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FALL/WINTER 2026

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Message from Borough Council President Tony Musso

Hello Red Lion,


Tony Musso

I hope you are all doing well. There goes another summer and here come the holidays. In the upcoming year, please look at your schedules, and see if you have time to help out with volunteering in our borough. There are so many ways to help out. Our planning committee, our recreation department, Golden Connections Senior Center, the Red Lion Food Bank and 18 South. Some of the places don't need a lot of your time, but it makes such an impact.

Like other years in our borough, we have had some work done and are now looking forward to next year's projects. The borough wouldn't be able to function without its dedicated staff, from everyone in the office to the road crew. It is very much a team effort.

So many people think that people on council have all this glory, when in reality it is a thankless job. We make really hard decisions that affect our community. Many times, we make decisions on things we don't want to but know it needs to be done. So, I thank our council for the long hours and the love they have for the community.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. May God bless you and may God bless our borough.

Love you all,

Tony Musso

Tony Musso

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Message from the Mayor, Aleksa Keithan

Hi Red Lion,

I want to take a moment to say welcome to all the new residents in town. Whether you moved in the last year, or 5 years ago. Welcome to Red Lion!

There is a lot of revitalization work happening. Spring brought a lot of visible growth. For those of you who have lived here for a while, there has been a lot of change. One that is not often seen is a change in office staff. Maybe you have noticed, maybe you haven't. They keep the day-to-day workings of the borough running smoothly. Something that can often be overlooked.

If you ever wanted to get involved, there are multiple volunteer committees needing dedicated people on them. Economic Development, Planning Committee to name a couple. Join and maybe you can help give input that shapes the future of our town. Volunteers are always needed for one thing or another. The Recreation Department is always in need of volunteers for their big events to help things run as smoothly as possible.

I hope you had a good spring and summer. Are you ready for the cold months? As we know, Fall is a season of harvest and preparation. Any time is a good time to rest and clear our spaces of clutter, both physically and mentally. Take a moment to release negative energy and unhelpful thoughts.

They benefit no one and only breed pessimism. While it may be easier to be mean, kindness goes much further. Sometimes all it takes is a smile, a nod, or a genuine compliment to brighten someone's day.

As we enter this new season, let's practice gratitude, be more intentional, and choose to be less apathetic. Apathy feeds despair, but action feeds hope.

When we stop caring, even in small ways, we create space for discouragement to grow.

Start small: take a walk around your block, extend your usual route, or choose a different direction. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Consider being part of a local clean-up effort or even starting your own. We all know how brutal the wind can be on our recycling and trash. These acts can interrupt that cycle of apathy. Caring is contagious, and even small acts of engagement can lift a community and remind us that what we do still matters.

This fall, challenge yourself to do one small positive thing each week.

Let's welcome this season by not just wanting to be better but doing better. Together with positivity, connection, and care for our little town.

Aleksa Keithan

Mayor of Red Lion



RED LION BOROUGH INFORMATION

From the desk of the Borough Manager, Michelle Poole



Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Notice

The Borough reminds all property owners that sidewalks, curbs, and gutters must be properly maintained to protect public safety and preserve Borough streets. If the Borough Manager determines that repairs or construction are needed, property owners are responsible for completing the work along their property. Many sidewalks and curbs throughout the Borough have deteriorated, and owners will be notified when repairs are required.

Residents are encouraged to begin budgeting now for these improvements. If your street is scheduled for a project within the next three years, the required curb and sidewalk upgrades will be completed at that time. To ensure consistency, the Borough will coordinate with the property owner for the curbing work that is part of the roadway project. If you wish to complete repairs before receiving a notice, please contact the Borough office first to confirm whether your street is part of an upcoming project or if repairs should be done sooner. A permit is required for any installation, repair, or replacement work, and inspections will be conducted to ensure compliance with Borough specifications.

Additionally, property owners must remove any trees that are damaging or affecting sidewalks and curbs.

Please note, damaged sidewalks and curbs are not only unsightly, but they can also pose a serious safety hazard to pedestrians and may create potential liability concerns for the property's owner.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our community safe.

