



AVONDALE BOROUGH 2013 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

July 2013



From the desk of Mayor Dottie Howell.....

The Borough's has an "Events Committee" who will be scheduling and planning events through out the year.

The first event is on Halloween night October 31, 2013. There will be a Halloween Parade down Morris Street for the children and their families. Prizes for best costumes for children under the age of twelve years will be given with Trick or Treat immediately following.

The second event will be the Christmas Tree Lighting at Servpro on Pennsylvania Avenue on Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 pm. It will be called "Dancing in the Street". Santa will be there with a group of young dancers so put your dancing shoes on and have fun with your neighbors.

Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. (Times and dates may change). More information will be forthcoming before each event.

If you or you know anyone who would like to volunteer to help with any of these events, please call and leave a message for Mayor Dottie at the Borough Hall 610-268-8501. I will return your call.

Lets make Avondale a Fun place to live!!!



DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - NEW EMPLOYEE

Starting on July 1st, Daniel "Cleve" Price III will be the Borough's Director of Public Works. Following is a little bit of information about Cleve:

The oldest of seven children and a lifelong resident of the West Grove area living in Penn Township. Cleve is a graduate of Avon Grove High, he is married and has two grown sons and three grandchildren. He enjoys riding motorcycles and the outdoors. Cleve has been involved with Municipal government since 1976 on both sides of the table. Cleve was an elected supervisor in Penn Township and on several boards at West Grove Borough and Penn Township as well as being an employee for the municipalities. Cleve has also been a Pennsylvania State Constable and Zoning Officer for the West Grove Borough as well as a short stay on the Avon Grove School Board. Along with his sons Cleve was involved with the Cub Scouts and was a Cub Master and coached little league.

Cleve has over 30 years of experience in all types of construction including paving, utility installation and inspection, operations and maintenance. He began his career as a skilled laborer and advanced to Director of Public Works' positions initially for the Borough of West Grove, PA followed by the Borough of Kennett Square, PA. he holds a Class-A CDL driver's license and is a Pennsylvania licensed Water System and Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator. Along with water systems and sanitary sewer experience, he has extensive experience in dealing with the public, regulatory agencies, zoning issues, land development issues and building inspections. Cleve has come to us from URS Corporation and engineering firm in Delaware. There he assumed almost total responsibility for the construction management of ongoing construction projects.

WELCOME TO AVONDALE CLEVE!!!

EEMA O & M Services Group who has been operating the water and wastewater plant for the past 7 years will no longer be contracted with the Avondale as of August 1, 2013. Thank you EEMA for your service over the years.

Borough of Avondale

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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 of each month.

LEASH AND CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET



Please keep your dog contained on your property or on a leash when walking your pet.

Please be considerate of others and clean up after your pet!

COOKING OILS, FATS & GREASE

Please **do not** put any cooking oils, fats or grease down your sink /drain. This causes blockages in the Borough's sewer system and ends up costing the Borough money to have the sewer lines cleaned. This is prohibited under Ordinance #178. If you are found to be violating this ordinance the Borough will enforce this ordinance with fines and penalties.

Thank you for your cooperation!!!!

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.

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.**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE MAILED A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE NEWSLETTER - CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE

SUMMER SAFETY GUIDE

Go to the following website for your free guide.:

<http://www.everydayhealth.com/healthy-living/healthy-happy-summer-guide.aspx>

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.

WATER AND SEWER PAYMENTS

Remember to mail your payments in plenty of time before the due date. Payments received and stamped after the due date will be charged the late fee.

Mail your water and sewer payments to:

**Borough of Avondale
P.O. Box 1042
Boyertown, PA 19511-1042**

or Pay at any National Penn Bank

EARNED INCOME TAX

CONTACT INFORMATION

Telephone: 610-269-4402

Address: Keystone Collections Group
144 Wallace Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335

Website: www.keystonecollects.com

Avondale Borough's Earned Income Tax is 1%

CURFEW 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 after 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Unless accompanied by a parent or guardian

PLEASE KEEP YOUR SIDEWALKS CLEAR

The Borough Office has received complaints regarding tree limbs and bushes hanging over and blocking sidewalks.

Please keep your bushes and tree limbs cut back so that people are able to access the sidewalks.



