



AVONDALE BOROUGH

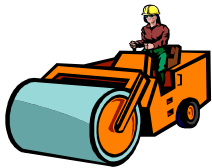
SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER

April 2012

AVONDALE BOROUGH WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The Borough of Avondale will begin Phase 3 of the Water System Improvements project to increase the size of the water mains beginning on April 9, 2012. The work is schedule to begin at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and State Street, continue along First Street to Chatham Avenue, then north on Chatham Avenue to Second Street and finally within Second Street to the Park. In addition to the water main improvements

the project will increase the size of the storm sewer in First Street and Chatham Avenue and replace a portion of the Sanitary Sewer Mains in the vicinity of the apartments on First Street. This project is being funded in part with a grant from Chester County through the Chester County Landscapes 21st Century Fund Community Revitalization Program.



The Contractor, Joao & Bradley will begin mobilizing on Site shortly and expects to begin work on Monday April 9, 2012. It is anticipated work will begin with the storm sewer installation crossing Pennsylvania Avenue from First Street to State Street. All work in the intersection will take place at night (8 P.M. to 6 A.M.) to avoid serious traffic issues at Pennsylvania Avenue and State Street. This work is anticipated to take about 2 weeks to complete. The sanitary sewer work will be completed during the day in approximately the same time frame. Once completed the contractor will then begin installing the new main along side the existing main. Once all infrastructure improvements are complete the street will be milled and resurfaced. During the project, temporary paving will be used to close trenches where work has been completed.

Throughout the project, it will be necessary to shut-off the water for short periods of time to make the necessary

connections to the existing system. Every effort will be made to minimize any disruption in service. You may also experience periods of low flow and discoloration of water due to the interruptions in service and the opening and closing of valves and fire hydrants. When you experience these issues, please allow your cold water to run to clear your line of sediment that causes the discoloration and avoid doing laundry until the water is clear.

In addition, it will be necessary to have some temporary street closures of First Street, Chatham Avenue and Second Street while heavy equipment is working in the street. The Contractor has been asked to post the areas where street closures will take place when possible. The streets will be maintained for emergency vehicles at all times and school bus stops will be maintained. All detours will be removed at the end of each work day.

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Water and Sewer Committee meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Please bring any questions you may have on water and sewer issues to this meeting.

WATER OR SEWER EMERGENCY

In case you have a water or wastewater emergency after Borough Office hours, please contact the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant at 610-268-2498.

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 of each month.

LEASH AND CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET



Please keep your dog contained on your property or on a leash when walking your pet.

Please be considerate of others and clean up after your pet!

Avondale Borough's Tax Collector will be accepting Borough Tax Payments at the Borough Hall 110 Pomeroy Avenue on the following dates:

Friday, April 27th 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 11th 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 14th 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 25rd 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you can't make these dates to pay in person

Please use the mail for your payments

Thank you,
Sherry Seace - Tax Collector



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.



DO YOU RENT OR LEASE ANY UNITS IN YOUR DWELLING?

If you **rent or lease** any units in your dwelling, a yearly inspection is required.

An inspection is required each time you change tenants.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE



HIGH GRASS ORDINANCE #119

Grass, weeds or any vegetation not edible or planted for ornamental purposes exceeding twelve (12) 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.



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.



A REMINDER TO WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS
1% Water Rate Increase - 5,000 gallon base rate minimum

On December 20, 2011, Borough Council adopted Resolution #2011-5. Effective the first quarter 2012, there will be a 1% water rate increase and a 5,000 gallon base rate charge for water and sewer. The water rate increase is .04 cents per 1,000 gallons (up to 20,000 gallons). The cost for 1,000 gallons is \$3.75.

Your minimum charge per quarter will be \$18.75 for water and \$63.95 for sewer.

In excess of 5,000 gallons, you will be charged \$3.75 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water and \$12.79 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water.

The sewer rate did not increase. It remains at \$12.79 per 1,000 gallons (up to 20,000 gallons). Please call the Borough Office for rates exceeding 20,000 gallons.

The trash rate has remained the same at \$55.00 per quarter. Everyone pays a trash fee whether or not you use the trash service.

COOKING OILS, FATS & GREASE

Please **do not** put any cooking oils, fats or grease down your sink /drain. This causes blockages in the Borough's sewer system and ends up costing the Borough money to have the sewer lines cleaned. This is prohibited under Ordinance #178. If you are found to be violating this ordinance the Borough will enforce this ordinance with fines and penalties.

Thank you for your cooperation!!!!

QUARTERLY WATER METER READINGS

The Borough contracts EEMA O & M to operate the water and wastewater treatment plant. EEMA reads your water meter remote quarterly located on the outside of your house and if necessary they will read the actual water meter located inside your home. EEMA employees carry a badge. Please do not hesitate to ask for identification.



Borough of Avondale
 Established 1894

Mayor—Dottie Howell

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Steve Cummings - Vice President

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Steve Cummings

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If you want to receive the quarterly newsletter, please notify the Borough Office to be put on the mailing list. This is a special mailing of the newsletter.



NEW FLAG POLE

KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS

EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTOR

This is a reminder to residents and businesses in the Borough that the EIT (earned income tax) collector is Keystones Collections Group.

Avondale Borough's EIT is 1%.

If you have any questions or need forms, you can contact Keystone at the following:

Telephone:
 610-269-4402

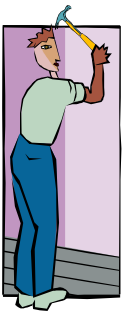
Address:
 Keystone Collections Group
 144 Wallace Avenue
 Downingtown, PA 19335

Website:
www.keystonecollects.com

BOROUGH HALL REMODELING

The Borough Hall has been undergoing renovations to the board room and front office. The old paneling, trim, and doors were removed and new drywall, interior doors, and windows were installed. The areas were painted and new window treatments added.

