

AVONDALE BOROUGH

FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER



October 2019

From the desk of the Mayor Dottie Howell 

The questions were raised about what happened to the Community Events. I have gotten many questions from not only our residents but from others about what happened to the Fall Festival and the Halloween Parade. We need volunteers to make these things happen. No Parade this year.

HALLOWEEN - TRICK OR TREAT

Thursday, October 31, 2019

6:00 to 8:00 PM



Trick or treat night is October 31, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Please try to hand out treats for the little ones for a special night. The Avondale Fire Company Fire police will be on hand directing traffic for the safety of the children, The Southern Chester County Regional Police will also be on patrol for safety of the trick or treaters. Please instruct your children to cross streets only where there are fire police.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

With the dedication of David Hughes, who is the owner of SERVPO and his family and employees we can continue the Christmas Tree Lighting this year. The date is set for Friday, December 6, 2019 at SERPRO on Pennsylvania Avenue starting at 6:00 pm. We will have Music, Singing, and Dancing. Santa will appear with his Elves. Refreshments Provided. Bring the family and enjoy.

Watch for the Tree Lighting signs around the Borough. Please plan to attend. Thank you!

On a personal note: This is the last year I will be planning these events. I will not be running for the Office of Mayor next year when my term expires. I have enjoyed being the mayor for the past 24 years but it is time to retire and let others have a go. Thank you for all the help I have gotten over the years and I wish the residents well.

Sincerely
Dottie
Honorable Doris E. Howell

HOMETOWN

HEROES

Avondale Borough Council is honoring all current and former military service members who reside or did reside in Avondale Borough at any time from 1900 to present.

We are placing banners throughout the Borough with names and photos in honor and memory of those that served and are still serving in the military.

Please call or stop by the Borough Office for an application.



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. PLEASE REMEMBER IF A HOLIDAY FALLS ON A MONDAY OR TUESDAY; TRASH AND RECYCLING WILL BE PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY!!!

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
- ◇ Cartons: milk juice, etc.

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!!!!!!

NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE PICKED UP!

For any service alerts please visit Trash Tech's website at www.trashtech.com and go to the Borough of Avondale link or you can sign up for Text Service Alerts at www.trashtech.com



RECYCLING MATERIALS **NOT** ACCEPTED

- Scrap metal
- Small plastic bags used by retailers
- VHS tapes
- Needles or syringes
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics and Pyrex dishware
- Stickers or address label sheets
- Batteries, cell phones, computers
- Paints, pesticides, oil and cleansers
- Motor oil or antifreeze containers
- Pizza boxes
- Organic material and food waste
- Waxed paper or waxed cardboard
- Styrofoam of any kind
- Plastic caps
- Hard-cover books
- 5-gallon bucket

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

- ◇ Auto Tires \$3.00 each
- ◇ Truck Tires (no rims) \$15.00 each
- ◇ Refrigerant appliances (SECCRA removes refrigerant) \$12.00
- ◇ Other appliances \$5.00
- ◇ Unchipped brush and limbs \$45.00 per ton
- ◇ Automobile Batteries Free
- ◇ Cell phones - Free through "Cell Phones for Soldiers"
- ◇ All other electronics Free
- ◇ Motor Oil Free
- ◇ Antifreeze Free

LEAF PICK-UP

OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED IN THE BOROUGH!

The Street's Department picks up leaves and other compostables every Monday until December 9th. After December 9th, compostables will not be picked up until Spring 2020.

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.



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 colder 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





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

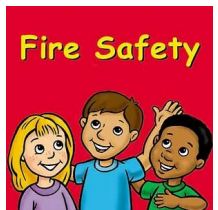
- ☐ Do not smoke in bed or while lying down.

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 484-643-0024. Someone is on call 24 hours a day.

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WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT STORMWATER?

We are all part of a watershed. Watersheds are land areas that drain to the nearest body of water. Smaller local creeks and streams also eventually drain to a larger local body of water.

- **Flooding**
When excess water has nowhere to go, flooding can impact property and cause damage to land and structures. Flooding can also be a public safety issue that affects entire communities.
- **Pollution and Health Impacts**
Stormwater picks up anything that is on the ground and carries it along with it. Animal waste, chemicals, pesticides, oil, and sediment – all end up in waterways and potentially in our sources of drinking water.
- **Streambank Erosion**
Uncontrolled stormwater can cause streambank erosion, leaving bare soil and exposing tree roots. This can lead to property damage and cause issues with streambank stability.
- **Sedimentation**
Erosion and runoff, can also lead to sedimentation. Sedimentation of waterways from runoff causes changes to aquatic habitats. Undesirable plant growth increases, water becomes more turbid or cloudy, which leads to disruption of aquatic ecosystems. Sedimentation also fills in waterways, which can increase the flooding potential.
- **Impacts to Groundwater Recharge**
If stormwater isn't sinking into the ground it can affect recharge of groundwater resources. This can affect water levels in drinking water wells as well as impacting levels in surface water.
- **Impacts to Recreational Opportunities**
Stormwater runoff can cause polluted waterways which can lead to restrictions on boating, swimming, and fishing in recreational areas.

Making changes to how stormwater is managed can go a long way to reduce negative impacts. Even small actions by individual homeowners like using a rain barrel, choosing permeable landscaping surfaces, or installing a rain garden can make a difference. Stormwater affects everyone!

The above information was provided by the Penn State Extension Stormwater Basics series .

SPOTTED LANTERN FLY

Spotted lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive insect present in Chester County and surrounding areas. SLF threatens agriculture, tree health and it is a nuisance pest. Chester County is within the SLF quarantine zone. Check for and remove SLF egg masses from late fall to early spring. Remember that egg masses may be underneath your car or in your wheel well. During all other times of the year, check for nymphs and adults, and keep your windows rolled up when you park. Don't store things or park under infested trees, and do not transport firewood. Inspect your vehicle for SLF before traveling.

For more information and to learn how you can control SLF on your own property, visit

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-management-for-homeowners> or call 1-888-4badfly.