STREET LIGHTS AND STREET SIGNS

If you happen to see a street sign missing or damaged, or any street lights out, please call the Borough Office. Please supply the Borough with the pole number so the correct street light is reported to PECO.

RECYCLING PICKUP

One bulk item from each residence will be picked up on the last Tuesday of each month.

Examples of Bulk Items

one piece of furniture mattress and box spring

One appliance that DOES NOT contain Freon (washer, dryer, stove)

**Appliances with Freon are the responsibility of the resident!

Car and truck tires are not disposable in your regular waste or with your bulk item pick up!!

RECYCLABLES INCLUDE

- ◇ Green, brown, and clear, glass bottles and jars
- ◇ Aluminum, steel and bi-metal cans
- ◇ Plastic bottles and jugs that have either the number 1 or 2 in the universal recycling on the container
- ◇ Mixed paper (newspapers, phone books, magazines, junk mail, home and office paper, paperback books and books without hard covers, light-weight non-corrugated cardboard)



Recycling is unlimited!!

FROM THE DESK OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.....BILL SHORE

WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS

To be safe from dangerous lightning follow this simple rule: *When thunder roars, go indoors.....*

Lightning kills an average of 55-60 people a year in the U.S. But 90 percent of those who are struck survive, often with permanent neurological disabilities. Eighty percent of lightning fatalities occur among men who were fishing, boating, golfing, biking, or working outdoors.

To be safe remember the 30/30 rule: If you see lightning and cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you. Immediately move to safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up. Stay in the safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.

Indoor Lightning Safety

- *Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.
- *Stay away from plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets.
- *Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- *Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.



Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

- *If you are in a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of small trees.
- *In an open area go to a low place such as a ravine or valley. Be alert for flash floods.
- *On open water get to land and find shelter immediately.
- *Never lie flat on the ground.
- *Never shelter under an isolated tree.
- *Get away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.
- *Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.)

To find out more and for resources to help teachers, communities, organizations and families stay safe from lightning dangers, go to www.ready.gov/thunderstorms-lightning or www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Borough utilizes the International Property Maintenance Code to assure minimum maintenance standards for all properties within the Borough. The Borough's Code Enforcement Officer inspects weekly the exterior of buildings and lots 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 keep your property clean

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

SWIMMING POOLS

DON'T FILL THAT SWIMMING POOL UNTIL YOU CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE

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.

The next quarterly billing will reflect the sewer charge relief

HIGH GRASS ORDINANCE #119

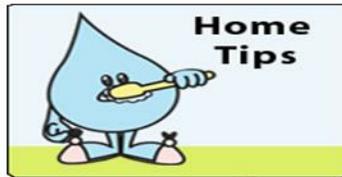
Grass, weeds or any vegetation not edible or planted for ornamental purposes exceeding twelve (12) inches is prohibited in the Borough. In the case any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with the ordinance, Borough Officials has the authority to cut the lawn at the cost to the owner with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



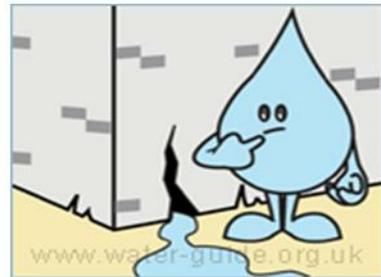
WATER SAVING TIPS



Turn off tap while cleaning your teeth, shaving or washing your face. You can waste up to 2 gallons a minute by just letting the water pour down the sink.

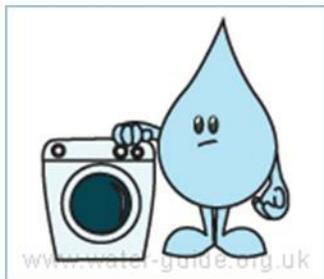


Take a short shower rather than a bath could save you up to 105 gallons a week. If you do have baths just half fill them.



Check for home for leaks, hidden water leaks can be wasting water without you even being aware of it.

A good way to check for leaks is, read your water meter and do not use any water for a couple of hours and go back to check that the meter reads exactly the same. If it does not, there is a leak.

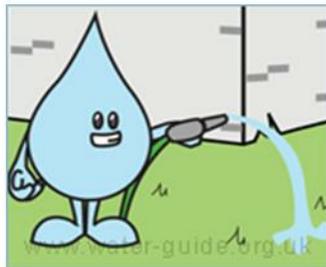


Only use the washing machine and the dishwasher when you can put on a full load. It wastes both water and energy to run only a half full machine.



Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator rather than running tap water until it is cool enough to drink.

Think before throwing used water down the drain, this could be reused for watering plants around the house or in the garden.



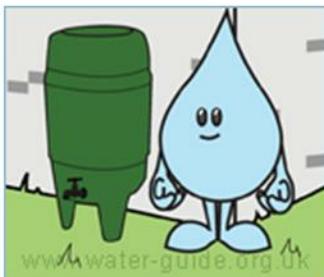
Don't overuse hoses or sprinklers in hot weather. A sprinkler can use as much water in an hour as a family of four will use in a day. Your lawn only really needs watering once a week and it is better to water in the morning when the temperature is lower and evaporation is less. Research your plants, some actually thrive in drier conditions and will not benefit from over watering.



Using mulch on the garden with help the soil retains water so will mean you won't have to water the garden as often.



Use a broom and bucket of water for washing down the patio rather than a steady flow of water from the hose.



Collect rain water in an old barrel or other large container, and use the water on your garden.

Test Your Toilet. Add 12 drops of food coloring to your toilet tank and wait an hour. Look to see if any color seeped through the tank, or into the toilet bowl. If so, you may have a leak.



Use a sponge and bucket of water to clean your car or if you use the hose, use a shut off nozzle so the water is not constantly running.

*WASHING THE CAR CAN BE FUN
IT CAN EVEN BENEFIT YOUR LAWN AND SAVE THE STREAMS*



DID YOU KNOW?

SOAPY RUNOFF FROM WASHING YOUR VEHICLE ENTERS STORM DRAINS AND FLOWS UNTREATED INTO THE STREAMS

DETERGENT LEVELS AS LOW AS 0.1 PPM CAN HARM WILDLIFE AND NEGATIVELY IMPACT DOWNSTREAM DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES

IN ADDITION

EVEN BIODEGRADABLE DETERGENTS CONTAIN SURFACANTS WHICH CAN HARM FISH.

THE TAP WATER RUNNING FROM HOSES CONTAINS ENOUGH CHLORINE TO BE HARMFUL TO FISH IN STREAMS.

IF POSSIBLE

USE A COMMERCIAL CAR WASH, THEY TYPICALLY USE HALF THE WATER AND TREAT AND REUSE THE WATER BEFORE DISCHARGING IT TO SANITARY SEWERS.

IF USING A CAR WASH IS NOT POSSIBLE PLEASE CONSIDER

PARK THE CAR ON THE GRASS SO THE GRASS WILL SOAK UP THE WATER AND BREAK DOWN THE SOAP AND ABSORB ANY PHOSPHATES FOR USE AS FERTILIZER,

USE A BUCKET OF WASH WATER WITH MINIMAL DETERGENT

USE A BUCKET OF CLEAN WATER AND SPONGES AND TOWELS TO RINSE THE CAR RATHER THAN A RUNNING HOSE,

USE HIGH PRESSURE - LOW VOLUME HOSE WITH A TRIGGER NOZZLE TO REFILL BUCKET

DO NOT ALLOW HOSE TO RUN FREELY ON PAVEMENT

www.avondaleboro.net

FOR MORE INFORMATION

White Clay Watershed Association

www.ccil.org/~wcwa

Stroud Water Resource Center

www.stroudcenter.org

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

AVONDALE BOROUGH COMPOSTING FACILITY



In order to eliminate the plastic bag waste at the Composting Facility, the Borough is requiring you to use paper yard waste bags.

BAGS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE

\$10.00 for a pack of 10 *MONDAY PICK-UP* Please have your bags out by 7:00 a.m.

BAGS ARE FOR YARD WASTE, LEAVES AND TWIGS SMALLER THAN 1/4" IN DIAMETER
30 LB WEIGHT LIMIT

Tree limbs must be tied and bundled. No more than 4 feet in length.

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

When dropping off at the facility, there is no need to bag your composting.
All loads must be covered with a tarp. Call the Borough Office for drop off.
If you have any questions please contact the Borough Office at 610-268-8501

2013 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT SCHEDULE FOR CHESTER COUNTY

Bring unwanted, hazardous household automotive products, home maintenance, lawn and pest control products to the next Regional Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection.

