

AVON NEWSLETTER AND SUMMER RECREATION DIRECTORY - 2017

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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The Borough Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We invite you to call or stop in with questions or concerns.

Borough Meetings: Regular meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month and take place at the Avon Municipal Marina, 2 Main Street. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Beach Badges: Season Badges are \$90.00. Senior Citizen Badges (age 65 & over) are \$45.00 and Young Adult Badges (ages 12-18) are \$45.00. Daily badges will be \$9.00 for adults. Beach opens weekends beginning Memorial Day weekend and full time on June 17th. Badges will be sold in the Borough Office beginning May 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and at the beach on weekends beginning Memorial Day weekend and everyday beginning June 17th. The beach is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION

Scott Hauselt, CPWM, Superintendent
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TRASH: The Department of Public Works and Sanitation is on their summer schedule. Have your trash out BEFORE 6:00 a.m. on the day of pick-up. For those residents that have access to a lane, put your trash there. For those of you who are "walk-ins," do not put your trash out any earlier than 24 hours.

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. Do not bring trash or bulk items to the Borough yard! It will be picked up curbside or lane.

Trash pickup is twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays for the whole town.

Holiday Pick-Up for Trash:

Memorial Day: Fri., May 26th & Tues., May 30th

Labor Day: Fri., Sept. 1st & Tues., Sept. 5th

Preparation and handling. Ordinance # 107-7 is 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.

**Recycling pick-up is on the First and Third Wednesdays of each month for the entire town.
There will be an extra pick-up on the fifth Wednesday – May, August & November**

RECYCLING IS COLLECTED 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 (i.e. cereal type boxes), junk mail. Your recyclables must be out in the lane, or curb if you do not have access to a lane, in properly marked containers where they are easily seen **SEPARATE FROM TRASH CANS**. Mark your containers with an "R" or "Recycling" and pull them out to the edge of the street so they are easily identified as recyclables. Please remove lids on collection day. Put your recyclables out the night before - the men start early in the morning. Please remember that **GLASS MEANS BOTTLES ONLY**. It does not include drinking glasses, dishes, plate glass, windows, light bulbs, etc. These items belong in the garbage.

The recycling drop-off center is located at the Public Works Yard. It is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Drop-off center is closed on holidays. Things that are accepted: glass bottles, tin cans, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspapers, cardboard and junk mail. All recycling items can be mixed together in the dumpsters. **PLEASE, this recycling area is for AVON RESIDENTS ONLY & FOR RECYCLABLES ONLY! NO TRASH OR GARBAGE OF ANY KIND!!!! PLEASE PARK IN THE DESIGNATED AREA ONLY. DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OUTSIDE THE GATE! PLEASE FLATTEN CARDBOARD.**

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 BRING PAINT OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD.**

FLOURESCENT 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.

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.

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.

LEAVES: Are to be bagged or canned in the spring, and put out for a separate pickup.

BRUSH: Will be picked up by Public Works if it is cut into 4-foot lengths and tied in bundles.

Please do not put anything in the street or gutter at any time (except leaves between October 1st and December 1st).

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.

STREET SWEEPING IS 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.

ELECTRONICS: State Law now prohibits computers and TV's from being disposed of in the trash. They must be recycled. There is an "Avon Residents Only" drop off at the Public Works recycling center. For more information on what to recycle, visit our web site at www.avonbytheseanj.com. PEASE, ONLY T.V.'s AND COMPUTER ITEMS ONLY.

AVON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Doug Carter, Director

732-502-4517 or recreation@avonbytheseanj.com

Please visit the Borough's website at www.avonbytheseanj.com for complete information and schedules for Recreation, Pool and all other Borough organizations and activities

AVON DAY KIDS FUN RUN: Children ages 2–11 (or grade 5) will have a fun run on Friday, 6/2 at 6:30 p.m. at Norwood and Ocean Avenues. Forms are available online at www.avonschool.com. Race day registration will be held at 6:00 p.m. and race starts at 6:30 pm. Entry fee is \$12 thru May 1 and \$15 after. T-shirts for all while supplies last, prize bag, ice cream and DJ. This event is sponsored by the Avon Home and School Association. Email ahs@avonschool.com with questions.