Michelle Poole

Michelle Poole

HOUSE NUMBERING



All properties in Red Lion Borough are currently required to affix house numbers as to be plainly visible from the sidewalk of the street upon which houses, stores, or other buildings are erected but in no event can be less than four inches high and with a stroke width of less than 1/2 inch. This assists first responders to find you in an emergency, friends and family to locate your home, as well as the delivery of packages and mail. We are also encouraging property owners that abut other alleys, roadways, and lanes to post a number on the rear of your dwelling, fence, or garage on the rear facing of the property. This will help first responders, trash pick-up, and public works to ensure they are identifying the correct property when there is a need to do so. Trash and public works might not be a big deal if there is an error, but emergency services could be life of death. Thank you for helping them help you.

TAX COLLECTION

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Please welcome

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Curtis Hemmann and Cody Tracey

Notes for Winter Weather

Winter Snow Removal Reminders

As we prepare for the winter season, the Borough would like to share a few important reminders to help keep our streets safe and accessible during snow events:

- Trash & Recycling Containers: Please place all trash and recycling containers away from the cartway (street). Containers left too close to the road are at risk of being damaged by snowplows.
- Keep Snow Out of the Street: Do not shovel or blow snow from your sidewalk or driveway into the street. This is a violation of both Borough and State Codes as this creates hazardous conditions for drivers and makes plowing more difficult.
- Parking During Snow Events: Make sure there is at least 16 feet of clear cartway for plows and emergency vehicles to pass. Avoid parking in a way that restricts access.
- Driveway Plowing Tip: For best results, consider waiting until the snow has stopped and plow trucks have made one or two passes before clearing your driveway. Otherwise, additional snow will likely be pushed back into your driveway by subsequent plow runs–this is unavoidable.
- Trim Trees & Shrubs: Please ensure trees and bushes are properly trimmed to maintain at least 9 feet of clearance above sidewalks and 14 feet above roadways. Snow accumulation can weigh branches down, causing them to interfere with plows and larger vehicles.
- Alternative Parking Locations: During snow emergencies, parking is available at:

  o Municipal Office (438 E. Lancaster St.)
  o Fairmount Park (behind the library)
  o Nitchkey Parking Lot (See map below for locations.)

Your cooperation helps ensure efficient snow removal and safe travel for all residents. Thank you for doing your part this winter!



RED LION BOROUGH INFORMATION/ PUBLIC WORKS

FALL LEAF COLLECTION: **Approximately October 5-October 30**

The pickup schedule varies depending on the weather conditions. We appreciate your understanding that this schedule must be flexible. Please place leaves at the curb; they will not be picked up if they are placed elsewhere. Do not mix any other items with the leaves. There is no collection on Borough holidays. Leaves in trash bags will not be picked up.

BRANCH & LIMB COLLECTION: **Starting on September 28**



Branches and limbs must be placed at your trash collection site. Limbs may be up to 6" in diameter and 4' to 6' in length. Do not bundle. Yard waste such as ornamental grass, garden residue, etc., will not be picked up. The Borough reserves the right to refuse items that do not meet the requirements and is not responsible for cleanup. After these dates, it is your responsibility to dispose of branches and limbs.

The Public Works Facility cannot accept yard waste items at their location. You can take those items to the York County Solid Waste Authority's Resource Recovery Center where it will be diverted to their Yard Waste Transfer Facility, provided it is free of contaminants and meets end user requirements. Yard waste includes leaves, garden residues, shrubbery, tree trimmings that do not exceed 6' in length or 24" in diameter and tree stumps that do not exceed 24" in diameter. NOTE: Before doing this, visit their website at www.ycswa.com, or call them at 717-845-1066, for requirements and restrictions you will need to be aware of.



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION: **January 4-January 15**

The borough will pick up discarded Christmas trees beginning January 4th. Trees should be placed at your usual trash pickup site and MUST NOT be in a bag. All decorations and tinsel should be removed before disposal.

RECYCLING AND TRASH COLLECTION IN RED LION BOROUGH

Please note that recycling is mandatory in Red Lion Borough. All properties should now have a green lid tote for recycling and a yellow lid tote for trash. Residents and businesses must follow Anthracite Waste Service's guidelines regarding acceptable recyclable materials. These guidelines are available on both the Borough's website and Anthracite's website.



