AVONDALE BOROUGH

FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER

October 2016

FROM MAYOR DOTTIE HOWELL'S DESK: …….

HALLOWEEN

Avondale Borough will be holding Trick or Treat on Monday, October 31st, from 6:00—8:00 p.m. Please be safe and only cross the main street where there is a fire police person to help you. The Avondale Fire Company Fire Police will be on hand for safety along with our own Police Officer.

The Halloween parade will not be held this year due to lack of volunteers

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Small Town Christmas

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at SERVPRO located on Pennsylvania Avenue and First Street at 6:30 pm. We will have entertainment and special guests, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Also, light refreshments will be provided. Come one and all and enjoy the celebration. We need 4 elves to help Santa , if you are interested call the Borough Office at 610-268-8501 to sign up. Your information will be passed on to me and I will contact you.

I am told that the Avon Grove Elementary School will be announcing the winner of a contest they sponsored at this event.

We will also provide prizes for two best decorated houses in the Borough. So put your best shine on and enjoy the fun.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

On September 20, 2016, Borough Council adopted Ordinance #252 designating snow emergency routes in the Borough of Avondale. The following streets are hereby designated as Snow Emergency Routes:

Baltimore Pike	**Route 41 (Pennsylvania Avenue)**	**West State Street**
Garner Drive	**Mullen Drive**	**Cook Court**
Miller Drive	**Williamson Drive**	**East Second Street**

When a snow emergency is declared by the Mayor or the Emergency Management Coordinator you will have two hours to remove your vehicle from the snow emergency route. If your vehicle is not removed you are in violation of the ordinance and your vehicle may be removed or towed by the Borough.

No person shall throw, shovel, cast or otherwise place, pile deposit or dump snow or ice removed from sidewalks, walkways or any other location onto any street in the Borough including those streets designated as Snow Emergency Routes

Contact the Borough Office for a complete copy Ordinance #252

LEAF PICK UP

The Borough's Street Department are picking up leaves and other compostables every Monday until December 12th. After December 12th, 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 every Monday in January.

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

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.

DO NOT PUT YOUR RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS
PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE
THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

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

We will be entering the winter months and we all know what that means, "SNOW & ICE". As we go into the season everyone please 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.
2. **If you live in 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 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. 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. 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. 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.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION THIS WINTER!

AVONDALE BOROUGH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

If you would like to receive the Borough's quarterly newsletter please call the Borough Office or send an e-mail to secretary_avondale-boro@comcast.net

COOKING OILS, FATS & GREASE

- Do not pour oil, grease, or fats down the drain
- Soak up the grease after frying with paper towels and put in the trash
- Pour larger amounts of used cooking grease into a container with a lid. Refrigerate to harden and then place in the trash.
- Minimize the use of your garbage disposal. Put food scraps into the garbage.
- Never pour motor oils down the drain! It is illegal.

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. Also, an inspection is required each time you change tenants.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE

STORMWATER IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Stormwater picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, manure and other pollutants as it flows over surfaces such as driveways, road and lawns. Without proper stormwater management, this polluted runoffs flows untreated into our streams, rivers and wetlands.

Polluted stormwater runoff

Is the greatest threat to clean water!!!

Residents, municipalities, businesses and developers need to work together to prevent stormwater pollution

Our streams and rivers supply

- **Water for drinking**
- **Water for fishing**
- **Water for swimming**
- **Water for canoeing and boating**
- **Water for wildlife**

For more information call
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance
610-793-1090 or
visit www.brandywineredlcay.org

Avondale Borough is a member of the
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance

Be Red Cross Ready From the Desk of Bill Shore: Emergency Management Coordinator

Power Outage Checklist

Sudden power outages can be frustrating and troublesome, especially when they last a long time. If a power outage is 2 hours or less, you need not be concerned about losing your perishable foods. For prolonged power outages, though, there are steps you can take to minimize food loss and to keep all members of your household as comfortable as possible.

Energy Conservation Recommendations

- ❒ Turn off lights and computers when not in use.
- ❒ Wash clothes in cold water if possible; wash only full loads and clean the dryer's lint trap after each use.
- ❒ When using a dishwasher, wash full loads and use the light cycle. If possible, use the rinse only cycle and turn off the high temperature rinse option. When the regular wash cycle is done, just open the dishwasher door to allow the dishes to air dry.
- ❒ Replace incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent lights.

How do I prepare for a power outage?

To help preserve your food, keep the following supplies in your home:

- ❑ One or more coolers—Inexpensive Styrofoam coolers work well.
- ❑ Ice—Surrounding your food with ice in a cooler or in the refrigerator will keep food colder for a longer period of time during a prolonged power outage.
- ❑ A digital quick-response thermometer—With these thermometers you can quickly check the internal temperatures of food to ensure they are cold enough to use safely.

Put together an emergency preparedness kit with these supplies in case of a prolonged or widespread power outage:

• Water—one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home) • Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home) • Flashlight *(NOTE: Do not use candles during a power outage due to the extreme risk of fire.)* • Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible) • Extra batteries • First aid kit • Medications (7-day supply) and medical items • Multi-purpose tool • Sanitation and personal hygiene items • Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies) • Cell phone with chargers • Family and emergency contact information • Extra cash

- ❑ If someone in your home is dependent on electric-powered, life-sustaining equipment, remember to include backup power in your evacuation plan.
- ❑ Keep a non-cordless telephone in your home. It is likely to work even when the power is out.
- ❑ Keep your car's gas tank full.

What should I do during a power outage?

Keep food as safe as possible.

- ❑ Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. First use perishable food from the refrigerator. An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold for about 4 hours.
- ❑ Then use food from the freezer. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed.
- ❑ Use your non-perishable foods and staples after using food from the refrigerator and freezer.
- ❑ If it looks like the power outage will continue beyond a day, prepare a cooler with ice for your freezer items.
- ❑ Keep food in a dry, cool spot and keep it covered at all times.

Electrical equipment

- ❑ Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electrical equipment, including sensitive electronics.
- ❑ Turn off or disconnect any appliances (like stoves), equipment or electronics you were using when the power went out. When power comes back on, surges or spikes can damage equipment.
- ❑ Leave one light turned on so you'll know when the power comes back on.
- ❑ Eliminate unnecessary travel, especially by car. Traffic lights will be out and roads will be congested.

Using generators safely

- ❑ When using a portable generator, connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator. Do not connect a portable generator to a home's electrical system.
- ❑ If you are considering getting a generator, get advice from a professional, such as an electrician. Make sure that the generator you purchase is rated for the power that you think you will need.

What should I do when the power comes back on?

- ❑ Do not touch any electrical power lines and keep your family away from them. Report downed power lines to the appropriate officials in your area.

Throw out unsafe food.

- ❑ Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40° F (4° C) for 2 hours or more or that has an unusual odor, color or texture. When in doubt, throw it out!
- ❑ Never taste food or rely on appearance or odor to determine its safety. Some foods may look and smell fine, but if they have been at room temperature too long, bacteria causing food-borne illnesses can start growing quickly. Some types of bacteria produce toxins that cannot be destroyed by cooking.
- ❑ If food in the freezer is colder than 40° F and has ice crystals on it, you can refreeze it.
- ❑ If you are not sure food is cold enough, take its temperature with the food thermometer. Throw out any foods (meat, poultry, fish, eggs and leftovers) that have been exposed to temperatures higher than 40° F (4° C) for 2 hours or more, and any food that has an unusual odor, color or texture, or feels warm to touch.

Caution: Carbon Monoxide Kills

- ❑ Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area. Locate unit away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.
- ❑ The primary hazards to avoid when using alternate sources for electricity, heating or cooking are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire.
- ❑ Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.
- ❑ If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.
- ❑ Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.

Let Your Family Know You're Safe

If your community experiences a disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through RedCross.org to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.

American Red Cross

For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit RedCross.org.

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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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