



# AVONDALE BOROUGH

## SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER



April 2018

### Join the Great American Cleanup of PA

**MEET** neighbors, **LEARN** something new, **HELP** your community!



## Avondale Borough Join us May 5th 9am-12pm

(Rain Date May 12th)

**Watson Park**  
**224 E 2nd Street Avondale, PA 19311**

- **Make a difference**
- **All are welcome**
- **School Volunteer Hours**
- **Gloves and safety vests provided**

Questions? Call 610-268-8501 or email [Becka.Avondale@gmail.com](mailto:Becka.Avondale@gmail.com)

Borough of Avondale  
Established 1894

Mayor - Dottie Howell

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

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#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

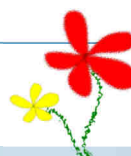
Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. If you have anything you would like to discuss at a meeting. Please call the Borough Office by the Friday before the meeting to be placed on the agenda.

\*Due to Election Day; the May Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May, 22nd At 6:00 p.m.

#### WORK SESSIONS

Work Sessions are held on the second Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend these public meetings.



## REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTION



The Borough's Tax Collector will have office hours on  
Friday, May 18th from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
at the Avondale Borough Hall  
110 Pomeroy Avenue

This is the only day you can pay in person. If you can't make this date; please use the mail for your payments.

You can only pay the Tax Collector - The Borough Office will not take your payment.

Thank you,  
*Sherry Seace,*  
Avondale Borough Tax Collector

THE ITEMS BELOW ARE RECYCLED ONLY AT THE **SECCRA COMMUNITY LANDFILL**  
DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS  
Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

- ◆ Auto Tires \$3.00 each
- ◆ Truck Tires (no rims) \$10.00 each
- ◆ Refrigerant appliances (SECCRA removes refrigerant) \$12.00
- ◆ Other appliances \$5.00
- ◆ Unchipped brush and limbs \$45.00 per ton
- ◆ Automobile Batteries Free
- ◆ Cell phones - Free through "Cell Phones for Soldiers"
- ◆ All other electronics Free
- ◆ Motor Oil Free

### STREET LIGHTS STREET SIGNS

Please call the Borough Office if you see a street light out or if you see a street sign missing, down, or in need of repair.



### HIGH GRASS ORDINANCE #244

Grass, weeds or any vegetation not edible or planted for ornamental purposes exceeding six (6) 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

### 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 or on the Borough's website

Community and  
Emergency Information

Tune Your Radio To  
**1670 AM**

Avondale Borough Emergency Management

## **WHEN DO YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?**

The Borough enforces the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, the 2009 International Construction Codes and amended sections of the 2015 International Construction Codes.

All non residential alterations, repairs, replacement, relocation and new construction are required to make application for a permit.

Building permits are required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy classification of a building or erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace an electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system.

Detached carports, Detached Private Garages, Greenhouses, and Sheds which are under 1000 square feet and are an accessory to a detached single family dwelling requires *a zoning permit*.

Ordinary repairs to structures are exempt and do not require a building permit (*however they are required to meet the Code*).

### **EXEMPT**

- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops and similar finishing work.
- One story tool or storage sheds, and similar uses provided it is less than 1000 square feet. (electrical when installed requires an electrical permit. A zoning permit is required).
- Prefabricated pools with less than 24 inches of water. Storable pools require a permit when more than 24 inches of water.
- Swings and playhouses.
- Window awnings projecting less than 54 inches off exterior wall without additional support.
- Replacement of existing roof material not exceeding 25% of the total roof area performed within any 12 month period.
- Replacement of existing siding.
- Replacement of windows that do not increase in size.
- Replacement of rain water gutters and downspouts.
- Minor electrical repair and maintenance such as receptacles, switches, and lighting fixtures remaining in the same location.
- Replacement of faucets, vanities, lavatories, sinks, water closets and other plumbing fixtures remaining in the same location. (*when plumbing lines are being changed a plumbing permit is required*).

### **Permits required for the following:**

- The cutting away of any wall, removal of structural or load bearing supports.
- The removal or changing of the main means of egress (ex; front door).
- The addition, alteration, replacement of any plumbing lines such as, standpipes, water supply lines, sewer, drainage waste lines, gas, or similar piping.
- Electrical wiring that is relocated, replaced, or altered.
- Stand by generators permanently installed.
- Mechanical systems that are replaced, relocated or alter.



