

FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER 2016-2017

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In compiling this newsletter for the 2016/2017 Fall and Winter seasons, the staff has attempted to include all of the pertinent information about services and activities offered by the Borough. The Borough Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We invite you to call or stop in with questions or concerns. Please keep this newsletter for future reference concerning dates and times of Borough activities.

Borough meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend. The meetings are held in the Marina building at 2 Main St. We are always interested in your comments and suggestions and we look forward to seeing you there.

BEACH BADGES: Gift certificates are available in the Borough Office. For the holidays, with each gift certificate purchased, you will receive a souvenir holiday badge. The badges are yours to keep, but you must present the gift certificate in order to obtain your season beach badge. The price for a season badge is \$90.00. Senior Citizen and Teen Badges are \$45.00.

REMINDER: You must license your dogs and cats in January of each year. **A current rabies certificate is mandatory.** If the certificate expires before November 1, 2017 you must get your pet re-vaccinated before you can obtain a license.

You may walk your dog on the beach October 1st through May 1st. Animals are **NOT** permitted on the boardwalk at any time. They must be on a leash and you must clean up after them no matter where you are walking them. This is the law!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, Jeff Bramhall, Supt.
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STREET SWEEPING WILL BE ON THE 2nd and 4th WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. The North and East sides of the street will be swept on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The South and West sides of the street will be swept on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The sweeper will start at approximately 6:30 a.m. Please have your vehicle moved to the opposite side of the street on your scheduled day before 6:30 a.m.

RECYCLING WILL BE ON THE 1st, 3rd & 5th WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

The following items can all be mixed together in a single container for recycling: tin cans, aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastic household containers, newspaper, cardboard, office paper, envelopes, computer paper, chip board (ie. cereal type boxes), junk mail. Your recyclables must be out in the lane or curb in properly marked containers where they are easily seen **SEPARATE FROM TRASH CANS**. Do not put lids on the containers.

The recycling drop off center is located at the Public Works Yard, at South Station & Jefferson Aves. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Drop-Off Center is closed on Sundays and holidays. Things that are accepted: glass bottles, tin cans, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspapers, cardboard, junk mail, motor oil (in disposable containers only), electronics and car batteries. This recycling area is for **AVON RESIDENTS ONLY & FOR RECYCLABLES ONLY!**

Fluorescent Bulbs: We can no longer accept fluorescent bulbs for disposal. They can be taken to most local home centers like Home Depot. Call the store for more info.

Paint and hazardous waste: Paint can only be put out with your regular trash if it is completely dried out and the lids are removed. All other paint and hazardous materials must be taken to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center. Please call 732-683-8686 for appointments and directions. **DO NOT DROP OFF AT THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD.**

WE DO NOT ACCEPT ANY HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING. THEY ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS WASTE AND CAN BE PUT INTO REGULAR TRASH. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT "BUTTON CELL BATTERIES" AS THEY ARE STILL MANUFACTURED WITH MERCURY. YOU CAN CONTINUE TO BRING THOSE UP TO THE BOROUGH OFFICE FOR DISPOSAL.

TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE: Trash will be collected twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays, throughout the entire town. We ask that you please store or move any unused trashcans. This will help us cut down on the time it takes to check cans for trash at every stop. Please notify contractors that they are responsible to take away any bulk or debris that they generate. This includes, but is not limited to, sheet rock, wood, plaster, plumbing, electrical, carpets, appliances, brush, limbs etc.

Preparation and handling. Ordinance # 107-7 is now being strictly enforced.

The following items will not be collected unless they are prepared as indicated:

A. Garbage. Garbage shall be thoroughly and completely drained of all water, and placed in a nonporous plastic or metal trash can with handles. Each receptacle shall have a tight fitting cover and constructed to prevent spilling or leakage of contents, the infiltration of water, and to be vermin-proof and shall be disinfected on a regular basis. Each residential and nonresidential unit shall be entitled to use up to five (5) 32-gallon/50 pound trash cans for each collection. No receptacle loaded for collection shall weigh more than fifty (50) pounds. This includes recycling cans and any other cans the Public Works Dept. collects. Any cans that do not comply with this ordinance will be left behind until properly prepared for collection.

Please note that trash or recycling pick-up may be suspended due to heavy snowstorms. Pick-up will resume as soon as possible. Please shovel out your trashcans after a storm.

ON MONDAY HOLIDAYS, YOUR TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE, AND THE TUESDAY AFTER.

