60 percent of a volunteer firefighter's time.

3. Attend fundraising events

Attending a fundraising event organized by your local fire department is technically another way of donating, but you're getting something in return. For years, departments were able to rely on benefit auctions, carnivals, community bingo and raffles to cover costs. But now, with equipment prices rising and fewer volunteers to organize such functions, it's barely enough to get by. They need all the support they can get.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** To the people and businesses that have donated time, materials or money to the Borough of Clarks Summit:

Art Frank

Rosario's Pizza

**SAPA:** Clarks Summit Borough participates in the nine-municipality, Scranton Abingtons Planning Association (SAPA). Many zoning issues span community boundaries, and SAPA allows municipalities to look at zoning uses on a more regional basis while maintaining local decision-making and local zoning regulations. In 2019 and 2020, the SAPA communities plan to update zoning regulations. The Borough is excited about the many benefits of this effort for our community. The Planning Commission and Borough Council will hold public meetings on the discussions later this year and in 2020.

### **Abington Community Library**

Visit the Abington Community Library and register for a free library card today. Check out our collection of movies, books, music, tablets, and more. Join us for classes, baby, toddler, and preschool storytimes, and special events. For more information, stop by the Library, call us at 570-587-3440, or visit our website at [lclshome.org/Abington](http://lclshome.org/Abington). Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (@abingtoncomlib).

The Friends of the Abington Community Library Fall Book Sale will be held on Saturday, October 5 from 8:30AM-2PM at the Clarks Summit United Methodist Church. The Friends Preview Sale is Friday, October 4 with sale hours of 5-8PM. Annual membership dues are \$10/individual, \$15/family. You must be a Friends member to purchase books at the Preview Sale. Thousands of books, dvds, and cds available to purchase; credit cards accepted!

Join us for a delicious fall fundraiser: Tasting by the Book on Saturday, October 26 from 7-9PM. Tickets are \$20 per person (advance sales only) and the price includes event admission, 2 alcoholic drinks, and bites at each local cook's station. For adults only.

The annual Dorothy Boccella Holiday Marketplace will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 10AM-4PM and Sunday, November 10 from 11AM-4PM. Shop handmade items from local vendors, just in time for the holidays. Enjoy free admission to this craft fair. Additionally, purchase tickets today for exciting chance raffle baskets on display at the Library. Tickets are 2 for \$1, 12 for \$5, and 25 for \$10.

The Library is running an all-day bus trip to Bethlehem, PA on Saturday November 22 to Christkindlmarkt. \$45 covers the bus and the price of admission. Depart Clarks Summit at 9:30AM and leave Bethlehem at 7:30PM. Enjoy glass carving, live music, handmade ornaments, and more at one of the best holiday markets in the country. Seats are limited, so register today.