



2020 Zoning Ordinance Update: The Borough continues to work on updates to the zoning ordinance as part of the multi-municipal SAPA project. This new ordinance should be an improvement to the community as a whole may affect some properties and/or businesses. Please feel free to watch for updates. When a draft is completed, it will be advertised for public review and comment.

BRUSH PICKUP: From April through September monthly pickup of brush will be done by the Borough department of Public Works. 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". Also, brush cannot have any leaves or yard waste mixed in. 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. 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.

YARD WASTE: Yard waste (decomposable waste materials generated by yard and lawn care and includes leaves, grass trimmings, weeds and wood chips) cannot be mixed with brush. The Lackawanna County Recycling center will not accept them mingled with brush.

Also because Clarks Summit is a state mandated recycling community, it cannot be included with your trash. This is a great time to learn about composting and improve your gardens!

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.

Prescription Drop Off Box: The police would like to remind you that we have a prescription drop off box located in the lobby of the police station. Help stop prescription drug abuse. Drop off your expired, unused or unwanted medications for safe disposal.

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.

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.

Property owners should be aware of the drainage systems in their neighborhoods or on their privately owned properties, as well as the municipal rules and regulations for maintenance and repair. Homeowners should also look to address coverage for repairs to underground drainage systems on their property when securing insurance. While one may think that if something went wrong with the old pipe that was installed years before he or she bought the property, which flows through the property under the surface and drains the neighborhood's streets and runoff, would be covered by city or county stormwater or other utility services, they'd possibly be wrong.

Navigable waters are property of the state, the creek bottom may remain private property, however, depending on where a stream or river lies. If it was merely a seasonal creek or storm runoff, it is likely not considered a navigable water and is likely private property.

Abington Community Library

The Abington Community Library continues to keep our community connected through virtual resources. Our summer learning initiative, SummerQuest, will be online this year on the popular platform, Beanstack! Families, register and log reading and fun activities to earn virtual badges.

Follow us on Facebook at "Abington Community Library" and "Abington Community Library for Kids" for access to a wide range of online programming. This summer, choose from free online events and classes like "Junior Battle of the Books," "Learning Japanese," "Pet First Aid," "Spy School," "Makeup Tutorials," "Messy Science," and of course our usual storytimes, discussion groups, and crafting workshops.

In addition to programming, find free resources available with your library card, accessible 24/7. Download e-books and e-audiobooks on the Libby app, stream movies on Kanopy, do research on POWER Library, and trace your family tree with Ancestry.com. Find these databases and more at lclshome.org/find.

Things may look a little different at the library these days, but our mission has not changed. We will continue to provide opportunities for lifelong learning and connect people with the resources they need for education as well as recreation.

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