

AVONDALE BOROUGH SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER



EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The Borough Council wants to ensure residents and property owners receive essential information quickly and efficiently. To do this, we ask that you provide us with your phone number and email. By providing your contact information, you will be able to receive critical information during emergencies or important notices such as water advisories or hydrant flushing. We have partnered with a reputable company that will enable us to send brief text messages or phone calls with the necessary information. You can even respond to the message if necessary. We assure you that your information will not be sold or shared, and you will only be contacted for urgent matters. This phone-based emergency alert system is an effective way to stay informed and connected with your community. Please provide your information and stay up-to-date with important information. Contact us today at 610-268-8501 or Administrator@avondaleboro.net to enroll in the system.



APRIL 22 EARTH DAY CLEANUP

The Borough had over 40 volunteers help out at this year's Earth Day Cleanup. Our hard working group (including some super heroes from the two high schools) picked up debris from the creek, the railroad tracks, the parks and several roads. They found air conditioners, banners, satellite dishes, lots of tires and other assorted items which they removed. They also found a refrigerator which, although they tried, they couldn't remove. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped! We hope to see you again next year.



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The Borough uses **Invoice Cloud** to allow you to pay your utility bill online, using check, debit, or credit cards. There is an additional fee for using this service. Go to the Borough website: www.avondaleboro.net and click on PayMyBill to get started.

GRANTS UPDATE

Did you know the Borough has applied for another sewer/water plant grant to continue to make improvements to the plant? Additionally, we applied for a grant to survey and map the water, wastewater, stormwater pipes and scope them with cameras to start the process to systematically improve these systems. Also, we received a federal grant for universal accessibility improvements to all our Parks and a State Grant for improvements at Pomeroy Park which is currently in the site design phase. Residents will soon notice benches at all our parks. These benches were paid for using recent grant awards.

MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) TIP - Springtime often starts the outdoor car washing season. But what many citizens don't realize is that this seemingly harmless activity actually harms our local waterways. When dirty water from car washing enters storm drains, it does not undergo any treatment before it is discharged into our waterways. This means that any pollutants or chemicals in the car wash water, such as soaps and oils, can directly impact the quality of our rivers, streams, creeks, and lakes. While washing one's car may not seem harmful, the cumulative effects of all the car washing activities in the community can add up to significant problems for our waterways and the environment. To minimize the negative environmental impact of car washing, it is recommended to use a commercial car wash. Most car washing businesses recycle and reuse the water several times before sending it to a treatment plant. If you must wash your car at home, consider doing it in an area that can absorb water, such as gravel or grass, which can help filter the water before it enters groundwater, storm drains, or creeks. By being mindful of the impact of car washing on our storm systems and waterways, we can all contribute to protecting our environment. Consider these tips and the environment will thank you.

