

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

In compiling this newsletter for the 2010/2011 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. We are always interested in your comments and suggestions and we look forward to seeing you there.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
Timothy M. Gallagher, RMC, Clerk/Administrator
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Please check out our website at www.avonbytheseanj.com This is the only "official" website. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions you have as to the content, ease of use, etc.

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.

FLU SHOTS: Flu shots will be given on Oct. 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Municipal Building. You can also call the Borough office for other dates in other nearby towns if you are unable to make our clinic.

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, 2011 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. 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., 732-502-4520
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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 AND 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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. Newspapers must be tied in bundles. We do not pick up residential cardboard, junk mail or magazines. You may bring cardboard, junk mail and magazines to the recycling center if you wish. We do pick up cardboard from businesses only.

The **recycling drop off center** is located at the Public Works Yard. It is **open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 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) 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 732-922-2234 for appointments and directions.

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, etc.

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.

Holiday Pick-Up: Thanksgiving - Trash Pick-up will be Wed., Nov. 24th
Christmas – Trash Pick-Up will be Wed., Dec. 22nd
New Year's – Trash Pick-Up will be Tues., Jan. 4th

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

ALL GARBAGE MUST BE IN 32 GALLON CANS WITH LIDS, AND NO HEAVIER THAN 50 LBS., PER BOROUGH ORDINANCE!

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, 732-922-2234.

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 (732-502-4517 or avonrec@optonline.net)

Swing, Salsa and Tango Dance Classes: Join us at the Avon Pavilion, learn to dance, and have fun while enjoying the ocean view. Classes will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday nights through November 25th at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Fee is \$10 per person per class; singles and couples welcome. For more info, call 732-312-2879.

Basketball and Fall Fashion Sign-ups:

Sign-ups for grades K-8 will be held on Wednesday, October 13th and Monday, October 18th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Avon Municipal Building Conference Room (entrance located on the west side of the Municipal building). Registration forms can also be accessed at www.avonbytheseanj.com / Recreation / Sports (form can be mailed with check payable to ARC to 301 Main Street, Avon by the Sea).

Basketball: Registration fee is \$35 (shirt included for Grades 3 and up). All clinics will commence on Saturday, January 8, 2010 in the Avon Municipal Gym, as follows:

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Kindergarten (Boys and Girls)
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Grade 1 and 2 Girls
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Grade 1 and 2 Boys

Grades 3 through 8 practices will commence the second week of November in the Avon Municipal Gym. Games will commence in mid December (date to be confirmed). A Coaches' meeting is set for Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Gym Conference Room. Anyone interested in coaching, please plan to attend.

Fashion Workshop: A 6-week after school program for Grades K through 8. Classes are scheduled on Wednesday, November 3, 10, and 17 and December 1, 8 and 15 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Avon Elementary School. Registration fee is \$60 and there is a 25 student maximum.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Halloween Party: Sunday, October 31st at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All residents are invited to enjoy refreshments and costume and pumpkin carving contests. Bring your carved pumpkin to the Municipal Building by 5:00 p.m. on 10/31 for judging at the party (*battery operated candles only, no exceptions*).

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

Holiday House Decorating Contest: Monday, December 13th at 5:00 p.m. – get out those decorations and get busy!

Santa Comes to Avon: Thursday, December 23rd with the help of the Avon Fire Dept. starting at 5:00 p.m.

AVON LEISURE CITIZENS:

Weekly Wednesday Socials in the Municipal Building include your choice of Bingo, Rumikub, join a group for cards, or bring a game. Share refreshments and time with your "Leisure" neighbors 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m., September through May.

Halloween Party: Wed., October 27th, 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All Leisures welcome.

Holiday Luncheon: Wednesday, December 8th, 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. at The Mill at Spring Lake Heights. For more information about Leisure Citizens, contact Pam Carter at 732-502-4517 or avonrec@optonline.net

Recreation needs volunteers to help with set-up / clean-up for our Halloween and Holiday events Please contact the Recreation Department if interested

TAX & WATER/SEWER OFFICE, Kerry McGrath, CTC, 732-502-4510 x 233

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Property taxes are will be due November 1st, February 1st, and May 1st. There is a ten (10) day grace period.