Holiday Trash Pick-Up

Thanksgiving – will be Wed., Nov. 23rd

Christmas – will be Thurs., Dec. 22nd & Tues., Dec. 27th

Martin Luther King Day – will be Fri., Jan. 13th & Tues., Jan. 17th

President's Day – will be Fri., Feb. 17th & Tues., Feb. 21st

LEAVES: Only leaves are picked up loose in the street, and only between October 1st and December 1st. Please put leaves four (4) feet from the curb. All other times of the year, leaves and yard debris are to be either bagged or put in cans and placed where your trash is collected or, if your trash is a walk-in, at the curb no earlier than 24 hours before the scheduled trash day. If you have hired a contractor for your landscaping, please notify them that they are responsible for the removal of all grass, brush, branches and any spring and fall cleaning.

BRUSH: Should be cut and tied in four (4) foot lengths and also put out with your trash or at the curb if your trash is a walk-in, no earlier than 24 hours before the scheduled trash day.

GRASS: Should be mulched and left on the lawn. We do not pick up grass. Please do not blow grass into the street. If you prefer to dispose of your grass clippings they can be taken to the Monmouth County Reclamation Center, 6000 Asbury Avenue, Tinton Falls, 732-683-8686.

BULK ITEMS: Bulk is collected along with your trash. Metal is collected separately. Please call ahead, before you put bulk out, if you will have more than just a few items.

SNOW REMOVAL: As per Borough Ordinance Chapter 161, Article IXA, during a snowstorm, do not park on the east and north sides of the streets. Within twenty-four hours of the snow stopping, move your car to the opposite side of the street. Any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance could be subject to a fine and the vehicle may be towed.

REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, AIR CONDITIONERS: There is a charge of \$25.00 for any item with Freon in it. Check is payable to the Borough of Avon. Once it is received in the Borough Office, they will notify us to pick up the item.

AVON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Doug Carter, Director

recreation@avonbytheseanj.com

Halloween Party: Monday, October 31st at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Building. There will be a costume contest, refreshments and fun for all ages.

Holiday Tree Lighting: Sunday, December 4th – Puppet Show in the Municipal Gym at 4:00 pm, tree lighting on the front lawn at 5:00 pm and a festive reception with food, music and a host of fun activities.

Christmas House Decorating Contest: Monday, December 19th at 7:00 pm.

Santa Comes to Avon: Friday, December 23rd with the help of the Avon Fire Department starting at 5:00 pm.

AVON LEISURE CITIZENS

Weekly Wednesday Meetings in the Municipal Building includes your choice of bingo or join a group for cards. Share refreshments and time with your “Leisure” neighbors. 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm, September through June.

Halloween Party Wednesday, October 26th, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm in the Municipal Building. All Leisures are welcome.

Christmas Luncheon Wednesday, December 14th, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at The Spring Lake Manor in Spring Lake Heights.

For all questions, please email the Recreation Department at recreation@avonbytheseanj.com

TAX & WATER/SEWER OFFICE, Kerry McGuigan, CTC, 732-502-4510

E-mail: kmcguigan@avonbytheseanj.com

4th Quarter 2016 Taxes will be due November 1st. Payment must be received by 11/10/16

1st Quarter 2017 Taxes will be due February 1st. Payment must be received by 2/10/17.

2nd Quarter 2017 Taxes will be due May 1st. Payment must be received by 5/10/17.

Water/Sewer Bills were due October 1st & will be due again December 1st. There is a ten (10) day grace period.

*****ALL POST-DATED CHECKS WILL BE RETURNED. PLEASE DO NOT POST-DATE CHECKS*****

ATTENTION: Anyone who uses Payment Processing Centers to pay their bills **PLEASE** be sure that you have all the proper information to identify the check, especially the Block and Lot number and/or account number. We get a lot of checks in with little or no information. If we can't identify it, it will not get properly credited to your account and you risk being charged late fees.

Our Assessor, Timothy Anfuso, has office hours on Monday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. His office is located at 605 Woodland Avenue (at the water plant). His telephone number is 732-502-4510, Ext. 239.

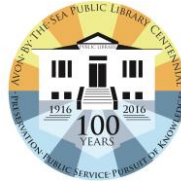
Please visit our website avonbytheseanj.com for more tax and water/sewer information!

KARL KLUG, WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

732-502-4506

Things to Remember:

- Any internal leak, small or large, can add to several gallons of wasted water. Repair all leaks promptly to avoid high bills.
- Road Opening Permits are required anytime road excavations are done. These permits can be obtained from the Borough Office.
- If you experience a sewer back up, please call the water department at 732-502-4506 during normal office hours or the Avon Police at 732-502-4500 after regular hours and holidays, before calling a sewer contractor. We will inspect the



AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY

5th & Garfield Avenues

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library@avonbytheseanj.com

Sheila M. Watson MLS Library Director

Winter Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 12-7 Tuesdays & Friday 1-5 Saturday 9-1

Special Programs:

Pajama Time Spooky Stories Wednesday October 26 6:30pm at the library.

