



AVONDALE BOROUGH



2019 WINTER NEWSLETTER

January 2019

NO INCREASE FOR REAL ESTATE TAXES

Borough Council adopted Tax Ordinance #262 on December 18, 2018. There will be no increase in real estate taxes. Following are the current tax rates:

Real Estate Tax—3.55 mills for general purposes.

Street Lighting—.45 mills

Real Estate Transfer Tax—1%

Earned Income Tax—1%

A Reminder from the Mayor: We Still Need Volunteers!

I would like to develop an Events Committee to manage events throughout the year. We need men, women, and children to make these things happen.

We could have volleyball tournaments, soccer tournaments, Kayaking on the White Clay Creek, and Earth Day park clean-up events just to name a few. Call the Borough Hall to reach me.

Thank you,

Mayor Dottie

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.

WORK SESSIONS

Work Sessions are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. This is a public meeting. You can bring any questions or concerns to this meeting.

WATER & SEWER EMERGENCY

If you have a water or sewer emergency Call:

484-643-0024

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

EARNED INCOME TAX INFORMATION

It's that time of year again. Your 2018 local earned income tax return is due in April. Avondale Borough has a 1% Earned Income Tax.

Did you know the quickest way to get your refund is to file online? If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can e-file on our tax administrator's secure website, which is available 24/7 at www.KeystoneCollects.com.

Keystone Collections Group's e-file is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2018 tax return. It lets you file your tax return when it is most convenient for you. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C).

If you have questions regarding local tax filing, call Keystone's **Taxpayer Helpline** at 1-888-328-0565 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent. You can also email your questions to "Taxpayer Support" at www.KeystoneCollects.com.

Taxpayers with earned income in 2018 are required to file a tax return.

STOP SIGNS

The Borough has been getting complaints regarding vehicles not stopping at stop signs. The Parkesburg Police are monitoring this issue. A lot of the complaints are when the children are out waiting on the school bus. There is a zero tolerance for this violation. Not stopping at a stop sign will get you a \$142.50 fine and three points on your driver's license. Failure to stop for a school bus with flashing lights is a 60 day suspension and five points on your license.

Let's keep our children safe.....slow down and stop for stop signs.

TRASH AND RECYCLING PICKUP

Trash and recycling are picked up on Tuesdays. Trash Tech will only pick up trash that is in your trash container. Please call the Borough Office if you need 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 **THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP**

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

COOKING OILS, FATS & GREASE

- Do not pour oil, grease, or fats down the drain
- Soak up the grease after frying with paper towels and put in the trash
- Pour larger amounts of used cooking grease into a container with a lid. Refrigerate to harden and then place in the trash.
- Minimize the use of your garbage disposal. Put food scraps into the garbage.
- Never pour motor oils down the drain! It is illegal.



SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

The following streets are hereby designated as Snow Emergency Routes:

Baltimore Pike
Garner Drive
Miller Drive

Route 41 (Pennsylvania Avenue)
Mullen Drive
Williamson Drive

West State Street
Cook Court
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 may be removed or 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.

Borough of Avondale
Established 1894

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Dottie Howell

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Please call the Borough Office at 610-268-8501 if you have any concerns, complaints, or suggestions!

If you would like a newsletter mailed to you, call or e-mail the Borough Secretary. The Newsletter is available on Borough's website or at the Borough Office





STORMWATER IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Stormwater picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, manure and other pollutants as it flows over surfaces such as driveways, road and lawns. Without proper stormwater management, this polluted runoff flows untreated into our streams, rivers and wetlands.



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



Residents, municipalities, businesses and developers need to work together to prevent stormwater pollution



Our streams and rivers supply

- ♦ **Water for drinking**
- ♦ **Water for fishing**
- ♦ **Water for swimming**
- ♦ **Water for canoeing and boating**
- ♦ **Water for wildlife**

**For more information call:
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance
call: 610-793-1090**

**or visit:
www.bandywineredclay.org**

SNOW STORMS

Please remember to shovel your sidewalks. Borough Ordinance #77 requires sidewalks to be shoveled within 12 hours of a snow event. Be a good neighbor and ensure the safety of others by keeping your sidewalk clear.



PARK OFF THE STREET

When snow is in the forecast, park your vehicle off the street to allow the snow plows to clear the snow off the roadways. This makes the job easier for Borough personnel and keeps your vehicles from being plowed in and decreases the chances of your vehicle being damaged.

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DO YOU RENT, LEASE ANY UNITS IN YOUR DWELLING?

ARE YOU PLANNING TO SELL YOUR HOME?

If you answered yes to either question then you are required under Ordinance #246 to register your property and get a inspection.



Applications and Ordinance #246 are available at the Borough Office or on the Borough's website.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The weekly yard waste collection will resume in the Spring. More information will be in the Spring Newsletter or call the Borough Office.

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.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Borough's Code Enforcement Department inspects the town weekly. Here are some items they look for this time of year:

- 1) Furniture not designed for outdoor use. (i.e., no interior furniture, motor vehicle seats, etc.)
- 2) Inoperative motor vehicles. Such as a vehicle in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled.
- 3) Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage. Exterior property and premises must be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.
- 4) Refrigerators and Freezers stored outside.
- 5) Accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and wall that are not structurally sound or in

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