Water Bills will be due October 1st & December 1st. There is a ten (10) day grace period. The next water/sewer bill will be mailed in March and due April 1st and June 1st.

ATTENTION: Anyone who uses Payment Processing Centers to pay their bills **PLEASE** be sure that you have the proper information to identify the check. ******NEW****** **We will be upgrading our utility billing software. As a result, the Block and Lot numbers will no longer appear on your water/sewer bill. Please change the memo portion of your online check to reflect the service address 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 borough's main and let you know if a contractor is needed.

AVON-BY-THE-SEA POLICE DEPART, EMT, Chief Terence Mahon
(732) 502-4500, Fax (732) 775-8618
Email: avonpolice@avonpd.org

The Main Street (Highway #71) Bridge between Avon & Belmar is scheduled to close down to vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Friday October 8, 2010. Please take this into account and leave plenty of time to get to places south of Avon. The bridge is scheduled to be closed at least seven months. This is for work to be done to the bridge by the State.

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.

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 **HOLIDAYS**.
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.

Please feel free to contact police headquarters @ (732) 502-4500 if you have any questions, or check out our webpage at www.avonpd.org. 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, Alfred J. D'Auria, Municipal Judge
Dorothy Reibrich, Court Administrator, 732-502-4515

Court sessions are held in the Neptune City Courtroom, 106 W. Sylvania Avenue in Neptune City. The Avon Municipal Court has changed our court sessions to the First and Third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

Judge D'Auria 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

The Construction Official is Paul Orlando. The Building Inspector is Charles Gimbel. Mr. Orlando issues the C.O.'s for new construction. Mr. Orlando, Mr. Gimbel and the Plumbing Inspector, Mr. Allen Gaestel are in on Tuesday's & Thursday's between 7:00 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. The Electrical Inspector, Mr. Chet Phillips is in on Tuesday's & Thursday's between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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. 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.

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 avonboro@optonline.net

AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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732 502-4525

Sheila M. Watson MLS Library Director
avonlibrary@optonline.net

Library Winter Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 12-7, Tuesday & Friday 1-5, Saturdays 9-1

The Avon Public Library was erected as a gift from Andrew Carnegie in 1916, one of only 17 Carnegie Libraries in New Jersey. The Avon Public Library has a collection of over 20,000 books, 57 periodical titles for borrowing, best sellers, books on CD, Children's and classic DVDs, with remote and on site access to over 800 academic and Public Libraries in New Jersey through www.jerseycat.org. For 24/7 service try www.qandanj.org for all of your reference questions by connecting to a reference librarian. Use your Avon Public Library barcode number **24050** when you are using these websites from home. The Library also offers Ebscohost, the world's largest on line database. Use

www.search.epnet.com enter the id: **avonstudent** and the password: **bythesea** and get full text access to over 2000 periodicals in areas of general interest, business, health, and images. For health issues please visit www.healthynj.org. We also subscribe to heritage quest, an ancestry database to help you begin your genealogy searches. Log in to heritagequestonline.com with id: **avonstudent** and password: **bythesea**. We offer training at the Library in using these services. The Library has high speed internet access for our patrons and we are now a wireless hotspot, which allows access to the internet 24/7. We are accessible to the handicapped and offer delivery of books for the homebound.

Story hour for 4-7 years Wednesdays 10:00-10:45 a.m. & Story hour for 2-3 years Wednesdays 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please call the library to register for these programs.

The Library does take book donations at the shed located at the railroad tracks at the end of Washington Avenue. Please box all donations and place the boxes as far back as possible. The shed is kept in order by a dedicated volunteer who would appreciate your cooperation.

Avon-by-the-Sea First Aid & Safety Squad

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.

You can request our assistance during an emergency by calling 911 or by calling the Avon-by-the-Sea Police Department at 732-502-4500.

