

# AVONDALE BOROUGH

## FALL 2012 NEWSLETTER

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Contact the Borough Office if you would like a newsletter mailed to you. Newsletter available on Borough's website.

### WATER AND SEWER PAYMENT ADDRESS CHANGE

National Penn Bank provides the Borough with a lockbox service to collect water, sewer, and trash payments. The bank has requested to change the mailing address once again. This address change will start with the 4th quarter of 2012 (bills will be mailed in January 2013). The new address will be on your invoice and a pre-addressed envelope will be included with your bill. Please call the Borough office if you have any questions.



### “TRICK OR TREAT”

Trick or Treat night in Avondale Borough designated by Borough Council is Wednesday, October 31, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for children 12 and under.



The Borough will be distributing glow sticks, necklaces, and bracelets to children ages 3 to 12 throughout the Borough on Trick or Treat Night.

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

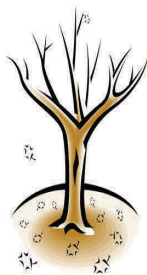
Servpro will be hosting the Borough's Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Please come and join in on the fun!

Refreshments will be served.....



### LEAF PICK UP



The Borough's Street Department will be picking up leaves and other compostables for the season on:

Monday November 5, 2011

Monday, November 19, 2011

Monday, December 3, 2011

All leaves must be bagged and placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the pickup day. Bags must not weigh more than 25 pounds. Bags will not be picked up if they contain anything other than yard waste. After the above dates, the Composting facility will close for the season.

# COLD WEATHER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.....

## **Shovel your sidewalks**

Borough Ordinance #77 requires sidewalks to be shoveled within 12 hours after a snow event.

## **Park off the street**

When snow is in the forecast, park your car off the street to allow the snow plows to clear the snow off the roadways. This makes the job easier for the Borough and keeps your vehicle from being plowed in .

## **COLD WEATHER TIPS**

- ◇ Disconnect all hoses from outside faucets
- ◇ Insulate or wrap all pipes and faucets in unheated areas (especially in your crawl space or garage, under an open porch, or in a cabinet against an uninsulated outside wall).
- ◇ Close all windows and garage doors near water pipes

- ◇ Check now to find your master shut-off valve so you can turn it off if a pipe leaks.
- ◇ If you have had problems in the past, when the temperature becomes severely cold, let the water in the affected pipe run about half the diameter of a wooden pencil.
- ◇ Make sure you have a telephone number of a reliable plumber.



**From the desk of Tom Lowry - Zoning/Code Enforcement officer:**

## **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

The Borough utilizes the International Property Maintenance Code to assure minimum maintenance standards for all properties within the Borough. During the next few months the Borough will be initiating active enforcement of the Code through the inspection process on all properties. The exterior of buildings and lots will be inspected for compliance. The purpose of the inspections is to assure a minimum level of safety and sanitation for both the occupants and general public. Under the laws of Pennsylvania the property owner is responsible for their individual property. Please take pride in your Borough and clean up your property.

The Borough thanks you in advance for your cooperation with this effort.

## **Council meeting and water and sewer committee meetings**

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.. If you have anything you would like to discuss at the meeting—please call the Borough Office no later than the Friday before the meeting to be placed on the agenda. If deemed necessary, Council Meetings are also held on the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

### **WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The water and sewer committee meet on the second Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. Please bring any questions about water and sewer to this meeting.

### **WATER OR WASTEWATER EMERGENCY**

In case of a water or wastewater emergency after Borough Office Hours, please call the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant at 610-268-2498. Someone is on call 24 hours a day.



**AVONDALE BOROUGH TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THE  
BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY'S REFORESTATION CAMPAIGN**

On Saturday, October 27, 2012, the Brandywine Conservancy, with the help of volunteers from around the area, will plant approximately 250 trees on a 0.50 acre area in the Indian Run Park. Planting will begin at 9:00 A.M. Volunteers will plant root samplings with stakes and protective shelters along the bank of the Indian Run Creek.



The areas adjacent to the streams are an important area to the health of the stream's eco-system. Trees provide shade which decreases water temperatures and benefits aquatic organisms including fish. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen into the atmosphere. Trees planted in these riparian areas adjacent to streams establish root systems and ground cover, which help control stormwater runoff and erosion of the soils. This project will also help the Borough meet some of the requirements new Stormwater Discharge permit by helping to remove sediment from the White Clay Creek Watershed. In addition as a MS4 permittee, the Borough is always looking for volunteer opportunities to meet the requirements of the Minimum Control Measures set forth by the Commonwealth. Please contact the Borough if you are able to volunteer some time on October 27, 2012 to help plant trees in this sensitive area and improve this segment of the Indian Run Creek in the Borough of Avondale.

**FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING**



Routine flushing of fire hydrants will be performed the week of October 15th. Customers may experience some loss of pressure and/or discoloration in their water. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 4th - TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.**



**Don't forget to change your batteries in your  
smoke detectors!!!!**

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

*Christmas Trees will be picked up by the Borough's Streets Department on Monday, January 7th and Monday January 14th.*

**Penn Container will not pick up any trees!!!!!!**

**RECYCLING IS UNLIMITED**



**Trash and recycling must be out prior to 7:00 a.m. Tuesday**

**SELLING YOUR HOME OR RENTING YOUR HOME ?**

If you are **selling** your home, you will need an inspection to acquire an occupancy permit. This is required before you can go to settlement.

**DO YOU RENT OR LEASE ANY UNITS IN YOUR DWELLING?**

If you **rent or lease** any units in your dwelling, a yearly inspection is required.

**An inspection is required each time you change tenants.**

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE**

**BULK TRASH**

**ONE large item may be included in your trash pick up on the last Tuesday of each month. Items containing Freon will not be picked up.**

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