



# AVONDALE BOROUGH

## SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER



*At the May 19th Council Meeting, Steve Cummings was appointed as Mayor for Avondale Borough. Mayor Cummings took his oath of office at Judge Matthew Seavey's office on June 9th.*

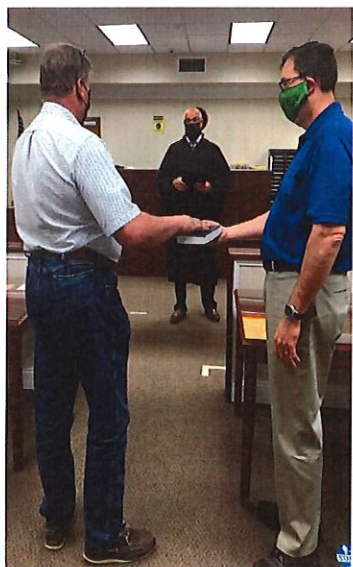
### From the Mayor's Desk:

As the new intern mayor of Avondale, I, Stephen Cummings would first like to thank Mayor Dottie for the 21 years of service to our little Borough of Avondale. As Mayor she had some projects she was working on and as her replacement, I will do my best to continue to work on them and finish them if at all possible. I would also like to say that I am trying to organize future events as the restrictions of covid-19 will allow. As we move forward during this time, I would like to encourage residents of Avondale to get involved with organizing events to help them come to life. At this point, it is unlikely the Halloween parade is going to happen but I am working toward making the Christmas Tree Lighting happen in the beginning of December. With the help of Servpro, we should be able to have the much enjoyed event to mark the beginning of Christmas here in Avondale. Hopefully, Spring will bring us the freedom of more events, clean up events and more.

It is surely a pleasure for me to be able to do this job for Dottie and our Borough; even if it is for a short time. Re-election bid is something to be considered in the future. Just something to remember is that, if local events are going to happen, local volunteers will be needed to bring to fruition. I would like to thank our volunteers in advance for all their help.

As we as a nation go through this pandemic, I want to encourage you to stay safe and healthy during this difficult time. Any questions, comments or ideas you may have as a resident of Avondale are welcomed and considered for future planning in Avondale. Thank you to all.

*Your Mayor,  
Stephen Cummings*



Left: Mayor Steve taking his oath while Pastor Steven Motes holds the bible.

Far back: Judge Matthew Seavey giving the oath.

Right: Mayor Steve with Former Sheriff, Carolyn "Bunny" Welsh after taking his oath of office.



Borough of Avondale  
Established 1894

Mayor - Steve Cummings

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bill Shore - President  
Dave Besselman-Vice President  
Dottie Howell  
Bob McCue  
Paul Morgan

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### 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 6:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend these public meetings.

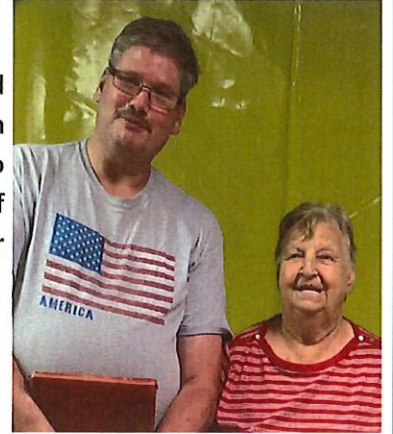






## **BOROUGH COUNCIL RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT**

On July 21, 2020, Avondale Borough Council accepted the resignation of Becka Schlimme due to a change in residency. Borough Council appointed Dottie Howell to fill the vacancy created by the resignation. The term of office will expire on December 31, 2021. Dottie took her oath as Council Member from Mayor, Steve Cummings.



## **AVONDALE BOROUGH WATER CUSTOMERS HYDRANT FLUSHING**

Hydrant Flushing will begin on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to do as much as possible during the day and it may take up to 5 days to complete. During this time, you may encounter air or cloudy water. Let your faucets run until it clears.



## **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 within 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.

Containers must be clean and dry when dropped into the recycling bin. Jars or bottles not cleaned out often lead to an entire batch of good recycling material being sent to the landfill.

**NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE PICKED UP!**

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



## 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.

Avondale Borough  
610-268-8501

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
484-250-5970

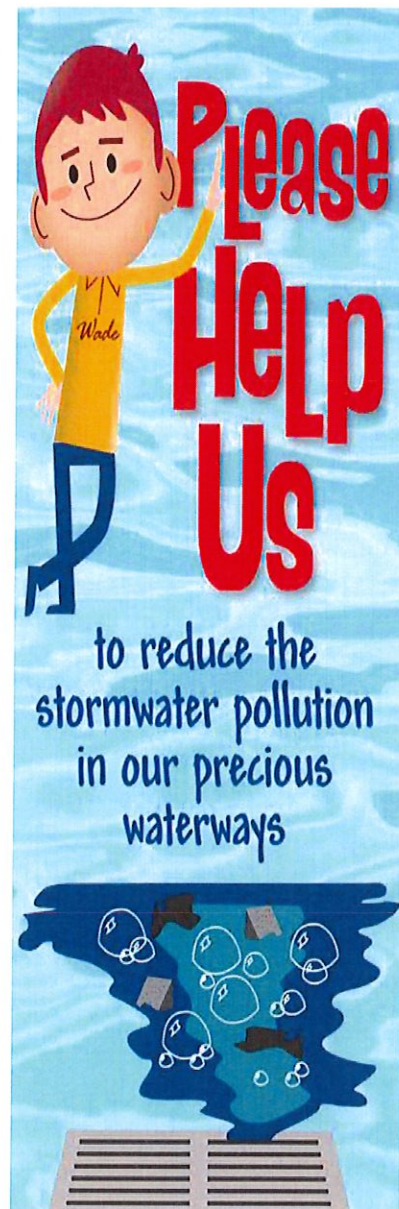
[www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) keyword: stormwater

#### 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**



## 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





From the desk of the Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Shore:



# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS



## Before the Storm



### Update Your Contact Info

Go online or call to make sure we have your correct contact information for faster service after the storm.



### Review Your Emergency Plan

Review your plan with everyone in your household and make sure you all know the safest place in your home. Review where you'll go if there's an evacuation. Don't forget your pets.



### Have a Hurricane Survival Kit

Have enough supplies to be self-sufficient for two weeks.

Here are some critical items to have on hand:

Non-perishable food, bottled water, prescription medicines, batteries, pet food, baby supplies, first-aid kit, battery powered flashlight and radio, can opener, fuel, emergency generator.



### Keep Your Landscape Free of Debris

Remove threatening objects that can potentially become projectiles. Prune your plants and trim your trees, make sure there aren't any dead sections and check for signs of damage or disease.



### After the Storm



### Stay Safe

Stay away from downed power lines and avoid floodwaters. Use portable generators safely. Be sure to follow us for restoration updates on [Facebook.com/tampaelectric](https://www.facebook.com/tampaelectric) and [Twitter.com/tampaelectric](https://twitter.com/tampaelectric).



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Avon Grove Regional Emergency Management



## WATER, SEWER, AND TRASH SERVICES

### LOWER RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER TAPPING FEES - 3% INCREASE IN WATER RATES

Following are the current rates:

**WATER:** The minimum charge 0 to 5,000 gallons per quarter is \$19.95 and then \$3.99 per thousand gallons up to 20,000 gallons. 20,001 gallons to 40,000 gallons per quarter: \$4.77 per thousand gallons. Over 40,001 gallons per quarter \$5.17 per 1,000 gallons. This is a 3% increase. The increase for 10,000 gallons of water is .40 (forty cents).

**SEWER:** The minimum charge 0 to 5,000 gallons per quarter is \$63.95 and then \$12.79 per thousand gallons up to 20,000 gallons. 20,001 gallons to 40,000 gallons per quarter: \$15.75 per thousand gallons. Over 40,001 gallons per quarter \$17.07 per 1,000 gallons.

**TRASH:** Quarterly fee - \$55.00 per trash container.

**WATER TAPPING FEES:** \$4,835.00

**SEWER TAPPING FEES:** \$4,486.00



## ***THE AVONDALE COMMUNITY GARDEN***



***The Borough of Avondale now has a community garden. Its a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors while growing flowers or vegetables. A total of 30 in ground beds are available for public use, accessible raised beds are planned for next year. For more information contact Nick Santella at [nsantella@gmail.com](mailto:nsantella@gmail.com).***



**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

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**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.



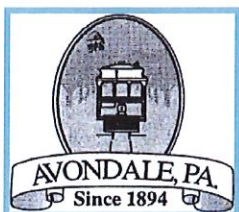
**SELLING YOUR HOME ?**

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

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