FLOODS HAPPEN ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

Flood Hazard: Avon-By-The-Sea is subject to serious flooding conditions from the ocean and the Shark River during hurricanes and other high-tide storms. Detailed flood insurance maps showing the 100-year flood plain in which we are located are on file for your inspection at the Borough Office, 301 Main Street. An extensive collection of flood-related materials are available on loan from the library. In addition, many free publications may be obtained.

Flood Warning: The municipal siren system will be used during a major emergency. Listen for the alert signal (steady) for 3 minutes. The same alert for storm or flood warning will be sounded. For information on weather advisories, listen to the Cable Weather Channel #61 or 62, Cable Channel #12, Cable Channel #34 or turn your radio to WJLK 94.3 FM and WCVU 107.1 FM.

For information and advisories during the emergency, please call the following telephone numbers of the Office of Emergency Management: **732-502-4510, 732-502-4511, 732-502-4512 and 732-502-4522.** Please **DO NOT** call Police Headquarters for information, **ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES.**

The evacuation route will be Ocean Avenue to Sylvania Avenue then west to Route 35 in Neptune City.

Flood Safety: The safety of your family is of the utmost importance! To be well informed about an approaching storm, keep a battery-powered radio tuned to a local station, as listed above and follow all emergency instructions. **IF EVACUATION IS ORDERED, DO SO IMMEDIATELY; DON'T WAIT!** In the event of a storm warning or advisory, immediately bring outdoor furniture and other possessions inside or tie them down securely. Be sure you have a full tank of gasoline and stock the car with nonperishable canned goods, with a can opener, a container of water, a first aid kit and any special medication needed by the family. If time permits, turn off the main power switch and shut off the main gas valve.

Flood Insurance: Your homeowner's insurance policy does **NOT** cover losses due to flooding. Avon-By-The-Sea has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since its inception and flood insurance is available for almost any enclosed building and its contents.

Maximum insurance on a one-family dwelling is \$250,000 and \$100,000 for household contents. Non-residential and business property is also eligible for insurance in various amounts.

Flood insurance is mandatory if the building is subject to any federally guaranteed financing and reduced rates are available depending on your lowest floor elevation above mean sea level, plus a variety of deductible amounts. **We urge you to inquire about flood insurance coverage from your insurance agent. A waiting period of 30 days may apply.**

Property Protection: Since parts of Avon are in the Special Flood Hazard Zone, you should be aware that the question is not if we will have a flood, but when, how often and how deep. There are various techniques that can be used to flood proof existing structures and thereby reduce or eliminate the potential of future flood damage. If you are contemplating any construction, you must contact the Code Enforcement office to determine what special land use and building regulations are in effect to comply with federal flood standards. This information is available to anyone without cost.

Development Permits: All new construction and renovation projects are required to have local permits and depending on the type and location of a project, various state permits may be required also. Always check with local code enforcement officials, a local engineer, or land surveyor, before purchasing property in Avon to determine what special regulations are in effect relating to the location in the Special Flood Hazard Zone. If you observe any apparent illegal construction, please notify the Avon Code Enforcement division for their investigation.

Drainage System Maintenance: The Avon Department of Public Works maintains the drainage system by regular cleaning of the catch basins in the Borough. If you observe a catch basin that does not appear to drain properly, please report it to Public Works at 502-4520. In addition, the Borough has ordinances prohibiting the placement in any gutter, or any other drainage way, anything that would block the flow of water and cause flooding. This includes debris, litter or vegetative waste, including grass clippings and leaves.

Clean Streets and Clean Beaches Mean Clean Water: 1. Remove all litter from the beach, including cigarette butts, before you leave so it will not end up in the ocean. 2. Pets are not allowed on the boardwalk at anytime. You may walk your dogs on the beach between October 1st and May 1st. Pet owners must obey the "Pooper Scooper" law by cleaning up pet waste and putting it in the trash. Pet waste that remains on the ground washes into the river and ocean where we all swim! 3. Litter, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and anti-freeze all pollute and kill. Dispose of them properly, never in the street.

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.