Recycling is collected every Friday throughout the Borough. Trash is collected on Wednesday or Thursday, depending on your location. Collection maps are available at RedLionPA.org and on the Borough's Facebook page.

Per § 20202 of the Red Lion Borough Code of Ordinances, all persons within the municipality are required to source separate designated recyclable materials. Recycling plays an important role in protecting the environment by reducing landfill use and conserving natural resources.

BOROUGH MEETINGS

The public is always welcome to come to Borough meetings. The following are the meeting schedules and some information on what happens at those meetings.

The Borough Council meets for a "work session" on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm. At that meeting, issues can be discussed, but no decisions can be made. This gives everyone on Council an opportunity to digest the information they are given and be prepared to make a decision at the "regular" Borough Council meeting, is held the second Monday of each month at 7 pm. It is at this meeting those decisions, in the form of motions and votes by the council members, can be made and then action can be taken. The public can attend either meeting to express their concerns about things, but it is only at the regular Council meeting that an actual decision can be made.

The Planning Commission meeting is held on the third Monday of the month at 7pm. This meeting is only held as needed. The role of the Planning Commission is to review any subdivision and land development plans, make recommendations to the Zoning Hearing Board for any upcoming hearings, and to review codes and ordinances that may need to be revised, updated, etc. and make those recommendations to the Borough Council.

The Zoning Hearing Board meeting is only held "as needed" on the Tuesday following the regular Borough Council meeting, at 6pm. The Zoning Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial body that renders decisions on specific types of land use appeals and applications. Members of the Zoning Hearing Board are appointed by the Borough Council. Although the Zoning Hearing Board functions like a court, formal court procedures are not strictly required. This Board does have their own attorney that is separate and distinct from the attorney that works with the Borough Council and Planning Commission.

This is a great way to get involved in your community and learn how Borough government works and be a part of the growth and development of Red Lion Borough. Contact the Red Lion Borough office to learn more. 717-850-0790

ZONING & CODES ENFORCEMENT

From the Desks of Erick Sowers and Kathy Andrews

QUALITY OF LIFE TICKETING PROGRAM

Red Lion Borough has implemented a "Quality of Life" Ticketing Program. This program is for certain property maintenance violations and works like the Red Lion Borough parking violation tickets. When a problem property is identified by a Red Lion Borough Code Official, a courtesy notice identifying the violation will be posted on the property. If the violation is not corrected within the time specified on the notice, a violation ticket will be issued and posted on the property or delivered to an adult resident of the property. Fines will start at $25 for the first offense and will increase with each additional violation, up to $300. Tickets are to be paid within ten (10) days of receipt in accordance with the instructions on the ticket. If not paid within those ten days, a citation will be issued through the district magistrate's office, which will include additional court costs. Some of the most common violations include:

- Nuisance vehicles
- Items not for outside storage
- Grass and weeds over 6", this includes yards, sidewalks, and curbs.
- Accumulation of refuse

SNOW AND ICE ON SIDEWALKS

Snow and ice must be cleared or treated on sidewalks to a width of 36 inches within 12 hours after the snow stops or the ice forms. A Quality-of-Life violation ticket will be issued without a courtesy notice. It is unlawful to place any snow or ice in a public street or alley. Please be aware of the number of residents that do use our sidewalks every day, and our students who walk to our schools in our town.

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS

Most maintenance to residential properties may not require a building or zoning permit; however, demolition, additions, structural changes or repairs, sheds, fences, and retaining walls will require a permit. Commercial properties typically require a building permit for almost all types of work. It is always best to contact the Borough Office for more information prior to starting work on any project.

SIDEWALK PERMITS

A permit is required to replace the curb and sidewalk which is along a public street. There is no fee for the permit. The applicant must pick up a copy of the specifications.

TRASH & LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

Do not place trash or large items at the point of collection more than 12 hours before your collection day. Refuse being stored for collection must be placed in a container which shall not permit blowing or scattering by wind and shall be rodent-proof, insect-proof, and watertight. After picking up, containers should be removed from the sidewalk or alley. If you have a different circumstance, please call our office and we will work with you.

