

AVONDALE BOROUGH 2014 SPRING NEWSLETTER

SPRING CLEAN UP TIME IS HERE

BRUSH AND LAWN WASTE PICK-UP

The Borough requires you to use biodegradable paper yard waste bags. Composting will not be picked up in any type bag. No Exceptions!

Bags can be purchased at the Borough Office during business hours or call the Borough Office at 610-268-8501 to make arrangements to purchase bags. **\$5.00 for 15 bags**



MONDAY PICK-UP STARTING APRIL 1ST through DECEMBER 1ST

Please have your bags out by 7:00 a.m.

COMPOSTING WILL NOT BE PICKED UP IN ANY OTHER TYPE BAG. NO EXCEPTIONS!

The Composting Facility is for the use of Borough Residents only. No Contractors

All brush and tree limbs are to be cut in lengths no longer than 3 feet and tied in bundles one person can handle (2 to 3 feet around).

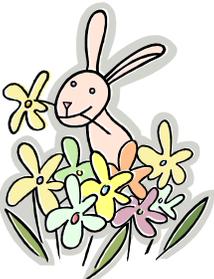
Any tree limbs or brush not tied and bundled and any lawn waste not in paper bags will not be picked up.

OPEN BURNING IN THE BOROUGH IS PROHIBITED!

From the Mayor's Desk



Think Spring!! I have had a request from a resident of the Borough to develop a Community Garden. The way this garden would work is that the Borough would offer an empty lot owned by the Borough to the residents. Any resident that wished to have a garden would be responsible to till and plant the area designated to that person/family. The owner of the garden would be responsible to take care of the plot that is allotted to them. It looks like the space for the garden would be off Pomeroy Avenue across from the playground. If you are interested to learn more, contact Becky at the Borough Hall to register and I will return your call. (610) 268-8501. Planting season is fast approaching. Fresh vegetables are a good thing. So Again Think Spring.



Happy Easter to All

APRIL 2014

Borough of Avondale

Established 1894

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Spring Fire Hydrant Testing and Water System Flushing

The Avondale Borough is scheduled to test the fire hydrants and flush the water system in April 2014. The flushing will take place the Week of April 28th. Flushing will begin on April 28 2014 and be completed by May 2, 2014. **The hours of activity will be between 11:00 PM and 4:00 AM.** During this time the water may be cloudy or rusty. This is normal due to sediment and rust in the water line being disturbed. If your water is cloudy or rusty please let your water run until it clears up. It is best

to run the water in your tub when you do this. Also please check the strainers and filters on all your water fixtures to make sure there are not clogged with rust. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Cleve Price at 610-268-2498. If there is no answer please leave a message and he will get back to you as soon as possible.



Property Maintenance Requirement

Over the winter it was noted that many properties have vegetation and trees growing out into the street right of way. This makes it difficult to plow snow as well as it covers street signs and effects visibility at intersections. **Ordinance 233 requires all property owners to cut back any tree or vegetation on your property that is within the street right of way.**

CLAY CREEK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

At the March 18th Council meeting, Council awarded the bid to Joseph E. Sucher & Sons to reconstruct the Borough's portion of Clay Creek Road. The total project cost is \$110,312.50. There has been no set date as to when construction will start.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR MAY

Due to the Primary Election, the May Council meeting has been changed to May 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Otherwise, meetings are held on the third Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

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 of each month.



ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY

MAY 20, 2013

2014 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE EVENT SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12, 2014 CAT Pickering Campus 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

Saturday, April 26, 2014 Octararo High School 226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310