AVON DAY 5K RACE: The 21st Annual Avon 5K Run / Walk will be held on Saturday, June 3rd with an 8:30 start time. This race benefits the Avon First Aid & Safety Squad. Register online at www.jerseyrunner.com or print form at www.jsrc.org. Early number and shirt pickup at the Avon First Aid building (520 Main Street) on Wed, 5/31 and Thurs, 6/1 (5-7pm). Late registration / shirt pickup at the Avon Pool (Ocean and Norwood Avenues) on Fri, 6/2 (6-8pm) and Sat, 6/3 (7:00-8:30am). For additional information go to Facebook and search Avon 5K or email avon5k@hotmail.com.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Registration Dates for ALL Summer Recreation Activities, Swim Team, Water Ballet AND Fall Soccer are scheduled as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Tuesday, May 23	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Avon Municipal Gym
Thursday, May 25	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Conference Room

Proof of Residency Policy: Avon Recreation reserves the right to request proof of residency at the time of registration. Please have available an Avon tax bill, water/sewer bill or lease along with your driver's license when signing up for summer activities.

Refund Policy: There are no cash refunds or credits issued for recreation activities.

FALL SOCCER: Combined with Belmar, the K-1 clinic program starts in mid-August. There will be 1 night clinic followed by team selections. Teams are encouraged to have 2 practices per week. The games are played on Saturday mornings at 8:00 at 22nd Ave field. In case of rain make up games are played Sunday. Shin guards required; cleats strongly suggested.

Division II (Grades 2-4) and Division I (Grades 5-8) games begin in mid-September. Division I and II players will be contacted in mid-August regarding team rosters and coaches. Registration fee is \$35 per child. Volunteer coaches are needed.

TENNIS: Tennis courts are located at the Jefferson and South Station Avenues. Courts will be utilized on a first come, first served hourly basis. Signs will be posted at the courts outlining general usage and availability. Please contact the Recreation Department prior to start of season, if reservations are required for tournament court time.

AVON SURF CAMP: Children will be taught the basic techniques of surfing, along with proper safety rules. Conditions permitting, the Surf Camp will be run as follows:

<i>Ages</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Ages 8 - 9	Monday - July 3 rd Wednesday - July 5 th Friday - July 7 th
Ages 10 and up	Tuesday – July 4 th Thursday – July 6 th Friday – July 7 th

All sessions will be held at the Woodland Avenue Beach from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$50.00 per child and includes lessons, games, a surf camp T-shirt and a bagel party on Friday.

AVON LEISURE CITIZENS

A life of leisure begins at home for area seniors who meet Wednesday afternoons in the Avon municipal gym for good company, refreshments and plenty of fun. The group is open to both men and women, and meets at 11:30 a.m. weekly. Avon residency is not required. Join in on Bingo, Rummikub, Bridge, Poker or a game of your choice. We are full of surprises and lots of fun.

Spring Luncheon - Wednesday, May 31st from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm at The Spring Lake Manor. For more information, email recreation@avonbytheseanj.com.

BOARDWALK CONCERTS

Woodland Avenue Boardwalk/Pavilion

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

The Borough will not be able to provide chairs so please plan ahead and bring your own.

Should there be inclement weather, Avon Recreation will attempt to reschedule to another date.

Thank you for your cooperation.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Concert</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Rain Date</i>
TUESDAY	Nicole and Denise	7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15	8/29
TUESDAY	Strings By The Sea	8/22	N/A
WEDNESDAY	Strings By The Sea	7/5	NA
THURSDAY	Erich The DJ Guy (7:00 – 8:30pm)	7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17	8/24
FRIDAY	Ragtimers	7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25	N/A
SATURDAY	Full of It	7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19 <i>(sponsored by the Avon Pavilion)</i>	8/26

BOOK FAIR: The annual Book Fair is scheduled for Friday, July 7th (12:00-4:00), Saturday, July 8th (8:00-4:00) and Sunday, July 9th (8:00-12:00) at the Avon Pavilion. Please come out and support the Avon Public Library.