## TRASH AND RECYCLING

Trash and recycling are picked up on Tuesdays. All trash containers must be placed at the curb for pick-up no later than 6:00 a.m. and removed with 24 hours.

### **BULK PICK UP**

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 (sofa, chair) \* mattress and box spring are considered one item \* washer,\*dryer \*stove

### **RECYCLING MATERIALS ACCEPTED**

- ◇ Newspapers: The entire newspaper including inserts.
- ◇ Aluminum, steel, and bimetal cans: Food and beverage cans only
- ◇ Glass: Bottles & jars. Food and beverage only
- ◇ Plastic: Food and beverage containers marked #1 thru #7
- ◇ Plastic: Detergent and soap containers marked #1 thru #7  
*Please rinse all containers listed above*
- ◇ Paper: Magazines, junk mail, cardboard, phone books & paperboard (cereal & clean pizza boxes).
- ◇ Cartons: milk juice, etc.

**NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE PICKED UP!**

## WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

Please, please throw it out! That may not be the message you want to hear near Earth Day, but the truth is “too zealous recyclers have contaminated the recyclables with trash.” They are ruining the ability to market the material nationwide. Chester County residents are great recyclers, but shouldn’t be tempted to be too passionate putting items in the bin that do not belong and “trashing” the recyclables. Properly prepared and collected recyclables are valued commodities sold on a global market. When too many non-recyclables (trash) are mixed in with the recyclables it all becomes “trash”, is too costly to separate and requires disposal at a landfill. Meanwhile too much money has been spent on collection, transportation and processing material that wasn’t worth collecting in the first place.

Scrap metal, hangers, pieces of rope or hose, pieces of wood, yard waste and children’s toys are just a few of the items that “contaminate” the recyclables. Scrap metal may be taken to a scrap dealer, yard waste should be composted and reusable children’s toys may be donated or thrown away if broken. Do not put them in the recycling bins.

Plastic bags present another problem. Recyclables should never be put in plastic bags. Plastic bags are not recyclable in curbside programs. They jam the source separating equipment at recycling facilities. Plastic shopping bags can be returned to your local grocery store

and plastic trash bags should be used for trash only not recyclables.

Most curbside programs in Chester County collect mixed paper, flattened corrugated cardboard cut down to 18” x 24”, glass bottles and jars, steel and aluminum cans, plastic bottles and containers #1-5 plus 7. Our programs also collect clean aluminum foil and pie tins and empty steel aerosol cans. No Styrofoam, polystyrene, foam. Everything else should be thrown away and that’s okay. Remember only plastic containers and bottles with recycling symbols can be recycled. If there is no recycling symbol, throw it out. Most recyclables will come from the kitchen or in the mail as paper or corrugated cardboard. If you really want to do something positive for the planet, do it right.

**If in doubt, throw it out!**

For more information:

[www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org)



**Say No To Plastic Bags!**

## STORMWATER POLLUTION!

Our streams and rivers supply:

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

**Polluted stormwater runoff  
Is the greatest threat to clean water!!!**



### WAYS YOU CAN HELP TO 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!

#### KEEP LITTER OFF THE DRIVEWAY, STREET AND, SIDEWALK

Trash in creeks and rivers get there from someone throwing it on the ground. Rain carries it to the storm drains and waterways.

**CLEAN STREETS  
=  
CLEAN STREAMS**

#### CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

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 and local waterways.



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### YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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

**BAGS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE**

**\$5.00 for a pack of 15      MONDAY PICK-UP**

*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!**



### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Task Force continues to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Please come to the meeting to give your feedback on the future development and planning of Avondale Borough. We will be sending out a survey to everyone in the Borough and we hope to get a great response.

**VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE TASK FORCE ARE NEEDED!**

## SCAM ALERT

By Avondale Fire Company April 23, 2018

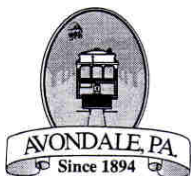
It has come to our attention that someone is representing the Avondale Fire Company and Avondale Police in a donation scam. The number requesting donations is coming back as listed in the Avondale area but is not associated with the Fire Company. Do not provide any personal information or money over the phone. The Avondale Fire Company does not solicit donations via phone. Avondale Fire Company is currently only seeking funding through our fund drive mailing and donations through our official website [www.afc23.org](http://www.afc23.org). If you have or have had a donation request via phone please report your interaction to your local Police Department.

Anything else we can help with please let us know via email at [info@afc23.org](mailto:info@afc23.org).

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