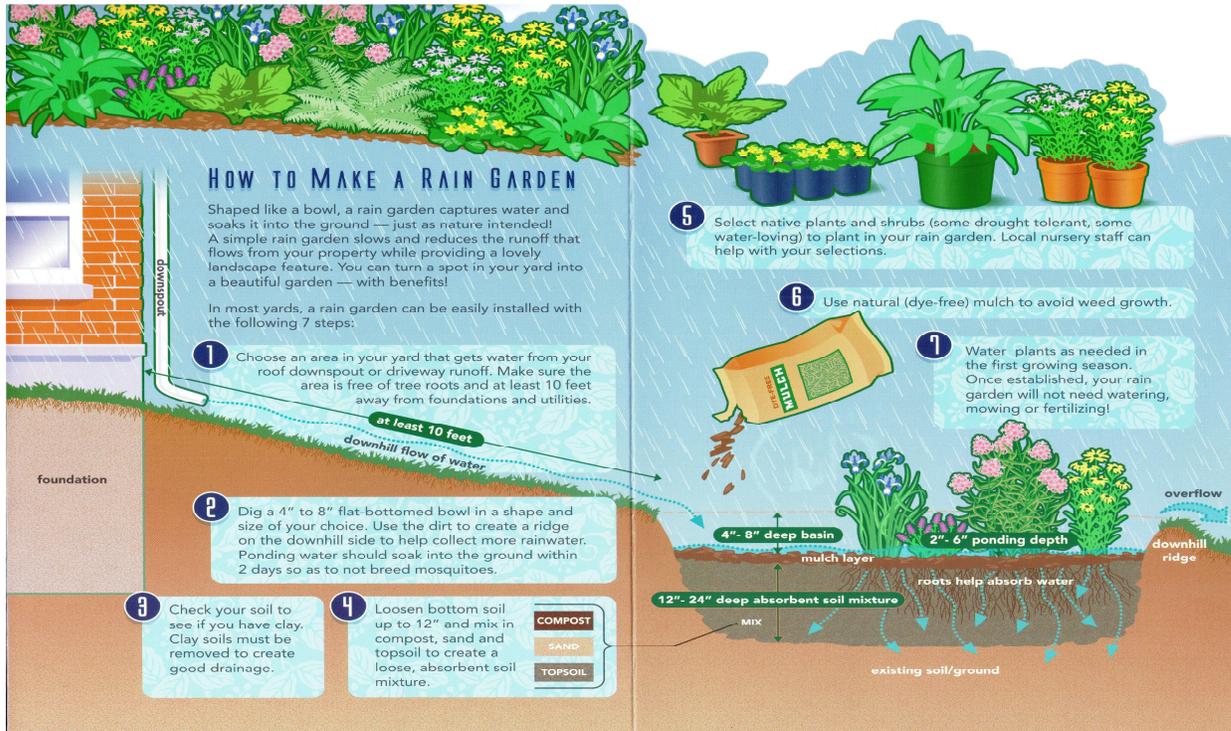
Acceptable E- Waste

CPU's/Laptop Computers *Monitors *Printers *Copiers CRT Television and Non CRT *Answering Machines Camcorders *Cell Phones *Docking Stations *Electric Typewriters *Fax/Copy Machines/Duplicators *Microwaves *Radios *Pagers *Remote controls/gaming consoles *Stereo/Tape/CD Players *Telephones & Equipment *Toner/ink cartridges *VCR/DVD Players

Not Acceptable—Unidentified Waste

*Fire Extinguishers *Explosives & Ammunition *Latex Paint *Tires
 *Appliances with Freon *Appliances Trash *Propane-Helium Tanks
 *Asbestos Infectious or Medical waste *Radioactive Waste
 *Pressurized CFC's HCFC's *Gas Cylinders
 *Alkaline Batteries *5 Gallon Drums

SLOW THE FLOW AND REDUCE STORMWATER POLLUTION



OTHER WAYS TO SLOW THE FLOW AND REDUCE STORMWATER POLLUTION

GRASS CYCLE

No need to chemically fertilize your lawn when you allow grass clippings to remain on the ground and compost naturally. Bonus – No Raking Required!

PICK UP THE POO

Pet waste is not a good natural fertilizer but it is a great source of bacterial pollution when it gets washed into the storm drains & local waterways.

CHOOSE LESS TOXIC PRODUCTS

Switching out toxic household cleaners, pesticides, etc. for more natural alternatives reduces household hazardous waste and creates a healthier environment in and outside your home.

KEEP LITTER OFF YOUR WALK AND STREET

Trash in creeks and rivers gets there from someone throwing it on the ground. Rain carries it to the waterways.
CLEAN STREETS = CLEAN STREAMS

For more information ways you can help, or to report any non stormwater discharge into local waterways please contact one of the agencies listed below.

