



AVONDALE BOROUGH



FALL / WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

October 2020

From the desk of the Mayor:



HALLOWEEN

Avondale Borough will be participating in Trick or Treating this year. We will have Fire Police and Southern Chester County Regional Police Department throughout the Borough for the safety of the children. Trick or Treating will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic some residents will not be participating with Trick or Treating. Those that are participating will keep on their porch lights.

Borough residents are reminded to please respect the neighbors who choose to not participate in Trick or Treating.

"We ask anyone participating in Trick or Treating to please adhere to all CDC guidelines and recommendations related to safe Trick or Treating." <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>



WEAR MASKS

Wear a [mask](#) at all times when around people who don't live in your household to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.



Avoid singing, chanting, or shouting, especially when not wearing a mask and within 6 feet of others.

Do not use costume masks in place of cloth masks

Do not use a costume mask (such as for Halloween) as a substitute for a cloth [mask](#) unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers your mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around your face.

Do not wear a costume mask over a cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

This year we will have the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Borough Hall on Pomeroy Avenue. The date is set for Tuesday, December 1, 2020 starting at 6:00 pm. We will have Music, Singing, and Dancing. Santa will appear with his Elves. Light Refreshments will be Provided. Bring the family and enjoy!!



Watch for signs around the Borough

Sincerely
Steve
Honorable Steve Cummings



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. If a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday; trash and recycling will be picked up on Wednesday. Call the Borough Office if you have a question or complaint about your trash service. Please do not call Trash Tech directly.

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.

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

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

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!!!!!!

LEAF PICK-UP

OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED IN THE BOROUGH!

The Street's Department picks up leaves and other compostables every Monday until December 7th. After December 7th, compostables will not be picked up until Spring 2021. 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.

BE STORMWATER SMART BROCHURE ENCLOSED



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 mean 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



BOROUGH HALL RENOVATION

The renovation work is now complete. Stop by the Borough Hall and take a look at the new meeting room.



READY CHESCO - WEATHER BRIEFINGS



The Chester County Department of Emergency Services is consolidating the way they distribute severe weather briefings into a single point of distribution. As of October 1, 2020 they will no longer be sending weather briefings directly from the Chester County EOC email account, but instead they will only be using ReadyChesco.

If you do not have a ReadyChesco account, please register. Please remember that ReadyChesco is different and you must have an account in the ReadyChesco platform in order to continue to receive the messages.

1. If you **DO NOT** have a ReadyChesco account, please click to register: <http://www.readychesco.org/> (this only takes about 2 minutes to complete)
 - a. You choose what alerts you would like to receive. Specific to weather briefings, please make sure you click on County / Emergency Services / NWS Weather Briefing
 - b. If you only have a ChescoAlert account, you still must register for ReadyChesco
 - c. You can choose how to receive the alerts (email, text, etc. and in what order)
2. If you **DO** have a ReadyChesco account, please log in to confirm your delivery methods and to confirm alert - County Emergency Services / NWS Weather Briefing
 - a. If you are unsure of username or password, please follow the prompts once you click on login

DO YOU RENT ANY RESIDENTIAL UNIT OR SELLING YOUR HOME??

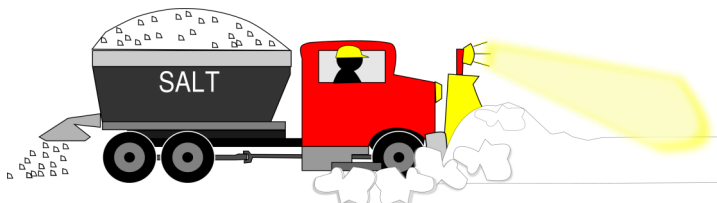
If you are **selling** your home, you will need an inspection to acquire an occupancy permit. This is required before you can go to settlement.

RENT OR LEASE ANY UNITS IN YOUR DWELLING???

If you **rent or lease** any units in your dwelling a yearly inspection is required. Also, an inspection is required each time you change tenants.

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.

From the Desk of Bill Shore: Emergency Management Coordinator



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.

Fire Safety



Council Meetings and Work Sessions Meetings

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

The Borough Council holds a Work Session on the second Tuesday at 6:00 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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