BOARDWALK CRAFT FAIR: This year's Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, July 8th (rain date July 9th) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and is sponsored by the Avon Garden Club. For additional information, email avongardenscraft@gmail.com.

AVON BY THE SEA MUNICIPAL POOL

(All pool information is posted on the Borough's website at www.avonbythesean.j.com)

The Avon Pool is open from June 17 through September 4, 2017 *(Father's Day weekend to Labor Day)*

POOL HOURS OF OPERATION

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily
 Family Swim: Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (weather permitting)
 Lap Swim: Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

SEASON BADGE FEES: Resident fee / Non-resident fee, respectively (subject to change)

Adults (ages 15 through 59) - \$85 / \$95 *Senior Citizens* (ages 60 through 69) - \$65 / \$70

Children (ages 3 through 14) - \$65 / \$75 *Super Senior Citizens* (ages 70 and over) - \$55

Daily Guest - \$10.00 *Adults* (ages 15 and over); \$9.00 *Children* (ages 3 to 14)

Pool Members may register for Swim Team and Water Ballet in the Avon Municipal Gym as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
Tuesday, May 23	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 25	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Pool Membership is open to residents and non-residents of the Borough of Avon by the Sea.
 Non-resident pool members must be sponsored by a resident of the Borough of Avon by the Sea.

Refund Policy: There are no cash refunds or credits issued for pool activities.

SWIM LESSONS

Instructed by Lifeguards

Registration for Swim Lessons will be in person at the pool starting June 19 during pool hours only

Session I	June 19 – June 22	June 26 – June 29
Session II	July 3 – July 6	July 10 – July 13
Session III	July 17 – July 20	July 24 – July 27
Session IV	July 31 – August 3	August 7 – August 10

The Avon pool offers four separate sessions of swim lessons (9:30 to 10:00 a.m.) Each session is two consecutive weeks, Monday through Thursday. Friday's are reserved for make-ups, if needed. Cost is \$30 per student per session. Unfilled session slots may be filled with non-pool members on a first come basis.

SWIM TEAM

Pool members only - badge required

Swim team commences on Tuesday, June 20. Practices are held for 8/under from 5-6 pm & 9/up from 6-7 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. All participants are expected to attend all practices and meets, unless otherwise discussed with swim coach. A meet schedule will be distributed as it becomes available. All participants will be required to purchase a team swim suit. Swim Team registration is \$35.

WATER BALLET

Pool members only - badge required

Water Ballet commences on Wednesday, July 5. Practices are held as follows:

Kindergarten	Monday 8:00 am to 8:30 am	Wednesday 8:30 am to 9:00 am
Grade 1	Monday 8:30 am to 9:00 am	Thursday 8:00 am to 8:30 am
Grade 2	Tuesday 8:00 am to 8:30 am	Thursday 8:30 am to 9:00 am
Grade 3	Tuesday 8:30 am to 9:00 am	Friday 8:00 am to 8:30 am

Grade 4	Wednesday 8:00 am to 8:30 am	Friday 8:30 am to 9:00 am
Grade 5	Monday 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Wednesday 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Grade 6	Monday 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Wednesday 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Grade 7	Monday 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Wednesday 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Grade 8 / 9	Monday 8:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Wednesday 8:30 pm to 9:00 pm

The show will be on Wednesday, August 9. All participants will be required to purchase a group swim suit. Water Ballet registration is \$40.

AVON BY THE SEA – BEACH 2017

JUNIOR GUARDS

Dates: starting Wednesday June 21st and continuing Monday's & Wednesday's until August 2nd
Time: 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Location: Norwood Avenue Beach
Ages: 8 to 16
Cost: \$100 per person
Registration: Forms available at www.avonbytheseanj.com – Beach Information
Contact: Jesse Le Vine, Avon Lifeguard Chief (wavehawker@gmail.com)

AVON OCEAN MILE SWIM

Date: Sunday, July 2nd
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: Norwood Avenue Beach

JERSEY SHORE LIFEGUARD RELAYS (Avon Lifeguard Tournament)

Date: Thursday, July 6th
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Norwood Avenue Beach

AVON RUN-SWIM-RUN

Date: Sunday, July 9th
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: Norwood Avenue Beach

For additional information, contact Jesse Le Vine, Avon Lifeguard Chief via email at wavehawker@gmail.com. Registration forms available on Avon Lifeguard website.

AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY
avonbytheseanj.com click on library
5th & Garfield Aves
732 502-4525

Sheila M. Watson MLS Library Director
library@avonbytheseanj.com

Summer Hours: June 12 - September 11, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Closed on Saturday during the summer.

Please subscribe to our monthly newsletter by texting AVONPATRON to 22828 to get started.

Friends of the Library Annual Book sale at the Boardwalk Pavilion

July 7th Noon-4:00 pm, July 8th 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, & July 9th 8:00 am - Noon.

We always need volunteers for set up clean up and cashiers. Please contact the library if you plan on helping- we would love to have you! **Book Donations will be taken at the Boardwalk on Friday morning. We cannot take any more donations at the library.**

Story hour for 18 months - 4 years, Wednesday at 10am, July 5th – August 9th Story hours are held in the Children's Room of the library

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 eBooks to check out from home using your library card and the elibrarynj.com website for your Kindle, Nook, and iPad. The library provides one-on-one instruction for first time users of the eBook 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 the connection reaches Fifth Avenue so you may access the Internet 24/7 so bring your chair, sit on the lawn, and feel free to surf the net. We also provide delivery for the homebound. Please visit our website for new programs and updates.

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

E-mail: kmcguigan@avonbytheseanj.com

Property Taxes will be due **May 1st, August 1st and November 1st**. There is a ten (10) day grace period.

Water Bills will be due **June 1st, October 1st and December 1st**. There is a ten (10) day grace period.

PLEASE DO NOT POST-DATE CHECKS! THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU AND YOU MAY RISK BEING CHARGED INTEREST!

ATTENTION: Anyone who uses Payment Processing Centers to pay their bills, **PLEASE** be sure that you provide the proper information on the check to help identify the account the payment is for, **especially the Block and Lot 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

Important 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 Department
301 Main Street (732) 502-4500
avonpolice@avonpd.org
Chief Terence P. Mahon**

We are busy preparing for the summer crowds by getting all of our Summer Special Officers trained. They will be out of the Police Academy by the end of May and ready to get to work. The past few summers the town's had larger numbers of visitors to the Borough's beaches. As a result of this increase in beach patrons, we have a larger police presence in this area. We have taken a zero tolerance policy down at the beachfront concerning Borough Ordinance Violations. The most frequently encountered Ordinances are: Beach Badges, Smoking, and Open Alcohol violations. This summer as we did last summer, we are assigning more Special Officers to the beach area as well as some of our regular officers and we will be aggressively enforcing these "Quality of Life" ordinances.

Our dispatching is still being done by the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department. When you call our phone number, a communications officer will answer as they did when they were housed in Avon. They will handle your calls as we always have. 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.

The town uses a reverse calling system to broadcast pertinent information 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 the process, step by step. You can be placed on the Reverse 911 calling list by going on the internet to the following web site: <https://shoreareaens.onthealert.com/Account/LogIn>

We are also amplifying the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry by having Avon Officers respond to the residence to speak with the special needs registrant. The information provided is only made available to police officers, firemen, and emergency medical personnel responding to your residence. This information is also helpful if it ever becomes necessary to evacuate your area due to an emergency condition. For more information on Monmouth County's Special Needs Registry, please go to: <https://www.mcsnrnj.org/>

If you are going to be away from your residence for more than a day or two, and want us to check on your residence, please let us know. You can go to our website www.avonpd.org and fill out the house check form, or you may stop in and fill out the paperwork at police headquarters.

We are also on Facebook and Twitter. Like us on Facebook and follow us @AvonbySeaPD on twitter.

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 areas of inquiry that are frequently asked during the year.

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.
 - a. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, both on streets & beach.
 - b. You must pick up all feces left by dog, both on streets & beach.

