



AVONDALE BOROUGH FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER

October 2017

FROM MAYOR DOTTIE

HALLOWEEN



Avondale Borough will be holding Trick or Treat on Tuesday, 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.



****Gift bags sponsored by Avondale Borough will be given out at Servpro**

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017 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.



BEST DECORATED HOUSES



We will also provide prizes for two best decorated houses in the Borough. The week before Christmas, Santa's elves will be riding around town deciding who has the best decorations. Please have fun with your decorations and light up the town!

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 ccfacparks@chesco.org
Or
McCormick Taylor (engineering group)
Audrey Everett
600 Eagleview Boulevard
Exton, PA 19341 (p) 610-640-3500
ageverett@mccormicktaylor.com



ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2017

For Avondale Borough residents:

***Voting takes place at
Borough Hall
110 Pomeroy Avenue***

LEAF PICK UP

The Street's Department picks up leaves and other compostables every Monday until December 11th. After December 11th, 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 or if they are more than 30 lbs.

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.

Trash Tech will not pick up any trees!!!!

DO YOU RENT ANY RESIDENTIAL UNIT OR 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.

Please call the Borough Office for more information

TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP

Trash and recycling are picked up. Trash will only pick up trash that is in your trash container. Call the Borough Office if you would like 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.

RECYCLING IS UNLIMITED



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



SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES



The following streets are designated as Snow Emergency Routes:

Baltimore Pike

Route 41 (Pennsylvania Avenue)

West State Street

Miller Drive

Cook Court

Garner Drive

Mullen 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 will be 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.

Tune into 1670 am radio for Snow Emergency Declaration



We are beginning to enter 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 means 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 our cooperation this winter!

The Public Works Department



STOP ILLICIT DISCHARGES IN AVONDALE BOROUGH

WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE??

An illicit discharge is any discharge into a storm drainage system that is not composed entirely of stormwater. The Borough of Avondale prohibits non-stormwater discharges to the storm sewer system.

If you suspect an illicit discharge, contact the Borough by phone or email.

PROHIBITED DISCHARGE EXAMPLES:

- ◆ Animal Waste
- ◆ Solid Waste
- ◆ Industrial Process Water
- ◆ Commercial Carwash Wastewater
- ◆ Sanitary Sewer Overflows
- ◆ Automotive and Petroleum Products
- ◆ Commercial and Household Cleaning Products
- ◆ Herbicides, Pesticides, and Fertilizers

PERMITTED DISCHARGE EXAMPLES:

- ◆ Water Utility Line Flushing
- ◆ Runoff from Firefighting
- ◆ Landscape irrigation
- ◆ Discharges from Potable Water Sources
- ◆ Dechlorinated Pool Water
- ◆ Residential Car Washing

POSSIBLE SIGNS OF ILLICIT DISCHARGES:

- ◆ Unusual Color or Cloudiness
- ◆ Strong Pungent or Musty Odors
- ◆ Floating Debris
- ◆ Surface Scum or Foam
- ◆ Oil Sheen
- ◆ Algae
- ◆ Dead Vegetation or Inhibited Growth
- ◆ Dead Animals or Fish

If everyone does a small part to help, the Borough can successfully work toward restoring the quality of the lakes, rivers, and streams of the Borough and the Commonwealth.

For more information on ways you can help, or to report any illicit non stormwater discharge into local waterways please contact the Borough or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection:

For more information contact:

AVONDALE BOROUGH

610-268-8501

or

secretary_avondale-boro@comcast.net





HOME FIRE SAFETY

Home Fire Safety Checklist

Heating

- ☐ Baseboard heaters do not touch any furniture or curtains, or other items stored on the floor.
- ☐ Have chimneys and heating systems inspected, cleaned and repaired prior to the heating season.
- ☐ All portable heaters are placed at least three feet from bedding, furniture, and other flammable materials. They are plugged directly into the outlet, not into an extension cord.
- ☐ Portable heaters are turned off when you leave the room or before going to bed.
- ☐ Every fireplace is equipped with a sturdy metal screen.

Electrical

- ☐ Extension cords are intended to be temporary wiring, never a permanent solution for wiring.
- ☐ Extension cords used are not tacked to walls, run under rugs, or through doorways.
- ☐ Small appliances, like the toaster, are unplugged when not in use.

Housekeeping

- ☐ Matches and lighters are kept out of the reach of children in a secure place.
- ☐ Paint, varnish, and other flammables are stored in sturdy metal containers in a cool place.
- ☐ Ashes from fireplaces and barbecues are only disposed of in metal containers.
- ☐ Candles are only lit when someone is able to keep an eye on them and when placed in sturdy holders away from things that can burn.

Kitchen

- ☐ In the event of a grease fire, know that the best thing to do is to put a lid on it.
- ☐ Cooking is never left unattended.
- ☐ The oven is never used to heat the home.

Smoking

- ☐ Do not smoke in bed or while lying down.

Smoke Alarms

- ☐ Smoke alarms are installed on a ceiling or high on the wall in each bedroom and on each level of the home.
- ☐ Smoke alarm batteries are changed once a year or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are tested and vacuumed regularly.

Escape Plan

- ☐ Have a plan of escape showing two ways out of every room in your home, especially bedrooms.
- ☐ Regularly practice your escape plan by holding fire drills in your home.
- ☐ Windows used for escaping can be opened easily.
- ☐ House numbers are clearly visible from the street.



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.

BOROUGH OF AVONDALE

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