

**FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER 2015-2016**

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In compiling this newsletter for the 2015/2016 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 now holding the meetings in the new 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, 2016 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!

**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, located at the Public Works Yard, is closed until further notice. A temporary drop off center is located at the Public Works yard on South Station & Jefferson Aves. 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**

**Thanksgiving – will be Wed., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas – will be Wed., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Martin Luther King Day – will be Fri., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> & Tues., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**President's Day – will be Fri., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> & Tues., Feb. 16<sup>th</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**  
**avonrec@optonline.net**

#### **Basketball:**

All clinics will commence on Saturday, December 5, 2015 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 \$40. Skate badges will be sold from 5:30-7:00 pm on Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 during the last week in December until the beginning of March. 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. Anyone interested in volunteering at the rink, email to “[info@avonpond.org](mailto:info@avonpond.org)”

#### **Upcoming Events:**

***Recreation needs volunteers to help with set-up / clean-up for our Holiday Tree Lighting event. Please contact the Recreation Department if you can help out!***

**Halloween Party:** Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 October 31<sup>st</sup> for judging at the party **(Battery operated candles only, no exceptions)**

**Holiday Tree Lighting:** Sunday, December 6<sup>th</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 7<sup>th</sup> at 5p.m. – get out those decorations and get busy!

**Santa Comes to Avon:** Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 3:30pm, September through May.

**Holiday Luncheon:** Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm at The Spring Lake Manor.

For more information about Leisure Citizens, email [avonrec@optonline.net](mailto:avonrec@optonline.net)

**TAX & WATER/SEWER OFFICE, Kerry McGuigan, CTC**

Karl Klug, Water/Sewer Superintendent  
732-502-4510 or [avontaxandws@aol.com](mailto:avontaxandws@aol.com)

**Property Taxes:** due November 1<sup>st</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a ten (10) grace period.

**Water/Sewer Bills** will be due October 1<sup>st</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a ten (10) day grace period.

**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](http://avonbytheseanj.com) for more tax and water/sewer information!

**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 PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**SHEILA M. WATSON MLS LIBRARY DIRECTOR**  
732 502-4525 or [avonlibrary@optonline.net](mailto:avonlibrary@optonline.net)

**Winter Hours: Second Monday in September-Second Monday in June**  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 12-7, Tuesday & Friday 1-5, Saturdays 9-1

**Special Programs:**

**Halloween Spook-TACLAR, Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:15 pm at the Avon Marina.**

**Celebration!!! Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Holiday stories, songs, and special crafts.**

**Story Hour for 18 months - 4 years, Wednesdays at 10:00 am.** Come for a story, and song, a craft-don't forget to bring your caregiver!!

**Story Hour for School Age, Wednesdays at 3:00 pm.** Come for a story, a craft, a snack and some books!!

**Ladies Who Lunch Book Club.** Second Monday of the month at 12:00 noon. We meet in the Children's Book Room of the Library. \$5.00 for lunch.

The Library will be celebrating our Centennial in the year 2016 - watch our website for information about the special events we are planning for the year. Join us in our goal to have 100% of Avon residents to have a library card for our hundredth year-**your library wants you!!!** From infants to seniors come and visit today!

The Avon Public Library was erected as a gift from Andrew Carnegie in 1916, one of only 17 Carnegie Libraries in New Jersey and one of four in Monmouth County. The Avon Public Library has a collection of over 20,000 books, 57 periodical titles for borrowing, best sellers, books on CD, DVD's for children and adults, and e-books to check

out from home using your library card and the elibrarynj.com website for your Kindle, Nook, and I-pad. The library provides one-on-one instruction for first time users of the e-book service. The library is also a member of Jerseycat, the State wide Interlibrary Loan Database, which gives access to materials to borrow from Public and Academic Libraries throughout New Jersey. The library is a wireless hotspot and an Optimum hotspot and the connection reaches Fifth Avenue so you may access the Internet 24/7 - bring your chair, sit on the lawn, and feel free to surf the net. Please visit our website for new programs and updates.

**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.avonbytheseanjanj.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 the following **FEDERAL HOLIDAYS:** 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 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.

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](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 is our Construction Official, Zoning Official and Building Inspector. Mr. Connors issues the Certificates of Occupancy for new construction. Inspections can be scheduled Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 7:30 am – 9:30 am. He is available Monday-Friday at 732-502-4510, Ext. 229. His e-mail is [code.avonbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:code.avonbythesea@gmail.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 [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.

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.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015, THE NEW LANDLORD REGISTRATION GOES INTO EFFECT. ANYONE WHO RENTS RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL SPACE WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER. THE FORM WILL BE MAILED TO ANYONE KNOWN TO US TO BE A LANDLORD. IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE A FORM IN THE MAIL, YOU CAN PICK ONE UP IN THE BOROUGH OFFICE. REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY AND FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN FINES.**

**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 fundraisers 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 2015 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 the 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 732-774-9602.

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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY – 732-774-1619**  
**[www.avonbytheseahistory.org](http://www.avonbytheseahistory.org), [facebook.com/avonbytheseahistoryNJ](https://www.facebook.com/avonbytheseahistoryNJ)**

**Avon School Programs:** The 6<sup>th</sup> grade T-Shirt Design Contest and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Trivia Contest will be held in March.

**May-June:** New for 2016 – Scholarship programs.

**Annual Fundraiser:** The Russ Hinman Memorial Golf Classic will take place on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Jumping Brook Country Club.

**Avon Office of Emergency Management**  
**Ken Child, Coordinator, Steven Kegelman, Dept. Coordinator**  
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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: [www.shoreareaens.onthealert.com](http://www.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 is always available to answer your questions or concerns regarding emergency preparedness for both the Borough and your family.

We would like to remind you that Preparing for Your Pets Makes Sense. Get Ready Now.

**1. Prepare: Get a Pet Emergency Supply Kit.**

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival, particularly food, medication and water. Consider two kits. In one, put everything you and your pets will need to stay where you are. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you and your pets have to get away.

**2. Plan: What You Will Do in an Emergency.**

Be prepared to assess the situation. Use whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and ensure your pet's safety during an emergency. Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the emergency the first important decision is whether you stay put or get away. You should understand and plan for both possibilities. Use common sense and the information you are learning here to determine if there is immediate danger. In any emergency, local authorities may or may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do. However, watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet for instructions. If you're specifically told to evacuate, shelter-in-place or seek medical treatment, do so immediately.

**3. Stay Informed: Know About Types of Emergencies.**

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an emergency supply kit for yourself, your family and your pets, is the same regardless of the type of emergency. However, it's important to stay informed about what might happen and know what types of emergencies are likely to affect your region as well as emergency plans that have been established by your state and local government. For more information about how to prepare, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

**Avon Flood Map and Mitigation Services:** The first thing you should do is check your flood hazard. 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 way to mitigate from future floods and potentially lowering your flood insurance premium. If requested, we will visit a property to review its flood problem and explain ways to stop 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.

**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.**