Join us for gently scary stories, songs and a craft- wear your best pajamas!!!!!!

Celebrate the Holidays!!!!!! Wednesday December 14th 10am & 3pm -Holiday stories and songs and a special craft at the Marina building.

Story hour for 18 months-4years – Wednesdays at 10am

Come for a story, a song, and a craft- don't forget your caregiver

School Age Story hour Wednesdays at 3-3:45pm

Come for stories, crafts, homework help and fun with friends.

Ladies Who Lunch Book Club

We meet in the Children's Room the Second Monday of the Month. \$5.00 for lunch. Call the Library for next month's title.

Meet the Local Author Series:

Come for breakfast and meet and greet local authors:

Saturday November 19 at 10am

Meet the local hero behind the inspiring true story: “Beyond the Eight Foot World” Albert Pelevier, and Jayne Kelly who brought the Monmouth County legend home.

Saturday January 5 at 10am

Meet local author Chrissy Lourenco with her new book “For the Love of the Ocean” setting Avon-by-the-Sea.

The Avon Public Library was erected in 1916 a gift of Andrew Carnegie, and has been serving the Avon community for the past 100 years. Our library has a collection of over 20,000 volumes, 57 periodical titles, best sellers, and books on CD, DVD's for children and adults, ebooks from elibrarynj.com for your Kindle, android device, and ipad. The library provides one on one instruction for first time users. The library is also a member of Jerseycat an interlibrary loan service which gives us access to materials from hundreds of Public, Academic, and Special libraries throughout New Jersey- If you don't see it in our catalog: avonbythesea.follettdestiny.com- just ask and we can get it for you. The library is a wireless hotspot and an Optimum hotspot so you can bring your own device or use one of our computers- The wireless reaches to Fifth Avenue- so feel free to bring your chair and surf the net from the lawn. We will also print from your phone or mobile device. Please check our website for special program announcements, closings, and other library services.

Avon by the Sea Police Department

Terence P. Mahon, Chief of Police

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Fax (732) 775-8618

Email: avonpolice@avonpd.org

Most of the information provided below is on the www.avonpd.org website or the <http://www.avonbytheseanj.com> website. I have highlighted a few questions that are frequently asked during the winter months.

Vacant House forms may be accessed via the AVONPD.ORG webpage. It looks like this:

New! Planning on being away and would like us to be aware? Fill out this online form and we will contact you for verification [/vacant-home-or-business.html](http://vacant-home-or-business.html)

All you need to do is click on the Vacant-home link, and fill out the form online.

If you walk to police headquarters to speak to an officer, you must use the call box located under the entrance canopy at the entrance to the police department. This is located on the North side of the building. The Communications Officer will answer and provide you with the information you seek, and/or have an officer respond to police headquarters to speak with you. If you have any problems with this system, please contact Chief Terence Mahon to report the issue.

To be placed on or removed from the Reverse 911 Calling list, you can do so by going on the internet to the following web site: <https://shoreareaens.onthealert.com/Account/Login>

This is the calling system the town utilizes for large storms, and other pertinent information that we may need to get to the public quickly. The system will call house and cell phones, as well as email you. All you need to do is go to the website and set it up. When you get to the link, you will be walked through step by step.

1. **Borough Ordinance 64-12:** Dogs are not permitted on the boardwalk at any time. They are permitted on the beach between October 1st and May 1st. Dogs must be kept on a leash as well.
2. The **speed limit** within town is 25 MPH.
3. **Borough Ordinance 161-30** prohibits parking in any lane in the Borough.
4. **Borough Ordinance 123-4:** Construction may occur between the hours of 8 AM through 5 PM on Monday through Saturday. **There is no construction permitted on Sundays.** Construction is also not permitted on certain federal **HOLIDAYS. Holidays you are NOT permitted to work are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.**
5. **Borough Ordinance 161-10:** The Diagonal Parking places in the first two blocks from the Beachfront will change back to **Parallel Parking on November 15th.**
6. **Borough Ordinance 161-26.1:** When snow is expected, please move all vehicles to the south & west sides of the streets until the plows have cleaned out the other sides. Once the other side is clear, you should move your vehicle back so the plows may clean the rest of the streets.
7. **Borough Ordinance 142-16:** It is the responsibility of the Owner or Tenant of a residence to remove the snow from the sidewalks. If the sidewalks are icy, it is the owner/tenant's responsibility to put sand or salt down on the ice.