A new flag pole with a photo cell light were installed at the memorial outside the Borough Hall.



Stop by and take a look!

2012 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT SCHEDULE FOR CHESTER COUNTY

Bring unwanted, hazardous household automotive products, home maintenance, lawn and pest control products to the next Regional Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection.

2012 Collection Dates

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

May 19 - Owen J. Roberts High School, 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA 19465

June 22 - CAT Brandywine Campus, 1635 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320 (computers accepted)

September 8 - HHW New Garden Township Maintenance Building 8934 Gap Newport Pike, Landenberg, PA 19350



October 13 - HHW and Computers Government Services Center 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: Latex (water-based) paint, explosives, ammunition, appliances, radioactive waste, tires, infectious waste, unidentified waste.

These words can help to identify HHW: Caution, toxic, explosive, reactive danger, flammable, warning, corrosive, poisonous, hazardous

- **Air dry or absorb Latex Paint and dispose with trash**
- **Recycle oil, car batteries, tires and anti-freeze at your local service station.**
- **Pack HHW safely in original containers for transport**

WHEN YOU'RE FERTILIZING THE LAWN, REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT JUST FERTILIZING THE LAWN



FERTILIZE SPARINGLY AND CAREFULLY

- ◆ **SWEEP FERTILIZER OFF OF DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS AND BACK ONTO YOUR LAWN**
- ◆ **RECYCLE GRASS CLIPPINGS BY LEAVING THEM ON YOUR LAWN**
- ◆ **USE FERTILIZER WITH NO OR LOW PHOSPHORUS**
- ◆ **SELECT A SLOW-RELEASE FERTILIZER WHERE AT LEAST HALF OF THE NITROGEN IS WATER INSOLUBLE**

KEEP THE GREEN WHERE IT BELONGS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

484-250-5970

WWW.DEPWEB.STATE.PA.US OR PENN STATE EXTENSION – CHESTER COUNTY

610-696-3500

WWW.EXTENSION.PSU.EDU/CHESTER

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The Avondale Composting Facility is open for the season. Yard waste will not be picked up with your trash collection, and **open burning is prohibited** in the Borough. The Borough will pick up yard waste on the third Monday of each month, starting on April 16th. Please have your compostables out by 7:00 a.m.

Grass clippings and leaves must be bagged and tied (there is a 20 pound limit for each bag - your bags will not be picked up if they are over 20 pounds) Branches and sticks must be tied together in a bundle with a length of no more than 4 feet long. The Composting facility will not be opened on any set date, but will be opened at your convenience by appointment. When dropping off items at the facility, there is no need to tie and/or bag your items. All loads must be covered with a tarp!

To set up an appointment to deliver your compostables—call the Borough Office at 610-268-8501

The Composting facility is for the use of Avondale Borough Residents only. No contractors will be permitted to drop off or take part in the pick up service.

What is composting?

Using the natural process of decay to change organic wastes into a valuable humus-like material called compost

A diagram illustrating the composting process. On the left, three small images show 'Grass clippings' (a person mowing), 'Food scraps' (a pile of kitchen waste), and 'Leaves' (a person raking). Three large green arrows point from these images towards a larger image on the right showing a hand holding a cup of dark, rich 'Compost'.



**GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP OF PA
AVONDALE BOROUGH PARK CLEANUP DAY**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Great American Cleanup of PA is a statewide cleanup campaign involving local and state government, businesses, waste haulers, and environmental and civic groups. Please join this ambitious statewide effort to remove litter and trash from Pennsylvania roadways, parks, forest, riverbanks, neighborhoods, and open spaces.

Everyone wants to live, work and play in a clean and green community...and it's up to everyone to make it possible and improve the overall quality of life for us all. More info at: www.gacofpa.org

The Borough of Avondale is sponsoring a Park Cleanup Day in the Borough.

When: Saturday, May 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Meet: At Watson Park (2nd Street entrance) for instructions

Gloves and Bags will be provided

CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE AT 610-268-8501 TO SIGN UP

Refreshments will be provided

RECYCLING PICKUP

One bulk item from each residence will be picked up on the last Tuesday of each month.

Examples of Bulk Items

one piece of furniture mattress and box spring

One appliance that DOES NOT contain Freon (washer, dryer, stove)

**Appliances with Freon are the responsibility of the resident!



Recycling is unlimited!!

RECYCLABLES INCLUDE

- ◇ *Green, brown, and clear, glass bottles and jars*
- ◇ *Aluminum, steel and bi-metal cans*
- ◇ *Plastic bottles and jugs that have either the number 1 or 2 in the universal recycling on the container*
- ◇ *Mixed paper (newspapers, phone books, magazines, junk mail, home and office paper, paperback books and books without hard covers, lightweight non-corrugated cardboard)*
- ◇ *Corrugated cardboard*



HAPPY SPRING



SWIMMING POOLS

DON'T FILL THAT SWIMMING POOL UNTIL YOU CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE

Summer is just around the corner and if you are going to fill a swimming pool that is greater than 1,000 gallons; you can get relief from sewer charges.

You need to notify the Borough in writing not less than 5 business days in advance of filling your pool. The Borough's water department will come out and inspect the swimming pool and estimate the number of gallons necessary to fill the pool.

The next quarterly billing will reflect the sewer charge relief.



IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE NEWSLETTER - PLEASE CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE

CURFEW

Under Ordinance #115 it is unlawful for anyone under the age of 18 years of ages to remain in or upon any public or private establishment in the Borough of Avondale after 10:00 P.M and 6:00 A.M. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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