NUISANCE VEHICLES

The outdoor storage of any motor vehicle that is without a valid inspection certificate displayed for a period of more than 30 days is a nuisance and must be removed or stored in a fully enclosed structure. Failure to remove or properly store the vehicle will result in a citation. Each day the vehicle sits in violation is considered a separate violation.

TENANT REGISTRATION

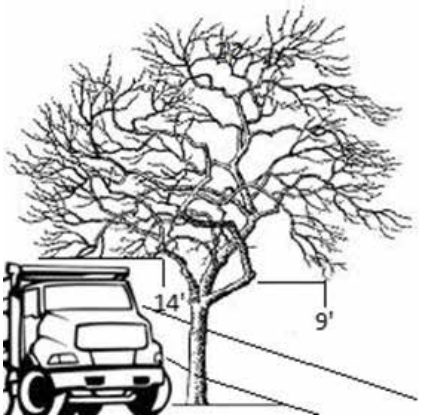
Landlords must register all occupants over the age of 18 within 30 days of occupancy of a residential rental unit.

TENANT COMPLAINTS

Red Lion Borough has a housing maintenance and occupancy code which deals with the maintenance of residential dwellings. If you have a complaint about your rental unit, a complaint form is available in our office.

TREE TRIMMING

To avoid damage to borough equipment, personal vehicles and for the safety of everyone, trees must be kept trimmed to a height of 14' above and along the edge of the roadway and 9' above sidewalks.



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BOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS

These events are subject to change. Please visit our website for more up to date information, www.redlionpa.org. and www.redlionrec.com . You can also follow Red Lion Recreation's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/RedLionRec for some of these events.

HALLOWEEN PARADE:



Tuesday, October 27th beginning at 7pm.

The parade will form and start at the Red Lion Senior High School. If you would like to participate, registration will open on September 14th and continue through October 19th. Email Becky at bgibney@redlionpa.org to register. There will be NO registration on the day of the parade.

TRICK OR TREAT:

October 31st from 6pm to 8pm
Have a great time and be safe!





BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:

Saturday, December 5th 8:30am to 10:30am

at the Community Building Join Santa for a pancake and sausage breakfast. Coffee and drinks are provided. There is a fee charged for adults and children over 6 years old.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP:

Join us for a free family event on Sunday, December 13th.

Enjoy story time with Santa, take pictures with him and enjoy cookies and light refreshments with your family.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION:

December 31 (more details to follow at a later date)



Celebrate the New Year in the borough by attending the many family friendly events offered on New Year's Eve. These are held at different locations within the borough.

Contact Red Lion Area Business Association for more information or to volunteer. Email to info@rlaba.com.

Red Lion Recreation will continue to offer dance classes, painting and craft classes, fitness classes and bus trips. We plan to create and offer more of these great activities throughout the year for residents and those who live outside the Borough. For information on upcoming classes and registration forms, please visit Red Lion Recreation's website, www.redlionrec.com, our Facebook page, or contact Becky at bgibney@redlionpa.org.

Red Lion Recreation is always looking for volunteers and coaches to help support programs and community events. Whether you have a passion for sports, activities, or helping bring our programs to life, we would love to hear from you! If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Becky Gigney at bgibney@redlionpa.org or 717-850-0790 ext. 106. We appreciate the support of our community members who help make our recreation programs successful!

COMMUNITY BUILDING RENTAL

Our community building, located in Fairmount Park, is available to rent for meetings and other private events. Our community building offers space for up to 150 people and full use of the kitchen. Tables and chairs are provided. Anyone interested in renting the building may contact our Recreation Department for open dates and rental fees. bgibney@redlionpa.org



RED LION YOUTH CENTER PRESCHOOL





The preschool is in the lower level of the Red Lion Recreation Building at 190 S. Charles Street, Red Lion. We currently offer a three-year-old class that meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 11am. and a four/five-year class that meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 11:15am. This program is to prepare children for kindergarten.

