



AVONDALE BOROUGH

FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER



FROM MAYOR DOTTIE HOWELL'S DESK.....UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

HALLOWEEN

Come join the Ghost and Goblins on Friday, October 31, 2014 for a Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat night in the Borough. The parade starts at 5:30 p.m. at Morris Alley and Third Street. There will be prizes for the best costumes from ages 1 year old to adults and a prize for the best pet costume. We will parade down Morris Alley to SERVPRO where bags of goodies will be given out. Trick or Treat will be immediately following from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Fire police will be onsite and around town for the safety of the children. Remember if the porch lights are on stop for candy.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Get into the Christmas spirit. Come join us at the Christmas Tree Lighting on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at SERVPRO on Pennsylvania Avenue. The theme this year will again be "Dancing in the Street" with dancing provided by the "Illuminations Performance Company" dancers with the Karen Myer's Studios. Santa will be arriving on a fire truck to meet Mrs. Claus. Light refreshments will be served. Fire police will be on hand to direct traffic for the safety of all. First Street will be closed at Chatham Street. Parking will be across the street in the post office parking lot.

BEST DECORATED HOUSES

Pay attention to your outside decorations of your house this Christmas. The week before Christmas, Santa's Elves will be in town to pick out the best decorated houses. Two prizes will be given; one for First and one for Second Place picks. If you see the Elves say Hello

We love public participation so please put these dates on your calendar

LOOK FOR SIGNS AROUND TOWN ON THESE UPCOMINGEVENTS

Everyone be safe during the holiday season.....Mayor Dottie Howell



Avondale Rental Registration Ordinance

ATTENTION: ALL RESIDENTS, TENANTS, LANDLORDS, PROPERTY OWNERS

On August 19, 2014 Borough Council enacted Ordinance N0. 246 to regulate Residential Registration which amends the current Rental Ordinance. This Ordinance becomes effective November 1, 2014. A few of the highlights of the Ordinance are;

A Certificate of Registration is required upon successful approval of the inspection.

An application listing the following

- The total number of rooms in the unit
- The number of rooms comprising the unit
- The number of rooms intended for sleeping, cooking, living, sanitation
- Common areas
- Number of occupants or intended occupants
- Number of off-street parking spaces



Notification to the Borough, in writing, of any changes to the information on the application after the Certificate is issued.

Inspection - The Borough's representative will manually and photograph the condition and physical configuration of the Unit.

Compliance will be determined through the Premises Regulations.

Fines for non-compliance can be levied up to \$1000.00

The aforementioned items are not all inclusive. Copies of Ordinance 246 are available at the Borough for your use.

LEAF PICK UP



The Borough's Street Department are picking up leaves and other compostables every Monday until December 1st. After December 1st, the Composting facility will be closed for the season.

All leaves must be in paper bags (no exceptions) and placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the pickup day. Bags will not be picked up if they contain anything other than yard waste.

You can purchase the bags at the Borough Office 15 bags for \$5.00.

OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED IN THE BOROUGH!

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas Trees will be picked up by the Borough's Public Works Department on Monday, January 5th and Monday January 12th.

Republic Services will not pick up any trees!!!!



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We are again entering the winter months and we all know what that means, “SNOW & ICE”. Our lives become miserable because we hate to shovel snow and spread deicing material on our driveways and sidewalks. As we go into the season I would like to have everyone keep a few things in mind.

1. **IF YOU HAVE A DRIVEWAY PLEASE PARK IN IT.** The less vehicles parked on the street the easier it is for our snow plows to clear the street. Also, it is less snow for you to shovel. Think about it. Your vehicle is at least 20 feet long, your driveway is 8 to 10 feet wide. Which is more snow 20 feet or 8-10 feet? Also, when there are several snows there is literally no place to push the snow off the street causing the streets to be narrower than normal which makes it difficult to navigate and get Emergency Vehicles into your neighborhoods.
2. **IF YOU LIVE ON A CUL-DE-SAC PLEASE CONSIDER WHERE YOU PARK.** When you park in the cul-de-sac you are making it difficult for our snow removal equipment to navigate and possibly even block access to your cul-de-sac if you park too close to the mouth of the cul-de-sac. A cul-de-sac is a very difficult area for our crew to plow. On a cul-de-sac we try to pick a location to put the snow that will be out of the way. We try not to block driveways with excessive snow if we can help it but your cooperation is needed. **PLEASE PARK IN YOUR DRIVEWAY.**
3. **Please do not park within 20 feet of an intersection. Our equipment needs the room to make the turns.**
4. **During a snow storm the plow crew will plow until the snow has stopped falling.** It is our job to push the snow as far off the street as possible. You all may have cursed us a time or two because we push in your newly shoveled driveway or sidewalk. During the snow plow operation we try to get all the streets open first then we start to do what we call push back. This mean we push the snow as close to the curb as we can. This makes room for the next snow fall to be pushed off the street. Sorry for the inconvenience but these are the facts. If you clear your driveway or sidewalk too soon it may be pushed back in. You have 12 hours from the end of a snow storm to clear the sidewalk of snow. The Borough of Avondale is in the process of drafting a Snow Removal Plan that will include Plow Routes in order of importance, Snow Emergency Routes for streets that have special issues and clearances, and snow storage locations.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION THIS WINTER!

AVONDALE BOROUGH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CLEVE PRICE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP

Trash and recycling are picked up on Tuesdays. Republic Services will only pick up trash that is in your trash container. Please call the Borough Office if you need another trash container. There is a \$55.00 quarterly fee per container.