These Ordinances have been in effect for a number of years, and in the past we have issued warnings prior to summonses for vehicles left on street without moving during the times of snow. The Police Department will be tightening up this enforcement and will be issuing more summonses for these violations. If you have a problem and for some reason are unable to move your vehicle, you must contact the Police Department right away. If you contact us after a summons has been issued, there is nothing that can be done about the summons through the Police Department. At this point you will have to go to the Municipal Court on your assigned court date to explain your circumstances.

Please feel free to contact police headquarters @ (732) 502-4500 if you have any questions, or check out our webpage at www.avonpd.org. Each officer has an email link on the web page, so you may contact the officers via email as well.

It is imperative that you report any suspicious activity to the police department as it is occurring. Calling us at a later date or time puts the department at a real disadvantage. We would rather you call and we investigate to learn that everything is in order, rather than you not call and we find out later that a crime has occurred.

AVON MUNICIPAL COURT
732-775-1690
Office Hours 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

The Avon Municipal Court Office is located in the Neptune City Borough Hall, 106 West Sylvania Avenue in Neptune City. Our court sessions are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Neptune City Courtroom.

Judge Capotorto would like to remind everyone that **angle parking in most areas in town ends on November 15th**. Please remember to **WATCH THE "SIGNS" NOT THE "LINES"**.

Daylight savings time will soon be ending and we have school buses on our local streets before it is light and after dark. Please remember to stop your vehicle until all children are safely on the bus or on the sidewalk. In addition to ensuring the safety of our children, **it's the law.**

CONSTRUCTION/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Mr. Richard Connors is our Construction Official, Zoning Official and Building Inspector. Mr. Connors issues the Certificates of Occupancy for new construction. Inspections can be scheduled on Tuesday's and Thursday's between 7:30 am-10:00 am He is available Monday-Friday at 732-502-4510, Ext. 229. His e-mail rconnors@avonbytheseanj.com

Please call the Borough Office at 732-502-4510 to schedule inspections and to leave messages for any of the inspectors. You may also e-mail at ssullivan@avonbytheseanj.com

Our Fire Official is Tony Vecchio. His hours vary weekly. Mr. Vecchio does Certificates of Occupancy for sales and rentals. Mr. Vecchio's phone number is 732-502-4518. His e-mail is firebureau@avonbytheseanj.com Please be advised that all owners or landlords who rent or lease any apartment, cottage, rooms or single family homes, not registered as a Rooming House or Hotel must obtain a Certificate of Occupancy and inspection prior to leasing or renting same. A Certificate of Occupancy is required for ALL winter, summer and year round rentals. All applications may be picked up at the Borough Municipal Building. Failure to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy is punishable by a \$1,250.00 fine and appearance in court. Any questions, please contact Tony Vecchio.

Almost any building, electrical or plumbing work, or anything coming under the fire code require permits. If you are not sure if you need a permit, please call the Borough Office **before** beginning any type of construction.

Other Information Concerning Construction permits:

1. The laws requiring new home builders to be registered and contractors in the various trades, such as plumbing and electrical work, to be licensed were adopted to protect homeowners and homebuyers. If you are signing this Certification to provide cover to an unlicensed homebuilder or contractor, you are forfeiting the protection afforded to you under the law. The contractor that you have hired may or may not be qualified. And if you encounter problems with this contractor, the government will not be able to help you because you signed the Certification indicating that you are performing the work yourself.

In the case of the construction of a new home, you are forfeiting your right to a new home warranty. Every new home builder in New Jersey is required to be registered with the State and to give a warranty to each purchaser. The warranty covers almost all defects in workmanship or materials, including appliances, for the first year; plumbing, mechanical (heating and air conditioning), and electrical systems for the first two years; and major structural defects for ten years. Further, the warranty will actually pay for the correction of defects if the builder fails or refuses to do so. By signing the Certification, you are giving up that protection.

2. You are violating the criminal laws of this State if you sign the Certification indicating that you are doing the work yourself when, in fact, you are paying someone else to do it.

AVON-BY-THE-SEA FIRST AID & SAFETY SQUAD **732-502-4519**

The Avon-by-the-Sea First Aid & Safety Squad is a private, non-profit organization that provides emergency medical and rescue services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for the Borough of Avon and neighboring communities when needed. The Squad answers more than 400 calls for emergency services each year. It has provided these services since 1931. The Squad is staffed entirely by volunteer EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians). All EMT training is provided at no cost to the volunteers. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. You must be at least 16 years of age to begin training as an EMT. If you would like to visit the Squad building and find out more about the Squad, you can call 732-502-4519.