In addition to our regular preschool programs, we have a Lunch Bunch program that is offered to children ages 2 1/2 to 6 yrs. of age. Lunch Bunch meets every day following our preschool day for 2 hours. Parents may bring their child just to lunch bunch, or extend their child's preschool day to eat lunch, enjoy social interaction with other children their ages, play games, do crafts from time to time, play outside and have fun!!! We now have an outdoor play area that we use...weather permitting.

Please call or text 717-244-6493 April Sager for more information and costs of both of these programs. E-mail: redlionyouthcenter@gmail.com Address: 190 S. Charles Street, P.O. Box 154, Red Lion, PA 17356

RED LION AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The historical society of Red Lion continues to maintain a museum for the borough of Red Lion. The museum is located at 73 N.Main St, Red Lion. It is located in the train station at this location. The museum is open to the public on the second Sunday of every month. The hours are from 2pm to 4pm. Please feel free to visit and learn more about our town's history.

RED LION BOROUGH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Hello again from Red Lion EMA! On this issue, I wanted to briefly discuss Radio Communications. In Red Lion, we are quite fortunate to have a first-class Communications Officer, Steve Gobet, who also serves as the Deputy EMC. The Red Lion Operations Center has Ham Radio, as well as County Radio communications. These radios are monitored regularly to ensure that in an emergency they will be fully functional. In a major emergency, cell towers can be overwhelmed; HAM Radio Operators provide emergency communications during these events. Ham Radio also has a set-up at the York County Emergency Operations Center as a back-up should 911 operations break down. In addition to Emergency Services, you will have, no doubt, seen Radio Operations at various community events. By the time this article goes to Press, the annual Red Lion Street Fair will have taken place - Ham Radio Operators have provided communications for this event for quite a few years. That's it for now - stay safe!

John Brownlee

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RED LION LIONS CLUB #5831

Founded January 5, 1924, we are celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2024. Red Lion Lions Club is dedicated to serving the Red Lion community. Lions are best known for fighting blindness, but in addition to vision we also support the following Global Causes in our community and around the world: diabetes, hunger, environment, and childhood cancer.

Every journey begins with a single step. One act of service, one encouraging word, one gift of generosity is often all it takes to bring hope where it's needed most. Our Motto: We Serve. 100% of donations received are used directly to serve the local community. Lions pay quarterly dues to cover all administration costs. We are always looking for anyone 18 years or older to join the Red Lion Lions Club and help in the Red Lion Community. Please consider becoming a Lion! We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:15 pm at St. John's UCC Social Hall, 161 N. Main St., Red Lion, PA

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Mailing address: Lion Sec. Don Dippner, c/o Red Lion Lions Club, 601 Blouse Road, Red Lion, PA 17356
Website: https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/redlion/index.php
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You can also find us on Facebook: Red Lion Lions Club https://www.facebook.com/RedLionLionsClub/

KALTREIDER-BENFER LIBRARY

Address: Kaltreider-Benfer Library, 147 S. Charles St., Red Lion, PA 17356
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KBL provides free Education to all. We offer children the following regularly scheduled Classes, where literature is used to teach the foundations of reading & learning.

- Every Tuesday at 10:00, we offer Preschool Literacy Class for those ages 3 to 5.
- Every Wednesday at 10:00, we offer Toddler Literacy Class for those ages 18 mos. to 3 years.
- Every Thursday at 10:00, we offer Baby Literacy Class for those from birth to 18 months.

Not to be left out, we also offer regularly scheduled adult events such as the following:

- An Adult Book Discussion group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. Please check our monthly calendar of events for the book of the month.
- Knitters meet every Monday at 6:00 pm to knit, interact, & improve their skills. Bring your needles & yarn & drop in for the fun!
- Various adult events and seminars are planned monthly. Please check our monthly calendar for upcoming events!

In addition to these regularly scheduled events, we offer many others as well. Included in this are author visits, family film nights, life-long education seminars & more!

To see our full schedule, please visit us on the web at www.kaltreider-benfer.org

YORK COUNTY AGENCY ON AGING

Volunteering with the York County Area Agency on Aging

The York County Area Agency on Aging's volunteers improve the quality of life for our community's older adults. At the same time, many of our volunteers are older adults themselves; presently, 84% of our volunteers are aged 60 and over. Our volunteers find true purpose and joy in their service.

