

# AVONDALE BOROUGH 2014 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



July 2014

## **2009 Property Maintenance Code**

*On May 13, 2014 Borough Council updated the International Property Maintenance Code which the Borough utilizes to assure minimum maintenance standards for all properties within the Borough. The following are highlights and/or violations of the updated Property Maintenance Code;*

- 1) Citations can be issued immediately without a Violation Notice. Each day a violation exists is considered a separate offence. fines imposed can range from \$200 to \$1000.
- 2) Grass/Weeds/Vegetation - The maximum height is six (6) inches.
- 3) Insect Screens - are required between March 1 to November 1.
- 4) Inappropriate Outdoor Use - Only furniture designed for outdoor use is permitted (i.e., no interior furniture, motor vehicle seats, etc.)
- 5) Occupancy Limitations - Minimum square footages of living area are listed.
- 6) Required Water Supply - A potable water supply is required in all occupancies.
- 7) Heating Facilities - A permanent non-portable central heating facility is required between October 1 and April 1 inclusive.
- 8) Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors - The detectors are mandatory and must be operational

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

Under the laws of Pennsylvania the property owner is responsible for their individual property. Please take pride in your Borough and clean up your property. The Borough thanks you in advance for your cooperation with this effort.

From the desk of Mayor Dottie Howell.....

The Borough Council, Employees, and Consultants have been doing an excellent job of upgrading portions of the Borough and more is to come. The Quarry on Indian Run Road that had a serious wash out from the previous storms Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee is now being repaired to insure the safety of the residents and others who travel that road. The work is being done by a Grant award from FEMA to repair storm damage areas. Clay Creek Road on the east side of the Borough is being repaired and paved in the very near future. The road will be shut down for these repairs. We recently were awarded a DCD grant for \$ 621,912.50. This money will be used to drill another well and repair, install and replace water pipes to provide a better water service to our residents. The County of Chester has taken ownership of the State Street Bridge in the Borough. The County will be replacing the bridge sometime in the future. We are pleased that we do not have to replace the bridge with the tax payers dollars. The bridge replacement will cost upwards of 1.5 million dollars. The County is currently designing a replacement bridge. There are no times set as yet. Please be patient with us as we do these repairs. We realize that there will be some inconvenience to the residents but we hope to make it as painless as possible for us all. Thank you for your patience.

*Dottie*



**LEASH AND CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET**

Please keep your dog contained on your property or on a leash when walking your pet.

**Please be considerate of others and clean up after your pet!**

**COOKING OILS, FATS & GREASE**

Please **do not** put any cooking oils, fats or grease down your sink /drain. This causes blockages in the Borough's sewer system and ends up costing the Borough money to have the sewer lines cleaned. This is prohibited under Ordinance #178. If you are found to be violating this ordinance the Borough will enforce this ordinance with fines and penalties.

Thank you for your cooperation!!!!

**SWIMMING POOLS**

***DON'T FILL THAT SWIMMING POOL UNTIL YOU CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE***

If you are going to fill a swimming pool that is greater than 1,000 gallons, you can get relief from sewer charges.

You need to notify the Borough in writing not less than 5 business days in advance of filling your pool. The Borough's water department will come out and install a meter on your hose before filling your pool.

The next quarterly billing will reflect the sewer charge relief

**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. **An inspection is required each time you change tenants.**

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE**

**CURFEW 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 after 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Unless accompanied by a parent or guardian**

**EARNED INCOME TAX**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Telephone:** 610-269-4402

**Address:** Keystone Collections Group  
144 Wallace Avenue  
Downingtown, PA 19335

**Website:** [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com)

Avondale Borough's Earned Income Tax is 1%

**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.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR SIDEWALKS CLEAR**

*The Borough Office has received complaints regarding tree limbs and bushes hanging over and blocking sidewalks.*

*Please keep your bushes and tree limbs cut back so that people are able to access the sidewalks.*



ILLICIT DISCHARGES  
BOROUGH RESIDENTS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The residents of Avondale Borough can help the Borough Clean-up the East Branch of the White Clay Creek and its tributaries and make the Borough a clean and healthy environment to live in.

You may be the first to recognize a problem or violation of non-permitted discharges, which are primarily considered ANY FLOW other than rainwater. While there are some discharges that are permissible, pollution can come from car washes, gas stations and industrial and commercial facilities and range from soaps and cleaners to motor oil, anti-freeze, gasoline, runoff from trash refuse areas or sanitary wastes from sewer overflows. They can be continuous or intermittent. Flows from storm sewers 48 hours after a rain event are considered “dry weather” flow and may be a source of pollution and should be reported.

Residents of Avondale Borough can use the following information to report an “illicit discharge” to our storm sewer system or streams towards preventing or curtailing pollution or damage to the water quality.

Their detection and elimination is critical towards protecting and restoring the water quality in our streams.

- PADEP 24 hour water Quality Hotline 484-250-5900

PADEP Complaints – weekdays

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM 484-250-5991

Avondale Borough Hall – weekdays 610-268-8501

Chester County Conservation District

*Sediment discharge from Construction sites* 610-925-4920

PA Fish and Boat Commission

*Fish Kills* 717-626-0228



## BRUSH AND LAWN WASTE PICK-UP

The Borough requires you to use biodegradable paper yard waste bags. Composting will not be picked up in any type bag. No Exceptions!