We do not charge for any service we provide. The Squad relies upon your generous donations to help pay for our ambulances, fuel, vehicle maintenance, building utilities, first aid supplies, equipment, and training. Our major fund-raisers are the annual "Avon 5K Run/Walk" in June and the Fund Drive mailing in July.

Your cooperation is appreciated in taking the following steps to help us assist you in an emergency:

- 1) Display house numbers in a well lit & visible location,
- 2) Keep a list of current medications, medical problems & physician's name handy,
- 3) Write down phone numbers, "in case of emergency", & post them by your phone.

AVON-BY-THE-SEA FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Santa run for 2016 will be held on Dec 23rd as usual. The drop boxes will be at Bing's Deli and the Borough office. Forms can be picked up in advance at both locations. Packages must be labeled and dropped off at the above locations or taken to Avon Firehouse no later than 1:00 pm on the afternoon of the 23rd.

Avon FD Famous Clam Chowder will be sold as a fundraiser this winter. Look for more information to come. Details and phone orders will be taken by calling 732-774-9602.

The Fire Department urges all residents to change the batteries in all Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Alarms once a year. Depending on the make and model, the life span of older detectors can be as short as five to seven years. Remember to check the manufacturing date on the detector when changing the battery and replace according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

Avon Office of Emergency Management **Ken Child, Coordinator, Steven Kegelman, CFM Coordinator** **732-502-4510** **avonoem@gmail.com**

The Avon-By-The-Sea Office of Emergency Management manages the Emergency Notification System that allows the Borough to notify residents of issues that may impact the community, or of impending storms. Residents are encouraged to register for the system by logging into: <https://shoreareaens.onthealert.com> and providing your contact information, including home and cell phone numbers, to ensure that you are informed of important information.

The Office of Emergency Management, along with the Building Department, is proud to announce the Borough is now a FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) Community. The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participating communities. The goals of the CRS are to reduce flood damages to insurable property, strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management. Under the program, credit points are given for all activities conducted above and beyond the minimum requirements of the NFIP. The activities are organized under 4 main categories: Public Information, Mapping and Regulation, Flood Damage Reduction, and Flood Preparedness.

The CRS uses a class rating system that is similar to fire insurance rating to determine flood insurance premium reductions for residents. CRS classes are rated from 10 to 1. Most communities enter the program at a Class 9 rating, which entitles residents in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) to a 5 percent discount on their flood insurance premiums. As of October 1, 2016 the Borough has entered into the system with Class 6 rating. This rating entitles anyone with a Flood Insurance Policy in a Flood Zone to a 20% discount in your insurance premium. Policies written for the X zone will receive a 10% discount. If you would like more information regarding this new program please call Borough Hall at the number above.

Avon Flood Map and Mitigation Services: The first thing you should do is check what your flood risk is at your location. Flood protection references are available at the Avon Public Library and Borough Hall. You can also visit the Office of Emergency Management or Building Department at Borough Hall to see if you are in a mapped floodplain. If so, we are available to meet with you to discuss ways to mitigate from future floods and potentially lower your flood insurance premium. If requested, we will visit a property to review its past flood problems and explain ways to stop future flooding or prevent flood damage. We are also available to review and explain your elevation certificate and we can also review your insurance policy to ensure your premium is properly rated. Call the Department at 732-502-4510. This service is free.

The Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management has developed a new tiered coastal evacuation plan named **KNOW YOUR ZONE**. This plan identifies specific coastal evacuation zones (A, B, C and D) which helps emergency management officials target evacuation orders to those areas that are at the most risk, based upon threat, strength, direction and forecasted storm surge. The public outreach and educational program, **Know Your Zone**, is designed to educate residents, businesses and visitors on the coastal evacuation zone in which they live, work or vacation. Borough residents and businesses are urged to visit <http://www.mcsonj.org/knowyourzone> and enter their address in the Find Your Zone here tab to find their zone. Once the address is entered, you will be prompted to download a brochure that explains the program, the different types of evacuations, and instructions of what to do to prepare for evacuation in the event that becomes necessary.

Avon's Women's Club

The Avon Women's Club is comprised of members from Avon, Bradley Beach and surrounding communities. We meet at 12 noon on the 1st Monday of the month at the Avon Marina at 2 Main St. The building is handicap and senior friendly. We have lunch, discussion and engaging speakers. Offered are small trips, crafts, socials, book club & a Christmas luncheon. The year culminates in June with a major charity fundraiser. New members are welcome to be our guest. Contact Jean Moretto-732-774-8086

This concludes our Fall/Winter newsletter. The Board of Commissioners and Employees of the Borough of Avon wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.