Volunteering is good for the mind, body, and spirit. Giving back often provides a sense of purpose and helps people find connection. It can improve one's quality of life and support aging well. The York County Area Agency on Aging has many opportunities for volunteering, but the roles we have the most need for right now are PA MEDI counselors, Ombudsman, and Judicial Center Tour Guides. These three roles are uniquely suited to retired older adults who have flexible schedules.

Specialized Volunteer Roles

PA MEDI Counselors

PA MEDI counselors are dedicated to continuing education regarding Medicare. They counsel beneficiaries in person and via telephone to help them make sense of sometimes confusing Medicare insurance system.

· **Impact:** The Agency's PA MEDI helpline (717-771-9008) is staffed by volunteers who answer Medicare-related questions, provide "New to Medicare" workshops, and assist at various locations throughout the county during Open Enrollment.

· **Requirements:** If you are a problem solver who enjoys learning and has a flexible daytime schedule, please consider this role. Volunteers are asked to commit to two years of service and volunteer 12 to 15 hours per month (including training, meetings, and counseling).

Ombudsman Volunteers

Ombudsman Volunteers advocate for York County's long-term care residents in nursing homes and personal care homes. They provide a visible presence in these facilities, helping residents voice their concerns and exercise their rights.

· **Impact:** Volunteers offer education and access to programs for residents, families, and facility staff. They ensure that the quality of life for long-term care consumers is protected and enhanced.

· **Requirements:** This role requires a 6-month to 1-year training program consisting of case studies, shadowing, internet modules, and virtual statewide training. Volunteers are asked to commit two years and at least five to six hours per month.

Judicial Center Tour Guides

In addition to these roles, the Agency also needs Judicial Center Tour Guides. The Judicial Center Tour Guides lead tours at the York County Courthouse for student and retiree groups.

Judicial Center Tour Guides volunteer approx. 12-15 hours per month in the Fall and Spring. They provide a history of the York County Judicial Center, supervise students while they observe courtroom proceedings, and provide opportunities for students to meet the York County Sherrif's K-9 Unit.

Get Involved

If you are interested in any of these volunteer roles or would like more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at the York County Area Agency on Aging:

· Phone: 717-771-9610

· Email: aging@yorkcountypa.gov

RED LION AREA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

312 Horace Mann Ave. | Red Lion, PA 17356 | 717-244-0983
Bradley E. Ream, EMS Manager, RLAAA | rlaaa@redlionambulance.com



As the healthcare industry becomes busier than ever, here are a few helpful tips as to when to call 911:

Call 911 for immediate help with life-threatening emergencies, including serious medical issues (chest pain, difficulty breathing, severe bleeding, unconsciousness, stroke signs, seizures), fires, or immediate threats to life or property. It's for situations requiring Fire, or Ambulance services right away; if you're unsure but concerned someone might die or be seriously harmed, call.

Medical Emergencies

- Chest Pain: Suspected heart attack or severe pressure/pain.
- Breathing Issues: Difficulty breathing, choking, gasping for air, or heavy breathing.
- Severe Bleeding: Uncontrolled or heavy bleeding.
- Loss of Consciousness: Unresponsive, fainting, or sudden confusion/altered alertness.
- Stroke Signs: Sudden weakness, numbness, trouble speaking, or confusion.
- Seizures: Especially if they last over 5 minutes, or it's a first-time seizure.
- Allergic Reactions: Difficulty breathing, swelling of face/throat, hives.
- Poisoning/Overdose: Drug overdose or swallowing something poisonous.
- Major Injuries: Severe burns, head/neck/spine injuries, serious trauma from falls or accidents.

Fire Emergencies

- Fire: Any structure, vehicle, or wildfire.
- Motor Vehicle Accidents: Especially if someone is trapped or injured.

A reminder that Red Lion Area Ambulance Association offers an Annual Ambulance Subscription that runs January 01-December 31, which helps to offset the cost of an emergency ambulance transport to the hospital. Contact our station if you have not received yours in the mail.





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