

In response to residents' requests, Ingram Borough will be stepping up efforts to enforce property maintenance and code violations. Listed below are some of the most common regulations that some of our newer residents may be unaware of.

- Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up their pet waste on any property. Any dog, cat, or other animal which scratches, digs, defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building, or any other public or private property other than the property of the owner of any such animal is considered a nuisance punishable by a fine up to \$600.
- When in public, dogs must be kept on a leash not to exceed 6 feet in length.
- Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is strictly prohibited on all Borough owned property including parks.
- Front yard hedges may not exceed 3 feet in height.
- House numbers must be a minimum of 4 inches in height and be visible from the street.
- Garbage must be stored in approved containers and screened from public view when not out for collection. Garbage may not be placed out for collection before noon of the previous day.
- Grass may not exceed 9 inches in height.
- Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of accumulation. It is unlawful to shovel or plow snow onto any street or alley.
- Residents are responsible for maintaining all sidewalks and stairs.
- Dumpsters, pods and large bag-type containers require a permit.
- Outdoor recreational burning is strictly regulated by Ingram Borough and Allegheny County. Only clean, dry wood products may be burned and must be burned in approved, outdoor devices. All burning must be at least 25 feet from the nearest property line or structure. All fires must be attended at all times by an adult with adequate fire extinguishment available. All burning shall take place between the hours of 11am and 11:59pm.

Ingram Borough Police

CAR SEAT INSPECTION & INSTALLATION

The Ingram Police Dept. now offers car seat inspections and installation for Ingram residents.

Call 412-921-6969 to schedule.

Ingram and the surrounding communities have experienced several recent burglaries of unlocked vehicles. Please keep your cars and homes locked at all times.

Be vigilant! Call 911 if you see or suspect any criminal activity.

Did you know?

The Borough garbage contract with Waste Management includes, at no additional cost, at home pickup of household chemicals and electronic items such as TVs and computers. For more information, or to schedule pick-up, go to;

www.WMAtYourDoor.com

Email: AtYourDoor@WM.com

Call: 1-800-449-7587

Borough Council and the Mayor of Ingram would like to take this opportunity to present some facts and clear up some misconceptions concerning fire protection service in the Borough.

After multiple failed attempts to negotiate a compromise with the volunteer fire department, the Borough entered into a 5 year agreement with the City of Pittsburgh to provide fire protection for Ingram Borough. The yearly cost of the city contract is roughly the same as the amount of money the Borough was paying for volunteer service (in 2015 the Borough expenditure for volunteer service was around \$88,000 vs. a 5 year average cost of \$91,000 for the city contract). That only tells part of the story though, there are several important differences. The borough is now served by a highly trained, professional fire service. The Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire has an ISO rating of 1, one of only a few in the state and ranked in the top 50 fire services in the country. After almost a year of service we're seeing an average response time of under 4 minutes for emergency calls.

Another advantage is that now there is no need to spend several million dollars over the next 5 years for fire trucks and equipment. Rather than resulting in a significant tax increase, this has enabled the Borough to REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES IN 2017 FROM 6.1 MILS TO 5.9 MILS. Due to the fact that we are now covered by a paid fire department with an ISO rating of 1, some insurance companies offer a discount on your homeowner's insurance, contact your insurance agent for details.

This was first and foremost a public safety decision that we felt was necessary to provide the best possible professional fire protection for the residents of the Borough. In no way do we want to diminish the many contributions made over the years by the volunteer fire department.

Another issue we'd like to clarify is that it is being reported we'll lose our police department. The fact is that we recently signed a 5 year contract with the Ingram Police that runs through 2021.

Lastly, there has been NO DISCUSSION, and as long as the current council is in office there WILL BE NO DISCUSSION concerning Ingram children attending City schools. It makes no sense to move from a highly rated school district to City schools. Our children and grandchildren live here too and we strongly believe it is their best interest to attend the Montour School District. If you have heard otherwise, it is simply not true in any way.

Mark Your Calendars ...

SHREDDING EVENT

Ingram Borough, along with State Representative Dan Deasy, State Senator Wayne Fontana, and Crafton Borough, will be co-sponsoring a paper shredding event to be held in Crafton Park on West Steuben St. on Saturday, April 22nd from 10am-1pm.

LORETTA'S TREE/EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Ingram Borough, along with the Ingram Historical society and other civic organizations, will be hosting an event "Loretta's Tree/ Earth Day Celebration" on May 13th from 10am – 1:30pm at the Borough Building. The events will include making crafts from pieces of our former Christmas tree (which unfortunately had to be taken down last year), clean-up throughout the borough, and lunch and games at the Borough Building. Everyone will receive a small tree for planting at home. Participants are urged to bring a non-perishable food item for the Crafton-Ingram Food Bank.

INGRAM COMMUNITY YARD SALE & VENDOR SALE

Ingram is planning a community wide yard sale for Saturday, May 20th. We will publish a listing of all participating homes. To register, call Sharon at 412-922-3682 or send an email to ingramfleamarket@gmail.com for details.

CPR/AED and STOP THE BLEEDING CLASSES

The Ingram Community Ambulance volunteers will sponsor CPR/AED and Stop the Bleeding classes. The cost is \$10 for Ingram residents and \$20 for non-residents. Call 412-921-1449 for information, dates and times, and to confirm your registration.

INGRAM BORO MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM

The people of Ingram have always taken great pride in the men and women who have served our country in its time of need. Now we'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to help us honor your friends and family who have served our great country. The military banner program salutes our brave men and women who are currently serving and those who have served in the military by creating and displaying a 24" x 36" military banner to be exhibited on the streets of Ingram between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. For more information go to www.troopbanners.com/Ingram or consult the display in the main lobby of the Borough Building.

FREE SMOKE ALARMS

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire also offers "Project Stay Alarmed!", a program focused on preventing fire related injuries. **If you live in Ingram, you are eligible for free smoke alarms and installation.** The smoke alarms were provided by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and are installed by the Pittsburgh firefighters. The firefighters will also provide some fire safety education at the time of installation. The smoke alarms are powered by long-life lithium ion batteries, which will last up to 10 years, eliminating the need to change batteries yearly. They are also equipped with a "hush" button, which enables the alarm to be silenced in the event of a false alarm. There is no cost or obligation involved. To obtain your free smoke alarms contact the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire at (412) 255-2621 or via cell 311.

Remember: Our Annual Ingram Days Celebration will be held on July 15th and 16th with Zambelli fireworks on July 16th.