



AVONDALE BOROUGH

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2014 WINTER NEWSLETTER

From the Mayor's Desk.....

On Halloween Night (Trick or Treat) the Borough held a Halloween Parade. We met at Third Street and Morris Alley to parade down the alley to SERVPRO (the old fire house) where prizes were given to four lucky children and one lucky adult for best costume in their age group. We had a good turnout and fun was had by all with trick or treat directly following.

On December 5th, the Borough held a Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration at SERVPRO. The Presbyterian Church Choir and Bell Ringers and the Mt. Tabor Church Choir both of Avondale entertained the audience. Also, the



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Kennett Square Missionary Baptist Church Children's Choir sang for us. In between the singers programs, we had the Illusions Performance Dance Group from the Karen Myers Studio performing several dances to the delight of the audience. Mrs. Claus roamed the crowd looking for her husband as Santa appeared on a fire truck to speak to

the children and give out candy canes. Refreshments were provided by SERVPRO. We had a good attendance for both events.

We need to thank Dave and Sandy Hughes owners of SERVPRO, their family and associates, for opening their facility for both events. We also need to thank the Avondale Fire Company Firefighters and Fire Police for their help in directing traffic and for keeping us safe for the events.

All of our programs are managed by volunteers which we could use more of. Please make a New Years Resolution to volunteer to help with events in 2014. To volunteer, please call the Borough at 610-268-8501 to get on a list or email me at mayor-dottie@hotmail.com

NO INCREASE FOR

Borough Council adopted Tax Ordinance #242 on December 17, 2013. There will be no increase in real estate taxes. Following are the current tax rates:

Real Estate Tax—3.55 mills

REAL ESTATE TAXES

for general purposes.

Street Lighting—.45 mills

Real Estate Transfer Tax—1%

Earned Income Tax—1%

EARNED INCOME TAX CONTACT INFORMATION

Local Office:

Telephone: 610-269-4402

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

Monday-Friday 8:00 am—4:00 pm

Website: www.keystonecollects.com

Avondale Borough's Earned Income Tax is 1%

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FROM THE DESK OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR BILL SHORE:

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Exposing an Invisible Killer

A Freshener on the Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

Each year in America, unintentional carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning claims more than 400 lives and sends another 20,000 people to hospital emergency rooms for treatment. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to protect yourself from deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

UNDERSTANDING THE RISK

What is Carbon Monoxide?
Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas known as the "silent killer" because you can't see or smell it. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced by the incomplete combustion of carbon-containing fuels such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, coal, charcoal, and propane. CO is a poisonous gas that can be fatal. The effects of CO poisoning are not usually felt until serious damage has been done to the brain and heart.

Where Does Carbon Monoxide Come From?
CO can come from many sources, including gas stoves, space heaters, fireplaces, and generators. It can also come from car exhaust. CO is most dangerous when it is in a confined space, such as a garage or a basement.

Who is at Risk?
Anyone who uses a fuel-burning appliance or engine in a confined space is at risk. People who are elderly, have heart or lung disease, or are pregnant are at a higher risk of serious complications from CO poisoning.

What Actions Do I Take if My Carbon Monoxide Alarm Goes Off?
If you hear your CO alarm go off, get out of the house immediately. Call the fire department and your doctor. Do not re-enter the house until it has been declared safe by the fire department.

Is No One in My Building?
Check for CO leaks. If you smell gas, call the gas company. If you hear a "clicking" sound, it may be a gas leak. If you smell gas, get out of the house and call the gas company.

How to Stay Safe:
• Have a qualified professional check all fuel-burning appliances, furnaces, and heating systems in your home every year.
• Never use a generator, space heater, or other fuel-burning appliance in a confined space.
• Never use a gas stove or fireplace in a room with a sleeping person.
• If you have a gas stove, make sure the venting system is working properly.
• If you have a gas furnace, make sure the venting system is working properly.
• If you have a gas water heater, make sure the venting system is working properly.
• If you have a gas boiler, make sure the venting system is working properly.
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Protect Yourself and Your Family from CO Poisoning

For more information contact:
The U.S. Fire Administration
16855 South Street
Farmingdale, NY 11737
You can also visit us at:
www.usfa.gov
HomeLand Security

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COMPOSTING FACILITY

The composting facility will re-open in the Spring. More information to follow in the Spring Newsletter

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*

to 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



MANAGING SNOW & ICE SAFELY

SNOW STORMS

Please remember to shovel your sidewalks. Borough Ordinance #77 requires sidewalks to be shoveled within 12 hours of a snow event. Be a good neighbor and ensure the safety of others by keeping your sidewalk clear.

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PARK OFF THE STREET

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



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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



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