

# AVONDALE BOROUGH

## SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

July 2018

### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Avondale Borough's Comprehensive Plan Task Force is still in the process of updating the comprehensive plan. A comprehensive plan assesses the municipality's existing conditions, outlines its future vision and planning objectives, and provides recommendations aimed at achieving that vision and objectives.

Public input is needed. A community survey was mailed out on Monday, July 23rd. If you did not receive your survey please contact the Borough office and one will be mailed to you. You also may take the survey on the Borough's website at: [avondaleboro.net](http://avondaleboro.net). Thank you in advance for filling out the survey.

The Comprehensive Plan Task Force is holding a "Public Workshop" to focus on issues within our community.

### PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**YOUR INVITED TO A PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO HELP PLAN AVONDALE'S FUTURE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH @ 7:00 P.M.**

**AVONDALE FIRE COMPANY  
23 FIREHOUSE WAY  
AVONDALE, PA 19311**

**Please come to this Public Workshop; we want to hear your ideas!**

#### **Discussion issues will include:**

- Traffic Congestion
- Public Sewer & Water Service
- Sidewalks
- Community Services & Facilities
- Historic Preservation
- Parks & Recreation
- Zoning and Land Development
- Retail Stores
- Pedestrian & Bike Trails

If you would like to receive the newsletter by mail; Please call the Borough Office or email the secretary at [secretary\\_avondale-boro@comcast.net](mailto:secretary_avondale-boro@comcast.net).



Borough of Avondale  
Established 1894

Mayor - Dottie Howell

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bill Shore - President  
Steve Cummings -Vice President  
Dave Besselman  
Wilson Lysle  
Becka Schlimme

#### Borough Office

110 Pomeroy Avenue  
P.O. Box 247  
Avondale, PA 19311  
Phone: 610-268-8501  
Fax: 610-268-8205  
Secretary: Becky Brownback  
Treasurer: Sandy Masten

website: [www.avondaleboro.net](http://www.avondaleboro.net)

email: [secretary\\_avondale-boro@comcast.net](mailto:secretary_avondale-boro@comcast.net)

#### **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.

#### **WORK SESSIONS**

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

All are welcome to attend these public meetings.

## CLEAN WATER BEGINS WITH YOU AND ME.....

You and your family play an important role in preventing water pollution

### When it rains or when water flows, do you know where the water goes?

You have probably seen storm drains or ditches along our streets. Many people think that everything that flows into a storm drain or ditch get treated, just like wastewater in a sewer system. These two systems are not connected.

Stormwater that flows from our roofs, yards, driveways, and streets into a storm drain or ditch, goes untreated directly into our creeks, rivers, lakes, and ultimately the ocean.

Stormwater can carry pesticides, fertilizers, pet waste, litter, oil and other automotive fluids, sediment, and household chemicals directly into our waterways.



### WAYS 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!

#### CHOOSE LESS TOXIC PRODUCTS

Switching out toxic household cleaners, pesticides, etc. for more natural alternatives reduces household hazardous waste and creates a healthier environment in and outside your home.

For more information ways you can help, or to report any non stormwater discharge into local waterways please contact one of the agencies listed below.

#### PICK UP THE POO

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 & local waterways.

#### KEEP LITTER OFF YOUR WALK AND STREET

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

CLEAN STREETS = CLEAN STREAMS

Avondale Borough  
610-268-8501

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
484-250-5970

[www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) keyword: stormwater

## STORMWATER

Stormwater that enters the storm drain, ends up in the stream!  
Follow these tips for cleaner streams and a healthier environment.



Fix oil or transmission leaks



Don't litter – find a trash can



Volunteer for a trash clean-up







## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

FALL 2018



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The program offers an even distribution of lecture and hands-on training
- Students are given plenty of time to reinforce hands-on skills
- Students must attend all days and participate in all modules to receive certificate
- **This is a FREE course**

### Point of Contact:

Thaddous Kavanagh  
Training & Exercise  
Coordinator  
TKavanagh@chesco.org  
610-344-5540

### Course Description:

CERT Basic Training is designed to prepare you to help yourself and to help others in the event of a catastrophic disaster. In this event, emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately, you can make a difference by using your CERT training to save lives and protect property.

### Target Audience:

This class is open to anyone who wants to learn how to be better prepared before, during, and after an emergency. Participants must be 16 years of age. If students are between 16-18 years old, a parent or guardian must accompany them.

### Course Dates:

Monday, September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Saturday, November 3



### Registration Information:

- Please visit the Chester County Training Website at: <http://destraining.chesco.org/ema/CERTFall2018>
- You will need an account to register for the course.
- **The registration deadline is Wednesday, September 5, 2018 unless the class fills early. Class size is limited to 30 participants.**
- Upon registering you will receive an email confirmation.

