

**MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, Timothy M. Gallagher, RMC, Clerk/Administrator**  
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**www.avonbytheseanj.com**

In compiling this newsletter for the 2013/2014 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.

**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, 2014 you must get your pet re-vaccinated before you can obtain a license.

You may walk your dog on the beach October 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. 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!

**Grants: Grant Coordinator-Barbara Suchecki**

**Sylvan Lake:** In May the Borough received a \$ 383,130 grant from the US Dept. of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the dredging of Sylvan Lake to remove and dispose of storm deposited sediment.

**Riverfront Park and Marina:** The Borough received approval for a \$250,000 Monmouth County Open Space Grant to be used to establish the park and offset the cost of the building. In addition, we were awarded a Monmouth County Community Development Block grant in the amount of \$132,841 that will be used towards the bathrooms, elevator and handicap access components of the building. The Borough also received a \$300,000 grant from the NJ DOT IBoatNJ program for the bulkhead at the marina.

**Volunteer Park:** In January, the Borough was awarded \$100,000 from the Monmouth County Municipal Open Space grant program for improvements to the park. These improvements include resurfacing the tennis courts, adding handicap accessible walkways, fencing and a mini basketball court.

**Hurricane Sandy Temporary Worker Grant:** In November 2012, the Borough was approved for a Temporary Worker Grant that provided for the reimbursement of salaries paid to temporary workers hired from the County to help with clean up and restoration after the storm. To date, the Borough has been reimbursed over \$70,000 for these employees.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, Jeff Bramhall, Supt.**  
**E-mail: avondpw@aol.com**

STREET SWEEPING WILL BE ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. The North and East sides of the street will be swept on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The South and West sides of the street will be swept on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

**WE ARE NOW COLLECTING RECYCLING IN THE SINGLE STREAM METHOD.**

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. 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), 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:**

**Columbus Day – will be Fri., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> & Tues., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Veteran’s Day – will be Fri., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> & Tues., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving – will be Wed., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas – will be Fri., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>  
New Years Recycling Pick-Up - will be Fri, Jan., 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**LEAVES:** Only leaves are picked up loose in the street, and only between October 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. 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**  
**(732-502-4517 or avonrec@optonline.net)**

**Basketball Sign-ups:**

Sign-ups for grades K-8 will be held on Tuesday, October 8th and Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 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](http://www.avonbytheseanj.com) / Recreation / Sports (form can be mailed with check payable to ARC to 301 Main Street, Avon by the Sea).

Registration fee is \$35 (shirt included for Grades 3 and up). All clinics will commence on Saturday, January 4, 2014 in the Avon Municipal Gym, as follows:

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Kindergarten (Boys and Girls)

8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Grade 1 and 2 Girls

9:45 – 10:45 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).

**Ice Skating at the Avon Pond:**

Registration fee is \$35. Skate badges will be sold from 5:30-7:00 pm on Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> in the conference room at the rear of the Municipal Building. Following these two evening badge sale nights, badges will be on sale daily at the Avon Borough Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In previous years, the Avon Pond has opened on December 24th and operated until March 7th. Although the rink is weather dependent, it will likely operate in a similar time frame this season. The Avon Pond daily schedule will be maintained at [www.avonpond.org](http://www.avonpond.org). The Avon Pond will offer general skating sessions as well as “pond hockey” time slots. Thursday nights will be reserved for men’s hockey and Friday nights will host an evening general skate session. Anyone interested in volunteering at the rink, email to “[volunteers@avonpond.org](mailto:volunteers@avonpond.org)”

**Upcoming Events:**

**Halloween Party:** Thursday, 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 1<sup>st</sup> – Puppet Show in the Municipal Gym at 4:00 pm, 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 9th at 5pm – get out those decorations and get busy!

**Santa Come to Avon:** Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> with the help of the Avon Fire Dept. starting at 5:00 pm.

**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 3:30pm, September through May.

**Halloween Party:** Wed, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon to 3:30pm in the Municipal Building. All Leisures welcome.

