



## Thank you for your support for the Griffin Pond fundraiser

**Thank you:** The residents and businesses of Clarks Summit Borough and its neighbor's generosity is immense. While we cannot recognize everyone who has benefitted our community, we would like to at least recognize those that go over and above: Rosarios' Pizza, Lamar Advertising, Armetta's Pizza

**LEAF 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". 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.

- Leaves or yard waste would not be allowed on sidewalks.
- Leaves put out after crews have already serviced a street will be collected the next month.
- Leaves should be piled at the curb line, just behind the curb line but extending back no more than 10 feet into the yard. (Equipment cannot reach beyond this point.) Leaves must not be placed in the street, because they will clog gutters and storm drains and may constitute a traffic hazard. Remember that wet leaves are slippery, and are dangerous to pedestrians, bicycle riders, and cars. Please keep sidewalks free of all leaves, including wet leaves.
- Place leaves away from obstacles such as mailboxes, fire hydrants, vehicles, trees with low hanging branches and landscaping rocks. These obstacles become hidden within the leaf piles and can cause damage to the machinery, injury to employees and citizens, limit collection abilities and can impact emergency service response.
- DO NOT MIX any other yard waste items in with the leaves (such as grass, flowers, mulch, brush, bush trimmings). Leaf piles that contain other yard waste will not be picked up. Such debris can damage leaf collection equipment. It will be the property owner's responsibility to dispose of them.
- Leaf piles blocked by parked cars or low hanging tree limbs will not be picked up. It is impossible to get the leaf collection equipment into such tight areas. Crews are unable to return to pick up these piles when the vehicle has been moved.

### Program Benefits

The leaf vacuum program helps keep our lakes, rivers, and streams healthy, while protecting the safety of our community. When large numbers of leaves enter the storm sewer, the nutrients from decaying leaves overwhelm and choke out aquatic life. The leaf vacuum truck program keeps leaves out the street, reducing the number of leaves swept into the storm sewer and the likelihood of street flooding due to plugged drains. Keeping leaves out the street also reduces the risks associated with kids playing in leaf piles.

**THE OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY** - sponsored by The Gathering Place, the First Presbyterian Church and Our Lady of Snows Church, is available in the Elevator Lobby of the Clarks Summit Borough Building. Please take what you need or leave what you can.

**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.

**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**

We are open to the public; come visit us! Our hours are:

M-F, 10 AM to 6 PM including curbside pickup, Vulnerable population hour: 10 AM to 11 AM  
Saturday, 10 AM to 3 PM including curbside pickup, Vulnerable population hour: 10 AM to 11 AM  
Sunday, closed.

Don't forget to follow the library on social media! You can find us on Facebook: Abington Community Library and Abington Community Library for Kids. Instagram: @abingtoncommunitylibrary. Twitter: @abingtoncomlib. Youtube: Abington Community Library. Follow us for book recommendations, virtual programs for all ages, digital resources as your family heads back to school, and more!

"An Evening with Agatha" - a fundraiser for the Abington Community Library. Thursday, October 15 from 5-7 PM at Hillside Park under the Pavilion. Agatha Christie will be portrayed by globally acclaimed author, Deborah Courville. She'll share about her well-known characters and their inspiration as well as touch on her mysterious disappearance in the 20s. A catered dinner of hors d'oeuvres, pasta, and salad will be served after the presentation. Tickets are \$30 and space is limited! Register at the library by October 11 and email [RRoberts@albright.org](mailto:RRoberts@albright.org) with any questions.