



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.

URGENT: Please do not dump anything in the creeks or storm drains! The best way to help prevent flooding is to keep the creeks and storm drains clean and flowing.

Are you refinancing your mortgage? If so, please do not forget to transfer your property taxes to the new bank.

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.

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.

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, and then pitch them in your regular garbage. Chill grease in the fridge if you need to get it to harden up. For ones that do not solidify, pour them into a bottle, and throw the whole container away with your regular garbage.

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.

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

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.

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.

The Abington Community Library

The 2022 SummerQuest Challenge for All Ages will begin on Monday, June 20th at the Abington Community Library! The theme for this summer is "Oceans of Possibilities!" Register your family for summer reading fun on Beanstack at lclshome.beanstack.org. Use your computer to log reading time and activities or try the Beanstack App for your smartphone or tablet! Earn digital badges as you work your way through the levels. Discover new books and new authors. Try a recipe, take a hike... even do a science experiment! This dynamic summer challenge is the perfect way to keep reading and learning through the summer.

Register your student for a beautiful day of Animals, Science and Literature at Indraloka Animal Sanctuary co-sponsored by Abington Community Library, Indraloka and the Wright Center from 9am to 3pm on Tuesday, August 16 for Grades K-4: Wednesday, August 17 for Grades 5-8 or Thursday, August 18 for Grades 9-12. Sharing healthy lifestyle information about the human body, resident physicians from The Wright Center will de-mystify age-appropriate self-care strategies. Indraloka staff will provide experiences with animals designed to foster empathy and awareness of the special and sacred place animals have in our world. Bringing everything together through literature, staff from the Abington Community Library will connect the special relationship between people and animals with whom the planet is shared. Cost: \$25 Per Participant with lunch provided. ****Scholarships Available**** Register at the Abington Community Library.

Changes and improvements for the good of the community are happening at The Abington Community Library. Attend Grand Re-opening festivities at the Library this summer. Stay tuned to www.lclshome.org/abington for details.