2013 Collection Dates
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

September 7th - HHW New Garden Township Maintenance Building 8934 Gap Newport Pike, Landenberg, PA 19350



October 12th - HHW and Computers Government Services Center 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: Latex (water-based) paint, explosives, ammunition, appliances, radioactive waste, tires, in-

fectious waste, unidentified waste.

These words can help to identify HHW: Caution, toxic, explosive, reactive danger, flammable, warning, corrosive, poisonous, hazardous

- Air dry or absorb Latex Paint and dispose with trash
- Recycle oil, car batteries, tires and anti-freeze at your local service station.
- Pack HHW safely in original containers for transport

Excessive Heat Warning



Extreme heat can pose a challenge to the body's temperature control system. If the body does not cool properly, there is potential for heat-related illness. The Chester County Health Department and the Chester County Department of Emergency Services remind residents that heat-related illness can take different forms, ranging from general fatigue to muscular cramping to life-threatening heat stroke.

According to the National Weather Service, extreme heat claims the lives of approximately 500 Americans each year. Margaret Rivello, Chester County Health Director explains, "Those particularly at risk of experiencing heat-related illness include the very young, the elderly, and anyone whose work or recreation keeps them exposed to excessive indoor or outdoor heat conditions for lengthy periods of time".

To avoid heat-related illness, the Health Department recommends the following steps:

- Drink plenty of non-alcoholic, caffeine-free beverages. Water is the best choice. It is important to drink fluids regardless of thirst, because you can become dehydrated without being thirsty.
- Wear light colored and loose fitting cotton clothing.
- Stay in air-conditioning as much as possible. If your home is not air-conditioned, go to an air-conditioned place such as the mall, a movie theater, or the library.
- Do not run fans in a room with the windows shut – you are only circulating hot air.
- Check regularly on elderly or home-bound friends and relatives.
- Eliminate strenuous activity such as running, biking and lawn care work when it is hot.
- Eat small meals and eat more often.
- If you must be outdoors, stay out of direct sunlight and seek shade; wear a wide-brimmed hat or use an umbrella to create your own shade.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that permits sweat to evaporate.
- If you must be outdoors, use a sunscreen with a SPF (Sun Protection Factor) of at least 15 or higher.
- Ask your physician if you are at particular risk because of any medical condition you have or medication you are taking.

NEVER leave a child or animal unattended in a car, even with the windows down. Make a habit of looking inside the vehicle before walking away. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reminds parents that even cool temperatures in the 60's can cause the temperature to rise well above 110 degrees inside your car.

The Chester County Department of Aging Services has fans and water available for Chester County residents age 60 and older to help cope with the excessive heat. If a fan is needed because no other means of cooling living areas is available, call 610-344-6350. "As a reminder, folks should check on their neighbors," said Wanda Stonebraker, Director of Chester County Department of Aging Services.

Visiting libraries, shopping malls and movie theaters provide good options to beat the heat. Residents age 60 and older can also visit a local Senior Center. Residents are urged to call their local Senior Center for information on their operating hours.

The Chester County Department of Emergency Services warns residents to be aware of signs of heat emergencies. The main symptoms of dehydration include dizziness, lethargy and dry mouth. Heat cramps can present as muscle pains or spasms-usually in the abdomen, arms or legs. Heat stroke is most dangerous of heat emergencies. Heat stroke occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature. If the body's temperature rises rapidly it won't sweat and the body will be unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106 F or higher within 10-15 minutes, which can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided. Common symptoms of heat stroke include high body temperature; the absence of sweating, with hot red or flushed dry skin; rapid pulse; difficulty breathing; strange behavior; hallucinations; confusion, agitation; disorientation; seizure; and/or coma. You should seek immediate medical attention if you or someone you are with begins to show symptoms of heat stroke.

Residents are also reminded that 9-1-1 should not be called for electrical outages. "If you experience a power outage, do not call 9-1-1. Instead you should call your electric utility provider," said Ed Atkins, Director of Emergency Services. To report electric outages to PECO call 1-800-841-4141 and for PPL call 1-800-342-5775. Calling 9-1-1 to report non-emergencies such as electrical outages creates a back-log and can delay reporting true emergencies.

For more information, residents are urged to follow the Chester County Health Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChesterCountyHealthDepartment and the Department of Emergency Services at www.facebook.com/ccdes.