### Times:

6:30-9:30pm  
8:00am-4:00pm

## Go CERT!

Emergency responders do their best to respond as quickly as possible, but it is also the responsibility of individual citizens to learn how to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their communities. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Protect yourself and help build a more resilient community.

All Classes will be held at the  
Chester County Public Safety Training Campus



## 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!**

## 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!**



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

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Auto Tires \$3.00 each</li> <li>◆ Truck Tires (no rims) \$10.00 each</li> <li>◆ Refrigerant appliances (SECCRA removes refrigerant) \$12.00</li> <li>◆ Other appliances \$5.00</li> <li>◆ Unchipped brush and limbs \$45.00 per ton</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Automobile Batteries Free</li> <li>◆ Cell phones - Free through "Cell Phones for Soldiers"</li> <li>◆ All other electronics Free</li> <li>◆ Motor Oil Free</li> </ul> |
|---|--|

## 2018 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

### NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED

**Saturday, September 8, 2018** Oxford School District Administrative Bldg  
**125 Bell Tower Lane , Oxford, PA 1933 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, October 13, 2017** Government Services Center  
**601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380 9:00 a.m—3:00 p.m.**

No Freon Appliances will be accepted!

### ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

PAINT PRODUCTS	OUTDOOR PRODUCTS	AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS	HOUSEHOLD OTHER
Turpentine	Swimming Pool	Grease & Rust Solvents	Kerosene	Acids, Caustics, Solvents
Paint Thinners	Weed Killers	Fuel Additives	Rug Cleaners, Drain Openers	Flammables
Strippers & Removers	Septic Tank Degreasers	Carburetor Cleaners	Wood & Metal Cleaners	Oxidizers
Oil Based Paints	Asphalt Sealers	Transmission/Brake Fluid	Mothballs/Flakes	Reactives
Stains, Varnish, Shellac	Roof Cements	Antifreeze	Adhesives/Solvents	Lead
Spray Paint	Mini Propane Tank	Car (lead-acid), Truck Motorcycle, Marine, Batteries	Rechargeable Batteries, Lithium, Ni-Cad, Button, Lead Acid	Mercury Thermostats & Thermometers
Wallpaper Cement		Flares	Fire Extinguishers	Aerosols
Other Solvent Based Paint Products	Pesticide	Gas, Oil, Gas Oil Mixture	Spot Removers Dry Cleaning Fluid	Fluorescent Tubes Ballast, and CFLs

### UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Explosives & Ammunition	Electronics	Asbestos	Appliances/White Goods
Infectious or Medical Waste	Prescription Drugs	Radioactive Waste	Refrigerants, Freon Appliances
Tires	Helium Tanks	Unidentified Waste	PCB's
Latex Paint *Water Based	Gas Cylinders	Alkaline Batteries (Trash)	Smoke Dectectors

\* Water Based Paint—Take off lid, dry out paint, discard can without lid; or pour paint into plastic bag with absorbent material (clay based kitty litter, saw dust, rags). Place bag and can without lid, in trash. Paint hardener can also be purchased at hardware stores.

### DROP OFF GUIDELINES

- ◇ BUSINESSES AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY, commercial/industrial generated hazardous waste will not be accepted.
- ◇ Bring all substances in original containers with labels, Items must be identifiable. Do not mix materials.
- ◇ Gas Containers returned upon request.
- ◇ Tighten lids on all containers. If containers are leaking, pack in larger container with newspaper to soak up leaks.
- ◇ Maximum amount accepted is 25 gallons or 220 pounds. No 25 or 50 gallons drums.
- ◇ Event workers will unload your materials so please remain in your vehicle
- ◇ There are no permanent drop off locations in the region for household hazardous waste, only the listed collections

**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

**Community and  
Emergency Information**

**Tune Your Radio To  
1670 AM**

Avon Grove Regional Emergency Management

**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 ?**

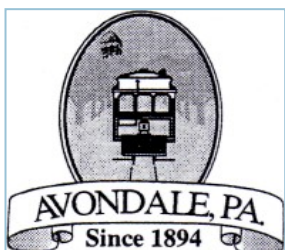
If you are selling your home, you will need an inspection to acquire an occupancy permit. This is required before you can go to settlement.

Applications are available at the Borough Office or on the Borough's website



**AVONDALE BOROUGH**

**110 POMEROY AVENUE  
P.O. BOX 247  
AVONDALE, PA 19311**



**SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER**

