

Arona News

Quarter ending June 30, 2018

Advanced Disposal

Arona residents' trash removal bills increased significantly recently because the borough contract with Advanced Disposal expired. Borough Officials were not notified of the contract expiration. Arona has put the contract out for bid. A new contract will be negotiated as soon as possible and every homeowner in the borough will be billed for trash removal.

Highmark Mobile Clinic Visited Arona on April 18, 2018

Highmark's Mobile Clinic visited the Arona ballfield on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The clinic offered a variety of services that Highmark Medicare Advantage customers would receive at their doctor's offices. Seventeen Arona residents took advantage of the services provided which included Annual Wellness visits, physical exams, biometrics and preventive screenings.

Spring Clean-up May 5, 2018

The response for the Arona Spring Clean-up was overwhelming. Many Arona residents took part. Three cars were towed from the borough with owners receiving up to \$300 per vehicle. Over three hundred tires on/off rim, over seventy televisions and other electronic devices and five Freon appliances were delivered to the Arona ball field for recycling. Thank you for your outstanding response. We also want to thank the many volunteers who assisted with this effort. Your efforts helped make this a great success. The efforts of all contributors and volunteers helped make Arona a more attractive place for residents and visitors.

Fall Clean-up October 6, 2018

We will be conducting a fall clean-up which will include a highway clean-up on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Please call or text 724-552-6739 and your name, phone number if you would like to volunteer.

Street Repairs Storm Drains and Drain Cleaning

Council is working with the Arona Engineer to identify the repaving and storm drain repair needs and repair cost. Once the costs are estimated, the work will be sent out for bid, with repairs to be started as soon as possible.

Street Lighting Upgrades

Arona has been accepted into West Penn Power's program to replace street lighting. We are expecting that all Arona Borough's 35 street lights will be replaced with high efficiency led lighting at no cost to Arona beginning in October. This new lighting is expected to reduce the monthly Arona street lighting charges by approximately 40%.

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Penn Borough Police

A long overdue "Thank you" to the Penn Borough Police. During 2017 the Penn Borough Police collected money for gifts for needy children. They then generously gave Christmas gifts to needy children in Arona. Thank you for your kindness.

Thank you to the Penn Borough Police for providing security support during the Spring Clean-up.

Penn Borough Police issued 65 citations during March, April and May. Citations includes: 40 speeding, 4 failure to comply with emission and inspection, 2 operating without a license, 3 failure to comply with traffic regulations, 2 failure to provide registration, 5 drug arrest, 9 DUI's. Penn Borough Police also responded to six 911 dispute calls and two 911 ambulance calls.

Park Repairs

The backstop and bleachers in the ballfield have been repaired. Swings in the playground are being replaced. The running track will be sealed in late September. Council is considering replacing the park restrooms with porta-johns.

The electric box in the park has been replaced. This replacement was necessary because the old electrical box had been vandalized.

Council Changes

John Staney resigned his position on the Arona Borough Council. Thank you John for your many years of service to the people of Arona. John has been replaced by Mark Sikora

Monthly Council Meetings

Residents are welcome to attend all council meetings. Council meets the 1st Monday of each month except July which will be on Monday, July 9. Meetings are at St Marks Lutheran Church at 7:30 PM.

Arona Phone Number and Website

Arona Borough has a new phone number. Please call the Arona Borough number **724-552-6739** and leave a message or send a text when you have questions or if you would like to express your opinion on an issue. Your message (voice or text) will be forwarded to the appropriate person who will contact you within forty-eight hours. If you would like to be added to the council meeting agenda leave a message no later than the Friday before the council meeting.

Check the Arona Borough website for the latest in Arona news

<http://www.aronaborough.com>.