Bags can be purchased at the Borough Office during business hours or call the Borough Office at 610-268-8501 to make arrangements to purchase bags. \$5.00 for 15 bags

**MONDAY PICK-UP THROUGH DECEMBER 1ST**

**Please have your bags out by 7:00 a.m.**

COMPOSTING WILL NOT BE PICKED UP IN ANY OTHER TYPE BAG. NO EXCEPTIONS!

the Composting Facility is for the use of Borough Residents only. No Contractors

All brush and tree limbs are to be cut in lengths no longer than 3 feet and tied in bundles one person can handle (2 to 3 feet around). Any tree limbs or brush not tied and bundled and any lawn waste not in paper bags will not be picked up.

**OPEN BURNING IN THE BOROUGH IS PROHIBITED!**



## RECYCLING PICKUP

One bulk item from each residence will be picked up on the last Tuesday of each month.

### Examples of Bulk Items

one piece of furniture mattress and box spring

One appliance that DOES NOT contain Freon (washer, dryer, stove)

\*\*Appliances with Freon are the responsibility of the resident!

### RECYCLABLES INCLUDE

- ◇ **Newspapers:** The entire newspaper including inserts
- ◇ Aluminum, steel, and bimetal cans: Food and beverage cans only.
- ◇ **Glass:** bottles & jars Food and beverage containers 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
- ◇ **Misc. paper:** Magazines, junk mail, cardboard, phone books & paperboard (cereal & clean pizza boxes).
- ◇ **All kinds of cartons:** milk, juice, etc.

Car and truck tires are not disposable in your regular waste or with your bulk item pick up!!



**Recycling is unlimited!!**

## 2014 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE EVENT SCHEDULE

Residential Only..... Businesses and Contractors will be turned away

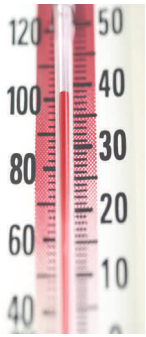
**Saturday, September 6, 2014 New Garden Township Maintenance Bldg**  
**8934 Gap Newport Pike (RT 41), Landenberg, PA 19350 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 11, 2014 Government Services Center**  
**601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

**ACCEPTABLE E-WASTE:** CPU/Laptop Computers, Monitors, Printers, Copiers, CRT Televisions and Non CRT, Answering Machines, Camcorders, Cell Phones, Docking Stations, Electric Typewriters, Fax/Copy Machines/Duplicators, Microwaves, Radios, Pagers, Remote controls/Gaming Consoles, Stereo/Tap/CD Players, Telephones & Equipment, Toner/Ink Cartridges, VCR/DVD Players, Testing Equipment

**NOT ACCEPTABLE:** Unidentified Waste, Tires, Fire Extinguishers, Explosives & Ammunition, Latex Paint, Appliances with Freon, Appliances, Trash, Propane-Helium Tanks, Asbestos, Infectious or Medical Waste, Radioactive Waste, Pressurized CFC's & HCPC's, Gas Cylinders, Alkaline Batteries, 50 Gallon Drums

FROM THE DESK OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.....BILL SHORE



## Excessive Heat Warning

Heat kills by pushing the human body beyond its limits. In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature.

Most heat disorders occur because the victim has been overexposed to heat or has over-exercised for his or her age and physical condition. Older adults, young children and those who are sick or overweight are more likely to succumb to extreme heat.

A heat wave is an extended period of extreme heat, and is often accompanied by high humidity. These conditions can be dangerous and even life-threatening for humans who don't take the proper precautions.

What you should do if the weather is extremely hot:

Listen to [NOAA Weather Radio](#) for critical updates from the National Weather Service (NWS).

- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.
- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun. Stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine if air conditioning is not available.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Consider spending the warmest part of the day in public buildings such as libraries, schools, movie theaters, shopping malls, and other community facilities. Circulating air can cool the body by increasing the perspiration rate of evaporation.
- Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- Drink plenty of water; even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine. Persons who have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease; are on fluid-restricted diets; or have a problem with fluid retention should consult a doctor before increasing liquid intake.
- Limit intake of alcoholic beverages.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.
- Protect face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat.
- Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day. Use a buddy system when working in extreme heat, and take frequent breaks.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Check on your animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat.
- Go to a designated public shelter if your home loses power during periods of extreme heat.

Text **SHELTER** + your ZIP code to **43362** (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area. (example: **shelter 12345**).



**Avondale Borough  
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Avondale, PA 19311**

## ***SUMMER 2014 NEWSLETTER***

### **WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Water and Sewer Committee meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Please come to this meeting if you have a question or a concern about water or sewer.

### **WATER & SEWER EMERGENCY**

If you have a water or sewer emergency Call:

**610-268-2498**

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

### **WATER AND SEWER PAYMENTS**

Remember to mail your payments in plenty of time before the due date. Payments received and stamped after the due date will be charged the late fee.

**Mail your water and sewer payments to:**

**Borough of Avondale  
P.O. Box 1042  
Boyertown, PA 19511-1042**

**or Pay at any National Penn Bank**

**Billing Information: 610-268-8501**

### **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 of each month.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE  
MAILED A COPY OF THE NEWS-  
LETTER, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY  
COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS  
REGADING THE NEWSLETTER -  
CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE**

### **Borough of Avondale**

**Mayor - Dottie Howell**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Bill Shore - President**

**Steve Cummings -Vice President**

**Dave Besselman**

**Abby Pyle**

**Wilson Lysle**

### **Borough Office**

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