**Holiday Luncheon:** Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm at The Spring Lake Manor.

For more information about Leisure Citizens, contact Pam Carter at 732-502-4517 or [avonrec@optonline.net](mailto:avonrec@optonline.net)

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

**E-mail: [avontaxandws@aol.com](mailto:avontaxandws@aol.com)**

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

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

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

Our Assessor, Timothy Anfusio, 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](http://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.

**\*\*\*\*\*Please make sure to winterize your home and outside plumbing\*\*\*\*\***

**AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY, Sheila M. Watson, MLS Library Director**

**5<sup>th</sup> & Garfield Aves, 732 502-4525**

**[avonlibrary@optonline.net](mailto:avonlibrary@optonline.net)**

**Boxed book donations may be put in the library shed located behind the municipal building south side against the railroad tracks.**

**Winter Hours: Second Monday in September-Second Monday in June**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 12-7; Tuesday & Friday 1-5; Saturdays 9-1

**Story hour for 4-7 years Wednesdays 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm**

**Story hour for 18 months-3 years Wednesdays 10:00 am**

The Avon Public Library's mission is to serve the public by providing information and materials to meet the educational, personal, and entertainment needs of the community. The library offers over 20,000 titles for loan, including best sellers, classic novels, book club choices and children's titles. We have a collection of over 300 DVD

movies in the adult and children's area, and over 3,000 books on CD. We are a member of Jerseycat the statewide interlibrary loan service which allows access to over 580 libraries. The Avon Public Library was erected in 1916 and is one of only four Carnegie Libraries in Monmouth County, and one of seventeen in the State of New Jersey. The Library is handicapped accessible, has five public access computers, and is a WI-FI hotspot that provides internet connectivity out to the street-Please feel free to bring your laptop or ipad and use our connection during off hours. For our e readers- the library- offers free ebooks and audio books for download loan for kindle, ipad, nook, and android, itouch, smartphone or ipod. Please call the library for your AVPL number, and then log on to elibrarynj.com. Your next ebook is only a click away. The library offers many on line services such as Jerseyclicks: a one stop website for all your informational needs, Ebscohost for homework and professional reference, and Newsbank which provides The Star Ledger and the Obituary database. Please check our website for instruction on how to access these tools from home. We do provide home delivery for our patrons who are homebound. Please call us and we will be happy to arrange it for you. Please check our webpage for upcoming special programs.

**Annual Book Fair:** November 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4PM. Thanks to the Fire Dept. we found a home at the firehouse! We would love volunteers. Please call the library to sign up.

**AVON-BY-THE-SEA POLICE DEPARTMENT, Terence P. Mahon, Chief of Police**  
**(732) 502-4500, Fax (732) 775-8618**  
**Email: [avonpolice@avonpd.org](mailto:avonpolice@avonpd.org)**

Most of the information provided below is on the [www.avonpd.org](http://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.

**NEW!** Planning on being away and would like us to be aware? Go to [avonpolice@avonpd.org](mailto:avonpolice@avonpd.org) and click on this link [/vacant-home-or-business.html](#) and fill out the online form and we will contact you for verification.

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 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 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>**.
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](http://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, Alfred J. D'Auria, Municipal Judge**

**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 D'Auria would like to remind everyone that **angle parking in most areas in town ends on November 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 will be serving in the capacity as our Construction Official, Zoning Official and Building Inspector. Mr. Connors issues the Certificates of Occupancy for new construction. Mr. Connor's inspections can be scheduled Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 7:00 am – 9:00 am. He is available Monday-Friday at 732-502-4510, Ext. 229.

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](mailto:avonboro@optonline.net)

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.

**Avon Office of Emergency Management**

**Ken Child, Coordinator, Steven Kegelman, Dept. Coordinator**

**732-502-4510**

**avonoem@gmail.com**

The Office continues to focus on the recovery efforts related to Hurricane Sandy. Currently we have one full time employee who is tasked with working with our County, State and Federal response and recovery partners. If you have any Sandy or flood related questions please contact the office.