Avondale Borough

610-268-8501

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

484-250-5970

www.dep.state.pa.us

Keyword: Stormwater

Tax Time



Avondale Borough

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTIONS

Office hours to pay Borough real estate taxes in person at the Borough Hall

- Friday April 25TH 4-6pm
- Tuesday May 6TH 1-3pm
- Monday May 19TH 1-3pm
- Friday May 16TH 4-5pm

If you can't make these dates to pay in person, please use the mail for your payments.

Thank you,
Sherry Seace – Tax Collector

NEW TRASH AND RECYCLING HAULER

As you are aware, the Borough has a new trash and recycling hauler. Please call the Borough office if you did not get a new trash or recycling container; or if Penn Container did not pick up your old container.

Trash and recycling are picked up on Tuesdays.

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 **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.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Water and Sewer Committee meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Please come to this meeting if you have a question or a concern about water or sewer.

WATER & SEWER EMERGENCY

If you have a water or sewer emergency Call:

610-268-2498

Someone is on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

RENT OR LEASE ANY UNITS IN YOUR DWELLING?

If you rent or lease any units in your dwelling, a yearly inspection is required. You need to get an inspection every year or if you change a tenant during that year. It is up to the homeowner to call the Borough Office for your yearly inspection.



SELLING 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.

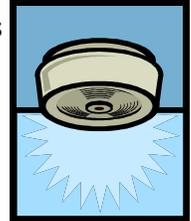
APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE



From the Desk of Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Shore

HOW TO PREPARE FOR (AND HELP PREVENT) A FIRE EMERGENCY

Installing smoke alarms is the single most important step you can take to prepare for a fire. According to PA State Fire Commissioner, properly working smoke alarms decrease your chances of dying in a fire by 50 percent.



- ◆ Place smoke alarms on every level of your residence. Place them outside bedrooms on the ceiling or high on the wall (4 to 12 inches from ceiling), at the top of open stairways or at the bottom of enclosed stairs and near (but not in) the kitchen.
- ◆ Test and clean smoke alarms once a month and replace batteries at least once a year.
- ◆ Replace smoke alarms once every 10 years.
- ◆ Make an emergency plan for you and your family. Your plan for fire emergencies should include identifying multiple escape routes from the building, identifying a meeting place and having regular fire drills.
- ◆ Make sure windows are not nailed or painted shut.
- ◆ Make sure you have working fire extinguishers in your residence, and teach family members how to use them.
- ◆ Have the wiring in your house checked by an electrician.
- ◆ Place heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials. Use extreme caution when using alternative heating sources, such as kerosene heaters.

IF THERE IS A FIRE.....

- ◆ **Get out of the building as quickly as you can.** Don't waste time gathering valuables or making a phone call. Once you're out of the building, don't go back in for any reason.
- ◆ If a door feels hot, do not open it. Do not open any doors except for the ones you have to escape through.
- ◆ If there is smoke in the house, stay low to the ground as you exit to avoid inhaling potentially toxic fumes.
- ◆ Teach children not to hide under beds or in closets in the event of a fire emergency, as this will make it more difficult for firefighters to find them.



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SWIMMING POOLS

DON'T FILL THAT SWIMMING POOL UNTIL YOU READ THIS

Summer is just around the corner and if you are going to fill a swimming pool that is greater than 1,000 gallons, you can get relief from sewer charges.

You need to notify the Borough in writing not less than 5 business days in advance of filling your pool. The Borough's water department will come out and inspect the swimming pool and estimate the number of gallons it will take to fill the pool.

You need a permit for any pool over 2 feet deep. Call the Borough Office at 610-268-8501 if you have any questions.



HIGH GRASS ORDINANCE #119

Grass, weeds or any vegetation not edible or planted for ornamental purposes exceeding twelve (12) inches is prohibited in the Borough. In the case any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with the ordinance, Borough Officials has the authority to cut the lawn at the cost to the owner with additional penalties.



CURFEW

Under Ordinance #115, it is unlawful for anyone under the age of 18 years old to remain in or upon any public or private establishment in the Borough of Avondale between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian

