

# AVONDALE BOROUGH



January 2018

## 2018 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Borough of Avondale  
Established 1894

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Please call the Borough Office at 610-268-8501 if you have any concerns, complaints, or suggestions!

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.

WORK SESSIONS

Work Sessions are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public .

WATER & SEWER EMERGENCY

If you have a water or sewer emergency Call:

484-643-0024

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
UPDATE

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Borough is updating its Comprehensive Plan and we need volunteers.

The Comprehensive Plan is a guideline for future development and planning within Avondale Borough and we need your feedback.

You can contact the Borough Office for more information or just come to a meeting. The Task Force meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

UPDATES ON THE STATE STREET BRIDGE PROJECT

The State Street Bridge construction is a County project which is under the control and direction of the County of Chester. For updates on the status please contact:

The County of Chester-Department of Facilities and Parks

313 West Market Street, Suite 5402 / P.O. Box 2748

West Chester, PA 19380 (p) 610-344-6220

[www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org) [ccfacparks@chesco.org](mailto:ccfacparks@chesco.org)

Or

McCormick Taylor (engineering group)

Audrey Everett

600 Eagleview Boulevard

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**NO INCREASE FOR  
REAL ESTATE TAXES**

Borough Council adopted Tax Ordinance #257 on December 19, 2017 There will be no increase in real estate taxes. Following are the current tax rates:

Real Estate Tax—3.55 mills for general purposes.

Street Lighting—.45 mills

Real Estate Transfer Tax—1%

Earned Income Tax—1%

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



## TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP

Trash and recycling are picked up on Tuesdays. Trash Tech 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**

### 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.



### 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.



## SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

The following streets are hereby designated as Snow Emergency Routes:

Baltimore Pike  
Garner Drive

Route 41 (Pennsylvania Avenue)  
Mullen Drive

West State Street  
Cook Court  
Williamson Drive

East Second Street  
Miller Drive



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.

**Tune into 1670 am radio for Snow Emergency Declaration**

## STORMWATER POLLUTION—PLEASE DO YOUR PART



**Only Rain in the Drain** – Never dump anything into a storm drain, including oil, paint, soap, debris, and leaves. Storm sewers don't go to the sewer plant but discharge directly into streams. You might be pouring oil into your own drinking water!



**Pick Up After Your Dog** – Pet waste can be a major source of excess nutrients and bacteria to our streams. Always properly dispose of pet waste.



**Downspouts:** Direct all downspouts away from pervious surfaces and onto lawns. Rain barrels can be used to collect water from downspouts, making it available for watering.

### EARNED INCOME TAX INFORMATION

It's that time of year again. Your 2017 local earned income tax return is due in April.

Did you know the quickest way to get your refund is to file online? If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can e-file on our tax administrator's secure website, which is available 24/7 at [www.KeystoneCollects.com](http://www.KeystoneCollects.com).

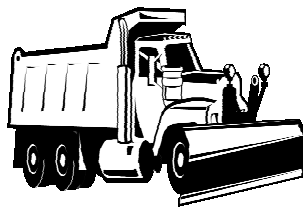
Keystone Collections Group's e-file is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2016 tax return. It lets you file your tax return when it is most convenient for you. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C).

If you have questions regarding local tax filing, call Keystone's **Taxpayer Helpline** at 1-888-328-0565 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent. You can also email your questions to "Taxpayer Support" at [www.KeystoneCollects.com](http://www.KeystoneCollects.com).

Taxpayers with earned income in 2017 are required to file a tax return.

### 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.



### 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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### PARK SMART AND AVOID FINES

The Borough's contracted police department reminds you that when parking on a two way street you need to park in the direction as the flow of traffic. This is your right side of your vehicle to the curb. Parking the right way will avoid getting a fine.

### **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.

### **YARD WASTE COLLECTION**

The weekly yard waste collection will resume in the Spring. More information will be in the Spring Newsletter or call the Borough Office.

### ***PROPERTY MAINTENANCE***

The Borough's Code Enforcement Department inspects the town weekly. Here are some items they look for this time of year:

- 1) Furniture not designed for outdoor use. (i.e., no interior furniture, motor vehicle seats, etc.)
- 2) Inoperative motor vehicles. Such as a vehicle in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled.
- 3) Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage. Exterior property and premises must be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.
- 4) Refrigerators and Freezers stored outside.
- 5) Accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and wall that are not structurally sound or in good repair.

The Ordinance and Property Maintenance Code are available for your use at Borough Hall. Please call the Borough to arrange an appointment to review.