2. **Title 39:** Speed Limits:
 - a. All Avenues in Borough, the Speed Limit is 25 MPH unless otherwise posted.
 - b. All Lanes in Borough, Roosevelt Ave, & McKinley Place, the Speed Limit is 10 MPH.
 - c. Ocean Avenue is 25 MPH from May through October.
 - d. Main Street is 30 MPH.

3. **Borough Ordinance 161-30** prohibits parking in any lane in the Borough.

4. **Bicycles, Skateboards, & Rollerblades:** State Law requires anyone under the age of 17 to wear a helmet while riding any of these.

5. **Borough Ordinance 123-4:** Construction may occur between the hours of 8 AM through 5 PM on Monday through Saturday.
 - a. There is no construction permitted on **Sundays**.
 - b. **Construction** is **not permitted** on Memorial Day, Independence Day, or Labor Day.
 - c. **Lawn Maintenance:** The operation of a power mower or any other garden power tool is prohibited on:
 1. Sunday before the hour of 12:00 noon and after the hour of 5:00 p.m. Use of power mowers and power tools by contractors or persons other than the owner or occupant of resident property on Sunday is prohibited.
 2. Monday through Saturday before 8:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m.

6. **Borough Ordinance 161-10:** The Parallel Parking places in the first two blocks from the Beachfront changes back to **Diagonal Parking on May 1st**.

We ask that you secure all items such as bicycles, power tools, surfboards, etc... as these items become an easy target for a would be thief. If these items are stored properly, the chances of them being stolen are greatly diminished.

Please feel free to stop up at police headquarters, or if you can't, please don't hesitate to call us @ (732) 502-4500 if you have any questions or concerns. You may also 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 lessens our ability to resolve the problem. If you see something that seems suspicious, contact us immediately. 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.

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
Richard Connors, Construction Official/Building Inspector
732-502-4510, Ext. 229

Mr. Connor's inspections can be scheduled Tuesday and Thursday between 7:30 am – 9:30 am. Please call the Borough Office at 732-502-4510 to schedule inspections and to leave messages for any of the inspectors. You may e-mail to Sheila at zsullivan@avonbytheseanj.com or Rich at rconnors@avonbytheseanj.com.

Our Fire Official is Tony Vecchio. His hours vary weekly. Mr. Vecchio does Certificates of Occupancy for sales and rentals. His 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.

Sump Pump Discharge

Borough Ordinance #136-21 prohibits connection to the local municipal sanitary sewer lines of any sump pump, roof leader, areaway drains, swimming pools, ornamental ponds, water-cooled refrigeration, air-conditioning units, fire sprinkler systems and any other similar connections. Sump pumps are required to discharge to the storm-water drain line located behind the curb or, if there is no drain present, through the curb to the street. Please check your connections to the sewer line. Contact the Borough if you need any information or guidance regarding the proper discharge of sump water and other drains.

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.

AVON-BY-THE-SEA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Avon-by-the-Sea Fire Department is an all volunteer non-profit organization serving our community for over 100 years. The entire department is "on call" 24/7. Members are required to have Firefighter 1 certification, which is provided free of charge to all members, and continually participate in regular training to maintain active firefighter status. As with most volunteer organizations, we are always looking for new members and welcome any person interested in joining. Watch for our annual fund drive letters in July, and toss a few coins at our coin tosses held on holiday weekends throughout the summer. We thank all Avon residents for their continued support and tax deductible donations.

SAFETY REMINDER

Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every year! Choose a day such as Daylight Savings so you are sure they all get changed annually. Carbon Monoxide detectors have a life of 5 – 7 years, after which they must be replaced; refer to your manufacturer's owners' manual for their recommendation. If your carbon monoxide detector or smoke detector sounds, leave the building immediately and call 911. DO NOT re-enter the building – Carbon Monoxide is colorless and odorless. **REMEMBER, Detectors Save Lives!**

AVON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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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: <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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY – 732-774-1619

www.avonbytheseahistory.org

Patriotic Celebration: Avon Municipal Building, July 3rd, 6:00 p.m. Kid's contests, prizes, face painting, music, public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Historical House Recognition Program: August 14th. Recipients will be presented with circa "1800" plaques at town meeting.

The Board of Commissioners and the employees of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea wish everyone a happy and safe summer!