One bulk item will be picked up on the last Tuesday of each month. Following are some samples of bulk items: one piece of furniture, mattress and box spring is considered one item, washer, dryer, stove.

Appliances with Freon will **not be accepted.

Car and Truck tires will be **not accepted.

RECYCLING MATERIALS ACCEPTED

- ◇ The entire newspaper including inserts.
- ◇ Aluminum, steel, and bimetal cans: Food and beverage cans only
- ◇ Glass: bottles & jars - food and beverage containers marked #1 thru #7
- ◇ Plastic: Food and beverage containers marked #1 thru #7
- ◇ Please rinse all containers listed above
- ◇ Misc paper: Magazines, junk mail, cardboard, phone books & paperboard (cereal & clean pizza boxes).
- ◇ All kinds of cartons: milk juice, etc.

RECYCLING IS UNLIMITED



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HOW TO PREPARE FOR A WINTER STORM EMERGENCY

- Check and update your family's emergency supply kit before winter approaches and add the following supplies in preparation for winter weather:
 - **Rock salt** to melt ice on walkways. **Sand** to improve traction.
 - **Snow shovels** and other snow removal equipment. **Adequate clothing and blankets** to keep you and your family warm.
- Make an emergency plan for you and your family.
- Listen to your radio, television, or NOAA Weather Radio for weather reports and emergency information.
- Make sure your home is well insulated and that you have weather stripping around your doors and windowsills to keep the warm air inside.
- If you have no heat, close off unneeded rooms, stuff towels or rags in the cracks under doors and cover windows at night.
- Cover pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic. Allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves in case a pipe bursts. If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags.
- Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
- Use extreme caution when using alternative heating sources. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects. Also, when using kerosene heaters be sure to maintain ventilation to avoid build-up of toxic fumes.
- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. Several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Wear gloves (or mittens) and a hat to help prevent loss of body heat.

KNOW YOUR WINTER STORM TERMS

Winter storms include a variety of weather, including snow or subfreezing temperatures, strong winds and even ice or heavy rain storms. It's important to understand the basic winter weather terminology so you will know what the danger is and how to respond appropriately:

WINTER STORM WATCH	A winter storm is possible in your area. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, Commercial radio, or television for more information
WINTER STORM WARNING	A winter storm is occurring or will soon occur in your area.
BLIZZARD WARNING	Sustained winds or frequent gusts to 35 miles per hour or greater and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow (reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile) are expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer.
FROST/FREEZE WARNING	Below freezing temperatures are expected
FREEZING RAIN	Rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees, and power lines.
SLEET	Rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes moisture on roads to freeze and become slippery.
FLURRIES	Light snow falling for short durations. No accumulation or light dusting is all that is expected.
SHOWERS	Snow falling at varying intensities for brief periods of time. Some accumulation is possible.
SQUALLS	Brief, intense snow showers accompanied by strong, gusty winds. Accumulation may be significant.
BLOWING SNOW	Wind Driven snow that reduces visibility and causes significant drifting. Blowing snow may be snow that is falling and/or loose snow on the ground picked up by the wind.
BLIZZARD	Winds over 35 mph with snow and blowing snow reducing visibility to near zero.

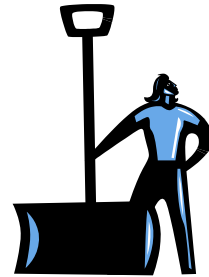
MANAGING SNOW & ICE SAFELY

Winter is upon us and in this area that means cold weather and several snow and ice events to deal with before we feel the warmth of the summer sun, again. While the “warmth” of the winter sun will help to melt the snow and ice, it’s not enough to prevent us from having to utilize other methods to aid in the removal of the ice and snow, so we can walk and drive safely. However, we have learned the hard way, that while the past methods may have been effective in melting the ice and snow, they surely were not *environmentally* friendly. Salt, in particular, has damaged our eco-systems and roads and is also harmful to pets and plants. PennDOT maintains the main road through the Borough and they use non-slat based solutions to treat road surfaces when practical. Salt is used sparingly and the Borough streets are swept in the spring to remove any residual material.

As homeowners, you are also now encouraged to purchase and use the multitude of new products on the market to treat your driveways and walkways. Many of the products are made to be applied *before* the storm event to make snow and ice removal easier. If the event does not occur, the material can be reclaimed to be used again. The products contain: Calcium Chloride, Potassium Chloride and Magnesium Chloride, Urea and Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA). All products have their limitations and they must be applied properly to be effective, so be sure to read the labels and choose the product that will best suit your needs. Keep in mind that the over-application of any chloride based product can be harmful to the environment. There are also organic or natural products that work well as de-icers, such as corn byproducts recycled from mills and breweries. However, they too can be a source of water pollution due to their high phosphorus content.

Some tips to follow:

- Salt and de-icers are not effective if there is more than 3” of snow
- CMA, and salt, are not as effective when temperatures are below 25°.
- Apply all products sparingly and concentrate usage on high use areas.
- Use sand, cinders or cat litter for traction.
- Store your products on impervious surfaces and in dry, covered areas to prevent them from being picked up in stormwater runoff.



We all need to be conscious and conscientious of the products and materials we use to help keep us safe this winter and protect our environment for the future.

Avondale Borough is a MS4 Community.

For additional information go to the Borough’s website and use the PADEP link to their website



Council Meetings and Work Sessions

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.

WORK SESSIONS

The Borough Council holds a Work Session on the second Tuesday at 2:00 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.



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