**Monmouth County Mitigation Plan Update**

The Monmouth County hazard mitigation plan describes the hazards that can occur in a community and the risks that these hazards pose, and then presents a list of actions and projects that the community would like to do to reduce these risks. The project list is known as a "mitigation strategy." Natural disasters cannot be prevented from occurring. But, if we tackle some of the biggest risks with hazard mitigation projects, a little at a time, we can be



safer the next time one happens and eventually, the ‘disasters’ won’t have such a big impact on us. A good example of this might be in the case of flooding – if you have four feet of water in a residential area, you have a big problem and people are going to be recovering for months or years afterward. But if you have four feet of water on an empty lot, or in a neighborhood where the homes are elevated, things get back to normal fairly quickly. The flood ends up being less of a ‘disaster’, and more of a nuisance. That’s what the goal is of hazard mitigation and hazard mitigation planning – to mitigate wherever we can so that our *hazards* don’t become *disasters*.

The Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for Monmouth County was prepared between 2007 and 2009 to meet the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (or “DMA 2000”). This Act requires all states and local governments to have a hazard mitigation plan in order to be able to apply for certain types of FEMA mitigation project grants. Development of the first plan was led by the County, under a FEMA planning grant that covered the costs of its development. Though it wasn’t required, Monmouth County used what FEMA calls a ‘multi-jurisdictional’ approach for the plan – meaning that instead of it just being a plan for the County government, every municipality was invited to participate as equal partners with the County. This opened the door for all municipalities to be able to apply to FEMA for hazard mitigation project grants, including monies that became available under recent Federal disaster declarations for Hurricane Irene, the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee, and of course - Superstorm Sandy. The Borough is part of this process and continues to work with the County during this update. More information about the project is maintained on the County Sheriff’s Office web site at: [www.mcsonj.org/Sections-read-144.html](http://www.mcsonj.org/Sections-read-144.html)

Another project we are working on through the County OEM and NJ State Police is called Register Ready. This is an on-line tracking system that allows our residents to register with the State Police if they may need assistance with evacuating during storms or other emergencies. This program is computer-based and allows the local OEM to print out a list of our residents that may need assistance. You can find details about the program on the internet at [www.registerready.nj.gov](http://www.registerready.nj.gov).

The Avon-By-The-Sea Office of Emergency Management is always available to answer your questions or concerns regarding emergency preparedness for both the Borough and your family.

Avon Flood Map Services: The first thing you should do is check your flood hazard. Flood protection references are available at the Avon Public Library. You can also visit the Office of Emergency Management or Building Department Borough Hall to see if you are in a mapped floodplain. If so, we can give you more information, such as depth of flooding over a building’s first floor and past flood problems in the area. If requested, we will visit a property to review its flood problem and explain ways to stop flooding or prevent flood damage. Call the Department at 732-502-4510. This service is free.

Monmouth University Polling Institute is conducting a survey in regards to the recovery efforts as result of Hurricane Sandy. They are interested in knowing if you are or were displaced as a result of the storm and your overall impression of the recovery efforts. This information will also be beneficial to the Borough as we continue to look for areas to improve in regards to recovery. The survey can be found at: [www.monmouthpoll.org/sandy](http://www.monmouthpoll.org/sandy). If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact Tim Tracey at 732-263-5860 or [polling@monmouth.edu](mailto:polling@monmouth.edu).

**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 2013 will be held on Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 afternoon of the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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 732-988-3900.

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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY – 732-774-1619**

[www.avonbytheseahistory.org](http://www.avonbytheseahistory.org)

**Historical Plaques:** New for 2014 will be the Historic House Recognition Project. First plaques will be awarded in March, 2014.

**Avon School Programs:** The annual 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade trivia contest and 6<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirt art design contest will now take place in March.

**Annual Fundraiser:** The Russ Hinman Memorial Golf classic fundraiser will take place on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Jumping Brook Country Club.

**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.**